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Address of the Bishop.

It is a pleasure to see so many members of the Womans Auxiliary assembled here today; it argues a deep interest in the welfare of the Diocese, and especially in the missionary work of the Diocese. There has been a constantly increasing attendance upon these meetings, showing that the interest in the work of the Womans Auxiliary is becoming a greater power, and is being more widely felt, from year to year. There was a time, when this association, beginning under such splendid auspices, dropped to scarcely a handful, and bid fair to lose its identity. One year, only twenty-five dollars were collected, and there was scarcely a place in the Diocese, where there was the slightest enthusiasm in the noble work of seeking to give honor to the Holy Name of the Lord, by increasing His holy worship. Those were dark days, days when the clouds gathered thick and fast, and scarcely a gleam penetrated. However, there were a few, who wanted to do their little, and these few continued steadfast, and persevered, and labored on. As is always the case, a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump; the persevering efforts of the few gained for them a recognition, and their faithfulness attracted others, and behold, what a great work is done each year in the Lord's name, and for the Lord's sake. We have passed through a most trying year, but we have passed through it, largely, through your efforts, your self-sacrifice, and your earnest devotion, as scarcely any one could have dreamed we should. It has been your earnestness, which has cheered Priest and Bishop, which has given renewed energy to the listless, and the fainthearted, and the weary. Yes, the Lord has given to

Woman a special power to strengthen and support the weak, to give courage to the fainting ones. The capacity which woman possesses is peculiar, it was woman, who could give the Lord honor by anointing Him with costly spikenard, when all men were questioning Who He was; and it was woman, who remained at the cross, during those dark hours, when all the disciples, save St. John, had fled. The Lord has given you this capacity, and having given it to you, He expects you to exercise it—it is given you to exercise; no man can do womans work, if woman's work is not done by woman, it will be left undone. In the early church, there were Deaconesses, and women who devoted themselves, as truly to the work of God's Kingdom, as there were men, and the work of the Church has languished only, when the capacity and the need of woman in the Church has not been recognized. God has given you special powers of perseverance, endurance, courageousness, and a capacity of concentration. There are qualities which enable you to do, what in many spheres, man cannot do. As it is necessary for the priest to recognize that He is the steward of God's mysteries, and is Christ representative, so must you realize, that you are ministers of Christ. When you go from house to house collecting funds, you must realize, that you are doing Christ's work, that you are not going as beggars, but as those sent by the Lord. You are to go, as the Apostles went to give peace, to give people an opportunity of aiding in the building up of God's Kingdom. If the people do not accept the opportunity, and are not willing to be builders in the house of the Lord, they, of course, cannot expect to be recognized by the Lord, any more than was the rich man, who thought of himself alone. You go as Christ's messengers, not for yourselves, in any sense, you go to give people an opportunity, you knock at the door as the messengers of Christ, if the people will not listen, if they will not heed, it is their misfortune, they need your prayers. You can settle it in your own minds, that those who do not pray will not give. Alms and prayers go together. Persons who do not pray will not give willingly, or perhaps at all. You will not do your work cheerfully in the proper spirit, if *you* do not pray. You

will think there is something personal in it, that people *ought* to give, *ought* to listen to your appeals, you will think that some one can do better than you; you will find your work burdensome and wearysome, if you do not pray. It is by prayer, that we are lifted up to God; it is through prayer that the glory of God brightens our work; it is through prayer that we come to a realization of our impotence, and the strength of the Lord; it is through prayer, that we learn we can do nothing of ourselves, that it is God's Spirit blessing our words and our acts, which enables us to be successful ministers in His Kingdom. Above all, let me urge you, when you come together to pray earnestly, to put your whole soul in the devotions. There is more need of your prayers, than there is of your special service, in going from house to house. Your prayers will open hearts, which otherwise would be as stone. As I think of the united Monday Prayers, I think I can hear the rejoicing of the angels. Prayers and alms go together, prayers and work go together, prayers and unselfish labor go together. But I am sure you have been constant in your prayers, for I never would have been strengthened as I have been, had it not been that your prayers were constantly ascending to the throne of Grace. I have to thank you for the comfort, and the help which you have been to me, during the past year. The *knowledge* that there was a band of women praying for the blessing of the Spirit of God, has itself been a help, and has given me confidence and hope; but greatest of all, has been the strength which you have brought me from above, strength to hope and to struggle, to labor and to trust, strength to see the guidance of a higher power than man's, strength to recognize that the battle is not with the strong. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the strength and comfort you have been to me, and I pray God to make His Face shine upon you, and to give a *realization* of the comfort and the blessing which you have been to me, during these trying days. May God bless you, and give you some of the comfort and happiness, which you have given me.

Address of the Diocesan President.

I desire to express my appreciation of the privilege of participating in this Conference, and of the opportunity thus afforded me of testifying to the value and usefulness of the work of this Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Having attained the twentieth year of our organization, we should commemorate this anniversary by an earnest effort to extend and strengthen our Mission work, that the end of year may be crowned with rich fruits of successful endeavor.

Twenty years ago a committee was appointed by the Bishop and Standing Committee to draft a plan for the bringing into active duty, in this field, the efforts of the women of the Church; as a result of this plan the Woman's Auxiliary was organized. That the women into whose hands this work was committed have with unfaltering fidelity continued to carry on month after month, and year after year the work entrusted to them, is clearly demonstrated in the report of the Board of Missions, published in the Council Journal A. D. 1894. Which says, "These women accepted the trust imposed upon them and have continued ever since in spite of all difficulties and discouragements to devote their time and active labor to the success of the society. We cannot express too strongly our appreciation of the faithful services of the devoted women of the Church. They have been the main reliance of the Bishop in carrying on the Missionary work of the Diocese. Without this aid the work would almost be at a standstill."

This strong endorsement assures the women of the Auxiliary that they are largely instrumental in making it possible for the Bishop to continue the Missionary work, therefore we must not lose sight of the tremendous responsibility. We enjoy Christianity through the work of Missionaries in the past and we must be ready to hand it on to others, simple justice demands that the progress of the gospel should not stop with us, but we should continue our labors in a field "where duty, responsibility, and influence go hand in hand."

The collection of money is not the whole work of the Auxiliary, the strengthening of the spiritual life of a parish lies directly in the line of action, that the monthly meetings should be strictly religious, eliminating discussions of matters not bearing on the work, devoting the time after transaction of business to (using the words of one of the Bishops of the Church) "That other side of a Christian life which is not work but worship, not activity but stillness and upward looking expectation, not contact with men but communion with God."

There is, we are told, a curious contrivance in the service of the English marines. The ropes in use in the Royal navy, from the largest to the smallest, are so twisted that a red thread runs through them from end to end, which cannot be extracted without undoing the whole; and by which the smallest piece may be recognized as belonging to the crown. No better illustration suggests itself that emphasizes how quickly the character of the work for the Church is known when it bears the stamp of the Auxiliary, from the largest branch to the Junior, *even the Babies' branch*. It has leaped seas and established itself in far-off Alaska, China, Japan, and even the Dark Continent feels the influence that runs through from end to end of the organization. Far reaching indeed is the benign influence of the Auxiliary when the appeal for the United Offering met with the magnificent response from the women of the Church throughout the land, when \$56,070.99 was offered on the altar at the Triennial Convention, so great was the enthusiasm that prevailed when it was known that the women had been so success-

ful in this enterprise, that greater results were demanded for the next Triennial, to this I would call your attention.

The offering of the Florida branch of \$310 was raised with little difficulty, and with an ease born of experience; we can contribute \$500 to the Triennial in 1898.

In the meantime the Diocesan Committee desires the concurrence of the parish branches in the work for the year outside of the Diocese, the Committee feel assured that the suggestion that the Southern Jurisdiction of Florida be designated the field of action, will meet your approval owing to the great financial depression existing throughout the State, especially in South Florida. More sympathy can be enlisted, contributions will be more freely given to those whose necessities are great and so closely allied to us. We can easily raise \$150.00 which will supply much needed comforts in the homes of the missionaries in Florida. There is also an outstanding pledge of \$25.00 for Mrs. Brierly's Memorial to be remembered.

It is manifestly important that active measures should be taken for the thorough development of the Junior Auxiliary. It is from their ranks that recruits must be drawn to fill the vacancies as they occur in the Auxiliary. It is necessary that the children of the Church should be taught the importance of systematic work. Bishop Huntington says, "Recruits from the cradle and the nursery make a surer army for spiritual warfare than converts won by exhortation; and this training as the churches' initiatory sacrament signifies, is her first business."

May I ask that you will bear this suggestion in mind. Let each parish branch seek to perfect the organization. As the years pass the work of the Auxiliary will be accomplished with less difficulty I feel confident.

Before concluding I desire to enlist your co-operation in establishing a Periodical Society in the Diocese. Many of our clergy are debarred the pleasure of reading magazines, Reviews and papers of public interest because it is necessary to avoid additional expense. After a magazine has given pleasure in your household pass it on to brighten the fagged brain of some weary clergyman. At

least let the effort be made to effect an organization of this much needed branch of our work.

The resolute courage of the women of the Auxiliary this year deserves honorable mention. Through them the receipts have increased \$257.82 over last year. During the twenty years \$38,776.46 has been collected. The Florida Branch has not only been rich in effort but also in the work it has achieved.

The conflict of opinion has often been keen, but I have the pleasant duty to affirm that upon many questions the great majority of the branches have been full of harmony.

I trust that our interchange of thoughts will abound in suggestions for the further development of woman's work and will enlist your individual interest in matters that concern us, Women of the Auxiliary.

M. STOCKTON YOUNG.

May 7th, 1896.

Report of Recording Secretary.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. John's Parish, Jacksonville, May 7th, 1896.

There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Church at 9 o'clock by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rt. Rev. William Crane Gray of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, and Rev. Van Winder Shields, D. D., rector of St. Johns Parish.

The Bishop of the Diocese delivered a very encouraging and flattering address to the members of the Association, in every way commendatory of their continued interest and efforts.

At the close of the service in the church the members of the Auxiliary adjourned to the Parish House and organized for business, with the President, Mrs. John Freeman Young in the chair.

Roll call showed the following Parochial Branches to be represented :

Apalachicola, Trinity Church, Mrs. Paxson Watters, Mrs. J. G. Ruge, Miss Hoppe.
Cedar Key, Christ Church, Mrs. R. M. Dozier.
Fernandina, St. Peter's Church, Mrs. E. Gay.
Gainesville, Holy Trinity Church, Mrs. Horatio Davis, Miss R. Philips.
Jacksonville, St. Johns Church, Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Mrs. W. McL. Dancy, Mrs. E. Champlain, Mrs. C. J. Colcock.
Jacksonville, Good Shepherd Church, Mrs. C. Maxwell, Mrs. D. T. Gerow, Mrs. A. M. Ives, Mrs. C. B. Rogers.
Jacksonville, St. Andrews Church, Mrs. F. S. Knight, Miss H. Young, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. F. Babbitt.
Palatka, St. Marks Church, Mrs. E. M. Haughton, Mrs. R. N. Avery.

Pensacola, Christ Church, Miss Carrie W. Blount.
 St. Augustine, Trinity Church, Mrs. M. W. G. Smethurst,
 Miss L. M. Smethurst, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. M. Frazier.
 Tallahassee, St. John's Church, Mrs. Jno. A. Pearce, Mrs.
 L. D. Walker, Miss Courtney Walker, Mrs. B. B. McCaa.
 Carrabelle, Ascension Mission, Mrs. F. M. Ordway.
 Crescent City, Holy Comforter Mission, Mrs. A. B. Torrey,
 Mrs. G. H. Ward.
 Glen St. Mary, Mission, Mrs. G. L. Tabor.
 Jacksonville, St. Stephen's Mission, Mrs. A. E. Gray,
 Mrs. J. W. Bushnell, Mrs. E. E. Belisario.
 South Jacksonville, All Saint's Mission, Mrs. L. H. Light-
 hipe, Mrs. H. Halliday.
 Quincy, St. Paul's Mission, Miss E. C. Mitchell.

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Jacksonville Branch, Miss Anna Daniel, Miss Gussie Knight,
 Miss Gertrude L'Engle, Miss Winifred Dancy.
 Live Oak Branch, Miss Jessie Woods.
 Crescent City Branch, Miss Beatrice Brusie.

Immediately after roll call the President read her address.

Reports from the following branches were read and accepted :

Trinity Church, Apalachicola, by Mrs. Paxson Watters.
 Christ Church, Cedar Key, by Mrs. R. M. Dozier.
 St. Peter's, Fernandina, by Mrs. E. Gay.
 Holy Trinity, Gainesville, by Mrs. Horatio Davis.
 St. John's, Jacksonville, by Miss Emily B. Bours.
 Good Shepherd Church, Jacksonville, by Mrs. C. Maxwell.
 St. Andrew's Church, Jacksonville, by Mrs. F. S. Knight.
 St. Mark's, Palatka, by Mrs. R. N. Avery.
 Christ Church, Pensacola, by Mrs. C. W. Blount.
 Trinity Church, St. Augustine, by Mrs. L. M. Smethurst,
 St. John's Church, Tallahassee, by Mrs. J. A. Pearce.
 Ascension Mission, Carrabelle, by Mrs. F. M. Ordway.
 Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City, by Mrs. A. B. Torrey.
 St. Stephens' Mission, Jacksonville, by Mrs. J. W. Bushnell.
 All Saints Mission, South Jacksonville, by Mrs. H. Halliday.
 St. Paul's Mission, Quincy, by Miss E. C. Mitchell.
 Glen St. Mary Mission, verbal report by Mrs. G. L. Tabor.
 St. Luke's Mission, Marianna, report sent in.
 St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point, report sent in.
 Jacksonville Junior Branch, by Mrs. J. H. Douglass.
 Crescent City Junior Branch, by Miss Beatrice Brusie.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Whereas there appears a discrepancy in the report from St. Paul's Mission, Federal Point, touching the report of the treasurer of that Branch

Resolved, That the Treasurer's report be hereby accepted :

Resolved, That the Secretary's report be returned for correction, whereupon it shall be accepted.

After the reading of the reports the President addressed a few remarks to the Junior Auxiliary, introducing Mrs. E. G. Weed as their Diocesan President.

The Treasurer's report being called for, she read the same, which was adopted.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was likewise read and adopted.

The President called attention to the Resolution passed at the last annual meeting in regard to the disposition of the Special Offering at this meeting, and appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. F. S. Knight, Mrs. J. G. Ruge and Mrs. A. Anderson to report thereon.

The question was here raised by Mrs. L. D. Walker delegate from St. John's Church Tallahassee, in regard to number of delegates allowed from each Branch whereupon the President named Mrs. M. W. G. Smethurst, Mrs. E. Gay and Miss Carrie W. Blount a committee to report on same.

The committee on Special Offering, here rendered their report as follows:

"We your committee on disposition of Special Offering, recommend that the Communion offertory of \$13.36 be devoted towards the pledge of \$25.00 for the memorial to Mrs. Brierly, and the amount needed to complete the pledge be divided between the Branches, and we recommend that a collection of money or pledges be made at once."

MRS. F. S. KNIGHT,
MRS. J. G. RUGE,
MRS. A. ANDERSON,

[Adopted.]

A motion was then made, seconded and passed, that the balance of the money referred to in the report, for the Brierly Memorial be raised at once.

The same was thereupon contributed pro rata, by the several Branches present.

The report of the Committee on Representation was here handed in, and upon the request of the Chairman was read by the Secretary.

"The Committee on number of Delegates for each Branch have decided that each Branch shall have two delegates with right to vote, with two alternates. As many representatives as can attend will be welcomed."

MRS. M. W. G. SMETHURST,
MRS. E. GAY,
MISS. CARRIE W. BLOUNT,
Committee.

After full discussion on motion of Miss. E. C. Mitchell of Quincy the report was finally adopted as offered.

The President announced that: (inasmuch as it is customary to make a contribution annually to some mission work outside of the Diocese, and inasmuch as the amount thus directed has heretofore been not less than \$150.00) it was her desire, should it meet the approval of the members present, that a like amount be contributed this year for the Southern Jurisdiction of Florida. There being no objection raised to this, Roll Call was ordered to secure pledges for this purpose from the different Branches represented at this meeting.

The following pledges were made (see Appendix) amounting to \$140.00.

The delegate from Christ Church, Pensacola, Miss Carrie W. Blount, having explained satisfactorily the misunderstanding in regard to the report from that Branch for last year, as shown in the published proceedings for the Fifth Annual meeting; on motion of Mrs. A. Anderson of St. Augustine, the vote rejecting the report of Christ Church (Pensacola) Branch was rescinded.

The President suggested that receipts from Diocesan Treasurer be posted in a book by Parochial Treasurers for future reference.

Mrs. Paxson Watters having asked if moneys shall be forwarded monthly, or quarterly, the President directed the constitution read for enlightenment of the members on this and other points.

Mrs. C. Maxwell of Good Shepherd Church, Jacksonville, suggested that the Constitution be read at quarterly meeting of Branches.

Mrs. J. G. Ruge of Trinity Church, (Apalachicola) thought once a year sufficient. After some further remarks on the subject from members, on motion of Miss E. B. Bours of St. Johns' Church (Jacksonville) it was

Resolved, "That the Constitution be read annually at the April meeting of each Branch."

[Adopted.]

The President desired that the work of sending out Christmas boxes to Missions, be made more general by the various Branches of the Diocese.

She also requested that all Parochial Branches would promptly send lists of their officers to the Secretary, so that they may be incorporated in the report of the current year.

Notice was given to the members that the presentations of testimonials to the Bishop, would take place at the service in the Church, at 8 p. m.

On motion the association adjourned to meet Friday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Friday, May 8, 1896.

Pursuant to adjournment the Annual Meeting of the Womans' Auxiliary Association convened at St. Johns' Parish House, at 10 a. m.

The minutes of yesterday were read and after correction, approved.

There being no further business, on motion the Annual Meeting was declared adjourned sine die, after the reading of the minutes.

M. STOCKTON YOUNG,

President.

E. G. C. DANIEL,
Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PLEDGES FOR THE MISSIONARY JURISDICTION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA FOR 1896.

St. Johns Church, Jacksonville	\$25 00
Trinity Church, St. Augustine	20 00
Good Shepherd Church, Jacksonville	10 00
St. Marks Church, Palatka	10 00
Christ Church, Pensacola	10 00
St. Johns Church, Tallahassee	10 00
Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City	5 00
St. Stephens Church, Jacksonville	5 00
St. Andrews Church, Jacksonville	5 00
Holy Trinity, Gainesville	5 00
St. Peters, Fernandina	5 00
Trinity Church, Apalachicola	Pd 5 00
Christ Church, Cedar Key	4 00
St. Paul's Mission, Quincy	2 00
Ascension Mission, Carrabelle	2 00
Junior Auxiliary, Diocesan	10 00
Mrs. J. H. Burton	5 00
Special	2 00

Additional pledges made, should the whole amount fall short:

St. Johns Church, Jacksonville	\$ 1 00
St. Andrews Church, Jacksonville	1 00
Good Shepherd Church, Jacksonville	2 00
Trinity Church, St. Augustine	1 00
Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville	1 00
St. Peters Church, Fernandina	1 00
St. Marks Church, Palatka	1 00
Special	2 00

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Year by year for twenty successive ones, has it been our happy privilege to review the development of this Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and year by year is the consciousness deepened that it is Divinely guided. The special, three fold charge to this Society, by its Bishop, viz: Prayer, Study and Work or Giving, seems to be better and better understood.

The Litany service is used in all the branches and the missionary readings at the monthly meetings are becoming more and more general. The cultivation of these first two objects acting as a stimulant, the third charge becomes a natural, vigorous growth of loyal, consecrated duty—as is shown by the increase of the offerings in the Treasury during a year of dejection in worldly pursuits. In these results we also see the power of systematic co-operative effort. We gratefully note that the officers of the branch societies have been zealous and efficient—the stronger ones in their emulation of the helping spirit of Missions, giving to those less favored, encouragement in many ways, but especially by sending the message and the power of a new life, in the boxes and money at the joyous Christmas-time, making more full and real the meaning of that day which united Divinity with Humanity and all of us to one another.

Within the past few weeks four branches have been reorganized. Another will soon again take its place in the Auxiliary circle, making twenty-three active branches.

As month by month we touch each other by correspondence, our hearts are made very tender by the expressions of earnestness and devotion to this branch of the Church's mission. In the words of another, we have reason for every hope—we may hope that we shall be identified with our work and that all we do for Christ, He will keep for us. With this unfailing promise ever before us, one brief day of work will not be shadowed by any doubts, but our service shall be a constantly progressive and advancing service, and a blessing, a happiness and a reward.

MARY R. BURTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS, 1895, 1896.

From St. John's Church Parish, Jacksonville	\$ 763 52
" Christ Church Parish, Pensacola	199 70
" Holy Trinity Church Parish, Gainesville.	174 00
" Trinity Church Parish, St. Augustine	135 15
" St. John's Church Parish, Tallahassee	108 63
" St. Mark's Church Parish, Palatka.	80 00
" St. Peter's Church Parish, Fernandina	62 72
" Good Shepherd Church Parish, Jacksonville.	59 35
" Trinity Church Parish, Apalachicola	57 40
" Christ Church Parish, Monticello	33 30
" Christ Church Parish, Cedar Key	32 00
" St. Andrew's Church Parish, Jacksonville.	20 70
" St. Luke's Church Parish, Marianna	20 37
" St. Mary's Church Parish, Milton	18 00
" Ascension Church Mission, Carrabelle.	28 50
" Holy Comforter Church Mission, Crescent City . .	23 28
" St. Stephen's Church Mission, Jacksonville. . . .	22 45
" St. Paul's Church Mission, Federal Point	14 17
" Emmanuel Church Mission, Welaka	8 55
" Mission at Wewahitchka	11 85
" Mission at Glen St. Mary	5 00
United Offering.	310 00
To Seminole Indian Work, Cash	10 00
Total	\$2,198 64

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON,

Treasurer.

For The United Offering.

From St. Augustine, Trinity Church Parish	\$100 00
✓ " Jacksonville, St. John's Church Parish	100 00
✓ " Apalachicola, Trinity Church Parish	20 00
✓ " Monticello, Christ Church Parish	18 52
✓ " Jacksonville, Good Shepherd Church Parish	12 50
✓ " Fernandina, St. Peter's Church Parish	10 00
✓ " Palatka, St. Mark's Church Parish	10 00
✓ " Tallahassee, St. John's Church Parish	10 00
✓ " Pensacola, Christ Church Parish	5 50
✓ " Cedar Key, Christ Church Parish	2 00
✓ " Crescent City, Holy Comforter Mission	6 56
✓ " Jacksonville, St. Stephen's Mission	5 75
✓ " Carrabelle, Ascension Mission	2 33
✓ " Federal Point, St. Paul's Mission	2 30
✓ " Jacksonville, St. John's, Junior Auxiliary	2 54
✓ " Cedar Key, Christ Church, Junior Auxiliary	2 00
Total	\$310 00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON,

May, 1896.

Treasurer.



REPORTS OF PARISHES.



PENSACOLA—Christ Church.

This Parochial Branch of the Auxiliary was much grieved when the printed report of the last Diocesan meeting was received, to find that its own report had been rejected upon a superficial technicality. The sending of the money to Mrs. Twing directly, and not to the Diocesan Treasurer, was subsequently sanctioned by Mrs. Burton. Wilful and persistent disregard of the rules of Auxiliaries should be punished, but the rejection of the report of one of the largest branches upon an accidental error and, under the apparent direction of a Diocesan officer, tends inevitably to discourage otherwise good intentions and well meant efforts. We ask that the vote of rejection of last year be rescinded as a matter of simple justice.

Our interest in the work is far beyond our apparent attainments towards helping it. We feel that somehow this interest among ourselves and the whole Diocese might be intensified if some means could be devised by way of official meetings by which a larger intercourse with each other could be secured, exchange of views, comparison of methods, talking over difficulties, and extending a knowledge of the work in detail; these things intensify effort and kindle enthusiasm. The general meetings in Minneapolis last autumn attracted our attention and excited our admiration and interest. We were very glad that Florida was represented, while we regretted that our contribution was not larger, yet we are proud to claim some part in the splendid assistance that was then given to the Church's Missionary fields. The Missionary District of Southern Florida was well remembered.

We have gone through the year quietly in the ordinary routine of the work as a Branch, yet we cannot but

feel that our membership has grown very little, if at all. It is possible that other branches have had the same difficulty. We believe that the difficulty lies chiefly in the fact that our people do not realize the Missionary character of the Church. We claim that our Church is Apostolic. How few appear to understand that every time they use this word they are simply asserting in a very true aspect of the case, that this is a Missionary Church. We are compelled to believe that this great truth is lost sight of, else the work of spreading the Everlasting Gospel would find many more willing hearts and helping hands. We have felt that as the first appearance of our Risen Lord after His resurrection was to a woman, so it seems to foreshadow and prefigure the blessed influence of our own sex in helping to carry the Gospel of the Redemption to all lands and to all people. So we long for some deeper intensifying of our Missionary character. Then, too, when we turn to our own diocese what a revelation of want do we find ; how the Bishop has to shift and turn to meet the ordinary calls, much more those that are demanding answer and get none. We hope to increase our membership during the present year. It is our wish to have more prayer, something more of the devotional kind in our meetings. We would suggest as we have heretofore done, that stated days during the year, such as the Ember Days, be set apart by the Diocesan Branch for special prayer and service. We are sure that the clergy would co-operate.

Our Branch desires to record its sorrow at the death of the Rector Emeritus of our Parish. Dr. Scott passed to his rest after a ministry of over fifty years, thirty-five of which had been spent as our rector. "The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God and there shall no torment touch them."

Subjoined is a statement of the amounts forwarded.
To Diocesan Treas. for Womans Aux. \$199 70
To Diocesan Treasurer for United Offering . . . 5 50

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE W. BLOUNT, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE—St. John's Church.

As we review the twentieth year of the existence of the St. John's Parish Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary we are gratified to find that God's blessing has been upon our efforts, that although on every hand we have heard the cry of hard times, our report shows an increase in the regular contributions for the year; as well as larger amounts, given towards the Christmas boxes and other outside work.

The present officers of this Branch are, Mrs. L. D. Williams, directress; Mrs. A. N. Mitchell, treasurer, Miss E. B. Bours, secretary. The number of collectors is twelve (12), of contributors one hundred and forty-eight (148). For the convenience of the collectors the city has been divided into districts, a new one having been added this year. There are now seven (7) districts. Two collectors are appointed for each district, with the exception of two, numbers six and seven, which as yet only require one. The regular monthly contributions are strictly devoted to the support of missionaries in the diocese, the disbursement of the fund being left entirely to the discretion of the Bishop. For the work done by the Auxiliary, either in the Diocese or out of it, the means have to be raised in other ways. In May of the past year a box was sent through the Woman's Auxiliary, by the Benevolent Club of New York City, to the Reverend Curtis Grubb of Eustis, Florida, the valuation of which was \$75.00. In September \$100.00 was given as the part of our Branch in the United Offering of \$56,070.99 which was presented at the triennial meeting in Minneapolis in October, 1895. At Christmas, boxes containing gifts, candy, etc., were sent to the Sunday Schools of the following missions: De Funiak, Starke, Waldo, Cedar Key, Macclenny, and Crescent City, for all of which we had the most grateful acknowledgements. The valuation of these boxes was \$72.00. Donations of money towards the Christmas festivals for the children were sent to the following missions in Jacksonville: St. Mary's in Springfield, \$12.00; St. Philips, the colored mission, \$3.00, and All

Saints, South Jacksonville, \$3.00. Having learned through the Reverend Mr. Davet of the great need of the Indian Mission at Fort Myers, a contribution of \$10.00 was sent to that point. This makes a total of \$100.00 devoted to our Christmas work.

The regular monthly contributions for the year make the sum of \$763.52 which is \$21.33 greater than the amount collected last year. The total of all work done by the St. John's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the past year is \$1038.52. This is an increase of \$170.41 over the work done during the year of 1894-1895.

We feel that we have gained a great victory in having an increase in our work this year, but we are confident that a great deal of our success is owing to the efficiency of our directress, whose zeal and interest never flag.

Thanking God for leading us aright in the past, we pray that He will "pour down upon us the abundance of His grace," giving us greater strength and zeal to work for the coming of His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY B. BOURS,

ST. AUGUSTINE--Trinity Church.

The work of this branch during the past year has been very encouraging. Meetings are held every month and the improvement both in the collections and in the attendance is noticeable. Interest in the Woman's Auxiliary has become much more general in this parish and its object is better understood.

The resignation of the treasurer, Miss Epps, was accepted with regret and Miss Frazer appointed to serve in her place. Two new collectors have also been appointed.

No missionary boxes were sent this year, as contributions in money were found to be of more service. The one hundred dollars (\$100) pledged by this branch for

the United Offering was sent in September to the Diocesan Treasurer. In accordance with the Bishop's direction the Lenten work was devoted to paying the indebtedness of this parish, otherwise the Easter offering sent to the the Diocesan Treasurer would have been doubled. The regular offerings for the past year amount to one hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifteen cents (\$135.15) making a total of two hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifteen cents (\$235.15).

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA SMETHURST,
Secretary.

TALLAHASSEE--St. John's Church.

The past year has been marked by renewed interest in the missionary work as shown by the attendance at the monthly meetings, an increase of collections over last year. Every meeting has been held with one exception ; and that was prevented by a rain storm.

The meetings have been opened each time with the auxiliary service. Our endeavor is to have some missionary subject before each meeting that will instruct it on the subject of missions, and draw out our sympathies for the missionaries.

The Auxiliary has done no outside missionary work this year, but as almost all its members belong to the St. Agnes Guild they have done much Church work of various kinds that might come under the head of mission work.

There have been no special meetings or visiting missionaries in the past year.

The triennial offering for October, 1895, was \$10. The regular monthly offerings, \$108.63.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN A. PEARCE,
Secretary.

GAINESVILLE--Holy Trinity Church.

During the past year twenty-one new members have been added to this branch which gives us at this time fifty-nine members.

We have met regularly on the first Monday of each month as the Bishop requested. Our rector has always been present and opened the meetings with the beautiful service set forth by our beloved Bishop.

Each member has been called upon once every month for his or her dues, and the collections have been from \$14 to \$20 a month, for the year, \$174.

Would that every communicant and even child of this parish could realize the importance of this missionary society, and would contribute something if only a "widow's mite" to aid in spreading Christ's gospel and developing the growth of the Church militant on earth.

I would suggest that if any are too poor to pay the dues of thirty cents a month, several members unite and pay the proportion of one, thereby largely increasing our offerings. Hoping that one and all will devote their best efforts to this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. W. HAMPTON,
Directress.

PALATKA--St. Marks Church.

Since the last report the attendance at our monthly meetings has been steadily increasing, new members enrolled, and notwithstanding the financial depression we have been able to add slightly to our collections of last year. During the past few months several of our most liberal contributors, including some very active workers, have removed to other towns. This is a great loss, still we are by no means discouraged. The increased attendance at our meetings and the growing interest manifested in the cause of Missions, give assurance of earnest

and effective work for the coming year.

While of necessity work is largely confined to the ways and means for raising money for missions, we do not forget the importance of individual effort in awakening an interest in the parish in the work of the Domestic and Foreign Board; and it is encouraging to know that personal influence and endeavor have succeeded in arousing attention to the needs of the Board and overcoming much prejudice and indifference with the result we hope of stated and liberal contributions.

The amount collected by the Branch during the past year:

For Woman's Auxiliary	\$80 00
" United Offering	10 00
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	\$90 00

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCES GERTRUDE AVERY,
Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE—Church of the Good Shepherd.

In the beginning of the past year, our work was started with feelings of apprehension; the financial depression so generally existing seemed to cast a shadow, and the gloom of doubt, spread like a veil before us, shutting out the prospects of a fruitful ending.

It is true that the monthly collections, or mercenary side, should not be the only phase presented to our mind, yet it cannot be denied that it is a very necessary adjunct to the work of our Society.

Girding on the armor of faithfulness and perseverance, combined with the efficacy of united prayer, our anxiety was gradually dispelled, as the year waned into the closing month, showing that the collections exceeded our expectations, being an increase over last year's receipts. Illness caused one of our collectors to relinquish her share in the work, which increased the duties of our

President and Treasurer, upon whom fall the arduous task of making the rounds each month, and to their efforts is due the crowning success of our Branch.

We are about to increase the responsibility of our Parish work, by the addition of another great work; with much pride and pleasure have we noted during the past few years the steady increase in the flock belonging to the Good Shepherd Church; this necessitates the erection of a larger Fold.

We realize the difficulties, the labor, the sacrifices that this undertaking means. We accept this work of the Master's in the faith that there is a power above us to sustain and cheer when we would fain grow faint and weary, and through that Power we hope to surmount all difficulties.

In response to the appeal to assist in the "United Offering," the modest sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) was raised and forwarded at the appointed time.

In considering the duties and privileges of foreign missionary work, let us compare our own lot with those who are still living in superstition and ignorance, shut out as they are from the Light of the Divine presence, without the comfort of the Sacraments, the teaching of the Sacred Book or the faith which manifests itself in supplications and prayers; how void must their life be of its sweetest pleasures. Can we put ourselves in their place and imagine such darkness of intellect?

Born under the law of christianity, we are able to feed upon the spiritual nourishment flowing so abundantly in this Christian land; we have the strengthening support of a Heavenly Father's influence to guide our life within, the tender ministrations of His Bride, our Spiritual Mother (the Church) to protect us without. Do we recognize the value of these possessions sufficiently to mark out our own course of action? The sphere of our life reaches far and wide; we are constantly giving out to others; do we give out the essence of the sweetness gathered in our own life from these spiritual influences?

True charity cannot exist long in our nature unless we perform acts of charity.

Meditations upon goodness will soon become effete unless strengthened by good works.

Let us hope that these surrounding influences may inspire us to greater zeal in the Father's vineyard which will yield abundant fruit in the harvest time.

The monthly collections for this Branch amt. to . \$59 35
United Offering, 12 50

Total 71 85
Being an increase over last year's receipts of \$35 45

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. W. MAXWELL,

Secretary.

FERNANDINA--St. Peter's.

This branch of the Auxiliary has held meetings regularly on the first Monday in each month, when the Litany service has been read, either by the rector or directress. The monthly collections are not as large as they were, but this is not due to any lack of interest. Several subscribers have felt compelled to withdraw their contributions, others to reduce them, and some have left the city. So that although we have gained a number of new contributors, our financial report is not as good as it was last year.

By the Woman's Exchange a small sum was realized and used as an Easter offering for parish purposes. Mite boxes for the United Offering have been distributed.

Amount of collections, \$62.72.

Respectfully submitted,

K. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

APALACHICOLA—Trinity Church.

Our Branch of the Auxiliary numbers twenty-one members. Directress, Mrs. John G. Ruge; Treasurer, Miss Libbie Grady. Three of the members are Honorary, who pay their monthly dues, but can not attend the meetings.

The Auxiliary has met regularly during the year on the first Monday of each month, except the month of October when no meeting was held, owing to the absence of the Directress and sickness of other members. The average attendance was nine. No active work has been undertaken, but we have tried to inspire missionary zeal among our members and to extend the influence of the Auxiliary to all the women of the Church. Our associate Branches in the Missions at Carrabelle and Wewahitchka are holding their own, and will this year make separate reports.

Our monthly payments for the year amount to \$57.40. Our contribution to the United Offering of the General Auxiliary was twenty dollars, sent August 22, 1895, making a total for us of \$77.40.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. PAXSON WATTERS,
Secretary.

EAST JACKSONVILLE--St. Andrews.

St. Andrew's Branch was reorganized in November, 1895, and began active work in December with a membership of twelve, which has since been increased to sixteen. During this time we have contributed up to May 1st, \$20.70, which we consider quite a fair beginning, taking in consideration the financial stress our parish is laboring under. In the course of the coming year, we hope to increase our membership, and make a better showing financially.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY JULIET KNIGHT,
Directress.

CEDAR KEY--Christ Church.

We have only ten members, have no meetings, but collect dues the first Monday in the month. We contributed \$2.00 to the Triennial Offering. Our monthly contributions amounted to \$32 for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. M. DOZIER.

Directress.

MARIANNA—St. Lukes Church.

This branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was reorganized September, 1895, and the first regular meeting held on Monday the 2d day of the month aforesaid.

Our rector is present at each meeting, and after the Litany is said and the necessary business of the month transacted, occupies the remainder of the time in reading extracts from various missionary periodicals, and in this way the members are kept informed of all important matters connected with the foreign and domestic fields.

Our treasurer reports \$20.37 as contributed during the past eight months and we sincerely hope that there will be a large addition to this amount during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE GUYTON,

Secretary.

CRESCENT CITY—Holy Comforter Mission.

In making this my fourth annual report from this branch I am glad to say that although our numbers have been materially lessened this past year by removal of some of our members, yet the few remaining have endeavored to quietly and steadily carry on the work. Again has our ranks been invaded by the death-angel and one taken from us. In January our sister and former treas.

urer, Mary C. Murray was released from her sufferings and taken to the "saints at rest." A devoted church woman, and one who loved her Master's service, her absence causes sad hearts in our midst.

We have held twelve regular meetings during the year. Our offerings have amounted to \$23.58, \$10.33 of which was an offering from the Sunday School. We gave to the united offering \$6.56. We have given the vestry \$76.25 for church expenses, and for the poor and sick expended \$12.35. We have alternated with the branch of the junior auxiliary in caring for the church, and tried to in many small ways, do what our hands found to do. Aside from the offering sent the Diocesan Treasurer we have expended in these various ways \$136.94.

Respectfully submitted,
ADDIE R. TORREY.

JACKSONVILLE--St. Stephen's.

As we have reached the close of another year in our Auxiliary work we scarcely know how to begin to tell of its results.

The financial depression has touched us as it has touched others. We have worked, prayed and struggled along, and at the beginning of the new year find ourselves but a few cents behind the receipts of last year. We contributed \$5.75 to the United Offering, the only outside work we were able to do. We have done our best with our monthly collections, and we hope, with God's blessing upon our efforts, that the year upon which we are now entering may be productive of greater results.

Monthly collections	\$22 45
United Offering	5 75

Total	\$28 20
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Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. W. BUSHNELL,
Secretary.

CARRABELLE--Ascension Church Mission.

The Woman Auxiliary of the Ascension Mission was organized by the Rev. Paxson Watters, rector of Trinity Church, Apalachicola, and the Rev. Dr. Carter, rector of St. John's, Tallahassee, on the 18th of April, 1895. Since that time two have joined the Auxiliary and three have moved away. The treasurer's report for the year shows there has been collected and sent to the Diocesan treasurer \$28.50, besides \$2.33 for the United Offering.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE H. KELLY.
Secretary.

FEDERAL POINT—St. Paul's Mission.

During the past year the meetings of the Federal Point Branch of the Womans' Auxiliary have been regularly held.

Owing to the resignation of the Directress, Mrs. R. Landsberger, on account of change of residence, also the resignation of the Treasurer, Mrs. C. I. Motte, new officers were appointed. At the meeting held on Oct. 7, 1895, the Rev. R. Landsberger presiding, the following appointments were made: Mrs. E. S. Hubbard, Directress; Mrs. E. H. Hart, Secretary; and Miss Theodora H. Hart, Treasurer.

At the meeting held on November 18, 1895, Mrs. R. Landsberger was made Honorary Directress.

During Lent the members of the Auxiliary made a surplice for the use of the mission.

Our monthly collections have amounted to fourteen dollars and seventeen cents (\$14.17). Also the sum of two dollars and thirty cents (\$2.30) was collected for the United Offering.

MRS. E. H. HART,
Secretary.

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE—All Saints Church.

All Saints Branch was reorganized about a month ago, therefore much work cannot be reported. Our meeting was opened with the usual devotions by our rector, the Rev. L. H. Lighthipe. Afterwards Mrs. Lighthipe was appointed Directress, and Mrs. H. Halliday, Secretary. The collection of last month was \$1.75. We hope by another year to add materially to the work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. H. HALLIDAY,
Secretary.

QUINCY—St. Paul's Church Mission.

St. Pauls Branch regrets that they cannot report a successful year. Owing to our having been without a clergyman for so long we allowed our Auxiliary Society to languish, and finally the meetings were discontinued.

At the earnest request of our rector, the Rev. Jesse R. Bicknell, we have reorganized with a membership of fifteen. We feel very hopeful and trust that with our Father's help we will be able to present a more satisfactory report next year.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. MITCHELL,
Secretary.



JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

President—Mrs. Edwin Gardner Weed.



JACKSONVILLE--Junior Auxiliary.

The Annual Report of the Junior Auxiliary from May, 1895, to May, 1896.

Number of members now enrolled, 15.

Expenses for the year, \$1.50.

Amount of money now on hand, \$5.42.

Value of Christmas box sent to the Sunday School at Starke, Florida, \$12.50.

Proceeds from fair given during the year and amounting to \$28 was turned over to the Bishop for the "Scholar's Fund."

GERTRUDE N. L'ENGLE,
Secretary.

CRESCENT CITY—Junior Auxiliary.

This branch of the Junior Auxiliary has held regular meetings on the 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month, using at the opening of the meetings the prayers prepared for the use of the Junior Auxiliaries. We made the receptacle which contained the united offering of the Woman's Auxiliary at the triennial meeting. We have sent \$5.00 to the auxiliary fund through the Bishop, by his direction. We have in the parish taken care of the church-yard and alternated with the Woman's Auxiliary in caring for the church during the last six months. We have purchased new hymnals for the Sunday School, aided the Sunday School in its Christmas work by the gift of \$5.00, and we gave the primary classes in the Sunday School, an Easter egg-hunt with refreshments. The money for these we have obtained by three socials, one taking the form of a Mother Goose Market, just before Christmas.

Our officers are:—

President—Miss Allie Beach.

Secretary—Miss Mandena Braddock.

Treasurer—Miss Beatrice Brusie, with
Mrs. Torrey as Directress.

Our delegate to the annual meeting is our treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

MANDENA BRADDOCK, 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.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY MEETING.

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

RULE 1. After the opening service the President 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 President 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 President 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.

Addresses of the Diocesan Officers of Florida Branch.

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

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

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

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

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

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