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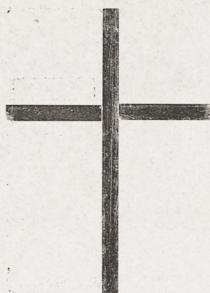
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President—MRS. R. D. ROLLER,  
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Number of members 38.

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Number of members 9.

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President—MRS. L. B. QUARRIER,  
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Number of members 21.

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**Ascension Church, Hinton.**

President—MRS. BARKSDALE,  
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No returns.

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President—MRS. JAS. M. H. BEALE,  
Secretary—MISS IRENE BOWYER.

Number of members 16.

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*North-western Convocation.***Trinity Church, Parkersburg.**

President—MRS. GEO. W. PETERKIN,  
Treasurer—MRS. M. L. MURPHY,  
Secretary—MISS ELIZABETH BRADENBAUGH.

Number of members 37.

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**Williamstown Branch.**

President—MRS. G. W. HUNTER,  
Secretary—MISS GEORGIA H. BEESON,  
Treasurer—MISS WINIFRED BEESON.

Number of members 10.

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**St. Matthew, Wheeling.**

President—MRS. G. A. ASCHMAN,  
Sec. and Treas.—MISS GERTRUDE LAMB.

Number of members 40.

**St. Luke's, Wheeling.**

President—MRS. W. J. MCCOY,  
Secretary—MRS. BRITTINGHAM,  
Treasurer—MRS. H. SANDS

Number of members 20.

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**Sistersville.**

No report.

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**St. Ann's New Martinsville**

President—MRS. JOHN F. MARTIN,  
Treasurer—MRS. A. M. FRANCIS.

No report.

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**Christ Church, Fairmont.**

President—MRS. C. C. PENICK,  
Secretary—MRS. PRESTON CROWELL,  
Treasurer—MRS. W. T. HARTMAN.

Number of members 18.

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**Christ Church, Clarksburg.**

President—MISS S. SCOLLAY PAGE,  
Secretary—MRS. JOHN BROWN,  
Treasurer—MRS. J. J. DUNCAN.

Number of members 13.

**St. Paul's Church, Weston.**

President—MRS. A. J. GRINNAN,  
Secretary—MRS. A. H. KUNST,  
Treasurer—MRS. A. A. WARREN.

Number of members 19.

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*Valley Convocation.***Trinity, Martinsburg.**

President—MRS. JOHN DOUGLAS,  
Secretary—MRS. M. FRYATT,  
Treasurer—MISS N. K. WEAVER

Number of members 38.

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**St. Mark's, Berkeley Springs.**

President—MRS. L. LIVINGSTONE BREESE,  
Vice-President—MRS. C. C. PEARSON,  
Sec. and Treas.—MISS MARION HUNTER.

Number of members 30.

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**Junior Auxiliary, Martinsburg.**

Treasurer—MISS LEIGH.

No report this year.

**Zion Church, Charlestown.**

President—MISS WASHINGTON,  
Secretary—MRS. CHEW,  
Treasurer—MISS M. CRAIGHILL.

Number of members 70.

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**Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.**

President—MISS JULIA GROVE.

Number of members 19.

No report.

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**Middleway and Leetown Ladies Guild of Nelson Parish.**

President—MRS. J. H. STRIDER, Leetown.  
Secretary—MISS SOPHIE BATES.

Number of members 25.

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**Middleway.**

Sec. and Treas.—MISS SALLIE EVANS.

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**St. John's Church, Rippon.**

President—MISS MARY LA RUE,  
Secretary—MRS. U. R. BROOKING.

Number of members 20.

## President's Address.

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It is always a pleasure to welcome the delegates and members of our Diocesan Branch, to the annual reunion. In this instance the meeting is particularly opportune and fortunate. It is fit that we should recall the fact that the first of our yearly meetings occurred ten years ago in this city of Wheeling. We were a working Diocesan Branch three years anterior to that date; but we had not become so welded, and at the same time—if I may so express it—*mobilized*, as to appreciate the importance of yearly taking counsel together as one body, and reporting the work accomplished—nor had we realized the necessity for visiting different parishes in the Diocese to organize new parochial branches—thus arousing interest and stimulating effort. The impulse for this broadening of our work came from our Bishop. It was at his desire that the effort to “enlarge our borders and strengthen our stakes” by helpful conference, report of results, and comparison of methods was first attempted. And it is of the deepest interest that our tenth anniversary gathering should be coincident with the Twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration as the first Bishop of West Virginia.

With what intensity of gratitude and thankfulness should we dwell upon this fact,—not only for the twenty-five years of abundant and most faithful labor—of ceaseless vigilance in caring for our most precious heritage—the Church,—and in the daily spending and being spent for the Master,—but because he has been preserved through a long and serious illness—so serious that our fears were

indeed importunate, as likewise was the importunity of prayer, daily made for his restoration to health and his return to the work which so needed him. That the crisis was safely passed—that he is able to be with us on this most auspicious occasion, is matter for devout thankfulness to Almighty God.

In proposing that this Twenty-fifth anniversary of Bishop Peterkin's consecration should be celebrated here in the church and city where he was set apart for this work, it was further proposed that the occasion should be substantially commemorated by completing the sum necessary for the endowment of the Episcopate in our Diocese. The accomplishment of this desire would be worthily to crown the twenty-five years of arduous labor so faithfully given in service to his people.

These facts and considerations appeal to our deepest feelings and should move us to do *our* faithful utmost in our appointed work. The narrow limits of that work—the way in which we are hedged in,—doing just so much—rarely adding to our pledges—should now—dating from this happy occasion—be remedied.

A member of the Auxiliary in a distant Diocese writing to her own Diocesan Branch, sounds the key note for us, and for all, when she says “For the Auxiliary there is no halt. The joys and the sorrows of each year must make us but the *stronger* for the trials and the tasks to come.” It has often been said of the Christian life that there is no pause—you cannot—as with a mechanical force—*stand still*. If there is no advance there is, inevitably, retrograde movement. That may not be strictly so with regard to the Auxiliary,—and yet it may be asserted that there is a paralyzing effect upon any branch—a species of numbness and lack of interest when nothing *new* is attempted—when it moves only on the old lines, contented with doing as little as it has done in the past, without

growth or the energy of other and wider attainment. That energy "grows by what it feeds on," and it gains a momentum from use and effort that will make its way onward, and find new and ever opening opportunities for the use of its powers—refusing to be turned from its purpose, or to be daunted by ordinary obstacles. And the inspiration for the energy must come from our sense of *the need and value of the work*. Of this value you can form some idea when—self-fettered as we have been—you call to mind some of the ways in which our little bands of workers—the Parish Branches—have ministered to Missionary needs in that "field which is the world."

In 1902 the annual report recorded 23 boxes sent out by various branches. Can we estimate—or do we pause to consider—what twenty-three boxes of good substantial clothing and housekeeping articles, sent to struggling missionaries, must mean to their families—must mean in helping and *heartening* the man who labors for our Master—mostly in uncongenial surroundings, having only the merest pittance with which to meet the clamoring daily need? But the values of our Auxiliary work are many. More than one scholarship has been sustained in foreign lands—each to educate a child in Christian faith and to prepare it for a useful life. Can we measure the leavening power of even one such life in a heathen country? Would there were many such pledges! Long since—in the old Judean days, the wise man said "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." It is nearly three thousand years since the Preacher gave this venerable precept which is as much for our admonition and encouragement as it was for those to whom within the narrow boundaries of that Eastern land it was first uttered. And may we not draw from the seeming ambiguity of the

closing clause the happy inference of largest hope as to returns of labor? Then too we carry a Life Insurance for a brave missionary in Brazil, who long ago wrote his heartfelt gratitude for "this delicate but most practical way of helping a missionary—providing for his dear ones against the day he may be taken from them." It is seven years since we made the pledge and in 1902 the amount contributed was \$62—the offering in varying sums of thirteen branches. We have also contributed to the missionary

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On All Saint's Day, which of all the Church's beautiful festivals, is the one most dear—by its sadness of memory, as well as by its preciousness of hope—to those who have suffered loss, we are asked by Mrs. Peterkin to contribute an annual Birth Day Fund which will be in silent commemoration of some one whose life was interwoven with our own, and who has passed to the rest of eternity. The object of the money to be so sacredly gathered in is that we may place in some part of our own Diocesan field a missionary to be supported entirely by women, without calling upon the usual Diocesan fund for an appropriation. The thought is beautiful and it should commend itself to bereaved hearts with special force, as vitalizing tender memories of the dead into a power for good to the living.

It is some time since we inaugurated in our Trinity branch the mite box at each monthly meeting—putting it in our midst to receive any little moneys the members might contribute—a specific object being chosen for the little fund—the box to be opened when it could hold no more. We knew something of the consecrated life and the incessant all-embracing labors of Miss Thackera in the Navajo Mission Hospital in Arizona. One of our members had been there—had seen her at her labors manifold—manager, sick nurse, teacher—her hand put to any toil;—had taken note of her high hearted unflagging zeal, which would not permit her to despond even when left alone, and things seemed desperate. This year we dedicated the contents of the mite box to her work. Fifteen

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dollars came out of that little box the result of the mere droppings of pennies and nickels at our meeting during a portion of the winter. Will not each branch try this simple method of accumulating a little fund for some appealing object,—for which in no other way, perhaps, could the money be obtained, and see what substantial benefit—even in so small a way—may be the result.

Our United Offering is now under the efficient management of Mrs. Rathbone the custodian of that fund. The sum of \$132 for the year closing in April is deposited in bank and drawing interest. This sum however is the mere nucleus of that largesse of offering which we urge for the future Triennial.

A box which was sent by Trinity branch to the Sheltering Arms Hospital—the Bishop's Own I think we should call it—which was reported to be in “need of everything” deserves especial mention, because of the interest taken in it outside of our organization—and outside the church. It was most generously and liberally filled to overflowing and large gifts added from friends not in the church—while the Helping Hand—the Junior organization gave valuable assistance, as also did St Stephens colored mission by their appreciated contribution. This Hospital should be constantly remembered throughout the Diocese. We need not to be told how incessant are the needs from year to year of an unendowed hospital—largely charitable in its ministrations. The Sheltering Arms does a noble work, and its claims to constant substantial assistance, should be acknowledged by yearly substantial remembrance.

The year's work has been touched upon. The future is almost instantly the present. It remains that we should “forget the things that are behind”—so far as may seem to us that we have *accomplished*, and so pass on to the duties that hourly await us. We must learn what a great

Churchman has aptly designated "The oblivion of the attained" that we may realize with more intensity the pressing need of reaching out to and taking hold of that "much more" which beckons to us "beyond". More than once in these reports the church's finest poet has helped the imperfect utterance of a thought to its fittest expression showing us in his own perfect way, the full meaning of our duty. What he has said to the pastors of the flock may again be applied with almost equal fitness of phrase and noble incentive, to us and to our work.

"Think not of rest; though dreams be sweet  
Start up and ply your heavenward feet  
Is not God's oath upon your head  
Ne'er to sink back on slothful bed  
Never again your loins untie  
Nor let your torches waste and die  
Till when the shadows thickest fall  
Ye hear your Master's midnight call."

Lent, 1903.

## Reports of Parish Branches.

### Kanawha Convocation.

#### St. John's Church, Charleston.

No. of members 38.

Oct. and Nov. 1902. Wardrobe provided for girl in the church for winter school wear.	\$ 15 00
March, 1903. Box preserves and jellies for Sheltering Arms Hospital	10 00
Sept. 1902. For General Missions	10 00
March 1903. Mission work in York, Nebraska	2 00
April 1903. Brazil Life Insurance—sent to Diocesan President	10 00
Material purchased for poor child and articles for Sheltering Arms	8 11
Sept. 1902. United Offering to Mrs. Rathbone custodian	17 59
April and May 1901. Sent to Mrs. Peterkin to aid in support of Missionary in West Virginia	25 00
Easter Gift to Missionary Rev. Charles Campbell	36 00
Total,	\$133 70

#### Trinity Church, Huntington.

No. of members 9.

Thanksgiving box to Sheltering Arms Hospital	\$ 84 40
Offering to the Permanent Fund Memorial 25th Anniversary	10 00
Annual Offering to the Woman's Auxiliary to General Missions (Miss Emery)	6 00
Life Insurance Missionary to Brazil	5 00
Woman's Missionary (Mrs. Peterkin)	10 00
United Offering (Mrs. Rathbone)	6 65
Central Fund	2 00

#### Junior Auxiliary, Trinity Church, Huntington.

No. of members 21.

Bishop's Special Fund	\$ 17 00
Diocesan Missions	2 47
"Material"	6 00

### Christ Church, Pt. Pleasant.

No. of members 16.

To Mr. G. M. Tyler, Church at Spillman, W. Va.	\$ 10 00
To Rev. Robert Renison, Albuquerque, N. M. for chnreh	1 00
To Sunday School Library Fund, Christ Church Point	
Pleasant .....	5 00
Brazil Missionary Life Insurance .....	2 00
United Offering .....	8 60
Central Fund .....	1 00

### Northwestern Convocation.

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### Trinity Church, Parkersburg.

No. of members 37.

Oct. 1902. 1 Box to Rev. Irenaeus Trout, Gulf-Pot, Miss.	\$110 00
Nov. 1902. Navajo Mission Hospital, Arizona, Miss	
Thackera, Superintendent .....	15 00
March 1903. 1 Box Sheltering Arms Hospital, Paint	
Creek, W. Va. .....	275 00
Appeal for one dollar from Tennessee .....	1 00
March 1903. Contribution to St. Mark's Church, Kan-	
sas City .....	5 00
Special appeal from Miss Emery toward the \$100,000	
pledged at San Francisco .....	17 00
Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil .....	10 00
February 1903. Special Gift for Apportionment Fund .....	10 00
United Offering, Mrs. M. E. Rathbone .....	64 91
Aug. 1902. Church at Welsh, West Va. .....	28 00
Birthday Offering, All Saints Day .....	39 00
Central Fund .....	2 00

### Christ Memorial, Williamstown.

No. of members 10.

November 27. One Box to Rev. G. C. Shaw, St. Marys	\$ 18 00
Home Work .....	4 00
Rectory Fund .....	15 00
St. John's Church, Jacksonville, Florida .....	1 00
Woman's Miss., Diocesan Missions .....	5 25
Birthday Fund .....	9 00
Permanent Fund .....	6 00
General Missions .....	2 00
Missionary Life Insurance .....	1 00

## Wheeling—St. Matthew's Church.

No. of members 40.

Nov. 8th, 1903. Box to Rev. J. Lanier, Milledgeville, Georgia, value .....	\$136 43
Dec. 3, 1902. Box to J. N. Barnes, Boone Co., W. Va. ....	150 00
April 1903. Sheltering Arms Hospital .....	24 25
August 1902. General Missions cash to Miss Emery .....	25 00
Sept. 29th, 1902. Church at Welsh, through Mrs. Peter- kin .....	20 00
Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil .....	5 00
Sept. 1902. United Offering from Mite Boxes .....	163 93
United Offering from Missionary Teas .....	20 11
Central Fund .....	2 00
Four hundred garments made during the year.	

## Babies Branch.

Dec. 1901 to Dec. 1903.

From Weston, St. Paul's Church .....	\$ 2 04
“ Morgantown, Trinity Church .....	4 00
“ Wheeling, St. Matthew's Church .....	4 04
“ Pt. Pleasant, Christ Church .....	8 33
“ Charles Town, Mt. Zion Church .....	19 10

## St. Luke's Wheeling.

No. of members 20

Nov. 15th, 1902. Box to Mrs. C. L. Price, Bath, N. C. ....	\$ 81 98
March 1902. Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital .....	21 00
Nov. 20th, 1902. To Mrs. C. L. Price, Bath, N. Carolina .....	20 00
Missionary Life Insurance, Rev. Mr. Meems, Brazil .....	5 00
Harry Morrell Scholarship, St. Marys, China .....	45 00
Central Fund for printing .....	2 00
Total, .....	\$174 98

## Christ Church, Clarksburg.

No. of members 13.

July 19th, 1902. For church at Welsh, West Va., through Mrs. Peterkin.....	\$ 12 00
Oct. 1902. To Mrs. Landon R. Mason, Richmond, Va. for Lepers Colony.....	2 00
Feb. 25th, 1903. For Apportionment Fund for Foreign and Domestic Missions, Geo. C. Thomas.....	50 00
April 1st, 1903. Missionary Life Insurance, Brazil.....	5 00
April 1st, 1903. United Offering, to Mrs. Rathbone .....	15 00
Central Fund for printing.....	2 00

## St. Paul's Church, Weston.

No. of members 19.

April 1st, 1903. Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital cloth- ing and house linen.....	\$ 25 20
Freight on box .....	1 17
Cash to Sheltering Arms Hospital.....	2 50
July 1902. Rebuilding Church, Jacksonville, Florida.....	1 00
Babies' Branch (individual).....	2 04
April 1903. Life Insurance Missionary to Brazil, Rev. Mr. Meems.....	2 00
Oct. 1902. Subscription "Spirit of Missions".....	1 00
July 1902. Cash to Board of Missions.....	2 00
April 1903. Cash to Board of Missions.....	10 00
Sept. 1902. United Offering (Mrs. Rathbone) .....	14 35
December 1902. Convocation Missions, Chester, W. Va.	2 50
November 1902. "Womans Missionary".....	10 50
April 1903. Central Fund.....	1 00

## Christ Church, Fairmont.

No. of members 18.

Nov. 31st, 1902. Box to Rev. Mr. Fish, Elkins, W. Va.	\$150 00
Box to Bishop Horner, Ashville Industrial School.....	15 00
Mrs. Ischus' Orphanage, Tokio, Japan.....	30 00
For Support of Missionary in W. Va. to Mrs. Peterkin.....	36 75
Missionary Life Insurance.....	5 00
Central Fund for printing.....	2 00

Total, \$238 75

## Valley Convocation.

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### Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

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No. of members 38.

July 1902. To Dorcas Chapter Charity Work .....	\$ 5 00
St. Margaret's Guild, Jacksonsville .....	1 00
Sept. 1902. To Miss Emery Auxiliary Appropriation .....	5 00
Jan. 1903. Permanent Fund Certificates (Nos. 4 and 5) .....	10 00
May 1903. Brazil Missionary Life Insurance .....	2 00
Central Fund .....	2 00
"Birthday" pledges to Mrs. Peterkin .....	32 25

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### Zion Church, Charlestown.

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No. of members 70.

April 13. 1903. 1 Box to Rev. George C. Shaw, St. Marys West Va. ....	\$ 74 93
For Diocesan Miss'ry Work, Northwestern Convocation .....	38 00
New River Convocation .....	36 00
Balance in Bishop's hands .....	26 00
Missionary Life Insurance .....	5 00
Central Fund for printing .....	2 00

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### St. Mark's, Berkeley Springs.

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No. of members 30.

July 1902. 1 Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital .....	\$ 50 00
July 1903. Box to Sheltering Arms Hospital .....	50 00
Missionary to West Virginia (Mrs. Peterkin) .....	15 00
Deficit to Board of Missions—New York .....	10 00
Brazil Missionary Life Insurance .....	1 00
Central Fund .....	2 00

### Nelson Parish Branch.

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#### Grace and St. Bartholomews, Middleway and Leetown.

No. of members 25.

Sept. 1902. United Offering—sent Mrs. Rathbone . . . . .	\$ 5 40
For Diocesan Missions to Mrs. Peterkin . . . . .	5 00

#### St. John's Rippon.

No. of members 20.

April 15th, 1903. 1 Box Sheltering Arms Hospital . . . . .	\$ 15 00
April 28th, 1903. Porto Rico, Mr. Geo. C. Thomas . . . . .	1 00
Indian Mission, through Mr. Geo. C. Thomas . . . . .	1 00
April 28th. Special Rev. J. J. Chapman, Japan, through Geo. C. Thomas . . . . .	7 35
Special to Brazil, through Geo. C. Thomas . . . . .	3 00
Missionary Life Insurance . . . . .	2 00
Support of Missionary in West Virginia Mrs. Peterkin . . . . .	5 00
United Offering (Mrs. Rathbone) . . . . .	2 13
Central Fund . . . . .	1 00









