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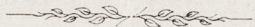
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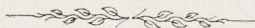
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Reports of Parish Branches of the Auxiliary.

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S, BRANCH A.

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| District Missions..... | \$ 50 00 |
| Rev. W. R. Richardson | 6 00 |
| Colored Pupil in Raleigh, N. C..... | 2 45 |
| Education of Armenian Girl..... | 25 00 |
| General Missions..... | 3 00 |
| All Saints Church, Buffalo..... | 3 00 |
| Box to Clergyman in West Texas | 27 00 |
| Spirit of Missions..... | 1 00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 117 45 |

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S, BRANCH B.

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| District Missions..... | \$ 10 00 |
| Postage on Church News | 18 00 |
| Box to Clergyman in West Texas..... | 35 05 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 63 05 |

SAN ANTONIO—ST. PAUL'S.

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| District Missions | \$ 50 00 |
| General Missions..... | 20 00 |
| Foreign Missions (Special to Miss Mann, Japan) | 10 00 |
| To Bishop Edsall, North Dakota..... | 5 00 |
| To St. Agnes Parish, Morillton, Ark..... | 3 00 |
| To Bell fund, Runge..... | 3 00 |
| To Colored Pupil, Raleigh, N. C..... | 2 40 |
| To Christmas Celebration for St. Philips | 5 00 |
| Third Quarter of the Parish Pledge to District Missions..... | 6 25 |
| Box to Clergyman in West Texas | 55 00 |
| Contingent Fund | 1 00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 160 65 |

SAN ANTONIO—ST. LUKES.

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| Home Missions..... | \$ 35 00 |
| District Missions..... | 5 00 |
| City Missions | 5 00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 45 00 |

VICTORIA—TRINITY CHURCH.

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| District Missions..... | \$ 15 00 |
| Domestic Missions..... | 6 50 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 6 50 |
| For Missionary Address..... | 3 70 |
| Contingent Fund..... | 1 00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 32 70 |

KERRVILLE—ST. PETERS.

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| District Missions (Colored Mission)..... | \$ 7 00 |
| General Missions | 7 00 |
| Contingent Fund..... | 1 00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 15 00 |

Report of Custodian of the Mite-Boxes for the first Year of the
Tri-ennial United Offering for 1901.

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| Gonzales..... | \$ 48 05 |
| Seguin | 2 50 |
| Eagle Pass | 1 93 |
| San Marcos..... | 2 00 |
| St. Paul's, San Antonio | 10 22 |
| St. Mark's, " " | 4 11 |
| St. Luke's, " " | 2 15 |
| St. Philip's, " " | 6 46 |
| St. Mark's, " " Junior | 1 00 |
| Kerrville | 2 00 |
| Uvalde | 3 00 |
| Luling | 2 90 |
| Laredo | 3 00 |
| Individual Boxes | 5 59 |
| Mrs. Galbraith, Kerrville | 3 00 |
| A Friend, Montell..... | 2 50 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 100 41 |

Reports of Junior Branches of the Auxiliary.

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S.

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| District Missions | \$ 5 00 |
| Missionary Box Value | 6 00 |
| Large Basket of Clothing mended and sent to the Orphan's Home..... | |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 11 00 |

VICTORIA—TRINITY CHURCH.

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| District Missions | \$ 9 65 |
| To Bishop Johnston (Special)..... | 2 75 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 12 40 |

Report of the Babies' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

The Babies' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in Western Texas has nearly completed the fifth year of its existence, and as some of you may remember, it is two years since a report of its work was read before the Woman's Auxiliary of this District. Since then its year has been changed to begin and end with Easter-tide instead of August 30th, in order that a more correct report may be made at the meeting of Convocation.

Of the amounts collected during the last two years from the little mite boxes, there has come:

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| From the Memorial Circle | \$ 19 67 |
| “ Eagle Pass | 9 18 |
| “ Goliad | 2 75 |
| “ Kyle | 9 25 |
| “ Pearsall | 1 04 |
| “ Rossville | 3 94 |
| “ San Antonio | 7 65 |
| “ San Marcos | 12 06 |
| “ Victoria | 23 96 |
| “ Mobile, Ala. | 4 52 |
| “ Monterey, Mex. | 2 08 |
| Amount which came in preceding year too late for distribution.. | 13 94 |
| TOTAL | \$ 110 04 |

This money has been divided as equally as possible between Foreign, Domestic, District and General Missions and distributed as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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| St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai, China | \$ 6 15 |
| St. Joseph's Orphanage, Osaka, Japan | 6 15 |
| St. John's School, Cape Mount, Africa | 6 10 |
| Hooker Memorial School, City of Mexico | 6 55 |
| Mr. Meem's Work, Brazil | 2 00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 26 95 |

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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| Seminole Indian Mission, South Florida. | \$ 3 79 |
| Indian School, Shoshone, Wyoming | 5 81 |
| Mrs. Buford's Hospital, Lawrenceville, Va. | 5 50 |
| Miss Carter's Indian Work, Minnesota | 3 82 |
| Church Bell, Cannon Ball, North Dakota | 3 48 |
| Circle City School, Alaska | 2 00 |
| Mission Work in Cuba | 2 00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 26 40 |

DISTRICT MISSIONS.

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| District Missions | \$ 10 55 |
| Gregory Massey Scholarship, W. T. M. A. | 8 45 |
| Boulemet Scholarship, W. T. M. A. | 2 50 |
| Babies' Branch Expenses | 7 94 |
| TOTAL | \$ 29 44 |

GENERAL MISSIONS.

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| General Clergy Relief Fund | \$ 5 27 |
| Board of Missions in Memory of Dr. Langford | 5 77 |
| Junior Auxiliary Publishing Company..... | 7 31 |
| Woman's Auxiliary United Offering..... | 10 00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 28 35 |

Since the last report four of the members of the Babies' Branch have gone to join the Church Triumphant, but boxes are kept in their memory by those they have left behind for a little while, and thus in the Memorial Circle their work and influence are continued. Seven children have been promoted to the ranks of the Junior Auxiliary, and thirty-six new members have recently been enrolled who will report for the first time next year. Through force of circumstances, and very much to my regret, personally, I am now obliged to give up the work of the Babies' Branch; but I feel sure that it will be carried on with renewed and increased interest, for Mrs. Eichlitz, of Victoria, has very kindly offered to become the Secretary for the District. She has been for some time the Parish Secretary in her own town, and as you probably noticed in the report just read, Victoria is, and has been for the entire five years, at the head of the list of parishes both in the number of little ones enrolled and in the amount of their offerings. Therefore, I think you will agree with me that we have reason to hope for great things for and from the Babies' Branch under the guidance of Mrs. Eichlitz. And may I ask in her behalf your earnest co-operation and prayers for this beautiful work of teaching the lambs of Christ's flock to love Him and one another and to give intelligently their pennies and their prayers to the great cause of Missions.

"And a little child shall lead them."

CHARLOTTE GREGORY MASSEY.

The world was saved by one who humbled himself to become a human mother's baby. Remembering *that*, how shall our finite minds limit the influence of children in uplifting and sanctifying that redeemed world.

Treasurer's Report.

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| Missionary Boxes..... | \$ 122 05 |
| District Missions | 169 05 |
| General Missions | 36 50 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 16 50 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 324 45 |
| Receipts Contingent Fund..... | \$ 5 25 |
| Disbursement—For Printing Report..... | 5 00 |
| BALANCE | \$ 25 |



President's Address.

I do not want to make a long address this afternoon, for you have had enough food for thought in the interesting missionary address to which we have just listened, and which will, I am sure, arouse in us a desire to help the work in China, also in the talk on Junior Auxiliary work. This last is to me of great importance, and I regret very much that one of our strongest Junior Branches has had to cease its meetings this year, because there was no one in the Parish willing to take charge. Would it not be a noble work if some one member of each of our seventeen Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary would go home from this meeting resolved to organize a Junior Branch in the Parish to which she belongs. Children work and give so much more readily than grown people, and where their sympathies are aroused they care little for the differences of class or race if only they can do something to help. Let us see if at our next annual meeting we can number as many Junior Branches as Woman's Branches.

The dear little Babies' Branch in West Texas is sure of being cared for by the loving daughter of its founder, who knows how dear it was to her mother's heart.

Now for our own work. Our annual meetings like the closing exercises of the schools might fitly be termed commencements, for with the handing in of our reports to-day we begin a new year of work, our year extending from May to May again. And keeping before us our motto, and the three great aims of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions—first, the increase of funds; second, the study and circulation of missionary information; third, the making and distribution of boxes of clothing and household necessities where such may

be needed in missionary fields—let us take up the work this year with enthusiasm, remembering that nothing succeeds which is undertaken in a half-hearted fashion. The unfortunate Church of the Laodeceans was cast out because of lukewarmness.

God has promised to keep pace with our expectations. Did He not say: "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it?" Why then should we be half-hearted, or hesitate because that which we can do seems to us small?

We do not know just when it will come to pass that all God's people will be one; but we do know, that so long as we live it is the duty of each to do everything in her power to bring it about, by helping those who are already in the field doing battle for Christ and His Kingdom. In the late wars in which our country has been engaged, was there any lack of readiness on the part of its citizens to respond to the call for men, money, provisions or ammunition? No, indeed! Fortunes were offered, and lives counted as nothing where our country's honor was at stake. And should our Heavenly Country, our everlasting Home be held less dear?

Did you ever think what it would mean if all Christian folk great and small should set aside for the work of the Lord each week the first tenth of all their means as God has prospered them? Think of it. Beginning with the little boy who has his ten cents a week up through the older children with their quarters, halves, perhaps dollars; and so on through the wage earners with their ten, twenty, fifty dollars a week up to those who seemingly without labor have ten, twenty, thirty thousand dollars to dispose of weekly through God's providence. If this were done there would be no more cry of poverty in the Lord's Army. No more women wearing themselves out over church entertainments. Then not stopping here, but adding to the tenth of our means the first tenth of our time and strength and talent, not the last tenth weak and

tired, but the first strong and vigorous, who can estimate the results? It would surely not be long before the kingdoms of this world would be the Kingdom of our Lord.

God can use only such portions of our lives as we consecrate unreservedly to His service. So whatever portion of our lives we give Him, let it be a whole-hearted service, a willing sacrifice. To the question: How great a portion? each must answer for herself. It is not always those who seem best able to give who give most generously, but it is certain that each one can and should make some sacrifice for the spread of Christ's Kingdom on earth; and this is what the members of the Woman's Auxiliary are banded together to do.

On the back of the leaflet on the United Offering, which I have had distributed this afternoon, is the list of Missionary Districts and Missionary Bishops as it is now established. Take it home and study it at the meetings of your Parish Branches, geographically and sympathetically. Give to each district your prayers and to God's Missionaries all the help in your power.

Now, beside your work as individual Branches this year I feel as if this Diocesan Branch of West Texas should do some united work. I am sure we have all had our interest in China very much aroused this afternoon, and only a few days ago I received a letter from Miss Emery in which she asks: Do you not think your West Texas Branch of our Auxiliary could support a scholarship in the training school for Bible Women at Shanghai? It would cost \$50 a year. Now, I think we can, for it means only two dollars and ninety-five cents from each of our seventeen Parish Branches; and where possibly one or two could not spare quite that amount from their treasury other Branches could, I know, give more than the average sum asked for. In connection with this we might study China and its Missions this year.

In Mr. Mansfield's able article in the April Spirit of Missions he says, "The only religion that can really do anything for me is the religion that makes me want to do something for you." Our Lord summed up all the commandments in these two: First—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Second—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. And only by a willing obedience to these commands shall we make a success of our Auxiliary work. And if our part in it seem very small remember His promise to those who are faithful over a few things.

"FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS."

Matt. xxv: 23.

"It may seem to you but a trifle, which you have been called to do; Just some humble household labor, away from the public view. But the question is, are you faithful, and striving to do your best; As in sight of the Blessed Master, while leaving to Him the rest?

"It may be but a little corner, which you have been asked to fill; What matters it if you are in it, doing the Master's will? Doing it well and faithfully, and doing it with your might; Not for the praise it may bring you, but because the thing is right.

"In the sight of man you may never, win anything like success; And the laurel crown of the victor, may never your temples press. If only you have God's approval, 'twill not matter what else you miss; His blessing is heaven beginning, His reward will be perfect bliss.

"Be faithful in every service, obedient to every call; Ever ready to do his bidding, whether in great things or small. You may seem to accomplish little you may win the praise of none; But be sure you will win His favor, and the Master's great 'well done.'

"And when at His blessed coming, you stand at his judgment seat; He'll remember your faithful service, and His smile will be oh! so sweet. He will bid you a loving welcome, He'll make you to reign for aye; Over great things and o'er many, with Him, through eternal day."

