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PRAYERS FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



FOR THE QUICKENING OF ZEAL IN CHRISTIANS

O Lord, our Saviour, who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; grant that we whose lot Thou hast cast in so goodly a heritage may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labors of other men, so to labor that in their turn others may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of Thy holy will and our own everlasting salvation. Amen!

FOR THE HASTENING OF GOD'S KINGDOM

O God, Heavenly Father, who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him: pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church that it may fulfill His command to preach the gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech Thee, laborers into Thy harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fullness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

A PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE

Blessed Lord, who has taught Thy children to pray for each, send Thy blessing upon the Diocese to which I belong. Give grace to its Bishops and clergy, that they may win souls to Thee, and guide Thy people in the narrow way. Grant to us growth and increase, if it be Thy will, and teach us to give largely of our substance for the glory of Thy name, and the work of Thy holy Church. Make these souls, for whom Thou hast died, true to Thee, to all their vows and duties in this life, and so prepare them for the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom, for Thy mercy's sake, O blessed Jesus, who with the Father, and Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen!

DIOCESAN OFFICERS—1906-7

PRESIDENT :

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SECRETARY OF THE BABIES' BRANCH :

MRS. JOHN S. DOUGLAS, - - - *Martinsburg*

PARISH OFFICERS

Berkeley Springs—St. Mark's.

President, Mrs. S. L. Breese.
Vice-President, Mrs. A. G. Grinnan.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Gilpin.
Number of members, 30.

Charleston-Kanawha—St. John's.

President, Mrs. W. S. Laidley.
Secretary, Mrs. Neil Robinson.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Lynn Richardson.
Number of members, 43.

Charles Town—Zion.

President, Miss C. Washington.
Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Alfriend.
Treasurer, Miss M. L. Craighill.
Number of members, 75.

Clarksburg—Christ Church.

President, Mrs. T. T. Wallis.
Vice-President, Mrs. D. R. Potter.
Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Smith.
Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Miles.
Number of members, 13.

Fairmont—Christ Church.

President, Mrs. N. B. Henshaw.
Secretary, Mrs. Preston Crowell.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Hartman.
Number of members, 34.

Hedgesville—Mt. Zion.

President, Mrs. W. B. Lingamfelter.
Secretary, Mrs. P. C. Myers.
Treasurer, Miss Kilmer.
Number of members, 10.

Huntington—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. John S. Gibson.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ely Ensign.
Number of members, 16.

Martinsburg—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. John S. Douglas.
Secretary, Miss Sarah Morgan.
Treasurer, Mrs. John H. Doll.
Number of members, 27.

Middleway and Leetown—Grace and St. Bartholomew's.

President, Mrs. I. H. Strider.
Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Sophia Bates.
Number of members, 25.

Moorefield—Immanuel.

President, Mrs. P. W. Inskeep.
Vice-President, Mrs. Annie Shearer.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Shearer.
Number of members, 22.

Morgantown—Trinity Church.

No report.

Moundsville—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. M. D. Bowly.
Vice-President, Mrs. A. R. Laing.
Secretary, Miss Carrie Cockayne.
Treasurer, Mrs. A. Higgins.
Number of members, 12.

Parkersburg—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. George W. Peterkin.
Secretary, Mrs. W. W. George.
Treasurer, Mrs. F. Fowler.
Number of members, 30.

Rippon—St. John's.

President, Miss M. M. Isbell.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss M. A. Allen.

Number of members, 14.

Romney—St. Stephen's.

No report.

Shepherdstown—Trinity Church.

President, Miss Julia B. Grove.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss J. B. Grove.

Number of members, 7.

Sistersville—St. Paul's.

President, Mrs. Joseph Morris.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. A. D. McVey.

Number of members, 17.

Wellsburg—Christ Church.

President, Mrs. Martha Mahon.

Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Davison.

Treasurer, Miss Alice Brown.

Number of members, 12.

Weston—St. Paul's.

President, Yeta Lively.

Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Bard.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Warren.

Number of members, 16.

Wheeling—St. Luke's.

President, Mrs. L. E. Sands.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. Brittingham.

Number of members, 18.

Wheeling—St. Matthew's.

President, Mrs. W. S. Brady.

Secretary, Mrs. Wood Glass.

Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Lamb.

Number of members, 40.

Williamstown—Christ Memorial.

President, Mrs. George W. Hunter.

Secretary, Miss Georgia H. Beeson.

Treasurer, Miss Winifred Beeson.

Number of members, 12.

Point Pleasant—Christ Church.

President, Mrs. J. M. H. Beale.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Irene Bowyer.

Number of members, 16.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY—1906-7.

Charleston—St. John's.

President, Miss Ellen B. Roller.

Secretary, Miss Lillian Laidley.

Treasurer, Miss Margaret Thompkins.

Number of members, 12.

Charles Town—Zion Church.

President, Mrs. Frank Beckwith.

Treasurer, Miss Lucy Ambler.

Number of members, 20.

Huntington—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. John S. Gibson.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. John S. Gibson.

Number of members, 9.

Martinsburg—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. Sprague Bishop.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Nannie Morgan.

Parkersburg—Trinity Church.

President, Miss Katharine Ambler.

Secretary, Miss Caroline Powell.

Treasurer, Miss Fannie Moore.

Number of members, 25.

Romney—St. Stephen's.

President, Miss Anna Rucker.

Secretary, William Baird.

Treasurer, Guy Kendall.

Director, Mrs. G. W. Parsons.

Shepherdstown—Trinity Church.

Director, Miss A. V. Markell.

Wheeling—St. Andrew's.

President, Mrs. T. J. Oliver Curran.

Secretary, Miss Juliet Smith.

Treasurer, Miss Bertha Davis.

Number of members, 14.

Wheeling—St. Matthew's, Division I.

President, Mrs. Grey Miller.

Secretary, Miss Laura Bender.

Treasurer, Miss Celia Bachtler.

Number of members, 22.

Wheeling—St. Matthew's, Division II.

President, Miss Elizabeth Prager.

Secretary, Miss Marjorie Ford.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Hamilton.

Number of members, 16.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

On Thursday, June 6th, 1907, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of West Virginia met in Wheeling in St. Matthew's Church. The opening service was at 10:30, when the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wm. Cabell Brown, of the Brazilian Mission, who made the address. The Bishop spoke first of the good work the Auxiliary had done in the year just past, especially in having given the \$500 worth of linen, etc., for the Sheltering Arms Hospital, for which Bishop Gravatt had asked at the meeting in Charles Town, June, 1906. He said that he and Bishop Gravatt had decided to ask for a special gift from the Auxiliary for the coming year and he hoped that it might be within the power of the Auxiliary to give \$300 toward the new church building at Williamson, the county seat of Mingo County, which is much needed. This mission is under the care of the Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Huntington, and as Williamson is a growing town, and the prospects for the church are encouraging, the time had come when a building must be erected. The Bishop also asked the Auxiliary to give \$100 towards the new church at Pelotas, Brazil, for which Dr. Brown is raising part of the money in this country.

Dr. Brown's address was upon the work of the Church in Brazil and was heard with great interest. West Virginia has always been especially interested in the work of the Church in Brazil, and Dr. Brown is a most forceful, earnest speaker.

About one hundred women partook of the Holy Communion at this service.

After luncheon, which was served at the new Y. W. C. A. building near by, the meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. in the Sunday School room of St. Matthew's Church, Mrs. Aschman,

the President, being in the chair. After collects and singing of hymn No. 249, "O Zion, Haste," the roll was called by branches and the following number responded :

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| Charles Town, 1. | Parkersburg, 7. |
| Fairmont, 5. | Sistersville, 2. |
| Huntington, 1. | Wellsburg, 6. |
| Martinsburg, 7. | Weston, 1. |
| Moundsville, 2. | Point Pleasant, 2. |
| Wheeling, St. Luke's, 9. | Charleston-Kanawha, 1. |
| Wheeling, St. Matthew's, 24. | |

Six Junior officers reported, one from St. Andrew's, Wheeling, two from Parkersburg, and three from St. Matthew's, Wheeling.

A number of church women, not members of the Auxiliary, were present and the room was well filled.

The reports of the officers were read and showed an increase of interest in the work of the Auxiliary. Miss Emery's address was helpful and inspiring, as always. She answered many questions, explaining the difference between the parish apportionment and the Auxiliary apportionment, giving methods for increasing the membership of the Auxiliary, urging the use of the *Spirit of Missions* as a most important way for extending missionary knowledge, etc. Miss Emery also talked upon the work of the Juniors, urging the women to assume leadership of the Junior branches.

The greatest increase in the amount of offerings for the year was shown by the Babies' Branch, under the lead of their Secretary, Mrs. Douglas. Last year \$54.88 was collected, but this year \$139.38 was handed in by the little ones.

It was resolved that the Auxiliary accede to the request of the Bishops and give for the Williamson Church three hundred dollars, and for the church at Pelotas, Brazil, one hundred dollars.

Miss Brady read a letter from Dr. Crawford, the Dean of the Seminary, asking that the West Virginia Branch sustain their share of a scholarship for the Seminary, in which he hoped the other two Virginia Branches would in time unite. The matter was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided that it was unadvisable for the Auxiliary to undertake such a scholarship.

Mrs. Beale, of Point Pleasant, spoke, thanking the Branches which had helped to furnish the rectory at Point Pleasant in response to the appeal she had made in Charles Town. She also extended a cordial invitation to the Auxiliary to meet in Point Pleasant at time of the Council, June, 1908.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Charles Morrison, of St. Matthew's, Wheeling :

Resolved, That the West Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church extends to the Woman's Presbyterial Society of the United Presbyterian Church a most cordial greeting, with an earnest prayer for the success of all work undertaken for the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Adopted.

After singing hymn No. 254, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE P. BRADY, *Secretary*.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

St. Matthew's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions extends a cordial welcome to the delegates and visitors in attendance at the fourteenth annual meeting of our West Virginia Branch. It is with the greatest happiness that your President, after two years, has again the privilege of greeting you in her own home, and she trusts that all of you will find enjoyment in this visit, and benefit from the reunion with fellow members. Let us hope that an increase of knowledge may be gained with regard to the work we have at heart, that something may be carried to your respective Branches to incite in each member a liberal love and cogent desire to interest all women of our faith in the great missionary work of the Church.

Last year you had the pleasure of having our much-loved Vice-President, Mrs. Peterkin, preside at the annual meeting, and I now wish to thank her for so kindly and efficiently filling the chair during my absence abroad. That her able address and judicious council have born fruit is demonstrated in many ways.

The year has passed all too quickly, and some disappointment is felt that good intentions have not been fully realized. But the annual meeting is only an occasion when we pause to give an account, and then begin the next year's work with renewed energy and larger hopes for the future. While no great strides forward have been made during the year just ended, neither have we retrograded, or lapsed in our efforts as a whole. Some of the Branches have done exceedingly well, not only in meeting all their obligations, but in keeping the aims of the Woman's Auxiliary constantly in mind, namely, in praying for missions, working for missions and studying about missions. Any Branch that is loyal in upholding these three principles of the Auxiliary is sure to grow in enthusiasm and earnestness of purpose. A Secretary, writing to me, recently said: "We are indeed doing all that we can, could do more if everyone would work, but some of our

members can only see the needs of our own parish, nothing beyond. What can we do to get them interested in missions? We have tried reading from the *Spirit of Missions* at our meetings, but some do not seem at all interested, I am sorry to say." How much this Branch suffers by thinking only of its own parochial needs, and so little of that larger work the Lord commanded us to do. This particular Branch, or any other that is so self-centered, should determine to broaden its horizon by following faithfully the true aims of the Woman's Auxiliary. In this connection it is gratifying to state that a number of Branches have become more interested in the study of missions, or in missionary meetings. To those who had taken up the study of Alaska, the visit of Mrs. Jenkins, the wife of one of our clergy in that far-off missionary district, was of special interest. Mrs. Jenkins spent a week in the Diocese during the month of February, visiting Huntington, Charleston, Parkersburg, Clarksburg, and Fairmont, ending her itinerary at Moundsville. Your President and Secretary, accompanied by several members of St. Matthew's Branch and one from St. Luke's, Wheeling, had the pleasure of meeting her there. After listening to a very entertaining address by our visitor, your officers proceeded to organize a Woman's Auxiliary in Trinity Parish, and a Branch of the Juniors. We are glad to welcome both and wish them Godspeed. This is the only new Branch among the seniors we have to report. St. Andrew's, Wheeling, will probably be ready to organize in the autumn; and several that have become indifferent need to be reorganized, which we trust may be accomplished during the coming year.

Work in the Diocese has been largely for the Sheltering Arms Hospital, which naturally appeals to our members more than any other thing they are asked to do. The Bishop's request, made at the annual meeting a year ago, for five hundred dollars to equip the new hospital with linens, has been complied with; some Branches sending linens direct, while others preferred donating money. The Swope Guild of St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling—a hospital society—kindly and generously gave a hundred and fifty dollars to assist in meeting the Bishop's appeal. Our pledges have been paid with the exception of our apportionment toward the annual gift of the Woman's Auxiliary to the

Board of Missions. But we hope by the end of the fiscal year, August 31st, this obligation will have been met in full. Last year we were asked to give \$275.00, the women \$200.00, and the Juniors \$75.00. This year we have been requested to give \$320.00, the Seniors \$265.00 and the Juniors \$55.00. Many Branches provide for this annual gift before the close of the year, while others are indifferent, and the end of the year finds them unprepared to pay their portion. Of course, this delays the work and occasions confusion in reports.

Inasmuch as the greater part of our work is confined to our own Diocese, do you not agree with me that an effort should be made by every Branch to have a part in this gift, and whatever our General Secretary sees fit to ask of us for the General Missions of the Church, we should gladly and willingly contribute. True, last year the full amount was given, and a few dollars more. But will it be this year, without having to again apportion the sum necessary among those who have neglected to do their duty before the close of our Diocesan year? If those who do not understand the apportionment would study the leaflet, "A Catechism on the Missionary Appropriations and Apportionment," they would soon have a very clear comprehension of its meaning, and there would be no further trouble concerning a matter with which church women should be familiar. As we have said before, we want every Branch in the Diocese to have a part in this annual gift; and we urge you to consider this one of your first obligations to the Auxiliary.

The months are rapidly passing, and it will be but a short time until we shall carry our United Offering of 1907 to Richmond, there to be presented at the great Triennial Service. Let us not forget that we want this gift, which is to be used for "women's work in the domestic and foreign fields, including the training, sending and support of women workers, also the care of such workers when sick and disabled," etc., to be the largest that the West Virginia Branch has yet presented. Are we doing all that we can to increase the United Offering? Should the fact that the Church at large is this year celebrating its foundation on American soil, not be

a *special* incentive for us to do still better than ever before? And while money is necessary, is there not, above all, among our many young church women in the Diocese, some one who will offer herself for practical training in missionary service? These seem live questions at this time which we earnestly pray may be answered. Finally, may we hope that a year hence shall find us grown larger and stronger in number of Branches and in membership. Let us try during the next twelve months, by earnest prayer and intelligent service, to come nearer fulfilling the duties required of us as faithful workers in a great cause.

IDA H. ASCHMAN, *President.*

Wheeling, June 6th.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

On Tuesday evening, June 12th, the week after the Diocesan meeting in Charles Town, your Secretary met the Parish Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of Shepherdstown at a meeting in the chapel of Trinity Church and addressed them upon the work of the Auxiliary, especially presenting the appeal made by the Bishops in behalf of the Sheltering Arms Hospital.

As instructed by the annual meeting, I entered into correspondence with the eleven Branches of the Auxiliary in the Diocese which had reported no gifts under apportionment. As a result the deficit then existing in our Auxiliary apportionment was made up before the end of the Board's fiscal year, August 31st. The amounts received by me and forwarded to the General Secretary were as follows:

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| Middleway and Lee Town..... | \$ 3 00 |
| North Mountain..... | 3 00 |
| Sistersville | 3 00 |
| Clarksburg | 5 00 |
| Shepherdstown | 2 20 |
| Moorefield | 3 00 |
| Point Pleasant..... | 5 00 |
| | \$24 20 |

It is a satisfaction to record that we have never yet fallen short of the amount expected of us. But in looking over the reports received during the last month, I notice that four of the Branches which responded to that appeal, not perhaps understanding that the money then given was to pay the deficit in that year's account, have not repeated the gifts for this year. Let me ask that each Branch see that such a sum is paid in before September 1st.

As instructed by the Auxiliary, I wrote the Diocesan Secretaries of Virginia and Southern Virginia, telling them that in response to an appeal from the Dean of the Virginia Theological Seminary, West Virginia stood ready to assume one-third of the expense of educating a student in that institu-

tion if they would each assume one-third. Miss Taylor of Southern Virginia expressed sympathy with the plan but plead the entire inability of the Branch to co-operate with us at that time because of pledges already made. Miss Stuart of Virginia wrote that, having laid the matter before the Auxiliary at their annual meeting, it was strongly felt that such an effort of the Woman's Auxiliary was not the purpose for which it existed, and therefore they declined to unite with us.

Berkeley Springs sent \$5.00, however, towards the scholarship, and St. Matthew's, Wheeling, sent \$20.00 in response to a letter received from the Dean, but as the offer to pay one-third of a scholarship had been made upon condition that the other two Virginia Branches unite with us, nothing further has been done.

It seems proper that I should give an account of the money received by me in order to pay for the Year Book of 1906.

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| Central Fund, Mrs. Peterkin, Treasurer..... | \$42 00 |
| St. Matthew's, Wheeling..... | 7 00 |
| Moorefield | 2 00 |
| Sistersville | 2 00 |
| Shepherdstown | 1 00 |
| Berkeley Springs | 2 00 |
| Juniors of Parkersburg..... | 1 00 |
| Juniors of Huntington..... | 1 00 |
| Juniors of Wheeling, St. Matthew's..... | 2 00 |
| Feb. 1907, Miss Hunter, Treasurer..... | 8 00 |
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| | \$68 00 |
| Paid for Year Book, 1906..... | 63 00 |
| Program for Annual Meeting..... | 1 00 |
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| Balance | \$ 4 00 |

Moorefield, Sistersville, Shepherdstown, Berkeley Springs, and the Juniors paid in response to letters from me at that time. I hope they understand that they must pay again for the Year Book of 1907, sending their money to Miss Hunter, Treasurer, for the Central Fund.

The Year Book I sent to press in July and distributed in September.

The \$500.00 worth of linen asked of us by the Bishops for the new Sheltering Arms Hospital has been supplied, I believe. All but three Branches united in giving towards it, and the

Junior Auxiliary gave their share. Three hundred and twenty-five dollars was pledged in cash, but of that amount \$150.00 was not given directly by the Auxiliary but by the Swope Guild of St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, a society which has worked chiefly for hospitals.

Your Secretary has corresponded with the various Branches with regard to these pledges and has reported from time to time in the "Church News." The linens given were sent direct to the Hospital, and the money to the Diocesan Treasurer, who will give it to Bishop Peterkin, in order that blankets, spreads, etc., may be purchased wholesale in time for the opening of the new building in the Fall.

However, let no Branches think that the Hospital is now supplied for some time to come. This gift, while larger than usual, was not entirely \$500.00 in excess of all other years, as most Branches always send boxes to the Hospital each year, and it is necessary that they should continue to do so. The contents of the boxes sent this year were put into immediate use.

In February, acting upon a suggestion from Miss Emery, I arranged a trip for Mrs. Jenkins, a missionary from Alaska, who is home on vacation. She visited six places in the Diocese and made seven addresses.

Again, let me state that much of the work of the Secretary throughout the year is carried on through the columns of the "Church News." It would be a great satisfaction if the Diocesan officers of the Auxiliary could be sure that all the members take and read this organ of the Church and of the Auxiliary in the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY P. BRADY.

Wheeling, June 6, 1907.

TREASURER'S REPORT—1906-7.

For General Missions; paid Miss Emery.

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| Charles Town, Zion..... | \$10 00 |
| Huntington, Trinity..... | 8 00 |
| Martinsburg, Trinity..... | 13 83 |
| Rippon, St. John's..... | 4 70 |
| Wellsburg, Christ..... | 5 00 |
| Williamstown, Christ's Memorial..... | 2 00 |
| Junior Auxiliary: | |
| Charles Town, Zion..... | 4 00 |
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| | \$47 53 |

For Life Insurance of Brazilian Missionary; paid Miss Emery.

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| Charleston, St. John's..... | \$10 00 |
| Charles Town, Zion..... | 5 00 |
| Charles Town, St. Andrew's Guild..... | 3 00 |
| Clarksburg, Christ..... | 5 00 |
| Fairmont, Christ..... | 5 00 |
| Huntington, Trinity..... | 5 00 |
| Martinsburg, Trinity..... | 3 50 |
| Point Pleasant, Christ..... | 2 00 |
| Rippon, St. John's..... | 2 00 |
| Weston, St. Paul's..... | 2 00 |
| Wheeling, St. Luke's..... | 5 00 |
| Williamstown, Christ's Memorial..... | 1 00 |
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| | \$48 50 |

For Sheltering Arms Hospital; paid Bishop Peterkin.

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| Charleston, St. John's..... | \$25 00 |
| Charles Town, Zion..... | 20 00 |
| Clarksburg, Christ..... | 9 50 |
| Fairmont, Christ..... | 20 00 |
| Huntington, Trinity..... | 10 00 |
| Martinsburg, Trinity..... | 15 00 |
| Martinsburg, Hospital Circle of King's Daughters..... | 5 00 |
| Parkersburg, Trinity..... | 37 00 |
| Point Pleasant, Christ..... | 10 00 |
| Rippon, St. John's..... | 5 00 |
| Weston, St. Paul's..... | 10 00 |
| Wellsburg, Christ..... | 10 00 |
| Wheeling, St. Matthew's, Swope Guild..... | 150 00 |
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| | \$326 50 |

For Woman's Missionary.

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| Hedgesville, Mount Zion..... | \$ 5 00 |
| Huntington, Trinity..... | 10 00 |
| Rippon, St. John's..... | 5 50 |
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Report of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting

For Central Fund; paid Miss Brady.

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| Charleston, St. John's..... | \$ 4 00 |
| Charleston, St. John's, Junior Auxiliary..... | 1 00 |
| Charles Town, Zion..... | 4 00 |
| Charles Town, Zion, Junior Auxiliary..... | 1 00 |
| Clarksburg, Christ..... | 4 00 |
| Fairmont, Christ..... | 4 00 |
| Hedgesville, Mount Zion..... | 2 00 |
| Huntington, Trinity..... | 2 00 |
| Martinsburg, Trinity..... | 3 50 |
| Parkersburg, Trinity..... | 4 00 |
| Point Pleasant, Christ..... | 4 00 |
| Rippon, St. John's..... | 2 00 |
| Wellsburg, Christ..... | 2 00 |
| Weston, St. Paul's..... | 2 00 |
| Wheeling, St. Luke's..... | 4 00 |
| Wheeling, St. Matthew's..... | 5 00 |
| Williamstown, Christ's Memorial..... | 2 00 |
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| | \$50 50 |

For United Offering; sent to Treas. by mistake and forwarded.

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| Charles Town, Junior Auxiliary..... | \$ 4 18 |
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For Bishop's Special Fund.

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| Hedgesville, Mount Zion..... | \$2 00 |
| Rippon, St. John's..... | 5 00—\$ 7 00 |

For Boise.

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| Fairmont, Christ..... | \$ 1 00 |
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For St. Paul's School, Tokyo.

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| Charles Town, Junior Auxiliary..... | \$ 1 00 |
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For Girls' School, Hankow.

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| Charles Town, Junior Auxiliary..... | \$30 00 |
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Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE HUNTER, Treasurer.

Charles Town, June 1, 1907.

FANNIE P. BRADY IN ACCOUNT WITH CENTRAL FUND

July, 1906.

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| Received from Mrs. Peterkin, Treas..... | \$42 00 |
| Received from St. Matthew's, Whg., Wo. Aux..... | 7 00 |
| Received from Moorefield Br. Wo. Aux..... | 2 00 |
| Received from Shepherdstown Br. Wo. Aux..... | 1 00 |
| Received from Sisterville Wo. Aux..... | 2 00 |
| Received from Berkeley Springs..... | 2 00 |
| Juniors' Auxiliary, St. Matthew's, Wheeling..... | 1 00 |
| Juniors' Auxiliary, St. Matthew's, St. Mary's Branch..... | 1 00 |
| Juniors' Auxiliary, Trinity, Parkersburg..... | 1 00 |
| Trinity, Huntington..... | 1 00 |
| Feb. 28, 1907. From Miss Hunter..... | 8 00 |
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| | \$68 00 |

Printing Year Book of 1906.....\$63 00

Printing Programs for Council, 1907.....1 00

\$64 00

June, 1907. Bal. on hand.....4 00—\$68 00

REPORT OF BOXES SENT 1906-1907.

Boxes Sent for Personal Use of Missionaries and Their Families.

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| Christ Church, Fairmont (1)..... | \$103 00 | |
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Boxes Sent to Mission Schools, Hospitals, Stations, etc.

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|------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Christ Church, Clarksburg (1)..... | \$12 00 | |
| Christ Church, Fairmont (1)..... | 12 00 | |
| St. Paul's, Sistersville (1)..... | 9 65 | |
| St. Luke's, Wheeling (1)..... | 60 00— | 93 65 |

Sheltering Arms Hospital.

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|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| St. Mark's, Berkeley Springs (1)..... | \$67 00 | |
| St. John's Charleston (1)..... | 60 00 | |
| Christ Church, Clarksburg (1)..... | 42 40 | |
| Christ Church, Fairmont (1)..... | 19 50 | |
| Mt. Zion, Hedgesville (1)..... | 16 50 | |
| Trinity Church, Huntington (1)..... | 82 15 | |
| Trinity Church, Martinsburg (1)..... | 23 20 | |
| Emanuel, Moorefield (1)..... | 10 00 | |
| Trinity Church, Parkersburg (1)..... | 12 00 | |
| St. Stephen's Church, Romney (1)..... | 15 00 | |
| St. Matthew's, Wheeling (1)..... | 92 00— | 439 75 |

Boxes Within the Diocese.

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|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Zion, Charles Town (1)..... | \$75 35 | |
| Christ Church, Clarksburg (1)..... | 33 50 | |
| Trinity Church, Parkersburg (1)..... | 65 00 | |
| St. Matthew's, Wheeling (1)..... | 7 50— | 181 35 |

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| Total value boxes sent..... | \$817 75 |
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TABLE OF MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS AND BOXES WITH VALUATIONS, 1906-1907.

| JUNIOR AUXILIARY | WORK OUTSIDE DIOCESE | | | | | | WORK WITHIN DIOCESE | | | | | TOTALS |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | To Board of Mis- sions Under Ap- propriations. | To Board of Mis- sions in Spe- cials. | No. Boxes Out- side Diocese. | Value of Boxes. | United Offering. | Total Amount Outside Diocese. | Diocesan Work Money. | No. Boxes Within Diocese. | Value of Boxes. | Central Fund. | Total Amount in Diocese. | Total Contribu- tions. |
| Charleston | | | 1 | \$15.00 | \$ 6.18 | \$ 21.18 | \$.50 | 3 | \$ 10.85 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 12.35 | \$ 33.53 |
| Charles Town..... | \$ 4.00 | \$31.00 | .. | ..... | 4.18 | 39.18 | 11.00 | .. | ..... | 1.00 | 12.00 | 51.18 |
| Huntington | 3.00 | 1.00 | 1 | 25.00 | ..... | 29.00 | 23.17 | 2 | 7.35 | 1.00 | 31.52 | 60.52 |
| Martinsburg ..... |  |  | .. | ..... |  |  | 8.55 | .. | ..... |  | 8.55 | 8.55 |
| Parkersburg | 34.00 | 30.00 | .. | ..... | 8.00 | 72.00 | 25.00 | 3 | 36.00 | 1.00 | 62.00 | 134.00 |
| Romney ..... |  |  | .. | ..... |  |  |  | 1 | 4.00 | ..... | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Shepherdstown ..... |  |  | .. | ..... |  |  |  | .. | ..... |  |  |  |
| Wheeling, St. Andrew's..... | 30.00 | ..... | .. | ..... |  | 30.00 | ..... | 1 | 7.15 | ..... | 7.15 | 37.15 |
| Wheeling, St. Matthew's, Div. 1... | 65.00 | 10.00 | 2 | 18.75 | 15.00 | 108.75 | 58.00 | 4 | 62.35 | 6.00 | 126.35 | 235.10 |
| Wheeling, St. Matthew's, Div. 2... | 2.00 | ..... | .. | ..... | 10.00 | 12.00 | 11.40 | 2 | 40.00 | 1.00 | 52.40 | 64.40 |
| Totals..... | \$138.00 | \$72.00 | 4 | \$58.75 | \$43.36 | \$312.11 | \$137.62 | 16 | \$167.70 | \$11.00 | \$316.32 | \$628.43 |

TABULATED REPORT OF MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS—1906-7.

| WOMAN'S AUXILIARY | TO BOARD OF MISSIONS UNDER APPROPRIATIONS | | | | SPECIALS | | | DIOCESAN MISSIONS | | | | | SPECIALS | | | TOTALS |
|------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | General | Foreign | Domestic | United Offering | Foreign | Brazilian Life Insurance | Domestic | The Bishop's Special Fund | Sheltering Arms Hospital | Woman's Missionary | Diocesan Missions | Rectory, Pt. Pleasant | Religious and Theological Education Society | Traveling Expenses of Missionary | Central Fund | |
| Berkeley Springs..... | \$ 5.00 | | | \$ 4.50 | | | | \$ 5.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 | | \$ 2.00 | \$ 39.50 |
| Charleston | 14.00 | | | 53.66 | | \$10.00 | \$10.48 | | 25.00 | 25.00 | | | | 3.00 | 4.00 | 145.14 |
| Charles Town | 10.00 | | | 23.50 | | 5.00 | | | 20.00 | 15.00 | 110.00 | | | | 4.00 | 187.50 |
| Clarksburg | 5.00 | | | 24.31 | | 5.00 | 6.50 | | 9.50 | | | 5.00 | | 3.00 | 4.00 | 62.31 |
| Fairmont | 20.00 | | \$20.00 | 93.25 | 30.00 | 5.00 | 41.00 | | 20.00 | 35.00 | | | | 4.00 | 2.00 | 272.25 |
| Hedgesville | 3.00 | | | 7.97 | | | | 5.00 | | 5.00 | | | | | 2.00 | 22.97 |
| Huntington | 8.00 | | | 15.00 | | 5.00 | 1.00 | | 10.00 | 20.00 | | 14.00 | | | 2.00 | 75.00 |
| Martinsburg | 13.83 | | | 35.00 | | 3.50 | | | 15.00 | 34.00 | | 5.00 | | | 3.50 | 109.83 |
| Middleway and Leetown..... | 3.00 | | | 5.00 | | | | | | 5.00 | | | | | 2.00 | 15.00 |
| Moorefield | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.00 | 5.00 |
| Morgantown | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moundsville | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Parkersburg | 29.50 | | | 149.84 | 130.00 | 5.00 | 27.00 | | 37.50 | 42.00 | 12.58 | 20.00 | 10.00 | | 4.00 | 466.92 |
| Point Pleasant | 5.00 | | | | | 2.00 | 1.00 | | 10.00 | 5.00 | | | | | 4.00 | 27.00 |
| Rippon | 4.70 | | | 6.50 | | 2.00 | | 2.00 | 5.00 | 5.50 | | | | | 2.00 | 27.70 |
| Romney | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shepherdstown | | | | 5.00 | | | | | | 5.00 | | | 7.00 | | 1.00 | 18.00 |
| Sistersville | 14.35 | | | 11.37 | | | | | | | | | | | 2.00 | 27.72 |
| Wellsburg | 5.00 | | | 28.00 | | | | | 10.00 | | | | | | 2.00 | 45.00 |
| Weston | 10.00 | | | 13.55 | | 2.00 | | | 10.00 | 8.25 | | | | | 2.00 | 45.80 |
| Wheeling, St. Luke's..... | | 45.00 | | 100.00 | | 5.00 | | | | | | | | | 4.00 | 154.00 |
| Wheeling, St. Matthew's..... | 40.00 | | 20.00 | 119.42 | 12.50 | 5.00 | 4.50 | | 150.00 | 91.00 | | 92.71 | 20.00 | | 5.00 | 560.13 |
| Williamstown | 2.00 | | | | | 1.00 | | | | | 4.50 | | | | 2.00 | 9.50 |
| Totals..... | \$195.38 | \$45.00 | \$40.00 | \$695.87 | \$172.50 | \$55.50 | \$91.48 | \$12.00 | \$324.50 | \$300.75 | \$132.08 | \$141.71 | \$ 42.00 | \$13.00 | \$57.50 | \$2319.27 |

West Virginia Branch, Woman's Auxiliary

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY, MAY 1906 TO MAY 1907.

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|---|----------|
| July, 1906..... | \$ 5 00 |
| November, 1906, Christ Church, Fairmont..... | 35 00 |
| November, 1906, Trinity Church, Martinsburg..... | 34 00 |
| November, 1906, Mrs. I. Peterkin..... | 1 00 |
| November, 1906, Miss Peterkin..... | 5 00 |
| November, 1906, Miss E. C. Gardner..... | 1 00 |
| November, 1906, Mrs. Joseph Bryan..... | 5 00 |
| December, 1906, Zion Church, Charles Town..... | 15 00 |
| January, 1907, Mt. Zion, Hedgesville..... | 5 00 |
| January, 1907, Mrs. Paddock..... | 5 00 |
| February, 1907, Mrs. Small..... | 5 00 |
| February, 1907, Trinity Church, Huntington, ½ yearly pledge.. | 10 00 |
| February, 1907, St. John's, Charleston, yearly pledge..... | 25 00 |
| February, 1907, St. Bartholomew's, Lee Town..... | 5 00 |
| April, 1907, Christ Church, Point Pleasant..... | 5 00 |
| May, 1907, St. Paul's, Weston..... | 8 25 |
| May, 1907, Trinity Church, Parkersburg..... | 42 00 |
| May, 1907, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown..... | 5 00 |
| May, 1907, Mrs. Starcher, Ripley..... | 1 00 |
| May, 1907, St. Matthew's, Wheeling..... | 91 00 |
| May, 1907, St. John's, Rippon..... | 5 50 |
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| | \$313 75 |

MARION S. PETERKIN,
Treasurer Woman's Missionary.

REPORT OF THE UNITED OFFERING

As we near the close of the third year of our gathering in of the "Woman's United Offering," we must bear in mind the very unusual occasion upon which this Offering is to be presented. The meeting of the General Convention in the City of Richmond, next October, will be one of the most eventful and glorious occasions that has ever marked the progress and history of our Church in America. When we try to realize what it means to Christian women—yes, to all women everywhere—to have seen the wonderful and glorious change in their condition which three hundred years of Christianity have wrought, does it not seem that our hearts should be stirred by feelings of deepest gratitude to God for His countless mercies bestowed upon us? Should we not give largely, generously and joyfully out of the portion of

worldly goods with which our God has blessed us? Far dearer to the Lord, however, than all other gifts, is the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart. Let us strive, therefore, to bring unto Him "ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable holy and living sacrifice," acceptable to Him.

Your Custodian, in presenting the following statement, desires that it should be borne in mind that we have yet four more months in which to give to the sacred cause of Missions through the "Woman's United Offering." This Offering is to be used most largely in women's work for women. Let us try our very best to make our Offering of 1907 both a self-denying and a liberal one!

The present sums, to date, which your Custodian has on hand on interest at 4 per cent. are as follows:

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|---|-----------|
| Trinity Church, Parkersburg..... | \$ 279 62 |
| Christ Church, Clarksburg..... | 75 56 |
| Trinity Church, Martinsburg..... | 112 85 |
| Branch at Leetown and Middleway..... | 15 35 |
| St. John's Church, Rippon..... | 16 95 |
| St. Paul's Church, Sistersville..... | 26 88 |
| Branch at Carbon and Wake Forest..... | 7 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Weston..... | 28 55 |
| St. John's Church, Charleston..... | 91 84 |
| St. Mark's Church, Berkeley Springs..... | 7 85 |
| Christ Church, Wellsburg..... | 58 28 |
| St. John's Church, Brooke Co..... | 4 85 |
| Mt. Zion, Church, Hedgesville..... | 16 72 |
| Christ Church, Point Pleasant..... | 18 25 |
| Trinity Church, Huntington..... | 22 42 |
| Zion Church, Charles Town..... | 36 50 |
| Branch at Ripley..... | 4 00 |
| Grace Church, Tavennersville..... | 5 00 |
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| | \$ 828 97 |
| Interest on above amount to June 1st, 1907..... | 22 11 |
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| Total held to date by Custodian..... | \$ 851 08 |
| Total held to date by St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling..... | 372 03 |
| Total held to date by Christ Church, Fairmont..... | 98 00 |
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| Total sum held by Diocese of West Virginia..... | \$1321 11 |

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. RATHBONE, *Custodian.*

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF JUNIORS

This year's reports have been received from only ten Junior Branches. St. John's, Charleston-Kanawha, has united her two Branches and sends in one report. The other reports are from Charles Town, Huntington, Martinsburg, Parkersburg, Trinity; Wheeling, St. Matthew's, two Branches, and St. Andrew's, one; Shepherdstown and Romney. Shepherdstown's Branch is a new one, having been organized since my visit there in June; and Romney's Branch has been recently promoted into Juniors from the Little Helpers or Babies' Branch. Moundsville has a new Branch which I had the pleasure of meeting in April.

I have heard from Bramwell that they have disbanded, owing to some members having moved away and there being no others to take their places. Clarksburg, St. Paul's, Elm Grove, Fairmont, Ravenswood, and St. Luke's, Wheeling, so far as I can tell have each disbanded for the lack of a leader. From Williamstown I have had no word, but their leader of last year has moved from the town and I suppose no other has taken her place.

This is the most discouraging part of the Junior work. It all depends upon the leader; the children are always willing to respond whenever they feel the enthusiasm of the one in charge of them. It is a great mistake to organize Branches for Junior work and then to let them alone. They meet full of enthusiasm, but unless they are taken in hand and directed it is inevitable that their interest will flag and die out. They don't know what to do, and how should they?

It is to the women of the Auxiliary that we must look for the success of the Junior Branches. It is astonishing that there are so many parishes with not a woman willing to take charge of the Junior work.

Of course, it means self-denial and work, but what service is worthy of the name without these two elements? And it is work that pays. It is to the children of today that we look for the workers of tomorrow. They should be taught the threefold work of the Auxiliary—prayer, study, and work.

And the work which the children accomplish is of not so much value as the training they themselves will receive. The wonderful growth of the S. S. Lenten Offering from \$7,000 in '78 to \$135,000 in 1906, however, shows what the children will do when their interest is aroused.

Let no woman say that she does not know enough herself to teach and to hold the Juniors. There are many helps provided, all that is needed is a real live interest and devotion to the cause.

The Juniors that have reported have done well. They have sent in boxes and money as follows:

| Boxes. | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Within Diocese..... | \$212 15 |
| Without Diocese..... | 59 50 |
| Total boxes..... | \$271 65 |
| Money. | |
| In Diocese..... | \$109 17 |
| Without Diocese—Specials..... | 158 18 |
| Appropriation | 62 00 |
| Total money..... | \$330 35 |
| Grand total..... | \$602 00 |
| Grand total, 1906..... | \$608 66 |

This seems to show that the Branches which have active leaders have shown better results in the way of work than last year.

For the United Offering I have received so far—from Charleston, 1906, \$6.18; Wheeling, St. Matthew's, 1905, \$1.00; Parkersburg, Trinity, 1905, \$3.00; 1906, \$5.00; Wheeling, St. Matthew's, 1907, \$15.00. Total, \$30.18. Before September 1st I hope each Branch will have sent a sum for me to take to Richmond.

Let me beg of the women of the Auxiliary to see that each parish has a Branch of Juniors. The work is most important. May our children be led, not only to know of missions, to pray for missions and to give to missions, but may they be also inspired to make that best offering to the Church—a consecrated life. May it not be that if we shall earnestly and faithfully do our best that when the Church calls in the future for service, even in her most distant out-

posts, that many of the children of today will cry, Here am I, send me!

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY P. BRADY.

Wheeling, June 6, 1907.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE BABIES' BRANCH

Since the formation of the Babies' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of West Virginia in 1899 there has been no going back, but a steady increase. For the special gain in the past year. I tender my hearty thanks to those directors in the different parishes who have so heartily co-operated with me, and made it possible to send substantial aid to the work in which we have always taken such sympathetic interest, namely: the support of the little kindergarten held in Miss Mead's house, Akita, Japan. This beautiful work was carried on by the Little Helpers in memory of Gaylord Hart Mitchel; and when Miss Emery wrote last July and told of the destruction, by fire, of the building and equipment, and of the hope that the Babies of all the Dioceses would unite in the erection of a new building, and make it a memorial to the little boy whose earnest desire to help others led to the organization of this work, your Secretary pledged the sum of \$50.00. This seemed rash when the largest amount ever collected for all purposes was \$54.88; but her confidence in the zeal and interest of the little band was not misplaced, and the result—a larger amount for all work than ever before realized.

Four new Branches have been formed, as follows: Martinsburg, Hedgesville, Farmington, and Mannington. One hundred and two red barrels have been distributed to replace those broken, and for new members. Thirteen of the fifteen Branches send encouraging reports, and offerings to the amount of \$139.38.

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|------------------------------|----------|
| Romney | \$21 62 |
| Charles Town | 21 00 |
| Parkersburg | 17 63 |
| Fairmont | 15 65 |
| Morgantown | 13 57 |
| Martinsburg | 12 25 |
| Bramwell | 11 00 |
| Charleston | 10 00 |
| Hedgesville | 5 30 |
| Wellsburg | 5 30 |
| Farmington | 2 00 |
| Mannington | 1 56 |
| Wheeling, St. Matthew's..... | 2 50 |
| Total | \$139 38 |

This amount was sent to Miss Emery and distributed as follows:

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|--|---------|
| Akita Kindergarten Building Fund..... | \$56 11 |
| To support the Memorial Kindergarten, Akita, Japan... | 14 57 |
| Little Helpers' Day School, Shanghai District..... | 3 15 |
| Angelica Church Hart Day School, Woochang, Hankow District | 3 15 |
| Font in the Domestic Field..... | 2 62 |
| Cot in St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh, N. C..... | 5 00 |
| Indian Work, Salt Lake District, Utah..... | 3 00 |
| General Missions | 51 78 |

Total \$139 38

Besides saving pennies in the barrels, the Little Helpers have made scrap-books and quilts for hospitals, sent papers and magazines to cheer children in the far-away mountains, and helping in many ways the great work in which we are all enlisted.

ELIZABETH DOUGLAS, *Secretary*.

Martinsburg, W. Va.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Notwithstanding many discouragements during the year, caused by illness of officers and removal of others from the State, the Diocesan Branch of the Church Periodical Club has done and is doing some good work. We have satisfactory returns from Charles Town, Martinsburg, Wheeling, and Parkersburg. Two valuable libraries have been furnished, one sent to Alaska by St. Matthew's, Wheeling, and one will be taken to Brazil by Dr. Brown, when he returns, from Trinity Parish, Parkersburg, to be known as the Bishop Peterkin Library.

We are sending eighty-five periodicals regularly, ministering to needs at home and abroad. We have sent 1,220 miscellaneous books and magazines and contributed a nice purse from the Social Chapter of the Church Periodical Club in Parkersburg, to aid in carrying on the work at the General Offices in New York, the expenses of which increase as the work grows. We have now four traveling libraries distributed among the smaller shut-in parishes, and the appreciation of those who have enjoyed them is truly gratifying.

We have confined our report to statistics, knowing the space at our disposal in the Year Book is limited, but we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the help and encouragement given us during the past year by many of our Church people, and earnestly pray that the coming year will give us strength and grace to make our work, in its fullest sense, *helpful and good*.

MRS. W. H. SMITH, *Correspondent C. P. C.*

Parkersburg, June 20, 1907.

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