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President's Address.

It has been the custom heretofore—in summing up the work of our Diocesan Branch for the year—to make the basis of the report mainly an appeal for growth and enlargement. Growth in the membership of each branch in the spread of our organization over the wide unoccupied field where the Auxiliary would be a useful factor in parochial and individual life, and enlargement of the scope of work in the various branches where it is kept within such narrow compass as to fall short of accomplishing much of the good it might do. Dwelling upon these points so continually in the past, has, however failed of the desired effect. Instead of the usual appeal with its effort to kindle interest to the ends indicated, I will endeavor, briefly, to put before you what I have been able to learn as to the work of our branches since the last annual meeting.

In January, I wrote to each parish branch—either directly, or through the Auxiliary Vice Presidents of the different Convocations putting to them these questions as to the work—Are there any new branches

in your Convocation? Have the old ones enlarged upon their original lines? Have they added anything —any new departure indicative of desire to broaden beyond limits which seemed necessary to the earlier stage of effort? The answers came in slowly, all are not in and probably there will be few replies in addition to those I have received. The first response was from St. Matthews, Wheeling—Miss Lamb writes —“I am sorry to say I do not know of any new branches and I do not think there will soon be any more here as each Church is represented in the society. I think St. Lukes Church has worked harder than ever before and has had more ladies interested. They sent a box to a Mission in the West, which they valued at \$250. St. Matthews began work early this winter, and before Thanksgiving sent a box to South Carolina valued at \$61.75. Every thing in it was fine and new, principally table and bed linen. Soon after this we sent a small box within our own Diocese valued at \$21.75. A third box to a lay reader in Kansas—value \$10.90. Another box went to North Carolina in response to an appeal from Bishop Homer, value \$75. We are working in Lent upon still another box, childrens clothing to go to Ronceverte, W. Va.” This certainly is a good showing for the work in Wheeling and I feel in making this summary from Miss Lambs letter, that we can all learn a lesson of diligence from this branch of St. Matthews, which evidently realizes that to undertake one or two pieces of work and complete them, is not a warrant for suspension of effort

during the remainder of the Auxiliary year. Rather it would seem to have been the incentive to go on in the endeavor to increase the sum total to the utmost extent of time and ability.

I close Miss Lambs very satisfactory letter with an extract which seems pertinent to the work in many of our parishes. She says, "It is a matter of regret that our Church has *so many societies*, that our strength is divided—and the Womans Auxiliary—which ought to lead them all—loses so much which should belong to her. So many people prefer a society which has a social side." Comment upon this is hardly necessary but the social side—good in its way—should certainly not be considered an essential to any branch of work done for the Master—unless it can be shown that it positively helps and forwards it nor should it be considered a reason for withholding needed support in some direction where the social side could not well be included. In this connection, that of the need of added strength and of united effort, I have, regrettably to chronicle a loss. Miss Lilly Cary Ambler Secretary of Junior Auxiliary, Charles Town writes, "At the last meeting of our Chapter we decided to withdraw from the Womans Auxiliary, and organize as the St. Andrews Guild though we expect to continue our contribution toward the work in Brazil."

From Mrs. A. J. Willis of Middleway I received the following statement. "Your Auxiliary blank received, but as we do so little work outside the parish

a letter is better in our case than an official report. We have a Parish Guild and two sewing societies. These workers with *hard earned pennies*--keep in repair the rectory property--helps the church expenses and each society has other demands--assisting the poor of its congregation, giving the Sunday School a feast at Christmas, and answering various appeals coming to them through the Rector. Each Society takes a certificate for the Permanent Fund making three thus taken in the Parish, in addition to those assumed by individuals. Then our Guild keeps a box for the united offering--the contents sent every three years to be presented at the General Convention. If you could see some of the people, and know what a struggle life is you would wonder at what we really do accomplish have willing hearts and ready hands for the cause of the Master and while we can never hope to send off telling reports of charities and gifts, I believe our little mite counts something, and *will tell* in the end, with the love and good wishes that go with it."

From such a statement as this, dear members of our Auxiliary, it seems that we might take another lesson,—that we might realize that "what is behind" in their lack of power—while doing in their way "such labors manifold" under such restriction it should be our glad privilege to "make up." Though not bearing our name they work under our motto, "With good will doing service" and doing it faithfully and to their utmost. In such a case as this it seems

unwise to urge a change of organization—nor indeed would it be practicable, much as we may wish that the Auxiliary should be the medium of effort.

From Point Pleasant where the Auxiliary was newly established last year, Mrs. Grinnon writes, "I am sorry not to be able to give a more promising reply to your letter. We have lost four members this year Three by removal, one by death. We have gained but one new member. There are a faithful few who do nearly everything that is done, and the other members seem perfectly satisfied if they pay their dues. We have just sent a box to the Indian School in South Dakota, and are beginning another to be sent by Easter to a Mission near Sewanee, Tenn. We have no funds but the dues of ten cents per month from each member.

Miss McSherry of Martinsburg writes March 1st, I think I can give you a good report of our newly organized parish branch. The branch was organized on Tuesday evening last at the Rectory. Mrs. Douglas—the rectors wife—President. There were 12 members to begin with, and all good workers. I had hoped we might have branches to report at Harpers Ferry and Romney, but they cannot at present see their way to undertake more than their present work."

Coming to our own branch at Parkersburg, Mrs. Peterkin sends the following statement of its condition and outlook.

"The branch of the Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Parkersburg of which I am president, has during the past year gained two new members. We have now thirty two Members. We have sent two boxes, one outside the Diocese valued at \$100 and one within the Diocese valued at \$75. We gave some little aid to Rev. Mr. Ingle of Hankon, China, and some to our own Rector for a free Kindergarten, in a mission in Parkersburg. This is a summary of our work, but that is not all. The greater interest and more intelligent work with the desire to know more of what the church is doing, I consider hopeful signs for the future. If we could be more imbued with the spirit of our blessed Master, who gave Himself for us, what might we not do? In looking back over the past nine years we have great cause for thankfulness, we can see how we have grown, and, I trust, will continue to grow, not only in members but in strength and wisdom, but above all, in love and missionary zeal—love to our dear Savior and our fellow men,"

These extracts coming from different parts of the Diocese are perhaps sufficient to show the average of our Auxiliary work and the often fluctuating conditions to which it is liable.

In these reports the highest effort seems to have been reached in the parish of the North Western Convocation which was able to send five boxes in as many different directions and this not so much from the sum total—other branches sending perhaps one or two of

larger value—but as was before said, of the sustained effort, the *keeping on* with what the hands found to do. Is there not always during the working year, a something to reach out to, a something which can be done if not collectively, by individual effort? Last year there was a falling off in contributions to the Central Fund, which left us in debt for the publication of the Annual Report. I would ask that each branch increase its contributions to this object if they feel it desirable that the report should be continued.

I receive the reports of all the Diocesan branches and notice the very liberal manner in which, without exception, they provide for this fund. I would especially bring to your notice our pledges for the Life Insurance of Missionary to Brazil, and the United Offering in 1901. The question has been asked before “Can we not double the \$317.40 we last contributed?” We have more than a year and a half in which to give to that question the most satisfactory response. I earnestly commend it to your consideration.



Minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Shepherdstown, June 6th, 1900.

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The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of West Virginia was held in Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, on June 6th. The meeting was opened with the hymn "Go Labor on," and the rector, the Rev. W. H. Neilson, D. D. read the prayers and said a few words of welcome.

A secretary was appointed and the roll called by parishes. Seven responded. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary. The President, Mrs. Small, read her report of the years work. She spoke very encouragingly of the work in the Diocese and especially referred to the mission work in Brazil. She also spoke of the united offering of 1901 and urged the members to keep this ever before them.

Reports of the parochial branches were given by Mrs. Peterkin for Parkersburg; Mrs. Douglas for Martinsburg; Mrs. Coupland for Charles Town; Mrs. Cook for Clarksburg; and Mrs. Sands for St. Lukes, Wheel-

ing. The report of the Church Periodical Club, in charge of Mrs. W. H. Smith, Jr., was read by the secretary. There was then a discussion of the different methods by which the work of the Woman's Auxiliary might be carried on in the different parishes.

The Woman's Auxiliary hymn, "From Green-
land's Icy Mountains" was then sung and the meet-
ing was closed with prayer.

DAISY L. MYERS, SECRETARY.

Two Omitted Reports.

As these reports were accidentally omitted at the meeting at Shepherdstown, June 6th, and will be of interest to all members of the Auxiliary they are now inserted in full.

Christ Church, Point Pleasant.

Christ Church Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary at Point Pleasant, W. Va., has to report a membership of 17, having lost four members, one by death and three by removal, since our report of last year.

While we deplore the fact that a few of our members have grown negligent, not only in their attendance upon the meetings, but also in their payment of the regular monthly dues, we are encouraged by the knowledge that the majority are faithful and zealous in carrying forward any work undertaken by the Auxiliary and most conscientious in the payment of dues, even when unable to be present at the meetings.

When work was resumed last fall, we decided, after some correspondence with Miss Emery to prepare a box for St. Pauls Mission School for Indian boys at Greenwood, South Dakota. This box, valued at \$26.55 was shipped Jan. 19th, 1900, and was

most pleasantly and gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. Johnson.

We then began work, in response to an appeal from Mrs. Trefair Hodgson, upon a box for a mission near Suwanee, Tenn. This box valued at \$13.00, was forwarded the first of June.

The treasurer reports cash receipts of \$34.38 of which \$9 33 was the woman's United Offering; the remainder being the amount received from the payment of dues, extra assessments and several cash donations from enthusiastic members and interested friends.

Besides these donations of money, quite a number of contributions have been made in the way of materials for sewing miscellaneous articles for the boxes etc.

The Baby's Branch of the Auxiliary has also been recently started in our parish, under the supervision of Mrs. A. L. Nourse with seven members enrolled.

With many regrets that our branch can not be fully represented at Council, enjoying and absorbing some of the interest and enthusiasm of the annual meeting, we extend to our sister Auxiliaries, cordial greeting, and offer best wishes for the success of the entire organization.

KATE L. SPENCER,
Sec. and Treas.

Report of Trinity Church Branch, Huntington, W. Va.

President, Mrs. John S. Gibson.

Sec. and Treas. Ely Ensign.

The seretaries report shows an increase in the work of the Auxiliary, which although very far from our desires, is encouraging, not as measured by stronger parishes, but in looking backward, three years ago we were without a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. After the counsel at Point Pleasant "two or three met together" and after earnest prayer formed the Woman's Branch of Trinity parish, with seven members. This number in last September was increased by one, but in April lost one. So we now stand at our original number seven. We hold monthly meetings on the first Friday after the first Sunday in the month. We began work after the summer rest by making flannel wrappers, which with other stores were sent as a Thanksgiving offering to Sheltering Arms Hospital. At Christmas a box was sent to the Rev. A. K. Fenton for the Sunday School at Spruce Run. A sum has been collected for the Woman's Mite, and our portion paid on the Life Insurance for a missionary in Brazil. The Contingent Fund paid, and the amount for the year in the United Offering boxes counted and we find the womans work to have amounted to \$44.71.

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The Junior Auxiliary was established two years before the Woman's Auxiliary with a very efficient

president Mrs. Dr. Crary; for two years Mrs. Crary worked faithfully with a band of twenty girls but serious illness compelled Mrs. Crary to give up the care of the Juniors, and for almost a year nothing was done. They were reorganized with Mrs. Gibson as president and a membership of nine young girls. Most of these girls are faithful and have worked along in spite of discouragements. The weekly meetings have been held regularly through the winter, but for various reasons it was thought best to have a vacation during the summer. The Missionary spirit is not burning at fever heat in Huntington, but we hope for better things and as we look back five years and know there was not a single missionary society in the parish, and nothing given for missions beyond an offering in the church, we take heart, and are thankful for the little that is being done. We have a small branch of the Boys Auxiliary, Mrs. Sehon president. There are only three boys in this little band, but these three boys sent five dollars and fifty-five cents to Brazil. The girls of the Junior branch sent a box to an Indian Catechist in South Dakota a lot of cards and pictures to help Miss Nelson in her work among the Indians in Utah. A contribution was given to Bishop Peterkins Special Fund and to Diocesan missions, and an Easter offering made to Bishop Peterkin for his mission at Glen Jean. The work of these young girls amounted to thirty dollars and fourty-one cents. The whole work of the different branches for the year is \$81.67.

There is no one more conscious than the president that the work has been small. That few as our members are we could with more earnest prayer and more constant effort have done better and yet when the storms of the past winter are considered the serious sickness of several of the members, and many home duties of all, it is believed that while we know we ought, and it is a privilege to do better, we have accomplished nearly all we could.



Next Annual Meeting.

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The seventh annual meeting of the West Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at Charleston the 1st Wednesday in June, 1901, 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.

Reports.

Kanawha Convocation.

Report of St. John's Parish Branch, Charleston, W. Va.

Members 35.

April 11. 1 Box Ravenswood, W. Va., value-	-	\$ 50 00
To a Divinity student, working during the summer in the Parish	-	32 50
Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil	-	10 00

Report of Trinity Parish Branch, Huntington, W. Va..

Sent for Christmas 1899. 1 Box Spruce Run, W. Va., value	-	\$ 10 00
Thanksgiving Offering 1899. 1 Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital, value	-	11 21
Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil	-	5 00
Deposited in bank for United Offering	-	10 28
Womans mite	-	6 50
Central Fund,	-	2 00

Girls Junior Auxiliary. Members Eight.

1 Box for Christmas to Ascension Church Cheyenne River Agency South Dakota value	-	15 12
Postage on cards sent to Miss Nelson's work among Indians in Utah	-	58
For Bishops Special Fund	-	5 00
Easter Offering sent Bishop Peterkin for Glen Jean Mission West Va.,	-	2 70

Boys Junior Auxiliary. Members Two.

For Brazil	-	5 00
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Christ Church Parish Branch Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.

Members 16.	
Jan. 15th 1 Box to St. Pauls Mission School for Indians South Dokota value	25 00
Jan. 23, to Miss Emery for United Offering	9 33
Central Fund	50

North Western Convocation.

Trinity Parish Branch Parkersburg,

Members 32.	
1 Box	\$ 100 00
1 Box	75 00
Woman's Mite	19 25
Insurance Brazil Missions	10 00
Central Fund	2 00
To Rev. Mr. Ingle not yet reported	5 00
To Free Kindergarden	10 00
To Orphanage in Japan	10 00

Williamstown Branch.

Insurance Brazil Missions	-	-	-	1 00
Woman's Mite	-	-	-	5 50

St. Mathews Parish Branch, Wheeling, W. Va.

Nov. 21st. 1 Box South Carolina value	-	-	-	61 75
Nov. 29th 1 Box Wellsburg, W. Va. value	-	-	-	21 75
Dec. 8th. 1899, 1 Box Augusta Kansas value	-	-	-	10 90
Jan. 1900. 1 Box to Bishop Hornors Missions North Carolina value	-	-	-	75 00
April. 1900. 1 Box to Orphan Children of Rev. W. T. Turner, Ronceverte W. Va., value	-	-	-	50 00
To Bishops Robes	-	-	-	11 00
Woman's Mite	-	-	-	15 75
Life Insurance Brazil Missionary	-	-	-	5 00
Central Fund	-	-	-	2 00

Junior Auxiliary

To Mrs. Buford	-	5 00
Mission in Manila	-	2 00
To the poor of Wheeling	-	4 53

This Branch of Juniors has disbanded.

St. Lukes Parish Branch, Wheeling.

No of members not given.		
1 Box to Miss Helen Giles Colgate, Indian Territory	Rev. George Biller, Missionary Priest in Charge	value
Missionary Life Insurance	Brazil	
Henry Hobart Morrell	Scholarship	Shanghai
China		
Central Fund.		

275 00 ✓
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40 00
2 00

Central Convocation.

Report Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church, Clarksburg.

Organized Feb. 1899.

North View Church (Diocesan)	-	\$ 20 00
Box Lorentz	-	40 00
Woman's Mite (Diocesan)	-	1 00
Expenses	-	90
Asheville (Domestic)	-	21 00
Foreign Missions (\$5.00 to Cuba and \$5.00 to Brazil		10 00
United Offering,	-	11 76
Total Disbursements,	-	104 66

Valley Convocation.

From Parish Branch Charlestown.

Members, 53.

To Salary of Missionary, Harper Ferry W. Va.	175 00
3 boxes of Clothing, to children of Missionaries	30 00

Life Insurance Brazil Missions	3 00
Central Fund	2 00

Junior Auxiliary.
From Zion Church Charles Town.

To Harpers Ferry	100 00
Brazil	50 00
Parish Work	17 00
St. Andrews on the mountain	12 00
Life Insurance Brazil Missions	6 00

Trinity Parish Branch Martinsburg.

Woman's Mite (Mrs. Peterkin)	6 00
Life Insurance Brazil Missionary	2 00
Central Fund,	2 00
Fenton's Mission, Japan	7 00
Diocesan Mission Fund Assessment	10 00

Junior Auxiliary.

No. of members not given.	
To Miss Wheat Lynnwood Rockingham County Virginia in response to an appeal in Southern Churches	3 00
Christmas box of toys to Rev. Mr. Wetmore of Lincolnton, North Carolina with money for candy value of box	6 00
For Candy	2 00
To vestry for Church Expenses	15 00
To Bishop Funston of Bioste City for St. Margarets School	6 00
Buying Material for clothing	41
Central Fund	1 00

Trinity Church Parish Branch Shepherdstown.

No. of Members 28.	
November 1899, 1 Box to Miss Francis H. Elizabeth School South Dakota, value	10 00
May 1st. 1900 sent 1 Box to Rev. Mr. Duorte for his Orphanage Matanzas Cuba value	8 00

Junior Auxiliary Shepherdstown.

Nov. 1899 1 Box for Miss Francis H. Elizabeth's School South Dakota value - 5 00
 Donated from Childrens Bazar for Mrs. Farris Orphanage Havana Cuba Sent through Dr. Powers July 1899 15 00

Mt. Zion Parish Branch Hedgesville W. Va.,

For Diocesan Missions	-	10 00
" Bishops Salary	-	10 00
" Convocation Missions	-	10 00
" Woman's Mite (Mrs. Peterkin)	-	7 00
" Disabled Clergy Fund	-	1 00
" Sunday School Leaflets	-	6 75
" Arrearage to Sexton	-	6 84
" Missions	-	4 66
" Coal for the Church	-	7 75
Case of Supplies	-	80



