



Anniversary Report

Western New York Branch
of the Woman's Auxiliary

to the

Board of Missions

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DIRECTIONS FOR PARISH SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

1. The Corresponding Secretary, being out of health, has had to be relieved of the care of the box-work for the balance of the year. Miss Lyon, of Bath, has been appointed acting Corresponding Secretary. The Directresses in this department have on hand letters stating the needs of missionaries, hospitals and schools. Write to the Directress with whom you have been brought into relation by Mrs. Van der Beek for such letters when your branch is ready to begin work.

2. When your branch has "accepted" a letter—that is, undertaken the work which that letter calls for, let the Directress know at once the name and address of such letter, and the name and location of your parish.

3. It is of the utmost importance that you should return the rejected letters to the Directress immediately after a decision, so that she can send them out to other parishes without delay.

4. Parish Secretaries must also write at once to the missionary whose letter has been accepted, stating when he may expect a box and from whom.

5. Secretaries will please send, as soon as the box has been dispatched, a letter to the missionary stating date of shipment, and also a letter to the Directress, with a statement of the value of the box. The address of the sender inside of the box is *always* advisable.

6. A list of the officers of each parish branch should be sent to the Recording Secretary of the Diocese, for publication in the Manual, not later than October 1st. (A *type-written* list would be considered a special favor by the Secretary.)

7. All items of money should be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer except those of the United Offering, which go to the Treasurer of that fund.

8. Semi-annual collections are desired for the United Offering.

Whatsoever ye do, do it unto the Lord

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Little Helpers: Miss Walter.

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Little Helpers: Mrs. John Wright, Barrington St.

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Juniors: Mrs. Butler Crittenden.

Little Helpers: Miss Rhoda Crouch, 60 Lorimer St.

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Juniors: Mrs. C. D. Slocum.

Little Helpers: Mrs. Slocum.

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Little Helpers: Miss Evelyn Manson.

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Juniors: Mrs. John Newman, Mrs. Mann.

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Juniors: Mrs. L. A. Skinner.

WOLCOTT—ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION: Pres., Mrs. Joseph Lawrence. Sec. Mrs. H. D. Graves. Treas., Mrs. Sabine.

YOUNGSTOWN—ST. JOHN:

Juniors: Mrs. J. H. Herendeen.

*No new lists having been sent in, the names of the officers of last year have been re-inserted.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

September 27, 1905

It is fitting that on this, our twenty-fifth anniversary, we take the opportunity for rejoicing, that we have been able to send substantial evidence of our continued interest in the work which our leader, Miss Emery, selects for us.

I think we can hardly realize what a vast machine the word *Missions* represents; and that Western New York stands near the front in that great organization, holding a stronger place each year, with an ever increasing membership, who give of their time and money generously and gladly.

This year, our report on the valuation of boxes of clothing amounts to \$7,136.57; an increase of \$796.99 over last year; \$715.75 went to missionaries in our own Diocese.

It was an unusually good year in many ways:

First, the letters, calling for boxes of clothing, were taken earlier in the season; thus making many people comfortable for winter, by receiving their boxes before Thanksgiving rather than at the usual Christmas time.

Another improvement of importance was the fewer branches which selected work otherwise than that sent to the Diocese through authorized channels. While it may seem more interesting to these parishes to work independently, nevertheless, better and more satisfactory work is accomplished when their work is in harmony with that of the Missions House through the Diocesan organization.

By the combined efforts of so many workers, we were enabled to be of real assistance in sending garments to the colored people in the school and hospital at Raleigh, where there had been a serious loss by fire some months before. The Indians were also well cared for and the Mountain Whites received considerable attention; while the lumbermen in camps in the North proved interesting people to assist.

Western New York's large representation in Boston last year, at the General Convention, seemed to bring the officers and members nearer together in a feeling that better work could be done in our own Diocese; and so our wise President, Mrs. Nicholas, called the first official meeting of the Diocesan Officers, when both Women and Juniors met at the home of Miss Hart, the ever blessed Head of the Babies' Branch.

Here a full and satisfactory council was held whose object was the devising ways and means for the extension of the work.

Evidence was given of the strength of each Society in itself, and the three forming one complete body.

As our working year was nearly closed Miss Emery, unexpectedly requested us to turn our energies to Alaska for their next Christmas.

Many packages were sent by Mail the first of May.

Allow me to quote from a letter of acknowledgement from Rev. Mr. Hoare, of

Eagle City written in June. "We have been revelling the last two weeks in our summer's mail: amongst the good things the mail brought us were a number of packages from the Woman's Auxiliary of Western New York, containing Christmas gifts for the Indians, warm underclothing for the tots, and some much needed medical supplies.

The gifts are most welcome, and we are looking forward to next Christmas with eagerness, knowing what joy will be brought to many hearts."

We are all thankful that we have been privileged to join in this great work and that Western New York still holds a foremost place among the eighty-six Branches which are scattered in the Foreign and Domestic Fields.

Nevertheless, let us try more and more to improve in our methods, being careful to send new and useful articles, but never a second-hand garment unless the recipient has expressed a desire to receive such.

Four Directresses have been appointed to assist the corresponding secretary, and it is hoped this new way will be a pleasure and convenience to all; and that the work will continue to increase not only by the faithful women who have worked so untiringly these many years, but that younger women may be brought in to help spread the Gospel for Christ's sake.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE C. WATSON VAN DER BEEK.

SUBDIVISION OF BOX WORK

OLEAN DISTRICT, *Miss Lucy G. Arnold, Directress*, includes Belmont, Belvidere, Chautauqua, Dunkirk, East Aurora, Fredonia, Gowanda, Jamestown, Lancaster, Lockport, Niagara Falls, N. Tonawanda, Olean, Randolph, Salamanca, Stafford.

BUFFALO DISTRICT, *Mrs. H. W. Blake, Directress*, includes all Buffalo parishes.

BATH DISTRICT, *Miss Harriet N. Lyon, Directress*, includes Addison, Albion, Bath, Branchport, Canaseraga, Catharine, Cold Spring, Corning, Dansville, Geneseo, Hammondsport, Hornellsville, Montour Falls, Rheims, Watkins, Wellsville, Westfield.

GENEVA DISTRICT, *Miss F. B. Rogers, Directress*, includes Avon, Batavia, Brockport, Canandaigua, Clyde, Geneva, Holley, Honeoye Falls, LeRoy, Lyons, Mt. Morris, Oakfield, Palmyra, Penn Yan, Phelps, Pittsford, Sodus, Warsaw, and Wolcott.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT, *Miss F. B. Rogers, Directress*, includes all Rochester parishes.



TREASURER'S REPORT, 1904-1905

From Parishes Towards Diocesan Pledges

Addison, (new) Church of the Redeemer	\$ 2 00	Belvidere, in memory of Anglican Church Hart	2 00
Albion, Christ Church	15 00	Branchport. (new), St. Luke	2 00
Batavia, St. James	10 00	Brockport, St. Luke	7 00
Bath, St. Thomas	20 00	BUFFALO:	
Belmont, St. Philip	8 00	All Saints	5 00

BUFFALO—Continued.

Ascension	30 00
St. Barnabas	10 00
St. Clement	2 00
Good Shepherd	25 00
Grace	20 00
St. James	25 00
St. John	20 00
St. Jude	8 00
St. Luke	30 00
St. Mark	15 00
St. Mary's on the Hill	70 00
St. Matthew	5 00
St. Paul	110 00
St. Paul, Evening Society	15 00
St. Peter	10 00
St. Philip	10 00
St. Simon, (new)	5 00
St. Stephen	13 00
St. Thomas	10 00
Trinity	100 00
“ Bp. Coxe Memorial Guild	25 00
Canandaigua, St. John	15 00
Catharine (new), St. John	2 10
Corning, Christ Church	94 00
Dunkirk, St. John	8 13
Geneseo, St. Michael	14 00
East Aurora, St. Matthias	10 00
GENEVA:	
St. Peter	15 00
Trinity	75 00
Homellsville, Christ Church	50 00
Jamestown, St. Luke	20 00
Lancaster, Trinity	5 00
LOCKPORT:	
All Saints (new)	5 00
Grace	25 00

LYONS, Grace	10 00
NIAGARA FALLS:	
Epiphany	10 00
St. Peter	10 00
Manchester, Mrs. E. E. Pratt	5 00
Newark, (new)	10 00
North Tonawanda, St. Mark	15 00
Oakfield, (new), St. Michael	5 00
Olean, St. Stephen	15 00
Palmyra, Zion	15 00
Penn Yan, St. Mark	5 00
Phelps, St. John	10 00
ROCHESTER:	
St. Andrew	20 00
Christ Church	100 00
Epiphany	20 00
St. James	5 00
St. Luke	45 00
St. Luke, Girl's Friendly	
Society	10 00
St. Luke, Mothers' Meeting	5 00
St. Mark	10 00
St. Paul	50 00
St. Paul, Evening Society	7 00
St. Paul, Young Woman's	
Missionary Guild	15 00
Trinity	15 00
Mrs. Gliddon	1 00
Salamanca, St. Mary	5 00
Sodus parishes	12 00
Warsaw (new) Trinity	5 00
Wolcott (new) St. Stephen's	
Mission	1 00
Watkins (new) St. James	5 00
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Towards Printing

Albion, Christ Church	\$ 1 00	St. Jude	1 00
Batavia, St. James	1 00	St. Luke	1 00
Bath, St. Thomas	1 00	St. Mary's on the Hill	1 00
BUFFALO:		St. Matthew	1 00
Ascension	1 00	St. Paul	1 00
St. Barnabas	1 00	St. Paul, Evening Society	1 00
Good Shepherd	1 00	St. Peter	1 00
Grace	1 00	St. Philip	1 00
St. James	2 00	St. Thomas	1 00
St. John	1 00	Trinity	1 00

Canandaigua, St. John	\$1 00	Penn Yan, St. Mark	1 00
Dansville, St. Peter	1 00	ROCHESTER:	
Geneseo, St. Michael	1 00	St. Andrew	1 00
GENEVA:		Christ Church	1 00
St. Peter.....	1 00	Epiphany	1 00
Trinity.....	1 00	St. James.....	1 00
Hornellsville, Christ Church...	1 00	St. Luke.....	1 00
Jamestown, St. Luke	1 00	St. Mark	1 00
Lockport, Grace	1 00	St. Paul.....	1 00
Lyons, Grace	1 00	St. Paul, Young Woman's...	
NIAGARA FALLS:		Missionary Guild.....	1 00
Epiphany.....	1 00	Babies' Branch	20 00
St. Peter	1 00	Juniors	13 10
North Tonawanda, St. Mark...	1 00		
Olean, St. Stephen	1 00	Total for printing.	\$80 10
Palmyra, Zion.....	5 00		

Money from other sources

Balance on hand.....	\$ 12 45
Offertories at Annual Meeting, Lockport.....	105 22
Offertories at Sectional Meeting, Olean.....	41 59
Rochester, St. Luke, G. F. S., W. N. Y., Diocesan Memorial Fund.	44 08
Albion Christ Church, for Miss Marsh, Honolulu.....	5 00
BUFFALO:	
St. James, Young Woman's Missionary Society for "Apportionment"	5 00
Grace, Dr. Driggs.....	5 00
Grace, Miss Thackara.....	5 00
Offertory at Buffalo Archdeaconry meeting for Bishop Rowe.....	92 04
St. Paul, Miss Thackara.....	10 00
Ascension, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Driggs	1 00
Ascension, Mrs. Barr, Dr. Woodward.....	1 00
St. James, Miss Thackara.....	5 00
St. Luke, for Mr. Hoare	1 00
Two members of the Auxiliary for postage.....	2 00
ROCHESTER:	
Mrs. Robert Matthews, Special Fund.....	2 00
Christ Church, Miss Thackara.....	5 00
Rochester branches for Bp. Brown, Arkansas.....	5 00
Geneseo for Ngankin Hospital.....	5 00
GENEVA:	
Trinity, a few members for Ingle Memorial, China.....	30 00
Trinity, H. W. Nelson, Scholarship in St. Hilda's School. Wuchang.	50 00
Mrs. W. G. Shaw, for Bp. Van Buren's Hospital.....	5 00
Trinity Christmas box for Miss Taylor.....	20 00
Trinity, a member, through Mrs. P. N. Nicholas.....	3 25
St. Peter's for Bp. Van Buren.....	5 00
Total.....	\$465 63

Disbursements

By drafts to Miss Emery for Diocesan pledges, Training School Shanghai	\$ 85 00
“ “ “ “ Lawrenceville.....	125 00
“ “ “ “ Bp. Grave's Life Insurance.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ Miss Babcock, Japan	150 00
“ “ “ “ J. G. Webster Scholarship, St. Hilda's School, Wuchang.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ Miss Taylor, Nevada.....	200 00
“ “ “ “ Miss Francis, S. Dakota.....	100 00
“ “ “ “ Windsor Memorial, Wusih, China....	100 00
“ “ “ “ Cape Mount, Africa	100 00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Folsom, Honolulu.....	100 00
“ “ “ “ Deaconess Sands.....	150 00
For Bible woman in Hankow	44 08
“ Miss Marsh.....	5 00
“ Apportionment Fund	5 00
“ Ngankin Hospital.....	5 00
“ Bishop Rowe.....	92 04
“ Bishop Brown.....	5 00
“ Dr. Driggs	6 00
“ Miss Thackara	25 00
“ Dr. Woodward.....	1 00
“ Miss Taylor for Christmas box.....	20 00
“ Ingle Memorial	30 00
“ H. W. Nelson Scholarship.....	50 00
“ Mr. Clough for Indian Church	100 00
“ “ “ Cattaraugus Indians.....	50 00
“ Diocesan Scholarship in DeLancey School....	100 00
“ Expenses Annual Meeting, Grace Church, Lockport.....	53 50
“ “ Sectional “ Olean.....	32 00
Refunded to Miss Taylor for freight on box.....	4 50
Printing Manuals.....	55 50
Postage on Manuals.....	13 85
Printing Pledge Leaflets.....	7 25
Corresponding Sec. for postage.....	5 00
Treasurer for postage	75
Other printing, ballots, post cards, etc.....	7 61
Bishop Van Buren for Hospital.....	5 00

Summary

Total receipts.....	\$1,953 96
Payments.....	\$1,933 08
Balance.....	20 88

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Above account audited and found correct.

A. P. ROSE,
Auditing Com.

Reported

ROCHESTER :

Epiphany, Rev. W. S. Claiborne, Sewanee, Tenn.....	\$ 6 63
St. Luke, Domestic missions.....	60 50
St. Luke, Foreign missions.....	80 75
St. Luke, Indian missions.....	52 00
St. Luke, Colored missions.....	47 40
St. Mark, St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, China ...	2 00

BUFFALO :

Buffalo Archdeaconry, Angola mission, Angola N. Y.....	10 00
Buffalo Archdeaconry, Rev. Arthur Sherman, Hankow.....	16 63
Good Shepherd, Ingersoll Memorial Guild, General missions ..	5 00
St. James, Board of Missions.....	15 00
St. James, Specials.....	15 00
St. James, Training School for women, Shanghai.....	50 00
St. Luke, Bishop Rowe.....	5 00
Subscription to McClure's Magazine for Mr. Hoare from a lady in Buffalo.....	1 00
Offering at St. Thomas, Buffalo, for horse sheds at Irving.....	22 00
For putting Spirit of Missions in Buffalo Library.....	3 00
Bath, St. Thomas, St. Margaret's School, Boise, Idaho ..	50 00
Geneseo, St. Michael, Archdeacon Hughson.....	20 22
Brockport, Biblewomen, St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai....	25 00
Mrs. Wm. L. Halsey for leaflets.....	4 90

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Respectfully submitted,

ALICE N. DOX, Treas.

THE UNITED OFFERING

The United Offering has come to be the great outward sign of the unity of the Woman's Auxiliary,—the special work which all branches of the Auxiliary all over the world have in common. It is a *Thank-offering*, not intended to take the place of any other giving, but, over and above all other gifts, to be a loving, humble, and grateful expression of thanks to our Heavenly Father, "for the great benefits we have received at His hands."

The United Offering for 1904 was made in Trinity Church, Boston, on Thursday, October 6th, and amounted to over \$144,000. Through the additional gift of one member, the whole Offering was made \$150,000. This Offering has been placed in the care of the Board of Missions, in accordance with the following resolution, adopted by the Diocesan Officers at their adjourned meeting held in San Francisco, on Monday, October 7th, 1901.

Resolved: That the United Offering of 1904 be given to the Board of Missions, for woman's work in the Domestic and Foreign fields; including the training, sending and support of women workers; this to be interpreted to include Brazil, Haiti, Cuba and Mexico. It is also to be understood that this resolution includes the care of sick and disabled women workers.

At the adjourned meeting of Diocesan Officers, held on October 10th, 1904, the object for the United Offering for 1907 was decided upon, and is expressed in the following resolution.

Resolved: That the United Offering of 1907 be given to the Board of Missions for woman'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; this to be interpreted to include Brazil, Haiti, Cuba and Mexico: but that a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be devoted to some building, or extension of the same, preferably connected with woman's work, to *mark* the United Offering of 1907 and to be begun in that fiscal year, such building to be approved by the Board of Managers on the recommendation of the General Secretary and the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Western New York Branch, following the lead of Pennsylvania, and with the cordial approval of the Secretaries of the Board of Missions, inaugurated on its twenty-fifth anniversary, a yearly presentation of the United Offering in its own Diocese. This presentation will be made at the annual meeting in September at the early Communion Service, and will give those members of the Auxiliary who are not able to attend the Triennial, the opportunity of sharing the joy of united giving.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN TREASURER OF THE UNITED OFFERING

1904-1905

The first year of the triennial of 1907 is drawing to its close. Let us ask ourselves how much have we advanced in interest, and in money, over any previous first years? Have our self-denials—the mites dropped into our boxes, kept pace with our interest? Both Dr. Lloyd and Dr. Smith have told us how our offerings, from small beginnings in 1886, increased to a munificent sum in 1904.

Your offering to-day tells its own story. The first year of the last triennial your offering was \$892.47. This first year of the 1907 triennial it is \$1,488.42.*

What zealous work on the part of each parish treasurer, so ably seconded by all contributors, this sum represents! Work faithfully and earnestly in the time to come, and God will bless the increase.

We sincerely hope the new way of presenting the offering will meet with the approval of all, and that each member of the Auxiliary will the more feel her individual responsibility, and see to it that her treasurer is assisted in every possible way; for a treasurer can do nothing alone. The Offering will be presented at the Communion service at the annual meeting each year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY BROWN WHITE,
Treasurer U. O.

* For money given, see table.



THE SPECIAL FUND

In 1883 a fund was established in the "Western New York Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary" called "The Special Fund," to be raised by voluntary offerings of one dollar a year, or more, or less, from every churchwoman in the Diocese, to meet the appeals of the General Secretary, or other appeals, as for the support of missionary teachers, hospitals, etc. These offerings should be over and above regular contributions to missions, or the necessary money for sending boxes from parishes. Those giving regularly to special appeals are asked to devote a percentage of such offering to this fund.

The money may be sent to Miss Alice N. Dox, Geneva, N. Y., Treasurer of the Diocesan Branch, or forwarded to her by the Treasurer of parish societies designated for "The Special Fund." The amount of this fund will be announced at each annual meeting and appropriated by a vote of the delegates to such objects as the officers of the society, after consultation, shall suggest.

Should any one be willing to make an offering to this fund at any time, it would be gratefully received and be of much assistance to the officers.

TABLE OF AUXILIARY WORK, MONEY AND BOXES, 1904-1905

PARISH BRANCH.	MONEY.					BOXES.		Total work, money and boxes.
	Pledge 1904-05.	Print- ing.	United Offering.	Specials.	Total money.	No.	Value.	
Addison, Ch. of the Redeemer	\$ 2.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2.00	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00
Albion, Christ Ch.....	15.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	29.00	1	55.00	84.00
Avon, Zion.....								
Batavia, St. James.....	10.00	1.00	21.96		32.96	1	37.50	70.46
Bath, St. Thomas.....	20.00	1.00	22.35	50.00	93.35	1	56.07	149.42
Belmont, St. Philip.....	8.00		10.00		18.00	1	1.50	19.50
Belvidere, Christ Ch.....	2.00				2.00	1	11.00	13.00
Branchport, St. Luke.....	2.00		3.25		5.25	1	25.00	30.25
Brockport, St. Luke.....	7.00			25.00	32.00	2	50.87	82.87
Buffalo, All Saints.....	5.00				5.00			5.00
“ Ascension Church.....	30.00	1.00	24.09		55.09	2	500.35	555.44
“ St. Barnabas.....	10.00	1.00	3.25		14.25	4	38.00	52.25
“ St. Clement.....	2.00		3.07		5.07	1	7.00	12.07
“ Good Shepherd Church	25.00	1.00	40.50		66.50	1	70.00	136.50
“ Ingersoll Mem. Guild.				5.00	5.00			5.00
“ Grace.....	20.00	1.00	16.30	10.00	47.30	3	77.50	124.80
“ St. James.....	25.00	2.00	105.50	85.00	217.50	2	36.66	254.16
“ Y. W. E. S.				5.00	5.00	1	18.60	23.60
“ St. John.....	20.00	1.00	24.30		45.30	2	96.06	141.36
“ St. Jude.....	8.00	1.00	12.90		21.90			21.90
“ St. Luke.....	30.00	1.00	37.00	6.00	74.00	1	193.20	267.20
“ St. Mark.....	15.00		5.04		20.04	2	30.20	50.24
“ St. Mary's-on-the-Hill.	70.00	1.00	68.10		139.10	5	343.68	482.78
“ St. Matthew.....	5.00	1.00			6.00	1	4.88	10.88
“ St. Paul.....	110.00	1.00	134.20	10.00	255.20	6	479.83	735.03
“ St. Paul's Evening Soc.	15.00	1.00	17.25		33.25	3	235.08	268.33
“ St. Peter.....	10.00	1.00			11.00	1	8.00	19.00
“ St. Philip.....	10.00	1.00	4.10		15.10	1	26.00	41.10
“ St. Simon.....	5.00		5.18		10.18			10.18
“ St. Stephen.....	13.00		3.00		16.00	2	17.00	33.00
“ St. Thomas.....	10.00	1.00	5.00	10.00	26.00	1	22.20	48.20
“ Trinity.....	100.00	1.00	76.85		177.85	3	282.86	460.71
“ Bp. Coxie Mem. G.	25.00				25.00	3	437.13	462.13
Canandaigua, St. John.....	15.00	1.00	25.39		41.39	1	105.10	146.49
“ St. John's Guild						1	20.00	20.00
“ St. Hilda's “			5.00		5.00	1	11.50	16.50
Canaseraga, Trinity.....			14.00		14.00	1	71.96	85.96
Catharine, St. John.....	2.10		4.75		6.85			6.85
Chautauqua, Ch. of the Good Shepherd.....								
Clifton Springs, St. John....								
Clyde, St. John.....								
Cold Spring.....			1.00		1.00	2	13.44	14.44
Corning, Christ Church....	94.00		22.65		116.65	3	125.29	241.94
Dansville, St. Peter.....		1.00	6.00		7.00	1	50.00	57.00
Dundee, Grace Mem. Mission.								
Dunkirk, St. John.....	8.13				8.13	1	150.00	158.13
East Aurora, St. Mathias..	10.00		4.00		14.00	2	50.00	64.00
Fredonia, Trinity.....			1.25		1.25	1	41.80	43.05
Geneseo, St. Michael.....	14.00	1.00	20.00	25.22	60.22	4	64.11	24.33
Geneva, St. Peter.....	15.00	1.00	21.50	5.00	42.50	3	37.79	80.29

TABLE OF AUXILIARY WORK, MONEY AND BOXES, 1904-1905

PARISH BRANCH.	MONEY.					BOXES.		Total work, money and boxes.
	Pledge 1904-05.	Print-ing.	United Offering.	Specials.	Total money.	No.	Value.	
Geneva, Trinity.....	75.00	1.00	147.33	80.00	303.33	3	366.66	669.99
Geneva, Trinity, St. Philip's Mission.....						1	14.38	14.38
Gowanda, St. Mary.....			3.25		3.25	1	25.00	28.25
Hammondsport, St. James. . .			2.00		2.00	1	78.95	80.95
Holley, St. Paul.....								
Honeoye Falls, St. John.....			2.00		2.00	2	32.25	34.25
Hornellsville, Christ Church.	50.00	1.00	15.38		66.38	3	60.00	126.38
Hornellsville, Christ Church G. F. S.						1	15.30	15.30
Jamestown, St. Luke.....	20.00	1.00			21.00	1	75.00	96.00
Lancaster, Trinity.....	5.00		13.25		18.25	1	40.35	58.60
Le Roy, St. Mark.....								
Lockport, All Saints.....	5.00		2.00		7.00	2	40.14	47.14
" Christ Ch								
" Grace	25.00	1.00	25.00		51.00	3	235.00	286.00
Lyons, Grace	10.00	1.00	8.00		19.00		38.41	57.41
Manchester, Mrs. E. E. Pratt.			2.00		2.00			2.00
Medina, St. John.....			2.00		2.00			2.00
Montour Falls, St. Paul.								
Mt. Morris, St. John						1	106.00	106.00
Niagara Falls, Epiphany.....	10.00	1.00	8.00		19.00	1	35.00	54.00
" " St. Peter.	10.00	1.00	6.00		17.00	1	50.00	67.00
N. Tonawanda, St. Mark....	15.00	1.00	6.35		22.35	1	45.00	67.35
Newark, St. Mark.....	10.00				10.00	1	15.00	25.00
Oakfield, St. Michael.....	5.00				5.00	2	14.00	19.00
Olean, St. Stephen.....	15.00	1.00	10.00		26.00	2	100.00	126.00
Palmyra, Zion.....	15.00	5.00	5.00		25.00	1	50.25	75.25
Penn Yan, St. Mark.....	5.00	1.00			6.00	1	36.90	42.90
Phelps, St. John	10.00		11.06		21.06	3	145.02	166.08
Pittsford, Christ Ch								
Randolph, Grace						1	48.52	48.52
Rochester, Ascension.			1.00		1.00	1	1.75	2.75
" St. Andrew	20.00	1.00	9.00		30.00	2	60.40	90.40
" Christ Ch.....	100.00	1.00	67.27	5.00	173.27	4	337.00	510.27
" Epiphany.....	20.00	1.00	17.50	6.63	45.13	1	58.41	103.54
" St. James.....	5.00	1.00	31.00		37.00	1	18.00	55.00
" St. Luke.....	45.00	1.00	23.00	240.65	309.65	5	374.22	683.87
" " G. F. S....	10.00			44.08	54.08			54.08
" " Mothers'								
" Meeting.....	5.00				5.00			5.00
" St. Mark	10.00	1.00	30.00	2.00	43.00	3	94.50	137.50
" St. Paul.....	50.00	1.00	65.00		116.00	3	288.75	404.75
" " Evening Soc.	7.00				7.00	1	35.00	42.00
" " Y. W. M. G.	15.00	1.00	10.00		26.00	2	57.50	83.50
" Trinity.....	15.00		12.00		27.00	1	10.00	37.00
" St. Thomas								
Rheims, Pleasant Valley Miss.								
Salamanca, St. Mary.....	5.00				5.00	2	95.00	100.00

TABLE OF AUXILIARY WORK, MONEY AND BOXES, 1904-1905

PARISH BRANCH.	MONEY.					Boxes.		Total work, money and boxes.
	Pledge 1904-5.	Print- ing.	United Offering.	Specials.	Total money.	No.	Value.	
Sodus, St. John.....	12.00				22.15	1	7.00	29.15
{ Sodus.....			6.85					
{ Sodus Centre.....			1.00					
{ Sodus Point.....			2.30					
Stafford, St. Paul.....								
Warsaw, Trinity.....	5.00				5.00			5.00
Watkins, St. James.....	5.00		35.00		40.00	1	3.50	43.50
Wellsville, St. John.....								
Westfield, St. Peter.....						2	66.00	66.00
Wolcott, St. Stephen.....	1.00				1.00	1	10.25	11.25
Juniors.....	210.00	28.73	45.30	10.00	294.03	61	847.83	1141.86
Babies' Branch.....	276.90	20.00	44.13	85.26	426.29			426.29
Individuals.....	6.00			50.15	56.15			56.15
Offertories.....				280.48	280.48			280.48
" Church Home, Buffalo			15.60					15.60
" " Rochester.			15.37					15.37
In Memoriam, Mrs. Windsor			5.00		5.00			5.00
Other Sources.....			6.75	5.00	11.75			11.75
Total.....	1895.13	95.73	1488.42	1144.70 1050.47	4519.75 4529.75	201	7984.40	12,514.15

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

The Church Periodical Club is a society formed for the purpose of supplying periodicals and books to those of the clergy and laity who are unable to procure good literature in any other way. It was founded by Mrs. Mortimer Fargo, in January, 1888. It appeals to those who have periodicals to send them when read regularly every week or month to the persons who ask for them, always prepaying postage. It was my privilege when in New York, to visit the rooms of the club, and to see the vast amount of work that was being done, and also to attend the annual meeting of the officers. There were books and magazines in every language, it seems to me, and of every sort and kind.

Mrs. Chapin, the general secretary, told me of a letter that she had had from an organist in a little country town in New Jersey, asking if they had an old hymn which had been asked for, to be sung at a funeral. They looked among the old hymn books, and found the hymn and sent it to the organist. It was in March when I was at the rooms. They were then sorting cards and Christmas cards, preparing for this Christmas. I was very much interested in everything that I saw regarding the work, and felt that my interest received a stimulus to try to do more in our own Diocese. Just let me read one little letter from a recipient in the South, to show how much the work of the club is appreciated. She says, "May I tell you how a calendar for 1902, sent in a box, gave me a trip that I had not thought of in my wildest dream. The calendar, a series of pictures from Hiawatha, and an order to enlarge one in tapestry gave me the trip, and enabled me to consult an oculist, and get proper glasses, so that I shall be able to solve the hard problem of living with less trouble than for years. The giver of that calendar to the Church Periodical club little knew the good and the pleasure she was giving. I had been sick and have regained my strength, I have glasses that will enable me to do better work, and oh, the pleasure of getting out of the same rut, for every passing scene here is new and interesting. Forgive me if I have written too much. I wanted you to know the good one box did. In every one I find some picture that I can use for my class or for a tapestry painting."

We have thirty-five librarians, and have sent during the year eight hundred and thirty-three books, and magazines in six barrels.

In closing I would urge all librarians to kindly reply to postals that are sent to them, as it is very necessary that I should hear from them, and also please do not forget the one dollar a year. In view of the growing demands of this work, let us put forth our utmost efforts to meet it.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE B. CONOVER,

Correspondent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

St. Mark, Rochester.....	\$1 00
Mrs. C. B. Potter, Rochester.....	1 00
Miss C. L. Rochester.....	2 00
Trinity Church, Geneva.....	5 00
Miss C. N. M. Rose, Branchport.....	1 00
St. Paul's Church, Buffalo.....	1 00
Church of the Good Shepherd, Buffalo.....	1 00
St. Mary's on the Hill, Buffalo.....	1 00
Church of the Ascension, Buffalo.....	1 00
St. Luke, Buffalo.....	1 00
Kate B. Conover.....	1 00
Total ..	<hr/> \$16 00



THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

This department, which originated in the anniversary meeting just past, will be of the greatest value in enlarging knowledge of missionary work, and so increasing interest and effort. Its head, Mrs. Gilbert, has been herself a member of the China Mission. A number of the secretaries for this department have already been appointed, and their names will be found among those of the parish officers.

ANNUAL REPORT

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY

The annual report of the Junior Secretary resembles in a way the packing of the sectional boxes. At these meetings the work, small and great, of branches weak and strong, is gathered together and invariably the result is an encouraging one to those who know well how many little workers are needed to accomplish large results. The Secretary in presenting this report to the Woman's Auxiliary has gathered from fifty or more branches, a successful plan here, a helpful suggestion there, and now our work as a united whole can be studied, to be, we trust, both an encouragement and a guide for the future.

As usual nothing but pleasure is caused, when we read the accounts of the merry box-packings with their goodly gatherings of young and old, these followed promptly by the grateful letters of acknowledgment from the recipients of the boxes south and west. Mr. Joyner, of Columbia, S. C., rejoices over the five barrels filled with "good cheer" for his fifteen hundred pickaninnies, and Mr. Cleveland, of South Dakota, in the four "heavy boxes" for his twenty Christmas trees and, best of all, everything arriving in time, no belated gatherings being caused by us this year. These box-packings, too, are encouraging, as they prove how ready the clergy are to add one more to their multitudinous duties and by their presence help our work, for not alone was the rector of the parish present in each case to act as host but others were in attendance as well.

A change among our officers became necessary in the winter when Mrs. Crittenden, so long the able Head of the Rochester Section was forced to resign. She showed her devotion to the interests of the Juniors, however, by herself finding a successor, and under Mrs. Charles Richards the work will continue along the same lines. At the Easter box-packing in their section the appreciation of the Juniors was shown Mrs. Crittenden, by the presentation of the book, "Fling out the Banner."

No additional pledge of money was made during the year as the offering at our annual meeting was for the United Offering and so the current expenses of the Auxiliary, usually met at that time, had to be taken from the treasury. As it is, our interests are world-wide—Africa, China, Japan, Hawaii, the Indians and the Colored People, and, through the boxes, the Mountain Whites. The total money value of boxes, reported, was \$847.83, sent by thirty-seven branches, and the money contributions were \$242.81, sent by thirty-five branches. Three new branches were started.

At the Officers Conference in February the interests of the Junior Auxiliary were thoroughly discussed, and the desire to bring the three branches of the Babies, Juniors and Women into the closest relationship emphasized. The suggestion that a joint meeting be held at least annually is one we hope will meet with wide approval and thus our Juniors be trained to feel that the passing from one society to the other is the welcome promotion which compensates for increasing years.

FRANCES C. BOYNTON,
Junior Secretary.

SUBDIVISION OF JUNIOR WORK

GENEVA SECTION, including Branchport, Canandaigua, Catharine, Clifton Springs, Clyde, Geneva, Lyons, Montour Falls, Newark, Palmyra, Penn Yan, Phelps, Sodus and Watkins.

ROCHESTER SECTION, including Albion, Allen's Hill, Batavia, Bath, Charlotte, Corning, Geneseo, Hammondsport, Honeoye Falls, Holley, Hornellsville, LeRoy and Rochester.

BUFFALO SECTION, including Buffalo, East Aurora, Gowanda, Jamestown, Lockport, Niagara Falls, N. Tonawanda, Orchard Park, Westfield and Youngstown.

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Oct. 5, 1904, Balance on hand.... \$1 40

Received for Scholarships

From Bath.....	\$ 5 00
East Aurora.....	3 00
Phelps.....	2 00
Geneva—Trinity.....	6 00
Geneva—St. Peters.....	1 00
LeRoy—Sr. Br.....	20 00
Canandaigua.....	5 00
Jamestown.....	5 00
Hornellsville.....	5 00
Niagara Falls—Epiphany.....	2 00
N. Tonawanda—St. Mark's.....	3 00
Geneseo.....	10 00
Olean.....	3 50
Lockport.....	10 00
Branchport.....	1 00
Hammondsport.....	5 00
Penn Yan.....	1 00
Sodus.....	1 00
Rochester, St. Mark's.....	2 00
" St. Luke's.....	6 00
" Christ.....	1 03
" St. James S. S.....	3 25
" Trinity.....	4 00
" Ascension.....	1 50
Thank Offering to Junior Aux.....	2 00
In memory of Angelica Church Hart.....	1 55
Babies' Branch.....	25 00
Miss Wright's Legacy.....	10 00
Buffalo, St. Matthew's.....	2 00
" St. James.....	4 00
" St. James S. S.....	15 63
" Good Shepherd.....	5 00

Buffalo, St. Barnabas.....	\$5 00
“ Grace.....	5 00
“ St. Jude's....	2 00
“ St. Mary's..	25 00
“ Trinity....	5 00
“ Ascension.....	5 00
“ St. Mark's	10 00
Thank Offering to Junior Aux	2 37
From Interest for 2 yrs... ..	3 00

Rec'd for Rev. Mr. Porter, Tampa, Florida

From Lockport.....	\$10 00
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Rec'd for United Offering

Nov. 1904, Rochester—St. Paul's.....	\$ 50
Feb. 25, '05, Gowanda.....	2 00
Apr. 29, '05, Buffalo—St. Barnabas.....	1 00

\$248 73

Disbursements

1905

Feb. 7, To Miss Dox for printing Manuals....	\$13 10
To Mrs. Boynton for printing Leaflets.....	15 63
June 26, To Rev. John Hunter, Tampa, Florida.....	10 00
Aug. 8., To Miss Emery for Sybil Carter scholarship....	25 00
“ “ “ “ Mary E. Hart “	25 00
“ “ “ “ Helen Halsey “ ..	25 00
“ “ “ “ Bishop Coxé “	25 00
“ “ “ “ Amelia Wright “	25 00
“ “ “ “ Emergency Fund	25 00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. Folsom's salary....	35 00
Oct. 11, To Miss Emery balance on Sybil Carter scholarship.....	25 00

\$248 73

E. M. POTTER,
Treasurer.

GEORGE H. WHITWELL,
Auditing Committee.

TABLE OF JUNIOR WORK, 1904-1905

PARISH BRANCH.	Money.	BOXES.		Total Work.	PARISH BRANCH.	Money.	BOXES.		Total Work.
		No.	Value.				No.	Value.	
Bath, St. Thomas.....	\$5 00	2	\$75.39	\$80.39	LeRoy, Sr. Branch.....	\$20.00			\$20.00
Branchport, St. Luke.....	1.00	2	14 50	15.50	“ Jr. Branch.....		2	\$11.00	11.00
Buffalo, All Saints.....		1	8 50	8 50	Lockport.....	20.00	2	30.00	50 00
“ Ascension.....	5.00	2	88.00	93.00	Lyons, St. Agnes Guild...		2	8.45	8 45
“ St. Barnabas.....	6.00	2	26.00	32 00	“ Mrs. Dickerson.....		1	3 25	3.25
“ St. Clement.....		1	12.00	12.00	N. Falls, Epiphany.....	2.00			2 00
“ Good Shepherd.....	5 00	2	20 50	25.50	“ “.....		1	8 00	8 00
“ Grace.....	5.00	1	22.90	27.90	N. Tonawanda, St. Mark...	3.00			3 00
“ St. James.....	19.63	2	26 70	46.33	Olean, St. Stephen.....	3.50			3 50
“ St. Jude.....	2.00	2	12 08	14 08	Penn Yan, St. Mark.....	1.00			1 00
“ St. Mark.....	10.00	1	15.00	25.00	Phelps, St. John.....	2.00	1	5.20	7.20
“ St. Mary.....	25.00	2	78 27	103.27	Rochester, Ascension.....	1.50	2	8.25	9.75
“ St. Matthew.....	2.00	2	15 80	17 80	“ Christ Church...	1.03	2	11.95	12.98
“ St. Peter.....		1	5.00	5 00	“ Epiphany.....		2	14.25	14.25
“ Trinity.....	5.00	2	28 15	33.15	“ St. James.....	3 25	2	1.50	4.75
Canandaigua, St. John.....	5.00	2	15.00	20 00	“ St. Luke.....	6.00	2	15.10	21 10
Clifton Springs, St. John.....		1	8.00	8 00	“ St. Mark.....	2.00	2	15.86	17 86
East Aurora, St. Matthias..	3 00			3.00	“ Trinity.....	4.00	2	18.00	22.00
Geneseo, St. Michael.....	10.00	2	99.00	109.00	“ St. Paul.....	.50			.50
Geneva, St. Peter.....	1.00	1	10.40	11 40	Sodus, St. John.....	1.00			1.00
“ Trinity.....	6.00	2	50.33	56.33	Babies' Branch.....	25.00			25.00
Gowanda, St. Mary.....	2.00	1	15.00	17.00	In Memoriam.....	1 55			1.55
Hammondsport, St. James..	5.00	2	28.50	33.50	Miscellaneous.....	17 37			17.37
Hornellsville, Christ Church..	5.00	2	22.00	27.00					
Jamestown, St. Luke.....	5.00			5.00					
Le Roy, St. Mark.....									
					Total.....	\$247.33	61	\$847.83	\$1095 16

BABIES' BRANCH WESTERN NEW YORK

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS

Western New York has a Nursery that has sent fruit trees all over the world, and they are producing fruit and giving help to thousands. Many of us have forgotten to thank God for our rich inheritance, for we do not realize that the fruit which the Church is enjoying today comes from trees first grown in our Nursery of Western New York. She is looking to us, and asking whether in sun or shade, in dry or damp climate, these trees grow best; for the fruit is increasing in beauty and richness and quantity, and is being shipped all over the world. So we have a great responsibility laid upon us, as the original seed was planted here, which is now bearing fruit in 53 dioceses and seven jurisdictions.

Western New York has given in its 14 years of work \$3,074.54. This includes our gift of \$426.29 of 1905. Fifty-two parishes have reported this year, and my circle of Little Helpers, 26 in number, are children not members of our diocese, or an individual box in a parish. The other Memorial boxes are from special sources. We have 147 names in our memorial list. We each year give \$25.00 for the Junior Scholarships, so the Junior Auxiliary is receiving strength through this younger branch; and the Woman's Auxiliary are learning to delight in the little trees which are giving fruit "for the healing of the nations."

The future Church of Western New York, in order to be rich in fruit, must not only ship its fruit, but see that where God has placed these trees of promise they bring forth fruit, and give shade and pleasure. Each Whitsuntide a new font is placed by the Little Helpers in a new Mission, where new lives are engrafted into His Church. The Little Helpers have given seven fonts in Western New York. The last one where babies were baptized Whitsunday, was at Himrods. in the Archdeaconry of Rochester.

As we helped to build the Indians' church at Irving, we want to help in supporting it. The deaf Mute Mission in the diocese is also strengthened by our gift. At the officers' meeting in Rochester I felt I must give up the publication of the literature, because the demand had become so great. This year I received help for the publication from friends of the Little Helpers, and some of the members who have outgrown their boxes. We have sent out thousands of leaflets to younger Nurseries, who want to know how the best fruit can be produced. There is greater unity in the work than ever before, as was proved by our meeting in Boston, and our *united* gifts.

In this diocese the three organizations are one in spirit. Saturday is the day we secretaries meet at His throne of Grace to ask for His little ones that they may go forth as the mighty, and that we may have wisdom and zeal in our work for Him. These little trees cannot be treated like old hardy ones, and the future orchard of the Church depends upon the care given the young plants. They must be deeply rooted and grounded in the faith, therefore Baptism is the initial act. They shall be as trees planted by the waterside that shall bring forth fruit in due season.

We do not care so much for quantity as for quality, therefore the soil must be considered, consecration and system taught by the prayer always going with the penny each Lord's day. It is a critical time in their growth. Sunshine they need and props, as the fruit begins to develop, and that is why they need the symbols and stories to rest on, to make the work real. They are not even Juniors yet, and their roots are hardly in the ground; so the place where they are planted must have great consideration, for so many are now depending on their fruit. There is one great storehouse or market in New York where the whole church is sending for fruit, and the needs are so great that they cannot supply the demands so we are uniting to send our largest amount there. Our *united work* is increasing in importance each year, and twelve of the objects for which we sent our pennies this year were under the head of *united work*; and all but three help the Board of Missions' appropriations.

We have \$44.13 for the United Offering. \$24.13 have been received since the Children's report was published. Do all remember that Whitsuntide is the date for returning gifts? Are all the mothers helping to strengthen their little trees, making the Divine Christ a reality, and His work a delight? Then shall His trees be called "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified."

MARY E. HART, *Secretary*.

STATEMENT TO PARENTS AND SECRETARIES

Whitsuntide each year is the date in W. N. Y. for returning the gifts from boxes. All gifts received after this date go to United Offering, as our pledges are paid.

Fifty-one Parishes have reported this year; the largest branch is St. James's, Buffalo, with 53 members.

Miss Hart's Circle (22 members) in Report means Little Helpers either not belonging to our Diocese or our church, so cannot be reported as Parish members.

Subscribers are those who have helped in the expenses of the Babies' Branch, outside of offerings from boxes in 1905. The Little Helpers pay their own expenses, but this was to increase the work through literature, published by Western New York. Some are original members of the Little Helpers's Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Amount Received 1905..... \$426 29

Receipts from Parishes

Albion, Christ Church	\$ 5 92	Gowanda, St. Mary.....	1 05
Avon, Zion.....	2 25	Hammondsport, St. James.....	8 19
Bath, St. Thomas	2 00	Holley, St. Paul	1 75
Batavia, St. James.....	2 84	Hornellsville, Christ Church...	4 24
Branchport, St. Luke	1 25	Jamestown, St. Luke	6 15
BUFFALO:		Lyons, Grace	6 50
Trinity	23 00	Lancaster, Trinity	2 55
Grace	17 60	NIAGARA FALLS:	
St. Mark	10 56	Epiphany	6 73
St. John	21 25	St. Peter	11 11
St. Jude.....	3 23	Newark, St. Mark.....	3 81
St. Barnabas	2 00	Olean, St. Michael	5 68
St. Clement.....	1 35	Phelps, St. John	1 00
St. Luke	11 67	Palmyra, Zion.....	2 08
St. Matthew	6 50	ROCHESTER:	
St. James.....	18 04	St. Luke	20 30
St. Peter	4 00	St. Paul	16 77
St. Mary	14 10	Christ	14 24
St. Stephen	1 83	Epiphany	20 50
St. Paul	9 50	Trinity	13 00
Ascension	12 22	St. James.....	3 00
Canandaigua, St John.....	3 50	St. Thomas	4 25
Corning, Christ Church	12 00	St. Mark	31 64
Dansville, St. Peter.....	2 87	Sodus, St. John.....	2 00
Dundee, Grace Mem.....	1 70	Tonawanda, St. Mark	4 13
Geneseo, St. Michael	4 58	Warsaw, Trinity.....	2 50
GENEVA:			
Trinity	4 67	Total from Parishes.....	\$395.84
St. Peter	2 24		

Receipts from Miss Hart's Circle

Mary Watson Northrup, New York	\$ 50
Marian Wrigley, Brooklyn	1 25
Ruth Dexter Grew, Boston, Mass.	1 14
Jane Newton Grew, Boston, Mass.	1 14
Helen and Margaret French, Lynn, Mass.	1 00
Constance Winslow, Fall River, Mass.	50
Helen Bankcroft Walker, Salem, Mass.	50
Rebecca Lord, Salem, Mass.	50

IN MEMORY :

Gaylord Hart Mitchell—Box kept by Miss Louise Chappell.	1 00
Gaylord Hart Mitchell—Box kept by Mrs. Chappell's daughters.	53
Gaylord Hart Mitchell—Box kept by Mrs. Harry Germain, Boston.	54
Arthur Porter Robinson, Rochester.	5 00
Carl Glidden, Rochester	60
Albury Boutillier "	50
Walter Pell, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2 00
Isabel and Francis Abbott, Brooklyn, N. Y.	3 00
Morand Stephen Dantzer, Philadelphia.	1 50
Rowena Gregory, Washington.	1 00
Eric Chester Havill	2 25
Jamie Alger Cramphorn, Woburn, Mass.	1 00
Special—Berenice McKewan, Niagara Falls	2 00
James Lyon, 2d, Bath.	3 00
Total.	\$30 45

Receipts from Subscribers for Missionary Publications, 1905

Miss Mary Anstice, Rochester.	\$ 1 00
Miss Emily Anstice "	1 00
Julius Potter, Buffalo,	50
Gordon Gliddon, Rochester	60
Mrs. Charles Smith, Buffalo	1 00
Mrs. Sill, Branchport	1 00
Miss Franchot, Olean.	1 00

IN MEMORY OF

Angelica Church Hart.	5 50
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In Memory of Gaylord Hart Mitchell	2 50
John and William Yelder.	2 00
Diocese of Easton	3 00
From Amelia Wright, legacy.	8 00
Georgiana Crittenden, Buffalo.	50

Total \$38 10

DIVISION OF OFFERING

UNITED OFFERING—\$44.13

Mrs. Folsom's Salary	\$50 00
Helen M. Halsey Scholarship, Africa.....	5 00
Sybil Carter Scholarship, Wuchang, China	5 00
Bishop Coxe Scholarship, Shoshone School, Wyoming	5 00
Amelia Wright Scholarship, Raleigh, N. C.....	5 00
Gaylord Hart Mitchell, Memorial Kindergarten, Akita, Japan.....	50 00
Angelica Church Hart, Day School, Wuchang, China	20 00
Little Helpers, Day School, Shanghai, China	5 00
Little Helpers Bed, St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.....	5 00
St. Elizabeth School, South Dakota	4 00
Country School for Colored Children, South Carolina.....	4 00
United Work of Juniors, Childrens Ward, Ngankin, China.....	10 00
Emergency Fund, Minnesota.....	5 00
Mission Font, Eagle City, Alaska..	2 00
Miss Carter's Emergency Fund, Salt Lake.....	5 00
Miss Peck, Kyoto	10 00
Mrs. Evans, Alaska	10 00
Miss Cuddy, Porto Rico.....	10 00
Miss Grante, West Africa	10 00
Little Helpers' Scholarship, Raleigh, N. C., Kindergarten.....	10 00
Retiring Clergy Fund.....	5 00
Bishop Brown, Arkansas ..	5 00
Junior Publishing Co..	10 00
Undesignated ..	25 00
Total ..	\$319 13

DIOCESAN MISSIONS

Font at Himrods, Rochester Archdeaconry	\$26 90
Church of Good Shepherd, Irving, Archdeaconry of Buffalo.....	15 00
For Work in the Buffalo Archdeaconry	10 00
Deaf Mute Mission	10 00
Postage, Express, Printing, "Little Helpers'" Letter	27 28
Manual of Woman's Auxiliary.....	15 00
Special—St. James' Hospital, Ngankin, China.....	5 00
Total	\$109 18

MARY E. HART,
Treasurer.

In Memoriam

Miss Catharine S. Morse

For twenty-five years a devoted member
of the Canandaigua branch of the Woman's
Auxiliary

Died April 19, 1905



Mrs. Mary E. W. French

President of the Holley branch of the
Woman's Auxiliary, from its organization
in 1890, until her death, April 29, 1905



Mrs. Geo. R. Brush

Wife of the rector of St. Mark's Church,
Newark

Died September 20, 1905

CONSTITUTION

I

The name of this Society shall be "The Western New York Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

II

The object of this Society is, by means of union and systematic effort, to diffuse missionary intelligence, to increase missionary activity among women of the Diocese, to unite previously existing societies, and to encourage the formation of societies where there are none.

III

All parish societies, and all individuals desiring it, will be considered members of this Society.

IV

The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a United Offering Treasurer, and two Secretaries, Corresponding and Recording, chosen by the Diocesan Association at the annual meeting and approved by the Bishop.

V

The President, or in her necessary absence, one of the Vice-Presidents shall call meetings and preside over them.

VI

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, and prepare a report to be read at the annual meeting. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of meetings, keep the minutes, and prepare a manual for circulation in the Diocese.

VII

The Treasurer shall take charge of all money belonging to the Society; shall keep an exact account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall make a full report of the same at each annual meeting, and oftener if required.

VIII

The members of this society will send reports of money collected and work done to the Secretary. Delegates from the parish societies will be expected at the annual meetings.

IX

There shall be one general meeting of this Society each year, on the last Wednesday and Thursday in September.

X

During the year three or more sectional or special meetings may be called by the President, or at the request of three or more parishes. The days of said meetings shall be Wednesday or Thursday.

XI

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

SUPPLEMENT



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The afternoon of Thursday, September twenty-eighth, was devoted by the women of the Auxiliary in St. Luke's Church, Rochester, to an event of extraordinary interest—the celebration of the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Western New York. Nearly three hundred delegates gathered to take part in this anniversary. Among them were a few who had helped to organize the Auxiliary in this Diocese. These were especially honored guests, and were distinguished by badges bearing the date of the organization. The business incident to an annual meeting had nearly all been transacted at earlier sessions, in order to leave the afternoon free, and two o'clock found all the delegates assembled with hearts attuned to memories and anticipations. Miss Susan P. Mather, first secretary of the Auxiliary in Western New York, and now a deaconess in charge of St. Barnabas' House in New York City, read a historical paper of much value and interest, which is herewith given in full. Dr. Converse, rector of the parish, followed in a brief address full of enthusiasm for missions, and of appreciation of woman's work in that field. After singing the 487th hymn, "Rise, crowned with light," Miss Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, made an address—earnest, clear, helpful and beautifully given. She described the meeting to be held in New York on Oct. 26th, more especially for the Second Missionary Department, to which Western New York belongs. And she gave her listeners the good news that the women's \$100,000 for missions (for which as an annual gift, Dr. Lloyd began to plead in San Francisco four years ago) had all been given this year. Dr. Lloyd in following, said that workers for the mission field were even more needed than money,—essential as money was. He also announced that the Board of Missions had this year been able to pay all its bills,—a condition that no one would have dared to predict a short time ago. While rejoicing over the result of this year's work, Dr. Lloyd expressed the hope that he might live to see the day when the smaller offerings from a multitude of givers would supply the Board of Missions with its necessary funds, while the great individual gifts of the rich would provide for special needs as they might arise. An offering was made during the singing of the 249th hymn, "O Sion haste, thy mission high fulfilling," and was divided equally between diocesan, domestic and foreign missions. The president of the society read a brief paper on the future of the Auxiliary's work, which also is given here in full. The exercises closed with reminiscences by Miss Hart, of Rochester, and Mrs. Wyckoff, of Buffalo; and with a message of greeting to the Auxiliary of Connecticut on its twenty-fifth anniversary, to occur next month, and of sympathy in the recent loss by death of its president.

ADDRESS BY MISS SUSAN P. MATHER

In attempting with the utmost diffidence what your good president has been pleased to call the historical paper of this anniversary, I will take as a text her own kind words of suggestion, "Let us see through your eyes and your memory. Bring before us the beginnings of things. For once we want the old days back again!"

"THE OLD DAYS BACK AGAIN"

I once read a story of an ex-secretary like myself who was asked to send out notices for the meeting of a certain society with which she had not been associated for many years. By some mistake there fell into her hands the mailing list of years gone by and thus the notices were addressed, many of them, to faithful members who had long since joined that company on the further shore of the wide stream which we call Death. But the departed came, obedient to the summons, and around the board were seated with the living, dear pale spectres who had lived, and worked, and borne the mutual burden in those bygone days.

In going back to the beginnings of our Society, and in reviewing the annals of its quarter of a century, how willingly would I, like the secretary of my story, consult the lists of long ago, asking the many saints who have gone before to gather with us upon this anniversary day. There are but few of us who can remember an informal meeting in the hospitable parlors of Miss Rochester's house on Spring St., where many years ago a noble company of Rochester women gathered to meet Miss Mary Emery, afterward Mrs. Twing, of blessed memory, in order to hear of that new organization—the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. Not that missionary interests were new to these ministering women. For years their missionary boxes had been sent to cheer the hearts of those in the field, and they knew their *Spirit of Missions* long before it had developed into the delightful illustrated publication of these latter days. They had inherited an interest in missions, and they had come together to learn how their work for missions might, by wise coöperation with others, widen to greater usefulness. We then listened to Miss Emery's voice, and felt for the first time the magic influence of her inspiring enthusiasm, which has since made itself known to the east and the west, to the north and to the south, leaving its memorial in many hearts. We little thought as she pleaded so earnestly the cause of missions and the strength which might gather from the unified efforts of the women of the Church, that the Society she sponsored would grow from this day of small things to the noble Auxiliary of to-day, with its branches in every Diocese, its generous triennial offerings and its many representatives on the missionary frontier. It was a far cry from the initial meetings of the Auxiliary, of which this may be considered a type, to such a farewell service as it was my privilege to attend a short time since, at the Church Missions House in New York, when ten missionaries were bidden God speed, the ministry of many of the women being made, humanly speaking, possible by the Woman's Auxiliary.

The meeting for organization took place in the Sunday School room of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, on June 1, 1881. Bp. Coxé was present and approved most cordially of organizing the Diocese of Western New York into a Branch of the Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. He offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to draft a Constitution. Dr. Anstice appointed the following: Mrs. Quinby of Christ Church, Rochester; Miss Stacey of Trinity, Geneva; Mrs. White of St. Luke's, Brockport; Miss Holden of St. John's, Batavia; Mrs. Reid of St. Luke's, Rochester. The Constitution having been submitted and accepted, a nominating committee, on which I had the honor of serving, with Mrs. D. B. Beach as chairman, was appointed. We went to our place of meeting in somewhat anxious mood to consult upon the weighty matter before us, when the Rector of the church appeared, and in accordance with his ever timely suggestions the first officers of the Society were nominated and subsequently elected:—Mrs. Dr. Rochester of Buffalo, pres., Mrs. M. L. Reid of Rochester, secretary and treasurer.

The choice of Mrs. Rochester was eminently fitting, she being the daughter of our late beloved Diocesan, Bp. Delancey. At this date but 11 of the 93 parishes in the Diocese reported missionary organizations. Unfortunately within a few months the young Society found itself officerless, Mrs. Rochester while expressing her warm interest in missions having regretfully declined the presidency,

and Mrs. Reid after taking up her duties with much vigor being obliged to lay them down because of serious illness.

Before passing on to the first annual meeting, let us give a moment's thought to the Constitution which has served so faithfully all these years. With one exception there have been practically no changes other than those made necessary by the addition of officers. This one exception had to do with the annual meeting, which was appointed to be held at the time of the Diocesan Convention, which body we now know as the Diocesan Council. On one occasion, however, very early in our history, it was found impossible to entertain both organizations at the same time; whereupon the Bishop requested the Auxiliary to meet elsewhere, which it did. We were considerably startled when a member of the Society and one whose opinion always carried great weight remarked:—"I could, I suppose, dissolve this meeting, as it is unconstitutional," It *might* have been a question as to whether the Constitution followed the Bishop, or the Bishop, the Constitution. It was *no* question to the loyal Auxiliary of Western New York. But the Article now numbered 9 was formally amended to read as follows:—"There shall be one general meeting of the Society each year, on the last Wednesday and Thursday of September."

The first annual meeting of the young Society was held in Christ Church, Hornellsville, Sept. 20, 1881. Mrs. Dr. Mathews of St. Luke's Church, Rochester was appointed acting-secretary. From her minutes we read that Mrs. Gen. Quinby of Christ Church, Rochester, was elected president and Miss Susan P. Mather, of St. Luke's Church, Sodus Center, Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Mathews was afterwards requested to prepare a "sketch" of the new Society, which should be circulated throughout the Diocese, and take the place of a first annual report. It must have been at the third annual meeting, held in St. Paul's Sunday-school room, Rochester, that the list of officers was enlarged by the election of Miss Cammann of Geneva, as vice-president, and Mrs. D. S. Chamberlain of Lyons, treasurer.

May I here speak of the long and valuable service given the Society by Mrs. Chamberlain. Faithful at its meetings, prompt and clear in her reports, she gave twenty successive years of service in the midst of a life of many activities in other directions. Mrs. Chamberlain outranks all officers of the Society in length of service and has given us an example of faithful devotion for which she has, I am sure, earned the deepest gratitude of the whole Diocesan Branch.

The young Society was not without its humor. The matter of the luncheon became at one time a burning issue. Too often, alas, the good women of the entertaining parish were engrossed in its preparation to the exclusion of every other interest. On one occasion, if my memory does not play me false, the little company of delegates listened quite alone to the addresses and letters prepared and selected to inspire general interest, while the meeting certainly lacked the enthusiasm of numbers, with the local society and their friends absent in a body, absorbed in the details of the lunch. This accentuated the ever-recurring question of the luncheon, and legislation was finally resorted to. A limited *menu*, or even a basket lunch was suggested, with tea and coffee to be supplied by the entertaining parish, but the motion was indignantly voted down in open meeting, the majority of the delegates agreeing with Miss Lucy Ellen Guernsey that the lunch was "a distinct means of grace," and might be as generous as the welcome extended. And do we not all remember with pleasure our keen appreciation of these same lunches, our appetites whetted by early rising, slow traveling, train visiting and prolonged morning meeting? Moreover the social aspect of the luncheon was of no mean consideration. As we broke bread together old friendships were renewed, and new ones formed, on that excellent basis, a vivid mutual interest in missionary work.

And thus finally the habit of the Society with regard to the luncheon was established in line with the following resolution offered by Miss Stacey of Geneva,

"Resolved that our entertainment on these occasions be simple and substantial, not such as to require so much time and attention as to hinder any member from attending the business meeting, at least."

À propos of these missionary journeys, I recall one occasion when I met Mrs. Quinby at some loop-line and junction, she reserving a seat for me beside her. We at once fell to talking in the most animated manner of the momentous questions to come before the meeting, when a woman in front of us leaned over and inquired with eager sympathy, "Madam, may I ask if this is Temperance?" Once again, when paying a visit with Mrs. Quinby upon a lady of distinctly missionary tendencies, I overheard Mrs. Quinby say:—"Oh yes, Miss Mather has great interest in missions; I have yet to discover that she is interested in anything else." All of which goes to show how seriously we took our vocation in those good days of old.

With the growth of the Society the number of officers increased, and the 9th annual report shows the addition of a 2nd vice-president, and in the 11th year a recording secretary was elected.

The chronicles give the beginning of that valuable auxiliary to the Auxiliary:—the Junior Branch

as having been made at an annual meeting in Batavia, in 1887, where a committee was appointed consisting of Miss Mumford, Miss Amelia Wright, Miss Mary Hart, Miss Irving and Miss Richards, to consider how best to advance this important part of the work. This committee was to report at the next annual meeting. To what grand proportions this eldest child of the Western New York Branch has grown is evidenced by its last annual report. These two, the Mother Society and the Junior Branch worked side by side until 1891 when the Babies' Branch was added as a separate organization and made its first report in June at Jamestown in 1892.

From that year the family life of the Auxiliary has gone forward in the entirety of its churchly three-fold organization.

The Church Periodical Club is the next valuable agency affiliated; and the Comfort Club, though youngest in years, has given excellent service all along the line of helpfulness.

Our interest in the United Offering has always been great. We gave to the Enrollment Fund before the United Offering had come into existence, and (to trespass for a moment upon contemporaneous history) at the last General Convention we stood fifth in rank among contributors, our gift reaching the generous total of \$4378.50.

The Special Fund has since 1883, run like a slender thread through our story. Small contributions have been made to it, and it has been a help in completing pledges. I am sure my memory serves me faithfully as I recall that in one wonderful year we had a surplus, and it was voted to the Special Fund, which became for the time being, plethoric; a condition however obtaining only long enough for it to be determined which among many needs should be considered. One contributor has remembered the Special Fund every year since it was established. Some years it has had many friends, one year only this single faithful contributor.

Having sketched the Society in outline let us go back and take up somewhat in detail its development in scope and method. The young Society soon met that ever recurring problem, how best to raise money for its part in the general work. Early the discussions appear in the minutes as to how this deficit or that request should be met. Various suggestions were considered; the envelope system was advised by Miss Guernsey, but Mrs. Peter Porter, of Buffalo, urged the pledge system, and that was inaugurated and has been in operation ever since.

Those who in the early days made our meetings most helpful and interesting were the gifted women of the Diocese who prepared the papers which we find gratefully spoken of in the minutes of the meetings, and which dwell as sweet memories in the minds of many of us. Miss Lucy Ellen Guernsey, Mrs. Jane Marsh Parker, Mrs. W. K. Allen, of Buffalo, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins and Miss Cammann, of Geneva, were among these. Miss Guernsey not only gave us papers, but leaflets, which were of the greatest service. Who of us that go back to those old days can fail to remember her "Two ends of a missionary box," which described so graphically the sending and receiving of the model box? Her interest in the Society was intense, and when she became too ill to attend its meetings her prayers and her pen were still pleading in its behalf. Perhaps her interest made her apprehensive, for she used to say: "Things cannot always be so smooth as they have been in the Auxiliary. It will sometime strike a snag; all societies do." But that much predicted snag was not struck in my time, and I have never heard of its being even sighted since. By way of contrast this recalls a remark of Bishop Coxe to the effect that he believed it would be his experience as it had been Bishop Williams', of Connecticut, that the establishment of the Woman's Auxiliary in his diocese should tend to promote greater harmony than had ever before existed,—a hope which we have every reason to think has been abundantly realized.

The foundation upon which the structure was builded should be strong and enduring, for to the building of it went the best teaching of the Church, given by those not only within but without the Diocese. Mrs. Twing, Miss Julia Emery, Miss Sybil Carter, Bishop Hare, Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson, Bishop and Mrs. Graves, of China, Bishop Partridge, Mrs. Schereschewsky, Bishop Spalding, Bishop Paddock from Washington, Mrs. Brierly from Africa, and many others, constitute a long Honor Roll. The minutes of many meetings dwell upon the interest and gratitude with which their addresses were received.

It will be of interest to make a partial review of work supported by our Branch during those early days. Among the first was the aid given to the hospital in Seattle, Wash., in response to an earnest plea from the wife of the clergyman who was building it. For five years we worked for Mrs. H. W. Burgwin, of Aspinwall, Virginia, indeed until the death of that faithful missionary to the "men and women in black," as Booker T. Washington has called his people. Mrs. Buford was a favorite beneficiary for years. The John G. Webster scholarship, which has been for 18 years a part of our yearly work, was assumed at a sectional meeting in Palmyra, after the delegates had listened to a forceful address by Mrs. Schereschewsky, setting forth the needs in China, and particularly of scholarships in the Jane Bohnen School; her request met a prompt response in that our scholarship was imme-

diately pledged, and named after the Rector of Zion Church, where we were assembled. It has been our privilege to help for years Miss Francis, of South Dakota, since before those Indian risings, when we feared for her life, when she and her little company of brave women were "in perils often: in perils of the heathen; in perils of the wilderness; in perils among false brethren." Miss Taylor, whose excellent work among the Indians the late Bishop Leonard spoke of with tenderest emotion, belongs to us of Rochester in a near and special manner. For nine years or more our Society has helped her, while she has taught the women, catechised the children, buried the dead, and given to the Indians of Nevada every help possible for a devoted lay-woman to render. And all this after faithful work under Miss Carter in her lace classes at White Earth, Minn. Only this summer it was my good fortune to be visiting at Bar Harbor. Upon the bed in a guest room of her lovely cottage my hostess showed me a beautiful lace-work covering, which I was informed, with great pride, had been made by Miss Carter's Indian women. On comparing dates I came to the conclusion that it must have been designed by Miss Marian Taylor; so the far east and the far west,—consecrated wealth and consecrated poverty meet, and it is a little world that we live in. The foreign field was remembered by many gifts, notable among them Bishop Graves' insurance, and the salaries of Miss Bull, Miss Mailes and Miss Mann, in Japan. We gave regularly to Dr. Mary Glenton's work while she was in Alaska, and our scholarships in Hoffman Hall, Tennessee, and in King Hall, Washington, D. C., were faithfully sustained. Neither were we heedless of our duty in the Diocese, for each year since 1893 we have sustained a scholarship in our own valuable DeLancey School for Girls, in Geneva. These are a few among the many benefactions to which the Society has contributed with more or less regularity.

With the growth of work came the desire for more information, so mutually stimulating are work and knowledge. Through work comes the wish to work intelligently, and with a better understanding, the power and longing to do more work increases. There were the A. B. C. classes in missions, conducted by Miss Hart; the study classes in Trinity Church, Geneva and the united study classes in Buffalo and Rochester; the many missionary teas, with their attendant missionary papers; the local meetings where the parishes of one city, and perhaps the neighborhood churches gathered together to listen to missionary letters, and report progress in work. So not only was missionary information diffused but "The carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and they helped everyone his neighbor, and everyone said to his brother, Be of good cheer." The individual parishes had, so to speak their specialties:—and could be depended upon the help the champion of the single missionary, and would take the difficult box which required little sewing, but the purchase of many things outright. Close of kin was that other society which after having done a generous year's work would still make great effort and attempt one more belated box. A certain society is reported by its delegate as having no vacations. To one who, like myself, is familiar with this kind of work in our metropolis, and sees how the latter shuts itself up from May until November, Branchport, with its no vacations, points a moral, while it certainly adorns the tale. Sometimes indeed the box work had its romance. For instance a missionary letter promising only the usual interest became a little novel, when it was learned that a daughter of the house was to be married, and that a trousseau would be needed. Immediately the Society bestirred itself. The white silk gown worn but once, and put away perhaps to make room for black garments, was taken out of its tissue-paper wrappings; the white veil was promised, the white slippers appeared as if by magic, and behold a beautiful bridal outfit! And later from a happy girl, came an ecstatic letter of thanks which more than compensated for all additional trouble and expense.

The clergy of the Diocese have always been our faithful friends, furthering in every way all efforts for the up-building of the Diocesan Society as well as the development of the parish branches. In numbering the valuable agencies to which we owe our strength of today we should remember first among them our spiritual Fathers, under whose guidance our history has shaped itself; and so I cannot review the history of our Branch without seeing before me the benign and beautiful presence of Bishop Coxe, and feeling again his vivid and sympathetic interest in our work. This interest is evidenced by the missionary prayers from his poetic pen. We all know the beautiful noonday prayer which has been used for years at our annual meeting and which has been imbedded like a precious jewel in the heart of the noonday service at the Church Missions House. Among our earliest records is the account of action taken to have this prayer printed on a leaflet for general distribution among the Branches. To quote from the Memorial Minutes: "The last time Bishop Coxe met with the Auxiliary was in Grace Church, Buffalo, and none who had the happiness of hearing and seeing him then will ever forget his beaming countenance and his cheerful and helpful words." And again: "To us who have known the benediction of his friendship, our Bishop will ever live, and speak through the power of his saintly example."

It is with a deep sense of appreciation that we speak of the three former presidents of the Society

To Mrs. Quinby whose organizing hand moulded the new material ; to Mrs. Lloyd Windsor, for six years president, and afterward for two years corresponding secretary ; to Mrs. Halsey, for ten years president (following five years' service as vice-president), do we owe in great measure the admirable methods and the harmonious development in which we rejoice to-day.

We owe a debt of gratitude also to the several vice-presidents, and to Mrs. Plummer for nine years the able recording secretary, whose admirable minutes we have again and again approved, and who prepared with such care the manual which has put before us from year to year, the status of our Society.

All along through the records of this quarter of a century come the loving tributes prepared by the Society as one by one dear friends passed from our midst, into the "land of the great departed ; into the silent land." And I know that you will linger as I do over each name on that bright Honor Roll, and many of you will recall

"The touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still,"

We recall Miss Mary W. Stacey, Mrs. Dr. Rochester, Sister Harriet Dayton, Mrs. Peter A. Porter, Mrs. Dr. Mathews, Bp. Coxe, Mrs. Lloyd Windsor, Miss L. E. Guernsey, Mrs. S. G. Andrews and Mrs. I. F. Quinby. At one meeting a memorial was read commemorating the death of Mrs. W. A. Bird, Mrs. W. A. Walker, Miss S. Morris of Buffalo, Mrs. Franklin of Penn Yan and Mrs. Charles Jones of Geneseo,—a sad loss to the Society in one year. But the uplifting words of these memorials bore witness not only to the virtues of those who had gone but to the earnest faith of those who remained.

In bringing this paper to a close I realize perfectly that a more gifted hand than mine would have strung the beads of incident and recollection to much better effect. But to no one could the retrospect have given keener pleasure. At the golden anniversary of the Western New York Branch, when the Juniors and the Babies of to-day will be making *their* review, we can by prophecy see a past copied ever fairer and fairer, a record ever fuller of good deeds. And may *we* hope for such loving remembrance !—of us and of our work as we are rendering to our past, to-day.

A Rochesterian of the old days has written a little poem entitled "In old St. Luke's." It expresses better than any words of mine could do the thoughts which I am sure are uppermost in our minds as we say farewell.

"The years bring change : but here where all things speak
Of that which changes not, 'tis good to seek
Along the well known paths of prayer and praise
Courage and strength to meet the coming day.
What shadowy forms come with us as we meet,
Pass up the aisles and take their wonted seat :
Dear saints of God, who long have found release
From all earth's struggles to His perfect peace.
Why should we think them dead, why far away ?
Are they not near us when we kneel to pray ?
Above, below, no distance can divide
The friends and followers of the Crucified.
Onward then press, while swift years take their flight,
The way all blessing, and the goal in sight."

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

My associates and fellow-workers : On this day which is to us of such special significance, I desire to say to you a few words that differ somewhat in character from those which have gone before, in that they concern our future. Hitherto we have been mainly recalling our past, and honoring the infancy of the society ; we have dwelt on the records of faithful and devoted lives, and on steady and intelligent giving. We have taken, as it were, for the moment, that backward step by means of which a runner seeks to make a good start. I find it is a grave matter to look at our work for missions in an anniversary light. As a *body* we may be glad that we have done much ; as *individuals* able to understand our own lives, we must be humbly regretful that we have done so little.

There is one matter for which I have been ready to give thanks every day of my life among you as the presiding officer, and that is the very great harmony that has prevailed among our officers in their councils, and among all the members of the body in their labors together. Peace is as precious to us as to warring nations. We have had, not only peace, but something far beyond that ; for we have had the ready coöperation, the self-sacrificing labors, the interested study, the prompt acceptance of suggested duties and the readiness to extend responsibility, which have brought us honorably to our twenty-fifth anniversary. No one can testify to this more emphatically than I, and I am glad to have the opportunity to speak of this happy condition.

We greatly regret the absence in Europe of Mrs. Halsey, on whose devoted work, from the very beginning of this diocesan Branch, and as head of the work for ten years, we have ever since been building. Her lovely character, together with her excellent abilities and her generous efforts in our cause have endeared her to us all. May she come home strengthened, and ready for many years of Auxiliary work among us.

It is also a matter of great regret to us all that Bp. and Mrs. Walker could not have been with us on this occasion.

And now let us look for a moment at what is to be done. There are in this diocese 106 parishes and 44 missions, making 150 in all. The work of the Woman's Auxiliary is established in 82 of these parishes and seven of the missions. There remain 24 parishes and 37 missions in which no branch of the Auxiliary exists. The first stage of our diocesan possibilities cannot be said to be passed until we have developed *some* organized work in all these parishes and missions ; *provided* in every case, that the rector desires our coöperation. It is inconceivable that it should take another twenty-five years to complete this occupation of the field, because there is an increasing readiness everywhere to enter into Auxiliary work. That even missions themselves cannot be too small or too young to do *some* work for the general missions of the Church, and be blest in the doing of it, is proved by the fact that branches of the Auxiliary are thriving in seven of the missions of Western New York. Every place can do a little, if it will ; and it is our duty and our privilege to establish the system that will collect and combine what each person and each parish branch can do ; and make it a vital part of our great Auxiliary life.

Then we can develop what we already have.

Our present branches never really stand still. They are always changing. They may gain or lose. It is for us to help in drawing in more members, in working with more heart, in giving more money and in studying missions with an ever-deepening attention.

And this brings me to the matter that I want to see made the great and special effort of this coming year, and in which I call on all of you to help. I hope to increase *immensely* the circulation of the *Spirit of Missions* in this diocese. Mr. Wood set up a standard for us in his address at Olean last June, and everyone of us should be glad to have such a definite statement. He told us, first, that he thought every diocesan officer should take the *Spirit of Missions* ; second, that every parish officer should take it ; third, that as many members of the Auxiliary as possible should be persuaded to take it ; and lastly, there was the parish in general, where many copies might be taken. There is one small parish where an earnest rector has worked up the subscriptions to the *Spirit of Missions* to the number of sixty or seventy. It would be quite possible for us to do the same. With women, in these missionary matters, to know is to act. And we cannot know until we are instructed, and how can we better be instructed than by the pages of this noble and absorbingly-interesting magazine ? We may estimate that it costs us about eight cents a month to keep, through the *Spirit of Missions*,

in close touch with all the missionary work. Or, if we accept the offer that permits us to put fifty cents into our United Offering boxes, we pay but about four cents a month for all this precious knowledge. I should like to see, in each parish branch, a member whose duty should be the care and increase of the subscriptions to the *Spirit of Missions*; and I should like to have them all acting under the direction of a general secretary. So, if you authorize me, or even do not stop me, I shall seek out some one willing and competent to undertake this task.

You will have noted that year and year we become better organized. Methods of work and of subscription have grown up till we can tell beforehand where nearly all the money given by the Auxiliary will come from. This brings us order, system, discipline, and a certain security that we shall accomplish what we undertake; and is an evidence of a good growth and ground for much thankfulness. But organization, in missionary matters has an attendant danger, against which we must wisely guard; for we are always inclined to relax our efforts after we have accomplished the part of the work assigned to us. In secular matters this may be a reasonable attitude, but not in things spiritual. There the responsibility does not cease. We never come to the point where we have done enough. We must be always scrutinizing our time and our purses to see whether we could not reasonably do more work and give more money for missions. A time of special blessing draws forth the grateful response of some special offering; a larger income suggests that more be given to the Lord: and a portion of that increase we should surely give to missions.

We ought to have a little more *elasticity* in our financial matters. You all know that we vote away each year in our diocesan pledges as much money as we are assured of receiving through the pledges of all the parishes. It is therefore hard for us to meet any small and unforeseen demands upon the Auxiliary arising during the year. So it would be well if we could revive an interest in the "Special Fund," which still appeals to us from the pages of our Manual. Some among us, no doubt, would be glad to send a few dollars to this fund from time to time if we realized how great a help it would be.

It seems as if there never could come to us again such an opportunity as we have in this great gathering to advance our work for missions. Let every eye catch a vision of the beauty of service; let every heart beat in warm response to the appeals that are laid before us; and let each member of our association carry away from this Anniversary meeting a sense of the value and helpfulness of her Personal labors in relieving need, and in telling the glad tidings of salvation.

And now, in conclusion, I want to speak to you of our sister Branch in the diocese of Connecticut, which has long been looking forward to its twenty-fifth anniversary next month. We find a bond in the very fact that our "days of remembrance" come in the same year and season. The Woman's Auxiliary in Connecticut has had in all these twenty-five years but one president,—Mrs. Samuel Colt, of Hartford, whose very recent death has brought grief to the whole diocese. It seems not unfitting, as Mrs. Colt was my mother's friend, and by inheritance mine, that I should be allowed to mark in a few words on this occasion the nobility of her character and the beauty of her life; and her long and generous devotion to missionary work. I desire to send to the Connecticut Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary an expression of our hearty sympathy; and as I think there are others here who will join in this wish of mine, I have drawn this brief resolution which I am now going to ask Mrs. Berry to offer.

Resolved: That the Woman's Auxiliary of Western New York, assembled in Rochester on its twenty-fifth anniversary, hereby sends its greetings to its sister branch in the diocese of Connecticut which is so soon to celebrate its own quarter-centennial, and expresses deep sympathy in the great loss sustained by the Auxiliary in the death of its only president—Mrs. Colt.

PLEDGES FOR 1905-1906†

1. DeLancey School at Geneva (for a daughter of a clergyman of the Diocese)	\$100 00
2. *Training House for Native Women, Shanghai.	85 00
3. *School for Colored Children, Lawrenceville, Va.	125 00
4. Bishop Graves, Life Insurance	50 00
5. *Miss Babcock's Salary, Japan	150 00
6. *John G. Webster Scholarship, St. Hilda's School, China	50 00
7. Miss Taylor, Pyramid Lake, Nevada, Indian Work	200 00
8. Miss Francis, South Dakota, Indian Work	100 00
9. Memorial to Mrs. Lloyd Windsor, Wusih, China	100 00
10. Indians, Cattaraugus Reservation, (support)	50 00
11. Indians, Cattaraugus Reservation, (development)	100 00
12. *Mrs. Folsom's Salary, Honolulu	100 00
13. *Cape Mount, Africa	100 00
14. Miss Brainard, Anniversary Pledge for Missionary Training	150 00
15. Miss Burgess, Missionary Training	50 00
16. Rev. Mr. Baum, Missionary to Spokane.	50 00
17. *Brazil, Bishop Kinsolving, estimated amount	100 00
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PLEDGES OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY—1905-1906

1. *Sibyl Carter Scholarship, Wuchang, China	\$ 50 00
2. Bishop Coxie Scholarship, Shoshone Reservation	25 00
3. *Mary E. Hart Scholarship, Kyoto, Japan	25 00
4. Amelia Wright Scholarship, Raleigh, N. C.	25 00
5. *Helen Halsey Scholarship, Cape Mount, Africa	25 00
6. Emergency Fund	25 00
7. *Mrs. Folsom's Salary, Honolulu	35 00
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PLEDGES OF BABIES' BRANCH—1905-1906

Woman's Auxiliary Pledge	\$ 50 00
Junior Auxiliary Pledge	25 00
United Work of Babies' Branch	190 00
*General Missions	100 00
Diocesan "	100 00
Specials	25 00
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	†\$490 00

*These help the Board of Missions.

† The Babies' Branch also contributes \$25 to Junior Pledges—See Junior Report.

‡ For further information about these Pledges see leaflet issued by the Treasurer.

