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Address of the Bishop.

It is always a pleasure to meet the members of the Woman's Auxiliary. It is more than a pleasure. The word *pleasure* speaks of a passing feeling. We never expect pleasures to last. They come and go. They brighten our spirits and give us rest and happiness for the time being. We are better for them, it is true. We are carried a step further on the upward journey; have more strength and more brightness in consequence of them.

When I meet with the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, I receive a strength, which goes with me, and *abides* with me for I find so much earnestness, and so many evidences of labour, that I am inspired to renewed energy and to greater exertion, and the happiness and joy is more abiding, than a mere passing pleasure. I say happiness and joy, for happiness and joy come from doing the Master's work, and thereby drawing closer to Him. St. John had a vision of the Master, because he was ever seeking to teach the Gospel, and to fill up some of the labour, which the Master had left behind. How great labour, and how much fearless energy, does his declaration, "There is no fear in Love," bespeak. We need not read the history of St. John's life. Any one, who could declare there is no fear in love, must have pressed the Gospel into every place, and planted the cross among people of every imaginable character and condition. His work drew him near his divine Lord, and at last, his Lord gave him a vision of Himself. We may not have this vision of the Master, but when we labour for Him, we feel the touch of His hand, and are invigorated by that strange

attraction to himself, which all men feel, when they approach Him. So that your encouragement to me to work harder, and to speak more fearlessly is a blessing of untold eventualities. Of course, when I speak of renewed energy, and greater labour, I declare that there is a dissatisfaction with the present condition of things in the Kingdom of GOD. Yes, in that part of it, which is specially entrusted to my care. I am not satisfied with the work which has been done, which I have done, and which others have done. It seems to me more should have been accomplished, and more souls brought within the fold of Jesus Christ. While I know you pray, and while I know how hard some struggle to reach the house of prayer on the first Monday in the month, while I know the Lord looks upon this struggle, yet, do you pray as you can and should? Have you realized the power of prayer? Do you understand as you pray, so will the Lord bless the work? Have you tried earnestly to meet for the purpose of praying? This is the point, to meet for the purpose of praying. The intention should be right. There ought to be no drag about the meetings. They ought to be well attended, because each member should go to the meeting for the purpose of praying to GOD. This is the purpose of the meeting. The monthly meetings are not designed for the collection of funds. The design is to bring all the members of the Woman's Auxiliary together all over the state on the same day, for the purpose of praying for GOD'S blessing upon the work. If you are in earnest about the work, you will be in earnest about offering to GOD the praise due His holy Name, you will be in earnest in your desire to approach the Mercy Seat, that drawing near, you may bring down GOD'S blessing. Have we prayed as earnestly as we should have done? Ought we to be satisfied with the way in which we have asked for GOD'S blessing upon our labours? How much have we given up for GOD'S sake, during the past year? Have we sought to give Him as much as possible, or have we brought down our contributions

to the minimum? Satisfied! Who can be satisfied? Who wants to be satisfied? If we pray in sincerity, "Thy Kingdom come," we cannot be satisfied, till the kingdom has come. Dissatisfaction indicates earnestness. There is no hope of ever having what we want in the work of the Master, for His ideal is too high for us ever to reach, ever to have a full realization of it. When we consider the Master going over Palestine, footsore and weary; when we think how He left His home in Heaven for our sakes; when we consider Him, as he hung on the cross; suffering death for the truth; that all men might be drawn to Him; how poor, and feeble, and weak our work appears. Let us never forget the energy of the Master, how He rose early in the morning, and met the Ruler at night. He had no hours for His work. His tirelessness was marvelous. Let us never forget how He prayed. He spent whole nights in prayer, and rose up a great while before day, that He might pray in private. He struggled to find time to pray. Do we struggle to give more time to prayer? Let us never forget how He considered individuals. The Ruler came to Him at night. Andrew, Peter, Nathaniel tarried with Him. He met the fishers on the Lake. He sought Matthew at the receipt of Custom. He gave up His work in Peraea to comfort Mary and Martha. We sometimes think individuals ought to come to us. Remember, the Master sought the individual, and was open at all times to the approach of the individual. If we expect to influence the individual, we must follow the Master's example. Have we done what we could? Ought we to be satisfied with the work of the past year? I do not say this, by way of discouragement, but for the purpose of increasing the desire to push on, and by way of encouragement. We cannot attain to the ideal of the Master, but we can struggle. We ought not to feel satisfied. To be satisfied means to stop work. We ought not to be discouraged, as long as we are striving to do something. What we must beware of, is satisfaction and contentment. When we are satisfied, we will

boast of our labours. Boastfulness always means a cessation of labour. No, you have done a great deal. You have given me great comfort. I am sure your prayers have brought many blessings upon the Diocese. The Woman's Auxiliary is certainly the main support of Missions. Without the Woman's Auxiliary much of the Mission work would cease. My heart goes out in gratitude to you. What I have said has come to me in thinking of my own work, and I feel sure, you will understand me, and will labour more earnestly another year with me.

Address of the Diocesan President.

It is manifestly important for the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to study the history of Mission work.

To ignore the history of Missions leaves a defect in the best education; to include this study forms many a connecting link in the history of the world. It will be seen that from first to last, through all the centuries, "one increasing purpose runs—the desire to make Jesus Christ known to the world."

In quoting these words I feel that they carry with them an inspiration to higher thoughts and better work for the future. I feel sure that if we gave more time to the study of Missions, thereby gaining a thorough knowledge of the plans and methods of work in the Mission fields, we would be able to diffuse this knowledge and greatly add to the influence of the Auxiliary. It would inspire them to greater effort to ask God's blessing on our work for Missions first, then to study the Missions. Surely the collection of money would be easier, if, by unfolding the truth to those who know nothing of the great work of Missions—if we could convey to them, through this knowledge, that our work for Missions "is a holy work and demands our time and care and attention."

In order to understand where the weakness of a building lies, or how it is likely to fall down, it is first necessary to know how it is constructed; and in order to comprehend the study of Missions some idea must be formed of the government of the country. Without some knowledge of the framework of the Constitution, it is difficult to understand or to appreciate the operations of the missions of the Church, whether the work is done by a slow process of leaven-

ing from within, or aggressive work without. You will recall the words of our Bishop, who says: "God has given you the power to advance His kingdom, and it really remains with you to fit and prepare yourselves for the exercise of this power intelligently. I wish I could say something to make you appreciate the crying necessity of learning more about the work of God's Church in the Mission field."

Into your hands, women of the Auxiliary, this work is given. It is a heavy responsibility laid upon you and one that cannot be put aside. 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. I would suggest that study classes be formed in each Parish and Mission. The literature can be easily obtained at a trifling cost. After this is effected the Florida branch may be said to be thoroughly organized and equipped for earnest, conscientious work for Missions. It is said the Church in the land would die out but for the work and co-operation of women, as two-thirds of the members are women. This is a startling fact, but statistics show that the assertion is well founded. Think of the tremendous responsibility vested in the women of the Church! That the responsibility is appreciated is clearly emphasized by the enthusiasm nerved by faith that characterizes the work being done by women to carry into heathen lands the healing influence of Christian teaching, rendering the lives of suffering women and children more tolerable. It has leaped seas and established its benign influence in far off Alaska, China, Japan, and even the Dark Continent feels the influence that runs through from end to end of this organized band of faithful women workers.

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 that we should continue our labors in a field "where duty, responsibility and influence go hand in hand."

May I not ask you to turn back with me down through the dim past, when the first effort was made to establish a missionary post in Florida, nearly three centuries before the Church took organized form. During the dark period of the Church's history, when the Church of England, the Church in the German States, with Luther and Melancthon defenders of her faith, and the Church in France were involved in religious wars, battling for reformation, Jean Ribault, a gallant Huguenot soldier, taking advantage of what is known as the Edict of 1562, which granted tolerance to the Huguenots, sailed with a colony of Protestants from France. On the 1st of May, 1562, the little fleet reached the entrance of what is now known as the River St. John, named by them the River May. It was not, however, until 1565 that the brave Ribault arrived with a third expedition. With him came the Rev. ——— Robert, the first Protestant clergyman. The historian would seem justified in asserting that this was "the first effort to plant the future church in Florida soil."

It must be borne in mind that the Huguenots were in the closest religious sympathy with the English church in her struggle to restore the faith committed to her charge.

While Florida has the honor of being the first soil pressed by the feet of the persecuted sons of the Church other states were more successfully colonized by the Huguenots. In Virginia it is recorded that fifteen Huguenot rectors were in charge of English parishes during the colonial period. These historical facts will establish the connection of the Huguenots with the Episcopal Church in America.

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

the Bishop of London May 5th, 1764, for St. Augustine, Florida.

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

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

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

In 1783, Florida was again ceded to Spain, and it was not until 1821 that Florida passed under the control of the United States, and became one of the Territories. Almost as soon as the flag of the United States floated from the ancient battlements of the old Fortress San Marco, the Church in America, not unmindful of her duty, sent from the Diocese of South Carolina, the first missionary, the Rev. Andrew Fowler, who, on the 20th of October, 1821, took charge of the few faithful members of the Church in St. Augustine, and started the work which has continued ever since. After the long lapse of years we find the seeds sown by the early missionaries springing into life as help came from Charleston, where the Huguenot element largely prevailed. This outline of history is bare of details and connected only so far as it bears on the first planting of the Church in St. Augustine. It is gratifying to observe in the report of Missionary Stations submitted at the first annual meeting of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the committee called attention to St. Augustine in East Florida "as a place where the Society may be eminently useful in planting the Church and extending the knowledge of true religion."

While emphasizing this line of action for the future work of the Auxiliary, I would ask a generous thoughtfulness for other churches not so well equipped as our own. This would be another link in the chain which unites the Church on earth. The Triennial Convention of the Church meets in October in Boston. Have we done our duty—our full duty—to the appeal for the United Offering?

Let us not forget that we carry with us an un-failing obligation to contribute to the United Offering which is made up (as Miss Emery writes) of gifts of all women, from the oldest to the youngest, from the richest to the poorest, from those in our most crowded cities to those lonely ones on the river highway of Alaska, or among the mountains of Japan.

The United Offering is the grand searchlight of Missions, sweeping its long rays of white light in every nook and corner, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the glaciers of Alaska to the Everglades of Florida. The United Offering was made in Grace Church, San Francisco, on Thursday, October 3d, 1901. The amount was \$106,560.34. With regard to the United Offering of 1904, the officers of the Auxiliary Meeting in San Francisco on Monday, October 7th, 1901, unanimously resolved:

"That the United Offering of 1904 be given to the Board of Missions for woman's work in the domestic and foreign fields, including the training, sending and (when sick or disabled) the support of women workers. This is interpreted to include Brazil, Hayti, Cuba and Mexico."

Our duty is clear and strong: the above resolution should appeal strongly to women. It is the earnest desire of your Diocesan Officers that the offering of the Florida Branch be \$500.00. Closely connected with work of the Auxiliary was our honorary President, Mrs. Henrietta Swart, who has gone to her long rest full of years and good works. As a testimonial of our high regard, let us make this Triennial Offering as a memorial to this Mother in Israel. If

I seem to urge too strongly, in my zeal to have the work of the Auxiliary to go upward and onward, I must ask you to recall the admonition of the spirit of Missions which says: "To be a Diocesan Officer means to use the persuasive influence among the women throughout the Diocese, and a co-operation with every other officer of the Diocesan Branch in extending that influence." May I not ask your assistance in diffusing this influence, until every woman in the Church is bearing her part in extending the Mission work in the Diocese and beyond its borders. With the Junior Auxiliary comes a strong helping hand. Then the Babies' Branch is holding out its little hands pleading for success in widening the influence of the Florida Branch of the Auxiliary.

Report of Recording Secretary.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at Christ Church, Pensacola, May 4, 1904.

At 9 o'clock a. m. Holy Communion was administered, Bishop Weed being the celebrant, assisted by Bishop Gray of Southern Florida.

Bishop Weed made a strong appeal (in his address to the Auxiliary) for greater effort, greater sacrifice. We were strengthened with his expression of gratitude for what we had done in the past.

Immediately after the service, the Auxiliary adjourned to the residence of the Directress of Christ Church Branch for organization.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss Carrie Roberts was appointed by the President Secretary of the meeting.

At roll call only five delegates responded :

Jacksonville, St. Johns' Church, Mrs. M. H. Haughton.

Jacksonville, St. Stephens' Mission, Mrs. Moore.

Live Oak, St. Lukes' Mission, Mrs. Curtis Grubb.

Pensacola, Christ Church, Miss Mary Maclay.

Pensacola, St. Katherine's Mission, Mrs. L. S. Bunn.

Mrs. John Freeman Young, in the chair, read a splendid address, going into the work of years gone by, suggesting new plans of work for the years to come. She dwelt long and earnestly on the upbuilding of the Triennial Offering, urging that the branches make greater sacrifices, greater effort to swell that fund which means so much for Missions. Mrs. Young urged that the Florida Branch raise five hundred dollars (\$500.00) making that amount a memorial to our late Honorary President, Mrs. Henrietta Swart.

Several reports were heard, and the motion made to adjourn to Christ Church to the opening of the Council, to meet again at 3:30 p. m.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Bishop Gray of Southern Florida.

He gave the Auxiliary a most helpful talk, dwelling on the spiritual side of our work and of giving to the Lord our best, ourselves; urging greater gifts in the financial part, telling how great is the need of money to carry the message of Jesus Christ.

Reports were read from the following Branches:

Fernandina, St. Peters' Church.

Gainesville, Holy Trinity Church.

Jacksonville, St. Johns' Church.

Jacksonville, Church of the Good Shepherd.

Jacksonville, St. Stephens' Mission.

Crescent City, Holy Comforter Mission.

The Annual Report of the Junior Branch, which showed great interest, both in the spiritual and financial part of the work, was read and approved.

There was one delegate from the Babies' Branch, Miss Claire White, Christ Church, Pensacola.

The Annual Report of the Babies' Branch was read and approved.

The Diocesan Treasurer read her Annual Report. Approved.

Pensacola pledged fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Triennial Offering.

The meeting, on motion, adjourned to accept an invitation to go on the Bay.

The Auxiliary was again called to order on Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m. in St. Katherine's Chapel. The President opened the meeting with prayer. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Curtis Grubb, of Live Oak, on mission work in Africa, she having seen active service there for three years.

The following resolutions were offered:

Miss Carrie Roberts—Resolved, That the Auxiliary unite with the Branch of Christ Church, Pensacola, in giving a vote of thanks to our President, Mrs. John Freeman Young, for her helpful talks. We feel that her coming into our midst with her message has inspired new life into the old members and given desire to new members to build up the Christ Church Branch, and made us feel the need of greater effort for prayer, for service. Carried.

Miss Bettie Smith—Resolved, That the Auxiliary, with St. Katherine's Mission, appreciates Mrs. Young's words, they having stimulated the Mission to reorganize a branch of the Auxiliary. Carried.

Mrs. Curtis Grubb—Resolved, That the delegates of this annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, extend sincere thanks to the ladies of Christ Church Parish for their charming hospitality. Carried.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Annual Meeting was declared adjourned. *sine die*.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE M. ROBERTS,
Secretary of the Meeting.

M. STOCKTON YOUNG,
President.

Financial Report of the Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, 1903-1904.

PARISH BRANCHES.	Diocesan Missions	Thackara Fund	Foreign Missions	United Offering	Burton Memorial	Total	Mission Boxes
Apalachicola, Trinity	\$ 88 95	\$	\$ 3 10	\$ 6 50	\$	\$ 98 55	\$
Cedar Key, Christ Church	4 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 15	.....
Fernandina, St. Peter's	80 04	15 00	2 90	20 00	.....	117 94	5 00
Gainesville, Holy Trinity	141 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	141 55	.....
Jacksonville, St. John's	616 21	25 00	4 50	.....	154 32	700 03	32 00
Jacksonville, St. Andrew's	41 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 30	.....
Jacksonville, Good Shepherd	160 70	.....	2 65	.....	.....	163 35	10 00
Monticello, Christ Church	66 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 75	.....
Milton, St. Mary's	33 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 71	.....
Pensacola, Christ Church	113 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	113 10	.....
Palatka, St. Mark's	37 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 46	.....
St. Augustine, Trinity	78 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 08	.....
Tallahassee, St. John's	82 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 40	10 00
MISSION BRANCHES.							
Crescent City, Holy Comforter	15 45	5 00	.....	.....	.....	20 45	.....
Federal Point, St. Pauls	4 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 15	.....
Jacksonville, St. Stephen's	17 50	5 00	2 50	.....	.....	25 00	.....
Live Oak, St. Luke's	41 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 40	.....
Quincy, St. Paul's	11 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 45	.....
Lake City, St. James'	22 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 40	.....
Wewahitchka, St. John the Baptist	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Annual Meeting .....	.....	.....	11 88	.....	.....	11 88	.....
	\$1661 78	\$50 00	\$ 27 53	\$ 26 50	\$154 32	\$ 1920 10	\$57 00
Junior Auxiliary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	211 86	13 75
Babies' Branch .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 61	.....
	\$1661 78	\$50 00	\$ 27 53	\$ 26 50	\$154 32	\$2230 57	\$70 75

Respectfully submitted, MARY EMILY HAUGHTON, Treasurer.
Original document located in The Archives of the Episcopal Church.

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FERNANDINA.

St. Peter's Church.

The work of the Woman's Auxiliary in this Parish has progressed considerably during the past year. Ten names have been added to the list of subscribers, and the meetings, which, with one exception, have been held regularly each month, have shown a decided increase both in attendance and interest. In accordance with the request made by our Diocesan President, at the last meeting, the study of Missions has been made a feature of these meetings, and it has proven helpful and inspiring. Mite boxes were distributed for the united offering, most of which was raised by this means. All obligations have been met in full, and there is an increase of over twenty dollars in the systematic offering. Auxiliary Day was observed by the usual service in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE WILLIAMS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Systematic offering	\$79.94
United offering	20.00
Miss Thackara	15.00
Christmas box, valued at	5.00
Auxiliary Day	2.90
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Total	\$122.84

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. W. KING, Treasurer.

GAINESVILLE.

Holy Trinity Church.

We have met on the first Monday in every month so that the prayers of the faithful might ascend to the throne of God, and we have tried in various ways to increase our knowledge and interest in the Mission work.

We have found that most excellent publication, *The Spirit of Missions*, very helpful to us. Several copies of it are taken by the different members of the Auxiliary. Selections are frequently read from it, and we pass it from hand to hand, hoping to create a greater interest in the Master's cause by a knowledge of the great work the Church is accomplishing and the urgent need for more earnest effort.

Our collections have been made faithfully and systematically. Owing to many removals from our Parish, and the heavy tax on our people in the erection of a new Church, they have not been so large for the last two years.

Thinking that it was for the best interests of the work, I have resigned my position as treasurer and Mrs. J. F. Patton has been appointed in my place. She is showing an earnest interest in the cause, and I feel sure the work will prosper under her hand.

Our systematic offering is the only work we have undertaken this year. We will make a contribution to the united offering in September.

With earnest prayer that God will bless His Church militant and that the Master's call to go and teach all nations will be heeded by his faithful people, I am your co-worker in the good cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. HAMPTON.

Treasurer's report of money collected from April 1st, 1903, to April, 1904, \$151.55.

MRS. W. W. HAMPTON, Treasurer.

JACKSONVILLE.

St. John's Church.

One of the principal links that bind us to the past was broken on July 6th last, when the Rev. R. H. Weller, D.D., passed into eternal rest. It is to him that we owe the organization of St. John's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Society in 1876. Two years previous to this it was called the Ladies' Aid Society, and was devoted to the raising of funds for the building of St. John's Church, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1901. Through all these years we have ever met with his kindly interest and encouragement, therefore his loss will be a great one.

This branch now consists of three officers, fourteen collectors and one hundred and fifty-seven contributors. We began the year greatly discouraged, feeling that our work would be very much retarded when our Directress, Mrs. L. D. Williams, left us for a year abroad, and our Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Cooley, sent in her resignation. But the former's place has been very efficiently and, I must say, enthusiastically filled by our Rector's wife, Mrs. Shields, and Mrs. Frazier Knight, who was appointed Treasurer, has been most faithful.

Through the efforts of the Sewing Circle, we were enabled in November to give \$50.00 to the Church Building Fund, and again at Easter \$80.00. In November we sent a box of clothing, valued at \$20.00, to Morganton, N. C., to Deaconess Eva Dixon, for distribution among the mountaineers, the Sewing Circle paying \$2.00 freight upon same. At Christmas we gave \$5.00 to St. Mary's Mission, and through the Sewing Circle, \$5.00 to St. Stephen's, and this Society also enabled us to send \$25.00 in March for the Thackara Memorial. The collection on Auxiliary Day (March 16), \$4. 50 was devoted to Foreign Missions. The systematic offering for the year was \$616.21, which is \$4.65 less than last year. This deficiency is

owing to the fact that all the collections had not been brought in when the report was made.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY B. BOURS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Box sent to North Carolina	\$22.00
Expended for Christmas work	10.00
Foreign Missions, Auxiliary Day collections..	4.50
Thackara Memorial (Navajo Indians)	25.00
St. John's Building Fund	130.00
Cash reported past year for Burton Memorial	138.47
Cash additional this year for Burton Memorial	15.85
Cash on hand for United Offering	6.00
Cash on hand for Contingent Fund	31.73
Collections for the year, regular	616.21

Total \$999.76

Respectfully submitted,
MARY JULIET KNIGHT, Treasurer.

JACKSONVILLE.

Church of the Good Shepherd.

The members of this branch sincerely regret that for obvious reasons they are unable to send a delegate to the annual meeting this year. Without intending to be presumptuous, we are pleased to note the steady growth of our membership and monthly collections. This, I hope, will prove a greater incentive to us to increase our efforts in both directions in the future.

The birth of a new method of awakening interest has lately taken place. This supplies the need of a longfelt want, and will doubtless develop a degree of spiritual growth in our branch hitherto unknown. Much has been said about lack of interest being due to lack of knowledge; therefore, we hope by the present means adopted at least some missionary knowledge

may be gained and interest deepen as never before.

An interparochial class, for the study of Missions, was formed during Lent, the place of meeting being at St. John's Chapel. Not all of our members, however, were able to attend each meeting. The study of Japan proved intensely interesting. Under the able direction of Mrs. Stryker, who is a natural born organizer, full of executive ability, the class will be continued in our own branch, and we hope that under the never-failing guidance of God's Holy Spirit, the enthusiasm so necessary for the success of this work may manifest itself in a wide-reaching influence, penetrating where it has never been felt before—attracting the ready and willing help of all.

The poor health of our beloved Directress, which is much to be regretted, has prevented her from being with us at several of our monthly meetings, eleven of which have been held. A Christmas box was sent to Cedar Key, the contents of which amounted to \$10.00.

The collection taken up on Auxiliary Day amounted to \$2.65.

Systematic offerings	\$160.72
Christmas box to Cedar Key	10.00
Offering on Auxiliary Day	2.65

Total amount \$173.37

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

MONTICELLO.

Christ Church.

This branch is glad to report no falling off in the offerings, though no decided increase. The amount collected for the year ending with the April offering was \$66.50.

The members are very faithful in the payment of their dues. There is hope of establishing a junior branch here shortly.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. H. TUCKER, Directress.

PENSACOLA.

Christ Church.

This branch has held the regular meetings throughout the year, with its five minutes' worship and prayer for the missionary work of the Church.

During the year three bundles of useful articles have been sent to the sisters at Sewanee for distribution among the mountain people.

The Christmas box pledged to the Sunday school at De Funiak was not sent owing to information received from workers there that the Sunday school had been temporarily discontinued.

It is with regret we report a falling off in the systematic offering, owing to a decrease in the number of enrolled members.

The systematic offering for the whole year is \$113.10, averaging a little less than \$9.50 per month.

Since the last annual meeting our branch has been called upon to part with one of its most loved and valued members, Miss S. A. Hyer, who entered on the rest of Paradise in August of last year.

The memorial subjoined to this report was drawn up by the members of this society at their first meeting after her death.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE W. HOWE, Secretary.

MEMORIAL.

At this first meeting of the Christ Church branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Florida since the death of Miss S. A. Hyer, we, the members, desire to place upon our records this memorial of our appreciation of her special work in and for this society.

Being one of the original founders of this Parochial Branch, she entered from the very beginning heartily and enthusiastically into the work of the Auxiliary, unremitting and untiring in her labors,

she worked with patient trust, to have this branch do its full duty.

Realizing the great needs of our Diocesan Missions, she felt that no task was too great, no labor too arduous in her strong desire to carry out the purposes of the Auxiliary.

We shall miss in years to come her constant helpful fellowship of labor for Christ, and her kindly voice of encouragement and hope.

We cannot refrain, in addition, from making some note of her high and noble Christian character, as manifested both in the Parish and in the entire community.

She has set us all the example of a faithful life, which ever strove to do its own duty and to show and help others to do theirs.

For the poor and sick and distressed she always had a ready generous hand and tender sympathetic word. Now she is beyond the veil with the blessed Savior, whom she loved and followed with all her dear ones gone before, and rest, eternal rest, is hers.

We thank God for her life. It is our hope to place some permanent testimony of her work and our love for her in the Church.

To her good twin sister and her family we venture to send this greeting of deep sympathy, and we ask them to accept this poor memorial of that life we all loved and shall never forget.

ST. AUGUSTINE.

Trinity Church.

This branch has held regular meetings except during the absence of the Directress. The dues have been forwarded regularly, and the membership is about the same as last year.

All special efforts to raise money have been directed to the purpose of paying the building debt of

the Parish, incurred last year, excepting \$50.00, the pledge to the united offering.

We are glad to know that our debt is rapidly growing less, and that next year we may expect to do more for the Missions of the Diocese.

Systematic offering, \$78.08.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. SMETHURST, Secretary.

TALLAHASSEE.

St. John's Church.

This branch feels warranted in saying it has fulfilled the Biblical instruction, "What thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might." Our Parish is not a wealthy one, and when we hear the abundant report of our more fortunate sister branches, feel regret that we, too, cannot stand nearer the front with our co-laborers who work in so sacred a field. The regular monthly offerings amount to \$82.40. A Christmas box, valued at \$10.00, was sent to Lake City.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of two of our most faithful and energetic workers. Early in September, after a brief illness, our former Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Pearce, was called to a higher field. Her devotion to the work is recorded not only in the minutes, but upon the hearts of those who are left to carry on the work that she has been called to lay down. Mrs. Mary D. Bloxham, beloved not only by the little band, but by all who knew her, was stricken suddenly, never conscious of the loving friends who gathered daily at her home hoping she was to be spared to them a while longer.

On account of ill health Mrs. D. S. Walker, the Directress, has been compelled to resign. We hope it will not be a great while till strength will be given her to return to the work she has ever been faithful to.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FRANK P. DAMON, Secretary.

CRESCENT CITY.

Holy Comforter Mission.

Our branch has held nine regular meetings in the Church and one at the home of our beloved Directress, Mrs. Ward, where dainty refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. One meeting was held at Mrs Crolly's, where a musical entertainment was furnished. In January, on account of sickness, the meeting was not held. We have given \$5.00 towards the Thackara Fund and \$20.00 towards the Diocesan assessment. The amount of the systematic offering is \$15.45. Respectfully submitted,

EMMA H. WARD, Directress.

HARRIET T. PEYSON, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE.

St. Stephen's Church.

We regret to report a decrease in our systematic offerings this year, but under the existing circumstances our contributors have given to the best of their ability. We fully realize the necessity of keeping up the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, and with recent accessions to the Church, we have hopes of increased membership and more substantial results in the future.

On Auxiliary Day, morning and afternoon, services were held in the Chapel, our Pastor, Rev. N. G. Moore, giving us a stirring address. At the afternoon service, missionary papers were read that had been prepared by the members on China, Japan and Home Missions. We feel that our Auxiliary Day has given us renewed interest and a desire to do our utmost towards the needs and work of both foreign and domestic Missions.

Systematic offering	\$17.60
Thackara fund	5.00
Auxiliary Day offering	2.50

Total \$25.10

Respectfully submitted,
 EMILIE WARREN, Secretary.

LAKE CITY.

St. James' Church.

This branch numbers seven members, and the collection for the year is \$22.40.

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. H. E. STOCKBRIDGE, Treasurer.

LIVE OAK

St. Luke's Church.

This branch has been growing steadily the past year, and with increase of new, earnest members has given enthusiasm to the whole Church. The number of members now on the roll is seventeen. The attendance has been remarkably good, showing deep interest felt by all in the work. The readings from the Spirit of Missions and other Church papers has been a source of help and keen interest to each member. The help now of our Pastor and his wife has added new zest to the Auxiliary. Respectfully submitted,

MISS A. A. LUCAS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Systematic offering	\$41.40
Subscription to Spirit of Missions	1.00

Total \$42.40

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. G. E. ROBBINS, Treasurer.

Report of Junior Auxiliary.

Jacksonville—St. Andrew's Church. Miss W. M. Cubbedge, Secretary. Members 51.

Offerings	\$14.29
Christmas box	1.00

Total	\$15.29
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Jacksonville—Good Shepherd Church. Miss Helen Osborn, Secretary. Members 24.

Offering	\$26.65
Christmas box	5.00

Total	\$31.65
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Jacksonville—St. John's Church. Miss Gertrude Hammatt, Secretary. Members 42.

Offerings	\$25.00
St. John's Church Building Fund	61.00
Christmas box	6.75

Total	\$92.75
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Jacksonville—St. Mary's Mission. Miss Edith Gray, Secretary. Members 23.

Offerings	\$34.48
Christmas box	1.00

Total	\$35.48
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Jacksonville—St. Stephen's Mission. Miss Vincie Thomas, Secretary. Newly organized.

Systematic	\$1.00
Freewill offering	1.00

Total	\$2.00
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Crescent City—Holy Comforter Mission. Miss
Lina Payson, Secretary. Members 10.

Offerings	\$5.00
Christmas box	2.00

Total	\$7.00
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Fernandina—St. Peter's Church. Miss Kate
Williams, Secretary. Members 12.

Offerings	\$25.65
Thakara fund	10.00
United offering	5.00

Total	\$40.00
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Fernandina—Good Shepherd Church. Miss Mary
Stewart, Secretary.

Offerings	\$2.79
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Total Auxiliary offering	\$196.86
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Christmas box	13.75
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Thakara fund	10.00
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United offering	5.00
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Contributions—Freight and mail	1.50
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Total	\$227.11
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Respectfully submitted,

SARAH J. MUNNERLYN,

Secretary and Treasurer Junior Auxiliary.

Report of the Babies' Branch.

Two new branches were organized during the year—at Apalachicola and at St. Katherine's, Pensacola. Special mention is made of little Winifred Drysdale of St. John's Church, Jacksonville, who might be called the "Banner Baby," her box containing \$8.38.

A pledge of \$5.00 was made to the Triennial Offering, which amount was to be deducted from the check of \$98.61 sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, and the remainder divided equally into three parts, for Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan Missions.

RECEIPTS.

Monticello	\$4.10
Lake City	2.87
Fernandina	4.45
Green Cove Springs	1.56
Gainesville	11.00
Pensacola (Christ Church)	15.18
Pensacola (St. Katherine's Church)	10.20
Jacksonville (Church of the Good Shepherd)	6.25
Jacksonville (St. Andrew's Church)	8.02
Jacksonville (St. Mary's Mission)	3.04
Jacksonville (St. John's Church)	39.46
Fort George	6.08
Arredondo . . . . .	.55
Archer	1.04

Total	\$113.80
Expenses	\$10.19
By check to Diocesan Treasurer	98.61—\$108.80

Balance on hand \$5.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. JORDAN,
President of the Babies' Branch.

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 or one of the Parochial or Mission organizations.

IV.

There shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Diocesan Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary, appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. The President of the Junior Branch and the President of the Babies' Branch of the Auxiliary, shall be, ex officio, Vice-Presidents of the Auxiliary.

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, the Vice-Presidents, the Diocesan Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary and the Directresses, or the accredited representatives of the Directresses.

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

In case both the President and the Vice-Presidents 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. One of the Vice-Presidents 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 organ-

izations 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 of the Parochial Branches shall remit the funds which they have in hand to the Diocesan Treasurer on or before the fifteenth day of each month; the Treasurer of the Junior Branch shall remit each quarter, and the Treasurer of the Babies' Branch once a year.

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.

Each Parochial Branch, and the Junior and the Babies' Branches shall report the condition of the work to the President of the Auxiliary of the Diocese every quarter.

X.

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 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 DIOCESAN OFFICERS OF
FLORIDA BRANCH.

President—Mrs. John Freeman Young, Riverside Avenue and Stockton Street, Jacksonville.

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

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. M. H. Haughton, 316 East Church Street, Jacksonville.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. John Skillman Arnold, Box 87, Jacksonville.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

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

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. J. K. Munnerlyn, 915 Oak Street, Jacksonville.

BABIES' BRANCH.

President—Mrs. B. F. Jordan, 401 Oak Avenue N., Gainesville.

