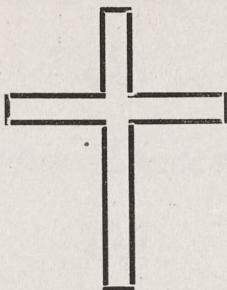




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President's Address.

On the 10th of June, 1890 our Diocesan Branch came into existence. It was here in the Capital City of our State, during the meeting of Council that our work was first laid out,—the Bishop feeling that the time had arrived for the affiliation of the Church-women of his Diocese with the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and the consequent widening of Woman's work in the Church.

Not however till 1894 had the work assumed sufficient proportions to justify the issuing of the first Annual Report. Even now—as was then the case—in consequence of slow and often impeded progress, we seem to have comparatively little to chronicle or review. And yet, the Council convening again in this place, after an interval of eleven years, and our Diocesan Branch holding at the same time its Eighth Annual meeting, it is not inappropriate to say something in regard to the little we have done, and to that we feel should be done.

The organization has remained practically the same as at first—the Bishop appointing the officers—a President and Vice-President for each of the three Convocational divisions, and later a Vice-President for the Diocesan Branch.

In 1894 there were six Parish branches regularly organized and actively at work; also two branches of the Junior Auxiliary, praise-worthily diligent in adding their quota to the efforts of their Seniors. The "Seventh An-

nual Report" for 1900 gives 12 parish branches, with 5 Junior Auxiliary branches for girls, and 1 boys' branch. In six years then we have doubled—only doubled—the parish branches, while the Juniors have evolved from 2 into 6 working branches.

It will be seen from the appended tables, that the work, though fluctuating—as has so often been noted in these reports—has nevertheless been steadily maintained. If the tide has occasionally receded, it has not failed, with reflex force, to endeavor to overcome the ebb. These figures give the total sum of the amounts contributed by the Parish branches, whether in boxes filled with clothing and other necessaries sent to Missionaries, or of money raised for various purposes, such as special gifts for Scholarships—Missionary Life Insurance—the Woman's Mite to Missions—the United Offering and all of the many appealing claims which come to the Auxiliary, and are carefully considered and responded to, through her thoughtful and helpful agency. Recurring then to the first year of recorded work, we find that in 1894-95 there were 8 Parish branches, and 2 Junior branches, and the amount raised and expended by them for that Auxiliary year was \$1170.14, by the Parish branches, and \$72 by the Juniors. In 1895-96 there were 11 working Auxiliary branches, giving the sum of \$2061.57, and 4 Junior branches contributing \$352.72. In 1896-97 but 8 Auxiliary branches reported, giving \$1178.77, and 6 Junior branches giving \$232.32. In 1897-98 again 11 branches with \$1249.19 and but 5 Junior branches giving \$223.23. For 1899-1900 there were 12 Auxiliary branches reporting \$1399.68, with \$283.24 for 6 Junior branches.

From this statement, we see that the largest amount given by the Auxiliary branches, as well as by the Juniors was in 1895-96. It is a matter of regret that we should

not have reached—and exceeded—those sums in the years that have followed. This review of our work, with its fitful lapses and its unequal revivals, is made for the purpose of impressing each of us with the need for *consistent* effort.

We have touched briefly upon what has been accomplished—the result of 9 years of work with its variations of zeal, and languor just noted. It has been said with great truth that “the Christian religion is *what* it is, because of what it *exacts*.” Brought home to each soul, truly desiring to be enrolled as a follower of the Master, is the necessity for strenuous self-searching as to the duty entailed by that following; and with the realization of the duty comes the consciousness of the need of personal service. From the glad acceptance of this fact, from such blessed exaction, the recognition by earnest Christian women of the justice of this demand of loyal service, sprang the great organization of which our Diocesan Branch is a part. How often we have gone over the record of its achievements, of its feeble beginning, yet ever growing power and widening influence and the wonderful results that have followed its labors. Each yearly report, and each great Triennial meeting has told the story of its inspiring advances through thirty years of sustained and magnificent effort. Throughout the 76 Dioceses of its enrollment there is a loyal, united, untiring devotion to its great object, in many of them a Christian emulation, not to be left behind in good works, but to add each year, the “something more” which is the evidence of progress, and measure of growth. Are we doing our part to swell this great aggregate of woman’s devotion and work? In this connection we would state that three new branches have been added since our last report, bringing us into touch with the church women of Fairmont, New Martinsville and Ripon.

Of this last place, where only 29 communicants are enrolled in the church Calendar, Mrs. Brooking writes—in a way to interest and to give us also an object lesson—of an essay towards the duty we are trying to emphasize. She tells of the gathering together, during Lent of a little band of women to study the subject of missions. The mite box was not forgotten on these occasions, but placed in their midst to remind them that study was but introductory to active interest. The result was a little sum for the United Offering far from insignificant in proportion to their numbers. There are many places in our Diocese where the example thus set could be followed—the Auxiliary established where it is not known, and incalculable good done in the twofold way of knowledge gained, and of help imparted.

Do we ever think of looking over the list of Parishes and mission Stations in our Diocese—of counting their number, and checking off those in which the Auxiliary is at work? Such places are startlingly few, but while the roll of communicants is in many instances very limited, there is no reason why a nucleus of effort could not be everywhere established, if a few earnest churchwomen taking hold in faith would meet regularly for mission reading, keeping the mite box near for even the pennies that could be spared.

In Shepherdstown, last year there was an inspiring gathering of many Auxiliary workers, but they were chiefly—from neighboring parishes—very few were representatives from the western part of the state. We wish this could be remedied. So much could be accomplished by the coming together of Auxiliary members at these annual meetings—by free interchange of thought, the discussion of methods and places of work and the impetus given by that living contract, with its power of spoken words, so much more effec-

tive than the printed page. Something new should be taken from our annual meetings something helpful, to be infused into the life of the members, an influence which would surely be felt in a quickening of the spirit by which latent energies would be aroused and the sense of duty before referred to would become a paramount agency.

In closing, we would bring—for your special consideration—the United Offering in connection with the great Triennial—the General Convention of the Church which will convene in San Francisco in the early days of October. This Offering—the Woman's United Gift for Missions—will have been gathered in before that time to be presented there. We remember vividly that last occasion in Washington City, and the tense feeling of the waiting crowds of women while that offering was being counted—and the thrill of their excitement when the announcement was made that the amount was more than \$80,000, a gain of nearly \$27,000 over the previous meeting at Minneapolis. The desire was frequently and fervently expressed that at least \$100,000 might be the ingathering for San Francisco.

What *we* have to do is to think how we can double *our* share of this gift. West Virginia's modest contribution three years ago was \$317. There are still four months from our present meeting in which to accomplish the purpose. Shall we not make this object the chief aim of effort through the summer that lies before us? We stand in the dawn of the Twentieth Century—let us remember it with awe! Let us consider what is the message this new era brings to us with regard to this—our work—for if it brings no other it most surely has for us this solemn reminder—that the old warning alike of the Royal Psalmist and of the great Apostle to the Gentiles, comes to each worker with full force of meaning and

admonition--the warning that "the time is short" Then in the words of another--"Shall we not learn to work *swiftly* for our ~~Master~~?"

Say oft, of the years, as they pass from sight
"This is life, with its golden store
I shall have it once—but it comes no more"



Next Annual Meeting.

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The ninth annual meeting of the West Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at Parkersburg, the 1st Wednesday in June, 1902, 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.

St. John's, Church Charleston.

Number of Members	25.	Value
Box to Rev. Charles Campbell, Ravenswood	Apr. 4, 1901	\$40 00
" to Rev. R. S. Stuart, Houston, Texas,	May 1, 1901,	25 00
Missionary Life Insurance, May 1901,		10 00
Central Fund, May 1901,		2 00

Trinity Parish, Huntington.

Members	7.	Value
1 box to Sheltering Arms Hospital, Paint Creek,		\$15 00
Bishop Kinsolving, for Galveston Sufferers,		32 30
Missionary Life Insurance,		5 00
Church at Sendai, Japan,		2 00
Central Fund,		2 00
United Offering,		15 00

Total, \$71 30

Girls Junior Auxiliary.

Members	8.	Value
To Bishop Peterkin, Special Fund,		\$14 33
Easter Offering,		3 66

Total, \$17 99

Christ Church, Point Pleasant.

Members	17	Value
1 box Sewanee, Tennessee,		\$5 00
Oct. 15, 1900, Galveston Flood Sufferers,		5 00
" " " Parish House, Omaha, Nebraska,		5 00
Jan. 1, 1901, Puerto Rico trip—Bishop Peterkin,		5 00
Feb. 6, " Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil,		2 00
Oct. 2, 1900, United Offering,		18 66
" " " Central Fund,		1 00

Ascension Church, Hinton.

Members	12.	Value
Church Building Fund,		\$112 00
Womans Mite,		7 50
United Offering during Lent,		4 50

Trinity Parish, Parkersburg.

	Members 32.	Value
Oct. 15, 1900, Box to Rev. J. Hartzell, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.	\$113 25	
Feb. 9, " Box to Rev. Arthur Price, Powellton,	41 00	
Parish House, Ashland, Nebraska,	3 00	
Apron Sale, Greenfield, Michigan,	1 00	
St. Peters Guild, Talladega, Alabama,	1 00	
Jan. 1, Galveston Churches, Texas,	7 51	
" " Galveston Relief,	17 00	
Womans Mite,	1 25	
Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil,	10 00	
Central Fund,	2 00	
United Offering		

Christ Memorial, Williamstown.

	Members 10.	
United Offering,	\$1 00	

St. Matthews Parish, Wheeling.

	Members 30.	Value
Dec. 1900, Box to Rev. W. T. Capers, Anderson, S. C.	\$130 00	
Feb. 1901, Box to Rev. Arthur Price, Powellton,	15 40	
Apr. " 2nd box Rev. Arthur Price, Powellton,	60 00	
" " Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil,	5 00	
Central Fund,	2 00	
Church at Ashland, Nebraska,	10 00	
United Offering,		

St. Lukes Parish, Wheeling.

	Members 20.	Value
Nov. 21, 1900, 1 Box to Rev. J. H. Gibbons, Garrisonville, Va	\$141 25	
Apr. 30, 1901, Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil,	5 00	
" " Central Fund,	2 00	
Henry Hobert Morrell Scholarship, China, Oct. & March (1900-1901)	40.00	

St. Annes New Martinsville.

Box to Mr. Chester Lyman,		
Dec. 15, 1900, Grace, North Carolina,		\$26 00

Christ Church, Clarksburg.

	Members 16.	
1 box to Rev. Arthur K. Fenton, Bridgeport,	Value not reported	

Christ Church, Fairmont.

	Members 18.	Value
May 1, 1900, Box to Rev. Francis Joyner, Bunyan, N. C.	\$ 40 00	
Dec. 1900, Box to Rev. Charles Ferris, Tryon, N. C.	150 00	
May 1, 1900, To India Famine Fund (Mr. Marsden Phil.)	10 00	
Apr. 5, 1901, To St. Lukes Hospital, Shanghai,	30 00	
Aid Society & Auxiliary, for Machine,	15 00	
Apr. 5, Central Fund,	2 00	
“ “ Life Insurance Missionary to Brazil,	5 00	

Valley Convocation.

Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

	Members 30.	Value
Nov. 1900, 1 box to Dr. D. A. Sanford, Bridgeport, Okla.,	\$29 00	
“ “ 1 box to Rev. Carter, Galveston, Texas,	23 50	
Apr. 1900, 1 box to Rev. Arthur Price, Powellton,	50 00	
Bishop Gravatt for Missions,	7 09	
Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil,	2 00	
United Offering,	6 41	
Central Fund,	2 00	
Certificate for Permanent Fund,	5 00	

Junior Auxiliary, Martinsburg.

To Supplement Clergy's Salary,	\$5.00
Hope to send \$30 to \$50 for same purpose hereafter. Have	
on hand \$3.50	

Zion Church, Charlestown.

	Members 59.	Value
Apr. 1901, 1 box to Rev. W. H. Burkhardt N. Martinsville,	\$57 85	
May “ Missionary Life Insurance,	5 00	
“ “ Central Fund,	2 00	

Trinity, Shepherdstown.

	Members 25.	Value
Apr. 4, 1901, Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital,	\$23 80	

Junior Auxiliary, Shepherdstown.

May 6, 1901, 1 box to Miss F. L. Patton, Charlotte St., Ash-	Value
ville, North Carolina.	\$5 94

Mt. Zion, Hedgesville.

Members—	
Sunday School Leaflets,	\$ 7 00
Sunday School Material,	2 00
Bishops Salary,	10 00
Womans Mite,	7 00
Hymn Tablet for Church,	15 00
Organ Stool for Church,	2 50
Church Expenses,	5 90
Chandelier for Church,	15 00
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Total,	\$64 40

St. Johns, Ripon.

Members 12.	
April 9, United Offering,	\$ 5 40
Bishop Peterkin, through Treasurer of D. and F. Missionary Society for Church in Puerto Rico,	10 00

Babies Branch Diocese of West Virginia.

Parish.	City.	Mem.	President.	Am't.
St. Matthews,	Wheeling,	40,	Miss Brady,	\$6 28
St. Andrews.	"	1,	Miss Devine,	10
Christ Church,	Pt. Pleasant,	8,	Mrs. A. H. Nourse,	2 78
	Morgantown,	7,	Miss Belle W. Johnson,	3 85
St. Paul's Ch.	Weston,		Miss Jessie M. Lane,	5 50
Zion Church,	Charlestown,		Mrs. S. T. Coe,	2 50
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			Total,	\$21 01

May 22, 1901.
 St. Andrews Guild, formerly Junior Auxiliary, Charlestown,
 \$3, annual contribution for life insurance, Missionary to Brazil.



