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Address of the Bishop.

It is always a pleasure to meet the members of this organization, for I am always assured that I am meeting with the earnest workers in God's Kingdom. You do not know, perhaps will never appreciate, the comfort and happiness which you constantly give me. Whatever happens, whatever the discouragement I have, the feeling that there are a number of earnest women, who will work with me in the endeavor to spread the Kingdom, to carry the truth to benighted souls, through good report and evil report, gives me strength to go on. It is an inexpressible happiness, to know, though others may relax their efforts, may grow weary of well-doing, the members of this association never will. But you give happiness to many. My feeling is shared by all who are away from the cheer and sympathy, which the over-taxed Rector finds in a large work. The Missionaries all have the strongest faith in the efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the most unbounded confidence in the sympathy which animates their labors. I wish I could say something to make you realize your power for good, make you realize that the box, the few pennies, carry with them much more than their substantial value, that the offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary do more than relieve the physical wants of the men who are bearing the heat and burden of the day; they give them renewed strength, they brighten their days, they carry with them the sustaining truth that true hearts are throbbing with theirs, that others more earnest, perhaps more self-sacrificing, are working as faithfully, as diligently, and as prayerfully as they are. You have undertaken a great work, and you have exerted a great influence—an influence which reaches way

beyond the members of your association, beyond the boundaries of your parishes, beyond the boundaries of the diocese—aye, souls entering into the other world have passed from this life cheered by the consciousness of having had your sympathy in their work. I think if you fully realized the extent and force of your influence your work would appear different, and it is for this reason I speak of it. I know it is the little disappointments of life which gives to it its weariness; but after all, when we think of the end, when we understand that sooner or later we shall behold the throne of God, these little things ought not to destroy the happiness of doing God's will, and, I am sure, if you appreciated the extent of your influence for good, if you realized the force and the power which you exert for good, the disappointments which you meet, the lack of faith and interest which you meet, would appear trivial.

I want to commend the church paper which has been started at St. Augustine under the direction of the Rev. C. M. Sturges. Every month the report of the Woman's Auxiliary will be published in this paper, and I have made it my official organ. I would be glad if you would endeavor to circulate the paper and obtain subscribers for it. It has been started simply to give the news of the diocese, and to be a medium of communication between the parishes and societies of the diocese. I think the work of the diocese will be greatly helped were this paper distributed over the diocese. I ask you to endeavor to obtain as many subscribers as you can.

Address of Diocesan President.

As we commemorate each recurring anniversary, and have this Annual Communion Service thereby emphasizing the habit of unfailing reverence in thought, act and speech, it makes our Annual Meeting a more real and inspiring fact, and to remind us that however far apart may lie our fields of work, the work is one. The workers can rightly cherish just one motive, to be wholly true to its name and aim to make the Woman's Auxiliary more and more "Meet for the Master's use."

I would ask you, are we doing our work as it should be done? Could we not devote more time, practice more self-denial, thereby crowning our efforts with greater success. Surely we could provide for distant missionary fields as we have done in other years. A generous thoughtfulness for other churches not so well equipped as our own would be another link in the chain which unites the church on earth.

The Triennial Convention of the church meets in October in Washington, D. C. Have we done our duty—our full duty—to the appeal for the United Offering that has gone forth broad and far throughout the land? "The Woman's Auxiliary has a record of a quarter of a century of growth in power and usefulness during which time it has been an untold blessing not only to the missions and the missionaries, but also to those who have found it a channel for Christian service. The Auxiliary has been a loyal helpmeet of the Board of Missions, not only supplementing the Board's work, but sustaining and reinforcing it, and this purpose should always be kept clear and strong."

In quoting these graceful and gracious words of commendation I would impress you with the strong necessity of redoubled effort to keep up the standard of excellence accorded the Auxiliary.

I am well aware that this year is one of trouble and privation to many of us, and with a strong probability that Florida will be the seat of war, as already the "war and rumors of war" show a serious condition of national and state affairs. But let us not forget that we carry with us the unfailing obligation to contribute to the United Offering. Let us take counsel together and formulate some plan of a practical nature that will enable us to increase our offering to proportions that will be creditable to the Florida branch. In this high endeavor we must be continually forgetting the troubles and vexations that are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before and so pressing on to the goal. While determining our responsibility in the matter of the United Offering, I would not have you lessen our systematic offering. I regret to say that our receipts show some decrease. You are well aware of the importance of keeping our offerings up at least to the average. How important this fund is to the work of the Diocese is shown by the strong emphasis in the words used by the Bishop in his address each year at our Annual Meeting. We need not be dismayed by failure at first. "Happy are the people," is a Hindoo proverb, "Happy are the people who began by failing." Out of successive failures, stumbling and falling, and beaten back, comes a spirit of resolute courage to succeed. It is with heartfelt thankfulness that I am permitted to express the appreciation of the Diocesan Committee for the genuine co-operation of our Auxiliary in making Auxiliary Day service set forth by the Bishop at their request on the 16th day of March, at 12 o'clock, a marked success, judging from the warm

words of appreciation in letters received from the different branches. While we are together, we might arrange an hour for service that would be more satisfactory than 12 o'clock. This hour was settled upon because it was the hour of service at the Missions House in New York.

May I not ask your influence in interesting those in your midst in the service on Auxiliary Day until every woman in the church is bearing her part in extending the mission work in the Diocese? It is true, the wave of frivolity, that is passing over the land threatens to well nigh crush the work of the church, still there are many who could be influenced to stem the tide. The effort is rich in possibilities.

Before closing, I wish to draw your attention to the small attendance of delegates at our Annual Meetings. Last year the meeting at Gainesville was disheartening. Wishing to call attention to this matter of grave importance, we sent out circulars asking how many delegates could attend. This year the response was not sufficient to cause enthusiasm, I can assure you. Cannot something be done to correct this fault in our organization? Surely it cannot be a lack of interest. I trust not. If it is a lack of means, let us see if there is not some remedy. The resolution passed last year might solve the difficulty if carried into effect.

The Church Periodical Club, under the able management of its correspondent, Mrs. Mary C. Arnold, of Gainesville, shows considerable progress. As the initial step has been well taken, the coming year's work will be interesting and progressive. Stop and consider what a cheerful response comes when the books and papers are received in households of many who were being slowly starved intellectually. Until this club was organized by a lovely Christian woman, Mrs. Mortimer Fargo, January, 1888, and incorporated February 17, 1892, whose inspiration

was born of a desire to help those who were denied this pleasure. This is only another avenue added to the work of the women of the church. Give your cordial support to this branch of the Auxiliary, if possible.

The Junior Auxiliary has added two branches to its organization. The children of the church should receive every encouragement from members of the Auxiliary. They are to be intrusted to keep the Christian faith clear and strong. Hawthorne voices this beautiful thought: "Christian faith is a grand cathedral with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory nor can possibly imagine any; standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors."

M. STOCKTON YOUNG, President.

May 5, 1898.

Report of Recording Secretary.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Christ Church Parish, Pensacola, May 5, 1898. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the church at 9:30 o'clock by the Bishop of the Diocese. His address was one of warm appreciation of the unflagging efforts of the women to keep up the standard of excellence in the work of the Auxiliary.

At the close of the service in the church, the members of the Auxiliary adjourned to the vestry-room and organized for business, with Mrs. E. G. Weed, the vice-president, in the chair, the president being unavoidably absent. In the absence of the recording secretary, Miss M. E. Daniel, Mrs. Schuyler was elected secretary *pro tem*. Miss Chaffee was appointed assistant secretary.

Roll call showed the following Parish Branches to be represented :

St. John's, Jacksonville, Mrs. E. G. Weed.

Christ Church, Pensacola, Misses Hyer.

St. John's, Tallahassee, Mrs. Wombwell.

St. Mary's, Milton, Mrs. Morrell, Miss McDougal.

St. John the Baptist, Wewahitchka, Miss Shippey.

Immediately after roll call the vice-president, Mrs. E. G. Weed, read the annual address of the president.

The report of the treasurer was read and approved.

Corresponding secretary's report was read and approved.

The reports of the Parish and Mission Branches, were read and approved.

The report of the Church Periodical Club was read and approved.

The members of the different branches of the Auxiliary promised to do all in their power to further this important branch of missionary work in their parishes.

The minutes of the meeting were read, and, after correction, approved.

There being no further business, on motion, the Annual Meeting was declared adjourned *sine die*

LEONORA ROWE SCHUYLER,	JULIA M. WEED,
Secretary <i>pro tem</i> .	Vice-President.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

In making the 22nd Annual Report of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, we gratefully note that though the financial distress has not abated, our work has kept an almost equal pace with the previous year in its money value, while the interest in missionary work seems to be steadily increasing. Of the fifteen Parish Branches upon the roll, not one has failed us, and but two of the Mission Branches have been compelled to temporarily unclasp their links; while from other points a golden light is dawning and crystalizing into happy action.

The Rev. Mr. Gilmour is organizing a branch at High Springs, with a Junior and Babies' branch at the same place. Also a branch at Melrose, and hopes for branches at Micanopy and Palmer. The Rev. Mr. Rose is hopeful of organizing branches in some of his missions on the St. Johns River, but we are advised not to expect much the first year; yet we have learned that little sums, given systematically, aggregate large totals:

"The work which *we* count so hard to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too."

From all points we hear with a sigh, "The monotony of the work is *so* wearisome." So it is, but we know how truly it has embodied good efforts upon your part, and those very efforts will confirm and strengthen your powers of continuance.

One of the objects of our Auxiliary, the study of Missions, is exceedingly attractive and flashes electric strength into heart and hand. From the report of the Oriental Topographical Corps, we learn some of the won-

derful works of our Missionaries from every point of view : moral, spiritual, educational, philanthropic, as well as commercial. It says : "Probably no source of knowledge in the department has been so vast, varied and prolific as the investigations and contributions of Missionaries, and all without money and without price."

It is a parasitic growth on the "tree of life" they go to plant. Let us hope that this growth may gain constant vigor and nourishment from the roots of the tree around which it twines. From the same source, touching mention is made of the skill and tenderness with which the Medical Missionaries care for their poor, diseased brothers, as though all were kings' sons and daughters.

Indeed in their eyes they *are* the sons and daughters of the "King of Kings" and this likeness which they have discovered and the sense of brotherhood which is theirs, have sent them on this superlative mission of mercy.

The 16th of March, "Auxiliary Day," the day set apart by our Bishop for the purpose of placing a new girdle around our Diocese, to pulse with an unbroken current of prayer, gleamed radiant and cheering across our dull, monotonous missionary sky. The day was generally observed by our branches and the reports assure us that there was *one* outpouring of the heart to God, that "His Kingdom may come" and speedily.

The following questions were proposed by the Bishop for discussion by the women of the Auxiliary :

First: What is the best method for increasing the membership of the Association ?

Second: Would it be well to have readings on subjects relating to missions, immediately after the Litany service has been read ?

Third: Ought the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to have a week of self-denial and devote the proceeds of such denial to the work of the Association ?

These are important thoughts to be incorporated into our daily Auxiliary life. As this day will, in the future, be an interesting feature of our work, may we not also hope to, at times, have the privileges of a Quiet Day, to give us courage to overcome all dullness, and strength for a deeper consecration of our work, that it may be more and more transfigured by the love and fullness of that blessed Name, to which we have been dedicated?

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON.
Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS FOR 1897-1898.

BRANCHES.	Systematic Offerings.	Boxes.	United Offerings.
St John's Parish, Jacksonville.....	\$ 668 62	\$22 95	\$ 6 30
Holy Trinity Parish, Gainesville.....	218 95		
Christ Parish, Pensacola.....	165 25	14 50	
Trinity Parish, St Augustine.....	121 70	10 00	
St John's Parish, Tallahassee.....	94 85	18 50	
Good Shepherd Parish, Jacksonville.....	52 65	15 25	
St Mark's Parish, Palatka.....	49 85		
St Peter's Parish, Fernandina.....	47 53		
Christ Parish, Monticello.....	45 95		2 15
Trinity Parish, Apalachicola.....	43 80		9 60
St Andrews' Parish, Jacksonville.....	27 50		
St Mary's Parish, Milton.....	19 97		
Christ Parish, Cedar Key.....	18 55		1 20
St Luke's Parish, Marianna.....	17 48		
St James' Parish, Lake City.....	12 85		
St Stephen's Mission, Jacksonville.....	23 25		
St Paul's Mission, Quincy.....	13 20		2 00
St Paul's Mission, Federal Point.....	12 00		
Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City....	11 50		
St John Baptist Mission, Wewahitchka....	7 10		
Emanuel Mission, Welaka.....	5 75		
— Mission, Glen St Mary.....	5 00		
All Saints' Mission, South Jacksonville....	1 50		
Total.....	\$1,684 80	\$81 20	\$21 25

Special Offertory at Gainesville \$8 50.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON, Treasurer.

Reports of Parishes.

JACKSONVILLE—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The meetings of the St. John's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary have been held regularly each month with a very good attendance.

The officers remain the same as last year, but there has been a change of collectors in some of the districts.

The number of contributors varies with each month, with a falling off in some months and a gain in others. During some of the summer months the regular amount collected falls short on account of the absence from the city of a great number of the contributors, some of whom do not think it necessary to contribute during their absence or to make up the deficiency on their return. Mrs. Williams, the directress, has tried to obviate this difficulty by getting as many annual contributors as possible, and we now have twelve who contribute in this way.

The total of the regular contributions for the year is \$668.62, making an average of \$55.71 5-6 per month.

The amount collected this year is \$58.32 less than that of last. We do not think that this shortage is owing to the fact that we have fewer contributors, or that the interest in the work flags, but that there are fewer who contribute more than fifty cents, the usual amount being thirty cents.

Our Christmas work, consisting of boxes and money sent to several missions, amounted to \$22.95.

We have pledged \$100.00 toward the United Offering to be sent to the Triennial Meeting in October. We

now have on hand \$33.18 of that amount. We also have a contingent fund of fifty cents.

Let us enter with more faith into the prayer, each month, that "God will open the hearts of His people that they will more freely give of His gifts;" and, also, that "He will give us strength to more faithfully serve Him in His work." Trusting that we will be able to accomplish greater things in the years to come

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY B. BOURS,
Secretary.

GAINESVILLE—HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

It is with great pleasure that I report a healthy growth and steady increase in the Mission work.

Our meetings have been regular and better attended than they were. In this respect there is still much room for improvement; and I hope that our good Rector will be providentially guided in the selection of a directress who will enthuse us with true missionary zeal and an earnest devotion to the work and, by making the meetings of greater interest, induce a larger attendance.

I believe we all felt the beneficial effects of the Auxiliary Day set apart by our beloved Bishop as a day of special prayer and study of the Mission work. I feel sure, too, that the week of self-denial was fruitful of increased zeal and love for the Master's work. Let each of us make it our daily prayer that we may increase in strength more and more, until we come into His eternal Kingdom.

In addition to our regular work, we promised a box of Christmas gifts to the Sunday-school at Waldo. This

was creditably filled by the loving gifts of our own Sunday-school children.

My report for 1896 showed forty-four contributors; for 1897, fifty-five. We have the names of seventy-one contributors on our books for the coming year; and, if all of them prove faithful, our offering will be largely increased. We had only four withdrawals during the past year—one a little child, who transferred her work to the Junior Branch, and two removals.

Our contributors are much more prompt in the payment of their dues, and our books show few arrearages.

Number of contributors for the coming year	71
Collections for the year ending April 1, 1898 . .	\$206 90
Special collections from week of self-denial . .	11 90

Total	\$218 80
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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. HAMPTON,
Directress and Treasurer.

PENSACOLA—CHRIST CHURCH.

It is not without some regret that I have nothing to report which would indicate either activity or enlarged membership. The quiet even tenor of our way of work has gone on for the past year amid some discouragement and not much to rouse into flame the fires of our enthusiasm.

In looking over the work of our own "Branch" of the Woman's Auxiliary, both Diocesan and Parochial, we are not infrequently struck with the seeming contrast between the smallness of our own results, as a society,

and the largeness of those of other Dioceses and Parishes. A review, however, of the past ten years, would probably reveal as much actual work of a missionary sort within our own borders, as in any other region of the American Church. Ours is essentially a Missionary Diocese. Our people are poor; consequently our chief work must be in doing that which obviously is most pressing.

We cannot do much outside the Diocese. Our work is purely Diocesan. Our Bishop is our final head. One reason, among others, which suggests itself as accounting for the fact of smallness of our outside work, is that we have no endowments for the support of the Church, like many of the other Dioceses. Our calls for the necessary support of the Diocesan machinery are great. In many Dioceses the Episcopate is endowed, and there is little or no call for any contributions save for purely missionary and charitable purposes. In this Diocese, two parishes bear nearly eighty per cent of the whole expense of the Church. Yet it is something to be proud of; and the Woman's Auxiliary ought to be glad to know of what material assistance they have been to the Bishop all these years, in carrying on the Missionary work of the Church in Florida.

It was a source of satisfaction to find that the Bishop had put into practical shape a suggestion made by this Branch some years since, viz: By appointing a day of general intercession throughout the Diocese, by the several Branches. We feel that these days should be appointed oftener, bearing in mind the saying of an old Father of the Church, that "He labors best who prays most."

The day was kept as by the Bishop's appointment, though the attendance was not as large as we hope to have it in the future. Addresses were made by the Rector of Christ Church, and the Missionary in charge of St.

Katherine's Mission here. The Rector also administered the Holy Communion.

We joyfully welcome the members of the various Branches in the Diocese to our Parish, our city, and our homes.

The financial report is appended :

To Diocesan Treasurer for Woman's Auxiliary . .	\$165.25
" Christmas box to De Funiak, value.	14.50
Total	<u>\$179.75</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE W. BLOUNT, Secretary.

ST. AUGUSTINE—TRINITY CHURCH.

During the past year this Branch has been steadily carrying on the work. Meetings have been held each month, at which the service appointed by the Bishop was read. No change has been made in the offices. On Wednesday March 16th, at 12 o'clock, the Rector held the service for missions appointed by the Bishop for that day. There was a good attendance of women.

This Branch will send as large an offering as possible to the United Offering, but cannot pledge itself to more than fifty dollars. The monthly offerings for the past year amounted to \$121.70. At Christmas \$10.00 was sent to Live Oak for Sunday School festival.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA SMETHURST,

Secretary.

TALLAHASSEE—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

St. John's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has paid during the past year to the Diocesan Treasurer \$94.55. Has promised to the United Offering \$10.00, and sent a Christmas box to Brooksville valued at \$18.50.

On the 16th of March we united in the special service held for the Auxiliary. We were very glad of the suggestions from the Bishop as to readings at the meetings, and to help increase the membership. There are so many who see life only as a prison-house, we must open the doors and let in the sunshine.

Power comes from concentration, and if we pray with faith, not only will we be brought nearer to Christ ourselves, but in other ways realize one of the fundamental principles of the Church, which is that its members shall seek to infuse into the Church, where it is lacking, the Christ-spirit, and to help make it what it should be, the household of God.

The sentiment of this Branch is that we ought still to meet with the Diocesan Council.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN A. PEARCE,
Secretary.

PALATKA—ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

Our meetings have been held regularly at the Rectory on the first Monday in each month, the Litany service being read by our Rector. The attendance has not been as large as last year, but we hope this is not due to

decrease of interest, for illness has prevented in several cases, and some of our faithful workers have left town. Our Rector's daughter, who was our secretary and one of our most persevering and willing collectors, now resides in another city. We miss her efficient aid in this Branch.

Our officers are: Mrs. Avery, directress; Mrs. E. M. Haughton, who has served faithfully as treasurer for twenty years, and Mrs. Mary A. Moragne, secretary.

We regret that our financial report shows a smaller total than that of last year. We have given three dollars (\$3.00) to a struggling mission in our Diocese, and have our united offering of ten dollars (\$10.00) ready to give when called for. The amount of collections sent to Diocesan Treasurer for the year ending May 1st, 1898, is \$49.85. Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. MORAGNE, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE—CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The work in this Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary during the past year has been more encouraging. We have met regularly on the first Monday in each month, and earnestly endeavored to awaken more interest among our church people and increase our membership.

Our secretary, Mrs. C. W. Maxwell, has been quite ill for some weeks, but we are glad to know she is slowly improving.

We record with deep regret and sincere sympathy the death of one of our members, Mrs. Hester Christopher Lewis who died in January.

On the sixteenth of March, the day appointed by our Bishop as Woman's Auxiliary Day, service was held in

our church by our Rector. The questions given by our Bishop were read and discussed. Our Rector kindly offered to give us sermons on missionary work in order to show the Woman's Auxiliary work more plainly to our church people.

It was decided to have readings on missionary work at each of our meetings.

We agreed unanimously that we have a special week of self-denial, the time being left for our Bishop to appoint.

The collection, amounting to \$3.85, is to go to our United Offering.

Our monthly collections amount to \$52.65; our Christmas box to \$15.25.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. M. IVES, Directress.

FERNANDINA—ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Since April, 1879, regular meetings have been held with the exception of two months in the summer, when most of the members were away. Collections have been made regularly, but have been discouragingly small. At one of the Lenten services our good Bishop made a very earnest and stirring address on the subject of the Woman's Auxiliary, which resulted in the addition of fourteen new subscribers, and inspired with new zeal all who heard it.

Mite boxes were distributed early in the year for the United Offering. On the 16th of March the special service appointed by the Bishop was held in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

K. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE—ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The amount collected from this Branch during the past year is \$27.50. We hope to increase our membership, as well as offerings, during the coming year.

We shall endeavor to do our best to swell the United Offering for 1898.

We cordially wish you a pleasant and successful meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY J. KNIGHT, Directress.

APALACHICOLA—TRINITY CHURCH.

This Branch reports no change in officers. The work has varied very little from that of previous years. Some of our members have withdrawn, while others have been added, giving us a membership of sixteen.

Thirteen services have been held during the year, two of which were special, one being the day set apart by our Bishop, and the other when the Bishop addressed the women.

Monthly collections amounted to	\$43 80
Collected for United Offering	9 60
Money raised by Auxiliary and used for Parish purposes	9 60
Total	<u>\$63 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHEA HOPPE, Secretary.

CRESCENT CITY—HOLY COMFORTER MISSION.

Our society has held ten regular and two called meetings during the past year. We have only a few active members, but we have had good help from others, in special work.

Since Bishop Weed's visit, there has been a new interest shown by old and new members. He gave us a better understanding of the work and needs of the Auxiliary, and made us feel that the Master hath need of us, and uses just such feeble efforts as ours to accomplish great things.

The day of prayer for the Auxiliary was kept by the congregation, and, at its close, some new plans were made for the coming year.

A committee was appointed to solicit new members. It was decided to meet occasionally at our homes, and to resume our readings at each meeting.

It was thought wise to have a week of self-denial, devoting the proceeds to the Auxiliary.

We have made three efforts during the year to increase our funds—selling ice cream, July 4th, a moonlight excursion in November, and a supper and picture sale in February.

We have taken care of the Church, bought new Hymnals for the choir, and one new altar-cloth. We have paid for insuring the Church, and also the Bishop's assessment.

We have received from the Prayer Book Society, two dozen Prayer Books and Hymnals.

We have sent to the Diocesan Treasurer \$11.50 as offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. L. PRESTON,
Secretary.

WEWAHITCHKA—ST. JOHN BAPTIST'S MISSION.

The Wewahitchka Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized on Monday, March 4th, 1895, with an enrollment of eight members. The officers appointed by Rev. S. P. Waller, the rector in charge of our mission, were Mrs. J. D. Pirrong, Directress, and Miss M. H. Shippey, secretary and treasurer.

Since the organization in 1895, regular monthly meetings have been held, with one exception, absence from home and sickness of members being the cause.

Our first year's membership numbered ten. Since that time several members have moved away, but others have joined us, so that we still number ten. Our first contribution to the General Missionary Fund, \$3.35, was sent on Easter Monday, 1895. Our members were pledged to give one cent a day during Lent.

Our four contributions have amounted to \$23.75, and I think I can truly say, were the self-denials of earnest women, loyal to the Master's call—who realized that

"Little clusters help to fill the garners, too."

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) M. H. SHIPPEY.

Junior Auxiliary.

President - Mrs. Edwin Gardner Weed

JACKSONVILLE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

The third annual report of the St. John's Branch of the Junior Auxiliary.

The report of this branch of the Junior Auxiliary for the past year shows a decided increase of membership, fourteen new members having been enrolled.

Meetings have been held regularly at which there have been readings on the subject of missions. Our directress has also continued the teaching of the missionary catechism which she introduced last year.

A Christmas box, valued at \$13.00, was prepared by the children for a Sunday-school of twenty-eight, at Starke, Fla.

We are very much interested in raising the amount pledged to the United Offering, which we hope to complete by next fall.

The financial report is as follows:

Amount on hand at beginning of year	\$ 6 45
Dues received during the year	8 50
Amount for sewing	1 25

Total amount in bank	\$16 20
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Respectfully submitted,

MAI N. COLCOCK, Secretary.

GAINESVILLE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

The Holy Trinity branch of the Junior Auxiliary was organized in May, 1897, with ten members. Through the summer, the meetings were very irregular as the Directress was absent, but at the beginning of Lent, we reorganized and now have thirty-two members and quite a flourishing society.

We are working now for a fair to be held within the next few months, and hope at the next annual meeting to send a delegate and a more promising report as to the financial condition of the society.

The funds in the treasury are now entirely from the dues, and amount to something over five dollars.

We have been actively at work such a short time, that this can hardly be called a report, but it is sent at the request of Mrs. Weed. We hope next year to do better.

Respectfully submitted.

RUBY T. PILLIPS, Directress.

CRESCENT CITY JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Offerings for the year	\$ 8 00
Expenses of delegates to Gainesville	2 45
Sunday School Christmas tree	5 21
Work in Church yard	2 10
Sunday School supplies for primary class	2 35
Total	<u>\$20 11</u>

Respectfully submitted.

ALICE HUTCHINSON, Treasurer.

First Report of Florida Branch

OF

Church Periodical Club.

Mrs. Young, our honored President, in her address at the last Annual Meeting, held in Gainesville, said:

"I greatly regret to affirm that the outlook for the formation of a Periodical Club is not encouraging. It is greatly to be desired that it should be given a fair trial."

The "fair trial" has proven that anything our Auxiliary undertakes is sure to succeed. Our first year's work is decidedly encouraging, especially when we consider that some of the stronger Parishes are unaccountably slow in taking up the work. We have up to date, ten librarians, as follows, named in the order of appointment:

- 1 Mrs. A. D. Thomas, Marianna.
- 2 Miss Maud Graham, Gainesville.
- 3 Miss Sallie Coulter, Waldo.
- 4 Mrs. William Mitchell, Starke.
- 5 Miss Edna Avery, Pensacola.
- 6 Miss Gertrude Weed, St. John, Jacksonville.
- 7 Miss Anna Daniel, St. John, Jacksonville.
- 8 Mrs. A. R. Torrey, Crescent City.
- 9 Miss Margaret Randolph, Tallahassee.
- 10 Miss Emma Williams, Fernandina.

We send out regularly, to very grateful recipients, fifteen periodicals, as follows :

Gainesville leads with six, viz : McClure's Magazine, Sewanee Review, Cosmopolitan, St. Andrew's Cross, Literary Digest, Munsey's Magazine.

Fernandina comes next with four, Spirit of Missions, Churchman, Shepherd's Arms, Young Churchman.

Tallahassee sends out the Ladies' Home Journal, Review of Reviews, Cosmopolitan.

And Crescent City contributes Young Churchman, St. Nicholas and odd numbers of Harper's Weekly.

I hope to hear from the other librarians before the next Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY C. ARNOLD,
Corresponding Secretary Church Periodical Club.

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 dis-

tricts 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 members of the Parish, or Mission, and to 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 Directress, or the accredited representatives of the Directresses.

The President, or the Vice-President acting for her, and any of the 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 Treasurer 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.

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- 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 I. 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, Riverside
Avenue, Jacksonville.

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

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

Recording Secretary—Miss M. E. Daniel, corner
Monroe and Washington streets, Jacksonville.

