

The Junior Department

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

in West Texas.

1908.

To the West Texas Juniors.

We cannot remind ourselves too often what our society stands for: **The Auxiliary is an official aid to the Board of Missions**, and we should try to realize how large and important is the body to which we belong.

Our three aims are:

Prayer for Missions.

Study of Missions.

Gifts to Missions.

We find in West Texas fourteen parish branches of the Junior Department reporting this year instead of nine as reported a year ago. We have studied more, given more and, I believe, prayed more; each branch seems to have done its part well, and I think we have a right in many ways to feel encouraged, but at the same time we know there is much we must strive for in the future.

I want to ask each member of the Junior Auxiliary during the coming year to work and pray not only for the increased earnestness and usefulness in his own branch but for the forming of new branches in the parishes which have none at present.

We must remember that we are not a **parish** society: All the branches must work in unison, this can only be done by keeping in touch with the Diocesan Officers. I want to impress on all parish

Leaders and Secretaries that **letters should be answered at once.** It is impossible for the Diocesan Officers to accomplish anything unless this is done. And I beg the parish Treasurers to bear constantly in mind that **all money should be sent through the Diocesan Treasurer.** Her report this year is incomplete as some parishes did not remember this.

As my special message to you this year I want to say a little about our third aim **Gifts.** Are we not too apt to think that means paying small monthly dues or an offering once or twice a year? Let us try to think for a minute what it realy means. We can offer to GOD only our best and our **all.** The Junior Department is a training school for Missionary. The small part of our time and money devoted to Auxiliary work are not really our Gifts but symbols that all which we have and are and hope to be we give to GOD. This is the way we should think of our offerings. The members of the Auxiliary must be **always** Missionaries, there is no vacation, we must be unceasingly at our post, but in our work, if we trust in GOD'S strenght alone, we will find the only true peace. If we feel this it will make no difference whether we are called to be witnesses in China or darkest Africa or in our own homes, our Heavenly Father is equally near wherever we are and we will realize truly that "the field is the world."

ALICE MASSEY, President.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1908

OFFICERS:

President—Mrs. Albert Massey, Boerne.

Treasurer—Miss Helen Jess, San Antonio.

Recording Secretary—Miss Agnes James, San Antonio

Custodian of United Offering—Miss Genevieve Mer-
riman, Corpus Christi.

BRANCH.	Num. of Memb's	Value of Boxes Sent.	Money Given.
Alice.....	10		\$ 27.50
Boerne	20	\$ 23.00	24.56
Corpus Christi.....	14	15.00	13.00
Cuero	7	2.00	29.00
Eagle Pass.....			
Gonzales.....	6	7.85	6.00
Kerrville.....	23	18.10	14.00
San Antonio, St. Mark's.....	17	5.57	10.79
San Antonio, St. Mary's Hall.....			6.00
San Antonio, St. Paul's	13	8.93	23.93
San Antonio, Philip's			
Port Lavaca.....		5.00	3.50
San Saba.....	12	8.00	10.25
Victoria		25.00	11.10
TOTAL 14 BRANCHES.....		\$118.45	\$179.63

China and its missions.

China is called by the Chinese the flowerland or celestial kingdom, and the middle kingdom. It is in the temperate zone. Mukden is as far North as Boston and Shanghai as far south as New Orleans. It has the great desert, the great rivers, the great canal, the great wall, and a great number of people. The Chinese put China in the middle of their maps and all the rest of the countries around it, but the name we like is called Siniin, because the prophet Isiah said Christianity would be found there. The population of China is 11 hundred million.

It has 19 provinces including
Sheng Lebing in manchuria.

II The Chinese built the great wall to keep out their enemies. The great wall is 1,200 miles in length, from 15 to 30 feet high and so broad that six men on horseback can ride abreast upon it. It was designed as a work of defence against the invading Tatars. It was completed more than two hundred years before the birth of Christ.

III The two rivers, are the Hoang, and the Yongtse. The Hoang is called China's sorrow because it overflows its banks very often and washes away

the houses, and drowns the people. The Yungtse is called China's girdle because it runs through China.

IV. The age of China is 4,000 years, and China was 700 years old when the Israelites crossed the red sea. The prophet Isiah said in the 49 chapter, and 12 verse, "Lo, these shall come from far; and lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Siniim." The word Siniim means China.

V. In 1842 the treaty of Nanking opened 5 ports to foreigners, and so the missionaries



could go there to teach the people about God.

VII The Chinese have four religions. The religion of Confucius which does not teach anything about God. Taoism, which is evil spirit worship, and Buddhism and Ancestral worship which is the most important to them.

VIII. The people of China do everything backward from us. They have no stoves in their houses, and to keep warm they wear a great many clothes and sometimes they carry their own fire about with them, in little charcoal

stoves they put under their jackets. The crowds of men and boys seen on the streets dress in blue. The children in blue do not know of any one to take care of them, but are often told of the evil spirits that will come to do them harm. When the little girls are 4 or 5 years old their feet are bound up in cloth bandages until they are small enough to wear a dolls shoe. Those that have been taught about God will tell you what a happy thing it is to be a Christian and not to be obliged to worship idols and be afraid of evil spirits.

Christmas is a happy day to the little Chinese Christians. They have their Chinese New Year's Day - but they like Christmas best.

IX About 1,000,000, have become Christians, but there are many more to be taught about Christ.

X The Junior Auxiliary can help to make the Chinese Christians, by praying for them; and helping to send the missionaries to teach them about Christ.

The American Church in China

The American Church missions began in 1835. Rev. Henry Lockward and Rev. Francis R. Hanson, sailed from New York Oct. 4th of 1835. ~~1842~~

As the Chinese were forbIDDEN on pain of death to have anything to do with the doctrine of Jesus or the foreigners. They went to Batavia where they learned the Chinese language and did some ~~mission~~ works.

When the 5 ports were opened ¹⁸⁴³ there was only one ~~mission~~ of the American Church. ¹⁸⁴⁶

On Easter Day April 12, ¹⁸⁴⁶ ~~1846~~ ¹⁸⁴⁶
 10 years after the first Chinese

Convert was baptized. His Name was Wong, Hong, Blas. The missionaries met with many discouragements. Mr. Lockward wrote "we will succeed because it is God's work". In 1951 Wong, Hong, Blas was ordained deacon and one of the girls, of miss ~~Emma~~^{Emma} Jones, who, ~~she~~ ^{she} was to marry, was baptized in 1853. Some of the missionaries were, miss Emma Jones, who was first a teacher of boys then of girls. Miss ~~Zay~~^{Zay} who was a missionary 27 years, she went to China praying to make one Chinese boy a minister and before she

died she saw four of her pupils ministers to their own people and since her death six more have become ministers. There were many more missionaries who did noble work.

Bishops of China

¹ Bishop Boone 1st. 1845

² Bishop Williams. 1865

³ Bishop Scherzer 1877

⁴ Bishop Boone. 2nd. 1884,

When Bishop Graves was made Bishop in June 1893 China was divide into two districts

Shanghai & Hankow.

Bishop Graves. Bishopingle. 1st
Bishop Poole. 2nd

Shanghai Schools. Hankow
 St. John's College, Boone's College
 St. Mary's Hall, Wuchang &
 St. Mary's Orphanage, St. Hilda's School

Shanghai Hospitals. Hankow
 St. Luke's Hospitals. Hankow
 St. Elizabeth's for St. Peter's Men
 women Wuchang
 Driza. Bunn memorial
 for women
 St. James' Ankin

May 1908

Madeline Conrad
 17 years old.

Gonzales Texas.

Divine by best Texas

