



STEADFASTLY.

Woman's Auxiliary

**Diocese of Florida
1899-1900.**

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

FOR MISSIONS

IN THE

DIOCESE OF FLORIDA.



JACKSONVILLE, FLA.:
EAST FLORIDA PRINTING COMPANY
1900.

Diocesan Officers.

1899-1900.

Honorary President:

MRS. HENRIETTA SWART.

President:

MRS. JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG.

Vice-President:

MRS. EDWIN GARDNER WEED.

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer:

MRS. J. H. BURTON.

Recording Secretary:

MISS M. E. DANIEL.

Parochial Officers.

APALACHICOLA—TRINITY CHURCH.

Directress, Miss Elizabeth Grady; Secretary, Mrs. Clark R. Kimball; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Grady.

CEDAR KEY—CHRIST CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. E. C. Holman; Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Dozier; Treasurer, Mrs. F. E. Hale.

FERNANDINA—ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Directress, Secretary, Miss Kate Williams;
Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. King.

GAINESVILLE—HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. E. K. Foster; Secretary, Mrs. Horatio Davis;
Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Hampton.

JACKSONVILLE—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Directress—Mrs. L. Drew Williams; Secretary, Miss E. B. Bours; Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Cooley.

JACKSONVILLE—GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. A. M. Ives; Secretary, Mrs. Clarence Maxwell; Treasurer, Mrs. D. T. Gerow.

JACKSONVILLE—ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. F. S. Knight; Secretary, Miss Anna Fetting;
Treasurer, Mrs. F. L. Babbitt.

MARIANNA—ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. J. T. Holden; Secretary, Mrs. Guyton;
Treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Baltzell.

MONTICELLO—CHRIST CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. Tucker; Secretary,
Treasurer, Mrs. B. D. Tucker.

MILTON—ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. L. P. Golson; Secretary, Miss Mabel McDougall; Treasurer, Miss Mabel McDougall.

PENSACOLA—CHRIST CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. Mary L. Maclay; Secretary, Mrs. Whaley; Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Lee.

PALATKA—ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. R. W. Davis; Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Peake; Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Haughton.

ST. AUGUSTINE—TRINITY CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. M. W. Smethurst; Secretary, Miss M. G. Smethurst; Treasurer, Miss Bernice Frazier.

TALLAHASSEE—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Directress, Mrs. D. S. Walker; Secretary, Mrs. John A. Pearce; Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Perkins.

CARRABELLE—ASCENSION MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. F. M. Ordway; Secretary, Miss Grace H. Kelly; Treasurer,

CRESCENT CITY—HOLY COMFORTER MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. G. H. Ward; Secretary, Mrs. Will Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Torrey.

FEDERAL POINT—ST. PAUL'S MISSION.

Honorary Directress, Mrs. R. Landsberger;
Directress, Mrs. E. G. Hubbard; Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Hart;
Treasurer, Miss Theodora H. Hart.

GLEN ST. MARY MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. G. L. Taber; Secretary,
Treasurer,

JACKSONVILLE—ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. A. E. Gray; Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Weller;
Treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Belisario.

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE—ALL SAINT'S MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. L. H. Lighthipe; Secretary, Mrs. H. Halliday; Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Lighthipe.

QUINCY—ST. PAUL'S MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. Cartnell; Secretary, Miss E. C. Mitchell; Treasurer, Mrs. David Wilson.

WELAKA—EMANUEL MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. O. L. Stephens; Secretary, Miss J. Claire Hunter; Treasurer,

WEWAHITCKA MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. John Pirrong; Secretary, Mrs. T. B. Whiteside; Treasurer, Miss Louise Pirrong.

LAKE CITY—ST. JAMES' MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. Curtis Grubb; Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs. Emily K. Turner.

HIGH SPRINGS MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. Dougherty; Secretary, Mrs. Kaufman; Treasurer, Miss Petris.

MELROSE—TRINITY MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. Burnham; Secretary, Miss Fletcher; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Sutton.

WALDO—ST. PAUL'S MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. H. Farrel; Secretary, Mrs. L. Lennard; Treasurer, Mrs. Doane.

PALMER MISSION.

Directress, Mrs. Perry; Secretary, Mrs. Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. Miller.

Address of the Bishop.

I always look forward to this meeting with pleasure, for it gives me happiness and encouragement to meet the earnest members of the Woman's Auxiliary. We have to come in contact with coldness, lukewarmness, unfaithfulness, to appreciate the help which the earnest, uncompromising disciple of Christ gives. The more I see of the workings of the Auxiliary, the more am I impressed with the very low estimate which the association places upon its efforts, and the failure of the individual members to appreciate the greatness and far-reaching effect of their labors. The Lord God is so great, and His labors for us so transcendent, that everything we do becomes dwarfed into insignificance by comparison. Yet, the greatness of effort in God's Kingdom is not measured by the results, as we see them, but by the self sacrifice which the effort requires. We do not think so much of the humility of the Son of God in becoming man; or of His labors, when weary and hungry He sought to bring to the minds of men the greatness of God's truth; but of His sacrifice on the Cross. It is the self sacrifice at which God looks. This is the criterion of the effort. We may be dealing with small things, and what we do may appear to the world trifling, but He who numbers the hairs of our heads, and watches over the sparrows, rewards the effort according to its sincerity. Nothing is unimportant which is done for God's service, done unselfishly, done to add glory to God, however little it may be. We must not look so much at the *deed*, as at *ourselves*. If God has given us a work to do, we must not think it does not amount to much. Naaman objected to washing in the Jordan, but he was cured of his leprosy by it. It seems a very small thing to give a few pennies each month, and to take a hot walk for five or ten minutes of prayer. Is it small? Yes, very small, when done unwillingly; but great, when done for God's Kingdom; great, when done because we desire to do what we can for the ad-

vancement of God's truth, that His will might be done on earth as it is in Heaven; great, when we willingly submit to the discomfort of the walk, and gladly contribute what we can, because we wish to serve God, in a small way, if we cannot in a large way.

I suppose we get tired of the struggle at times. The flesh is weak, and we are always looking for results, which never come—in the way which we think they ought to come. But then, if we did not struggle, we should be totally unlike the Master, whose life was one continuous struggle. We must be willing to fill up some of His sufferings. Not to struggle, not to labor, not to work, is to lead a selfish life, a life away from God. There are no cessations to His labors. He ceased to create, but He did not cease to sustain. If we cease to struggle, we must cease to pray "Thy Kingdom Come." To pray "Thy Kingdom Come," and not to work for its coming, is mockery. The struggle must last as long as life lasts. Even now in Heaven the glorified Redeemer works for us. He appeared to Saul in the way, and He spoke to John, when on the Isle of Patmos. We must not grow weary of the struggle, or look forward to the time when there will be no struggle, for it is in the struggle that we grow strong, that we learn more and more the value of Christ's life, and His struggles for us. Gethsemane can have a meaning to us only when we are seeking to save human souls *by our labors*. We can enter into the sorrows of the Lord only when we sorrow over the hardness of hearts, and know something of the pain which rebuffs and mistaken motives bring. The cross must be carried to obtain the crown.

Yes, you must keep the Cross ever before your eyes. This is every Christian's duty, but the need of keeping that dying and praying Holy One before your eyes comes with special force to all those who are engaged in the active work of God's Kingdom. There is great danger in carrying on what I will call the worldly side of religion, without constant intercourse with the Master, while doing that work. Our Master went out and taught, and healed the sick, and twice cleansed the temple. There was a worldly side to His life,

if I may so speak. There must be a dealing with worldly things, if we are to save souls, living in the world. There is a necessary machinery in doing any work, and this machinery must be cared for. Our Lord recognized this. He watched those who cast money into the treasury, and praised one who had given money which represented self sacrifice. He taught the people to obey those who sat in Moses' seat, and after He ordained the Apostles, He said, "He that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip." St. Paul taught us, "They which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." It is true Satan tempts us while on our knees, but he more easily besets us when we engage in what I have called the worldly side of religion, that part of it which is necessary to carry on the machinery of God's Kingdom. You have clothing and materials for mission boxes to provide, money to collect, the difficulties and trials of those about you to look after. In many ways you are engaged in maintaining the machinery of the Kingdom, in caring for the needs of many. This side of your work is liable to cause bickering and heart-aches, and perhaps coldness of spirit, unless you engage regularly in prayer, unless you make a special effort to take part in the prayers of the association, unless you pray constantly, "Thy Kingdom come."

I speak of this, because I feel sure you are beginning to realize it. I say I feel sure, I do feel sure, for things have happened which I can understand in but one way, viz: As manifestations of the Lord's direction and care. I may mention some of these things, that you may understand what I mean. In a most unexpected way, a check for three hundred dollars was sent me for missions in the Diocese; for the first time we have a full quota of clergy; we have stronger men, and men more adapted to the work than ever before; better work and better results have been accomplished; peace and good will seems to rule everywhere. Now I know that God does not bless those who do not pray, so I am sure you do pray, but I want to beg you to pray more, to let nothing interfere with the meetings for prayer; to make a special supplication each day for the advancement of God's Kingdom; to say "Thy

Kingdom come" with a full, realizing sense of the meaning of those words. The more you pray, the more will you be freed from the temptations of Satan in your work, and the more will you realize the importance of your effort; and the more will you be encouraged to struggle on.

Address of Diocesan President.

What means this invincible hope, this dauntless courage of the women of the Church, banded together from the "Everglades of Florida to the Glaciers of Alaska?" One word is written over all, Christlike; one watchword inspires all—"In His Name." The Woman's Auxiliary is an organization of the Church. It is created by proper authority to do a particular work. It has its various organized methods; it has its officers, hears reports, and it is in all respects like a thousand other organizations. It is but an outward and visible sign of the work done by Christ. Thus He goes on to complete His work. Take this view of your work, women of the Church. "It is the secret of the Saints in all ages."

It is manifestly important that we, during this conference, take counsel among ourselves as to the adoption of some method of enlarging our field of work and devising ways and means of increasing our receipts. Expect success. Look for it. Claim it. "Launch out into the deep of greater faith in God, ourselves and each other."

Each branch acting on its own responsibility, and yet connected by invisible links of discipline of the Auxiliary, carries with it a strength of purpose and greater desire to continue our labors in a field where "duty, responsibility and influence go hand-in-hand."

It should be the object of each branch regularly to advocate the necessity of this obligation, and the Auxiliary should

work in such a way that the missionary cause will be presented to each parish in a form best adapted to secure a permanent and profound effect.

The Church that apologizes for doing nothing for missions abroad because of its weakness and poverty, owes its feebleness to the lack of missionary effort. If we but knew it, it is because we have such burdens to be borne in home work that we need the stimulus and strength imparted by active missionary work for the distant and destitute.

As Bishop Brooks used to say, "Such excuses resemble the plea of a parricide who first kills his own father and then pleads the pity of the court in remitting the penalty in view of his orphanhood." The gathering of two thousand missionaries in New York, forming the Ecumenical Conference, demonstrates the missionary's value to the world.

President McKinley said in his address, "If we are not our brother's keeper, we can be our brother's helper. I am glad of the opportunity to offer, without stint, my tribute of respect to the missionary effort which has wrought such wonderful triumphs for civilization." He also adds, "They have braved disease and danger and death, and in this exile have suffered unspeakable hardships. They count this labor no sacrifice." "Away with the word in such a view and with such a thought," says David Livingstone. "It is emphatically no sacrifice—say rather it is a privilege."

Let our enthusiasm be rekindled, our efforts redoubled; the privilege is ours, women of the Auxiliary.

The possibilities are boundless, the probabilities are uncertain for the united offering, unless those present at this meeting pledge themselves to meet this obligation and make a determined effort to make the offering at the Triennial Convention worthy of the Florida branch. I feel assured we can if we try make the amount \$500.00. I would suggest that we bend our energies in this direction, concentrating pledges until this amount has been collected.

I need not impress upon you that this outside work must not be done to the detriment of the systematic offering; notwithstanding this strong plea for missions beyond our bor-

ders, our first duty is to our Bishop's work for Missions in the Diocese. I feel that both can be accomplished by earnest, serious work.

It is with hesitation that the Diocesan Committee asks your attention and advice in regard to the change of the day of the Annual Meeting.

To some of you it is a surprise that our meeting is on Friday, practically after the Council. The reason for this change is that the Council is unwilling that the Bishop should be absent from the Council on Thursday, it being an important day, requiring the presence of the Bishop.

It is for you to decide whether Friday is a suitable day or select some other, when the Bishop can give us his undivided time, which he earnestly desires that the Woman's Auxiliary should have for the service of the Annual Meeting.

That "Auxiliary Day" is being generally observed throughout the Diocese, is a step in the right direction, thereby marking the sixteenth of March as the day of organization of the Auxiliary.

I would suggest we urge the Bishop and clergy in the Diocese to have one service during Lent to be known as the Missionary Service, the offertory to be given to the Woman's Auxiliary to increase this receipt for missions.

The evening service will draw a larger number of persons, who may become interested in the missionary work. If the subject is well represented by a spirited address, much good may be done for the people and for missions.

The Babies' Branch held its annual meeting on Holy Innocents' Day at the rectory, Gainesville. Mrs. Clarence C. Lemman has shown superior qualifications for organizing and bringing into active work this branch of the Auxiliary work. It no longer totters, but is quite able to stand alone. The total amount collected was \$36.78. There are now organized the Gainesville Branch; the Green Cove Spring Branch, Mrs. Kate Delap, secretary, organized August 20, 1899 with five members; Archer, Micanopy and Albion Mission Stations Branches, Mrs. G. W. Gilmour, secretary.

The Junior Auxiliary is well organized and doing good,

substantial work, and always deserves honorable mention. The steadiness of purpose and unflinching interest evinced by the young girls, shows their training. They will be ready to fill our places as we fall out of rank.

The Periodical Club still needs your care and earnest co-operation to bring it to the standard of excellence necessary to success. It is no easy burden for our efficient Secretary to carry, unless she meets with greater encouragement. Give it your cordial indorsement for the ensuing year. I am sure the results will be gratifying to Mrs. Arnold, the pleasure great to those who receive the books and papers.

It is said the success of woman's work is not so much a question of mental capacity, as it is of concentration and the right kind of endurance; and yet in every sphere of life we need to beware of mental indolence. It is most secret and insidious, and at the same time the most effectual enemy to all progress. If we are, indeed, an industrious society, let us show it by increased mental activity, infusing fresh vigor and new vitality into every part of the Auxiliary.

"The fire-fly only shines on the wing."

So it is with the mind; when we once rest, we darken.

M. STOCKTON YOUNG,

President.

May 4th, 1900.

Report of Recording Secretary.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary assembled in St. John's Church, Tallahassee, Friday, May 4th, 1900.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 o'clock by the Rt. Rev. Edwin G. Weed, S. T. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Ven. W. H. Carter, Rector of the Parish. The Bishop delivered a very able and encouraging address.

After the service, the members organized for business with the President, Mrs. John Freeman Young, in the chair. In the absence of the Directress, Mrs. D. S. Walker, Mrs. John A. Pearce, Secretary of St. John's Branch, Tallahassee, extended a cordial welcome to the visiting delegates. Mrs. Wm. Crane Gray, Vice-President of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, was introduced to the members and invited to a seat beside the President and the Vice-President.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss M. E. Daniel, Mrs. John Pearce was elected secretary of the meeting, and Mrs. Clark R. Kimball was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Roll call showed the following branches to be represented:

Apalachicola, Trinity Church, Mrs. Clark R. Kimball, Miss Rebecca Hill.

Gainesville, Holy Trinity, Mrs. Phillips.

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

Milton, St. Mary's Church, Miss McDougall.

Pensacola, Christ Church, the Misses Hyer.

Tallahassee, St. John's Church, Mrs. L. A. Perkins, Mrs. C. C. Pearce, Mrs. John A. Pearce.

Wewahitchka, St. John's Baptist Mission, Mrs. John D. Pirrong.

After the roll call the President read her annual address. Reports from the following branches were read and approved:

Jacksonville, St. John's Church.
 Jacksonville, St. Andrew's Church.
 Jacksonville, Church of the Good Shepherd.
 Gainesville, Holy Trinity.
 St. Augustine, Trinity Church.
 Tallahassee, St. John's Church.
 Crescent City, Holy Comforter Mission.
 Jacksonville, St. Stephen's Mission.
 Waldo, St. Paul's Mission.
 High Springs Mission.
 Palmer Mission.

JUNIOR BRANCHES.

Jacksonville, St. John's Church.
 Jacksonville, Church of the Good Shepherd.
 Gainesville, Holy Trinity Church.
 Crescent City, Holy Comforter Mission.
 The report of the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Mary R. Burton, was read by the Secretary and approved.

Mrs. E. G. Weed, President of the Junior Auxiliary, submitted her annual report, which was approved.

Mrs. Phillips, of Gainesville, read the report of Mrs. C. C. Leman, Diocesan Secretary of the Babies' Branch. Approved.

A report by the Corresponding Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, Mrs. M. C. Arnold, was read and approved.

A leaflet from Miss Emery in regard to the United Offering, was read by the Secretary. In this connection, Mrs. Young spoke of the importance of the United Offering, and of the earnest wish of the Diocesan officers to make the amount \$500. The Diocesan officers pledged themselves for \$55, and pledges were asked from those present. The following amounts were pledged:

Diocesan Officers	\$ 55 00
Tallahassee Branch	36 00
The Misses Hyer, Pensacola, special	18 00
Mrs. Pirrong, Wewahitchka, special	3 65
Total	\$112 65

Other delegates, not prepared to make pledges, promised to refer the matter to their respective branches and report to the Diocesan Treasurer.

A committee on resolutions, consisting of Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. C. C. Pearce, and Mrs. L. A. Perkins, presented the following:

Whereas, Attention has been called to the earnest desire of the Diocesan officers to present as a United Offering in October, 1901, the sum of \$500; therefore be it

Resolved, That a continued effort to that end be made.

Resolved, That to further promote the interest in this work, each parish and mission be communicated with through the Diocesan Secretary, and urged to forward the work.

Mrs. Young wished the Auxiliary, during the coming year, to concentrate pledges on the United Offering.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Woman's Auxiliary concentrate its efforts for special offerings during the next two years, upon the United Offering, such efforts in no wise to interfere with the Systematic Offering.

Next came a discussion on the change of day for the Annual Meeting. The following resolution was offered and carried:

Whereas, The changing of the day for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to Friday, the last day of the Council, leaves too little time for the transaction of business;

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to change the day of the Annual Meeting, in order to give more time for the business of the Auxiliary.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned until 8 p. m. Friday.

At 8 p. m. the meeting was again called to order.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

There being no further business, on motion, the Annual Meeting was declared adjourned.

M. STOCKTON YOUNG,
President.

T. L. PEARCE, Acting Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

From May 1899 to May 1900.

BRANCHES. PARISHES.	Systematic Offerings.	Navajo Indian Hospital Thackara Memorial. Annual Meeting and Auxiliary Day Offerings for Foreign Missions.	United Offerings.	Specials for Alaska and Starke Building Fund.	Total.
Jacksonville, St. John's.....	\$ 625 78	\$ 25 00	\$ 5 10		\$ 655 88
Gainesville, Holy Trinity.....	207 55		3 55	10 00	230 45
Pensacola, Christ.....	151 70				151 70
St. Augustine, Trinity.....	95 01	35 00		12 15	142 16
Tallahassee, St. John's.....	96 35				96 35
Apalachicola, Trinity.....	83 70	5 00	2 75	5 55	97 00
Fernandina, St. Peter's.....	60 05	15 00			75 05
Monticello, Christ.....	57 15		2 45		59 60
Palatka, St. Mark's.....	54 12				54 12
Jacksonville, St. Andrew's.....	44 65	5 00			49 65
Jacksonville, Good Shepherd.....	29 60	19 40			40 00
Cedar Key, Christ.....	14 00				14 00
Milton, St. Mary's.....	11 52				11 52
Junior Auxiliary.....		20 00			20 00
MISSIONS.					
Pensacola, St. Katherine's.....	28 70				28 70
Jacksonville, St. Stephen's.....	22 00	10 00	4 16		36 16
Lake City, St. James'.....	17 20				17 20
Crescent City, Holy Comforter.....	16 57	5 00	2 20		23 77
Waldo, St. Paul's.....	11 25				11 25
Federal Point, St. Paul's.....	10 60				10 60
Melrose, Trinity.....	8 99				8 99
Quincy, St. Paul's.....	8 40	5 00			13 40
Glen St. Mary.....	5 50				5 50
Wewahitchka, St. John Baptist.....	5 43	5 00			10 43
Fort George, St. George.....	2 00				2 00
High Springs.....	2 00				2 00
Welaka, Emanuel.....	5 00				5 00
Palmer.....	1 00				1 00
Annual Meeting Offertory.....					7 30
From the Junior Auxiliaries.....					176 74
From the Babies' Branches.....					36 78
Totals.....	\$ 1675 82	\$ 140 40	\$ 20 21	\$ 21 50	\$ 2094 30

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. BURTON,
Treasurer.

Reports of Parishes.

APALACHICOLA—TRINITY CHURCH.

Trinity Apalachicola Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Florida, has held its meetings during the past year on the first Monday of each month, in the Church. The Litany service is always used for opening, and the prayers for missions for the closing of the service.

The membership and attendance has been small, consisting of the faithful few, such as are to be found in all parishes, but the interest has been stimulated and the work helped by the preparation of papers each month by members of the Auxiliary appointed by the Directress, the topics and texts being taken from those suggested in the leaflet supplied by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. One new member has been received and another begins membership with the month of May.

We have felt that the lack of interest in missionary work, particularly Foreign Missions, is caused to a great extent by insufficient knowledge of the great things being done and remaining to be done in that field. We have, therefore, tried to give more time to the study of Foreign Missions, and have been helped by the gift from our former Directress of a subscription to the "Spirit of Missions," for the benefit of this branch.

The house-to-house collection of a mite offering for the Bishop's work in the Diocese, suggested by him to the Auxiliary on his visit in January, 1899, at a time of much financial depression, has been kept up by the faithfulness of our Directress, she having made the collections more frequently than anyone else. Each communicant of the Church, not a member of the Auxiliary, is asked to give ten cents per month, and collectors are appointed at each meeting, with the result that

our systematic offering for the year ending May 1, 1900, is \$83.70, as against \$53.70 for the year ending May 1, 1899.

Auxiliary Day was observed in this parish with a celebration of the Holy Communion by the Rector, and the offering for foreign missions was \$2.75.

The financial report for the year ending May 1, is as follows:

Systematic Offering	\$ 83 70
United Offering	5 55
For Miss Thackara's work	5 00
Auxiliary Day, Foreign Missions	2 75
To Miss Emery for Foreign Missions	5 00
Total	\$102 00

MRS. CLARK R. KIMBALL,

Secretary.

GAINESVILLE—HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

It is with pleasure that we report a new departure in our work this past year. In addition to our systematic giving we have taken up the systematic study of Missions, endeavoring in an humble way to follow the precept, "First know, then pray, then give"—believing that intelligent giving is, like mercy, twice blessed.

Our plan is for different members, previously appointed, to prepare papers. Our Rector has given us his hearty support, kindly conducting the meetings. Our first subject was, "History of the Church in America," followed by "Colonial Church in Virginia," and "A History of the Gainesville Parish," taken from the Parish Register, supplemented by many interesting personal reminiscences.

We had an exhaustive study of the Alaska Mission, including its history, present condition and woman's work. This covered several meetings and resulted in an "Alaska Tea," the proceeds of which were given to that mission. Papers were read at subsequent meetings on: "Southern Flor-

ida," The Work of Rev. O. P. Thackara, Arizona, Navajo Indians, Idaho, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Montana Missionary Jurisdictions. For Montana, slips containing questions on the subject, to be answered at the following meeting, were distributed.

Auxiliary Day was observed by a service with Corporate Celebration. The Rector read a paper on the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel." Other subjects considered were: "Board of Missions," "History and Aim of Woman's Auxiliary," "Junior Auxiliary and Babies' Branch."

In regard to the number of contributors, though our parish has lost heavily by removals and deaths, the Auxiliary still numbers 61 faithful contributors, as against 66 by last report. This excellent showing is due largely to the persistent efforts of our efficient Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Hampton, who makes vigorous efforts to fill every gap made by departing members and who, as regularly as the month rolls around, sends forth her little ones with a bag and book, not forgetting small change and pencil, so that no one has any excuse to delay payment of dues. Her statement is appended below.

We sent to Dr. Carter one barrel of clothing for the Carabelle storm sufferers.

With this report I yield my office as Directress to one to whom we are indebted for much valuable assistance in the past, Mrs. E. K. Foster, ex-President of the Southern Florida Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. ARNOLD,

Directress Gainesville Branch of Auxiliary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Collections for Foreign Mission on Auxiliary Day..\$	3 55
Alaska Mission	9 35
United Offering	10 00
Systematic Offering	207 55
Total	\$230 45

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. HAMPTON,

Treasurer.

JACKSONVILLE—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Looking back upon the work of our branch during the past year, we feel grieved and disappointed to find that from a financial standpoint of view it falls behind that of the previous year.

It is hard to determine just where the fault lies, except through the failure of some to pay what they promised, and by death, and also by the reduction of the incomes of some of the most liberal contributors. The monthly contributions have fallen off considerably. The new contributors we gain each month, do not make up the deficiency, because they rarely give as liberally as those who have contributed for so many years.

The interest and efforts of our Directress, Mrs. Williams, are unfailing; and when the different collectors are prevented from doing their duty, she takes the work upon herself instead of getting a substitute.

We realize there must be some of the communicants that we do not reach; so let it be the duty of each of us continually to make efforts in that direction, so that all may have the opportunity to give.

The systematic offerings for the past year averaged \$52.14 5-6 per month, making a total of \$625.78. There is a deficit of \$71.82 over the regular contributions of the previous year. In August we gave \$25.00 toward the Thackara Memorial Fund. In December, as our Christmas work, we gave \$5.00 to St. Stephen's Mission, La Villa; \$5.00 to All Saint's Mission, South Jacksonville; \$5.00 to St. Mary's Mission, Springfield; and candy to the amount of \$2.10 to the Junior Auxiliary for their box sent to Starke.

We have received so much encouragement and commendation from the Bishop for all work we have done, that it deepens our regret to know that we have not accomplished more. But we will enter upon the new year with more determined efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY B. BOURS,

Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE—CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

We regret that our report shows a slight falling off in our monthly collections this year; it is surely not from any decrease of interest, but is probably due to the many demands that have been made upon our people for assistance in various charities. Our membership still shows no increase, although efforts have been made in that direction. We feel confident, however, that the bright and encouraging report which will be sent in from our Junior Branch, will fully make up what may seem lacking in ours—showing that the flame of interest kindled in their hearts one year ago, is burning brightly. Our financial report is as follows:

Monthly collections	\$ 29 60
For Miss Thackara's Hospital	10 40
Christmas box to Cedar Key	15 00
Total	\$ 55 00

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. C. W. MAXWELL,
 Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE—ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The work of the Woman's Auxiliary in this parish has been carried on as usual. This branch regrets its inability to be represented at the Annual Meeting, and sends cordial greeting to the sister branches in council assembled.

Systematic Offering	\$ 48 35
Special Offering for Miss Thackara's work among the Indians	5 00
	\$ 53 35

Respectfully submitted,
 MARY J. KNIGHT,
 Treasurer.

ST. AUGUSTINE—TRINITY CHURCH.

The St. Augustine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary reports for the present year a smaller membership, owing to the removal of some of its most efficient workers, which accounts for the decrease of \$12.49 in monthly dues since the previous year, though the total amount is larger, including the Eliza Thackara pledge and a contribution to the building fund for Starke, Fla., also a small donation in response to the request for help from the Woman's Auxiliary of South Omaha, Neb.

Auxiliary Day was duly observed in the church. The attendance was larger and the alms more generous than the year before.

The officers are the same as those of the previous year.

Monthly contributions for the year ending April 1,

1900	\$ 95 01
Eliza Thackara Pledge	35 00
Stark Building Fund	12 15
Woman's Auxiliary, Omaha	2 00
Total	\$144 16

Respectfully submitted,

MARY GIBBS SMETHURST.

PENSACOLA—CHRIST CHURCH.

Our Directress having been absent a greater part of the year, Mrs. Whaley, the wife of our Rector, has been filling the position. Regularly on the appointed day a few of the members have met throughout the year. The decrease in money collected is owing to other charitable societies which are doing a noble work in our midst, so we feel that our branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has done what it could. We hope the present year will be fraught with more and more zeal for the Master's work.

Systematic Offering, from May 1, 1899, including

April, 1900	\$151 70
Missionary box sent to Cedar Key	45 00
Total	<u>\$196 70</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. LEE,
Acting Secretary.

TALLAHASSEE—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The past year has been very uneventful. We have held our regular monthly meetings, which have been usually well attended, and always opened with the special service.

We took great interest in a Christmas box, which was sent to Lake City for the Sunday School.

On Auxiliary Day our Rector had a service for the Woman's Auxiliary, when this branch felt that their prayers went up to our Heavenly Father in unison with those of the other branches in the Diocese, for blessings on our work.

We wish very much our offerings during the year had been larger. Each year we shall strive to do better.

The collections during the year were:

Monthly Offerings	\$ 96 35
Christmas box	10 00
Total	<u>\$106 35</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN A. PEARCE,
Secretary.

CRESCENT CITY—HOLY COMFORTER MISSION.

This branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has held eleven meetings during the year. A systematic study of missions and church work was begun. The work in Florida, Georgia and New York has engaged our attention, with one paper

on China. In our parish work we have paid the insurance on the church building and contributed toward the rector's salary. Our officers for the coming year are: Directress, Mrs. G. H. Ward; Secretary, Mrs. F. B. Hurlburt; Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Torrey. I append herewith the Treasurer's report:

Offerings sent to Diocesan Treasurer	\$ 16 55
Pledge for Navajo Indians	5 00
Offertory Auxiliary Day	2 20
Church insurance	10 00
Given toward Rector's salary	27 00
Total	\$ 60 75

Respectfully submitted,

ADDIE R. TORREY,
Treasurer.

JACKSONVILLE—ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION.

The work of our little mission has continued in its usual quiet way for the past year.

We have lost some of our best contributors by removal, and now have only twelve who contribute, and only one or two who give the cent a day. But still, we have a faithful few who will never let the Master's work flag, and who are always ready to do and give. Our mission is located in the Western suburb and is very sparsely settled by church people, and those who come here only remain a month or two and then go to other parts of the city or State; therefore we cannot inspire them with much zeal or enthusiasm in our work. We have our regular meetings on the first Monday of each month, which are always opened with our beautiful Litany service.

On Auxiliary Day, March 16, we had a very hearty service in the church at our Lenten Evening Prayer, which was conducted by Rev. R. H. Weller. Our Litany was used, several bright mission hymns sung, and a very interesting address was given on our new mission fields in Cuba, Porto Rico and

the Philippines, followed by the collects for church unity and general missions. The offertory was small, but we were glad to add our mite to the offerings for Foreign Missions. We have a small amount for the United Offering, and expect it to assume larger proportions before the close of the three years.

A little has been done for the Church Periodical Club. There have been sent about twenty-six odd numbers, and one regular number.

Systematic Offering	\$22 00
For Miss Thackara's work among the Navajo Indians	10 00
For the Woman's Home, at Hankow, China	2 66
Auxiliary Day	1 50
Total	\$36 10

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. WELLER,

Secretary.

WALDO—ST. PAUL'S MISSION.

I fear there will be no delegates from our missions to the Annual Meeting. The work is slowly progressing. Waldo is the most satisfactory branch; the Directress takes great interest in the work and the Babies' Branch is well established. Melrose has but few resident members. The northern visitors attend to their home societies, but the subscriptions the past year have increased. High Springs is a very feeble branch. In different places where there are no established missions, three children have the Babies' Boxes. Our Archer Babies' Branch has been the means of introducing the same work in Memphis, Tenn., and three branches are being organized in Northern towns, from the suggestions of the Melrose Branch. Thus do we try to "sow by all waters," and pray for the promised increase of Heavenly light and wisdom to speed the coming of the Father's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

SELINA L. GILMOUR.

WEWAHITCHKA—ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST MISSION.

We send the following report of our small branch. In April 1899, our branch consisted of seven members. Now we have only five, two having moved away. In the last year we have had ten meetings, two having been omitted on account of sickness. Our meetings are still held in private houses, but we hope soon to be in our little church, which is now being erected.

Our offerings are small, but our hearts are in what little we give.

Systematic Offering	\$ 5 43
Sent to Miss Emery for the Indian work	5 00
Total	<u>\$10 43</u>

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISA PIRRONG,
Secretary.

Junior Auxiliary.

President—MRS. EDWIN GARDNER WEED.
Secretary and Treasurer—MRS. J. K. MUNNERLYN.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Juniors is most encouraging. No mortal power can tell the influence for good on these young lives, who meet regularly to pray "Thy Kingdom Come," and work and give to the Lord.

We all recall the lad whose few small fishes the Master used to feed the thousands. So it is the cherished wish of our Bishop's heart to use the money raised by the Juniors for the education of young men for the ministry, and so to feed the hungry souls in life's desert ways.

The good news comes to us that Tallahassee and St. Augustine have each organized a branch.

The financial report is as follows:

Sent to the Navajo Indian Hospital—

From St. John's Branch, Jacksonville.....	\$ 7 00
From Good Shepherd Branch, Jacksonville	5 00
From Holy Trinity Branch, Gainesville	5 00
From Holy Comforter Branch, Crescent City.....	3 00
For a Christmas box, St. John's, Jacksonville.....	17 00
For Organ Fund, Holy Comforter, Crescent City..	49 03

Amounts received—

From St. John's, Jacksonville	\$41 21
From Good Shepherd, Jacksonville	32 25
From Holy Trinity, Gainesville	47 55
From Holy Comforter, Crescent City	5 00
Balance on hand from last year.....	50 73
Total	\$176 74

Praying God's blessing on our efforts for the ensuing year,

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH J. MUNNERLYN,

Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF

Diocesan Secretary for the Babies' Branch of the Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary.

On Holy Innocents' Day, 1898, there was organized a Babies' Branch of the Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary, or "Society of Little Helpers," in Holy Trinity, Gainesville. At that time twenty little ones were brought by their mothers to the church, and after a baptism, which was an object lesson, the branch was organized and furnished with boxes, leaflets and membership cards. This branch now numbers thirty-three. As this work was a memorial to a little one but recently called to Paradise, it was earnestly desired by the mother and secretary to extend it over the Diocese. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Weed, Diocesan Secretary of Junior Department, and by appointment of the Bishop, I assumed the Diocesan Secretaryship. In the following summer three branches were established; one at Green Cove Springs, with a membership of five; one at Waldo, with five members; and another in the mission stations of Archer, Arrendondo and Albion, with three members. In October a branch was organized in St. John's, Jacksonville, with twenty members. It is both gratifying and encouraging that, in each of these instances, the secretaries volunteered for the work. In January, 1900, circular letters, with leaflets enclosed, were sent to the clergy, requesting suitable names for secretaries. Four encouraging answers were received; as a result, two branches are in progress of formation—one at Apalachicola and the other at Monticello. In another year I trust many branches may be added. It is a sore disappointment that I cannot personally plead for your aid in establishing this beautiful and helpful Babies' Branch in every parish in the Diocese. However, I beg that you will give this work your prayers and loving thought, and, carrying it home in your hearts, interest someone to undertake the duties of a parish secretary. I append financial report.

Faithfully,

LIZZIE LEE LEMAN,
Diocesan Secretary Babies' Branch.

REPORT OF

Babies' Branch of the Junior Department Woman's Auxiliary,
Diocese of Florida.

RECEIPTS.

To loan	\$ 7 66—\$ 7 66	
Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville—		
To boxes	\$13-00	
To gifts	1 52	
Memorial gift for initial fees	1 50—\$16 02	
St. John's, Jacksonville—		
To boxes	\$ 6 25	
To initial fees	1 00—\$ 7 25	
Green Cove Springs—		
To boxes	61	
To initial fees	25—	86
Waldo—		
To boxes	\$ 3 02—\$ 3 02	
Arredondo, Archer and Albion Mis-		
sions—		
To boxes	\$ 1 97—\$ 1 97	
		\$36 78

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	\$ 9 30	
Payment on Loan	1 00	
Incidentals	2 18	
Foreign Missions	8 10	
Domestic Missions	8 10	
Diocesan Missions	8 10—\$36 78	

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE LEE LEMAN,

Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer Babies' Branch.

THIRD REPORT OF FLORIDA BRANCH
OF THE
CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

We have not advanced much this year, but even the most sanguine could not hope for a repetition of last year's record, which more than doubled the contributions of the previous year.

I have thought it wise to drop the names of librarians of parishes or missions that have contributed nothing since appointment. This leaves us seven librarians, in the following parishes:

St. John's and St. Stephen's, Jacksonville.

Holy Trinity, Gainesville.

St. Peter's, Fernandina.

Holy Comforter Mission, Crescent City.

St. Mark's, Palatka.

St. John's, Tallahassee.

We have a record of thirty-one periodicals and about one hundred odd numbers sent out this year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. ARNOLD,
Correspondent.

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 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 of the three 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.

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. Report of Church Periodical Club.
8. 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 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, Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville.

President—Mrs. John Freeman Young, Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville.

Vice-President—Mrs. Edwin Gardner 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.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

President—Mrs. E. G. Weed, Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. J. K. Munnerlyn, Riverside, Jacksonville.

BABIES' BRANCH.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. C. C. Leman, Gainesville, Florida.

