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Officers for 1901-1902.

MRS. JOSEPH MUIR, President, 615 Hays Street, San Antonio.
MRS. J. T. HUTCHESON, First Vice-President, 1029 Olive Street, San Antonio.
MRS. RICHARD GALBRAITH, Second Vice-President, Kerrville, Texas.
MRS. A. W. BURROUGHS, Third Vice-President, Victoria, Texas.
MRS. B. E. DIGGS, Fourth Vice-President, Uvalde, Texas.
MRS. DUVAL WEST, Recording Secretary, 207 Maverick Grove Place, San Antonio.
MISS JOHNSTON, Corresponding Secretary, 309 Pecan Street, San Antonio.
MRS. R. S. McCracken, Treasurer, 415 Camden Street, San Antonio.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

The Woman's Auxiliary of West Texas held its sixth annual meeting in St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Wednesday afternoon, May 8th., 1901.

A severe thunder and rain storm lessened the attendance and interfered somewhat with the programme, but notwithstanding, a hearty and helpful service was held, and we hope new interest stirred, new and more faithful work determined on.

The Corresponding Secretary made a brief report of the past year's work and at the request of Mrs. Eichlitz, who could not be present, a plea for the work of the Baby Branch.

The Treasurer read the financial report, herein printed, and the Custodian of the Mite Boxes a most encouraging report of the amount received for the Tri-Ennial United Offering. When this is laid on the plate at the General Convention in San Francisco in October, every Church woman in West Texas ought to be able to feel that she has helped, if ever so little, to swell our contribution to that great offering of the women of our Church to the cause of Missions.

Rev. C. F. Kite addressed the meeting on Missions and the President closed the program with earnest, helpful words.

At the business meeting Thursday morning, most nearest attention was given to the matter of the work of the Junior Auxiliary and of the Baby Branch and it is hoped the

appointments made will result in new life and growth in those Branches.

The following officers were elected for the years 1901-1902 :—

President	MRS. JOSEPH MUIR.
First Vice-President	MRS J. T. HUTCHESON.
Second Vice-President	MRS. R. GALBRAITH.
Third Vice President	MRS. A. W. BURROUGHS.
Fourth Vice-President	MRS. B. E. DIGGS.
Corresponding Secretary	MISS JOHNSTON.
Recording Secretary	MRS DUVAL WEST.
Treasurer	MRS. R. S. McCACKEN.

ROBERTA JOHNSTON, Cor. Sec'y.

Reports of Parish Branches of the Auxiliary,

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S, BRANCH A.

District Missions.....	\$ 50.00
Missionary Boxes, valued at.....	25.00
Contingent Fund	1.00
Chinese Bible Woman.....	2.95
TOTAL.....	\$ 78.95

SAN ANTONIO - ST. MARK'S, BRANCH B.

District Missions.....	\$ 10.00
Chinese Bible Woman.....	2.95
Postage on Church News.....	18.00
Missionary Box, value.....	35.00
United Offering	10.50
TOTAL.....	\$ 76.45

SAN ANTONIO—ST. LUKE'S.

District Missions	\$ 5 00
United Offering	2 20
For Cuba	2.00
Church Periodical Club.....	1.00
City Missions	3.00
Diocesan Endowment.....	5.00
Contingent Fund.....	1.00
General Work.....	15.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 34.20

SAN ANTONIO—ST. PAUL'S.

District Missions.....	\$ 50.00
Missionary Box	56.35
Chinese Bible Woman.....	4 00
Contingent Fund.....	1.00
General Missions.....	3 00
United Offering	20.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 134.35

VICTORIA—TRINITY CHURCH.

District Missions	\$ 15.00
Chinese Bible Woman	3.00
General Missions	3.65
Spirit of Missions	1.00
United Offering	<u>14.75</u>
TOTAL	\$ 37.40

KERRVILLE—ST. PETER'S.

United Offering	\$ 5.00
Chinese Bible Woman	3.00
Contingent Fund	1.00
Bishop's Colored Work	5.00
General Missions	<u>7.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 21.00

CORPUS CHRISTI—CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Domestic and Foreign Missions	\$ 10.25
District Missions	5.00
United Offering	10.00
Missionary Box	29.55
For Mission Work in Colorado	5.00
Spirit of Missions	1.00
Contingent Fund	1.00
Rector's Expenses to Missionary Council	<u>7.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 69.30

LAREDO—CHRIST CHURCH.

United Offering }	\$ 2.25
	<u>3.35</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5.60

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Episcopal Endowment	\$ 5.00
United Offering	<u>4.30</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9.30

Reports of the Junior Branches of the Auxiliary.

SAN ANTONIO—ST. MARK'S.

Missionary Box	20.00
United Offering	2.80
District Mission	5.00
Total	27.80

VICTORIA—TRINITY.

District Missions.....	\$ 5.00
Endowment Fund.....	3 00
TOTAL.....	\$ 8.00

CORPUS CHRISTI—No Report.

Mrs. Richard Galbraith, Second Vice-President of the Woman's Auxiliary in West Texas, is in charge of the Junior Work. For information and reading matter, communicate with her. Her address is Kerrville, Texas.

Report of the Babies' Branch of the Auxiliary.

Victoria	\$ 9.32
Seguin	4.46
San Antonio.....	4.92
San Marcos.....	3.15
TOTAL	21.85

Miss Julia King, 1106 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, is in charge of this work. She will gladly answer letters and furnish boxes and literature on the subject.

Treasurer's Report.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance from 1900	\$ 6.30
St. Mark's Branch A., San Antonio	1.00
St. Mark's Branch B., San Antonio.....	1.00
St. Paul's, San Antonio.....	1.00
St. Luke's, San Antonio.....	1.00
St. Philip's, Uvalde.....	1.00
Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi	1.00
St. Peter's, Kerrville.....	1.00
TOTAL	\$ 13 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Printing Reports	\$ 9.00
For Printing Programs.....	1.25
TOTAL	\$ 10.25
Balance	\$ 3 05

AMOUNTS SENT THROUGH TREASURER FOR MISSION WORK.

District Mission (Br. B. St. Mark's, S. A.,	\$ 5.00
General Missions, Corpus Christi	3.00
" " St. Paul's, S. A.	3.00
" " St. Peter's, Kerrville	7.00
" " Victoria	3.65
For Cuba, St. Luke's, S. A.	2.00
For Colored Work in S. A.	5.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 31.65

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CHINESE BIBLE WOMAN.

St. Mark's, Br. A., S. A.	\$ 2.95
St. Mark's, Br. B., S. A.	2.95
St. Peter's, Kerrville,	3.00
St. Paul's, S. A.	4.00
Trinity, Victoria	3.00
Mrs. Hutcheson, from a friend.....	5.00
TOTAL.....	20.90
Offering at Annual Meeting	14.45
TOTAL.....	35.35

BOXES SENT.

St. Mark's, Br. A., S. A.	\$ 25.00
St. Mark's, Br. B., S. A.	35.00
St. Paul's, S. A.	55.00
Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi	29.55
St. Mark's Junior Auxiliary	20.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 164.55

LILY B. McCracken, Treasurer.



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

Seguin	\$ 2.50
San Marcos	2.95
Kerrville	5.00
San Antonio (St. Paul's)	20.00
" " (St. Mark's, Br. A.)	8.02
" " (St. Mark's, Br. B.)	10.50
" " (St. Mark's, Junior)	2.32
" " (St. Luke's)	2.20
" " (St. Philip's)	5.00
A Friend, Montell	2.50
St. Philip's, Uvalde	3.90
Luling	4.00
Laredo	5.60
Victoria	24.75
Rockport60
Corpus Christi	6.00
Lavaca and Chocolate	10.00
Boerne	4.03
Individual Boxes	21.09
TOTAL	\$ 140.96

Total for the Offering of 1901

\$ 374.27

The First Vice-President of the West Texas Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. J. T. Hutcheson, is the Custodian of this Fund.



President's Address.

I think it is easy to see why the work of the Woman's Auxiliary finds and holds its way in so many Parishes. In every report read this afternoon there has been evident, love. Love for our fellow beings of whatever name or race; that love which the Apostle says is "The fulfilling of the law." Each one here to-day knows something of the joy that comes in response to a loving effort for others; and in this lie the charm and power of our work in the Woman's Auxiliary. It is work done for others, because of Christ's love for us, and our love for Him. All through the thirty years since its organization it has steadily increased in membership, and to-day its influence and work are well known, welcomed and sought after in every land where our Church has been planted. Little did the men who composed the Missionary Board of our Church in 1871, and who at that time created this organization called the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions realize how great would be its growth.

The early history of the Woman's Auxiliary is most interesting. Before its organization there were scattered here and there through the Parishes of our Church little bands of women who felt it their duty to do something toward sending the Gospel message into heathen lands or helping the Mission Work at home; but the work was carried on without system, and with very little real knowledge of that for which they labored so earnestly; yet the result of their feeble untutored efforts was such that the Board of Missions recognized its value and the great good which might come of woman's work if organized. As a first step the Board ap-

pointed a General Secretary who was to correspond with all societies of women in the Church working in any way for Missions, requesting each such society to send its annual report to her that all the Missionary work accomplished by the women of the Church might be gathered into one general report. The next step was the sending of a letter to the Rector of each Parish in the Church asking him to appoint some earnest communicant from among the women of his Parish who would gather others around her and try to awaken in them an intelligent interest and zeal in Missions. Out of two thousand Rectors to whom the letters were sent four hundred answered expressing their willingness to co-operate with the General Secretary in systematizing the Missionary work of Church women. The others either did not respond at all, or expressed a fear that this new organization would interfere with the societies already formed in their Churches; but the few Parishes that consented to work together and with one purpose formed a wedge, the power of which was felt throughout the whole Church and which steadily grew until in some of the larger Dioceses there were a great many of these Parish Branches, notably the Diocese of Long Island. Bishop Littlejohn in charge of the Diocese saw the wisdom of uniting all Parish Branches in his Diocese working for Missions into one body, by calling them together once a year that their several reports might be read and gathered into one large Diocesan report to be forwarded to the General Secretary. For this work he appointed a President, Secretary and Treasurer and so arose the first Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Bishops of twelve Dioceses immediately followed the example of Bishop Littlejohn and as the years went on one after another of the Dioceses and Missionary jurisdictions followed in line until to-day there are seventy-five Diocesan Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, each composed of many Parish Branches, a veritable army working with the one purpose, the salvation of all mankind in loving obedience to the

Master's last command. And so perfectly organized and systematized is this great army of Church women, that the very least member of the very feeblest branch may feel she is doing her part to bring about the great result, and that her work, her prayer, her mite, count for much in the good accomplished.

We Church women of West Texas joined the great Auxiliary army six years ago somewhat with the feeling that we had launched a very feeble ship upon unknown waters; but with faith in our great captain, loyalty to the gospel banner, ever floating above us, and our cargo of love we have sailed steadily on, sometimes in the dark troubled waters of discouragement, but oftener in the bright, sunny seas of hope. Our passenger list is much larger than when we started that beautiful May day, six years ago; and each is happy in the thought that she may be a sharer in the distribution of our great cargo which must be carried to all parts of His kingdom upon earth to those who wait for it so eagerly. But as we touch the land here and there at a signal from those who wish to join us and sail out from the shore, there comes to us a cry of appeal, "Oh, take us too in your beautiful Gospel Ship," and looking back we see standing on the shore the dear children, our girls and boys. Can it be possible that we, many of us mothers have forgotten the children, or are not willing that they should share in our joy? Where then are the Junior Auxiliary branches in our district? Christ came to us as a little child, lived and loved as a child, and in all his ministry on earth was never so busy or full of the affairs of men and women to neglect the children. He, who said "Suffer the little ones to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," longs for their young service, their trust, their untiring energy. Their work, if possible, is more inspiring than ours, for it means help for Christ's little ones in all the earth, and once started there are no more devoted missionaries than our children. They are quick to offer sympathy,

full of interest, eager to do something and the work allotted to the Juniors is such as appeals strongly to them. To them belongs the pleasure of filling and sending Christmas boxes to the dear children less favored than they. The making of wonderful scrap books for the sick children in the hospitals. Their efforts come from the heart. Among some pictures and dolls sent by a Junior Branch to one of Bishop Rowe's Mission schools in Alaska was found a little note directed to Bishop Rowe himself. Inside in a childish hand was written, "Dear Bishop" I am sorry you are so cold and lonely, don't you mind. We are cold lots of times and then we first think of you." I am sure Bishop Rowe's heart was warmed by the sympathy of this little soldier of Christ, and thanked God for the Junior Auxiliary.

No one lives for himself alone who lives a truly happy life; and remember when the children are baptized they become members of Christ and should early learn the blessedness of service for Him.

Dear friends, we of the Woman's Auxiliary full of its interests, glad of all we have been permitted to accomplish should see to it that before we meet again each Parish in our District of West Texas has not only its Woman's Branch but also an active Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, for this is the Band of Hope of our Missionary Board.

