

Report 1900

APPENDIX XII.

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

To the Council of the Diocese of Arkansas:

This is the first time in two years that I have had the pleasure of addressing you at an annual meeting. Through the courtesy of my co-workers, I have retained my enviable position, therefore an account of my stewardship is doubly binding. I am sure I but voice the sentiment of every woman present when I say how happy we are to meet together once more. The year just past has been fraught with many changes, one of which has shadowed our hearts with a great sorrow, since it chronicles the departure to the Land of Paradise the Blest, our dear Venerable Bishop, who for so many years has gently and lovingly guided us. With his gigantic intellect he should have been a power among men. We know now that in that land where there are no misconceptions, no misunderstandings, everything is as it should be in the clear celestial light, and our spiritual father and friend is forever robed in the garments of the eternal priesthood. I am thankful to say that progress has been our watchword for the year, and our report will show the gain. I had the privilege last fall of making visits to a number of our Parishes in the excellent instructive company of our general secretary, Miss Emery, and our incomparably true, helpful, and beloved Bishop Brown. In the six Parishes we visited, we found the Woman's Auxiliary in a formative period, but anxiously awaiting instruction in the work they without exception were willing to undertake. I need not tell you they were nearly all weak and poor, for that would only be a repetition of that with which we are familiar in this Diocese. The laborers seemed ready, for from all sides came the question, "What must we do and how must we do?" The branches in these places have all responded nobly during the Lenten time. Some Parishes, I am sorry to say, I was unable to visit—Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Van Buren and Forrest City. From Fayetteville I have heard nothing, neither Fort Smith. Van Buren I know has been working heroically to build a rectory. Forrest City with its handful of zealous women sent a most judiciously selected box to a Mission station in Oklahoma. Batesville has done fine work, but I must not trespass upon the work of our secretary, Mrs. Cantrell. She may have heard from the Parishes which have not communicated with me. Our women are awakening to the needs of the hour, and arraying themselves on the side where they belong by right of their baptismal vows. Our Bishop is working so laboriously, so unselfishly to place us where we should be for other than alphabetical reasons. Shall we not try to help hold up his hands? Shall we not give as well as receive? The gospel must be preached to every creature. God has not yet accomplished the number of the

elect. So let us forget the things that are behind and reach forward. There are ever open doors standing ready to enter, ever new voices calling "Come and help us." New mission fields are opening up, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Sandwich Islands, the Philippines. Our work was never more pressing. Can we with complacency fold our hands and look back upon a past which is too restricted and barren of events to dwell upon? Neither have we reached a resting place. We all understand there is no vacation for the Christian, his is a work-a-day world. Are we exercising ourselves sufficiently to grow stronger? Are we improving all the time in our work? Are we realizing the promises of our new birth? What is the good of belonging to a missionary society at all if we do not give and keep on giving? That is our reason for being and it seems to me if we would just make up our minds to it, we would be saved a great amount of trouble. All we would have to do would be to arrange with ourselves for setting apart a certain amount, be it much or little; a weekly laying aside is probably the best, and let us learn to be content with giving proportionately to what we have (if we do it conscientiously), then if we cannot give as much as our neighbor, not worry because we have not his larger means, for a man is judged "according to what he hath and not according to what he hath not." It is very difficult to lay down a rule for all Parishes, because conditions differ in localities. I have been approached by one branch to ask if an aid society or guild and the Auxiliary cannot be one and the same. I think not. While the aid might and does have a specific work, still it is not the same nature as the Auxiliary. For instance, the "Daughters of the King" are eligible for membership according to my ideas, because the work is charitable and missionary in spirit. So while I give all honor and praise to women who work and pay off their church debt, and carpet their church floor, that is individual benefit; it does not go beyond the home bounds. "Depart ye, be warmed, clothed and fed," our Lord did not give us as a precedent, but as a warning. We know that in much of our local work in Parishes and in Mission stations, the burden largely rests upon the women. This is not strange, as women have been the inspiration in many material, moral and religious efforts. Neither must we weary in well doing, for as our interest waxes stronger in religion and missions, our husbands, brothers and sons seeing our earnestness, will become inoculated with the same. An Eastern divine once asserted that "there are no women in heaven, and that woman when she dies, returns to her original state, namely, a rib." I think if a careful look is given in some of our churches, it will be noted how few angels and how many ribs are there found. That man certainly never worked in a missionary field, since from bleak Alaska to the orange groves of Florida and across the seas in China and Japan, the liberality of the Woman's Auxiliary is circling the earth with their helping hands, and striving to bridge the abyss which divides Christianity from heathenism. We note that recently about twenty women have been appointed under the

United Offering and some are already at work, others on their way, while others are in correspondence for future considerations. The needs and appeals for workers are great from every field and on every line of woman's work. Some of our Missionaries have broken down from continuous hard work and strain, so we of this Auxiliary, if we cannot go in our own persons, must cultivate within our hearts missionary zeal that will compel our hands and brain to labor, our pockets to give, so there shall not fail a Missionary as long as needed. Every Diocesan officer should endeavor to keep before his women the missionary idea and their responsibility to be workers for Christ's kingdom, which is the highest sphere that can be given to mortals, for "His will is to be done on earth even as it is in heaven." We of Arkansas have done so little, it behooves us to stir ourselves as the time is short. We might urge we know so little, but in this case is "ignorance bliss?" Are there no pricks of conscience, no remorse for lost time? We can no longer plead lack of knowledge, for the missionary literature of our churches is now brought to our attention and for this knowledge we must pay the price in study. Books and papers bearing on this subject can be brought within the reach of our people. This is truly an age of books, and yet the best books are not numerous. The classification of the British Museum library begins with the Bible. This arrangement to some may seem merely a matter of sentiment, but it affords an excellent hint. The woman who belongs to a dozen clubs may be farther away from culture than she who stays at home with her home duties and well worn Bible. To be truly cultured, we must appreciate clearly the laws that apply to soul culture. In studying the church and missions, let us not think too much of the material and visible side, but think of the spiritual progress, and be glad that a good man or woman can be placed where they are needed, and pray that they remain good and faithful in the discharge of their offices. We must not encourage too much of a mercenary spirit in dealing with the Church. The United Offering for 1901 appeals to all church people, but especially those interested in the missionary jurisdictions. I hope the blue boxes taken will be returned to our Diocesan treasurer, Mrs. P. K. Roots, full of pennies or larger denominations for this grand object. Here I would like to suggest that in September or October the contents of these boxes be sent to the treasurer, then again in the spring, so she can put out at interest our little savings, and so let it be gathering more. So while the year may have been one of light and shadows of some disappointments, on the whole it has been one of greater encouragements and blessings. We hope to be able to do more and better. Remember to give "is twice blessed; it blesses him who gives and him who receives." Let us day by day seek out high and great things, and press on in our work of winning the world for Christ. Let it be a joy and a privilege to reach forward to those things that are before, and press towards the high mark for the prize, of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

"Give us a heart, O Lord, strong to endure,
 Help us to keep it simple, pure;
 Make us unselfish, helpful, true
 In every act, whate'er we do."

"Help us to do our woman's share,
 Make us courageous, strong to bear
 Sunshine or shadow in our life,
 Sustain us in the daily strife."

MRS. J. B. PILLOW,
President Woman's Auxiliary of Arkansas.

APPENDIX XIII.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

President—Mrs. J. B. Pillow, St. John's Church, Perry Street, Helena.
 First Vice President—Mrs. Logan H. Roots, Trinity Cathedral, 923 Scott Street, Little Rock.
 Second Vice President—Mrs. Josephine Boone, Trinity Church, 511 Alabama Street, Pine Bluff.
 Secretary—Mrs. Wm. A. Cantrell, Christ Church, 619 Scott Street, Little Rock.
 Treasurer—Mrs. P. K. Roots, Trinity Cathedral, 1018 Scott Street, Little Rock.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

President—Miss Martha Valliant, Trinity Church, 720 Main Street, Pine Bluff.
 Secretary—Miss Jessie Adams, Trinity Cathedral, 2403 Louisiana Street, Little Rock.
 Treasurer—Mrs. J. Secord, St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs.

BABIES' BRANCH OF JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Directress—Miss Matilda Jordan, Christ Church, 223 East Seventh Street, Little Rock.

OFFICERS OF LOCAL BRANCHES OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, members eight.

President—Mrs. P. K. Roots, 1018 Scott Street.
 Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Helen M. Norton, 923 Scott Street.

Christ Church, Little Rock, members thirty-two.

President—Mrs. Augusta Van Etten, 303 East Eighth Street.
 Vice President—Mrs. G. W. Sappington, Sixteenth and Center Streets.

Secretary—Mrs. Gray Carroll, 220 Broadway Street.
 Treasurer—Miss Matilda Jordan, 223 East Seventh Street.

St. John's Church, Helena, members twenty-two.

President—Mrs. J. C. Rembert.
Vice President—Mrs. C. C. Agee.
Secretary—Mrs. S. S. Faulkner.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Stone.

St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, members —.

President—Mrs. P. H. Ellsworth, 702 Park Avenue.
Vice President—Mrs. G. G. Latta.
Secretary—Mrs. E. J. Walch.
Treasurer—Mrs. Little.

St. Paul's Church, Newport, members —.

President—Mrs. Wm. McGuffin.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Leila McCauley.

St. James's Church, Eureka Springs, members —.

President—Mrs. R. S. James.
Secretary—Mrs. H. M. Pulliam.

Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, members twenty-one.

President—Mrs. Ellen Bell, West Barraque Street.
Vice President—Mrs. Virginia Jones, 1015 West Third Street.
Secretary—Mrs. Josephine Boone, 511 Alabama Street.
Treasurer—Mrs. G. E. Valliant, 720 Main Street.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, members twenty.

President—Mrs. Walter Gorman.
Secretary—Mrs. Ellis Turley.
Treasurer—Miss Alice Rollwage.

St. Paul's Church, Batesville, members fifteen.

President—Mrs. J. W. Ferrill.
Vice President—Mrs. S. A. Hail.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. N. Reed.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alberta Weaver.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. L. Minikin.

St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, members —.

President—Mrs. James J. Vaulx.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Thomas Shore.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Sue Walker.
Treasurer—Mrs. George H. Blanchard.

OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE JUNIOR
DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Trinity Cathedral, Junior Branch, Little Rock.

President—Miss Jessie Adams.
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Estelle Callaway.
Christ Church, Junior Branch, Little Rock.

President and Treasurer—Miss Bessie Goodwin.
Vice President and Secretary—Miss Rosa Miller.

Trinity Church, Junior Branch, Pine Bluff.

President—Mrs. Martha Valliant.
Vice President—Miss Adele Hunn.
Secretary—Miss Pauline Scull.
Treasurer—Miss Mamie Eagle White.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of Diocesan Missions:

I have the honor to report the following record of answers to the formulated, printed questions sent me by the General Secretary, Miss Julia C. Emery, of the Church Mission House, New York City:

NAMES OF PARISHES.

The names of the Parishes as given in the Journal of the Twenty-seventh Annual Council of the Diocese of Arkansas, held at Trinity Cathedral May 3, 4 and 5, 1899, with the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry Niles Pierce presiding, assisted by the newly consecrated Bishop-Coadjutor, Rt. Rev. Dr. William Montgomery Brown, are as follows:

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.
Trinity Church, Pine Bluff.
St. Luke's, Hot Springs.
St. Philip's, Little Rock.
Trinity, Van Buren.
St. James's, Eureka Springs.
St. John's, Helena.
Grace, Washington.
Redeemer, Nashville.
St. John's, Camden.
St. Paul's, Newport.
Christ Church, Little Rock.
St. Paul's, Fayetteville.
St. Paul's, Batesville.
St. Andrew's, Marianna.
St. Agnes's, Morrilton.
St. Mark's, Hope.
Good Shepherd, Forrest City.
St. John's, Fort Smith.

MISSIONS.

St. Paul's, Brinkley.
St. Andrew's, Mammoth Spring.
St. Mark's, Jonesboro.
Parishes nineteen. Missions three.

Of these, ten local branches of the Woman's Auxiliary and four of the Junior Department have worked with the Woman's Auxiliary during the conciliar year, May, 1899, to 1900, viz:

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, branch organized November 18, 1895, Rev. John Davis, Dean.

Christ Church, Little Rock, branch organized May 17, 1896, Rev. John Gass, Rector.

St. John's Church, Helena, branch organized in 1897, Rev. Dr. C. H. Lockwood, Rector.

St. Luke's Church, Hot Springs, branch organized October 5, 1897, Rev. William Cross, Rector.

St. Paul's Church, Newport, branch organized in 1897, Rev. James W. Keeble, Rector.

St. James's Church, Eureka Springs, branch organized in 1897, Rev. Dr. R. S. James, Rector.

Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, branch organized May 5, 1898, Rev. Walter Davenport Buckner, Rector.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, branch organized in 1899, Rev. E. L. Kemp, Rector.

St. Paul's Church, Batesville, branch organized in 1899, Rev. Caleb B. K. Weed, Rector, since transferred to Hot Springs.

St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, branch organized November 6, 1899, Rev. James J. Vaulx, Rector.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, branch organized June 21, 1899, Rev. D. I. Hobbs, Rector.

Christ Church, Little Rock, branch organized January 27, 1900, Rev. George Gordon Smeade, Rector.

Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, branch organized June 21, 1899, Rev. W. D. Buckner, Rector.

BABIES' BRANCH.

Christ Church, Little Rock, branch organized April, 1898, Rev. John Gass, Rector.

REPORT OF PARISH BRANCHES ON MISSIONARY BOXES.

October 14, 1899, to Rev. Z. T. Savage, Griggsville, Diocese of Quincy, Ill., by Christ Church, Little Rock, \$72.11; Trinity Church, Pine Bluff, \$11.30; St. Luke's, Hot Springs, \$25.

December 12, 1899, to Mrs. Telfair Hodgson, for Cowan Mission, Tennessee, by St. Paul's, Batesville, \$15; St. Paul's, Newport, \$15.

April 9, 1900, to Rev. D. A. Sandford, for Oklahoma Mission at Bridgeport, Okla., by St. Paul's, Batesville, \$10.

April 9, 1900, to Rev. D. A. Sandford, for Oklahoma Mission at Bridgeport, Okla., by St. John's, Helena, eighty garments; Good Shepherd, Forrest City, twenty-two garments; value, \$45.

December 13, 1899, to Rev. W. S. Claiborne, for Sherwood Mission, Tennessee, by Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, \$26.50; Trinity Cathedral, Junior, Little Rock, \$5.50.

April 12, 1900, to Mrs. Jas. D. Sharer for Mena Mission, Arkansas, by Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, \$9.85.

August 21, 1899, to Jonesboro Mission, Arkansas, by Trinity Cathedral, Junior, Little Rock, alms basins, \$5.

December, 1899, to St. George's Mission, near Morganton, N. C., by Trinity Junior branch, Pine Bluff, \$28.87.

Total value of boxes, \$269.13.

On September 6, 1899, the entire community was profoundly moved to learn that the Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry Niles Pierce, first Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas, had passed from this life to the life eternal. He died at Fayetteville, Ark., where he had gone August 10 to perform the services of the Church for one of his clergy, Rev. J. J. Vaulx, that he might take a much needed rest. There, at the advanced age of 79 years, within sight of the New Jerusalem, "he lay dead in his harness." The remains were brought to Little Rock and the funeral obsequies were solemnly performed at Trinity Cathedral, where the requiem chant stole sorrowfully through the arches he had caused to be erected.

A large concourse of friends were in attendance who mourned for the friend as well as for the fallen leader and shepherd. Bishops, priests and choristers followed his remains to Oakland Cemetery. There his body was committed to its lasting rest, from which the aspiring soul had "mounted to its source." But the Church was not left without a Bishop. With that dying breath the pastoral staff had passed to the Bishop-Coadjutor, as the dead patriarch had willed and planned. Taking up the legacy bequeathed him with courageous heart and sincere will, the new Bishop entered with zeal upon his heaven-sent mission.

As Bishop-Coadjutor, he presided at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on May 4, 1899, and gave a distinct impulse to the cause by his sympathy, encouragement and advice. As Bishop, he has shown unabated ardor. We hope to follow the part he has outlined in the mission field of Arkansas, by giving our contributions, as he requests, into separate amounts for Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign missions.

In compliance with an invitation tendered by the officers of the Diocese, on October 29, 1899, Miss Julia C. Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, of Church Mission House, New York, arrived in the city, accompanied by Bishop Brown, both of whom had taken St. Louis en route, where the Triennial Conference of the Church held session. Large congregations assembled to hear her discourses to old and young, who were charmed with her modest reverence of manner. The Bishop pleasantly introduced the distinguished guest in a brief address on missions, which she represents as General Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Miss Emery's presence was an inspiration. Her words of practical advice regarding the conduct of missions were of inestimable value to those interested in the subject, and stirred to action many who had been lukewarm. Accompanied by the president of the Arkansas branch, Mrs. J. B.

Pillow, of St. John's Church, Helena, Miss Emery made a brief tour to the northwest portion of the State, leaving some branches in the process of organization. Thus, with the gentle appeals of peace, mingling with the alarms of war, let us heed the spirit of that petition which has touched the heart of the nation—

“God of our fathers, known of old;
Lord of our far-flung battle line;
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine;
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget; lest we forget!”

It was moved and seconded that a set of resolutions be drawn up accentuating the sentiments expressed in the reports of the Diocesan Officers. Accordingly a committee was announced from the chair to perform the duty, viz: Mrs. Jno. W. Ferrill, of St. Paul's, Batesville; Mrs. M. L. Bell, of Trinity, Pine Bluff; Mrs. C. G. Converse, St. Luke's, Hot Springs. This committee draughted the following:

Whereas, We the members of Arkansas Branch of Woman's Auxiliary suffer a personal and common loss in the death of Bishop Pierce; and

Whereas, Our Diocese has lost in him an able, fearless and patient leader; and

Whereas, The whole Missionary work of the American Church has lost our beloved Bishop from its Councils and its worthy ranks, we, therefore, bear witness to an individual and united loss, our sincere sympathy for his bereaved wife and children, and our individual sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the widow of Rt. Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., LL. D.

MRS. JNO. W. FERRILL,
MRS. M. L. BELL,
MRS. C. G. CONVERSE.

Resolved, That the Arkansas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, in Annual Council, tender our most grateful appreciation to Miss Julia C. Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, for her extended visit to our State last fall, and her helpful and inspiring addresses to the Local Branches.

MRS. JNO. W. FERRILL,
MRS. M. L. BELL,
MRS. C. G. CONVERSE.

Resolved, That the Arkansas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, in Annual Council, having heard that portion of Bishop Brown's annual address relating to the organization of the missionary work of the Diocese and his success in increasing the Diocesan Missionary

Funds at the present Council, sitting as the Diocesan Board of Missions, do most heartily congratulate him and pledge him our hearty co-operation.

MRS. JNO. W. FERRILL,
MRS. M. L. BELL,
MRS. C. G. CONVERSE.

Motion being made, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

(MRS. W. A.) ELLEN H. CANTRELL.
Secretary Woman's Auxiliary of Arkansas.

Little Rock, May 1, 1900.

APPENDIX XIV.

REPORT OF TREASURER WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

1899.

RECEIPTS.

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| May 3.—Balance on hand last report..... | \$ 4.30 |
| May 4.—From Eureka Springs branch for Foreign Missions.. | 1.60 |
| September 16.—Newport branch for United Offering..... | 10.19 |
| December 11.—Trinity Cathedral branch for United Offering.. | 4.02 |

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| January 23.—Forrest City branch, undesignated..... | 3.25 |
| February 6.—Helena branch, undesignated..... | 4.25 |
| April 16.—Newport branch for Church Extension Fund of the Diocese..... | 4.50 |
| April 18.—Eureka Springs branch for China Missions, care of Rev. C. H. Roots, Hankow..... | 3.50 |
| April 30.—Pine Bluff branch for Foreign Missions..... | 3.80 |

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| Total..... | \$39.41 |
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DISBURSEMENTS.

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| May 5.—To A. F. Adams, treasurer, from Hot Springs branch, for Home Missions..... | \$ 2.00 |
| September 2.—To George C. Thomas, treasurer, from Eureka Springs branch, for Foreign Missions... | 1.60 |

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| March 15.—To George C. Thomas, treasurer, from Forrest City branch, undesignated..... | 3.25 |
| March 15.—To George C. Thomas, treasurer, from Helena branch, undesignated..... | 4.25 |
| April 21.—To George C. Thomas, treasurer, from Eureka Springs branch, for China Missions, Hankow..... | 3.50 |
| May 1.—To Bishop Brown, from Newport branch, for Church Extension Fund of Diocese..... | 4.50 |
| May 1.—To George C. Thomas, treasurer, from Pine Bluff branch, for Foreign Missions..... | 3.80 |
| | \$22.90 |

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| Balance on hand..... | \$16.51 |
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MRS. P. K. ROOTS,
Treasurer.