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*From its formation to the General Convention, held in  
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sidered in me as an instance of indifference or selfishness, if I remark that, in my opinion, the measure would be unadvisable.

Our diocesan Missionary Society is now doing its best, both by instituting auxiliaries, and by causing personal application to be made to every individual throughout the state. So that we may say, that all the members, scattered and lifeless as they may have been, in our long neglected church, have now an opportunity of manifesting their active zeal in the cause of their Redeemer. Feeble as is their present ability, they will do something: in the aggregate considerable, if left to the attainment of one object at once."

It has been a leading object with the committee during the past year, rather to explore, than attempt to occupy any Missionary ground. The result of their labours will be presented under one or the other of the following heads: 1. Of Auxiliary Societies. 2. Of Agencies. 3. Of Missionary Stations. 4. Of Publications. 5. Of Appropriations. 6. Of Funds.

#### *Of Auxiliary Societies.*

1. "*The Missionary Society of the diocese of Maryland, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the United States.*"—The constitution of this Society was adopted by the convention of the state of Maryland in June last. Its objects are "to support, and employ Missionaries, to supply with Christian ordinances such places within the diocese as may be destitute of a regular ministry," the surplus funds are to be transmitted to the parent society. The annual meeting of the society is to be held at the place, in which the state convention shall hold its session, at 5 o'clock, P. M. The following managers were appointed by the convention: hereafter the Society elects its own officers, with the exception of the president, who is ex-officio the Bishop of the diocese.

*President ex-officio.* Rt. Rev. James Kemp,  
*1st Vice President.* Rev. John P. K. Henshaw.  
*2d Vice President.* Tench Tilghman, Esq.  
*Corresponding Secretary.* Rev. John V. Bartow,  
*Recording, Secretary.* Robert Neilson, Esq.  
*Treasurer.* Philip Hoffman, Esq.

*Managers.* Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rev. John Johns, Rev. Wm. Hawley, Rev. Wm. Wickes, Wm. Krebs, Esq. Francis S. Key, Esq. John Goldsborough, Esq. Noah Ridgely, Esq. E. G. Woodyear, Esq. H. Brice, Esq. G. Shaw, Esq. W. Ragan, Esq.

2. "*The Episcopal Missionary Society of Lancaster.*"—This society was formed in the month of November, 1822. Its sole object is to aid the funds of the general society. The business of the society is conducted by a board of managers consisting of a president, one or more vice-presidents, together with eight other persons, who have power to elect from among the members of the society a secretary and treasurer.

The following are the officers of this society:

*President.* Honourable Charles Smith.

*Vice-Presidents.* Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, Adam Reigart, Esq. James Hopkins, Esq. Edward Coleman, Esq.

*Managers.* George H. Whitaker, George W. Jacobs, Levi Rogers, Thomas Jeffries, John Husbands, Rudolph C. Nagel, Washington Hopkins, John L. Atlee.

*Treasurer.* George W. Jacobs, Esq.

*Secretary.* John L. Atlee.

Several of the female members of the Episcopal Church in Lancaster have formed another association, partly for missionary purposes. It is expected they will contribute something either directly to the funds of the parent society, or through the auxiliary belonging to their own church.

3. "*The Auxiliary Missionary Association of Trinity Church, Easton.*"—This Society was formed by the Episcopalians of Easton on the 10th of December, 1822. The object of the Association is to collect funds for the support of missions, within the United States: which are to be paid into the treasury of the parent society. The affairs of this Association are conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five other persons. The Rector of Trinity Church is ex officio President.

*Officers.**President.* Rev. John Rodney.*Vice-President.* Josiah Davis, Esq.*Secretary.* Charles Sitgreaves.*Treasurer.* Charles Varian.*Managers.* Samuel Sitgreaves, Esq. Seth Carter, Francis W. Collier, Robert Cottingham, Richard J. Collier.

4. *The Auxiliary Female Missionary Society of St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties.*—This Society was formed on the 26th of August, 1822. The business is conducted by a 1st and 2d Directress, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve managers; its object is to aid the funds of the parent society, to be appropriated either to Domestic or Foreign Missions, as the managers shall direct.

*Officers.**1st Directress.* Mrs. E. Boyd.*2d Directress.* Mrs. S. Davidson.*Secretary.* Mrs. C. Ogle.*Treasurer.* Miss D. Wolbert.*Managers.* Mrs. E. Sanders, Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. L. Fœring, Mrs. M. Souder, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. S. Coates, Miss M. Wolbert, Miss A. Ashburner, Miss M. Fennel, Miss S. Hook, Miss S. Livingston, Miss A. Alexander.

5. *The Episcopal Female Missionary Society in the Borough of Carlisle.*—This association was formed in November, 1822, but was not fully organized until some time in January following. Its sole object is to aid the funds of the parent Society.

*Officers.**1st Directress.* Mrs. A. Stiles.*2d Directress.* Mrs. A. Read.*Secretary.* Miss Mary Hamilton.*Treasurer.* Mrs. Watts.*Managers.* Mrs. Veasy, Mrs. Foulks, Miss Mary Hamilton, Miss Haverstich.

6. *The Episcopal Missionary Association of St. John's Church, Huntingdon.*—This Society was formed in March last, and is intended to aid the funds of the parent society in supporting its missions within the United States.

*Officers.**1st Directress.* Mrs. E. W. Shippen.*2d Directress.* Mrs. Jane M'Connel.*Treasurer.* Mrs. Jane Dorland.*Secretary.* Mrs. Letitia N. Smith.*Managers.* Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Maise, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Ramsey, Miss E. B. Simpson, Miss M. G. Evans, Miss M. F. Allisson, Miss P. A. Elliot, Miss E. Brothersin, Miss E. Gwin.

7. *The Auxiliary Female Missionary Society of Beaufort, South Carolina.*—This Society was formed in February last, and is designed to aid the funds of the parent Society.

*Officers.**1st Directress.* Mrs. Ann Cuthbert.*2d Directress.* Mrs. Mary Barnwell.*Secretary.* Mrs. James Smith.*Treasurer.* Mrs. Sarah Fichling.*Managers.* Mrs. John M'Kee, Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. John Bell, Mrs. William Johnson, Miss Bull, Miss Sarah G. Barnwell.

8. *The Female Missionary Society of Christ Church, Savannah.*—Formed in March last, auxiliary to the parent society. Its business is conducted by two officers.

*Officers.**President.* Mrs. Kerr.*Secretary and Treasurer.* Mrs. Irvine.

9. *The Female Auxiliary Missionary Society of German-town.*—This Society was formed on the 29th of April last. Its object is to aid the funds of the parent society.

*Officers.**1st Directress.* Miss Bullock.

*2d Directress.* Miss Baynton.

*Secretary.* Miss E. Baynton.

*Treasurer.* Miss Morris.

*Managers.* Miss Langley, Miss Bringhurst, Miss Leger.

10. "*The Auxiliary Female Missionary Association of Christ Church, Philadelphia.*"—This association was formed on the 21st of April last. Its object is to aid the funds of the parent society.

*Officers.*

*1st Directress.* Mrs. Mix.

*2d Directress.* Mrs. C. Stevenson.

*Secretary.* Miss S. Hutchins.

*Treasurer.* Mrs. Heineker.

*Managers.* Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Emlin, Mrs. Hackquin, Mrs. J. Miller, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Ann D'Costa, Miss Martha S. Clarke, Miss Mary W. Clarke, Miss Elizabeth Cooper.

11. "*The Auxiliary Female Missionary Association of Trinity Church, Southwark.*"—Formed on the 7th day of May instant. Its object is to aid the funds of the parent society.

*Officers.*

*1st Directress.* Mrs. Cassan.

*2d Directress.* Mrs. Roberts.

*Treasurer.* Mrs. Joseph Klapp.

*Secretary.* Miss Cowpland.

*Managers.* Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Wallington, Mrs. Houseman, Mrs. Grease, Mrs. Brenton, Mrs. Devereux, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Whitney, Miss Rees, Miss Carr, Miss Price, Miss Cowpland.

*Of Agencies.*

In compliance with the resolution of the Board of Directors appointing Mr. Ephraim Bacon a catechist, and Mrs. Bacon a teacher, to serve upon the western coast of Africa; the committee at its first meeting authorized Mr. Bacon to go out as an agent to

procure funds towards the establishment of the contemplated Mission School. He returned to Philadelphia in the month of September last, after having visited several places in the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, in all of which, he met with very considerable encouragement. See Mr. Bacon's report, in the Appendix, No. 3.

Soon after his return from the South, Mr. Bacon went to the Eastward as far as Boston, with an expectation that he would probably be able to hear of some vessel going to the western coast of Africa. He was instructed at the same time, to prosecute the work of procuring contributions, either to the African mission or to the general objects of the society. Mr. Bacon's report of the success of his labours during this tour, may be seen in the Appendix, No. 4.

As there was no immediate prospect of Mr. Bacon's being sent out according to the first expectation of the committee: and he being disposed to continue in their service, it was thought proper to send him as an agent for the general purposes of the society, to collect funds in the states of North and South Carolina and Georgia. His reports of this agency is inserted also in the Appendix, No. 5.

In the beginning of the month of November, the Rev. Mr. Bedell consented to serve the Society for a few weeks as an agent, and to visit some of the eastern states. His report made to the committee, on his return, will show the result of his labours. See Appendix, No. 6.

On the 6th of December last, the Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, from the Diocess of New York was appointed an agent to visit the Western States. He left Philadelphia early in January; with instructions to visit "the several States and Territories, in which the Episcopal Church is not yet organized, for the purpose of gaining information respecting the state of the church, and the field they may offer for this Society, and of forming auxiliary societies; and otherwise soliciting contributions in aid of its funds."

Extracts from the letters of Rev. Mr. Baldwin, may be seen