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MISSION STATION AT ANVIK, ALASKA.

[From a Sketch by the Rev. John W. Chapman, showing the Mission Building surrounded by Traders' and Indians' Houses.]

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WOMAN'S WORK.

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THE GENERAL MEETING.

THE Triennial General Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions will be held on Thursday, October 3d, in the city of New York.

There will be the service of Holy Communion, with an address by the Bishop of New York, at 9.30 A.M., in the Church of the Holy Communion, Sixth Avenue and Twentieth Street.

The meeting will open directly after this service, in Masonic Hall, Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street; entrance on Twenty-third Street, up one flight.

The afternoon session will begin at 2.30.

All members of the Auxiliary and other women interested are cordially invited to this meeting.

JULIA C. EMERY, *Secretary.*

TO DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

THE October meeting of general and diocesan officers of the Auxiliary will be held on *Wednesday, October 2d*, instead of Thursday the 24th.

The diocesan officers are requested to meet at 3 P.M., in the Guild Room of Grace House, between Grace Church and Rectory, 802 Broadway.

This is the one meeting in three years when a really representative gathering of officers may be expected; therefore it is earnestly hoped that diocesan officers who shall be in New York or its vicinity at that time will certainly be present.

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THE GENERAL AUXILIARY OFFERING.

SINCE the editorial with regard to a special object for the offering on the day of the General Meeting of the Auxiliary, appeared in the August number of THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS, several communications upon the subject have been received by the Secretary. Three of these suggest that the offering shall be devoted to the proposed Church Missions House, or to the furnishing of the rooms in it that will be devoted to the uses of the Auxiliary; but, while we recognize the importance of this object, we feel that for several reasons it would be better to keep to the original propositions.

It has been the desire of those who have the building of the Church Missions House most at heart, that all contributions for it should be over and above the usual gifts for missions. For this reason it would seem to be hardly right that we should devote the usual offering made at our anniversary service to this object.

And second, on this day when we assemble as a really representative gathering of the Auxiliary, it seems as though our thanksgiving offering for all the common love and cheer we enjoy in our happy work, should go to some object that would speak a personal message of love and cheer to missionary workers.

We therefore suggest again the building of the church at Anvik, and the outfit, travelling expenses and first year's salary of a missionary teacher for Japan; and we also suggest that opportunity be afforded for making our gifts, not only at the service, but also at the close of both morning and afternoon sessions.

We ask for each of these objects \$1,000.

We should be glad if the necessary amount should be given, but as many members of the Auxiliary prefer to make their large offerings through their own branches, it is possible that this general offering may be much smaller. Should it reach only \$300, instead of the large amount we desire, we would ask that it be divided between the Domestic Contingent and the Foreign Insurance Funds.

Throughout the year there come to the Secretary urgent calls for help, which demand prompt relief. It is very desirable that we should be able to answer these calls without delay, and the Domestic Contingent Fund has been established for this purpose. The Foreign Insurance Fund enables our Foreign missionaries to maintain their life insurance, thus saving them expense, and giving them comfort in the thought of the provision made for their families in the case of their death. Both these Funds create warm and personal interest between the individual missionaries and the Auxiliary, and would seem to be appropriate objects for our offerings on the day of the General Meeting.

We leave the matter with these suggestions:

I. Should the undesignated offerings amount to \$300, or over, the sum shall be divided between the church building at Anvik, and the outfit of a missionary to Japan.

II. Should the undesignated offerings fall below \$300 they shall be divided between the Domestic Contingent and Foreign Insurance Funds.

III. Any individual who so desires shall mark her offering for any other missionary object she may prefer.

These suggestions will be brought before the meeting of the diocesan officers, and the definite decision will be announced at the service, and again at both morning and afternoon session of the meeting.

A NEW BRANCH OF THE AUXILIARY.

It is with much pleasure that we welcome a branch of the Auxiliary of which Mrs. Laning writes from Osaka on the 21st of June: "You will doubtless hear from Miss Carter of the woman's auxiliary she organized in St. John's Church, a few weeks ago. For the present, until the Japanese get the run of things, I am president and Miss Bull vice-president. At our last meeting we had twenty-three Japanese ladies present, the majority of them members of the Ladies' Institute, who are also regular attendants at St. John's Church. Some of them were hospital patients, who have, through their attendance at the hospital, become interested in Christianity, and attend St. John's, where Dr. Laning and I also go."

Cannot branches similar to this be established at all other Foreign mission stations? We would gladly hear from them and receive the addresses of the respective secretaries.