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Hints to Parochial Officers.

Impress upon the women of your parish that they are, by virtue of their baptism, members of the Woman's Auxiliary. Urge them to recognize this claim by working along the appointed lines and giving such dues as your Parish Branch may settle upon.

Every Branch is expected to give to the Apportionment Fund and the United Offering and to do its share of any work planned by Diocesan Officers. After this do any diocesan or general work that has the approval of your Rector and Diocesan Officers.

Take the "Church Record" and read to your branch the Auxiliary page. Keep ready for reference the last report of your Diocesan Branch, Miss Emery's last report and the "Spirit of Missions."

When you begin a box advise the recipient and Diocesan Secretary. When it is shipped advise again giving date and mode of shipment. Prepay all expenses.

Report changes of address, and any changes in your list of officers to the Secretary.

MINUTES.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Birmingham, May 4th and 5th, when they were entertained by the Branches of St. Andrews and St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands.

The opening service, the Corporate Communion, was at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands at 10 a. m., Tuesday, Bishop Beckwith being the Celebrant assisted by the Rev. Horace W. Jones of Demopolis.

At the close of the service the Bishop announced the resignation of Mrs. McMillian as President and appointed Mrs. Frank Stollenwerck, of Montgomery, as her successor.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. McMillian and the roll call showed that delegates from the following branches were present:

Grace Church and St. Michael and All Angels, Anniston; The Advent, St. Andrews and St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands, Birmingham; Eugenia Lyon Memorial Branch, Demopolis; St. Paul's, Greensboro; St. John's, Mobile; The Holy Comforter, Montgomery; St. John's Montgomery; and Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Houston Johnston, Pres. of St. Mary's Branch welcomed the visiting delegates and said:

Madame President and Ladies:

We consider ourselves most blessed in that we have the privilege of this great missionary meeting with us this year, and, in the name of all the Woman's Auxiliaries of this district, I extend to you a most hearty welcome, praying that our hearts may be so truly stirred in these meetings and God's Holy Spirit so bountifully poured on us that "we little ones may go forth as the mighty" with renewed and re-consecrated hearts in our great work that lies before us. That the leaven that we receive at this time may work mightily in us, that our numbers may increase and that the hearts of the women of our churches may be more turned to the interest of missions, that we may realize that the fields are white and ready to harvest but that laborers are much needed. And to the end that this may be accomplished in us let each one make a promise to herself that she will

take advantage of every possible opportunity to inform herself on this subject.

We could not ask for anything more instructive than a talk from the Bishop which we will receive this afternoon and also one from Mr. Patton tonight. May all that we hear sink into our hearts and bring much fruit.

Mrs. McMillian replied:

We give you loving greeting and hearty thanks, dear friends of our Birmingham Branches, for the cordial welcome again given us. Last May you entertained us royally and that you should open to us again your hearts and homes and bestow such cheerful and bountiful hospitality is more than we could ask or expect. "There is that blesses him that gives and him that takes." May a blessing be on you and the work we are trying to do for the Master at this meeting.

Last year we had the help of Miss Emery's presence, her clear explanations, her sound advice and wise counsel. While today we have not inspiration of her sweet voice and gracious personality, yet we have learned more of the work and what she would have us do. If we have followed her, as we promised with our interest and our prayers in her Missionary journey around the world, we will be quite as ready and willing to carry on our work, to remember our three-fold obligation of prayer, of personal service and willing gifts as if Miss Emery were present with us today.

Though I repeat myself, I must again speak of the beginnings of the Woman's Auxiliary. Its roots stretch back nearly ninety years to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society organized at the General Convention of 1820.

Then, as now, the declaration was made that "Missionary duty belongs to *all members* of a Parish." Of the eight Missionary societies in our whole church in 1823, two were in the South. One in Christ church, Savannah, and one in Beaufort, S. C. In 1834 "The Ladies Circle of Industry" of Christ church, Tuscaloosa, gave five dollars to missions and added another to our few "Female Auxiliary Missionary Societies." Our Alabama branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was formed in 1889 by Bishop Wilmer, with Mrs. M. F. Warren as president. I cannot speak too highly of the faithful, earnest, devoted labors of our first president. She spared not herself, but with untiring energy and zeal she laid a firm and lasting foundation for the work which we must carry on to ever increasing fulness and usefulness. In God's own time, we pray that every parish and mission in our Diocese will be glad to enroll themselves under the "Banner of the Cross" and faithfully endeavor to carry forward the

work so bravely begun and carried on by Mrs. Warren. She merits the thanks of every church woman in our State who believes in the Church's mission of sending the gospel of "redemption and release" to all people. No one more fully appreciates her work and realizes how many and great her disappointments and discouragements must have been, than the Diocesan officers and we are all glad to render this tribute of thanks to her and call her friend.

As you know, dear friends, we are Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and our reason for being is that we may render them help in their work. To do this, we have pledged \$100,000 dollars annually. This sum is apportioned among all the Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions. Some of the Diocesan branches, among them our own, have paid in full. Others have fallen short, so the pledge has never been redeemed in full. This past year we voluntarily increased our apportionment and I am glad to say that it will be more than met. This apportionment helps the Board of Missions pay the salaries of Missionary Bishops and Priests, establish and maintain schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, support native clergymen, catechists, teachers and Bible women, pays rent of a Chinese chapel in Manilla, builds homes for Missionary Clergymen, provides for Indian work in ten Missionary districts and two Dioceses. The Board supports the Episcopale and Missionaries in twenty-two Home and ten Foreign Jurisdictions and helps the Missionary work in forty-two Dioceses—Alabama among them. We should do more than we have done, and give promptly all that we can give that the Church may not suffer, as she so often has done, from the "extravagance of ill advised economy." Bishop Brent writes "Unless our institutional work, (hospitals, schools, etc.) can be made the very best and quite on a level with what secular philanthropy and state enterprise create, we are in duty bound to the Church to recommend we do not create them at all. A religious work means a thorough work, (especially in the mission field where conditions are hostile above the ordinary) from front to back, and from top to bottom, viewed economically, scientifically, morally and mystically. A disregard for any one aspect reflects unfavorably upon the character of religion and the fair name of the Church. Pious inefficiency and ill-equipped idealism are responsible for many a blot on Christianity's escutcheon."

While the sums given for missions are large, they are not large compared to the wealth and importance of the Church nor the needs of the steadily growing work. We owe our Missionaries an intelligent comprehension of their work and a fuller sympathy with it. The Church is full of self-sacrificing heroes,

hose who count not their lives dear to themselves so they may testify among the heathen—in our own "God's Country" as well as abroad—to the boundless grace and mercy of God.

In addition to the apportionment, we give to the United Offering. A thank offering presented at the meeting of the General Convention to be used for the training, sending and support of women workers, and to care for them when sick and disabled. The Woman's Auxiliary gave in 1907 over \$224,000 for this purpose. Had every baptized person given the penny a day for which the Board asked the sum would have been millions instead of thousands, but too many of our women are not numbered among the devoted band who carry on the work day by day and year by year. If we would only count our blessings and prove our gratitude! I know one good woman, now in Paradise, who seemed to have no large share of earthly blessings, who suffered greatly from a painful illness, who was bereaved of sons and daughters, yet whose blue box at each quarterly Auxiliary meeting led all the others and put outwardly happier and more prosperous lives to shame. Her practice was to drop a coin in her box for every blessing that came into her life. Abroad we see in Cathedrals and churches beautiful windows, altars, lecterns, pulpits and the like, given as *thank-offerings* to God for mercies received. We give memorials, but when we awake to our duties, responsibilities and privileges we will be glad to give thank offerings also.

I am not able to report as great an advance in our work this year as I hoped. St. John's, Montgomery has formed a second division of the Woman's Auxiliary, and following the example of the parent branch we can expect good and faithful work from them. St. John's, New Decatur, and St. James, Eufaula, have organized Junior branches, Trinity Church, Florence, is working up a mission at Sweet Water, The Nativity, Huntsville, and All Saints, Mobile, have started branches of the Little Helpers; the bright and cherry letters from the president of the last are such as warm the hearts and carry courage to the most despondent. A number of Parish branches have fallen behind their work of last year. Had it not been for the increased work of the Anniston and Birmingham branches, the Demopolis and Florence, which two increased over 50 per cent, and the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, and the Second Division of St. Johns, our report would be far short of the previous one. Our work and gifts should increase year by year and not diminish if the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is to be wholly imbued with His Spirit, the Missionary Spirit. May we all awake to the sense of personal responsibility and rise to the performance of the obligations we have taken upon ourselves.

I leave the reports of the Junior and Baby branches and of the Church Periodical Club to their respective officers who can so fittingly present the claims of each, only saying that these good and helpful organizations should be established in every parish and mission in the Diocese.

I am glad to report that we were able to act on Miss Emery's suggestion to appoint a sympathetic, Christian woman to write to the loyal and lonely Church women in so many places who seldom see a Priest of the Church or are able to attend Her services. Mrs. M. L. Daniel, 1310 Eleventh Avenue So. Birmingham, will gladly write to all who care to hear from her, to let them know their fellow members of the household of faith are caring for them, thinking of them, sympathising with them in their loneliness and will be glad to help them. Already Mrs. Daniels letters and advice have cheered and encouraged more than one of these lonely women. Will not more of these who are holding fast to the teachings of our American Catholic Church, write to this sympathetic, warm hearted woman and receive such counsel and advice as will cheer them and open to them avenues of service which cannot fail to help them and others also. I beg all who know of such persons—lonely, isolated yet faithful, will give their names to Mrs. Daniel that she may do what she can to help and cheer them. No money is asked for or from any one, but we hope it may prove a means of giving help where most needed. In this connection it may be well to begin a fund to help small, weak parishes and missions to build churches and chapels. This fund would be placed at the disposal of the Bishop of the Diocese, or be used under his direction.

It rests with you to discuss the Convocation system proposed last year and to decide if it will facilitate the work of the Auxiliary. There should be no difficulty in finding among the many women interested in the mission work of the church, efficient officers to take charge in each Convocation. It has always been my great desire that an Auxiliary Mission would be established in Alabama and we could place an application for trained Deaconesses or teachers, our own United Offering workers to help the Priest in charge. Such missions and such workers are in nearly every Southern and Western Diocese and are of untold help in training those under their charge, to develope them, to teach them to care for better customs, better health, better food, better methods of work, better lives.

In these mission schools not only the rudiments of a common school education are imparted, but girls are taught sewing, weaving, cooking and housework and the boys gardening, carpentering, printing and the like. The missions minister to the

people in a large extent of territory. Services are held in the chapels or school rooms and the people soon learn to love them. Some of these U. O. workers are also trained nurses, and a hospital or dispensary is established in connection with the mission to care for the bodies of the people and teach mothers to care properly for their children. A number of these missions are doing untold good in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, among "a people strong in mind and body, anxious to help themselves but lacking in opportunity and almost without money." Alabama stands at the foot of the Dioceses in Auxiliary work and our weak spot is that we are doing no Diocesan work. The work that is being so well done in our sister States might also be done here, without infringing on our general work, and I trust that my successor will be helped and guided by the Bishop in the founding of such a mission and I feel we are safe in pledging the Woman's Auxiliary to give a large measure of aid and assistance to its permanent support, and I pray none of us will be found wanting when called upon for help.

I sincerely thank all members of the Auxiliary for the good work they have done and the friendship so generously given and I desire especially to thank the Executive Board for their ready help and encouragement in all difficulties. No one knows better than I of the many disappointments of the presidents of the Junior and Baby Branches in their efforts to extend their work, and the cheerfulness and sweetness which refused to accept apathy and indifference as final, but led them to try again and again to help those who did not care to be helped and who knew not the time of their visitation.

Not only my own thanks but those of our whole Auxiliary are due our most efficient Sec'y. and Treas. She has thought, worked and planned untiringly and the advance made in all lines the past five years is due to her more than any other one member of the Auxiliary. I suggest that these offices be divided and both a Secretary and Treasurer be appointed. Few can give the time Miss Noble has given to this work and it is more than we have a right to expect from any one woman.

For myself, I can never regret having filled, (however poorly), the office of President of the Alabama Auxiliary. It has given me an insight into the needs of the Church at home and abroad and of the vast amount of work our missionaries are doing for "all sorts and conditions of men," which I would not have learned or known had I not the office for a time. The Board of Missions is the Church's distributing agent. We, of the laity, must provide the funds for their work. How gladly would the Board respond to every worthy call for help if the

members of this Church would attend to the financial side of Missions and allow the Board to seize opportunities for laying foundations and building thereon. How many opportunities are lost, perhaps forever, because the members of the church fail to provide the men and means at the right time! How these lost opportunities must bring keenest sorrow to those who are spending their lives and giving the best that is in them to carry out our Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature.

We are not blameless in this matter. While I believe the work of the Woman's Auxiliary is becoming better organized and better understood, that we have learned more of the work and the needs of Church, there is still much pitiable ignorance and selfishness, much lack of prayer, of personal service—the highest type of service—and of cheerful systematic giving which would disappear if we put a little more time, a little more thought, a little more heart into our work. We are so much engrossed in the needs of our parish that we forget "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that with-holdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." When we pray that "the bounds of Thy blessed Kingdom may be enlarged" let us help forward the fulfillment of our prayer by giving the means to enlarge the bounds and the men and women to do the work. May we rise to a truer realization of our duty and strive more and more to fulfill our obligations as God would have us do.

Our Mission Study classes will do much to teach us the needs of and the way to help, the people of whom we are learning. I am glad that so many of our parish branches have taken up these courses of study and trust they will continue till knowledge is increased and giving is as much a part of our religion as prayer and praise.

Again I thank all members for work so cheerfully done. Always will I be grateful for the many, and I trust, lasting friendships formed through my association with you. Resigning my office does not mean losing interest in our work, and if God spares me, I hope to meet with you in the future and do my part to carry on the work which has been intrusted to us. To my successor I extend my congratulations and sincere good wishes. An ever increasing work is opening before her and I trust that all of us will do what we can to help her in what will prove no easy task. Any help I can render is freely at her service and I trust that under her wise and prudent guidance the work of the Auxiliary will be extended until every city, village and hamlet in our Diocese will enjoy the ministrations of our Branch of the Catholic Church, and that all members will give as they are able whether of their abundance or of their poverty, to

spread the knowledge and love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ, to the uttermost bounds of the earth. We are building for the future and dare not lower our standard. Rather let us build higher and as our Master recognizes the individuality of each one of us, and has a separate and distinct work for each, let us ask Him "Lord what will Thou have *me* to do," and then in all humility, earnestness and love strive to do our appointed work. We cannot all do great things but let us do the small, trivial commonplace things as He would have us do them. May we pray:

My Master and my Lord
Come and abide in me;
Make Thou my sinful heart
A Temple fit for Thee.
So shall lifes common round
Grow beautiful and fair.
And all its sighing change to song
That other lives may share;
Tntil I hear Thy voice say softly unto me
"Blessed the ears that hear, Blessed the eyes that see."

Mrs. McMillian further said "I cannot end until I voice the regret of the loss which the whole Church has sustained in the death of her foremost layman, George C. Thomas, Treasurer of the Board of Missions. He was not only the most liberal giver of money, but he gave his time, talents, work and personal service to the Church. May God grant rest to his soul, and raise up men to carry on the work he did so faithfully for so many years. As he was always such a warm friend of the Woman's Auxiliary, I would like to have our Branch put on record our sense of the loss and offer suitable resolutions of sympathy. I appoint Mrs. C. M. Beckwith, Miss Mary Avery, Mrs. Stewart McQueen and Miss Kate Harrison as a committee to draw up the same.

The report of the Treasurer was then read and approved. The report of the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club was read and approved. Mrs. Maxwell, Pres. of the Junior Branch asked that her report be delayed till the afternoon session. Mrs. Legare,

Pres. of the Baby Branch not being present, her report was also postponed.

Miss Avery, of St. Pauls, Greensboro, introduced the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote:

If not out of order, I beg to be allowed to express myself in regard to Mrs. S. T. McMillian, our Diocesan President of Auxiliary work in Alabama, who is about to retire from office. I am impelled to speak of her, else I would wrong our Auxiliary Branch in Alabama, would wrong Mrs. McMillian, would wrong myself.

Mrs. McMillian has served as Diocesan Pres. of Woman's Auxiliary in Alabama for five years. All who have worked under her can speak of her devotion to Auxiliary work, of the United Offering, of the Apportionment, Etc. Yes! of ready sympathy shown to any who in their correspondence called upon her for advice; of her appreciation of all work that was done in earnest for Missions, however small, of her encouragement to go forward, to persevere in whatever belonged to Missions.

How could it be otherwise, springing from the "Noble" Stock, who showed by their work, how dear to their hearts was the cause of Christ and His Church.

"Their works do follow them."

In Anniston where they lived and prospered, they gave liberally to God.

There a grand Church, the Noble Institute, the beautiful dormitories, do all bear witness of their generosity and of devotion to God's work, in establishing the Church there. These beautiful traits of generosity and earnestness I am sure were inherant in her.

We owe her a debt of thanks for her five years of faithful service. This debt of thanks, though yet unspoken, I know is sincerely felt.

Mrs. Warren, Diocesan Pres. before Mrs. McMillian served us earnestly, faithfully, and patiently we were loth to give her up, but the change has worked us no harm. May our new Pres. find much happiness and sympathy in her co-workers, may she emulate the executive ability and devotion of the two Presidents that have preceded her. May she be inspired to urge onward all Missionary work in her line, and arouse us to gladly aid in making known to every heart, God's saving grace. "May none whom Christ has ransomed fail to greet Him, through our neglect to publish glad tidings,

"Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and Release."

Mrs. McMillian then read the noon-day prayers and a recess was taken during which the ladies of St. Mary's and St. Andrews served a delicious luncheon.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 by Mrs. Stollenwerck. The report of the Junior and Baby Branches were read and approved. A resolution was introduced to present a memorial to the Tri-ennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in 1910, requesting that the action taken in 1907 in regard to representation be amended by a clause allowing Alternates to attend and vote when the Diocesan officers were not present. After some discussion, on motion of Mrs. Maxwell, seconded by Miss Harrison, it was laid on the table.

The question of the Convocational system was next in order, and as most of the delegates had come instructed by their parochial branches, it was soon settled, all voting in favor of it.

The question left over from the last meeting in regard to the length of term of office was next brought up. On motion of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, seconded by Mrs. Tucker, it was resolved: that Article 4 of the Constitution be amended to read, "The officers shall be a President appointed by the Bishop for a term of four years, etc., carried.

The following pledges were then made by the Branches present for the apportionment: Anniston, Grace Church \$25.00; St. Michael and All Angels \$35.00; Birmingham, The Advent \$50.00; St. Andrews \$25.00; St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands \$50.00; Demopolis, The Eugenia Lyon Memorial Branch \$25.00; Greensboro, St. Paul's \$20.00; Mobile, St. John's \$25.00; Montgomery, The Holy Comforter \$15.00; St. John's \$55.00; St. John's Second Division \$15.00; Tuscaloosa \$45.00.

Pledges for the Bishop Wilmer Scholarship: Anniston, Grace Church \$5.00; St. Michael and All Angels \$10.00; Birmingham, The Advent \$10.00; St. Andrew's \$5.00; St. Mary's \$10.00; Greensboro, St. Paul's \$15.00; Mobile, St. John's \$5.00; Montgomery, The Holy Com-

forter 5.00; St. John's \$5.00; St. John's Second Division \$5.00; Tuscaloosa \$5.00.

Mrs. McQueen made a plea for the Church Periodical Club, and it was resolved and carried, that each Branch pay a dollar, or more, annually for the expenses of the Central office in New York for express and postage on books, etc.

Sister Sarah, of the Church Home, Mobile, was then given the floor and talked most interestingly and convincingly of the good work done by the Home and of the great need of funds to carry this work on.

At 4 p. m. Bishop Beckwith made a short address, after which the meeting adjourned for the day and the hospitable people of Birmingham then took the entire delegation for a drive in automobiles through their beautiful city.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30, Mrs. Stolenwerck presiding.

The following was introduced by Mrs. Maxwell, Resolved: That the women of the Diocese stand ready to assist the Clergy in their efforts to sustain the Church Home for Orphans at Mobile, carried.

The committee on Resolutions on the death of Mr. Thomas made the following report:

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this world to Paradise the soul of our beloved brother and faithful fellow Churchman, George C. Thomas, and, Whereas Mr. Thomas was, for many years, closely associated in loving sympathy and in service, with the Woman's Auxiliary, be it Resolved, that the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in the Diocese of Alabama, hereby incorporates in its journal the profoundest sorrow at his death and joins with the whole American Church in mourning the loss of 'Our Great Leader and First and Best Layman.'

"Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family."

Signed,

MRS. C. M. BECKWITH,
MISS MARY E. AVERY,
MRS. STEWART MCQUEEN,
MISS KATE HARRISON.

Adopted, all standing.

A short recess was then in order to allow the delegates of each Convocation to select names from which the President should appoint Secretaries for the several Convocations. The following were appointed.

Birmingham Convocation, Mrs. Alston Fitts, Tuscaloosa.

Huntsville Convocation, Mrs. Richard Miller, Huntsville.

Montgomery Convocation, Mrs. Chas. Henderson, Troy.

Mobile Convocation, left open.

Selma Convocation, Miss Mary R. Clarke, Demopolis.

The committee on resolutions of thanks reported the following:

It is our great privilege to express the appreciation of the visiting delegates of the Woman's Auxiliary, of the beautiful hospitality accorded each and all of us by the members of St. Mary's and St. Andrews Parishes, whose hearts and homes were open to receive us from the moment we landed in Birmingham's magnificent depot, where we were met by our kind hostesses and escorted to their elegant homes; For the delicious luncheon served us after a long and arduous session of work; the delightful and refreshing automobile ride, so thoughtfully arranged by a layman of St. Mary's Church, which enabled us to see, as well as feel, the charms and beauties of Birmingham, and to each one who so lovingly carried out the injunction of St. Paul, to be given to hospitality, we send our hearty thanks.

MRS. MARY G. PICKINS,

MRS. GARDINER C. TUCKER

MRS. MARY W. TISDALE.

Mrs. Maxwell, of Tuscaloosa, introduced the following:

RESOLVED: That the Woman's Auxiliary wish to express their appreciation of the labors of our beloved Secretary and Treasurer, and feel that whatever has been done to further the work of the Auxiliary, is largely due to her faithful work and untiring devotion. Adopted.

The various branches were then called upon for reports of work done in the Mission Study classes.

Grace Church, Anniston, had taken up Cuba and

Philippines; The Advent, Birmingham, China and Miss Lindly's course on St. Matthew, St. Andrews, the same, St. Mary's the Spirit of Missions; the Eugenia Lyon Memorial, Demopolis, China; The Holy Comforter, Montgomery, China, Japan and English and American Missions, St. John's, China and Church History; Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, Alaska, China and Japan, while Mrs. Tucker, of Mobile, and others spoke of the good results obtained from the use of the Question Box.

A letter was then read from our "Fellow workers at the Church Missions House" urging all members to keep up their interest in Missions through their summer vacation wherever they may be, as "many of the Missionaries remain at their posts the whole of the summer and there must always be those at the Church Missions House to whom the summer holidays are really the most anxious days of the year."

An invitation was received from Christ Church, Mobile, asking the Woman's Auxiliary to meet there next year at the time the Diocesan Council met. It was accepted with thanks, subject to the action of the Council.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

ELIZABETH NOBLE,
Secretary.

Twentieth Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Alabama Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

Anniston—Grace Church.

President, Mrs. A. Culberson; Secretary Mrs. Jas. G. Glass;	
Treasurer, Mrs. C. T. Kidd. Number of members 35.	
Apportionment, \$25.00; Dues, \$3.00; United Offering	
\$13.53..	\$ 41.53
Three boxes of clothing to the Rev. McN. Dubuse, N. C..	110.00
Box to Rev. Mr. Moody, Hickory, N. C.....	35.00
Total.....	\$186.53

St. Michael and All Angels'.

Director, The Rev. J. H. Blacklock; President, Miss M. W. Noble; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. S. T. McMillion. Number of members 17.

Apportionment, \$35.00; Dues, \$3.00; United Offering,	
\$21.94	\$ 59.94
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship, Endowment.....	5.00
Special to Tanana Valley Mission, Alaska.....	15.00
To the Rev. Irenaus Trout for work among the Seminoles, So. Fla.....	6.50
To Christ Church, Geneva, Ala.....	2.00
To Christ Church School, Arden, Asheville.....	1.00
To St. Bartholomews Church, Ely, Nevada.....	1.00
To St. Paul's Church, Chickasha, Okla.....	1.00
Box to the Rev. F. L. Robinson, Manasses, Va., \$15.00, Express, \$1.35.....	16.50
Box to Gaston Co. Missions, Asheville, \$64.00, freight \$1.10.....	65.10
Material for two Stoles for Mission Church in Diocese, Atlanta.....	4.50
For Mission Christmas tree in Alabama.....	1.50
Total.....	\$178.89

Athens—St. Timothy.

President, Mrs. R. V. Howard Saunders. Number of members 3.

United Offering.....	\$ 9.65
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Birmingham—Church of the Advent.

President, Mrs. F. H. Buell; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Evans; Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Greene. Number of Members 35.

Apportionment \$50.00; Dues \$3.50; Christ Church, Geneva, Ala., \$1.00.....	\$ 54.50
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	10.00
Box to Mark Spider, Indian Cateshist, So. Dakota.....	75.00
Total.....	\$139.50

St. Andrews.

President, Miss M. Adele Shaw; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Nevins; Treasurers, Mrs. C. T. Baker. Number of members 35.

Apportionment \$25.00; Dues \$3.50; United Offering \$11.38.	\$ 39.88
To Bishop Brown for his work in Arkansas.....	2.00
Box to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn....	18.00
Total.....	\$59.88

St. Mary's-on-the-Highland's.

President, Mrs. Houston Johnston; Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Cole; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Kirkpatrick. Number of members 27.

For support of a bed in St. James' Hospital, Gankin, China.....	\$ 50.00
United Offering \$9.65; to Christ Church, Geneva, Ala., \$5.00.....	14.65
To the Rev. M. Bethea, Auburn, Ala.....	20.00
Total	\$ 48.65

Boligee—St. Mark's.

President, Mrs. Henry T. Bouchelle; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Bouchelle. Number of members 13.

Apportionment \$8.00; Dues \$1.30; United Offering \$2.70...\$ 12.70
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Carbon Hill—St. John's, Not Organized.

President, Mrs. Kate B. Patterson.

Apportionment.....	\$ 5.00
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Cedar Hill—St. James, Not Organized.

President, Mrs. M. E. Scott.

United Offering.....	\$ 1.00
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Demopolis—Eugenia Lyon Memorial Branch.

President, Miss Kate Harrison; Secretary, Mrs. John Dow; Treasurer, Miss Laura Prout. Number of members 24.

Apportionment \$25.00; Dues \$2.00; United Offering \$17.30. \$ 44.30	
Box to the Rev. C. F. Collins, St. Louis, Mo., \$25.00; Express \$1.50.....	26.50
Box to Christ Church School Arden, Asheville.....	10.00
Box to Gaston Co. Missions, Gastonia, Asheville.....	35.00
Box to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn.....	10.00
To the Rev. Mr. Neve, for his work in the Va. Mountains	5.00
Total.....	\$130.80

Eufaula—St. James Sunday School.

To Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	\$ 7.00
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Faunsdale—St. Michael's Sunday School.

To Bishop Wilmer Scholarship.....	\$ 5.00
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Florence—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. H. C. Gilbert; Vice President, Mrs. H. B. Lee; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Jordan.

United Offering.....	\$ 18.56
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Box to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn.....	25.00
Box to Kindergarten Mission, Sweetwater, Ala.....	10.00
Total.....	\$ 53.56

Cadsden—The Holy Comforter, Not Organized.

President, Mrs. S. T. Cathey.	
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	\$ 5,00

Greensboro—St. Paul's.

President, The Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D.; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Avery. Number of members 18.	
Apportionment \$20.00; Dues \$1.80; United Offering \$3.20.	\$ 25.00
Box to Rev. Mr. Grainger, El Reno, Okla., \$76.50; Ex- press \$3.50.....	80.00
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship from Sunday School	15.00
Total.....	\$120.00

Greenville—St. Thomas.

President, Mrs. Dora Royall; Secretary, Mrs. G. H. Tatum; Treasurer, Miss Mamie Upton.	
Apportionment, for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5.00
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	5.00
Box to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn....	12.00
Box of fruit to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn.....	2.50
Total.....	\$ 24.50

Huntsville—The Nativity.

President, Mrs. P. M. Dox; Secretary, Miss Nettie Camp- bell. Number of members 25.	
United Offering.....	\$ 13.48
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	10.00
Total.....	\$ 23.48

Letohatchie Mission—Not Organized.

President, Mrs. E. C. Rogers.	
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	\$ 1.00

Lowndesboro—St. Paul's, Not Organized.

President, Mrs. W. H. Whetstone.	
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship, Endowment.....	\$ 5.00

Mobile—Christ Church.

President, Mrs. F. S. Parker; Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Somer- ville; Treasurer, Mrs. N. H. Boykin. Number of members 33.	
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Apportionment \$50.00; Dues \$3.30; United Offering \$14.90. \$ 68.20
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship..... 12.00

Total..... \$80.20

Mobile—St. John's.

President, Miss Frances Bond; Secretary and Miss L. Kern.
Number of members 18.

Apportionment \$23.20; Dues \$1.80; United Offering \$10.10. \$ 35.10
Scholarship for "Esther," St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain,

Sewanee..... 50.00
Box for "Esther," St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, \$6.85; Box
for other children \$3.45..... 10.30
Two boxes fruit for St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain..... 5.00

Total..... \$100.40

Montevallo, St. Andrews—Not Organized.

President, Mrs. S. E. Nabors.
United Offering..... \$ 8.00

Montgomery, The Holy Comforter.

President, Mrs. D. E. Cobbs; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs.
Stewart McQueen. Number of members 20.

Apportionment \$15.00; Dues \$2.00; United Offering \$11.10. \$ 28.10
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship..... 10.00
Cash to the Rev. W. H. Hardin, Gastonia, Asheville..... 25.00
Two boxes of clothing to Gastonia Co. Missions, Asheville 55.00

Total..... \$118.10

Montgomery, St. John's.

President, Mrs. F. Stollenwerck; Secretary, Mrs. Julia
Hartwell; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Hawley. Number of members 71.

Apportionment \$55.00; Dues, \$7.10; United Offering \$43.10. \$105.20
Bishop Wilmer Scholarship, Current Ex..... 5.00
Bishop Wilmer Scholarship, Endowment Fund..... 2.20
Box to the Rev. R. W. Anderson, Waldo, Tex..... 133.75
Box to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn..... 36.00

Total..... \$282.15

St. John's, Second Division.

President, Mrs. H. S. Persons; Secretary and Treasurer,
Mrs. W. P. Fonviille. Number of members 24.

Dues \$2.40; United Offering \$4.00..... \$ 6.40
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship..... 5.00

Total..... \$ 11.40

Newbern Mission—Not Organized.

President, Mrs. J. F. Brown.

Towards the box sent to El Reno Okla., by St. Paul's,
Greensboro.....\$ 10.00

New Decatur, St. John's.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary B. Shepard. Number
of members 15.

Apportionment, \$8.50; Dues, \$1.50; United Offering, \$15.05. \$ 25.05

Orrville, St. Luke's.

President, Mrs. Eugene M. Marshall. Number of members 3.

Apportionment, \$4.70; Dues, 30c; United Offering
\$5.00.....\$ 10.00
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....10.00

Total.....\$ 20.00

Prarieville, St. Andrew's Guild.

Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....\$ 5.00

Prattville, St. Mark's.

President, Mrs. E. I. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. Knox Booth;
Treasurer, Mrs. McKeevie.
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....\$ 5.00

Selma, St. Paul's.

President, Mrs. W. M. Vaughn; Secretary, Mrs. Geo. A.
Noble; Treasurer, Mrs. W. K. Partridge. Number of members 55.
Apportionment \$60.00; United Offering, \$50.00.....\$110.00
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....10.00
Box to the Rev. L. C. Harrison, Heathville, Va.....51.28

Total.....\$171.28

Sheffield, Grace Church.

President, Mrs. W. R. Weston; Secretary and Treasurer,
Mrs. Geo. E. Saywell. Number of members 10,
United Offering.....\$ 1.30

Spring Hill, St. Paul's—Not Orgauized.

President, Miss Mabel Field.

United Offering.....\$ 4.00

Talladega, St. Peter's.

President, Miss Louise C. Willman; Vice President, Mrs. L.
L. Brothers; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lena Bingham.
Number of Members 18.

Apportionment, \$15.00; Dues \$1.80; United Offering \$19.40.	\$ 36.20
To St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn.....	12.50
Easter Offering to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain.....	1.00
To St. Andrews' School, Sewanee, Tenn.....	12.25
Total.....	\$ 61.95

Tuscaloosa, Christ Church.

President, Mrs. Ellen Peter Bryce; Secretary, Mrs. Fred R. Maxwell; Treasurer, Mrs. Norfleet Harris. Number of members 52.	
Apportionment \$44.00; Dues, \$5.20; United Offering, \$31.05.	\$ 80.25
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	5.00
Total.....	\$ 85.25

Tuscumbia, St. John's—Not Organized.

President, Mrs. W. H. McReynolds; Treasurer, Mrs. Julia Goodloe.	
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship Endowment.....	\$ 5.00

Miscellaneous.

Received from Offering at The Advent, Birmingham, May, 1908.....	\$ 10.15
Balance from Traveling Expense account.....	3.30
Interest on United Offering 3.85; Interest on Scholarship 18.39.....	22.24
Balance on hand from Dues, May, 1908.....	56.34
Total.....	\$ 92.03

Expenses.

Stationery for Secretary, 2.30; Postage, 7.36; Long distance phone 1.60.....	\$ 11.26
Stationery and postage for President.....	3.00
Printing Reports for 1908, 26.40; 200 Envelopes for mailing 70c.....	27.11
Postage on Reports.....	1.86
Express refunded to Church Missions House on leaflets sent to Birmingham.....	.35
Total.....	\$ 43.58

Cash Receipts.

Apportionment, including 50.00 from St. Mary's Birmingham, for St. James Hospital, Gakin, China..	\$ 518.40
Dues, 43.50; United Offering, 339.19.....	382.69
Bishop Wilmer Scholarship, 142.20; Miscellaneous 92.03.	234.23
Total.....	\$1,135.32

Disbursements.

Apportionment.....	\$ 531.85
To bank for United Offering.....	343.04
To bank for Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	160.59
To expenses, 43.58; Balance on hand 56.26.....	99.84
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Total.....	\$1,135.32

United Offering.

Amount reported May 15th, 1908.....	\$ 148.99
Received from Woman's Auxiliary	339.19
Received from Junior Branch, 3.35; From Baby Branch	
4.98.....	8.33
Interest	3.85
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Amount on hand May, 1909.....	\$ 500.36

Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.

Amount reported May 1908.....	\$ 468.17
Received from Woman's Auxiliary for current expenses	125.00
Received from Woman's Auziliary for Endowment fund	17.20
Received from Baby Branch, for Endowment fund.....	11.33
Interest.....	18.39
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Total.....	\$ 658.09

To Bank for current expenses of Scholarship...\$125.00
To Bank for Endowment Fund Scholarship.... 533.09-- 658.09

Summary.

Cash Receipts.....	\$1,135.32
Sent to Treasurer Mission Board for Foreign Missions	5.00
Special to Treasurer Mission Board for Tanana Valley	
Mission, Alaska.....	15.00
Sent direct to Mission Fields.....	145.25
Boxes (25) sent to Missions and Missionaries.....	827.78
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Total.....	\$2,128.35
Total for Junior Branch.....	\$181.14
Total for Baby Branch.....	50.64-- 231.78
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Total.....	\$2,360.13

ELIZABETH NOBLE, Treasurer.

Report of Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary of Alabama.

Anniston—St. Michael and All Angels.

President, Mrs. N. S. Perkins; Secretary, Miss Stella Huger. Number of members 10.

Box to Sister Hughetta, Sr. Superior C. S. M.....	\$30.00
Box to St. Mary's-on-the-Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn.....	15.00
Apportionment, \$3.35; United Offering, \$1.25.....	4.60
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	\$49.60

Noble Institute, Juniors.

No. Report.

Eufaula—The Little Gleaners.

President, Miss Merrill.

Apportionment.....	\$ 7.00
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Florence—Trinity Church.

President, Mrs. L. M. Humphries; Vice President, Miss Susan Bliss; Secretary, Miss Helen Norman; Treasurer, Miss M. Leslie. Number of members 15.

Apportionment.....	\$ 5.19
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Greeneville—St. Thomas.

President, Bessie Powell; Secretary, Willie C. Royall; Treasurer, Isabelle Upton. Numbers of members 30.

Apportionment.....	\$ 5.00
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Huntsville—The Nativity.

President, Helen Chadwick; Secretary, E. H. Allison; Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Robinson. Number of members 18.

Apportionment.....	\$10.00
To Bishop Beckwith for Missions.....	10.00
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	\$20.00

Montgomery—The Holy Comforter.

President, Miss Willie Fox; Secretary, Miss Lula Flinn; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Hopkins. Number of members 13.

Box to Gaston Co. Missions, Gastonia, N. C.....	\$12.00
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Montgomery—St. John's.

President, Mary B. Williams; Secretary, Nellie Perry; Treasurer, Elizabeth Baaell. Number of members 10.

Special to Bishop Rowe for gasoline for the "Pelican"	\$ 5.10
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Box to Point Hope, Alaska, \$6.40; box to Fairbanks,	
Alas., \$3.75.....	10.15
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	\$15.25

Demopolis—Trinity Church.

No Report.

New Decatur—St. John's.

President, Miss Lama; Secretary, Miss Shephard; Treasurer, Miss Hoff; Associates, Misses Cornish and Knight.
Box to "Polly" at Christ Church School, Arden, N. C.....\$15.00

Selma—St. Paul's.

No report.

Tuscaloosa—Christ Church.

President, Miss M. E. Fitts.

Apportionment, (Miss Bull's Salary).....	\$50.00
United Offering.....	2.10
	\$52.10

Talladega—St. Peters.

President, Miss Emmie Franks; Secretary, Miss Juliette Reynolds; Treasurer, Miss Rebecca Baker. Number of members 8.

New Branches.

Florence—Trinity Church.

New Decatur—St. John's.

Talladega—St. Peters.

SUMMARY.

Apportionment, including \$50.00 towards Miss Bull's salary.....	\$ 80.54
United Offering.....	3.35
Special for gasoline for Bishop Rowes launch..	5.10
To Bishop Beckwith for Missioner.....	10.00
Value of boxes (6) sent.....	82.15
	\$181.14

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. R. MAXWELL,

Diocesan Secretary.

Report of President of Baby Branch.

Anniston—Grace Church.

Secretary, Mrs. A. Culberson. Members 16, Memorial circle 1, total 17.	
For Missions in Alaska, \$1.24; United Offering, 41c.....	\$ 1.65
To St. Msry's School, Shanghai, China.....	1.24
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	1.23
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	\$ 4.12

St. Michael and All Angels.

Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Noble. Members 16. Memorial Circle 6, total 22.	
United Offering \$1.24; Missions in Alaska, \$3.69.....	\$ 4.93
St. Mary's School, Shanghai, China.....	3.69
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	3.69
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	\$12.31

Forkland—St. John's.

Secretary, Mrs. J. K. Legall. Number of members 2.	
United Offering, \$1.35; Missions in Alaska, \$4.07.....	\$ 5.42
St. Mary's School, Shanghai, China.....	4.07
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	4.07
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	\$13.56

Huntsville—The Nativity.

Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Robinson. Number of members 18.	
United Offerings, 18c; Missions in Alaska, 54c.....	\$.27
St. Mary's School, Shanghai, China.....	.54
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	.54
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	\$ 1.80

Mobile—All Saints.

President Miss Kate Campbell. Number of members 20.	
Special for gasoline for Bishop Rowe's launch, the Pelican.	\$.85

Montgomery—The Holy Comforter.

Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Lamar. Number of members 9.	
United Offering, 35c; Missions in Alaska, \$1.05.....	\$ 1.40
St. Mary's School, Shanghai, China.....	1.05
Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship.....	1.05
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	\$ 3.50

Montgomery--St. John's.

United Offering, \$1.20; Special for Miss Sabine, Orphans, Alaska, \$7.58.....	\$ 8.78
Missions in Alaska.....	1.61
St. Mary's School, Shanghai.....	1.61
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	\$12.00

Orrville--St. Luke's.

Mrs. E. M. Marshall. Number of members 1.	
United Offering, 10c; Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship, 30c.....	\$.40
Missions in Alaska, 30c; St. Mary's School, Shanghai, 30c	.60
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	\$ 1.00

Selma--St. Paul's.

No report.

Wilsonville.

In memory of Maggie Gwin.	
United Offering 15c: Bishop Wilmer Memorial Scholarship 45c	\$.60
Missions in Alaska 45c; St. Mary's School, Shanghai, 45c	.90
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	\$ 1.50

SUMMRAY.

United Offering, \$4.98; Bishop Wilmer Scholarship, \$11.33. \$16.35	
Missions in Alaska, \$12.95; St. Mary School, Shanghai, \$12.95.....	25.90
Special for Miss Sabines Orphans, Alaska.....	7.58
Special for gasoline for Bishop Rowes launch.....	.85
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	\$50.64

Mrs. McMillian, Ladies of the Auxiliary:—

With pleasure and pain I come before you trying to make a report, delighted to meet you once more, greetings to each of you. It pains me to offer a report so lacking in good news.

Would I could go down the list of every parish and mission telling you how many babies were in every branch, and what their little "red" boxes contained, but alas, my names are few and collections less.

It give me pleasure, aye great pleasure, to report two new branches, one in Florence, with Miss Fannie Bliss at it's head with 18 members on the roll; boxes so lately given that no dues are collected; the other; GUESS? Why actually in Mobile, in the new mission field of "ALL SAINTS" Miss Kate Campbell

is at it's head with 20 babies enrolled and they send 85c to buy a gallon of gasoline for the "Pelican." This makes 23 regularly organized branches of the babies in Alabama. I was also given the names of 15 unorganized where there were Secretaries but must say that Mrs. Marshall, of Orrville and Miss Gwin of Wilsonville are the only two that ever remember us, but can I blame them much when few of the clergy have time to answer our appeals for names and help?

Doesn't it seem strange that we have no representatives in our two largest cities? with their many churches and large congregations.

The old time brass knockers must have been stolen during the war or the electric bell has never been installed as no amount of noise, knocking or begging will admit us to their churches or homes.

Birmingham, our boasted large city of the south, with all it's vim, push and hustling life, tells us that the harvest is not yet ripe; the "Church of the Advent" with 275 families—"St. Mary's" 180 families—"St. Andrew's" 96 families, then with all of the organized and unorganized missions, are there no babies among the congregations? will no one take up the work with them?

Mobile the elegant, Mobile of aristocratic birth—"Christ" church with 190 families,—"St. John's" with 321 families—"Trinity," 199 families, no baby branches, but, "All Saints" of only a years duration, incomplete chapel, no minister in charge, comes forward first and presents 20 children. I trust this mission point's example will enthuse the large congregations.

This being my last report, I wish our new officer God speed with every blessing, may she be a young woman, a more capable woman, a better Christian, a woman from a large fashionable city church, a rich woman, a woman from Birmingham.

AMELIA G. LEGARE.

Report of the Church Periodical Club Diocese of Alabama.

Correspondent 54.

From May 1908 to May 1909.

Christ Church--Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Alston Fitts, Librarian 1.

Periodicals sent regularly..... 9

Postage..... 75c

Trinity Church--Demopolis.

Mrs. James T. Hayden--Librarian 3.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	13
Postage and contributions.....	\$ 4 92

St. John's--Montgomery.

Mrs. E. E. Cobbs--Librarian 4.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	14
Postage and contributions.....	\$10 00

Holy Comforter--Montgomery.

Mrs. Hartwell Douglass--Librarian 8.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	3
Odd Magazines.....	36
Books for Mission Class.....	6
Cash for books.....	\$ 2 50
Postage and contributions.....	5 00

St. Paul's--Greensboro.

Miss A. R. Locke--Librarian 9.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	3
Odd Magazines.....	5
Postage.....	\$ 1 41

Church of the Advent--Birmingham.

Mrs. J. Rivers Carter--Librarian 10.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	7
Odd Periodicals.....	1 00
Postage and contributions.....	\$6 00

St. Mary's--Birmingham.

Mrs. J. D. Kirkpatrick--Librarian 11.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	10
Postage.....	\$4 80

Orrville Mission--Orrville.

Mrs. E. M. Marshall--Librarian 12.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	2
Odd Magazines.....	8
Postage and contributions.....	\$3 50

St. Michael and All Angels'--Anniston.

Miss E. C. Noble--Librarian 14.	
Periodicals sent regularly.....	7
Odd packages.....	3
Postage.....	\$6 00

St. Thomas—Greenville.

Mrs. William Pierce—Librarian	16.
Periodicals sent regularly.....	6
Odd Magazines.....	8
Christmas Cards, Etc.....	12
Postage.....	\$2 90

Church of The Nativity—Huntsville.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson—Librarian	17.
Periodicals sent regularly.....	12
Odd Magazines.....	124
Postage and contributions.....	\$5 00

In January last, was celebrated in New York, the twenty-first anniversary of that beautiful work for others, begun by Mrs. Fargo of blessed memory which has developed and widened into the far reaching work of the Church Periodical Club. The Gen'l. Sec'y. Mrs. J. L. Chapin, writes of this meeting with interest. She says: "We had 500 people there and many have said it was the most interesting Missionary meeting they ever attended. Dr. Huntington of Grace Church, presided. Dr. Mottette of the Church of the Holy Communion (where the work originated) spoke. Mr. Spur of West Virginia, (Moundsville), told what immense good the C. P. C. had done in the penitentiary where 1100 prisoners are confined. Several years ago we had the hope that the C. P. C. might have a building of its own. When the prisoners at Moundsville heard what we desired to do, they gave us all they had—the pennies that meant over time work and which was real self-denial, for it meant no tobacco, no candy or little indulgences they liked—and two dying men gave fifty cents a piece, all they had in the world—and so to us, for the building fund, came \$22.50 with a list of the men who had given it. If in the years to come God should put it into the hearts of people to give us the building, in the cornerstone will go the names of those who helped us, in their penury and sickness, a free will offering for the good they received!" of this same building fund she says that the first dollar for it was given by a poor widow. Then Mrs. Chapin writes of the Endowment Fund. This is raised as a memorial to Mrs. Fargo. At her death her husband gave her shares in the American Express Co., and there have been contributions from time to time from various sources, but not enough yet for the interest to pay the rent of the offices which are the headquarters of the Club, in the Church Missions House. All are asked to put ten cents in each envelope provided for the Endowment Fund, that they may say, "We helped to make this Endowment a success." The

Recording Secretary, in her last annual report calls attention to the need of a Librarian in every parish in the land "who will arouse interest among the people and direct the interest when aroused; one who will not weary in making known the needs of the work, and the best way to ensure good results. Such a librarian will impress upon the individual donor the importance of sending a magazine regularly, with postage prepaid, and explain how current magazines, if sent to the office involve more work for the hard pressed clerks and extra money for postage. She will tell the people of the necessity of funds to carry on the work; for salaries of clerks, for postage and freight, and remind them that packages sent to the office cannot be forwarded without expense and therefore beg them to supplement their reading matter with some money to send it on. She will encourage the donors to write to the recipients as mutual friends, not merely machines to give and take reading matter, and she will do all in her power to keep before herself and others the motive of the C. P. C. to give of one's abundance to those who are in need of good literature. Surely there are many women who can and will do this, and who will desire no reward, but that of a good servant who has been faithful over a few things."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. STEWART MCQUEEN.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of Diocese of Alabama.

In January, 1909, I received a letter from the Diocesan President saying that it had been suggested at the last meeting to have a Corresponding secretary whose duty it should be to correspond with our church women in isolated places without church privileges, to keep in loving touch with them, to encourage and sympathise with them in their work for the church and to help by suggestions or otherwise as the case may demand, Mrs. McMillian asked if I would take the office; Accepting she sent me names and addresses of 14, with a dollar enclosed for stationery. She suggested I should ask the Rev. Mr. Claybrook for names as he had been General Missionary. This I did and he furnished 14 other names. I have written to all but four. In my first letter to each one I enclosed a stamp hoping thereby to insure a reply. Ten have replied and four have written several times.

Mrs. L. W. Bradford, of Centre writes an appreciative letter, but states that her mother, Mrs. J. C. Wells, to whom my letter was addressed died in 1901. That she, herself, is a Methodist, that there are no Episcopalians in the town, or a Clergyman in twenty miles. I didn't think it necessary to continue this correspondence. Mrs. Phillips, of Coffee Springs writes "My family are the only Episcopalians in this town and there is a strong prejudice. My children attend the Baptist S. S. and we go to all the churches. I joined the Foreign Mission society of the M. E. Church. I feel I want a little work of the kind. I have two children yet to be confirmed and a little daughter to be sprinkled. I would have the Bishop come to me as he did two years ago but my boy is not yet twelve, so I am waiting a little longer." In reply, I com~~manded~~ ended her in worshipping with the denominations, and in patronizing their S. S. thinking thereby to lesson prejudice; but *strongly* advocated an Episcopal S. S. in her home where she can instruct her children in the Church Catechism and in the services. Told her if the Baptist S. S. hour was in the morning, to have hers in the afternoon and invite the Baptist children to come. I believe that would, in time, be a nucleus for a church.

To a letter written to Miss Lou Youngblood, Minton, came a reply from Miss Mary B. Youngblood, Carlowville, saying, "they have a Church, a S. S. Parish Guild, Rev. Mr. Cassell gives two Sundays in the month and Lay readers the other Sundays. During Lent they have week day services." As they are alive and ask neither aid or suggestions, I will not intrude on them.

Mrs. Barnes, of Sylacauga, writes: "We have a congregation of eight communicants, four male and four female. Ours is a mission of St. Peter's, Talladega, and we have the service once a month by the Rev. Edwin G. Hunter. We have a little Chapel, a S. S. and organized a Guild, but owing to removals had to give it up. I will be thankful for any advice or suggestions." Mrs. Brs. Barnes is in delicate health and debarred from active Church work. My reply was: Ask Mr. Hunter to persuade the four men to organize a St. Andrews Brotherhood, to solicit attendance at Church. The Bishop, I knew, would appoint one or more of them as Lay Readers; then they could have service every Sunday. The ladies could canvass the town for children who attend no S. S. In this way they could become acquainted with the people and impress on them *their* interest in them. Not to visit around just once but have regular visiting days to show their unfailing interest. And while the 3 visited, for Mrs. Barnes to pray for their success." To reorganize their Guild, meet regularly, and till some line of work suggests itself,

to read aloud from the "Spirit of Missions" during the hour of meeting.

I will say here, the letters received have been read to the Auxiliary of the Advent and St. Mary's, and different ladies in each have agreed to send the Spirit of Missions to all from whom we have heard. I have not visited St. Andrews Aux. because its day of meeting is the same as the Advent (mine) and I believed the Advent was in a better condition to lend a helping hand.

Mrs. Tillman, of Geneva, writes. "There is a small debt on our little Church which we are struggling to cancel so that the Bishop at his visitation in March can consecrate it." I sent her a dollar, Mrs. Davidson, of St. Mary's, five and Mrs. McMillian two. Mrs. Tillman was in attendance on the Council and she told me the Bishop himself gave the remaining sum.

A most interesting letter from Mrs. Gaillard, Perdue Hill. They have a Church, S. S. and every Easter send a donation to the Church Home in Mobile. Mrs. Gaillard hopes to revive work for Missions in the Spring, when she hopes to be in better health.

Miss Finch, of Evergreen, is in very deed a Zealot. They have a small church, about thirty communicants; of that number only five are men, "the others are elderly ladies and girls—no young men or boys who could be useful and help do things." Their little Guild of 15 lately spent \$150.00 in beautifying the interior of their Church and now they want to paint the outside, and ask for suggestions to make money. "The Methodists and Baptists have had so many entertainments that we feel it would be imposing on the public to have any thing of the kind." I told her she had rights as well as the others and sent her a catalogue of drills and songs for a concert, suggested several other entertainments, tableaus, etc., and told her to call on the very best talent in the town, be they Baptists or not. If she could get them to work for her it would break down prejudice.

Mrs. Walker, of Dothan, wants suggestions how to make money for their little mission Church of 23 communicants, but does not approve of "shows"—thinks they cheapen religion. I told her of a minister who had the same idea and the ladies of his church took orders for cakes, bread, pickles and every thing that they did well. Every Saturday, at a store centrally located, they had cakes to sell to housekeepers who were too busy to make their own. Would sell a quarter, half or whole cake to suit the purchaser. To first advertise in the town papers and then be sure not to disappoint.

Mrs. Stone, of Bay Minette, has no clergyman in her district, attends the denominations. has four children, the oldest 11, has

been confirmed. I advised the necessity of a S. S. in her house for her children where she could teach them the Catechism and how to use the services.

Dear Mrs. Watson, of Yantly, is an old lady of ante-bellum days. She is 20 miles from a R. R. "Before the war we had a minister, we have a nice Church. Bishop Wilmer and dear old Mr. Stickney never neglected us. Bishop Jackson paid us one visit. The band is broken and scattered. Some, saying they must have some place to worship, have joined the denominations." Mrs. Watson keeps up a S. S. She does fancy work and would be glad of orders. The Advent Aux. sends her "The Modern Priscilla," "The Living Church" and a box of 100 periodicals. St. Mary's Aux. sends her The Spirit of Missions. I wrote her if she had any fancy work ready to send it and we would try to sell it for her at the Advent Pascha Fest. We sold for her over \$6.00.

M. L. DANIEL, Cor. Sec.

CONSTITUTION!

1. This organization shall be called the Alabama Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.
2. Its object is to unite all the parishes and mission stations in the Diocese in all branches of mission work and by systematic and united effort to increase missionary activity among the women of the Diocese.
3. All parishes and mission stations that so desire may become branches of this Auxiliary by first obtaining the consent of the Rector in charge, appointing a Secretary and notifying the President of the Diocesan of their intention to work in unison with the Auxiliary.
4. The officers shall be a President, appointed by the Bishop for a term of four years, and a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of the Junior Branch and Secretary of the Baby Branch appointed by the President.
5. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the annual meeting and to have a general knowledge of the work in progress. The Vice-President shall preside in her absence.
6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Auxiliary, keep an account of the work done as reported by the parish Secretaries and report this annually to the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary.
7. The Secretary shall also send notices of all meetings and keep a record of the same.
8. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys sent to her by any branch for missionary work and for the expenses of the Auxiliary and shall present a report at the annual meeting.
9. Each parish branch shall make an annual pledge according to its ability for the current expenses and work of the Diocesan Branch.
10. At the annual meeting each branch represented shall be entitled to but one vote in business of general import.
11. Seven branches shall constitute a quorum.
12. Any article in this Constitution can be changed by a two-thirds vote of the Branches present at any Diocesan meeting. Due notice of any to be given at one meeting and acted upon the following year.

