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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

It has been the aim of the officers of our Auxiliary in preparing the yearly report of our Diocesan Branch during the five years in which those reports have been issued, to put clearly before our members the work accomplished, and at the same time to stimulate, as far as possible, to a realization of the need *to do more*, the necessity of reaching out to the many things waiting on every hand to be done, and to feel that we have a distinct share in the privilege of doing—a privilege we should value and use. There cannot but be a measure of sameness in such statements, and in such appeals, because of the slow advance upon the line of duty. The change from year to year is so slight, it would seem at times, that after all our efforts, we only succeed in holding the positions from which the work was originally planned. This is really the case in the main. The effort to enlarge, the proposal to add to the little that each parochial branch has undertaken in the past, is soon atrophied by the discouraging words—"We cannot undertake more than we have been doing." Last year our Secretary wrote—in proposing a special pledge, which was certainly not one of magnitude, if taken up by all of our branches—"I cannot think, if the West Virginia Branch is to grow, and become increasingly helpful, that it is too much to ask it to undertake this in connection with the usual work, and to add to that work in the future by similar enlargements upon the yearly routine." The proposed spec-

ial was for a very important mission at Hashimoto, Japan. We were at this time still in arrears for our pledge for Cape Mount, Africa, made more than two years previous to the date of Miss Emery's letter. Of course the first thing to do was to fulfill that pledge. Renewed appeals were made to those branches which had not responded when the obligation was first assumed, and failing their co-operation, the deficit was finally taken up by the officers who had pledged the amount in October, 1896. I must reiterate, that it seemed to those officers, at that time, that one hundred dollars over and above the ordinary work of the Auxiliary was very little to be assumed by its eight working branches throughout the Diocese—only twelve dollars and fifty cents from each. How easily this might have been done, taking into consideration that a year's time was allowed for bringing it in—if it had just been considered a part of the work to be accomplished—and the corresponding effort made. It is with our Auxiliary work as with that which comes into our daily life: what with heart and soul we *will* to do—reasonably planned with reference to our resources and our abilities—can be accomplished.

And the question continually arises: "Are we thus to stop short, remaining within the same narrow limit from year to year, and thus bar the growth which every other Diocesan Branch zealously strives to attain as those years go on?" It is to urge upon our attention a needed departure from the lines of work in the past, that the effort for the work in Africa is thus recalled. That for Hashimoto is its successor—and though so far—writing during the Lenten Season—but three branches have signified their intention to aid in gathering in the fifty dollars asked, it will, doubtless, we must believe, be contributed, as is

requested by the time of our Auxiliary meeting in June. Even as I am writing, I have received a letter enclosing five dollars, the contribution of the Boys Branch of the Junior Auxiliary in Huntington—a branch consisting of three members, only—and the letter states that they had “earned the money contributed, and taken pleasure in doing so.” That this little band should have so heartily assumed their share of duty, and so cheerfully—as a privilege and pleasure—labored for the purpose, is a cheering and delightful incident that must be chronicled for the encouragement it gives when we have been disheartened by the indifference and coldness referred to above.

It is a great pleasure to say that two new Parochial branches have been organized during the Winter.

Two of the Diocesan officers, and the Assistant Secretary of the Parish branch of Trinity, Parkersburg, were requested to visit Point Pleasant and Clarksburg, for the purpose of organizing in one instance, and in the other of uniting with the Auxiliary a society already established, and both have been actively and earnestly engaged in Missionary work. These are the sole additions to be noted since our last annual meeting but we take heart, notwithstanding, and feel that the falling into line must come in the future, though the rate of increase be but two each year.

Last October, it was the privilege of several of the officers of our Diocesan Branch to be at the great Triennial meeting of the Womans Auxiliary in Washington. It was a privilege, the extent of which could only be estimated by those who were present. It is almost impossible to enumerate briefly, the many phases of the inspiring interest of those beautiful

days. To see from every Diocese in our land and from distant Missionary stations in the far east—China and Japan,—representatives who had come to bring their gifts for our Woman's United Offering and to swell the volume of praise that went up from joyful hearts for the splendid result of that effort, to kneel together at the Holy Communion with a sense of deeper consecration and the longing for more earnest endeavor for the coming days—the daily reunion at St. John's Parish House, which was the auxiliary headquarters through all the three weeks of the General Convention, and was a beautiful home of rest, where the ladies of the Washington branches served tea each afternoon, and where so much information vital to the interests of Mission work was heard in daily addresses from Missionary Bishops and Clergy, and from gifted and devoted women laboring for their Master in distant lands amid hardships manifold, and often in peril—but with a zeal and love so warm, devoted and self denying as to stir the coldest hearts into responsive effort to their appeals, and to fill us with pain at the contrast of our own lives where self is too often put first and the cause of our Master left to languish, or is well nigh forgotten—all these privileges and many more, which could be recalled with pleasure and profit, did time permit, were occasions most vivid and inspiring in their influence—an influence that we must hope will not pass into shadowy memories only, but live on in the power of blessed results.

Those who were present at the great meeting which filled Convention Hall will long remember that crowded audience waiting for the announcement of the total amount of the Womans United Offering—more than \$80,000.00 and increased in a few days by additions which brought the amount up to \$82,000.00.

Our West Virginia contribution was \$317.40, exceeding the offering we made at Minneapolis by \$56.48. Can we not try to double this amount in the three years interval before we are again called to bring our share to a fund which appeals to all of our women workers so deeply and, of which the beneficent influence is so widely felt, and which, because of its power for good in the hands of the Board of Missions, gives a joy to the Bishops and Clergy, we can only feebly estimate?

We would ask in conclusion, that each Parochial branch strive for greater activity, enlarge the sphere of its work, endeavor with an earnestness beyond all past experience, to realize how the opportunities are fleeting with the flying days. Let us bear in continual remembrance the chosen motto of our Diocesan Branch—"With good will doing service"—not with fitful effort, not spasmodically; but day by day, with daily thought, and daily work following the thought.

If on such lines of duty life goes on, then so far as *this* part of life's work is concerned, there can be no shrinking of fear when we face the great reality, and approach the solemn hour, when

"As the shadows thickest fall,
We hear our Master's Mid-night call."

To the Woman's Auxiliary of West Virginia.

I hope you will agree with me that the best subject I can talk about today, is just *ourselves*, the Woman's Auxiliary of West Virginia, our work, our hopes, our aims, etc., for we are a very feeble band, but thank God we are *alive*, and more than that, we are growing, for there are at least two new branches formed since last Council. The Woman's Auxiliary itself is only 27 years old, having been formed in Baltimore in 1871, as its name indicates, to be a helper, to the missionary work of the church. Our West Virginia branch is only about ten years, I think. I know that the Parkersburg branch is just 9 years old, for I was present at its birth and early years, and have watched with great delight its growth from four members in '91 to 30 members in '99. The work of the Auxiliary as you all know is to help wherever help is needed (outside of the parochial work, for other societies take that in hand), the poor parishes, and missions, the Mission Sunday Schools, in our own diocese, and outside its limits, the far western missionaries, or in the south, and that it reaches forth farther still and gives what aid it can to the missions of our church in Brazil, Cuba, China, Japan and Spain—surely more than enough for our time and energies, but just because there is so much to do, and we so few and far between, we must not get disheartened, and feel our little is so small it won't be missed; but look at it from the other side, and think that if *every one* of us *does what he can*, we, feeble and weak as we are, helping in the great onward march of God's army,

for truth and righteousness and that will bring us into touch with the general church and will uplift us and will raise our whole tone of life, and be an incentive for greater activity. What we lack most woefully is system and cohesion, in our branches. Each branch works along after a somewhat lazy fashion, and once a year a few members from a few branches meet as we are doing now, have a formal meeting, and then return home, and each branch pursues "its solitary way" again. Now I would suggest after this to have an informal gathering where we can talk over matters, ask and answer questions, exchange ideas, and learn each other's way of working, and I for one, want to know how the Huntington branch, new as it is, has interested the boys, and all of us from Parkersburg want to learn from Hinton how their small branch does so well. A great impression was made on me at the auxiliary meeting at the general convention last October in Washington, where there were about 300 officers from the various dioceses and missionary jurisdictions gathered together. We were called alphabetically and allowed to say a few words when we answered, so when "La Platte" was called, a lady arose and said: "I, with Mrs. Graves (our bishop's wife) constitute the whole of the Woman's Auxiliary in the missionary jurisdiction of La Platte. She, the president, and I the working force! But I have come all the way from Nebraska to tell you that there is nowhere in our broad land, a more *devoted, hard working, united and enthusiastic* branch than ours, and we are determined to work harder and harder each year and I hope to be at the next general convention and tell how our number has increased and how our zeal has not flagged." Then she sat down amid great applause. Now let us determine that we will work harder and more enthusiastically and by work I don't mean

merely coming to the meetings or giving money, (very necessary and not to be overlooked) but our personal service, each member feeling her responsibility to her Savior and to her fellow christians, and each one trying to get *one* new member for her branch by personal appeal and showing them we don't consider it a hardship, but a privilege and a great one to be allowed to labour for Christ's cause and His needy ones. Oh! if we could only get a little of that great love that our dear Savior has for all humanity, and gain some little of that utter selflessness which was His, how *we* should grow in zeal and what a blessing would the Woman's Auxiliary be in every community where it is planted. "Let us not be weary in well doing, knowing that in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

"Onward and onward still,
Be our endeavor,
The rest that remaineth
Will be *forever*."

MRS. GEORGE W. PETERKIN.

June, 1899.

Report of the Church Periodical Club by the Correspondent.

The Church Periodical Club, founded by Mrs. Mortimer Fargo in New York City in 1888, for the purpose of furnishing reading matter to clergymen, missionaries, reading rooms, and to many worthy people longing for a book or magazine, unable to subscribe for it themselves, asks for a Correspondent in each Diocese, whose duty it is to try and secure a librarian in each Parish. The librarian to ask the people of her Parish who take periodicals and papers, to send them when they have finished reading them, to addresses, which she will furnish them. These addresses are sent to each librarian by the Diocesan Correspondent, who receives them from the secretary of the C. P. C. in New York. At the meeting of the General Convention in Washington last October, the Church Periodical Club was given greater prominence, and received more attention from our people, than it ever has before. Monday, the sixth of October, was the day selected for the special consideration of its work, and in the evening in old St. John's Church, an interesting service was held, in charge of Bishop Talbott, now of Central Pennsylvania, but recently of Wyoming and Idaho, a field much benefitted by the C. P. C. Addresses were made at this service by two Bishops, several Clergymen, and the Treasurer, Miss Taylor, of New York. The words spoken seemed to enthuse the large congregation which crowded this historic church from chancel to doors, with interest, and zeal, for a work un-

known to some, and but slightly known to many. One clergyman told of how the books and papers which came to him through this Club, were his only library one long struggling winter in a far off mission station. I am sorry illness prevents me from telling you personally today what I know of the good, and brightness, these cast aside books and papers bring to many homes, but as this is not possible, I will make my report brief, and confine it to a statement of last year's work:

The C. P. C. in the Diocese of West Virginia marks its seventh year next September. We have now five librarians. For three years, Parkersburg Librarian—Mrs. Wm. Trevor, and Martinsburg Librarian—Miss Crampton, were the only ones. These ladies had many difficulties to overcome, and I can testify as Correspondent for this work in this Diocese, that we were often disheartened and tempted to give up our effort. Miss Crampton has been called to the reward of her labors, and I feel that her earnest work in behalf of the church Periodical Club is not forgotten. God grant unto her Eternal Life.

Our Annual Report for last year, 1898, shows 5 librarians. No. 1, Mrs. Trevor, of Parkersburg, has eight contributors, twelve periodicals sent regularly during the year, and 250 odd numbers of papers and magazines. No. 2, Mrs. Henshaw, of Martinsburg, has two contributors, and six periodicals sent regularly during the year. No. 3, Miss Bailey, of Wheeling, has 16 contributors, 26 periodicals sent regularly during the year, and 308 odd numbers of papers and magazines. Miss Bailey, the first year of her Librarianship, sent every magazine and paper herself, using her time and means to introduce and establish the work in Wheeling. Certainly she is deserving of praise for her persevering efforts. No. 4, Miss Han-

nah Howells, of Charles Town, has 11 contributors, 8 periodicals sent regularly during the year, and 331 odd numbers of papers and magazines. A good work. She has served only two years. No. 5, Mrs. Azel Ford, of Hinton, has 2 contributors, and 5 periodicals sent regularly during the year. She has also sent one barrel of odd numbers of periodicals. Mrs. Ford has served only one year, and has a small field for her labors. She has done well.

The total number of contributors from the Diocese of West Virginia to the Church Periodical Club for the year 1898 is 39. Contributions sent regularly each week or month 55, and 887 odd numbers of periodicals.

It was my pleasure while in Washington attending the Convention, to meet and know Mrs. Chapin, General Secretary of the C. P. C., from New York, and Miss Taylor, Treasurer, from the same city, and to receive their congratulations for what they kindly termed our good work in this Diocese. Their gracious words of praise are grateful to us, and appreciated. But can we not do better? Certainly the lower part of our state should not let Hinton be its only representative. Charleston and Huntington, so much larger towns, might follow its good example. Is there not some one here today who is willing to offer herself as Librarian for the Church Periodical Club in Huntington?

Remember, we do this work—*so little*—in His name.

Very sincerely,

MRS. WILL H. SMITH, JR.

Correspondent Church Periodical Club.

Parkersburg, W. Va., June, 1899.

Minutes of Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary, at Huntington, June 7th, 1899.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of West Virginia was held in Trinity church, Huntington, on June the seventh. The meeting was opened with a hymn, and the rector, the Rev. John Gibson, read the prayers and said a few words of welcome. The president, Mrs. Small, appointed a secretary and the roll was called by parishes. Six responded. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. The president then read her annual report. As usual it was most interesting. She spoke of the encouragements and discouragements of the work, among the former being the new branches that have been started during the last year and gave a delightful account of her visit to the general convention. She made a special appeal for the work in Japan for which a sum has been pledged, and begged the members to live up to the motto of our Diocesan Branch: "With good will, doing service." Reports of the parochial branches were given by Miss Bradenbaugh for Parkersburg; Mrs. Ensign for Huntington; Mrs. Cook for the new branch at Clarksburg and Mrs. Aschman for the St. Matthews, and Mrs. Johns for St. Luke's, Wheeling. Mrs. Peterkin spoke of the general work in her report, of the encouraging growth and also the lack of system and cohesion. She told of the branch in the Diocese of the Platte and of the wonderful work done by its *two* members. She begged each member to try and bring one new member during the year. The report of the Church Peri-

odical Club, in charge of Mrs. W. H. Smith, jr., was read by the secretary. Mrs. Small read an interesting letter from Miss Emery, sent on account of her inability to be present, and also an account of the work in Japan, sent by Miss Emery.

Dr. Nielson gave a talk on the work in Cuba, as he saw it during his recent work there. The meeting was then closed with a hymn and prayers.

ELIZABETH BRADENBAUGH,
Secretary.

Kanawha Convocation.

REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH BRANCH, CHARLESTON, W. VA.

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| March, 31st. Box to Rev. Charles Campbell, Ravenswood, W. Va., value, | - | \$ 40.00 | ✓ |
| Sept. 25th. To Divinity student, working in this Parish during the summer | - | 27.00 | |
| April 30th. Missionary Life Insurance | - | 10.00 | |
| United Offering | - | 4.52 | |
| Box sent to Ravenswood, | - | 22.96 | ✓ |
| For other expenses, | - | 4.82 | |
| Total | | 69.30 | |

REPORT OF TRINITY PARISH BRANCH, HUNTINGTON.

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| Dec. 21st, 1898. Box to Rev. A. K. Fenton, Spruce Run, W. Va., value, | - | \$ 8.00 | ✓ |
| March, 1899. (Boys Branch)—School at Hashimoto, Japan | - | 5.00 | |
| April. Missionary Life Insurance | - | 5.00 | |
| Sept. 1898. Collected by Girls Branch for United Offering | - | 9.75 | |
| For Central Fund, to Mrs. Small, | - | 2.00 | |
| Girls Branch, Vestry Room light, | - | 1.50 | |
| Girls Branch, sale of aprons, | - | .70 | |

REPORT OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH BRANCH, PT.
PLEASANT, W. VA.

Box for the benefit of the Mission
School at Cape Mount, Africa—
Clothing, Sewing and Writing
Material, and other miscellane-
ous articles, value - - - \$30.00
Forwarded to Rev. Joshua Kimber, Easter, 1899.
MRS. J. S. SPENCER, Secretary.

REPORT OF ASCENSION CHURCH, PARISH BRANCH,
HINTON, W. VA.

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| March, 1899. Box of books and papers to Miss Margaret Mat- thews, Mt. Carbon, W. Va. No value given, - - - | |
| April. One box of Childrens Cloth- ing to Rev. B. M. Spurr, Moundsville, W. Va., value, - | \$27.00 |
| May 18th. Mr. Osake, Hashimoto, Japan, - - - | 1.00 |
| Missionary Life Insurance, (Rev. Mr. Meem,) - - - | 2.00 |
| Central Fund - - - | .50 |
| Sept. 1898. United Offering, - | 2.50 |
| Woman's Mite to Missions, . | 5.50 |
| Total | 38.50 |

North Western Convocation.

REPORT OF TRINITY PARISH BRANCH, PARKERS- BURG, W. VA.

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| Box to Rev. H. H. Phelps, Fletcher, North Carolina, Sept. 21st, 1898, value, - - - - - | \$ 100.00 | ✓ |
| Box to Rev. Thomas Swann, Buckhannon, W. Va., Dec. 9th, 1898, value, - - - - - | 53.00 | ✓ |
| May 1st 1899. Foreign Missions, Missionary Life Insurance, - - - - - | 17.00 | |
| Orphanage, Hashimoto, Japan, - - - - - | 10.00 | |
| Balance of pledge to Africa by two members of Auxiliary, - - - - - | 5.00 | |
| May 15th. Woman's Mite to Missions, - - - - - | 20.00 | |
| Central Fund, - - - - - | 2.00 | |
| United Offering, Oct. 1898, - - - - - | 118.00 | |
| Total | 318.00 | |

REPORT OF THE WILLIAMSTOWN, W. VA., BRANCH.

For the United Offering, - - - \$ 5.78

REPORT OF ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH BRANCH, WHEELING, W. VA.

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| November, 1898. Missionary Box, Mrs. Holden, Ottawa, Kansas, value, - - - - - | \$70.85 | ✓ |
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| Jan 1899. Missionary Box, Rev. R. A. Randall, Augusta, Kansas, value, - - - - | 76.21 ✓ |
| May 1898. Bishop Rowe, of Alas- ka, for Hospital, - - - - | 10.00 |
| Oct. 1898. United Offering, - - | 100.00 |
| April 10th 1899. Money for Mis- sion work, at Hashimoto, Ja- pan, - - - - | 10.00 |
| May 1899. Woman's Mite to Mis- sions, (Mrs. Peterkin,) - - | 31.25 |
| May 1899. Life Insurance, Rev. Mr. Meem, - - - - | 5.00 |
| Central Fund, - - - - | 2.00 |

GERTRUDE LAMB, Secretary.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY, ST. MATTHEWS,
WHEELING, W. VA.

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| December, 1898. To Mrs. Buford, at Lawrenceville, Va., for work among Colored People, <u>one box</u> , value, - - - - | \$15.55 ✕ |
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Central Convocation.

REPORT OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH BRANCH, CLARKSBURG.

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| Box to Rev. A. K. Fenton, Lorentz, W. Va., March 31st, 1899, | |
| value, - - - - - | 65.75 ✓ |
| For school at Hashimoto, Japan, | 2.00 |

Owing to the fact that this Branch of Auxiliary was not organized until Feb., it will be impossible for us to make a better report this year: but hope to do so next year.

REPORT OF ST. LUKE'S PARISH BRANCH.

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| One box clothing, Muskegon, Indian Ty., value - - - - - | \$140.00 ✓ |
| Henry Hobart Morrell Scholarship, through Miss Emery, - - - | 40.00 |
| Life Insurance, Missionary to Brazil - - - - - | 5.00 |
| Central Fund, - - - - - | 2.00 |

MRS. J. P. ROGERS, Secretary.

Valley Convocation.

ZION CHURCH PARISH BRANCH, CHARLES TOWN,
WEST VIRGINIA.

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| To salary of Missionary, Harper's Ferry, - - - - - | \$150.00 |
| One bale to Sheltering Arms Hos- pital, (sheets, pillow cases, etc.,) value, - - - - - | 8.50 |
| Life Insurance, Missionary to Bra- zil, - - - - - | 3.00 |
| Central Fund, - - - - - | 2.00 |
| Total | 165.50 |

TRINITY PARISH BRANCH, SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.

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| For Hashimoto, Japan, through Miss Magruder, - - - - - | \$ 4.00 |
| Through Miss McSherry, from Mar- tinsburg, for Central Fund - - - | 1.00 |
| JUNIOR AUXILIARY, MARTINSBURG, W. VA. | |

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| Expended on Sunday School Li- brary, - - - - - | \$53.00 |
| Sunday School Box, and Candy sent to North Carolina, - - - - | 11.25 + |
| Materials for garments, - - - - | 2.00 |
| Express on box, - - - - - | .93 |
| Total | 67.18 |

ELIZABETH LEIGH, Treasurer.

MIDDLEWAY—

No report sent in.

LEETOWN—

No report sent in.

The seventh annual meeting of the West Virginia Branch of the Womans Auxiliary will be held at Shepherdstown, the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1900, this being the date of the Council of the Diocese. It is hardly necessary to state the meeting of the Auxiliary is invariably on the afternoon of the first day of Council.

ERRATA.

Report of St. Luke's Parish on page 26, under Central Convocation, should be under Northwestern Convocation.

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