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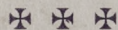
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NOTICES

Remember your United Thank Offering. Place a box with every woman in your Parish. The Parish Custodian should send the contents of the Box twice a year to Mrs. James Grist Staton, 301 West Main Street, Williamston, N. C.

IMPORTANT: Please notify the Secretary of the election of new officers of Parish branches. She should have names of officers for year following not later than December 31st. Please notify her also of all new organizations and their officers.

Consult your Convocational Box Secretary, Mrs. P. T. Anthony, Greenville, N. C., Convocation of Edenton, and Mrs. Leighton Huske, Fayetteville, N. C., for Convocation of Wilmington, about your box work. **DON'T FAIL TO LET HER KNOW THE VALUE OF BOXES YOU SEND.**

Is the Spirit of Missions in every home in your Parish? It should be. It costs one dollar only. Send your subscription to the Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The Mission Herald is published monthly. News for its columns should be sent the Rev. Geo. A. Cameron, Ayden, N. C., not later than the 25th of each month. It is our official diocesan paper and should have your support. It costs only \$1.00 per year.

The officers of Parish branches of all women's organizations are asked to read this Annual and inform themselves of what has been done, also to make suggestions for the improvement and advancement of our work. May we ask the Rectors to give this Annual careful consideration and to send suggestions for its improvement?

Send in your Central Expense Fund pledge as early as possible. Try to pay all pledges by June or not later than December 1st.

Remember our Missionaries, especially those from this Diocese. Pray for them and write to **them**.

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- Aurora, HOLY CROSS: Woman's Auxiliary, Pres., Mrs. L. T. Thompson; Sec., Mrs. T. E. Guilford.
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- Roper, ST. LUKE'S: Pres., Miss Augusta Carstarphan. Sec., Mrs. J. B. Leary.
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Parish Guild, Pres. Mrs. J. A. Guion; Sec., Mrs. George S. Attmore.

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Wrightsville, ST. ANDREW'S: Guild, Pres., Mrs. W. F. Webb; Sec., Mrs. F. D. Dean.

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St. Mary's Guild, Pres., Mrs. Chas. S. Grainger; Sec., Mrs. J. Walter Williamson.

Woman's Auxiliary Section "A", Pres., Mrs. Wm. Pennypacker; Sec., Miss Margaret Kingsbury.

Woman's Auxiliary Section "B", Pres., Miss Jessie Wright; Sec., Mrs. S. M. Boatwright.

Woman's Auxiliary Section "C", Pres., Mrs. Louis J. Poisson; Sec., Mrs. Edward Hardin.

St. Chrystopher's Guild, Sec., Mrs. Eugene Berry.

Wilmington, ST. JOHN'S: Woman's Auxiliary, Pres., Mrs. C. D. Jacobs; Sec., Mrs. S. P. Adams.

St. Ann's Guild, Pres., Mrs. T. F. Darden; Sec., Mrs. W. H. MacClain.

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Swan Quarter—Calvary.....	Mrs. E. O. Spencer
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Washington, R. F. D.—Zion.....	Mrs. Caleb A. Cutler
Williamston—Advent.....	Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen
Williamston, R.F.D.—Holy Trinity Mission	Mrs. Ellis Malone
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Winterville—St. Luke's.....	Mrs. B. T. Cox
Winton—St. John's.....	Mrs. T. C. Paramore
Woodville—Grace.....	Miss Stella Phelps
Yeatesville—St. Matthew's.....	Mrs. J. M. Tankard
	(P. O. Bath)

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Town and Church	Treasurer
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Burgaw—St. Mary's.....	Mrs. C. C. Branch
Clinton—St. Paul's.....	Mrs. Wallace A. Smith
Faison—St. Gabriel's.....	Miss Bessie Ireland
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Hope Mills—Christ Church.....	Miss Julia Clyde Stone
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Wilmington—St. Paul's.....	Mrs. Wm. F. Register, 1610 Ann Street
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

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 Old Gold and Silver Offering: Mrs. G. A. Jones, Farmville, N. C.
 Publicity: Mrs. W. O. S. Sutherland, 318 N. 16th St., Wilmington, N. C.

The Auxiliary Corporate Gift: Mrs. George Frank Hill, Elizabeth City, N. C.

SUGGESTED PRAYERS

DIRECT US, O LORD, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy Mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

STIR UP, WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD, the will of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may, by Thee, be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, bless we pray Thee, our work for the extension of Thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the gift to us of Thy Beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make Him known to all nations, as their God and Saviour. We ask this for His dear sake. AMEN.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRAYER

O GOD, Who hast sent Thy beloved Son, to be unto us the Way, the Truth and the Light, grant that we, looking unto Him, may set forward the teaching power of The Church, to the nurture of Thy children, the increase of Thy Kingdom, and the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

SOCIAL SERVICE PRAYER

JESUS, OUR MASTER AND OUR FRIEND, who claimest our service through the needs of our neighbors, grant us to see Thy image in all our fellow creatures, that in serving mankind, we may minister to Thee, the Living Saviour of the world. AMEN.

UNITED THANK OFFERING PRAYER

O LORD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray Thee to send forth more laborers into Thy harvest, and to grant them Thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field, and draw us into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere, to give gladly as Thou hast prospered them. Accept from grateful hearts, Our United Thank Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service; and bless it to the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

FOR MISSIONS

O GOD, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

FOR OUR RECTOR

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast laid upon the shoulders of men the burden of souls, and hast sent them forth throughout the world as Pastors and Stewards of Thy Mysteries to prepare and make ready Thy way, bless the labors of our Rector to whose care has been committed the interests of this Parish. Strengthen him with Thy might, encourage him with Thy abiding presence. Fill his memory with the words of Thy Law, enlighten his understanding with the illumination of the Holy Ghost, and may all the wishes and desires of his will be centered in what Thou hast commanded. Be ever with him in the performance of the duties of his ministry; in prayer, to quicken his devotion; in praise, to brighten his love and gratitude and in preaching, to give him a readiness of thought and expression suitable to the clearness and excellency of Thy Holy Word. To Thee with the Father and the Holy Ghost will we give all praise, both now and evermore.—AMEN.

FOR NOON-TIDE DAILY

“And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me.”

BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross stretching forth Thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look upon Thee and be saved through Thy mercies and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.—AMEN.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.—AMEN.

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The 40th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of East Carolina, being the fortieth report of the Woman's Auxiliary and the 19th report of the Parochial Society, was called to order in the Parish House at Christ Church, Elizabeth City, N. C., on Wednesday morning, May 4th, at 9:30 by the President, Mrs. Henry J. MacMillan. The devotional period was opened with the singing of hymn No. 200. The Chaplain, the Rev. Howard B. England led in the prayers which followed.

Mrs. C. W. Melick, of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, extended cordial greetings from the parish. Mrs. Hannah Bonner, of St. Peter's, Washington, made a fitting response. The roll call was next in order of business. It was responded to by 56 from the Convocation of Edenton and 18 from the Convocation of Wilmington.

The President then appointed the following committees:

Courtesy: Mrs. W. C. Askew, Mrs. C. D. Jacobs, Mrs. S. W. Tillinghast.

Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. W. R. Noe, Mrs. James G. Staton, Mrs. C. W. Melick.

Dispatch of Business: Mrs. W. D. Glover; Mrs. Fred Outland. Mrs. Swift Boatwright.

Resolutions: Mrs. Edgar Hinton, Mrs. A. B. Houtz, Mrs. Edward Hardin.

The reading of officers' reports followed. After the reading of the President's report, adjournment was taken for the opening meeting of the Convention.

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened at 2:30. After the singing of hymn No. 444, Mrs. MacMillan led in the devotional service. The reading of officers' reports was then resumed and completed. After the reading of the report of Mrs. Richard Williams, of Greenville, President of the Convocation of Edenton, it was moved that the secretary be instructed to send a telegram of greeting and appreciation to her.

The motion was carried. The following message was sent to her

"Mrs. Richard Williams, Greenville, N. C.:

"The women of East Carolina, in attendance upon the Annual Meeting at Christ Church, Elizabeth City, send loving greetings. They wish to express their appreciation of your faithful work in the past and pray for your speedy and complete recovery."

"Signed, GRACE P. BYNUM, Secretary."

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Old Gold and Silver—In the absence of Mrs. G. L. Jones, Farmville, Chairman Mrs. McMillan announced that the value of the offering had reached a total of \$217.00.

Publicity—Mrs. W. O. S. Southerland, Chairman. Report published in full.

Christian Social Service—No report.

Corporate Gift—Mrs. George Frank Hill, Elizabeth City, Chairman. In Mrs. Hill's absence a verbal report was made announcing the payment of the full \$700.00 asked for this purpose

The Rev. J. N. Bynum, Vice-Chairman of the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Service, spoke on the work of his department. He emphasized, especially, the relation of the Church to the rural problem and made an appeal for aid from the Woman's Auxiliary in sending a woman worker to the Rural Life Conference to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, from June 27th to July 8th.

Mrs. S. W. Tillinghast, member of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage, read a report on the work of the Orphanage and asked that the women of East Carolina sponsor the raising of the maintenance fund of the institution. A general discussion followed but no action was taken.

THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

After the singing of hymn No. 249, the Rev. Mr. Lawrence, who was present to speak on his work at Chapel Hill, led in the devotional service. Mr. Lawrence first thanked

the women for their generous gift in the past year for his work and spoke of the accomplishments made possible through the gift. He reported that some work had been done for the girls in the University in the formation of St. Hilda's Guild. With the help of an assistant the rector had been able to establish personal contact with 202 out of a total of 272 Church boys at the University. Mr. Lawrence added that the real telling work with the boys was personal, and that it had resulted in much volunteer service among the students in carrying on the Bishop's Crusade.

Mrs. G. K. B. Wade, National Box Work Secretary, conducted a conference on box work. She spoke briefly of the history, underlying purpose and administration of this part of the Church's work and stressed particularly the necessity of having adequate reports, both in and from the dioceses. A general discussion followed to clear up misunderstandings and it was moved that the women of the Auxiliary ask the co-operation of the rectors in announcing dates for the box work. The motion was carried.

The following resolution was offered upon the death of Miss Harriet Nixon, Secretary of the Church Periodical Club.

Madame President: Your Committee begs to report the following informal resolution, asking that it be spread upon the minutes:

"A little more than a year ago Miss Harriet Nixon was appointed Secretary for the Church Periodical Club of the Diocese of East Carolina. We are sure that those who knew her best remember with how much interest she took up the work, and how faithfully she carried it on until forced to lay it down. Many, I think most of us here, were her friends, and knew the worth of that earnest, active spirit so recently gone home. Here was a life of service and we cannot but believe that a wider vision and a greater work "employ her spirit in that larger land where she has gone." Harriet Nixon needs no eulogy in this presence; she had her own great gift of making friends—and keeping them, but it seemed fitting that at this time some word of affectionate remembrance be said of so recent and so valued a member of our Diocesan family."

MISS MINNIE ALBERTSON,
MRS. C. W. MELICK,
MRS. T. C. DARST,
MRS. F. W. HUGHES.

At this point the following telegram was read from Mrs. Richard Williams:

"Mrs. J. N. Bynum,
Secretary Woman's Auxiliary Convention Christ Church,
Elizabeth City:

"The loving message of the women of East Carolina deeply appreciated. May success crown all your deliberations."

"BESSIE J. WILLIAMS."

A short recess was then taken after which a second roll call showed an attendance of 89.

Bishop Darst came in for noon-day prayers. He thanked the women for the Doctor's gown which he wore, their gift to him, and for the Bishop's Fund. Although not all reported, this had reached a total of \$712.65. He introduced remarks about the Girl's Friendly Society by reading a letter from Miss Mary Lucas Cantwell setting forth the present status of that organization in East Carolina. When offered the privilege of selecting the delegates and alternates to the meeting of the Provincial Synod, the women voted to leave this matter in the hands of the Bishop as heretofore. Bishop Darst said that a practical result of the Crusade in every parish should be the formation of groups whose supreme duty should be evangelism through personal work and that only with these small "storehouses of power" could the results of the Crusade become fixed and permanent. "Too many of us are barriers instead of avenues through which Christ could walk to the hearts of men."

FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The session opened with the singing of No. 432 followed by prayers led by the president.

Miss Ann Milton spoke on the subject of the Young People's work and their summer camp. She said that the purpose of the Young People's Service League was to act as "a stop-gap" between Church School and Adult Church services. She spoke briefly of the problems in connection with the work and asked for the sympathetic interest of the women of the Church, particularly their support in making the summer camp a success. At the close of her talk, the matter of

scholarships was discussed and the following pledges to this end were made:

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's, Edenton.....	\$15.00
The Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church, Elizabeth City....	5.00
The Women's Auxiliary, Holy Trinity, Hertford.....	5.00
The Women's Auxiliary, St. Peter's, Washington.....	5.00
Mrs. E. R. Conger, Edenton.....	15.00
St. Paul's Guild, St. Paul's, Wilmington.....	5.00
St. Catherine's Guild, Elizabeth City.....	5.00
Section "A" Woman's Auxiliary, St. James, Wilmington....	15.00
U. T. O. Essay Prize.....	15.00
Mrs. Smith, Hertford.....	5.00
Christ Church Guild, Christ Church, Elizabeth City.....	5.00
St. Ann's Guild, St. John's Wilmington.....	5.00

Mrs. MacMillan then asked for an expression of opinion as to the disposition of the funds left in the Central Expense Fund at the end of the year. After a general discussion the following motion was made and carried: "That requests for special gifts and all matters relating to the Central Expense Fund be referred to the Finance Committee."

It was moved that the Secretary send a telegram of congratulation to Miss Mary Cross, who holds the Woman's Auxiliary Scholarship at St. Mary's and who is graduating this year. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Thomas Warren announced that the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church, New Bern, was making a gift of \$25.00 to Dr. Lula Disosway.

The reports of the following Committees were then read:

ON RESOLUTIONS READ BY MRS. EDGAR HINTON.

This Committee recommends the following from the 1926 Officers' reports:

1. That we observe Sundays more strictly. Sunday is a day of Love and God has called it His day.
2. That we continue to pray for the Bishop of our Diocese and that we make an earnest effort at Church expansion.
3. That we continue to try to build up our average attendance at our meetings.
4. That the work of the Girls' Friendly be studied and that an effort be made to help in any way we can.
5. That the women's organizations encourage and assist in the formation of parish councils in their own parishes as they have been recommended by Bishop Darst.

6. That each parish send a delegate to a summer conference.
7. That we plan to read and study to gain deeper spiritual understanding and to be more regular and better prepared for Communion.
8. That the work of their organization shall be put definitely on the departmental plan and an earnest effort made to broaden and strengthen each department or committee as you see fit to call them.
9. That we promote the attendance of the young people at the Diocesan Camp.
10. That the summer work of the women be devoted to building for some object which shall be decided upon by the standing coordinating committee of the Diocese. Also that the leaders of the womens' organizations do their utmost to create a knowledge and love of their Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDGAR HINTON, Chmn.,

MRS. EDWARD HARDIN,

MRS. A. B. HOUTZ, Committee.

This report was adopted.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Read by Mrs. W. R. Noe.

Your Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association recommends the following:

1. That Article IV of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "two Educational Secretaries" in the third line thereof and by substitution therefor the words: "Educational Secretary"; also by adding after the words "Box Secretary" in the same line the words "Secretary of Christian Social Service".

2. That Section 6 of Article I of the By-Laws be repealed and that the following be enacted in place thereof:

Section 6. Educational Secretary. She shall have charge of that particular work in the Diocese and shall endeavor to have a study class in each Parish or Mission. She shall arrange to have Institutes and shall co-operate with the Convocational Presidents.

3. That Section 8 of Article I of the By-Laws be amended by adding after the word "Board" in the sixth line thereof the words "each Convocation being represented."

4. Appreciating the fact that the Woman's Auxilliary has the privilege and responsibility of working in the five fields of service and bearing in mind the faithful work done by Guilds and other parochial societies which entitles them to representation at all meetings,

Your Committee suggests that Article I. Name, which reads as follows: "The name of this Association shall be the East Carolina

Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council" be interpreted to include parochial organizations.

5. That Section 2 of Article IV be amended by changing the words "Each Parish Branch" to "Each Parish Organization".

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES G. STATON,

MRS. C. W. MELICK,

MRS. W. R. NOE, Committee.

After the reading of this report a motion was made that this committee be made a standing committee to bring in a report at the next Annual Meeting. The motion was carried.

A motion was made, that, pending action on the report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws, Mrs. MacMillan be empowered to appoint a temporary chairman of the Educational Work. The motion was carried.

A motion was made that the President be allowed to appoint a corresponding secretary from her city to aid in the work. Motion was carried.

It was moved that the question of aiding the work at Chapel Hill be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

At this point the Bishop sent in the list of delegates and alternates to the meeting of the provincial synod in Columbus, Ga., as follows:

DELEGATES:

Mrs. Henry J. MacMillan,

Mrs. S. P. Adams,

Mrs. James G. Staton,

Mrs. A. H. Worth.

ALTERNATES:

Mrs. Jos. N. Bynum,

Mrs. Jno. B. Cranmer,

Miss Mae Wood Winslow,

Mrs. S. M. Boatwright.

Mrs. Wm. VonEberstein spoke on the Box Work of the Church School and asked for the co-operation of the women in aiding and stimulating this work.

In discussing definite summer work it was moved that the decision be left in the hands of the Co-ordinating Committee.

Motion was carried.

The following committees were appointed by the Chair.

ON THE GIRL'S FRIENDLY:

Miss Mary Lucas Cantwell, Wilmington.
Mrs. John H. Jones, New Bern.
Miss Marguerite Walker, Wilmington.
Mrs. Lester Duffy, New Bern.

Mrs. Adams briefly presented the matter of aid to the flood sufferers and upon motion, the matter of a gift for this purpose was referred to the Finance Committee.

The reading of the minutes was omitted.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE POTTER BYNUM, Secretary.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

By Mrs. C. W. Melick, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Madam President and Women of East Carolina:

Many years ago in old St. Peter's, Washington, I had my first opportunity to welcome the women of this diocese in their Annual meeting, having been appointed to this pleasant task by a timid president of the local branch of the Woman's Auxilliary. Again ten years ago, it was my pleasure to make you welcome in this parish. Now, for the third time I bid you welcome, thrice welcome, in the name of each and every woman in this parish. We have waited long and eagerly for your coming. We hope you will find that the waiting time has been properly spent and that you will find in the comfort and convenience of our new Parish House, a real justification for our delay in receiving you.

We feel an especial pleasure and privilege in this meeting. Our former president, Mrs. Staton, has publicly said that she got her first start in diocesan work from this parish, and today we welcome our new diocesan president, Mrs. MacMillan, as she makes her first appearance as a presiding officer over our diocesan meeting. We are proud to have her make this fine beginning here, and pledging her our loyalty and co-operation, we bid her God-speed in the work, which we are confident she will make a splendid success. Again and most heartily, I bid you welcome.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By Mrs. Hannah Bonner, Washington, N. C.

Madame President and Women of East Carolina:

How can I reply to such a welcome? We are told that "a thought can be original though uttered a hundred times." Since knowing I would be here today I have thought so many times of the delightful Convention held in your city just ten years ago. It was my privilege to be the delegate from St. Peter's, Washington, to that Annual Meeting and it has been one of the bright spots in my memory since. It was a delightful meeting, full of joyful inspiration. Every one of your home folks, of all faiths, seemed to vie with one another in trying to make the visitors comfortable and happy. It is said that the last is always best. I hardly see how that can be possible in the present instance but the prospects look mighty good now and, personally, I am glad I have so much space to store the many fine thoughts and suggestions we will get. I feel sure I voice the sentiment of each visitor present, when I say that we consider ourselves very fortunate indeed to be your guests for this meeting, we thank you for our gracious welcome and we will be very loathe to say good-bye. I thank you.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Women of East Carolina:

This year of 1926 has been one of probation for many of your new officers. It has presented many opportunities of service to them but it has also made them feel timid, inexperienced and unworthy. The prospect of becoming your president made me feel a keen desire to undertake a constructive work for the advancement of the Kingdom but it certainly made me conscious of a very limited ability. I do want you to feel that your president realizes that only through seeking God's Grace can anyone be of service to Him. As the year has gone on, the cordial co-operation of the officers and your kindly, patient acknowledgments and letters have given me great encouragement. It has proven to be the year when any interested person could find in the church services and papers much of inspiration and guidance. Of course, a spirit of gratitude has always been present, that the program of the women began with the practical and vital "Message", which so many have taken into their hearts and lives. Some who have heard it have not realized its importance and there will still be numbers of others to whom it will come, deepening their convictions and teaching them to learn to use their talents in a more complete offering of themselves. It is still just as important that we ask ourselves the question, "What have I done to spread the Message"? Do I keep the substance of it before the other women in my society?

In many parishes in this Diocese, the rectors talked over the Message with the women just before having a communion service. Many individual organizations have studied it very seriously and have attempted to follow its outlines in their own plans. It was also carefully made a part of our Diocesan program, which covered every one of its articles, and in this way was absorbed into our actual work. The Message was indeed a real preparation for the Crusade. This was felt in all parts of the country, not only in our diocese. Miss Lindley writes in the Spirit of Missions:—

"In fact it is impossible to keep the Message apart from the Crusade and since in listening to and heeding the call of the Crusade, the Church is hearing and obeying the call of its leaders, not following a self-imposed undertaking, so in obeying the official call of the Church to the Crusade, that which the women undertook in the Message will be fulfilled."

The women of East Carolina began praying early in the year for the Crusade and for the Bishop of the Diocese, who was called on to make a special contribution to the Church as chairman of the Commission of Evangelism. As you all know, his efforts have been an inspiration to the whole thinking church. The Quiet Days held October 15th and St. Andrew's Day drew us much closer to the New Year and its marvelous blessing of the Crusade. This report comes

to you after the initial step of the Crusade has been taken and we stand ready to ask that we as an organization may be used in whatever way the Bishop may think it advisable to help to spread the work of personal evangelism.

April 15th, an officers conference and a meeting were held in Greenville, which was attended by most of the new officers and of the ones who already were familiar with the work. It was planned especially at this time so that they could talk over the plans and problems new to some of them and to get closer to the women they were to work so closely in touch with. All of them felt that this meeting was thoroughly worth while and they were especially grateful to Mrs. Richard Williams for making it possible. It was nice to receive the very gracious welcome that was given us there by all the women of Greenville.

Much time has been spent in study and preparation for the work and many organizations have been visited by your president during the year. The letters received show healthy and genuine interest.

In May Miss Laura Boyer, Assistant Educational Secretary, held an institute in Fayetteville, presenting the mission work in several fields. In August a visit was made to the Thompson Orphanage by your president so that the work there could be understood more clearly by personal contact and knowledge. This year, aside from paying a part of the salary of the recreational worker and the summer offerings sent through your parish, every child in the Kenan Cottage has been clothed by you and there have been many personal gifts and boxes.

In September a meeting of the diocesan officers was held at the Girls' Friendly House on Wrightsville Beach and it proved to be a real conference. The program for the winter's work was presented, gone over carefully and accepted. Every effort has been made to follow up the program with material and letters at the specified times but we did not receive the letters we hoped to get from our own missionaries in time to send them in to you.

A full representation from East Carolina attended the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Province of Sewanee at Jacksonville. There were many meetings of inspirational value and the work in other diocesan branches seemed to average about the same as East Carolina. Gifts were sent at the close of this meeting to Southern Florida, Liberia and for student work. Resolution was passed that the Diocesan branches do what they could to help raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Hodgeson Emerald Hospital in Sewanee, Tennessee.

During the year, your officers have gone to the parish branches when they have been invited and it was possible to do so. Through the intimate personal contact with small groups much real understanding has been established. It has seemed to be the best way to go over mutual plans. From the standpoint of a new officer

your president has gained a great deal not only in meeting so many of you but in realizing how earnestly each organization is seeking out the best means for carrying on the work of the Master. These visits have been a great privilege and have shown how wonderfully the small places are working that are without regular rectors. They need no special message of encouragement from us for they are truly doing their very best.

Your President and the two Vice-Presidents have attended the meeting of the Diocesan Executive Committee and have been enabled to understand the work in the Diocese by doing so. Near the close of the year, the women's organizations suffered a great loss when Mrs. Richard Williams was obliged to resign as the President of the Edenton Convocation on account of her health. Her loyalty to the beloved work and a keen desire to assist the new officers kept her in the ranks for several months after her physician and family felt that she should give it up. She has found, we know, a great blessing in the whole hearted unselfish way that she has given herself to the Diocese. We are deeply grateful that she is now recuperating and will soon be able to take an active part in the work of her parish, and we will always feel that we can call on her for guidance and encouragement and that she will gladly help the work she has carried so close to her heart.

Two convocational meetings have been held, one in Greenville and one in Whiteville. Plans and methods were discussed. Genuine co-operation seemed to be the keynote of both meetings. The two Convocational Presidents with their consecration to the work and knowledge of the details have been unfailing in their efforts to promote growth.

At both of these meetings Miss Ann Milton presented the plans of the Y. P. S. L. in the Diocese. She made a fine contribution to this work in organization and in the handbook which she has prepared for the use of the young people not only in this but in other dioceses as well. The Diocesan Camp was mentioned and it is of great interest to us all. We must do all that we can to help with it. Possibly some arrangements might be considered to send one or two young people there who can not afford to go otherwise.

Knowing very little in the beginning of the methods and means of carrying on the work of Women's Diocesan organizations, your president has studied numbers of year books and programs and is convinced of the advisability of following the lines of the national work as closely as possible. Many women's organizations have organized into departments. Among them are our neighbors, South Carolina, upper South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida and others. East Carolina has been doing the work in Missions, Religious Education, Christian Social Service and Publicity, and certainly our next step is to build up each committee or department as you choose to call them, making the heads of each responsible for the growth.

East Carolina women have done exceptionally fine work in the five fields of mission work, leaving little to be desired except a steady normal growth in Foreign Missions but new plans and purposes in our diocesan missions. We want to use our best efforts to help with the rural work. It may mean that we can serve best by establishing community centers at the request of the rural clergy, helping with Sunday Schools and beginning to work with small groups forming Auxiliaries. It may mean that we as a strong organization can back up a program given us by the co-ordinating committee of the diocese. We have great opportunities before us in this line and it is so necessary. Included under the head of Missions, is the U. T. O. Box Work, Corporate gift, Old Gold and Silver Offering. You will hear reports from each of these chairmen and the U. T. O. Treasurer. The logical chairmen for this department as a whole are the convocational presidents, who have their accurate knowledge of the work and needs of the organization.

The educational work in the organization has been increasing steadily for some years. The difficulty that many of us find is that leaders are so hard to get for the classes and that many of the text books are not just as adaptable as they might be. Many are finding that individual reading of the books and discussions together of the subject are proving interesting, other leaders are reading the text books and preparing the material, which they can adapt to their own class, others are reading the books and having papers and programs on the subject. In some cases, only their loyalty keeps them plodding at some difficult study that they do not really enjoy.

It would be fine if the educational department or committee could have one chairman who can give a good deal of time to the work and who can have two secretaries and together build this part. If the text books are not suited to our practical needs, programs based on the text can be worked out. It also ought to be made possible in a financial way for the chairman to go when it is desired to an organization and present her work in an attractive, enthusiastic way. We have had the offer for such service from Miss Mae W. Winslow, and it will be a splendid thing if we can find a way to take advantage of it. Miss Boyer suggests that one day institutes in each of the twelve districts would be a help to the study class leaders. Shall we undertake the expense? Do your leaders need or want this training? Many Diocesan Branches now have paid secretaries for this work. This chairman should have a chairman in each organization whose co-operation she can count on. She ought to be provided with books, which can be passed around to other leaders who want such help. She should have the responsibility of building her organization and getting the subjects to be studied before the women in an interesting way.

This year brought about the culmination of the dream of one of our girls—Dr. Lulu Dissosway left this country for China as a medi-

cal missionary. She was with us at our meeting last year and we all know her keen interest in her work.

A new recruit for the foreign field is Miss Minnie Leary, New Bern, who went in May to serve under Bishop Colmore at Porto Rica. We are all familiar with the interest and service that she has given in the Diocesan Girls' Friendly work.

The branch of work which is less familiar to all of us is that of Christian Social Service, and it is the sort of thing in which results are seen quicker than in any other. Under the head of Community work we have accomplished many fine things. Nationally the big problems of C. S. S. are taken up but except for the trained workers, we are not expected to go into this question. For an organization, such as ours, we can study the needs of our community and diocese and make our plans to be of definite use and to endeavor to handle our problems as they come to us with love and sympathetic understanding. It has been fine that in spite of the lack of a chairman this year, there have been so many responses in this work, new committees are forming and others getting ready to work. There were more reports sent in of this sort of work than were expected. Two reports are copied here so that if you have not begun work you will know just what is being done. These will show you the spirit and reason for the work.

REPORT OF C. S. C. FROM AN AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

Amount spent by Auxiliary for C. S. C.....\$ 272.37

A committee of three chosen each month to do the work. Working in co-operation with Associated Charities and County Commissioners. Prayers offered for sick, visits to strangers and shut-ins. One poor woman helped continually. County Home visited regularly. Sunday school organized and clothing given to needy in that vicinity. We have plenty of opportunities to extend our work in rural sections.

A REPORT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE

made by a Parish Committee Chairman of S. S. showing the co-operation of all the committees in a parish. It is directed to these participants in her program.

"During the past year we have been able to do better work, respond to more calls, because of your generous gifts and interested co-operation. There is no color line or boundary line in this field of service. Just enumerate the gifts (from food and clothing to spectacles and false teeth) would never tell the story of what you have really done.

You are helping to keep together one home in which the old grandparents are bravely struggling to raise their two orphan

grandchildren. You have given help and happiness to the young blind father, his four little boys and plucky wife.

You miss much in never having seen the smile of the young mother who with her sturdy seven little children is trying to keep her home together while the father serves his sentence in the penitentiary. You have given fresh courage to many mothers by helping their little ones—our young people of the Church School Service League helped all summer with their donations of milk and ice. Never has there been better work done at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium than the work done last year by the Business Women's Auxiliary.

Surely there can be no more joyful work in the church than this entrusted to your social service workers—a representative from each guild. I wish we could pass on to you the love and gratitude with which your gifts are received."

A fine bit of C. S. S. work is being done at the Girls' Friendly Holiday House at Wrightsville Beach. There are many girls there each season who can have a holiday on the seacoast at very reasonable cost, under proper chaperonage and delightful home influences. It should be used more by the girls of East Carolina. Many of those who come are from a long distance and yet our girls are not taking advantage of it as much as they might.

There is to be a course on C. S. S. at the Valle Crucis summer school. No matter how deep you make your study of this subject, our best opportunity for the present is to waken our consciences to the needs of our communities.

We must lose ourselves, in recognizing that every person, young or old, rich or poor, white or black, has an extraordinary value in God's eyes. Then if we can use to our utmost, our influence and power to make human relationships better we will be obeying the two laws of the Kingdom—Love for God and Love for our neighbors. I would like to quote from a booklet gotten out by the Department of C. S. S. a few striking sentences which make you feel the responsibility that is ours as children of God.

"You can do social service without being a Christian but you can not be a Christian and not do social service.

Christian social service is not a list of activities; it is a spirit which expresses itself in action appropriate to a given set of circumstances.

Co-operation is the rule wherever there is a common conscience on a common problem.

Everybody's life work, if it is to be Christian, must make a contribution to the better life of his community."

During the summer a program was made so that the officers in every society would have some help in planning the work for the year. An effort was made to give a topic for every meeting. Of course, it was expected to be an elastic thing, giving only suggestions which could be adapted. It was very simple. In the next one each

officer and chairman must share in the making of it. If you have any suggestions which you think will help, please let us have them. We all want to build together. We all want to take the results of this year's work and use them, not so that we may do as well but in order to see how much more we can accomplish. I would suggest that you keep careful records checking at least every quarter to see if any gain is made. It is only by having our own aims and programs and keeping up to them that our work will show real progress.

The question of reports of the work accomplished is one that needs attention. The general reports sent to the convocational presidents were good but the others were very incomplete. We want East Carolina to show good results but we do not realize the importance of keeping records and of filling in our report blanks. Although the standard of the work is high, there were some organizations which fell below their records of last year. Do you know if your society was one of these? You will have a report from the Publicity Chairman. She should have some one person in each society to whom she can write and expect news for the page in the Mission Herald. The women can learn through this branch much of what others are accomplishing if they will make use of it. The Field Committee Chairman was made a member of the Diocesan Field Department and will work in close touch with them. Only one parish has called on her so far for organization of a Parish Council.

Since your president has had only one year's experience, you must realize that it is with great hesitation that the following recommendations are offered.

1. If the Bishop's Crusade has meant anything to us, we must make some effort at church expansion and learn to witness for Christ. An opportunity is surely waiting for us in the rural fields. So I would recommend that the W. A. and P. S. offer to help the clergy in the rural work as they find opportunities to build up Sunday schools, to organize young people's work, to have women meetings and to do C. S. Service work. Leaders are often needed and if they can form community centers, possibly later they can be the means of bringing people from these centers in to the towns for church services.

2. That the summer work of the women be devoted to building for some object which shall be decided on by the standing co-ordinating committee of the Diocese. Also that the leaders of the women's organizations do their utmost to create and to strengthen a knowledge and love of their Diocese.

3. That the work of this organization be put definitely on the departmental plan and an earnest effort made to broaden and strengthen each department or committee as you shall see fit to call them. That ways and means be found to take care of the expenses of this work.

4. That the work of the Girls' Friendly Society be studied and

an effort made to help in any way that we can. Also that we assist with a gift of money for equipment at the Holiday House.

5. That the women's organizations encourage and assist with the formation of Parish Councils in their own parishes as they have been recommended by Bishop Darst.

6. That we promote the attendance of our young people at the Diocesan Camp.

7. That in the recommendations of last year, one has not been carried out as fully as it should have been and it should have the attention of the women at this meeting. That every parish make a definite effort to send a representative to a summer conference, who will return with inspiration and information not only to conduct classes in her own parish but to train others for leadership.

8. That although the women accepted the Message which pledges them to help with the payments of their quotas it is not vital enough so far. The National Council has found it necessary to curtail their program. If we carry out this pledge it is distinctly our business to know if our quotas are paid and if possible help our parishes to go over the top.

9. That we take up again the article of the Message which reads—"The overcoming of lukewarmness by deeper spiritual understanding and greater consecration through prayer and the sacraments." Think over this very seriously and plan to read and study to gain deeper spiritual understanding and to be more regular and better prepared for communion.

In closing this report, let us never lose sight of the fact that our meetings and our work are undertaken as a means of advancing the Kingdom and that we must be faithful. Don't let other things keep you from attending to it and don't be satisfied with half-hearted service. We must give ourselves more completely to Him and as we work upwards toward Him, we will find that we will gain the ability to become evangelists and witnesses of His love. It is only those who first dedicate their own hearts and lives to Christ and begin to understand the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, who will find that they can understand other people sufficiently to be able to make Christ known to them.

Aren't we all somewhat afraid of this stirring call to Evangelism? Are we taking it personally?

We all realize that the Holy Spirit is a gift to us but do most of us use this God given power every day of our lives? We can not seem to make it completely our own, a sanctifying power in our every day life. This is what we need to become more deeply conscious of and to strive to attain and then our lukewarmness will be overcome in the joy of fellowship with Christ and we will become conscious of the ability to speak to others of His grace and power.

Respectfully submitted,

JANIE WILLIAMS MacMILLAN.

**REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AND PAROCHIAL
SOCIETY TO CONVENTION.**

Right Reverend Father in God:

We respectfully report that during the year 1926, the auxiliaries and parochial societies have kept up their usual high standard of work. A number of new officers came into the work, all of them feeling much hesitation and unworthiness but all eager to serve to the best of their ability. The loving kindness and cordiality of the other women and of many of the clergy proved to be the greatest encouragement that they could have had. The following year promises to begin with much less of a handicap.

The Message which was sent to the women of the Church from the Triennial Meeting in New Orleans was presented to the women of East Carolina as thoroughly as we could do it, by correspondence, leaflets and meetings of special prayer. The Clergy in many places had a corporate communion service and presented the Message carefully and instructively. It has been found that the principles of the Message were a real preparation for the Bishops' Crusade. In the Spring the women began to realize something of what the Crusade was to mean and the part you would have as chairman of the Commission on Evangelism. They prayed with genuine devotion for the Crusade and for you, that you would have the strength, wisdom and courage for such a task. Even now, at their meeting they will offer thanks to God that you have been given this marvelous privilege of spreading the flame that shall some day pass from heart to heart as the light of the church shines forth more and more clearly. We realize that great preaching needs great thinking and great feeling and that it makes great demands on the physical powers and we truly thank God that your contribution to the life of the church has been a magnificent one and that the physical strain has not been too great for you.

There are now eighty-eight organizations of women and they all show a perfectly splendid spirit of co-operation and interest. Some of the most outstanding work of the year has been done in the small places, even in the ones which have no rector. They are trying to fall in with the general plans and several of them have contributed as much as two hundred dollars or more. An auxiliary was organized in Burgaw. St. Bertha's Guild in Beaufort was reorganized. A Woman's Guild at St. James', Winton, and an altar guild at Fairfield were also started this year. The latter guild is entirely parochial, working to repair the chapel and its membership is composed of four Episcopalians and six Methodists. Several auxiliaries and guilds in the Diocese have merged becoming auxiliaries and a few others are contemplating doing the same thing. As often the membership of two organizations is the same, and as the auxiliary work is now broad enough to include any type of work in the five

fields of service, it strengthens and helps to form one medium of effort.

It is noticeable that the different branches of work, Missions, Christian Social Service and Religious Education among the organizations are becoming more clearly defined. As every one knows, the mission work is the very heart of the Auxiliary and it is done efficiently and well in East Carolina and a steady growth is to be expected. Its present high standard is a tribute to the years of patient, wise and loving service given by the women of the Diocese. By June 1st, the apportionments that you asked of the women were all paid and the way was clear for other calls. In August, Dr. Lula Dissosway left this country for the realization of her lifelong dream, the work of a medical missionary in China. The Woman's Auxiliary has done much to sponsor her study and preparation and she has been most grateful. In May a new recruit Miss Minnie Leary left for Porto Rico as Bishop Colmore's secretary. She has taken much interest in the work of the Diocese in the past.

The Box work apportionments come to our secretary from National Headquarters and then the boxes sent to the places designated. These allotments are filled easily and not all of the societies are taking them. So far they have been comparatively light. This work is supplemented by a great many boxes to the Thompson Orphanage and to specially chosen mission stations. During 1926, the Bureau of Supplies has grown in usefulness as many more people contributed on the certain days set aside for this purpose. Also much second hand clothing was contributed and sent out of the Diocese. Every child in the Kenan Cottage at the Orphanage was clothed by the women in East Carolina. This branch of work has possibilities for growth and deserves the interest and co-operation of all of the clergy.

The United Thank Offering for 1926 was very fine, showing consistent and loving work on the part of the Treasurer. Her report is as follows:

Balance on hand 1926.....	\$ 4.75
Convocation of Edenton.....	1600.30
Convocation of Wilmington.....	1988.68
Total	<u>\$3593.73</u>

Fifty-three places contributed.

During 1926 one young woman, Miss Lona Belle Weatherly has offered her life and is working with the assistance of the Offering at Lake Phelps. The Offering shows an increase not only in money but in the number of women contributing. A number of parishes had a United Thank Offering Pageant.

Owing to the illness and recent death of the Church Periodical

Club Correspondent, her report to the president was for only part of the work she was to accomplish. There are only eight parishes from which she received reports but there is probably more of this type of work being done. Most people are sending their magazines and books in the communities in which they live and no reports are made. A large box of books, two sets of books and magazines were sent to the Orphanage, for their lovely new library. In one parish an attractive play was given showing the worth whileness of the C. P. C. work. We want the interest of the rectors and the names of people who will serve as librarians.

The summer work of the organizations was given over to helping the parishes raise their quota for the Thompson Orphanage Maintenance Fund. The response to this was larger than we anticipated, showing the feeling that the women have for the Orphanage.

In May Miss Laura Boyer conducted an educational institute for the auxiliary at St. John's Parish House, Fayetteville. She gave, in her thoroughly capable way, to the study class leaders who were present glimpses of the Church's program in several different mission fields. Later she took up the text book, "That Freedom" which the organizations have studied and found difficult. Among the books studied during the year are "The Women of the Bible", "The Catholic Religion", "The World and I", "My Father's Business", "Adventures in Friendship", "The Church's Program", and "Beyond the City Limits". There were numbers of Bible Classes reported and the Prayer Book and Church History were taken up in several places. Many program meetings were held in which the women tried to make preparation for the Bishop's Crusade. The contents of the Message was used and woven into these programs. Corporate Communion were held on St. Michael and All Angels, Feast of the Annunciation. All Saints Day and October 15th was observed as a National Day of Prayer for the Auxiliary. The Special Day of Intercession, St. Andrew's Day, was shared by them also.

There has been much interest shown in a number of the organizations in Christian Social Service. We have urged a committee in each society for this kind of work and when we sent out report blanks for this service the results were surprising. We hope that this will be one means by which we can get in touch with people that we can not only assist materially but find opportunities to witness for Christ and to try to bring some less fortunate people closer to Him. These committees will stand ready at all times to help their rectors in any work that can be intrusted to them. Some committees are doing splendid service, in both large and small parishes.

No report has come from the Girls' Friendly Society except a verbal one of work done in the summer at the Holiday House. Girls come steadily each summer to this homelike place on Wrightsville Beach and find happy congenial surroundings with pleasant com-

panionship. Our officers conference was held there in September and although no aid has ever been asked by the Society, it was felt by the women present that some means should be taken to equip the House more completely. Better plumbing is the most necessary thing. Girls from many States come to the Holiday House and it is hoped that it will be used by the girls from our own Diocese.

It has been customary to include in this report, the report of the Church School Service League. As this work has been reorganized and a Service Program Supervisor appointed, Miss Alice Adkins, her report is as follows:

The Christmas Boxes were assigned from National Headquarters and sent to the Seamen's Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., and Dupree and Wapalka, South Dakota. A total of 390 were provided for, children 261, adults 104, seamen, 25. The total value of the boxes was \$665.00. These boxes were sent from 25 church schools. Eight church schools reported box work only.

The most outstanding work done in the Five Fields of Service follows—Parish; Junior Choirs; Thanksgiving Pageants; Christmas Pageants and help with the Parish budget.

Community: Service at Woman's Home; Easter Egg Hunt for poor children; Thanksgiving baskets and clothing sent needy families. From St. John's, Fayetteville, caroling at Christmas Eve supported a family for three months so that the daughter who was the wage earner could have medical treatment.

Diocese: Sending delegates to Conventions, sending letters and birth day cards to all boys and girls enrolled at the Orphanage from East Carolina; sending Thanksgiving boxes to Orphanage.

Nation: Mission Study, Christmas Box assignments filled, Florida Storm Relief.

World: Birthday Thank Offering.

The financial report is subject to change. The total of the Five Fields shows now \$1,892.20, divided as follows:

Parish	\$1,031.32
Community	346.67
Diocese	192.69
Nation	281.52
World	40.00

The Little Helpers offering shows a total of \$79.00.

Japanese Kindergartens \$15.00.

Little Helpers Bed at St. Agnes Hospital \$25.00.

Font for Japanese Mission \$1.00.

Other Offerings \$38.00.

The Convocational meetings of the women were very well attended. At both of them the program for the winter was outlined and

as the response was good, the results were that real conferences were held.

East Carolina had four delegates to the Provincial Meeting of the Auxiliary in Jacksonville, Florida, in November. The work of the diocesan branches represented seemed to average about the same as East Carolina.

There have been several district meetings and one Field Day held in the Convocation of Edenton. The meetings that have been among the most helpful have been the small ones in the parishes that have asked for them. Then the women feel free to talk over plans and methods with the officers.

All of our financial obligations have been settled. The National and Provincial pledges were paid promptly, the work that you asked us to carry has been finished and many other gifts sent voluntarily. Still there is much other money sent out by the women in the Diocese which is not going through the treasurer.

Parish	\$9273.10
Community	1426.64
Diocese	6015.78
Nation	546.28
World	1171.30
Box Work	3089.27
United Thank Offering.....	3593.75
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Total	\$24106.16

The auxiliary contributing the largest amount is Section A St. James, Wilmington, \$745.24. The Guild contributing the largest was St. Mary's Guild, St. James, Wilmington, \$1063.60; the next was Emmanuel, Farmville, \$619.58.

Although some organizations may raise in dollars and cents more than others, it seems that if the number of members is taken into consideration often the proportionate giving is much larger in some of the smaller places. Fifteen societies have given more than they did in 1925 and these increases are mostly in the small organizations. As a result of the Bishop's Crusade it is hoped that the new names will be added to our rolls and that some women who are now included will become more active than they have been. Both convocational presidents have been obliged to report that they consider the regular attendance at meetings not what it should be. They hope that with the inspiration being constantly given from the pulpit and their own leaders stressing personal responsibility that they can overcome this condition. Enrollment of names counts for so little without the service.

The president and two vice-presidents have attended the meetings of the Executive Council of the Diocese and it has helped them

to keep in touch with the work. It was with great regret that we gave up Mrs. Richard Williams as first Vice-President. She has found it impossible to continue the work on account of her health. She has been a very fine officer and is beloved by all the women of the Diocese with whom she has had contact. Her unselfishness and consideration for the work which was more or less handicapped with so many new officers kept her at her post much longer than she ought to have stayed for her own sake.

The recommendations for the work for 1927 will be given as briefly as possible.

1. We recommend that the W. A. P. S. offer to help the clergy in the Rural Fields to build up Sunday schools, to organize Young Peoples Work to have women's meetings and to do Christian Social Service.

2. That the summer work of the women be devoted to building for some object which shall be decided on by the Co-ordinating Committee of the Diocese.

3. That the work of this organization be put on the departmental plan as is customary in a number of other branches. It will strengthen and broaden the work.

4. That the work of the Girls' Friendly Society be studied and an effort made to help in any way that we can. Also that we assist with a gift for equipment at the Holiday House.

5. That the women's organizations encourage the formation of Parish Councils.

6. That we promote the attendance of our young people at the Diocesan Camp.

7. That every Parish make a definite effort to send a representative to a summer conference.

8. That the women dedicate themselves to the payment of their Parish quotas.

9. That they take up seriously the article of the Message which reads "the overcoming of lukewarmness through Prayer and Sacraments."

Respectfully submitted,

JANIE W. MacMILLAN, President,
Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society.

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE CONVOCATION
OF EDENTON**

Madam President and Women of East Carolina:

In giving a summary of the 1926 Annual Reports of the Convocation of Edenton, I do so with a feeling of deepest gratitude and appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the women, and the earnest endeavors they have made for the advancement of the work in this part of the Master's vineyard.

On the 1926 Mailing List of the Convocation of Edenton, there are fifty-one Societies, to whom leaflets, information and letters were sent regularly during the year. Of these Societies there are 22 Auxiliaries, 12 Guilds or Parochial Societies, 12 Auxiliary and Parochial Societies, 5 Altar Guilds, and 1 individual Member, Auxiliary. Only 44 of these Societies were asked to pay an annual apportionment.

During the year two new Societies have been organized. The Woman's Guild, St. John's, Winton, with eight members; and the Altar Guild, All Saints Chapel, Fairfield, Hyde County, ten members (4 Episcopalians, 6 Methodists). This Guild is entirely Parochial, working to repair the Chapel.

The Woman's Auxiliary and Guild of the Church of the Advent, Williamston, have merged, and are known as the Woman's Auxiliary. Also the Woman's Auxiliary and Guild of St. Thomas', Windsor, have merged, and are known as the Woman's Auxiliary. Other Societies in the Convocation are contemplating doing likewise, which is the wise and practical thing to do, as the work has, and continues to progress.

There are three organized District Group Meetings in the Convocation. The Pitt County group, has a Field Day annually, which proves beneficial as well as enjoyable. These group meetings are a means of increasing our activities.

In January I attended the Annual Meeting held in Wilmington. Also the meetings of the Executive Council, and the Officers' Conferences held there at the same time.

Apportionments for 1926 were sent to the Societies in February. Also letters and 1926 Mailing Lists of Convocation of Edenton to the new officers and chairmen of the departments.

In April, Mrs. MacMillan, Diocesan President, and the other new officers and chairmen of the departments, attended a meeting held in St. Paul's Church, Greenville, which gave them and the women in this part of the Convocation, an opportunity to meet and know each other.

In letters sent to the Societies in May, asking for a summary of the first six month's work, were enclosed statements of "The Definite Summer Work". As a result, practically all the Societies sent

in Summer Reports, which are splendid; and the majority of the Societies paid their 1926 apportionments in June.

Circumstances have prevented me from visiting very many of the Societies during the year, but I have sent information, written and received a great many letters relative to the work. These letters from the Societies, asking for information regarding the work, are very gratifying, as it denotes their interest.

Many of the Societies do not meet regularly during the summer, while others do. Fifteen Societies did "The Definite Summer Work" for the Orphanage. Some reported special reading; others reported sewing for the Orphanage during the vacation months. A number of the Societies reported interesting programs all through the year.

Letters to the Societies in the fall, regarding the fall work, included questions and answers about "The Message", prepared by Mrs. Adams. Each Society was urged to study the Leaflet, in order to make "The Message" a force to the individual and the organization.

The fall Convocation was held in Greenville, in October. This was largely attended. The program was instructive and interesting, Mrs. MacMillan, President; Mrs. Adams, Vice-President; Mrs. Worth, Treasurer; Miss Winslow, Educational Secretary; Mrs. Staton, U. T. O. Treasurer taking part.

The Annual Report Blanks were sent to the Societies in December. All have been returned. Of the 44 Societies reporting only 38 gave the number of members enrolled. In these 38 Societies 798 members were reported. I am sorry to find that only 52 per cent of this number are regular attendants at the meetings. But let us hope that the Bishop's Crusade will awaken the remaining 48 per cent and inspire them to put their shoulders to the wheel.

Eighteen Societies report having one meeting each month. Sixteen report having two meetings each month. One reports having three meetings each month, and one reports having four each month.

The three Societies with the largest membership are, Woman's Auxiliary, St. Peter's Washington, (71 members), Woman's Auxiliary, Christ Church, Elizabeth City (62 members), and The Rector's Aid Society, St. Peter's, Washington (50 members). The Societies with the smallest membership are, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society, St. Peter's, Sunbury (4 members), Woman's Auxiliary, St. Luke's, Winterville (3 members), Woman's Auxiliary, Robersonville Mission (3 members). These last have 100 per cent attendance at their meetings.

Twenty places reported study classes. Some had one or two, others more, and one as many as seven. Forty-Eight Class Groups were reported in the twenty places. I am sure a more accurate report was sent to the Educational Secretary.

Only five places, Ayden, Greenville, Hertford, Washington, Edenton, report a Church Periodical Club Librarian.

Number of Quiet Days reported by seven Societies were thirteen.

Forty-one Corporate Communions were reported by thirteen Societies.

From the reports sent in, the Christian Social Service work is encouraging; however, this field offers unlimited opportunities for service, which I sincerely hope we will continue to take advantage of. Some splendid work has been done by many of the Societies. Several of them have their own Chairman of this department, while others work through special committees, or co-operate with the Woman's Club and the Welfare Officer. A number of the Societies reported having held special meetings in the interest of Christian Social Service, which is very gratifying. Visiting the sick, the prisoners, the county home, providing for the poor, and organizing Sunday Schools in rural districts are some of the good works that have been accomplished by the Social Service Department.

The work in the smaller Parishes, when it is done under many difficulties, in proportion to their membership is equally as great as those of the larger Parishes. Aurora contributed \$165.67; Ayden, \$37.98; Bath, membership 6, \$45.00; Chocowinity, \$119.47; Gatesville, membership 11, \$43.35; Grifton, membership 8, \$35.87; Lake Landing, \$168.12; Roper, membership 19, \$103.63; Sunbury, 4 members, \$23.00; Swan Quarter, 10 members, \$191.50; Windsor, \$51.50; Yeatesville, 9 members, \$40.50; Rector's Aid, Washington, \$167.87. The Woman's Guild, Edward Mission, Altar Guild, Fairfield, have also paid their apportionment and done other good work. The U. T. O. is not included in the above amounts.

Five Societies report having Old Gold, Silver, and Jewel Offering. The Society reporting the largest amount to this offering for St. Margaret's, Japan, was the Woman's Auxiliary, Zion Mission, \$39.50.

The Auxiliaries contributing the largest amounts reported are St. Peter's, Washington, \$700.80; Christ Church, Elizabeth City, \$693.00; Grace Church, Plymouth, \$651.50; Zion Mission, \$394.50 (including \$300.00 Parish Assessment); St. Paul's, Edenton, \$261.10; St. Paul's, Greenville, \$354.81; Advent, Williamson, \$130.45; Grace, Woodville, \$166.27; Winterville, \$169.68.

The Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society contributing the largest amount is Emmanuel, Farmville, 20 members, \$619.58; St. Andrew's, Columbia, 14 members, \$405.31; St. James, Belhaven, 28 members, \$394.12; St. Mark's, Roxobel, 9 members, \$203.00; St. David's, Creswell, \$232.42; St. Martin's, Hamilton, \$198.20.

The Parochial Society or Guild contributing the largest amount is St. Paul's, Greenville, \$1,081.72; next St. Catherine's Guild, Hertford, \$363.26. Ladies Guild, Christ Church, Elizabeth City, \$249.62; St. Catherine's Guild, Elizabeth City, \$237.19.

The small Societies composed of 18, 12, 8, 4, and 3 members have done splendid work. Several of them have contributed as much as \$200.00.

The Altar Guilds have all done fine work too. Besides taking care of the Altar they have rendered other active services.

As a whole, splendid work has been accomplished this year by all the Societies of this Convocation. Every item of work, which was given us for 1926 has been paid for, for which we feel grateful and blessed. The women show a splendid spirit of co-operation. They are interested and seem anxious and willing to be informed and do all required of them for the advancement of the work in the Convocation of Edenton.

The following is a report of the money contributed during 1926:

Parish	\$4695.49
Community	330.41
Diocese	2916.50
Nation	92.50
World	345.50
Box	974.02
Summer Work (Thompson Orph. and other objects)	531.93
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	\$9886.35
Amount of U. T. O.....	1599.30
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Grand Total	\$ 11,485.65

I wish to express my gratitude to the secretaries and to the members of the different Societies, and the Diocesan officers for their co-operation in carrying on my part of the work. And I cannot close without saying that it has been a real pleasure to serve this year under our most efficient President, Mrs. Henry J. MacMillan.

At the close of this Convention, may we return to our homes with a deep and abiding inspiration to do even more for our Master, in building this part of His kingdom. Let us go forward to our individual tasks, asking His guidance in all our undertakings.

Respectfully submitted,

BESSIE J. WILLIAMS,

First Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, CONVOCATION OF WILMINGTON.

Madam President and Women of East Carolina:

In making my report to you of the work done in the Convocation of Wilmington for 1926, I find that the work has gone forward, and I feel deeply grateful for what has been accomplished. It has been a pleasure and privilege working with you to extend the Master's Kingdom.

During the year the correspondence has greatly increased, besides answering personal letters, I have sent to the societies the following letters: Notice of Annual meeting; Apportionment for 1927 with letter explaining this work; Spring Letter was sent with suggestions for definite "summer work"; Letter asking for report of six months' work. Mailing list was sent to the President of the Diocese, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese and to the Box and Educational Secretary. A letter was sent to the societies with information concerning The Message and The Corporate Gift. Report blanks were sent December 6th. During Bishop Beckwith's visit in Wilmington a notice was sent to the nearby places inviting the women to attend some of his lectures on the Prayer Book, there were a number of responses from this letter.

I have attended the following meetings during the year: Annual Meeting held in Wilmington; Executive Council meeting before and after our Convention; Diocesan Officers' meeting before and after our Annual Meeting; District Meeting was held in Clinton, February 10th and a meeting of the Field Department was held in the Bishop's House in February. It was also my pleasure and privilege to be present at a meeting in Greenville when some of the Diocesan Officers met with Mrs. Richard Williams in her home. The Educational Institute held in Fayetteville in May was most helpful, also the Conference held at Wrightsville; this Conference was conducted by our President, Mrs. H. J. MacMillan, who gave us many suggestions to help with carrying our work forward. I also attended the Synod Meeting in Jacksonville, have met with all the parishes in Wilmington and with the Auxiliary at Southport. The Convocation of Wilmington met in Whiteville November 10th, 11th. This was an illustration of what can be done in a small place where there is interest.

I find that the work in the Convocation for 1926 has been varied, many objects have been contributed to outside of the apportionment. The Societies are working in the Five Fields of Service. This shows a broader vision of the whole work of the Church. The Annual Report blanks show that the following Corporate Communion have been held. The Feast of the Annunciation, St. Michael and All Saints Day, October 15th, was observed in some of the Parishes. St. Andrew's Day was very generally observed, services beginning

with the Holy Communion, and with special prayers for the Bishop's Crusade were read. In some parishes there was continuous prayer arranged by groups of women being present from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. The Octave of Prayer was observed and in some parishes a special devotional program is arranged whenever there is a 5th Friday in a month. The Annual Reports show that 36 study classes were held. This is the only record I have of this work as it is reported through the Educational Secretary. The Pox Work is also reported by the Box Secretary, although the Annual Reports to me give a record of the number of boxes sent. This is the first year that the United Thank Offering has not been reported on the Annual Report blanks, but has been reported directly to the United Thank Offering Treasurer for the Diocese. The summer work for the Thompson Orphanage was most gratifying, more summer work for 1926 was reported than ever before. Suspending work during the summer is a question that we should carefully consider, is it right that we should practically withdraw for four months from the privilege of being co-workers with God, whose work is continuous?

The work in the Convocation has progressed, and I think is being better understood, and more thought is being given to how the work should be done, rather than doing it hastily and without understanding.

In going over the Annual Reports very carefully, I think the most serious condition exists in the very poor average attendance. Comparing the reports for 1926-1925 and 1924, I find that there has not been a steady increase in the average attendance. Surely individual responsibility has not yet reached many members of the societies, an enrollment of names means very little. We have in the Convocation of Wilmington 887 women, a gain of 96 for 1926. Think what would be accomplished if each member was an active worker. It is not well to wait to do something big, it is the little things that count. The work has had a steady growth but it has not been done by the majority of women, what could be done with every one working would be a revelation.

Outside of the Apportionment, Box Work and United Thank Offering, the reports show that contributions have been given for the Near East work in Jerusalem, Work in Liberia (Holy Cross Mission), St. Elizabeth's Hospital China, Alaska. One student helped at Dubose School, several orphans supported, or partly supported, Hospital bed endowed, and other splendid work contributed to. There were 15 societies that contributed more for 1926 than for 1925.

We have in the Convocation of Wilmington 24 Auxiliaries, 12 Guilds and 2 Parish Councils. In some parishes where the Auxiliary and Guild have the same members the Guild has merged into the Auxiliary. There are only four parishes without an Auxiliary. A number of parishes have an Auxiliary and also a Guild, or Guilds.

An Auxiliary has been organized in Burgaw, and St. Bertha's Guild, Beaufort, has been re-organized. Several societies asked for an increased apportionment for 1926. The Young Woman's Auxiliary, Fayetteville, was the first society to make this request, and this showed a deep interest in the work. The 37 societies in the Convocation not only paid their full apportionment for 1926, but every society also sent in their Summer Report and Annual Report, this showed a splendid spirit of co-operation.

The Auxiliary contributing the largest amount was St. Paul's Woman's Auxiliary, St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, \$915.11; this was followed by Sec. "A" Woman's Auxiliary, St. James, \$745.24; Sec. "C" Woman's Auxiliary, St. James \$637.45; Woman's Auxiliary, St. John's, Wilmington, \$631.02; Goldsboro Woman's Auxiliary, \$565.35.

The Guild contributing the largest amount was St. Mary's Guild, St. James, Wilmington, \$1,063.60, followed by St. Paul's Guild, Wilmington, \$645.00, and St. Thomas' Guild, St. Paul's, Wilmington, \$624.00. St. Agnes' Guild, St. James, Wilmington, \$508.00 and the Parish Guild, Christ Church, New Bern, \$502.23.

The Guilds and Auxiliaries in the larger parishes have done a splendid work, but proportionately the greatest increase in work has been in the small parishes and missions. Let us review the work in the small places where the membership of the societies varies from 4 to 15; Clinton, \$332.67; Faison, \$43.00; Hope Mills, \$48.50; Lumberton, \$35.00; St. Andrew's, Morehead, \$42.50; Pollocksville (2 members), \$68.02; Snow Hill (8 members), \$168.76; Southport, \$211.33; Whiteville (10 members), \$235.87; St. Andrew's, Wrightsville, \$177.95; Good Shepherd, \$90.70; Ascension, Branch of the Auxiliary, \$39.25; St. John's Mission, Christ Chapel, \$311.95.

I have given you these figures showing what can be done when there are a few interested women.

In the Convocation, more than 200 Church Kalendars were sold. It has become a part of some of the larger Auxiliaries' work to distribute the Kalendar of Daily Bible Readings in their congregations. This work, I think is another step forward, and will help to advance the work.

May I urge that "The Message" be constantly kept in your mind. We accepted the Message as our own and it is a three year's plan and is not to be laid aside at the end of one year and a half. The Bishop's Crusade we must also remember did not end with the special services that were held in the parishes. The Message was presented at the Annual Meeting, Convocational Meeting, District Meetings and to individual societies. If the Message and the Bishop's Crusade have meant anything to us, let us show it by feeling our individual responsibility more, and in trying to realize the magnitude of our work and the need for carrying it on to a

greater fulfillment. Each year a greater privilege and an increased obligation is given to every woman in the Convocation of Wilmington to help carry the work forward. Let us then take our place and work faithfully so that none may hinder the Master's work.

The total amount given for 1926 in our Convocation, including all work, was \$12,646.37. While our financial report is good, let us not dwell too much upon this part of the work, but rather upon the number of Corporate Communion held, the increased interest in study classes, and the many requests for leaflets and information concerning the work, these are the things that build a lasting foundation.

We have reason to be encouraged with our work and to feel grateful that our Convocation more than met all obligations. I could not close this report without thanking the women in the Convocation for their loyal support, and the parish Presidents and Secretaries for their splendid co-operation in answering my letters so promptly, this has enabled me to give to you this report. I would like to make the following suggestions, believing that if they are carried out that many blessings will come in our work:

1st. That each parish will try and send a delegate to one of the Summer Conferences.

2nd. That the General Church Program be more universally studied.

3rd. That we continue to try to build up our average attendance at our meetings.

4th. That we continue to pray for the Bishop of the Diocese, for the clergy and the work in the Diocese, and for our missionaries.

5th. That we observe Sunday more strictly. Sunday is a day of Love and God has called it His day.

Let us return to our parishes with a renewed zeal for our work. Let us put God's work first and make this year one of prayer and service, knowing that in this way God will strengthen our efforts, so that we may go forward with His work.

Respectfully submitted,

LILA M. ADAMS.

REPORT OF THE UNITED THANK OFFERING TREASURER.

Madam President and Women of East Carolina:

Your United Thank Offering Treasurer gives an account of her stewardship for the year 1926 with a feeling of gratitude and pride, gratitude for the privilege of serving the women of East Carolina in this capacity, pride in the good work accomplished and the fine spirit of co-operation which you have manifested.

For 1926 the Offering amounted to \$3,593.73. This amount was given by fifty-three places. In these fifty-three places there are 2,466 women. Twenty-seven places reported 676 women as givers, while twenty-six places did not report the number of givers. This money has been sent to Mr. Lewis B. Franklin, The Church Missions House, New York, who invests it at 5 1-2 per cent. Your treasurer holds receipts for this amount. For the great service in Washington, in 1928, a certificate will be given us for presentation representing the amounts which we will have sent Mr. Franklin towards the 1928 Offering. Not only do we obtain a high rate of interest by sending the money to Mr. Franklin, but, we are relieved of the responsibility of investing this money.

To advance the work your treasurer has sent out 990 prayer cards, 2,927 leaflets, 1,153 Little Blue Boxes, 5,000 little blue envelopes and 50 copies of the United Thank Offering number of the 1926 Spirit of Missions. Posters were made and exhibited at meetings.

A number of general or form letters have been sent to all treasurers, rectors, and diocesan officers. To these also were sent copies of the statement of the 1925 United Thank Offering which was received by your treasurer from the National Council. Personal letters have been sent to every point repeatedly. All checks and money orders have been acknowledged and receipts sent to each parish, mission and individual sending in an Offering.

Tabulated reports have been sent to each parish and mission, also a financial statement of receipts by parishes and missions. The books have been audited and found correct.

During the year your treasurer had the pleasure and privilege of attending meetings in Clinton, Greenville, Washington and Zion; Convocational meetings in Greenville and Whiteville; and the Provincial Auxiliary meeting at Jacksonville, Florida.

An Honor Roll map has been prepared. The blue pins indicate those places reporting an Offering from every woman and girl over eighteen, the red pins indicate very good work with an increased number of givers, the green pins show there was not the progress desired and expected, while the white pins indicate that no Offering was received from that point for 1926. Our Honor Roll consists of Ascension, Wilmington; St. Gabriel's, Faison; St. James', Ayden; Holy Innocents, Avoca; Emmanuel, Farmville; Grace Church, Ply-

mouth; St. Mark's, Roxobel; and Calvary, Swan Quarter; and one individual, Mrs. Paul Davenport, has entered Paradise.

During 1926 one young woman, Miss Lona Belle Weatherly, has offered her life, and is working, with the assistance of the Offering, at Lake Phelps.

Your United Thank Offering treasurer has corresponded with the National chairman of the Offering, Miss Margaret Wood, and with all treasurers in the Province of Sewanee, in order that we may exchange ideas and gain suggestions for the advancement of the work in East Carolina.

The Parish and Mission Treasurers have entered into the spirit of the work. Many have made a house canvass giving out Little Blue Boxes, prayer cards and leaflets. In many places pageants have been given to arouse interest. For 1926 the United Thank Offering catechism was emphasized.

In the spring nearly every place had the presentation service on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th, with a Celebration. In the fall various dates were used while St. Luke's Day, October 18th, was our official date and used where local conditions permitted. Many had a celebration in the fall, others had just a meeting of the women. Where possible an outside speaker was secured for the presentation services. Miss Bessie Blacknall was with us and gave an inspiring address.

Thus we close the report for 1926. This Annual Meeting coming in May gives us an opportunity to say there is every reason to be most thankful for what is now being done in 1927. This is not the time to give a detailed report of what has been done, but we can thank God and take courage. The spirit of the women is even finer if such might be possible. The Offering will be larger from present indications. Calls for Little Blue Boxes and leaflets continue—which indicate growth and interest. Little calendars and blotters have been prepared and sent out as reminders. There is a supply in our United Thank Offering exhibit room for all who desire them, also leaflets, Boxes and Prayer Cards. The Honor Roll map is there to be seen and studied.

Here in Elizabeth City, under saintly Bishop Strange and dear Mrs. Nathaniel Harding, in 1908, was given me my first diocesan work, that of first vice-president and president of the Auxiliary and Parochial Society in the Convocation of Edenton. Here again you so kindly received me as the president, and now you have allowed me to come to you in my present work for the United Thank Offering. Can you wonder that Elizabeth City has a very dear place in my affections?

The work of the United Thank Offering is an appeal to us to give our time and use our talents. It is an appeal for young women to offer their lives for work in the mission field. If each one will give her talent, be that talent time, means or personality, we shall ac-

comply our purpose of having an Offering from every woman and girl over eighteen in East Carolina and have an Offering in lives which shall make us all very happy and grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE CHASE STATON,
Treasurer United Thank Offering.

REPORT OF TREASURER

JANUARY 1st, 1926, TO JANUARY 1st, 1927.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1925.....	\$ 568.45
Annual Offering (Bishop's Fund).....	680.23
Woman's Auxiliary	2807.75
Guilds and Societies.....	1256.50
Young Woman's Auxiliary.....	168.00
Individuals	85.00
Boy Scouts.....	5.00
Total receipts	\$ 5570.93

DISBURSEMENTS.

DIOCESE

Bishop Darst (Bishop's Fund).....	\$ 718.23
Bishop Darst (Bishop's Robes).....	170.00
Young Peoples' Field Secretary.....	341.25
Recreational Worker, Thompson Orphanage.....	321.75
St. Mary's Scholarship.....	343.75
Thompson Orphanage, (Summer Work).....	537.00
Thompson Orphanage, Gift.....	25.00
Thompson Orphanage, Magazines.....	5.00
Thompson Orphanage, Margaret Jeffries.....	25.00
Printing Annuals (Year Book).....	102.00
Printing and Multigraphing Letters, etc.....	75.27
Printing Programs	32.00
Printing Reports	33.00
Printing Receipt Books.....	4.50
Delegates Traveling Expenses (Annual).....	61.00
Delegates Traveling Expenses (Synod).....	110.00
Traveling Expenses (Miss Boyer).....	40.00
Traveling Expenses (Miss Blacknall).....	12.00
Expenses of Louise Brown.....	50.00
Expenses of Conference at Wrightsville.....	56.03
Flowers for Sick.....	4.00

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Miss Janet E. Walton (Organ Fund).....	10.00
Entertainment of Students at Chapel Hill.....	200.00
Subscription to Paper for Students at Chapel Hill.....	9.00
Magazine for Rev. Fred Drane.....	2.50
Linville Mission	30.00
Dr. Lula Disosway (Gift).....	50.00
Allie Newton Fund.....	70.00
St. Augustine School.....	25.00
Postage	62.00
Convocation Fund	10.00

NATION

Mission Work (Miss Huband).....	50.00
Mission Work (Miss Lossie Cotchett).....	232.00
Provincial Auxiliary Pledge.....	50.00
National Auxiliary Pledge.....	35.00
Repairs on Chapel (Church Missions House, New York)	25.00
Emery Fund	3.00
DuBose Church Training School.....	1.00
Wm. H. Ramsaur Memorial.....	1.00

WORLD

Near East Relief Fund.....	20.00
Augusta Foster Lyde Memorial.....	60.00
Old Gold and Silver Offering.....	217.00
Japanese Emergency Fund.....	1.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo.....	1.00
Corporate Gift	810.20
Mission Work (Miss Venetia Cox).....	25.00

Total disbursements	\$ 5067.28
Balance	\$ 503.65

Respectfully submitted,

MAE W. WORTH,

Treasurer Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Societies.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE CONVOCATION OF EDENTON

Madam President and Women of East Carolina:

It is with a feeling of apology that I make my first report to you. The title after my name is so high-sounding that the work which I have done seems very little in comparison. Last year, when I accepted the position, I felt that I was alarmingly ignorant as to the duties of the office. My predecessor, Miss Albertson, had done such excellent work that I felt a little hesitancy about following her. When I read her report in last year's Annual I realized that mine for this year was not so good.

The prescribed book for study last year was "That Freedom" and was sent to us with the warning that it was quite difficult and that parts of it could be omitted, etc. Whether this formidable warning sufficed to make us wary, I don't know, but I received very few reports which gave that as a text-book. Eighteen reports were returned to me and I know that many other classes hold study classes or do educational work of some nature but failed to send reports. The following parishes reported one study class: Belhaven, Columbia, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Roper, Roxobel, Woodville.

The following report two or more classes: Creswell, Farmville, Plymouth, Washington, Winterville. The following parishes report using periodicals in meetings: Chocowinity, Grifton, Hamilton. Several reports were received which contained no definite information.

The following books were used:

"That Freedom"	4 classes
"World Call to the Church".....	3 "
Adventures in Friendship.....	1 "
"My Father's Business".....	1 "
The Gospel Revelation.....	1 "
Christian Stewardship	1 "
The Life of Julia Emery.....	1 "
Beyond the City Limits.....	2 "
General Church Program.....	4 "
Search for Peace.....	2 "
The Pupil and Teacher.....	1 "

Total 21 classes

The following periodicals were used: The Alaskan Churchman, The Churchman, The Spirit of Missions, Church at Work, Mission Herald.

Washington, Creswell, Elizabeth City, Farmville and Winterville deserve special mention for their excellent reports.

I attended the institute in Fayetteville held by Miss Boyer last May, the Conference at Wrightsville in September, Convocation in

Greenville in October and a program meeting in Elizabeth City in November. The program for the current year is most interesting and about a subject—rural work—which concerns us all and I am sure I will have more response next time.

The new book, "A Church Awake," by Dr. Sturgis, is already printed and there are twenty copies here now for sale at sixty cents per copy. There are also many leaflets sent by the Missions House which I would like to distribute.

In conclusion, I have an earnest request to make of you and that is that you will please let me know what you do in educational work. I feel sure that you do more than you tell me and please send back the reports next year so that I will have one which will be equal to Miss Minnie's.

Respectfully submitted,

MAE WOOD WINSLOW.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE CONVOCATION OF WILMINGTON

My only contacts in the exercise of my duties as secretary of the Educational Work in the Convocation of Wilmington have been through the letters I have written and received. The impression I have gained through these is that there is a steady and conscientious attention to the mission-study program, but no very eager enthusiasm or very constructive attention to this phase of the work. And it does not reach the majority of the women. It was noted that in most societies Bible study was preferred to the use of the books suggested. This is, of course, as it should be and the formation of Bible study classes should be one of our chief aims, but I will suggest that this study may become much broader and richer every way by the use of a carefully selected list of collateral books. The names of these books are well known and can be obtained at the book store, and the Rector can always advise about this. I think it would be helpful if the Rector would make frequent suggestions in regard to spiritual books to his parishioners.

I feel sure that the greatest need of our study work is for trained leaders. The ability to lead a class certainly does not come by inspiration. First, there has to be a thorough preparation of the subject, and then application of methods that will make the class attractive and effective. The best way to remedy this defect is that each society or parish should be represented at some summer school of religious education, by one selected for adaptability for this work. This does not seem an unreasonable standard for us to set ourselves.

No one can have followed the inspired leadership of Bishop Darst, without catching his conception of the Church as an army and of service under its standard. The church provides wonderful oppor-

tunities for preparation for intelligent service, full advantage of which should be taken.

The only recommendation is that we co-operate in arranging one day district classes for consideration and for normal preparation for our study program. A letter from Miss Boyer stresses the need for these, and speaks of how they have been of the greatest usefulness throughout the country.

It would seem to me the wise thing in preparing for our study of *The Church Awake*, the book suggested for 1927, that we have a national leader to hold a three day normal class in one of the large centers in each Convocation, and that the women present lead the classes in the one day district meetings in the local parishes. This book, *The Church Awake*, is a wonderful book, an exposition of our whole conception of Christianity. It requires concentrated thought to read this book, and will certainly require thorough preparation for teaching.

Beyond our plans for classes I hope we will consider the matter of building up a reading Diocese. It is difficult for many women to attend classes, and not attractive to many persons. I think it will be worth while to form reading circles, and make plans for passing a book from one to another. Even if it will not come under discussion it will establish a bond of common thought.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. A. MacNEIL.

REPORT OF GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

NEW BERN BRANCH—CHRIST CHURCH

Branch President: Mrs. R. D. V. Jones

Number of members—Thirty-six

Total receipts—\$143.55

Branch expenses—\$143.55

Gifts to G. F. S. National purposes—\$7.50

Gifts to the Parish—\$121.50

Gifts outside the Church—\$10.00.

BOX WORK OF DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

JAN. 1st—JUNE 1st, 1926.

I beg leave to hand you herewith my report as Box Secretary of the Diocese of East Carolina covering period from January 1st to June 1st, 1926.

Considerable time was given at the beginning of the year to the outlining of the work, but due to some confusion a few of the secretaries got away to a slow start, so this report will show but a small fraction of the work we anticipate accomplishing next winter. The Convocation of Edenton, due to a misunderstanding, has filed no report showing any work done by it during the period covered by this report.

The usual effort to secure supplies was augmented by an intensive drive during the month of March. Unfortunately, however, this unusual effort was only made in several of the parishes. It is hoped that the other parishes will co-operate more fully in the drive for supplies next year.

The supplies received and forwarded to the Grace Hospital, Morganton, N. C., under instructions from Mrs. Wade consist of the following articles:

- 57 pillow cases
- 23 sheets
- 33 hand towels
- 54 Turkish towels
- 4 tea towels
- 1 dress 3 years
- 1 dress 14 years
- 2 pair socks No. 6 3-4
- 1 pair wool blankets
- 2 boys shirts
- 2 baby shirts.

Total value \$131.27.

These supplies came entirely from the Convocation of Wilmington. The Convocation of Edenton seems to have confused the securing of supplies with the box allotments. This confusion doubtless worked a considerable reduction in the amount of supplies received, and next year the supplies will be increased by the parishes of the Edenton Convocation.

In addition to the supplies listed above two boxes were sent from the Convocation of Wilmington to the Thompson Orphanage:

St. John's, Wilmington, \$49.35

St. James, Wilmington, \$25.00

And one box from the Convocation of Edenton to the Thompson Orphanage:

St. James, Belhaven, N. C., \$34.48.

It has been decided that the work of this department for the coming year should be confined to certain months in accordance with the following schedule.

1. October—good used clothes.
2. December—Box allotments filled.
3. February—new articles for Bureau of Supplies.
4. April—new articles for Bureau of Supplies.
5. May—good used clothes.
6. Summer work for some specific institution.

This division and allotment of work has been placed in the hands of the Convocational secretaries with instructions to notify the parishes within their respective Convocation just what they are supposed to do in accordance with the above schedule at least one month in advance of the various dates thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

GETHYN R. POISSON.

JUNE 1st, 1926—JANUARY 1st, 1927.

I beg leave to hand you herewith my report as Box Secretary of the Diocese of East Carolina, covering period from June 1st, 1926, to January 1st, 1927.

The report from the Convocation of Edenton shows a gratifying improvement. Upon the present basis of reporting it is impossible to tell just how near the Convocation as a whole filled the allotment, since only twenty out of thirty five of the parishes in the Convocation reported to the Secretary. The report of Mrs. Anthony, Secretary of the Convocation of Edenton, is attached to this report for reference. It shows that there was furnished against the allotment boxes of the value \$402.90, and that in addition there were sent to the Thompson Orphanage 16 boxes, the values of which were not shown in the report.

The stock room of the Convocation shows on hand 12 boxes, a complete list of which is shown by the attached report of the Secretary.

The report of the Secretary from the Convocation of Wilmington does not show any marked improvement since my last report. Only 13 out of the 28 parishes in this Convocation made a report to the Secretary. The report of the Secretary, a copy of which is attached hereto, shows that considerable work has been done by the various parishes in furnishing boxes not included in the allotment. In some cases parishes made report of boxes with no reference to the matter of allotment in the report.

It is necessary that the box work of the Diocese be more generally distributed between the parishes. It is at once apparent from the report of the Secretary of the Convocation that the parishes filing

to report are not the smaller and less wealthy of the parishes of the Convocation, but includes parishes well able to meet the allotment without difficulty. The cause is apparently the lack of interest. This may result either from want of sympathy for the movement or an understanding of just what is required. In this connection, I think it would be advisable, and I shall lend my best efforts to that end, to concentrate upon interesting the parishes heretofore unreached in an effort to arouse their interest.

Of necessity the reports of the Convocational Secretaries can be of little value so long as the parishes accept an allotment and fail to report any action thereon. This method of handling the matter makes it impossible to ever ascertain with any degree of certainty how near the allotment to the diocese was actually met and just how many of the meritorious cases secured the needed articles. This may be to some extent corrected by a change in the method of keeping the records and by requiring reports from the various parishes early enough to permit the reappointment of the unfilled part of the allotment to the active parishes of the Convocation. It might be in cases where parishes have shown that they will not undertake the work, well to eliminate such parishes in apportionment of the Diocesan allotment. In this connection I am going to ask the secretaries of both Convocations to keep an accurate record of the allotment sent to each parish in their respective Convocations, furnishing copies thereof to me, so that it can be immediately ascertained, in the event parishes fail to report, what part of the diocesan allotment has not been met. In addition thereto, to insist upon reports of their parishes showing the progress of the work, or at least that the work is being undertaken, some time before the regular report of the parish to the Convocational Secretaries. This procedure will enable us to eliminate for the time being such parishes as are not at work and if the regular reports of the parishes to the Convocational Secretary are made from 30 to 60 days before the date fixed for the regular report of these secretaries to the diocesan secretary, active steps may be taken to secure volunteer parishes to fill the unfilled part of the allotment.

It is my intention to work out some such plan with the Convocational Secretaries and to put it in effect before the next allotment is made. If this can be done I am very hopeful that my next report will not only show an increase in the number of parishes assisting in the work, but will contain an accurate statement of the work done and just in what respects and to what extent the allotment was met.

I am indebted to Mrs. P. T. Anthony and Mrs. Leighton Huske, the Convocational Secretaries, for the assistance given me in this work, and feel that if it were not for their untiring efforts, very little

would be accomplished. They are both to be commended for their interest in the work and the support given it by them.

Respectfully submitted,

GETHYN R. POISSON,

Box Secretary Diocese East Carolina.

CHURCH SCHOOL SERVICE PROGRAM REPORT

The report of the Church School Service Program of the Diocese of East Carolina for the year, January 1st, 1926, to December 31st, 1926, includes seventeen Church Schools out of a possible thirty-seven. Eight of these have week-day meetings of the Service Program. Four reported having meetings on Sunday.

The Christmas Boxes were assigned from National Headquarters and sent to the Seamen's Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., and Dupree and Wapalka, South Dakota. A total of 390 were provided for. Children, 261; Adults, 104; Seamen, 25. The total value of the boxes was \$665.00. These boxes were sent from twenty-five Church Schools. Eight Church Schools reported box work only.

The most outstanding work done in the Five Fields of service follows:

Parish—Junior choirs; Thanksgiving pageants; Christmas pageants, and help with parish budget.

Community—Service at Woman's Home; Easter Egg Hunt for poor children; Thanksgiving baskets and clothing sent needy families. From St. John's, Fayetteville, caroling at Christmas Eve, supported a family for three months so that the daughter who was the wage earner could have medical treatment.

Diocese—Sending delegates to Conventions; Sending letters and birthday cards to all boys and girls enrolled at the Orphanage from East Carolina; sending Thanksgiving boxes to Orphanage.

Nation—Mission study; Christmas Box assignments filled; Florida storm relief.

World—Birthday Thank Offering.

The financial report is as follows:

Parish	\$ 1,031.32
Community	346.67
Diocese	192.69
Nation	281.52
World	40.00
Little Helpers	79.00
Christmas Box Work.....	665.00
Lenten Offering	4,988.23
Birthday Thank Offering.....	114.28

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE ADKINS, Supervisor,
Church School Service Program.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

Madam President and Women of East Carolina:

The department of Publicity promotes publicity throughout the diocese, lends illustrations, posters, etc., and in every possible way fulfills requests made from the field. During the past year this department has conducted a page in the Mission Herald. The first month we published letters from the Educational Secretaries, Mrs. MacNeil and Miss Winslow, about the study classes, the program outlined, the text books, etc. We also published a letter from Mrs. J. B. Anderson, of Fayetteville, about the Message, and in the following month a letter from Mrs. Guy Small also about the Message. In December appeared a copy of the Message with a list of questions and answers about it prepared by Mrs. Adams, in January a letter entitled "Why should I be a member of the Auxiliary to the National Council," written by Mrs. Wallace Huffines and read by her at the Convocation of Wilmington, in February a letter from Mrs. Adams to the societies in her Convocation and a letter from our Bishop to the women of East Carolina. In March we published a letter from Mrs. MacNeil about the study classes. If you have not read the Woman's Auxiliary page in these past copies you would find it well worth your time to look up your old copies and read them.

The Department of Publicity is here to help and we urge that you call upon us at all times. We have answered all calls for literature of various kinds and other information, also for posters.

We must make a plea for the Church papers, especially the Mission Herald and the Spirit of Missions. Some of our active Church members do not subscribe to our Church papers and a great many who do subscribe, do not read them. We must take more interest in the Church papers and every parish should have a representative for them who would make an earnest effort to increase the subscription lists. Regular readers of the Mission Herald will be most actively interested in the work all over the diocese. Regular readers of the Spirit of Missions are most apt to become actively interested in the cause of Missions. They are to be found giving money, service and life to the work. Therefore, by securing more readers, the work is advanced. There is a double advantage; increase in offerings and increase in the number of Church people who are helping the work as individuals. Reading the Church papers makes us take an interest in churches all over the diocese and whoever does this will begin to feel the littleness and selfishness of mere parochialism, and few better things could happen to us than that.

The publicity department is making a plea for every parish to be represented at a summer conference. In this connection we want each of you to have one of the folders from the Valle Crucis Summer school for Religious Education, which is under the direction

of the Religious Education of the five Carolina Dioceses. These folders contain an announcement about the school, its definite groups of pupils, description of the school, buildings, etc., the location and the best mode of travel. It also contains a list of the courses and daily schedule, list of the faculty and officers of the school, together with the rates and registration blank.

There is also the summer conference at Blue Ridge. I have written for their literature but have not received it yet. You can obtain this by writing to the Missionary Educational Movement, Blue Ridge, N. C. Last year St. Martin's parish, Charlotte, N. C., sent five to Blue Ridge Conference, one to Valle Crucis, five to Young Peoples' Conference at Sewanee, and three to the Adult Conference at Sewanee, these in addition to a number of boys to Brotherhood Camp. I wish every parish in our diocese would do as well. Now for your part. Go after the very best people in your Church, your Sunday school teachers, your officers in the various organizations, your rector, your leading young people, your influential laymen. Go to work at once. See how many you can send to summer conferences and then watch your parish during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY OWENS SOUTHERLAND, Chairman.

STATISTICS

STATISTICAL DEPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AND PAROCHIAL SOCIETY.

CONVOCAION OF EDENTON.

	Number of members.	Number of Study Classes.	Parish.	Community.	Diocese.	Nation.	World.	Number of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.	Total value of all work.
Aurora, Holy Cross, Woman's Auxiliary.....	26	11	\$ 548.00	\$ 96.81	\$ 31.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 15.00	1	\$ 12.86	\$ 166.15
Ayden, St. James, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society.....	17	4	27.50	27.50	8.00	1	12.48	1	12.48	47.98
Bath, St. Thomas', Woman's Auxiliary.....	6	1	11.00	13.00	2.50	2	18.50	2	18.50	45.00
Belhaven, St. James', Woman's Auxiliary.....	28	1	240.72	15.00	58.50	15.00	2	69.40	393.62	405.37
Columbia, St. Andrew's, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society	14	10	261.50	62.18	58.00	7.50	16.19	2	12.38	190.42
Cresswell, St. David's, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society..	16	7	23.85	25.00	113.19	1.00	15.00	1	119.47	262.10
Chocowinity, Trinity, Woman's Auxiliary.....	21	1	25.00	91.97	2.50	3	113.50	3	31.00	26.32
Edenton, St. Paul's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	19	1	15.40	10.00	93.20	30.00	1	57.00	693.80	237.17
Edenton, St. Paul's, St. Mary's Guild.....	19	1	15.32	11.00	31.00	23.00	2	249.62	105.05	3.50
Edenton, St. Paul's, Dime Society.....	62	1	515.80	96.00	11.00	25.00	1	75.00	99.90	41.85
Elizabeth City, Christ Church, Woman's Auxiliary.....	23	1	147.17	67.00	23.00	4.50	1	5.55	5.00	342.81
Elizabeth City, Christ Church, St. Catherine's Guild.....	22	1	200.62	49.00	7.00	32.00	2	134.00	940.22	103.05
Elizabeth City, Christ Church, Ladies' Guild.....	34	1	98.05	7.00	3.50	10.00	2	15.00	198.20	82.50
Elizabeth City, Christ Church, Christ Church Guild.....	13	1	60.00	15.00	1.00	25.00	1	3.37	363.26	168.12
Edward Mission, Church of Redeemer, Woman's Guild.....	20	2	69.00	3.00	2.00	1	25.00	1	25.00	657.50
Fairfield, All Saints', Chapel, Altar Guild.....	11	1	32.00	4.00	1.50	1	6.00	1	11.50	103.63
Farmville, Emmanuel, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society..	10	1	5.00	144.50	9.00	32.00	2	134.00	940.22	103.05
Farmville, Emmanuel, Altar Guild.....	40	2	23.31	14.90	40.00	5.00	10.00	2	15.00	198.20
Gatesville, St. Mary's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	39	2	807.99	10.00	96.23	1.00	25.00	1	3.37	363.26
Gatesville, St. Mary's, St. Mary's Guild.....	16	1	43.15	14.90	40.00	5.00	10.00	2	15.00	198.20
Greenville, St. Paul's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	8	1	73.70	20.00	74.50	5.00	10.00	2	15.00	198.20
Greenville, St. Paul's, Parochial Society.....	21	1	11.50	11.50	3.00	1	15.74	1	15.74	30.24
Greenville, St. Paul's, Altar Guild.....	12	2	60.00	60.00	22.50	1	82.50	1	82.50	168.12
Grifton, St. John's, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society....	25	1	332.26	5.00	26.00	16.00	1	3.37	363.26	168.12
Hamilton, St. Martin's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	22	12	70.00	78.75	16.00	1	3.37	1	3.37	363.26
Hertford, Holy Trinity, Woman's Auxiliary.....	22	2	620.50	12.00	12.00	1	25.00	1	25.00	657.50
Hertford, Holy Trinity, St. Catherine's Guild.....	3	1	4.00	1.50	1.50	1	6.00	1	11.50	103.63
Middleton, St. George's, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society	19	1	42.00	39.13	8.00	2	14.50	2	14.50	103.63
Murfreesboro, St. Barnabas, Woman's Auxiliary.....	9	1	155.00	10.00	8.00	3	35.00	3	35.00	208.00
Plymouth, Grace Church, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society	3	1	5.00	19.50	3.50	6	23.00	6	23.00	201.00
Plymouth, Grace Church, Woman's Guild.....	71	2	353.09	4.80	88.00	27.50	6	222.41	695.80	167.87
Robersonville, Mission, Woman's Auxiliary.....	50	1	150.87	12.00	5.00	1	12.68	1	12.68	166.68
Roper, St. Luke's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	30	1	82.00	82.00	25.00	1	23.45	1	23.45	130.45
Roxobel, St. Mark's, Woman's Auxiliary and Guild.....	23	1	176.00	25.00	11.00	2	60.00	2	60.00	71.00
Swan Quarter, Calvary, Woman's Auxiliary.....	20	1	5.00	5.00	123.00	1.50	24.50	1	1.98	166.27
Sunbury, St. Peter's, Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society..	4	1	19.50	19.50	5.00	15.00	1	1.98	166.27	40.50
Washington, St. Peter's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	9	1	10.00	20.50	29.50	7.50	1	2.50	40.50	51.00
Washington, St. Peter's, Rector's Aid.....	10	1	54.79	89.50	5.00	15.00	1	1.98	166.27	40.50
Washington, St. Peter's, Altar Guild.....	9	1	10.00	20.50	29.50	7.50	1	2.50	40.50	51.00
Williamston, Church of the Advent, Woman's Auxiliary.....	30	1	82.00	82.00	25.00	1	23.45	1	23.45	130.45
Williamston, Church of the Advent, Altar Guild.....	23	1	176.00	25.00	11.00	2	60.00	2	60.00	71.00
Whidson, St. Thomas', Woman's Auxiliary.....	20	1	5.00	5.00	123.00	1.50	24.50	1	1.98	166.27
Winterville, St. Luke's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	5	2	5.00	5.00	123.00	1.50	24.50	1	1.98	166.27
Winton, St. John's, Woman's Guild.....	10	1	54.79	89.50	5.00	15.00	1	1.98	166.27	40.50
Woodville, Grace Church, Woman's Auxiliary.....	9	1	10.00	20.50	29.50	7.50	1	2.50	40.50	51.00
Yeatesville, St. Matthews, Woman's Auxiliary.....	10	1	54.79	89.50	5.00	15.00	1	1.98	166.27	40.50
Zion Mission, St. Matthew's, Woman's Auxiliary.....	9	1	10.00	20.50	29.50	7.50	1	2.50	40.50	51.00
Totals of Edenton Convocation.....	788	65	4840.07	294.69	1961.47	58.50	357.50	47	914.29	8426.52

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CONSTITUTION.

The East Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this Association shall be the East Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to carry out within the Diocese of East Carolina the purposes and work of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

All women and girls by virtue of their baptism are considered possible members of the Woman's Auxiliary. All those, who in this Diocese by their prayers, work or offerings, aid the Missions of the Church may become, by enrollment, actual members of the East Carolina Branch.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer of the United Thank Offering, two Educational Secretaries, Box Secretary, all of whom shall constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V—AMENDMENT

This Constitution, having been approved by the Bishop, may be amended with his approval by the Association at its Annual Meeting, two-thirds of the representatives present concurring, notice of the proposed amendment having been given one month previous to that Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I—DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association and of the Executive Board. She shall conduct the correspondence with the General Secretary, the Bishop, and do whatever, in her judgment, is best to advance the work of this Association.

Section 2. Vice-Presidents. The Vice-Presidents shall be Presidents of the Convocation of Edenton and Convocation of Wilmington. They shall endeavor to promote the formation of Parish Branches and to help strengthen those already existing. They shall have entire charge of the work in their Convocations, preside at Convocational meetings, and conduct the Correspondence with the President. They may arrange special meetings in their Convocations to arouse keener zeal and effort.

The Senior Vice-President shall preside at Annual Meetings and meetings of the Executive Board in the absence of the President.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall (1) issue notice of meetings, (2) Keep the minutes of the Association and of the Executive Board, (3) Prepare and edit the annual report, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to her by the Association or the Executive Board.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, with the exception of the United Thank Offering.

Section 5. Treasurer United Thank Offering. The Treasurer for the United Thank Offering shall collect all contributions for the United Thank Offering twice a year. She shall have appointed in each parish or mission a Treasurer who shall endeavor to secure an offering from every woman.

Section 6. Educational Secretaries. Each Educational Secretary shall have charge of that particular work in her respective Convocation and shall endeavor to have a study class in each parish or mission. She shall arrange to have institutes and co-operate with the Convocational President.

Section 7. Box Secretary. The Box Secretary shall have charge of all Box Work, receive allotments from headquarters and assign allotments to Parishes and Missions and appoint Convocational Box Work Chairmen.

Section 8. Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be entrusted with the general business of the Association and shall exercise all other powers which are not herein expressly provided;

after consultation with the Bishop, shall fill vacancies occurring on the death or resignation of officers. Three members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9. The officers shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE II—PARISH DUES

Each Parish Branch shall send annually to the Treasurer for the current expenses of the Association and other obligations, the amount asked for by the Convocational President for Central Expense Fund.

ARTICLE III—FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January first to December thirty-first.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be one meeting a year of this Association at the time and place of the Diocesan Convention.

Section 2. Each Parish Branch shall be entitled to one delegate, who shall attend all sessions and prepare a report which she shall read to her branch upon her return home.

Section 3. The Secretary shall call special meetings on request of the Bishop or President or five members of the Executive Board.

Section 4. At the Annual Meeting twenty-five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. A meeting of the Executive Board shall precede the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE V—NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Section 1. There shall be appointed Tri-ennially by the Bishop and President a Nominating Committee of three members, each Convocation being represented, which shall nominate one candidate for each office of the Association.

Section 2. All officers with the exception of the President, shall be elected by a majority vote at the meeting following the Tri-ennial, and shall hold office for three years or until the election of their successors.

ARTICLE VI—REPORTS

Each officer must make a report of her year's work, copies of which must be sent by January 30th, to the President and to the Secretary.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS

By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at any Annual

Meeting by a two-third majority vote, notice of proposed changes having been given one month previous to that Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS.

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

SUGGESTED BY-LAWS FOR PAROCHIAL SOCIETY.

1. The officers of the Parochial Society shall be the same as those appointed and elected for the Woman's Auxiliary with the addition of the following:

Correspondent, Church Periodical Club; President, Girls' Friendly Society; Secretary, Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses; Provincial Vice-President, Daughters of the King; Executive Secretary, Church School Service League; with the addition of such other officers as the need may arise.

2. Each parochial organization shall be entitled to send a representative to the Annual Meeting.

3. Each parochial organization must make some contribution to the Central Expense Fund.

