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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 5, 1892. }

The second annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in this Diocese was called to order by Rev. J. H. Weddell, Archdeacon of the Southern Convocation, at 11 o'clock a. m. in the choir hall of the Parish House, and after prayer the Bishop made an earnest address, setting forth the importance of its work, and his desire to do all possible to set it forward, not as a dictator, but as an assistant.

He wishes to receive suggestions from its workers, and in his visitations through the Diocese to be the mouthpiece of the Auxiliary.

He urged upon the workers more prayer—the constant round of collecting tending to make the Auxiliary purely monetary—and no society or individual can succeed without prayer. If each branch would give even ten minutes once a month to devotion it would be a great gain. He knew this duty had not been totally neglected, but wished more attention to be given to it. All things come from our Lord, who promises to those who ask, and we have no right to expect to *receive without asking*.

We must strive to live as our Lord lived—to do the will of *His* Father and *our* Father. He said the labors of the Society had been constant, persistent, fruitful, and it had his gratitude. He thanked all present for coming—thanked them in the name of the Diocese as its Bishop—their presence cheering many hearts and helping flagging spirits.

He concluded with a few words of prayer for blessing upon them, for strengthening and spiritual guidance.

He then appointed Rev. J. H. Weddell to preside, returning to his duties as chairman of the Council in session up-stairs.

The roll was now called by branches, as follows:

Pensacola—Miss Sarah Hyer, Miss Julia Hyer, Miss Carrie W. Blount.

Marianna—Mrs. Beverley Baker.

Tallahassee—Mrs. Robt. H. Gamble, Mrs. V. Denham.

Monticello—Mrs. Clark.

Madison—Mrs. Dozier.

Jacksonville (St. John's Parish)—Mrs. Wilmarth, Miss Drew, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Shields.

Jacksonville (St. Stephen's Parish)—Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Barbour.

Fernandina—Mrs. Hillier.

St. Augustine—Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Weed, Miss Abbott.

Crescent City—Mrs. Preston.

Merritt—Mrs. Cleveland.

Titusville—Mrs. Brady.

Winter Park—Mrs. Stovin.

Kissimmee—Mrs. Watson.

Orlando—Mrs. Andrew, Miss Kena Fries.

Thonotosassa—Mrs. Weddell, Mrs. Dorchester.

Gainesville—Mrs. Hampton, Miss Gordon.

Cedar Key—Mrs. Dozier, Mrs. Holeman.

Zellwood—Mrs. Burguin.

Of these the following were present and answered to their names:

Miss Blount, Miss Sarah Hyer, Miss Julia Hyer, Mrs. Beverly Baker, Mrs. Robt. H. Gamble, Mrs. V. Denham, Mrs. Wilmarth, Miss Drew, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Barbour, Mrs. Stovin, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Andrew, Miss Kena Fries, Mrs. Weddell, Mrs. Dorchester, Mrs. Hampton, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Dozier, Mrs. Holeman, Mrs. Burguin, besides the Diocesan Directress and Secretary, Mrs. H. Swart and Miss Harriet R. Parkhill—24 in all.

The Chairman then read

THE ADDRESS OF THE DIRECTRESS.

To the Delegates of the Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary:

DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS—It gives us sincere pleasure to welcome you to the hospitalities of our parish and city. After the lapse of a year, in the providence of God, we are permitted once more to meet together to review, consider, and, if possible, devise new measures for the advancement of the important work in which we are mutually interested and engaged, and that we continue faithful to all its interests should be our high aim and most earnest prayer. That we find cause for devout gratitude to Him who can alone crown our efforts with success, a review of our work the past year in our larger parishes gives encouraging signs of renewed interest and stronger efforts, while new missions are rousing for action, and are asking for the methods of organization, that they too may enter the ranks under the banner whose watchword must ever be *onward!* We are happy also to state that many more of the clergy than formerly show a desire to aid the Auxiliary by giving attention to our appeals for co-operation. Our good Bishop has expressed his approbation of what has been accomplished by this Society. Let us, with God's help, continue to merit his confi-

dence in our ability to strengthen his hands in the increasing labors of his office. The question now arises, What are some of the causes that retard a more rapid progress of our work? Do not many take it up without due consideration of its responsibility, with the idea that little labor and no personal sacrifices are required? When unexpected difficulties arise in the dull routine of monthly district visiting, when promises to give the small amounts asked for the Lord's treasury are forgotten or coldly and indifferently bestowed—pledges upon which the Society is depending for its revenue too often *forfeited*—these disappointments, after earnest efforts to perform the duty of collecting, prove too often to the inexperienced worker stumbling-blocks too great for endurance, and under this pressure she is ready to exclaim, "I have done my best and cannot succeed; perhaps some one else may do better." Those who have served longest in this work know that these expressions of discouragement should be met by sympathetic forbearance, as the best panacea for a wounded spirit. Yes, the Woman's Auxiliary needs, through all its membership, the broadest and closest bonds of sympathy with each other's failures or successes. But there is a "*divine side*" to our work that we must not overlook; it is of God's planting, and He who watches over it, commands that we "gather up the fragments that nothing be lost" to His cause. This may be the "*day of small things*" in our work, which we must not despise, but having done *our part*, we may safely leave the results with God and be assured heavenly sympathy is ours. "He is not unmindful of our labor of love," and doubt not angel watchers follow us in the patchway of duty with joy if we patiently go forward, or with sorrow if we weary in "well doing."

We would remind our parish officers that a yearly revision of the list of names of their contributors will greatly increase the success of the work; that by such order and method their committees may be stimulated to perform their duties with greater care and diligence. There is another question that presents itself, fraught with deep interest to those who have the welfare of the Society at heart. Where shall we in the future look for the efficient women to carry on the work of the Auxiliary when those now engaged are laid aside or have been called one by one to rest from their labors? There can be but *one reply*: We must organize and carefully educate our young girls into Guilds and Junior Auxiliaries in preparation for this work, and I am happy to state some of our noble women are taking this view, as, in a letter recently received from a small and remote mission, one of these good women writes: "I have a class of young girls in training who I hope in the future will become useful members of the Auxiliary." Her worthy example should be followed in all our parishes.

Finally, let the women of the Auxiliary prove the unfailing friends of the *missionary*—he comes to us as a *stranger*, changed circumstances confronting him on all sides; he has left behind him the friends of his youth and the closer ties of family, to cast his lot in among strangers, a hard and untried life before him; where can he look for sympathy and friendship but to those women who, for Christ's sake, are striving to soften the rugged path in which he is often called to pursue his duties, and whenever it is in your power be ready to offer him the "cup of loving service," which he merits at your hands, "for his work's sake," in the Lord.

Let us identify ourselves also with the work of the church at large, feeling it is all *one family*, and let us continue the wider work begun last year, of making up boxes of clothing for missionaries' workings in sister Dioceses, and in responding to calls for united efforts of the Gen-

eral Auxiliary to the church in America. The call is now for the "Enrollment Fund," to be offered at the General Convention next October, as a thanksgiving for the hundred years of divine blessings since the first Bishop was consecrated in our new world.

I hope, therefore, all our parish Branches will cheerfully unite upon some plan in this meeting by which at least a small sum can be raised for Florida's share in this offering.

I will conclude in the words of a sister worker: "In every parish and mission we want some *one* woman who *cares*; somebody who cares to know all about the church and what is going on in the mission field; somebody who cares for the great issues to which she can lend her little energies and feel their thrill and power; somebody who *cares* not that things do not just suit her in this parish or that parish, but that anywhere in all the world there is one soul astray, one lamb unfolded—not somebody very clever or good even, only everywhere somebody who *really cares*.

Faithfully your sister in Christ,

HENRIETTA SWART.

Reports of Parochial Branches were called and the following read:

REPORT OF THE PENSACOLA BRANCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1892.

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA.

The first thing I have to report is the meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Auxiliary with the Pensacola Branch in May, 1891, at the time of the session of the Diocesan Council. I only refer to this meeting as, I presume, some reference will be made to it in the report of the Diocesan Secretary. It was, however, a great pleasure to our Branch of the Society to have this really first general meeting in our parish. I would suggest that for the future great stress be laid upon the fitness, importance and possibility for good of the annual meeting. Our Branch realizes the great need the Diocese has for the work of the Society. It was a source of much rejoicing to us to learn that Miss Parkhill had decided to devote her whole time to the work of the Auxiliary. We cannot doubt that this devotion will yield abundant results. We wish in Pensacola to identify ourselves with the whole work, in all directions, of the Society, and we would emphasize the fact that whatever differences of opinion may exist in respect to particular objects, we desire to keep ourselves *en rapport* with the general work.

We have held regular meetings once a month during the year, at which the Rector has been generally present, when we receive reports from the collectors, and discuss any matters of interest that may be suggested. At these meetings the "spirit of Missions" is brought in, and any matters of peculiar interest are talked over, or else extracts read from the notes of the general work of the Society. We have felt the need of dwelling upon the importance of these meetings, and it is with thankfulness that we record the increase in the interest and attendance, though we confess that they are as yet not by any means commensurate with what they ought to be.

The notification in regard to the box to be sent to Maryland came so late that we could do but little about it, save to raise a small sum of money, which, with some contributions from Marianna and Monticello, were sent to the Rev. Mr. Ware, of the Diocese of Easton. The Tallahassee Branch sent a box, which was forwarded. This box, with \$11.50

from Monticello, was the only assistance received from the Middle Convocation. The Western and Middle Convocations were to unite in getting up the box. It is a source of regret that more was not done by ourselves and a larger co-operation exhibited. Our contribution appears in the financial statement. We have raised a larger sum this year than ever before. We hope to make a steady and permanent advance.

Since our last report, our Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. H. Davison, has been called to Paradise. After many weeks of painful suffering, on the 26th of September, 1891, she departed to be with Christ. Mrs. Davison was a daughter of the late Judge Anderson, a man honored throughout the church and State for his high Christian character and his large intellectual and legal attainments. By birth Mrs. Davison was to the "manner born," in all church training and love. Throughout her whole life she worked for the church of God and her fathers, with undiminished effort and blessed result. She was one of the founders of our Branch of the Auxiliary, and never till she passed away did she cease to work in its behalf. Her character was firm and meek, clear and true, limpid as a stream of pure water, devoted and loving. We miss her greatly. We feel we have her prayers still. While in the dear feast of "All Saints" we know she is near, joining in the one communion of the Lord's body and blood, which the living and the dead do make.

We propose to place, as a special work of the Branch for this year, a bell in St. Katherine's Chapel (to which she was strongly attached) as a memorial to her, the tones of which, as they call the people to prayer and praise, will fitly illustrate her life of silent, yet heard, tones of admirable example in fulfilling the calling of a Christian woman. We ask that a prayer in memory of her be inscribed and set apart in the minute book of the Diocesan Society. Mrs. Frank Lee was elected her successor.

We call attention to the work of the children's Twenty Minutes' Society. This Society, though not a part of the Auxiliary, is kindred to it, and therefore I take the liberty of speaking of it here.

Two boxes have been sent off, one to Japan, and one to South Carolina, valued—the two together—at \$80. The fiscal report is as follows:

Total by collectors on—	
Regular subscriptions	\$245.52
Special to Mr. Ware	20.50
Total	\$266.02

Respectfully submitted,
CARRIE W. BLOUNT,
Secretary W. A. S.

MARIANNA.—Mrs. Baltzell sent only a strictly statistical report, the total of their offerings for the past year being \$30.05.

REPORT OF THE TALLAHASSEE BRANCH.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, }
TALLAHASSEE, May 2, 1892. }

In greeting the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary we would congratulate especially the Diocesan officers upon their organization of a permanent annual meeting. The good arising from it is already recognized in our branch of the work, and we believe must be felt throughout the State.

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We have held a regular meeting on the first Monday of each month during the past year, under the direction of our Parochial officers: Mrs. D. T. Walker, Directress; Mrs. A. B. Hawkins, Treasurer; Miss M. E. Brevard, Secretary.

The interest in the Auxiliary work is increasing, as shown by this year's offering, which is \$184.65 against \$169.55 last year.

This branch is third in the Diocese in yearly contributions, while our parish is fifth in number of communicants.

Only one box has been sent; that was forwarded to Pensacola to aid in completing one of the three missionary boxes to be sent out of the State by direction of Miss Julia C. Emery. The value of this box was \$20.

The question of organizing a Junior Auxiliary was proposed to our society at one of its meetings last fall, but there was no move made in that direction, as it was not considered practicable at that time, as most of the young people of the parish were members of other church organizations and some interested in the regular Auxiliary.

The faithfulness of the collectors has been very encouraging, proving how much can be done in Christian work by systematic effort. While there is not that intelligent, heartfelt interest in the cause of missions that we hope for and pray to see in the future, yet there are earnest hearts that feel the cause of missions, and pray for the welfare and success of the missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLINE M. BREVARD,
Secretary.

REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH BRANCH.

JACKSONVILLE, May, 1892.

All who have had experience in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary Society have probably discovered that it is not one of rapid strides, but slow, steady and sure, if faithfully and persistently followed. Sometimes there are discouragements, which at the time seem difficult to surmount; but, on the other hand, there is much to cheer and encourage us in this important work. Could *all*, who consent to contribute, realize that much lies in their power, and that they, too, bear their full part in thoughtfully anticipating the regular call of the collector, and greeting her with a cheerful spirit of giving! Happy, indeed, are we to say, that in our own parish there are *many* such, who each month help us in the discharge of a duty which might otherwise prove irksome and disagreeable.

One of the efforts toward advancement on the part of the Woman's Auxiliary Society of our parish, during the past year, was the establishment of a Junior Branch of the Society, which would supply a fund, which we might draw upon, especially in connection with our Christmas work of sending boxes to mission points throughout the Diocese. Mrs. L. Drew Williams was placed at the head of this organization. It has as yet, however, been but partially perfected; but we hope eventually it may prove one of our strong supports and auxiliaries. Even in its infancy this Junior Branch has placed in its treasury at our disposal \$14.47. In order to encourage the children, and to enable them to see for themselves the fruit of their own work, their money was used in the purchase of a box of Christmas gifts for the Sunday-school at Kissimmee; and the appreciative acknowledgement of the same was placed in Mrs. Williams' hands and read to them. Could all be made to realize how important a part of the education of our young people is that of their being trained to systematic giving to the needs and de-

mands of the Church, parents, teachers and friends would strive from the earliest age to inculcate this principle. This was one of the earnest teachings of one who was closely and lovingly associated with the children of this parish, and whose name is known throughout the Diocese, and his memory revered for his life of sacrifice and devotion to the Church—Colonel J. J. Daniel. Many years ago he sought to instil it into the minds of the children, by influencing them to abandon the general custom of Sunday-school Christmas trees, and to take this occasion instead to make their offerings to God for His service, that thus they might early learn to appreciate the full import of the assurance, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Diocesan Secretary, Miss H. R. Parkhill, has, for a long time, been desirous that there should be a connecting link between our Diocesan society and that of the General Woman's Auxiliary Society of the United States. At several of our parochial meetings she has introduced the subject, and in connection suggested that our Diocese adopt the usual plan of sending one or two missionary boxes, through Miss J. C. Emery, the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, and under her direction. Some objections were at first raised by those familiar with our form of organization, with which it was feared this new divergence might somewhat conflict. This point was, however, finally yielded, upon the assurance of Miss Parkhill that she had conferred with the Bishop, and gained his entire approval and concurrence. St. John's Parish Branch, it is hoped, did its full part in contributing to the box recently sent by the Eastern Convocation of the Diocese, through the General Woman's Auxiliary Society, to North Carolina.

The amount of work done by St. John's Parish Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Society during the past year may be readily summed up in a few figures.

Contributions from regular contributors, as shown by the Diocesan Treasurer's report	\$750 78
Four Christmas boxes to different points in the Diocese	85 53
Contribution to box, through Miss J. C. Emery	50 00
Contribution of Junior Auxiliary Society to Christmas box	14 47
 Total	 \$900 78

As representatives of the sister band of this parish, we would extend to all of those from abroad a most cordial welcome. We feel that these general meetings can but be conducive to the growth and expansion of the work that we all have so warmly at heart, and that our united prayers and efforts in behalf of His kingdom will bring God's speedy blessing upon us.

Respectfully submitted and signed,

M. STOCKTON YOUNG, *Directress.*

A. M. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

A. J. DREW, *Secretary.*

The following report was sent by the Secretary, she being unable to be present:

REPORT OF BRANCH OF TRINITY CHURCH.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

Some years ago a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was established here, but for several years was not regularly in active work. A reorganization was effected some time in April of 1891. The rector called a meeting, and appointed the following officers.

Directress, Mrs. Crawford; Treasurer, Miss Lucy Abbott; Secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Alexander.

During the year, monthly installments have been sent to the Diocesan Treasurer of Woman's Auxiliary amounting to \$147.30.

Within the last six months this branch has sent one Christmas box to a missionary in Florida, valued at seventy-five dollars, and assisted in sending one last month outside of our borders, valuation forty dollars.

M. A. ALEXANDER,
Parochial Secretary.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY IN FLORIDA.

Your committee would respectfully report the condition and work of the Society as follows.

Of the thirty-three branches whose names are on our records, two have not been heard from, three have been very lately organized and four are quite new.

Several regular contributors have asked for information for more perfect organization, and from our correspondence in general, we believe there is interest awakening in several quarters. God grant that it may be the dawn of a new day for us, in which our "small things" may become great.

The total of collections is \$2,386.02, as in Treasurer's report appended.

The following boxes have been sent within the Diocese:

From St. John's Church, Jacksonville—	
Four Christmas boxes, value*	\$100 00
From Trinity Church, St. Augustine—	
One box to a missionary, value	75 00
 Total	\$175 00

The new work undertaken last year under the direction of Miss Julia C. Emerv was so well done that we hope it will become a part of our regular annual work.

Three boxes were prepared for missionaries in other Dioceses.

One by the Parish branches in the Western and Middle Convocations, value	\$ 50 00
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50. One by the Parish branches in the Southern Convocation and
 Key West, value

One by the Parish branches in the Eastern Convocation, value	175 00
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Grand total	\$275
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*Of this amount \$14.00 was from the children of Mrs. Williams' school.

Outside of our Society there has also been much valuable work done by women and by children, which we feel, in justice to their zeal and patient industry, should be recognized, and, as far as we have been able to find it out, is here reported.

The Little Workers, of St. Luke's, Myers, have paid on the church debt \$20.00, having previously purchased a bell for \$40.00, a total of \$60.00.

In St. John's Parish, Jacksonville, the Weed Bishop Missionary Society, whose main work is the support of a scholarship in St. John's College, Shanghai, has collected \$98.45.

The Altar Society has supplied linen to three missions, besides beautiful hangings, surplices, stoles, etc., to its own parish at the total cost of \$200.00. These ladies wish to widen their sphere of usefulness by taking orders for these articles from any place in the Diocese wishing to purchase, believing they can furnish at less cost, and guaranteeing the work to be as neat and correct as that done by societies at greater distance, although, perhaps, better known.

The young ladies of St. Margaret's Guild have also worked faithfully. We give here a partial list of their good works for the year:

In attending to the poor they have expended, besides much loving service, the amount of \$25.19.

Have presented to St. Luke's Hospital, as proceeds from candy booth at fair, \$100.00.

The guild has also paid for the plumbing and gas-fitting in the Parish Building, and has made and paid for thirty-two linen cottas, which they presented to the choir boys at Easter. Making for the year a total of \$222.04.

Besides this, St. Margaret's Guild has attended faithfully to the decorations in St. John's Church, not only upon extra occasions, but every Sunday in the year, and is always at the command of the rector to assist him in any way he may desire.

The Violet Branch of the Ministering Children's League report work to the value of \$50.00.

St. Mary's Mission, through the efforts of a few young people, has bought an organ for \$100.00.

In All Saints', Winter Park, the Ladies' Guild has made up, under Miss Emery's direction, a box for the widow of a missionary, value, \$—.

In Christ Church, Pensacola, the Children's Twenty Minutes' Society has sent to home and foreign missions \$80.00.

These money values, we trust, express only a part of the work done, for will not the friendly correspondence carried on among so many Christian women, and their fervent prayers, draw them nearer to each other and nearer to the Master; strengthening and enlightening them more and more to do His work?

This diocesan branch has been called upon, as every other has been, to make a contribution at the next General Convention to the Enrollment Fund, and we respectfully suggest that it may be easily done if each parish branch will make one extra collection (over and above the regular monthly ones) of ten cents from every baptized person, old and young, who will give it, and we beg the co-operation of the clergy in the effort.

Another and very great need has presented itself, the need of training the children in the knowledge, interest and work of missions. In some places this is going bravely on, but in many the children neither know nor care, and cannot be prevailed upon to give up a part of one afternoon each week to learn to work for Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

We would strongly recommend the organization of junior auxiliary societies in every place to work for any missionary object that will awake the interest of the individual society, to be taught about the mission field—the world—from the excellent leaflets and booklets supplied, gratuitously or at small cost, by Miss Emery.

We suggest, also, that all guilds already in existence enroll themselves under this general name, retaining their individual names and and freedom of work, only sending annual reports to the secretary of the Auxiliary in Florida.

One more suggestion we would urge most earnestly—that each Parish branch shall send for a set of the delightfully interesting Missionary Leaflets for distribution, at 21 Bible House, New York. A course of this reading in their monthly meetings and in private could not but “provoke unto good works,” showing the work done by others and the wonderful growth of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ—the “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

We would then feel that we are not a “feeble folk” working against overwhelming odds, but a part of a triumphant army going forth “conquering and to conquer” under our invincible Leader.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. SWART, *Directress*,
MRS. M. R. BURTON, *Treasurer*.
MISS H. R. PARKHILL, *Secretary*.

May 4, 1892.

Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED.

From St. Paul's Church, Key West	\$ 184 00
" St. Peter's Church, Fernandina	48 10
" Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville	46 10
" Grace Church, Ocala	44 60
" St. John's Church, Jacksonville	750 78
" Holy Cross Church, Sanford	74 00
" Our Savior's Church, Mandarin	16 47
" Christ Church, Pensacola	230 65
" St. Andrew's Church, Tampa	41 85
" St. Luke's Church, Marianna	30 05
" St. Mark's Church, Palatka	48 92
" St. Luke's Church, Orlando	43 40
" St. Mary's Church, Milton	36 15
" Trinity Church, St. Augustine	147 30
" Trinity Church, Apalachicola	6 70
" St. John's Church, Tallahassee	184 65
" Christ Church, Monticello	47 85
" Good Shepherd Mission, Jacksonville	44 88
" St. Stephen's Mission, Jacksonville	34 30
" Christ Church Mission, Fort Meade	46 80
" St. James Mission, Zellwood	35 65
" St. Mary's Mission, Madison	4 90
" St. Luke's Mission, Myers	21 92
" Holy Comfort Mission, Crescent City	33 79
" Emanuel Church Mission, Welaka	42 20
" Kissimmee Mission	10 00
" St. James Mission, Leesburg	19 65
" St. Paul's Mission, Quincy	1 50
" Holly Hill Mission	2 00
" Bethesda-by-the-Sea Mission, Lake Worth	80 00
" All Saints' Mission, Winter Park	26 86
 Total	\$2,386 02

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON,
Treasurer.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4, 1892.

A resolution of sympathy passed in the May meeting of the Branch in St. John's, Tallahassee, and appended to the report from that place, was made general, offered as a resolution of the house and passed unanimously. It is as follows :

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the several branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, do most deeply sympathize with Mrs. Mary R. Burton, our Diocesan Treasurer, in her recent bereavement by the death of her husband, and pray that the comfort and strength which she has so often imparted to others may be given to her in this hour of trial.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Burton by the Secretary.

The house then proceeded to general business, the first subject laid before it being the expediency of procuring some suitable Rules of Order for use in annual and monthly meetings.

Miss Drew moved that a committee be appointed to draft a set of Rules of Order after the model of those used in the Diocesan Council, simplified to suit our needs. The chairman then appointed Miss Drew, Mrs. Wilmarth and Mrs. Stovin on this committee, to report to-morrow morning.

Mrs. Gamble of Tallahassee moved that some action be taken on the Bishop's suggestion, and in order to carry it out a second monthly meeting be called in each branch for devotion only.

After some discussion the chairman advised that no *rule* be made, but each branch be left to follow it out in the manner most feasible in its own locality, which was carried.

The next subject for consideration was the best time and place for the annual meeting, as it had been suggested that January would be a more propitious time than simultaneously with the Council. This meeting with no favor it was decided by vote to continue the present rule that it shall be held at the "same time and place as the Diocesan Council."

The "Enrollment Fund" was then taken up.

Explanation being called for, the following paper on the subject was read by the Secretary, having been received from Miss J. C. Emery:

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE UNITED OFFERING.

Next October, during the meeting of the General Convention, there will be held in the city of Baltimore the Triennial General Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

All members of the Auxiliary in our own country and in our foreign mission stations are cordially invited to this meeting. They cannot all come in person, but all who can come are urged to do so, and those who cannot, to come by their representatives.

We hope that from each Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction some members of the Auxiliary may attend the meeting, who shall represent the whole branch; and we ask that those who come bring with them not only their own gifts, but the gifts of all whom they represent.

The General Meeting of the Auxiliary will be preceded by the Holy Communion, the grand thanksgiving service of the Auxiliary for its privileges of three years more of active duty. This thanksgiving service will be accompanied by a thanksgiving offering, and in that offering every individual member of the Auxiliary may have her part.

We would set before each one the suggestion that from now until October 1st she lay aside, every week, some amount, however small, over and above all her usual missionary gifts, to be forwarded to her Diocesan Treasurer on October 1st, and brought by her, or by her representative, to Baltimore.

THE OBJECT OF THE OFFERING.

At the last General Meeting, held in New York, October, 1889, the Auxiliary was asked to give two thousand dollars, to be divided equally between the building of a church at Anvik, Alaska, and the sending of a new missionary to Japan.

For the offering next October, by a vote of the Diocesan officers, at their meeting held in Detroit, October, 1891, the object chosen is

THE ENROLLMENT FUND.

The idea of this fund originated with a layman of Philadelphia, after the General Convention of 1883. His plan was to obtain from two hundred thousand communicants of the Church five dollars each, making a grand total of one million dollars, to be offered at the opening service of the next General Convention, in 1886, as a great thanksgiving offering for missions.

This dream of the good layman, since taken to his rest, was never realized. Up to the beginning of this missionary year not one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of the one million, at which he aimed, had been received at the mission rooms. To increase this amount, and bring it as much nearer as we may to the large sum first proposed, is the object set before us for our thank-offering in the Auxiliary.

Three years ago we gave two thousand dollars. After three years more of happy service how much more should we gladly do? Only remember that in 1889 one woman gave one thousand dollars; all others who were present the other thousand. In 1892, if all who are able to give one thousand dollars or more should give it, and every one else should give according to her ability, what an abundant offering we might expect.

We ask each member of the Auxiliary, with prayer and thought, to consider this matter of ability, that on the day of our General Meeting she may give as God has given first to her.

21 BIBLE HOUSE, NEW YORK.
Lent, 1892.

JULIA C. EMERY,
Secretary.

Mrs. Grey, of St. Stephen's Branch, Jacksonville, offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That all the branches of the Auxiliary be earnestly recommended and urged to make an effort to collect from any one who can be induced to give the sum of at least ten cents, to constitute Florida's special offering towards the Enrollment Fund to be offered at the next General Convention, to be held in October.

The question was then put, whether this branch should send boxes in the coming year, through Miss Julia C. Emery, to aid the general work in places outside of our own Diocese. There was a good deal of discussion, which was brought to an end by a verbal resolution, offered by Mrs. Shields, to the effect that "this work shall be continued during the year by the Diocesan Branch of Florida," which was voted for unanimously.

Mrs. Weddell rose to say that those branches making up Christmas boxes for Sunday-schools would do well, in selecting gifts, to see that a larger proportion are suited to older pupils.

The Secretary then gave a message from Mrs. J. F. Young, the Parochial Directress of St. John's Branch, of greeting to the ladies. She was sorry not to be able to attend the meeting, and had made all preparation for the social entertainment of our visitors, but both were prevented by the severe illness of her mother.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned until 10 A. M. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, May 6th, 10 A. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Diocesan Directress.

Mrs. Rogers, from the Good Shepherd Branch, was added to the number of delegates.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Rules of Order made the following report:

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY MEETING.

1. Opening service, and address by the Bishop.
2. Roll-call by Branches.
3. Address of Directress.
4. Reports from Branches.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Secretary's report.
7. General business.

RULE I. After the opening service the Directress shall take the chair and call the meeting to order, when the order of business shall proceed.

RULE II. When a member is about to speak she shall rise, and with due respect address herself in an audible voice to the chair, confining herself strictly to the point in debate.

RULE III. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the house.

RULE IV. While the Directress is putting any question the members shall continue in their seats and not hold any private discourse.

RULE V. Every member present shall vote when a question is put, unless excused by the house.

RULE VI. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be made, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to commit it, to amend it, or to offer a substitute, and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named.

RULE VII. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and, if unqualified, shall be decided without debate.

RULE IX. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.

RULE X. All committees shall be appointed by the Directress unless otherwise ordered.

RULE XI. The reports of all committees shall be in writing and shall be entered on the minutes, unless otherwise ordered.

RULE XII. Before the final adjournment of the meeting the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read, corrected (if necessary), and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. STOVIN,
MRS. WILMARTH,
MISS DREW,
Committee.

Which was read and adopted.

It was found that for the comfortable conduct of these meetings there are needed in addition to the Rules of Order, a few By-Laws, and Mrs. Gamble of Tallahassee offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a set of By-Laws be formulated by the Diocesan Committee and a copy sent to each branch for approval, that they may be ready for use at the meeting next year, which was passed.

It was resolved that the number of delegates from each branch shall be fixed at two.

A motion was made that branches in missions shall have the right also to two delegates.

It was explained that all branches in this Society are on equality whether in parishes or missions, nevertheless the motion was put and carried.

Mrs. Gamble then offered a resolution of thanks to the citizens of Jacksonville and women of the Auxiliary for their cordial welcome and hospitality, which was passed unanimously.

Resolved, That this meeting shall stand adjourned *sine die*.

HENRIETTA SWART, *Directress*.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, *Secretary*.

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Done