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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

WEST VIRGINIA DIOCESAN BRANCH
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

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Address of the President.

Our annual meeting is always an occasion of interest and of importance as regards our work as a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, but each time that our Diocesan re-union precedes the gathering of the Branches of the Auxiliary from all the Dioceses at its great Triennial, the interest rises and deepens, its importance becomes more evident, its *reasons for being* more pronounced; its claim upon that interest and upon our best efforts more insistent. We have reached that culminating point this June. The fast flying weeks will soon bring us to October, and the summing of the *year's* work yields precedence to the count of the *three* years in behalf of the object of the united effort of the Auxiliary in all its home and foreign subdivisions. Needs must—such being the case—that we bring it to the front in the very beginning of our *résumé* of work completed, because in reference to that period, it is work still pending, still appealing and capable of being wonderfully advanced in the four months preceding the final ingathering. Usually it is the closing topic upon which our report touches—let me, for the reasons above given, emphasize anew its importance, even though it may seem an almost wearying repetition. The ground has been thoroughly gone over before. In our last report the object was fully explained, and the *need* for that object most carefully recapitulated—i. e. “The gathering together of a fund for the training and support of women Missionaries.”

The fact that such an object should appeal to each member of our body with unusual force, has been dwelt upon earnestly. These are the days of awakening to the true power of woman. More than at any period since what has been called her "emancipation," but which, in reality, was the final yielding to her—under and through the Gospel of our blessed Lord—of the place He gave her when He recognized her in His life, at His death and in His resurrection morning as meet for His companionship and for His perpetual service. The ages from then till now, attest her power, her fitness, her unquestioned ability when consecrated to the onward movement which makes for righteousness, and in all the various factors whether of material work, or spiritual effort, which further that purpose and promote the end. The end, it is true, is not yet in sight, but that "faith which is the evidence of things unseen," lays hold upon it—*anticipates* it—with a confidence unshaken because based upon promises *immutable*.

Women—even though having the record referred to, of effort and toil—often with seeming failure, and always with unspeakable longings for better returns, and yet with such triumphs of achievement as light the darkest ages with the glow of Christian life—realize now better than ever before, that they have a work to do, active and aggressive, in the Mission field, far in advance of any hitherto undertaker. And that work requires a preparation such as was not deemed essential in those earlier efforts. Our *best* must be given to the service of our Lord, and that "best" must take on the equipment for its greater efficiency which all the advancements of knowledge render necessary. There are adjuncts to the spiritual gift and effort, which cannot be omitted in the wise preparation for the work of winning the heathen. That our God *can* do all things without

us—that He does not need us, is true—but not more true than that He elects to use instruments for the accomplishment of His purpose, and that He has appointed that the awakening to life in these dead nations must come through human instrumentality. Surely we should desire that in sending forth these women missionaries, every effort should be made to put them in a position to deal wisely with the myriad needs they encounter in their work. The training must fit them to minister to the body as well as to labor for the soul, and a knowledge of hygiene and medicine and the skill of the accomplished nurse are often the open sesame which enables them to come in touch with the sleeping spirit, and to quicken it from its trance. So too a language must be acquired—often more than one—and thus the “word in season” has immediate access to the “hearing ear.” These are but salient features of the preparation deemed necessary to fit these women missionaries for the work before them. And it is to provide the *means* so to fit them, and to maintain them at the post of duty, that the United Offering for the three years ending October, 1898, is to be devoted. It is our own especial work—it appeals as from woman to woman. When the world is waking up to the importance of Missions—when the casual traveler in the far East with only vague affiliations for the religion of Christ, makes—as is so often done—acknowledgement of the wonderful power of that faith over darkest heathendom to elevate and to enlighten—when the church sounds such earnest appeals for help as are continually reaching us—when the “Students Volunteer Movement” which recently met in Cleveland in “Missionary Council;” “a movement founded on faith and enforced by prayer,” banding its members together with the stirring watch cry “The Evangelization of the world in *this* generation,”

and with the great purpose of interesting College undergraduates in the cause of Missions at home and abroad—recruiting from these student ranks for Missionary work, the brave young hearts, the quick young blood, the enthusiasm of youth, eager for consecration to such high and holy effort—shall not the women rally to their own especial work, the giving of their abundance—or if need be, of their poverty—to prepare the volunteers from *their* ranks for the waiting places and appealing opportunities none but themselves can fill? “There are yet four months and *then*—the harvest.” Let us *make it abundant*. Let the forgotten mite box be brought out, or if it has not been forgotten, empty it into the treasury and refill. Perhaps our spirits have been laggard—we have sighed over the “much to do” in all directions, and felt that little could be done in this one. *But*—we can concentrate *now*—we can give this object the foremost place, and far exceed, if we only will, the sum sent up by our Diocesan Branch at the General Convention of 1895. The “field” is, indeed, “the World,” and we owe it to the Lord of the harvest—and to our own souls—to enter with diligence upon that portion of it which needs all that we can do towards its tillage—our efforts, our offerings, our prayers.

Notwithstanding the frequent appeals made in this direction, our roll of working parishes is but little enlarged since our last meeting. One or two which have worked with us occasionally—without regular organization—have since June become definitely attached to the Auxiliary, but other parishes which now and then assist in the work—though frequently urged—have not become identified with it corporately. That this is regrettable has been shown before, when we have characterized the Woman’s Auxiliary as a “working body” so systema

tized that nothing can be lost which comes to it for distribution through its many channels of usefulness. It is the best medium for reaching the various—the very *many*—objects, which are the purpose of its existence. And that *it is* “the better way” must be conceded when we consider the wisdom of those who were instrumental in its institution more than twenty-six years ago. Its formation has been described as a “definite step in the administration of the Board of Missions at a time when new life was stirring in the church”—and upon its existence, the seal of approval was set by unanimous consent of the Bishops and Clerical and lay deputies then assembled in General Convention. The late deeply lamented Dr. Langford, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, in the Anniversary sermon preached in Cincinnati in October, 1896, thus sums its work—as, in the main,—“supporting Scholarships and Missionaries, educating and sending out its own Missionary representatives, disseminating information, conducting meetings, establishing training schools—as well as insuring the lives of Missionaries, and supplementing their stipends”—“and thus, in a great variety of ways,” he adds, “the Auxiliary has accomplished all and more than all that its most sanguine projectors dreamed of.” The eloquent lips that spoke thus appreciatively of Auxiliary work are now silent,—but the words are with us, and the worth of such testimony to the efficiency of the Woman’s Auxiliary, should not only win to it the scattered and irregular forces that in the different parishes occasionally give it assistance, but should in every parish arouse the desire to gather all Christian women as workers, into a regular branch which will take hold of Missionary work with ardor,—and each year add its quota to what our few branches are now doing under difficulties and discouragements

from this lamentable indifference on the part of the majority of parishes in the Diocese. It remains to be said that the lines of our work are nearly unchanged. There is still a deficit—a small one it is true—in the amount pledged to Africa. As before stated, of our then eight working branches—and it was for the eight the comparatively small sum of \$100 was pledged—some responded with a promptness which was cheering to the officers, who at Cincinnati had assumed this responsibility for them—the remaining branches—if not indifferent—at least failing to respond to the need.

The life insurance of our Missionary to Brazil is faithfully maintained. Missionary boxes are prepared each year by most of the Parochial branches—and besides these welcome aids to the poorly paid Missionaries in the field, each Parish has some special work within its own limits to which time and money are devoted. The "Woman's Mite to Missions" is zealously collected by Auxiliary members throughout the Diocese. This is an essential help to our Bishop in his special work, and there should be no falling off in the contributions. Every communicant should feel it a privilege to give this supplementary mite over and above all gifts or pledges to the same end.

But should the lines of our Auxiliary work remain so nearly unaltered? To be satisfied with doing just so much and no more—to be willing not to advance, provided we do not retrograde, is not the spirit which so largely animates the other Dioceses. Their reports come in, filled with records of work done—or work to which they reach out. These reports breathe the very spirit of conquest—there is an ardor preceptible in every page—it is often as if they were being spurred to effort with the old spiritual

injunction "The night cometh when no man *can* work."

The same spirit pervaded the Monthly Conference of officers at the Church Missions House in New York in January. At this meeting there were thirty officers—representing seventeen Dioceses. A member of our own branch then present was impressed by the deep earnestness of this gathering—their full and interesting contributions to the general fund of information regarding the work, and the wonderful *variety* of the work done in their Dioceses through the Auxiliary—the many helpful suggestions—the eagerness to learn the best methods of conducting work—the solemn sense of responsibility—the realization that the object for which they had come together was not of fleeting interest—not a mere incident, a momentary occupation to be put aside and remembered only occasionally, but—*a pledged part of their Christian life*, to be continually and prayerfully borne in mind and unceasingly labored for. Shall we not emulate the faith and feeling and effort of the Churchwomen of those sister Dioceses? "*We pass this way but once*"—what are we doing with our opportunities?

MRS. W. H. SMALL,
President West Virginia Diocesan Branch Woman's
Auxiliary.
May, 1898.

Report of Trinity Parish Branch.

Parkersburg, W. Va.

The Minutes of the Auxiliary record the delightful day spent at the Council in Point Pleasant last June; the pleasant meeting of the Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church kindly loaned for the occasion; and our appreciation of the kind hospitality extended to the delegates, by the good ladies of our church in that place.

The summer work of the Auxiliary consisted in preparing a box for an aged Missionary in Wyoming. It was valued at one hundred and seventy-five dollars. The box was memorable for having received contributions from such varied sources, as to show a wide spread interest in the Woman's Auxiliary in our parish, that was most encouraging. Besides the regular dues of members here in Parkersburg, the branch at Williamstown came to our assistance with money, a beautiful worsted quilt and materials for making up. There were special contributions of money, clothing, blankets and dry goods from our own members. The devoted daughters of two of our loved members, who have been "called to their reward," made memorial offerings. May the generous example set be followed by many.

The grateful letters received upon the receipt of this box, should make us all feel what a privilege it is to minister to those, who although past three score years and ten, are still able and willing to carry the blessing of our Church to those who have it not.

The Woman's Mite for Diocesan Missions has been collected by Miss Bradenbaugh, acting for Mrs. Peterkin. It amounts to thirty-three dollars thus far, and we still hope for further contributions.

Each member of the Auxiliary has a mite box for the united offering to be collected before the General Convention in October; and some persons who are not members of the Auxiliary have taken them.

In addition to these boxes, we have a mite box for General Missions. This is brought to each monthly meeting, and the members deposit whatever amount, however small, they may feel inclined to give. This was done in response to an appeal made by our dear Bishop for a wider and deeper interest in Missions.

We continue to pay our quota of the life insurance of Rev. Mr. Meem, one of that faithful little band who are working in Brazil.

There have been special services held in the Church on two of the days appointed; and we hope to be able to observe all four during the coming year.

The Monthly Meetings have been held with regularity. Our list of members has not increased as we could wish; and how to gain a wider interest in the Woman's Auxiliary among the members of our congregation, has been anxiously discussed. At some of our meetings we have read articles from "The Spirit of Missions," and other sources upon the subject of Missions.

A pamphlet read by Mrs. Small from the Rev. Churchill Satterlee, of North Carolina, induced us to ask for names from his diocese to make a selection for the box that we will prepare during the summer.

With many discouragements, and seemingly to have done so little, there have been many blessings showered upon our feeble branch of the Woman's Auxiliary; but humbly acknowledging all that has

been left undone, we can yet take courage and continue the work, upon which God has promised His blessing; even if it is no more than "a cup of cold water given unto the least of these our brethren."

N. B. BRADENBAUGH,
Acting Secretary.

Parkersburg, May, 1898.

KANAWHA CONVOCATION.

St. John's Parish Branch,

Charleston, W. Va.

April, 1898.

Box to Sisseton Agency, South Dakota, Value, - - -	\$ 50.00
(Rev. John Robinson, Missionary.)	
Money expended on box. - - -	32.59
Auxiliary expenses, - - -	4.77
Brazil Life Insurance, Rev. Mr. Meem, - - -	10.00
Aid to a Divinity Student, St. John's Parish, Sept., 1897, - - -	27.85

REPORT OF THE TRINITY BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: TRINITY CHURCH, HUNTINGTON, W. VA., APRIL 18, 1898.

Our Society was organized July 2nd, 1897. Met for actual work Sept 28th, 1897. Have held regular monthly meetings.

Contributed to re-building the church at Hinton, - - -	\$12.05
Woman's Mite, - - -	3.00

Christmas Box sent to St. Albans, W. Va., Value, - - -	11.80
Life Insurance, Missionary to Bra- zil, - - - - -	5.00
Woman's Mite to Missions, - -	4.00
Total, - - -	32.85

MRS. ELY ENSIGN, Sec. and Treas.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY, FAITHFUL HELPERS.

TRINITY CHURCH, HUNTINGTON.

To Rev. L. L. Kinsolving, Brazil,	\$ 6.00
Christmas Box, St. Albans, W. Va.,	2.75
To church assessment, - - -	4.00
Total - - -	\$12.75

MINNIE DERBYSHIRE, Secretary.

REPORT OF ASCENSION PARISH BRANCH, HINTON.

Church Building fund - - -	\$ 60.00
Pulpit furniture - - -	150.00
Box for Sheltering Arms - - -	23.57
United Offering "Babies Branch"	3.00
Brazil, Missionary Insurance, -	3.00
Junior Auxiliary, for Font - -	28.00
Printing fund, - - - - -	.50

MRS. M. E. BARKSDALE, Secretary.

NORTHWESTERN CONVOCATION.

Report of St. Luke's Parish Branch. Wheeling, W. Va.

Box Rev. W. P. Brown, Bastrop, La., Nov. 19th, 1897. Value	\$148.00
"Henry Hobart Morrell," Scholar- ship, Shanghai, China, to Miss J. C. Emery, Sept. and May, -	40.00
Missionary Life Insurance, (to Mrs. Small), -	5.00
Central Fund, (to Mrs. Small), -	2.00

REPORT OF ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH BRANCH. WHEELING.

Rev. W. H. Burkhardt, November, 1897, 1 box, - - - -	\$82.00
Rev. F. A. Mead, Hinton, W. Va., To Mrs. Peterkin, Woman's Mite to Missions, - - - -	10.00
Missionary Life Insurance, -	40.00
Central Fund, - - - -	5.00
	2.00

"BABIES BRANCH."

ST. MATTHEW'S—WHEELING.

Box to Indians, Shoshone Agency, November, - - - -	\$ 5.68
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Box sent to Sunday School at Berkeley Springs, Rev. C. C. Pearson,	
December 25th,	6.88
Box sent to St. Andrews S. School.	
Dec. 25th, (Rev. S. H. Young).	10.00
Given St. Matthew's S. School,	
March,	21.50
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Total,	44.06

REPORT OF TRINITY PARISH BRANCH, PARKERSBURG.

Box, Dr. Huntington, Saratoga,	
Wyoming, October, 1897, value,	\$175.00 ✓
Central Fund,	2.50
Missionary Life Insurance,	10.00
Woman's Mite to Missions, collected	
by Miss Bradenbaugh,	33.00

VALLEY CONVOCATION.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary at Charles Town, W. Va.
From October, 1897, to Easter, 1898.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. R. P. Chew, President.
Mrs. C. W. Smith, Vice-President.
Mrs. R. B. Alexander, Secretary.
Miss Hunter, Treasurer.

Members, thirty-one (31).

\$75.00 paid towards salary of the Missionary in charge at Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Box of infants' and children's clothing sent for distribution to the wife of Bishop Spaulding at Denver, Col.

Valued at	\$ 35.00
\$3.00 to United Offering and \$2.00 to printing fund	
\$1.60 Life Insurance, Brazil Missionary.	
Total	\$115.00

Report of the Junior Auxiliary of Charles Town, W. Va.,
From June, 1897 to June 1898

OFFICERS.

Mrs. Frank Beckwith, President.
Miss H. J. Howell, Vice-President.

Miss Katie M. Aisquith, Treasurer.

Miss Lettie C. Ambler, Secretary.

Number of Members: twenty-two.

Money given for the church paper	
in Brazil - - - - -	\$ 50.00
To the Rector for assistant's salary	75.00
For St. Andrews Mission, - -	10.00
Life insurance of minister in Brazil,	
(1897) - - - - -	3.00
Life insurance of minister in Brazil,	
(1898) - - - - -	3.00

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF TRINITY CHURCH, MARTINSBURG, W. VA.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st, 1898.

President, Miss M. G. McSherry.

Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Burkhardt.

Secretary, Mrs. Henry Thomas.

Woman's Mite to Mrs. George W.

Peterkin, - - - - -	\$ 4.00
To Foreign Missions, - - - -	10.70
To Domestic Missions, - - -	10.70

Total - - - - -	\$ 25.40
To Central Fund - - - - -	1.00

MRS. HENRY THOMAS, Secretary.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

Rev. Henry Thomas, Rector, for the year ending
May 31st, 1898.

Since the last annual report, the Junior Auxiliary of this parish was not in active working order for several months on account of the absence of its members during the summer.

October 7th, 1897, it re-organized and enrolled eight members who have held regular meetings and are now a prosperous Auxiliary.

They have built in Sunday School room addition to Library at cost of - - - - \$10.00

Amount paid Miss McSherry for insurance fund - - - - 1.00

\$11.00

Also an amount is being set aside to be appropriated to the United Offering.

An entertainment was given by the Junior Auxiliary, May 12th and 13th, from which was realized \$—, in addition to \$6.39 in bank, which will be appropriated in part for books for Sunday school library.

Respectfully submitted,
KORAH STUCKEY, Secretary.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.

Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital,
sent April 14th, value - - - \$ 9.34

Number of members, fifteen.

Junior Auxiliary made at their
bazar last summer - - - 12.42

Their work for Cuba amounted to 2.00

They also send some work to The Sheltering Arms Hospital.

The Auxiliary sent clothing for Cuba made by themselves—plain skirts, sacques, &c., besides send-

ing supplies of canned meats, bacon and other needed things.

MARTHA MAGRUDER, Secretary.

REPORT OF PARISH BRANCH, MT. ZION CHURCH, HEDGESVILLE.

Woman's Mite, - - - - -	\$ 6.00
Central Fund, - - - - -	2.00
Convocation Missions, - - - - -	10.00
For Bishop's salary and contingent fund - - - - -	10.00
For Sunday School expenses, - - - - -	13.28
For Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	5.00
Fuel for Church, - - - - -	5.00
For Rectory and robing room improvement - - - - -	8.00
Contingent expenses, - - - - -	1.54

\$ 60.82

MRS. W. T. LEAVELL.

REPORT OF PARISH BRANCH GRACE CHURCH, MIDDLEWAY.

To Woman's Mite, - - - - - \$ 5.00
1 box of clothes and provisions to Cuba—\$50.00
being cleared at a supper given for this purpose.

Also repairs on Rectory.

MRS. WILLIS, President.

MISS SALLIE EVANS, Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL FUND.

Zion Church, Charles Town,	-	\$	2.00
Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville,			2.00
St. Matthews Church, Wheeling,			2.00
St. Lukes Church, Wheeling,	-		2.00
St. Johns, Charleston, for 1897 and			
1898,	-		4.00
Of which \$1.50 was used in 1897.			
leaving balance	-		2.50
Trinity Church, Parkersburg,	-		2.50
Ascension Church, Hinton,	-		.50
Trinity, Martinsburg,	-		1.00
Total	-	\$	15.00

