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Address of the Diocesan President.

The gathering of the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in their communion of service in the venerable and historic city of St. Augustine is of more than passing interest. May I ask you to turn back with me down through the dim past, when the first effort was made to establish a missionary post in Florida, nearly three centuries before the Church took organized form. During the dark period of the Church's history, when the Church of England, the Church in the German States with Luther and Melancthon, defenders of her faith, and the Church in France, were involved in religious wars battling for reformation, Jean Ribeau, a gallant Huguenot soldier, taking advantage of what is known as the Edict of 1562, which granted tolerance to the Huguenots, sailed with a colony of Protestants from France.

On the 1st of May 1562 the little fleet reached the entrance of what is now known as the river St. Johns, named by them the river May. It was not however until 1565 that the brave Ribeau arrived with a third expedition. With him came the Rev. ——Robert, the first Protestant clergyman.

The historian would seem justified in asserting that this was "the first effort to plant the future Church in Florida soil." It must be borne in mind that the Huguenots were in the closest religious sympathy with the English Church in her struggle to restore the faith committed to her charge. While Florida has the honor of being the first soil pressed by the feet of the persecuted sons of the Church, other States were more successfully colonized by the Huguenots. In Virginia it is recorded that fifteen Huguenot rectors were in charge of English parishes during the colonial period.

These historical facts will establish the connection of the Huguenots with the Episcopal Church in America.

All traces of the Church and its founders in Florida were obliterated, and not until the province was ceded by Spain to Great Britain in 1763 that the missionary spirit again revived. One history of the Church says: "The beginning of the Church in Florida dates back to a period prior to the War of Independence.

The Rev. John Forbes was licensed by the Bishop of London, May 5th, 1764, for St. Augustine, Florida.

In a manuscript work in Harvard College Library, the Rev. John Forbes is referred to as being Parson, Judge of Admiralty and Counsellor while in St. Augustine.

It is an interesting historical fact that the services of the English Church were held in a building which stood on the "Old Church Lot" which had been the site of the Bishop's Palace under Spanish rule, and was afterwards held in the church situated on St. George Street, which had been repaired and fitted up for the administration of the Rev. John Forbes.

"The lands lying north of the city from the gates to the outer line of the fortifications were given to the Church by Governor Grant as a Glebe."

In 1783, Florida was again ceded to Spain, and it was not until 1821 that Florida passed under the control of the United States and became one of the Territories.

For nearly forty years St. Augustine was under exclusive Roman Catholic rule; all honor to the little band of faithful sons and daughters of the Church, who clung to the worship of God in the use of our Liturgy.

Almost as soon as the flag of the United States floated from the ancient battlements of the old fortress of San Marco, the Church in America not unmindful of her duty, sent from the Diocese of South Carolina the first missionary, the Rev. Andrew Fowler, who on the 20th of October, 1821, took charge of the few faithful members of the Church in St. Augustine, and started the work which has been continued ever since.

After the long lapse of years we find the seeds sown by the early missionaries springing into life as help came from Charleston where the Huguenot element largely pre-

vailed. This outline of history is bare of details and connected only so far as it bears on the first planting of the Church in St. Augustine.

It is gratifying to observe in the report of missionary stations submitted at the first Annual Meeting of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society the committee called attention to St. Augustine in East Florida "as a place where the Society may be eminently useful in planting the Church and extending the knowledge of true religion."

In tracing the history of missionary life evinced so early in St. Augustine, one is impressed with the rare courage and marked individuality of the men and women who braved every danger and succeeded in leaving to their children the faith that had come down to them.

Now that the hand of oppression no longer crushes, the missionary work should come boldly to the front. What a field for the Church, what opportunities are in your grasp! Every year brings to this quaint old city representatives from every Diocese in the land. Many who are warmly interested in mission work, and will take a broad comprehensive view of the needs of the Diocese. Do not understand me that the Diocese is to be regarded as a mendicant, far from it, but with judicious management Trinity's branch of the Auxiliary could be made largely instrumental in carrying on the missionary work of the Diocese. This suggestion is offered for your kindly consideration. With the brave work in the past I feel assured that the present and future will demonstrate the fact that St. Augustine is one of the strongholds of mission work.

In reviewing the work of the past year of the Auxiliary it is cheering to find it is steadily progressing in spite of the financial depression caused by the fatal frosts. The receipts do not show the decrease that was apprehended, but the trying time is to come later, unless by redoubled energy it can be warded off.

I would caution you against the first enthusiasm which sometimes dies out, and urge you women of the Auxiliary to serious persistant effort, which will overcome the many obstacles that threaten the success of our work.

It is said the churches in the land would die out, but for the work and co-operation of women, as two-thirds of the members are women. This seems to be a startling fact, but statistics show that the assertion is well founded. Think of the tremendous responsibility vested in the women of the church. That the responsibility is appreciated is clearly emphasized by the enthusiasm, nerved by faith that characterizes the work being done to insure the success of the "United Offering" at the next Triennial.

The Florida Branch is fully alive to the necessity of a generous response to this important call for co-operation. To enable the branches to meet this obligation, the Diocesan Committee have concluded that it would not be wise to attempt to pledge any money this year for outside work, except for the United Offering. Therefore the amount should be of such proportions that we can be justly proud of the assistance rendered by our branch.

The pledge of last year for \$150.00 was easily redeemed, and with an ease, born of experience, this can be satisfactorily accomplished, judging from the past.

Your Diocesan Committee has endeavored to perfect the working system of our organization, and with the exception of some slight infringement of the established rules and the slow development of the Junior Auxiliary, is justified in feeling that the work of the Auxiliary is accomplished without friction, and that great harmony prevails throughout the various branches. The Sisterhood of Women is realized when sympathy, love and personal touch find constant expression among the women of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

M. STOCKTON YOUNG,
President.

May 2d, 1895.

Report of the Recording Secretary.

The fifth annual meeting of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Trinity Parish, St. Augustine, May 2, 1895.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at 10 o'clock in Trinity Church by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rt. Rev. William Crane Gray, Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida.

The Bishop of the Diocese delivered an address which was both forcible and admirable in tone, in which he spoke in the most encouraging and appreciative way of the serious, unflagging work being done for Missions in the Diocese by the women of the Auxiliary.

After the service in the Church the members of the Auxiliary adjourned to the rooms assigned to their use, when the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. John Freeman Young.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss Alice J. Drew, Miss E. B. Bours, of St. John's Branch, Jacksonville, was elected Secretary *pro tem.*, and Miss L. M. Smethurst, of Trinity Branch, St. Augustine, assistant.

Mrs. William Crane Gray and Miss Parkhill, Vice-President and Secretary, respectively, of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, were introduced by the President, and received by the members standing, and most cordially invited to the privileges of the floor.

The Secretary then called the roll, and the following Parochial Branches were found to be represented:

St. Augustine, Trinity Church, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. A. Anderson.
Jacksonville, St. John's Church, Miss E. B. Bours.
Jacksonville, Good Shepherd Church, Mrs. L. M. Maxwell, Mrs.
D. T. Gerow, Mrs. Wm. Evans.
Tallahassee, St. John's Church, Mrs. John Pearce.

Monticello, Christ Church, Mrs. T. L. Clark.
 Apalachicola, Trinity Church, Mrs. Paxon Watters.
 Palatka, St. Mark's Church, Mrs. R. N. Avery.
 Fernandina, St. Peter's Church, Mrs. E. Gay.
 Federal Point, St. Paul's Mission, Mrs. R. Landsberger, Mrs. E. S. Hubbard.
 Jacksonville, St. Stephen's Mission, Mrs. A. E. Gray.
 Crescent City, Holy Comforter Mission, Mrs. A. B. Torrey.

Immediately following the call of the roll the President read her address.

The President's address was followed by the report from Christ Church, Pensacola. In the absence of a representative it was read by Mrs. J. H. Burton, Corresponding Secretary for the Diocese, which, on account of the fact that a part of the fund raised by this Branch had not been sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, was not approved.

The following reports were read and approved:

Trinity Church, Apalachicola, by Mrs. Watters.
 St. John's Church, Tallahassee, by Mrs. Pearce.
 Trinity Church, St. Augustine, by Miss Smethurst.
 St. Stephen's Mission, Jacksonville, by Mrs. Gray.
 St. Mark's Church, Palatka, by Mrs. Avery.
 St. John's Church, Jacksonville, by Miss Bours.
 Good Shepherd Church, Jacksonville, by Mrs. Maxwell.
 St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point, by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. Gay, from St. Peter's, Fernandina, made a verbal report.

Upon motion of Mrs. Smethurst, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Treasurer of each parochial branch be required hereafter to submit her report to the Diocesan Treasurer for investigation and approval at least one week before the annual meeting, in order to avoid discrepancies."

The reports of the Diocesan Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary were read and approved.

The subject of the "United Offering" was brought before the meeting by the President.

Mrs. J. H. Burton read a pamphlet explaining the character and purpose of the "United Offering;" also a letter from Miss Julia C. Emery, proposing certain questions with respect to the disposition of the fund, and incorporating the resolution of the Woman's Auxiliary in October, 1892, as follows:

"It is asked that the gifts from a Diocese be gathered into one sum, and brought by the Diocesan Treasurer, or her substitute, and offered at the service on October 3d, in some suitable receptacle, marked with the name of the branch.

"The purpose of this offering is in accordance with the following resolution, adopted at the adjourned meeting of officers, held in Baltimore, October 8, 1892:

"Resolved, That the Woman's Auxiliary place before itself for its united offering at the next Triennial the endowment of the Episcopate in a missionary jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Board of Missions."

"At the *next meeting* of your Diocesan Branch, will you please read this resolution, and ask for a vote expressing the wish of the branch?

"1. Would they desire this offering placed in the treasury of the Board of Missions as the Woman's Auxiliary Endowment, the income of which shall for all time relieve the board annually of the support of one missionary bishop, that bishop to be undesignated?

"2. Would they wish to entrust the offering to the board to endow some specified missionary jurisdiction, and if so, have they any particular jurisdiction which they would like to suggest?"

After discussion, the following resolution by Mrs. Edwin G. Weed was adopted:

Resolved, That in considering the two propositions suggested by Miss Emery in regard to the disposition of the United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Florida Branch hereby endorses a disposition of the fund as is indicated in the proposition No. 1, and is of the opinion that the further special direction of the fund should be left to the discretion of the Board of Missions."

Upon the call of the Roll of the respective branches, the following pledges were given for the United Offering:

Jacksonville, St. John's	\$100 00
St. Augustine, Trinity	100 00
Tallahassee, St. John's	50 00
Jacksonville, Good Shepherd	10 00
Fernandina, St. Peter's	10 00
Crescent City, Holy Comforter	5 00
Apalachicola, Trinity	10 00
Total	\$285 00

The following resolution, introduced by Mrs. Smethurst, was adopted :

"Resolved, That the contributions to the United Offering shall be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer on or before the 1st day of September next."

The President introduced the subject of the Junior Auxiliary. The following branches reported organization and at work : Crescent City, Palatka, St. John's, Jacksonville ; and Cedar Key.

Under the head of Unfinished Business, the report of the Committee on Change of Time for Annual Meeting was called for. In the absence of the committee, the matter was referred back to the committee to be reported on at the next annual meeting.

On motion the offer of the Junior Auxiliary of Crescent City to prepare the receptacle for the united offering made through Mrs. Torry, was accepted.

The following resolution by Mrs. Edwin G. Weed was adopted :

"Resolved, That the offering at each Annual Service of the Woman's Auxiliary shall be devoted to some special branch of the work."

Mrs. J. H. Burton introduced the following resolution which was carried ;

"Resolved, That we tender our thanks for and sincere appreciation of the kindness and hospitality extended by the women of the St. Augustine Branch of the Auxiliary on this occasion of our annual meeting."

On motion of Mrs. Evans, a vote of thanks was ordered sent to Mrs. Tyler for her kindness in tendering the use of her rooms for the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary; whereupon, on motion, the meeting finally adjourned.

EMILY B. BOURS,
Sec. *pro tem.*

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

As we stand upon the threshold of a new year, let us take a brief, backward glance through the vista of the nineteen years of our Auxiliary life, that we may gather strength and inspiration for the coming ones. The first venture of faith in April, 1876, may be likened to a feeble little seedling, requiring the most tender, patient, solicitous watching and watering. All along the way, we find many a tangled web of difficulties, disasters and local depressions that would uproot any tree, less firmly established in the vivifying garden of our Heavenly Father, and we look up wonderingly, yet with overful hearts of gratitude at the fair proportions and pleasant flowers and fruit upon this our branch of nineteen years of loving service for his appointed messengers.

Although we find this one, scarred and blighted more than any of the preceding years, by the relentless frosts of the past winter, spreading an appalling desolation around and, for a time, paralyzing commercial effects, yet our dear Auxiliary, has been marvelously protected. With the storm, came the King of the storm and infused new strength into the right arm and a deeper love into the hearts of His faithful daughters and the recompense has been—not any diminishment, but a slight increase in the treasury of the Auxiliary, impressing upon us the lesson, that if we give, God's reward is, the spirit of giving more, a blessed spirit, for it is the Spirit of God, himself.

By the Treasurer's Report we find that our twenty-four branches have contributed, during the past year, the sum of \$1,780.78. In addition, local branches have sent out missionary boxes, the value of which will be noted in their parochial reports. A contribution of \$150.00

was also made to the "Thank Offering" for the opening of the new Missions House in New York city—a home for every organization of woman's work for the church.

In this connection it may not be amiss to remind ourselves that the *seemingly* small, daily offering, has in nineteen years amounted to \$34,657.54. Is not that a bright proof that the King has, through sunshine and shadow, dwelt with us, for His own work? And shall we ever again dare to doubt, or be of a fearful heart? Nay, but let us take up the work of the coming year with a cheerful readiness, since we are accounted worthy to become "workers together with Him." Among the objects of work, for this year, is that of the United Offering for the endowment of a Missionary Episcopate, for all time, in which, we are privileged to unite with our sister branches in all lands. May we be able to make the offering to it commensurate with its high aim and may this, above all the others, be for us a blessed year of glad rich service.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS). MARY R. BURTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

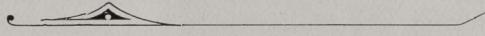
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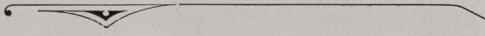
From St. John's Church, Jacksonville	\$ 742 13
" Christ Church, Pensacola	219 70
" Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville	139 50
" St. Mark's Church, Palatka	75 20
" The Good Shepherd Church, Jacksonville	46 30
" Christ Church, Monticello	40 65
" Trinity Church, St. Augustine	168 19
" St. Peter's Church, Fernandina	80 05
" Trinity Church, Apalachicola	33 95
" Christ Church, Cedar Key	26 75
" St. John's Church, Tallahassee	76 85
" St. Mary's Church, Milton	19 16
" St. Stephen's Mission, Jacksonville	22 90
" Si. Paul's Mission, Federal Point	16 50
" Emmanuel Mission, Welaka	13 95
" All Saints Mission, South Jacksonville	11 50
" Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City	7 75
" St. Paul's Mission, Quincy	5 05
" All Saints Mission, Huntington	6 25
" Mission at Live Oak	10 10
" Mission at Chasséville	8 00
" Mission at Glen St. Mary	6 00
" Mission at Lloyd	4 35
" Thank Offering	150 00
Total	\$1,930 78

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS). MARY R. BURTON,
Treasurer.



REPORTS OF PARISHES



JACKSONVILLE—St. John's Church.

It is again our privilege to meet together after another year has passed, and we can say with great thankfulness that our band remains unbroken. Our monthly meetings have been well attended and made much more interesting by the reading of missionary articles by persons who were appointed for that purpose, by Mrs. Williams, our directress. In each of the six districts two collectors have been appointed, that in case of the sickness or absence of one, the work can be performed by the other.

Almost every month new contributors are gained; sometimes the number reaching as high as seventeen. It would seem by this that the collections would increase more rapidly than they do, but there are constant changes by persons leaving the city, and in many cases by death. Still, I think we have need to be encouraged for the interest in the work seems to be on the increase.

During July \$27.98 was collected for the Thank Offering, but was not forwarded until the 1st of September. It has always been our custom to send out Christmas boxes, and this year was not an exception, boxes being sent to Cedar Key, Starke, Waldo, Crescent City, St. Mary's Mission, Springfield, St. Phillip's (colored mission) Jacksonville, and also to the Southern Diocese of Florida, the valuation of the whole number being \$98.00.

Our monthly collections for the entire year amount to \$742.13, this sum being \$40.30 larger than that of last year.

We have pledged ourselves to give \$100.00 towards the United Offering which has to be forwarded before next October. So far, we have been successful in raising the most of this amount, and we feel that we will have no difficulty in raising the whole.

The sum total, that the St. John's Branch has raised

for the work, both in and outside of the Diocese, not including the United Offering, is \$868.11.

The Auxiliary was organized in 1876 and during the 19 years of its existence the sum of \$13,824.77 has been raised in St. John's Parish.

Our prospects for the coming year are not as bright as we had hoped for, on account of the financial strain in the State. For this reason we will have to work with greater energy in order to relieve the Bishop of some of the great responsibilities that rest upon him.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY B. BOURS,

Secretary.

Florida, May 1, 1895.

PENSACOLA--Christ's Church.

The Directress of our branch has been absent most of the year, so the work has been carried on by the other officers. So far, this work has been chiefly confined to the matter of raising money, consequently a rather mercenary, or financial, aspect seems to pervade the whole society.

It appears to me, that though the financial phase is a necessary and inevitable one, still the devotional and spiritual side should not be entirely ignored.

It requires no effort of the imagination to understand the real value of the spiritual phase in any and every Christian work. Intercourse characterized by prayer and scripture readings, and general missionary information, must, from the nature of the case, be very helpful.

Our meetings should be more religious as well as financial.

The great distances, and consequent expense, prevent our branches from coming together as they should throughout the Diocese.

Our work this year, so far as the collections are concerned, has been seriously injured by the prevailing financial depression. Some of our regular contributors have withdrawn, while new ones have not taken their places.

A statement is appended of what has been raised and forwarded:

To Mrs. Twing.	\$ 24 30
To DeFuniak—articles, \$6; money	4 00
To Diocesan Treasurer	219 70
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Total	\$254 00

Respectfully submitted.

CARRIE W. BLOUNT,
Secretary.

ST. AUGUSTINE--Trinity Church.

This branch made no report last year on account of the serious illness of both Directress and Secretary, and the unavoidable absence of the delegate appointed. The Rector presented the financial report, which was published. During the past year the work of this branch has gone on steadily, and although the contributions have not been large at any time, still they show an increase over previous years.

The annual contributions amounted to \$68.19. A box was sent at Easter to Pensacola, value \$60, and a special offering of \$100 was sent at the same time to the Bishop.

L. M. SMETHURST,
Secretary.

TALLAHASSEE--St. John's Church.

Members of the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, we greet you. It is encouraging to know that representatives from all over our Diocese are assembled together to seek counsel and guidance of one another.

The past year has been one of trial to most of us, but especially has our branch suffered. For a time it seemed entirely disorganized, and not until the Advent season were we again banded together for active work. Since then we have been struggling feebly back to strength. The whole collections for the year have amounted to only \$76.85. There have been no special meetings or visiting members during the year. This we have regretted, as such visits have always aroused interest in our community.

The monthly meetings are held regularly now, and our branch is interested in the general offering, and we are delighted to claim our place in this annual meeting.

When the cries for help sound so beseechingly from all our mission fields, we hope and believe our coming year will not be marked by the failures of the past.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN A. PEARCE.

Secretary.

PALATKA—St. Mark's Church.

This branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has held regular monthly meetings during the past year. We mention this fact as worthy of special note, as in former years, with the exception of the past two, our Auxiliary

had no meetings as an organized society. From year to year, Mrs. Haughton kindly acted as an informal agent and treasurer, and a few young ladies went out among the people as solicitors; in this way, funds were raised each month and forwarded to the Diocesan society. We are happy to report that our regular monthly meetings are increasing in the number in attendance and in the interest manifested in the work.

On each occasion of our meeting, and after the litany is said, and the necessary business of the month is transacted, our Rector fills up the balance of the time in reading extracts from the various missionary periodicals and in this way the members are kept informed of all important matters connected with the foreign and domestic fields, and especially of the exigencies and needs of the work. With this increase of information, the interest of our members has correspondingly increased.

Our treasurer reports \$75.20 as contributed during the past year, and we are glad to say there is a fair prospect of a large addition to this amount during the ensuing twelve months.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. AVERY, Delegate.

JACKSONVILLE—Church of the Good Shepherd.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., May 1, 1895.

In presenting the second annual report from our Branch of the Church of the Good Shepherd, allow me to recall the fact that our first meeting under the present organization was in January, 1894, therefore our society is but fifteen months old.

During the past year our interest has never flagged. Our monthly meetings have been regular, with only a few exceptions, which were occasioned by the absence of

members during the heated term. Besides the meetings in our own parish, we have twice enjoyed the privilege of joining our fellow-workers in St. John's Parish at their quarterly meeting.

The proceedings at these meetings are particularly interesting to us; they afford a pleasant variation from our own, giving us the opportunity, through Mrs. M. R. Burton, the Corresponding Secretary, of coming in closer communion with our co-workers throughout the Diocese, which naturally inspires us with zeal and interest. At the last meeting we were deeply moved by an address from our dear Bishop, who related to us the fact of the universal distress and financial embarrassment throughout the State, occasioned by the severe winter just past, which information he gained from personal intercourse with the unfortunates during his travels through the Diocese. His words opened our eyes to the great importance of systematic and untiring efforts in the work of each branch of the Auxiliary.

His appeal to each and all to give to best of their ability was quite touching, and was emphasized by the advice "not to treat our Lord as we would a common beggar at our door, by giving Him only that which we can spare, for it is more commendable to give that we cannot spare."

The light thus shed in the pathway of own feeble society resulted in the addition of a new collector, with the hope of extending the field of our labors and increasing our membership.

According to the pledge made by our delegates at the last annual meeting toward the foreign missionary fund, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) was sent in from this branch for that purpose.

In addition to this amount, the monthly collections turned in by our Treasurer aggregate forty-six dollars and thirty cents (\$46.30), which shows a gratifying increase over the collections of last year.

Hoping that as the years advance our branch may increase in strength and numbers, thereby multiplying our monthly collections, I hereby submit this report.

MRS. C. W. MAXWELL,
Secretary.

MONTICELLO—Christ's Church,

As Secretary of the Christ Church Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, I would report that the work has gone on steadily and if there has been no increase, we are happy to say there has been no decrease. Our monthly collections have amounted to \$40.65. In addition to this amount \$10.00 was given towards the \$150.00 that had been pledged by the Diocesan branch to the General Auxiliary.

Trusting that the Lord will bless these small ministrations of His faithful servants with a bountiful harvest.

ADELINE B. STONEY,
Secretary.

APALACHICOLA—Trinity Church.

The Apalachicola Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was reorganized on January 14th, 1895, by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. L. Paxson Watters. The branch numbers nineteen members, four of whom are honorary members, who are unable to attend the meetings, but pay their monthly contributions. The meetings have been held regularly on the first Monday afternoon of each month at which time the Litany service, appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, has been read by the Directress. Missionary items of interest have also been read by the Secretary. The average attendance of members have been nine. On March 4th, 1895, at Wewahitchka, a mission connected with Trinity Church, a branch, was organized, and on April 17th, 1895, a branch was organized at Carrabelle, another mission connected with Trinity Church. The delegate from the Trinity branches to the annual meeting of the Auxiliary, was instructed to vote in favor of holding the annual meeting at the time and place of

the meeting of the Diocesan Council. The amount that this branch will contribute to the United Offering of the Florida Auxiliary, to be presented at the Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in October, 1895, will be ten dollars, or more. The Treasurer reports the amount of offerings from May, 1894, to May, 1895, to be \$33.95.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PAXSON WATTERS.
Secretary.

FERNANDINA—St. Peters.

We find much cause for encouragement in the fact that during the past year our meetings have been better attended than ever before, even through the summer months. The collectors have been untiring in this work, through many difficulties. Our Directress and Treasurer are full of zeal and energy, and it is to their efforts most of our success is due. Various plans for raising necessary funds have been tried.

The sum for Foreign Missions was made by monthly entertainments, in which the children took an active part. At the beginning of Lent we opened a Woman's Exchange, where we had home-made articles for the tables; these were sold at moderate prices, and any one contributing more than once, the cost of the article was returned. Tea was served, thus adding a social feature to the occasions.

Offerings	\$ 80 93
Thank Offering	10 00
Foreign Missions	20 00
Charity	36 00
 Total	 \$146 93

Respectfully submitted,

K. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE—St. Stephen's Mission.

Realizing, and fully appreciating the good work done by the Woman's Auxiliary, St. Stephen's Branch regrets its inability to do more.

To keep the chapel open for worship in the west end of the city, great work and much energy has to be expended. We hope each year the prospect will brighten, that we may do more of the Master's work. Monthly collections, \$22.90; foreign missions, \$5.00.

Mrs. J. W. BUSHNELL,
Secretary.

FEDERAL POINT—St. Paul's Mission.

A branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized at Federal Point two months previous to the annual Diocesan meeting in Jacksonville, last May. It was represented at that meeting, and a report was given. On the first Monday of each month it has not failed to meet at the appointed hour. The Litany service, authorized for the Auxiliary, has on each occasion been used with appropriate hymns. Even the extreme heat and the frequent showers of mid-summer did not prevent a gathering at the rectory. We feel that the Woman's Auxiliary is a power in our Mission. Its cheering influence is strongly felt, and we hope for more substantial results in the future. The number of children at Federal Point is too small, at present, to warrant the establishment of a Junior Branch. We have, however, enrolled on our list the names of several little earnest workers, who are espe-

cially regular in attendance, and prompt in payments. One of these left us in August to pursue her studies in a Northern school. She had always answered to the roll-call, and was missed and lovingly mentioned after her departure. At Christmas we were gratified to receive from her a letter of greeting, which proved in an emphatic manner the good work accomplished, in its quiet way, by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Our first anniversary was held on March 4th. The Rev. R. Landsberger presided, and reappointed the same officers.

The amount forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer for the year ending April 1, 1895, is \$16.50.

MRS. E. S. HUBBARD,
Secretary.

CRESCENT CITY—Holy Comforter Mission.

In presenting the third annual report from this branch of the Auxiliary I am glad to say that on the return of the delegates from the last annual meeting, the day of meeting was changed to "Auxiliary Monday" and we have thus been able to join our sister branches in prayer for God's aid and blessing on our work. At our regular meetings we have found it wise to continue our custom of reading papers of missionary interest, it being a help to us to be in this way brought into touch with the work outside of our branch.

Beside our regular offering of \$7.75, we have sent \$5.00 to the Diocesan Treasurer pledged by our branch for the support of the five missionaries. We have made some repairs on the Church, added three bracket lamps,

new kneeling benches and fifty prayer books. Aid has been given to the sick and needy, \$8.76 given to the Sunday-school and \$30.00 to the Vestry. To raise the money needed (aside from our offerings) we have canned fruit, made jelly, done sewing, held socials and have tried in many ways to "do what our hands find to do."

Respectfully submitted,

ADDIE R. TORREY,
Secretary.

Constitution of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

I.

This Association shall be called the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

II.

The object of the Association is to pray for GOD'S blessing upon the Church, and to obtain contributions for missionary work.

III.

Any person may become a member of this Association, who may be admitted thereto, by the Directress of one of the Parochial or Mission organizations.

IV.

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Diocesan Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

V.

This Association shall have an organization in every Parish and Mission. The Rector, or Missionary in charge, shall appoint a Directress, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duty it shall be, to divide the Parish, or Mission, into districts of convenient size, assigning to each, a Collector, or Committee of Collectors, who shall, each month, collect the pledges; once a year, to procure from the Rector, or Missionary, a list of the members of the Parish, or Mission, and try to secure from each member a contribution of one cent a day.

In case a Parish or Mission is vacant, the Bishop may appoint the officers.

VI.

There shall be a Diocesan Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, the Diocesan Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary and the Directresses, or the accredited representatives of the Directresses.

The President, or the Vice-President acting for her, and any of three of the above named officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

In case both the President and Vice-President are absent from the Diocese for more than one month, then one of the Secretaries of the Diocesan Committee may call the meeting to order, and any three of the above named officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

VII.

The President of the Association shall have general supervision of the Association, and shall decide in all cases of dispute. The Vice-President shall act for the President when she is absent from the Diocese for more than three months. When requested by the President, the Vice-President may act for her, at any time. When acting for the President, the Vice-President shall exercise all the authority of the President.

The Diocesan Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association, and shall keep a correct account of the same. She shall make disbursements according to the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese.

The Recording Secretary shall keep, in a book provided for that purpose, the minutes of the Diocesan Committee, and attend to such other work as the President may request.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the President, correspond with the organizations in the Parishes and Missions, and obtain information concerning their management and general welfare, and give such advice as the occasion may require.

The Treasurers shall remit to the Diocesan Treasurer on the first day of each month the funds which they have in hand.

VIII.

The Diocesan Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and may be called together at any time by the President.

The Parochial or Mission organizations shall meet on the first Monday in each month, and may be called together by their respective Directresses at any time.

All meetings, wherever and whenever held, shall be opened with prayer.

IX.

This Constitution may be altered by the Bishop of the Diocese, after giving one month's notice of the proposed change to the officers of the Association.

Addresses of the Diocesan Officers of Florida Branch.

President—Mrs. John Freeman Young, 307 East Church Street, Jacksonville.

Vice-President—Mrs. Edwin G. Weed, Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville.

Honorary-President—Mrs. Henrietta Swart, 72 West Forsyth Street, Jacksonville.

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Burton, 111 Market Street, Jacksonville.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. P. Daniel, (Springfield,) Jacksonville.

