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The next annual meeting of the Georgia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is to be held on the first day of the Diocesan Convention, which meets at St. John's Church, Savannah, May 18, 1898.

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AUGUSTA.

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MACON.

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SAVANNAH.

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Miss Annie C. Johnson, Savannah, Organizing Secretary.

MINUTES.

The fifth annual meeting of the Georgia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Macon, on Wednesday, May 5th, 1897, immediately at the close of the opening services of the Diocesan Convention, at Christ Church. The ladies assembled in the parlors of Mrs. Asher Ayers, where the Rev. Dr. Chauncey C. Williams held a short service, and said.

Ladies: I have been asked to say a few words to you before you enter upon your work this morning. I will not detain you long. I want to say to you how very grateful the whole church in this Diocese feels for all that you are doing and have done. As I think of how the work has grown under your hands, how from very small beginnings it has advanced by great bounds to its present enthusiasm, and what a large measure of new life you have infused into all departments of the church's undertakings, I am reminded of something which our Lord once said about this. You will remember that when He was speaking of the growth of the church, and illustrating different phases of it in parables, He said that the kingdom of heaven was like unto leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened. In that brief parable is embodied a prophesy of much of the best work which the church has done in the world, and also of the influence which has been at the heart of it—the influence of woman. Whatever is done for the upbuilding of God's kingdom, in almost every case, the first impulse of our activity is born in the heart of some good woman. Whether it be some great thing to be undertaken, like the building of a church, or some common place duty like the care of a sick child, however willing and glad we all may be to help in the good work, yet the leaven of activity is first put there by a woman's hand. Is it not true that when anything is to be done, and we all say it ought to be done, the men are apt to stand by, inactive as these three measures of meal, until warmed into life by the leaven of a woman's influence? I do not disparage or undervalue the meal. It is very good and very useful material. It is a very necessary element in making the bread by which the life of any enterprise is to be sustained. Still it is only raw meal after all until stirred to a vigorous and fermenting activity under the touch of a woman's zeal and enthusiasm. It has been your privilege, under the blessing of God, to put this leaven into many measures of meal in this Diocese of Georgia. The signs of life are all about us. And for this I pray the Lord's blessing may be upon you, now and always.

I will now ask the Diocesan Secretary to take the chair and the meeting is open for business.

The order of the day was read by the Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. Julia K. Miller, and Miss Morris was elected Secretary of the day. The calling of the roll of the Archdeaconries showed that representatives from all of them, were present.

The Diocesan Secretary then read her annual address:

"Dear friends and members of the Georgia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary: I desire to express to you my appreciation of the privilege of being with you, here in Macon, on your Fifth Annual Meeting, and of testifying to you of the value and usefulness of the work you have done.

Our Bishop has kindly endorsed your work, and it lies greatly in your power to aid him in his missions throughout our Diocese, as well as to assist in carrying out the objects determined on at the last general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary held tri-ennially.

The only way to successfully accomplish all we wish to do, is to systematize our work in every branch and department. Each parochial branch should be thoroughly organized, and in touch with other branches, so that we can keep fully aware of what we are doing, not only at home, but all over our Diocese. It should prove an inspiration to us to hear of the brave efforts among our dear members in other homes.

Then, our loving interest and charity goes beyond our own limits to aid the mission work of our Auxiliary, with our prayers, our gifts and our deep loving sympathy, over our own broad land, and leaping seas, to Africa, China, Japan and far-away Alaska, in the icy North.

"Our Missionary field is the world."

It is wonderful to trace the growth of the Woman's Auxiliary from its small beginnings to its present immense proportions, but I do not wish to weary you by repeating what I suggested at our last annual meeting and still later, in a letter to you, kindly published by our Bishop in the "Church in Georgia."

I wish to commend to your consideration, the *devotional* side of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Each Diocesan Branch should open its annual meeting with a celebration of the Holy Communion, and services suitable to the occasion. An annual Quiet Day is growing customary in so many of our Branches. May I urge upon you to avail yourselves of the serenity of a day, passed with God's dear presence, all worldly cares and responsibilities laid aside for a few hours. With such loving service, like Mary's at His feet, we shall find ourselves refreshed and strengthened for our busy lives. And we will long to aid "the millions who sit in darkness and the shadow of death," and deeply realizing our own great weakness, we will more fully comprehend, that

"Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,
Is more than Conqueror."

Several of your Parochial Branches have made Annual Pledges and never failed to keep them—our Organizing Secretaries, will, I hope, tell us of these pledges. Some of them are for the salaries of Women Missionaries, in our own and foreign lands; some are for memorials in foreign hospitals; others for the life insurance of the brave men, who are giving their lives to Christ, but who long to care for their wives and children, when taken away to their everlasting reward; others are working to aid our own Diocesan and Parochial Missions. We hope to today to hear of them all.

A Church Periodical Club is one of the many efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary to give pleasure to our far away missionaries. Many a dreary hour can be lightened by sending our magazines and other periodicals, to those who feel it impossible to purchase them, but, nevertheless, can greatly enjoy and appreciate them.

Think of the happiness and comfort it gives, to the distant clergyman and his family, to receive and open a box, filled with so many necessary, good and useful articles (sometimes there are a few ornamental things), so longed for, but apparently never to come to them, sent out from our larger, self supporting parishes, thus showing their appreciation of those so worthy, so needy and so grateful. In nothing does the Woman's Auxiliary more excel than in the splendid boxes sent in every direction from so many Branches. I hope that we will increase the number and quality of these welcome gifts year by year.

In this branch of our work we ought to interest the Junior Auxiliary, which I

hope to see extending all over the Diocese, as well as the Babies' Branch, which has proven such an inspiration to some of us, for who does not love and care for the little ones?

"In praise of little children, I will say
Of all created things, the loveliest
And most divine, are children."

We all know of the Appleton Church Home, that noble institution located in this city. I recall, with so much appreciation, the great joy and happiness it was, to our gentle, great-hearted Bishop Beckwith, whose loving, pure nature was like a little child's, fresh from the hands of his Maker, to found and foster this grand institution. It was often my privilege to listen to his telling of this work, for which he labored with enthusiastic love. I cannot wish for greater happiness to come to that Orphan Home, than that God, in His Providence, will grant for it, all that that noble and eloquent Bishop desired.

Naturally, as our Georgia branch of the Woman's Auxiliary increases, it brings to us obligations we wish to meet and discharge. Throughout the past year a number of letters have been written to me from various parts of our country, and for many different interests. Among them Miss Sybil Carter has appealed to me for Georgia's aid, in her wonderfully successful work among the Indian women of the Northwest. Miss Carter, who is a Deaconess with Bishop Whipple of Minnesota, is a southern woman, a native of Louisiana. She has been twenty years in this cold northwestern country, enduring such hardships as we can scarcely imagine. After so many years of hard struggle, large numbers of Indian women have embraced Christianity and all the blessings it brings. The success of the lace work taught them has been a marvel, even to Miss Carter herself, yet, she was compelled to close her schools for want of funds, all of last summer, and now she asks her southern sisters, in their happy homes, to aid her. What shall I tell her for Georgia?

Another Deaconess, Sister Ella, in the mountains of North Carolina, working all day for women and children and at night carrying on a large school for men, is fully endorsed by Bishop Cheshire of North Carolina, as most capable and worthy of assistance, and laboring, he says, in a field as purely missionary as China or Japan.

Other appeals have been sent to me, one especially to assist in building a church for miners in the mountains of Montana, from a clergyman who has been there, without a day's absence for nearly ten years.

I cannot tell you how it grieves me to be obliged to refuse such calls, or send only a small amount to some as a gift from our Diocese. Some of you have kindly and generously aided me in these appeals.

I think that we have grown in our work to where we can extend some help beyond our own borders, although we have many missions among ourselves. I wish we could create a general fund so that we can give something to each worthy appeal. A small sum to each is better than nothing, or giving our *all* to one purpose. We will surely be repaid by feeling our interest quicken and grow.

I have sent out about sixty mite boxes to be used for the "United Offering" of 1898. This gift from the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, is to be used for the training and support of women workers in the missionary fields. I can furnish these mite boxes at any time, and urge systematic giving for this great cause.

I suggest for your consideration today, action looking towards a more general knowledge of what we are doing.

Quarterly reports from each Arch-Diocesan Secretary would keep us "posted" as to the progress of our work all over the Diocese. Co-operation in such action is much to be commended.

Besides the annual expense fund which we have already provided for, I hope we will take action at this meeting, to establish a mission fund, to be used within and without our Diocese, so as to be able to respond when asked by those who need our aid.

We are doing well but must press on to a higher mark, never content to stand still, but each year, growing somewhat better, watching for opportunities to improve, and availing ourselves of them.

Our calling is a high and holy one—our duties press—but I have faith to believe, that in such a cause, our ultimate success is assured.

Forgive me if I have trespassed on your time. I now refer you with pleasure to our Organizing Secretaries, who, I hope, have good news for us in the reports they bring us.

Upon motion of Miss Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Black, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"The thanks of the meeting be returned to the Diocesan Secretary for her very interesting and explicit address, and that after the reading of the regular reports, the points suggested be discussed with a view to acting on them."

The ladies then adjourned until 2:00 p. m., when the meeting was opened by an address from the Bishop, making an earnest plea for the upbuilding and christianizing of the negro. In closing his remarks the Bishop stated that he would later on in the meeting outline his plan for this work to the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. William L. Cosgrove was then nominated as assistant to Mrs. Black. Mrs. Cosgrove has already aided much in this work, and her appointment was a deserved recognition.

The following nominations were then made by the Bishop: Mrs. Frank H. Miller, Diocesan Secretary; Mrs. Nellie P. Black, Secretary Archdeaconry, Atlanta; Mrs. William L. Cosgrove, Assistant Secretary; Miss Harriet L. Young, Secretary Archdeaconry, Augusta; Mrs. H. Baldwin Dean, Secretary Archdeaconry, Albany; Miss M. Theresa Griffin, Secretary Archdeaconry, Macon; Miss Annie C. Johnson, Secretary Archdeaconry, Savannah.

The Bishop then introduced the Rev. Lucien Lee Kinsolving, of Brazil, South America, who made an eloquent appeal to the ladies in behalf of the mission work in that country. He briefly outlined the work that had been accomplished in his own field of Rio Grande de Sul, a thorough cosmopolitan city of about 20,000 inhabitants. At the close of his address the Woman's Auxiliary pledged the sum of \$50.00 to aid in this special work.

Mr. Kinsolving was requested to bear the greetings of the Woman's Auxiliary of Georgia, to the sister who was left in Washington.

Annual reports from the different Archdeaconries were then read and accepted.

Annual Report of the Georgia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

May 5, 1897.

Archdeaconry of Albany.

We cannot always form the truest judgment by appearances, and I am sure that is the case with the reports from the Archdeaconry of Albany. The accounts are very meagre indeed this year, exactly why, I cannot say. At any rate I do not believe there is cause for discouragement.

As regards the work of the Auxiliary proper, it will take time to overcome prejudice against foreign missions in some people, and to persuade some others to take a broader view of church work than can be found in persons whose vision is limited to their own parishes.

The Woman's Auxiliary is constantly adding to its equipment, already mighty for good, and in its reaching out to all lands, evidences the fact that it is Catholic and lovely. How many devoted ministers, how many noble hearted women have been cheered and strengthened by this corps of workers known as the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. The thought of so many women, inspired by the same desire to do good unto others, is in itself beautiful, and their influence is surely great for christianity. This thought should take stronger hold upon us; that we are in a manner set apart for the Master's work, and that our lives day by day should reflect the brightness of Him who is the Light of the World.

REPORT OF ST. PAUL'S, ALBANY.

Foreign Missions.....	7 00
Diocesan Missions.....	54 08
Money earned and offered by women for church building, etc.....	535 50
	\$596 58

Number of recognized women workers in above department is twenty-five (25.)

REPORT FROM CALVARY PARISH, AMERICUS.

Diocesan Missions	50 00
Money earned and offered for church building, etc	50 80
Number of recognized women workers in above department is seventeen (17).	
Appleton Church Home.....	15 55

	\$116 35

REPORT FROM TIFTON.

Money earned and offered for church building, etc.....	56 00
Total.....	\$768 93

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE I. NELSON,
Organizing Secretary of the Archdeaconry of Albany.

Archdeaconry of Atlanta.

I bring to you today, my friends and co-workers, the fourth annual report from the Atlanta Archdeaconry Branch.

In presenting this summary of the work done by the church women of upper Georgia, I cannot but feel its incompleteness. In the matter of preserving the records of the amounts expended and the amounts received during the year, there seems to be such a woeful lack of system and completeness that I earnestly beg for a change to be made, now at the beginning of this year. Even if the number of workers is few, and the sum raised seems small, yet it should be recorded.

Last year and the year before our sum total was very large, because so many churches were being built and the money collected for that purpose was very considerable.

This year, the erection of one chapel only, and the balance paid on two others, is presented.

In the month of August last year I attended a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Branch of Tennessee, at Sewanee. At this were present visitors on the mountain from six states, North and South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Arkansas and Georgia being represented. Each person was asked to give an outline of the work in her state, and it was exceedingly interesting thus to come together and compare notes.

After hearing all the others I felt better satisfied than ever with the system our wise, energetic and beloved Bishop has adopted in our state. It seemed much more effective than the others, with the exception possibly of Arkansas. Mrs. Gass, the wife of the former Georgia clergyman, told us that they sent a woman all over the state to find and supply the needs of the struggling missionaries. If it can be done successfully this would be excellent for us.

With five Organizing Secretaries in the different sections of the State, and above these, our untiring General Secretary, Mrs. Miller, whose faithfulness and efficiency I cannot too highly commend, our machinery is in fine running order—to keep it well oiled by faith and charity, and unclogged by laziness and indifference, must be our business. It is interesting, as well as pathetic, to read in the reports that have been sent me the story of the ways adopted for raising money, in every case where energy and devotion were displayed, success resulted; failure usually indicates a lack of method and of effort.

The statistical report given below conveys a poor idea of what it represents. I only wish I had space to write an outline of all the reports that have come to me, and if the Bishop will permit me to do so, I will prepare for publication, in his Church Paper, an epitomized statement made from the eighteen reports sent me. Twenty points failed to send in any statistical account whatever.

At the Convention in Augusta last year, I pledged our Archdeaconry for one hundred dollars. Of this amount only thirty-one dollars has been collected. I still hope to secure the entire amount. Many points failed to respond because they had paid over their contribution to Mr. Walton for Diocesan Missions.

I herewith submit my tabulated statement.

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE PETERS BLACK, Organizing Secretary, Atlanta Archdeaconry.

NOTE—For tabulated statement, see Appendix A. For Augusta Archdeaconry, see tabulated statement, Appendix B.

Report of the Organizing Secretary of the Macon Archdeaconry.

Madam President, and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Georgia:

I have the honor to present to you the report of the Macon Archdeaconry, for the year beginning May 1st, 1896, and ending May 1st, 1897.

In commenting upon this report, I would ask you to bear in mind that only four parishes are represented upon it:

Christ Church, Macon; Trinity, Columbus; St. George's, Griffin; and St. Luke's, Hawkinsville. St. Stephen's, Milledgeville, belongs to the Macon Archdeaconry, but having been for sometime without a rector, the Church workers became discouraged and disbanded.

St. Paul's, Macon, so far as I am informed, has never had a regularly organized Parish Branch, but has been accustomed to contribute to some of the Auxiliary work. This year, however, there has been no report sent from St. Paul's, though I feel sure that in so active a Parish, much good work must have been done by the women.

Allow me to urge just here that full accounts be kept of the Women's work in all Parishes, that reports may be made at Convention; and a spirit of emulation be excited which may stimulate us all to greater efforts.

I congratulate you that the John Watrus Beckwith Memorial Scholarship is still kept up at St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, China. This is a work which was undertaken three years ago by the two Archdeaconries of Albany and Macon. It is a beautiful charity, and one in which we should all take great pleasure. I have had letters from Miss Crummer, of St. Mary's, describing the little girl who is being educated on this scholarship; she is a very small child, named Ah Tsung, which means "precious love," and has been rescued from very cruel and neglectful parents who are opium smokers, and whose inhumanity to the child was so great, that the magistrate interfered to protect her.

The school, St. Mary's Hall, is well established and admirably managed. The second generation of girls is now being educated there, and wherever they have gone, their influence has been incalculably great to bless and illumine the darkness of a heathen land. The scholarship only costs fifty dollars, of which twenty-five is paid by the Macon Archdeaconry and twenty-five by the Albany. I earnestly beg your interest and co-operation in this work, the only one which we have undertaken in the foreign field, except the Missionary Insurance Fund.

And now, dear friends, allow me to say a few words about the great object of the Woman's Auxiliary. What is that object but to strengthen the hands and nerve the hearts of the gallant workers out in the field? What is required of us non-combatants at the rear, is it not sympathy, appreciation, material aid and encouragement? Sympathy with the Missionaries is our duty. We must learn to feel with them by reading about them, learning about them, praying for them. We cold-hearted ones must teach ourselves to feel for them. Are they not in the forefront of the battle, grappling with the cruelty, ignorance, and unspeakable wickedness of heathendom? Try to imagine yourselves in the places of the Missionaries, men and women, out on the lonely plains with the degraded Indians, disheartened by the besotted bigotry of the Chinese, struggling with the mysticisms of the East, patiently toiling to teach the Alaskan Esquimaux civilization. What would you most crave in such a position? Would it not be the true sympathy, the generous praise, and the active help of the Christians at home? Let us try to feel with them and for them, so much that our feeling will express itself in effective support and ready endorsement of their efforts.

Sympathy is the special work of women, the woman nature is like the heart of the world, that throbs in answer to its every experience, and sends out its warm blood to the remotest extremities.

Respectfully submitted,

M. THERESA GRIFFIN, Organizing Secretary.

NOTE—For tabulated statement, see Appendix C.

Savannah Archdeaconry.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Savannah Archdeaconry contains three organized Parish Branches. From one of these, St. Jude's, Brunswick, no report has been received, but we know that amidst much discouragement, its few members have been faithful in keeping up their regular meetings and doing whatever work was in their power, and we feel sure that in due time they will be cheered by a larger growth.

To the two Savannah Branches the year has been full of spiritual helps which we cannot but believe must bring forth lasting results.

The celebration of the Holy Communion, with which together we commemorated the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the birth of the Woman's Auxiliary was a most fitting entrance upon our own active work after the summer recess. The Annual United Service held by the Bishop in February, to which we now look forward yearly with increasing eagerness, with its Holy Feast and its words of counsel and encouragement, opened to our view a higher standard, and incited us to more strenuous efforts during the Lenten season, and finally the delightful meeting with the Diocesan Secretary within the last week, have all, in different ways, contributed elements of growth, while in our monthly and weekly meetings the "Study of Missions" has become a more vital factor and the result is shown in our report of the year's offerings which, though modest in its financial value, is full of promise, in the wide scope of its objects.

First in interest stand the two Chinese Scholarships which bearing the names of "Bishop Elliott" and "Isabella C. Habersham," bring to us hallowed memories of the past and link the Auxiliary of to-day with that Woman's Missionary Society of Christ Church which antedates the Board of Missions itself, and they also come to us with a living memory, for until two years ago they were kept up by the loving devotion of one woman (Mrs. Mary Habersham Elliott, died July, 1896), now entered into her rest, a part of that beautiful life passed for more than four-score years in our midst, which through trials and sufferings such as few are called to bear, bore such witness to her Master, that like the Martyr of old, the flame seemed not to touch her, and as day by day she walked among us, her face seemed as the face of an angel.

Western Texas, dear to us for our own loved Elliott, the Indian Women through the Lace Workers and the South Dakota schools, our faithful "Thank Offering" Sisters in Amik and Shanghai, the Colored Work in our own Diocese are all represented and have enlisted our interest, our gifts, our prayers and we feel that the money value is the very least part of what the year's report means to us.

The permanent gains are three:

1. A wider knowledge, a more intelligent interest in the Church's Missions at home and abroad.
2. A closer feeling of fellowship between our two Branches and our fellow-workers of the Auxiliary.
3. More systematic giving.

This closes the record. From the remaining Parishes and Missions of our Archdeaconry no response has come. For the last three years the secretary have appealed again and again, and now the blank silence that is returned warns her that she too must be silent.

But the question forces itself upon us. Why is this so? Is it that the Church-women of this part of the Diocese "care for none of these things?" That we cannot believe. Is it not rather that the whole aim and meaning of the Auxiliary are utterly misunderstood, that it is looked upon suspiciously as some new society for getting more money out of those who feel themselves already overburdened by obligations greater than they can meet, and that it has never come to them as a means of uniting themselves with that full tide of life which flows through and through the Church and from which they will receive far more than they can give, as each working Branch will most abundantly testify.

ANNIE C. JOHNSON, Organizing Secretary.

NOTE—See Appendix D.

After the reading of the written reports, the Diocesan Secretary presented the following letter from Miss Julia C. Emery, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, Church Missions House, New York:

"To the Georgia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions:

My dear Friends—It seems proper that at the annual meeting of every Diocesan Branch of the Auxiliary, some message from the headquarters of the Missionary Society should be presented. Otherwise one may so easily forget the union with the entire body of the Auxiliary, and the large general aims and interests, in those which more closely concern the individual Branch.

With these last meetings of Spring, we are very apt to feel that the work for the season closes, and that we may now rest a while from Missionary effort, take our annual summer holiday, after which we will make a new beginning in the fall. But is it not more true that in such work as this there is no actual holiday season, and that in summer, as in winter, there remains something to be done? So I would have my message for this season to consist of some summer suggestions.

First: To Diocesan Officers.

Would it not be possible for you to have one conference before you scatter for the summer, and Church almanac and last annual report in hand, go over together, the list of Parishes in the Diocese? Note those that do not work with the Auxiliary at all, and those, also, that work, but so inefficiently or so little in proportion to their ability, that their help is meagre and disappointing. Divide these Parishes among you, and undertake, each week during the summer, to write a certain number of personal letters to them, asking their co-operation, and arousing their interest by every persuasive argument that occurs to you. When you have put your best thoughts into your best words, you need not write a new letter for each Parish, but repeat what you have written for one, in writing to the others. Do not write to the Rector. Write to the President or Secretary of each delinquent Branch; or, where there is no Branch, to some individual whom you know, or whose address you can obtain (always asking that the Branch be formed with the approval of the Rector); or, if you have no such address, send your letter to the Rector, asking him if he will not be willing to commend it to the attention of that woman in his Parish most likely to be interested in the subject. By this means, it is possible you may strengthen some weak and failing Branches, and make a beginning towards some new ones, against the opening of the next working year.

Second: To Parochial Officers.

Cannot you, too, gather together once more before disbanding and look over the Parish and its possibilities thoroughly. Ask your Rector to let you take the Parish list, and make out a list of the women communicants who take no part in the Auxiliary work. Divide that list among yourselves, and undertake between this time and the fall, to approach every woman upon that list, either personally or by letter, and try to interest her in the Church's Mission work, and to take part in all the parochial branch of the Auxiliary is doing for it, when you shall meet again.

Third: To Individual Members.

Because meetings may be discontinued in the summer and members scattered; because you may be away from home, or entertaining many guests at home, do not forget that you have Missionary interests and obligations.

However busy, however far away, you can do three simple things in order to retain during the summer months—in whose heat Christ must be preached and souls be won to Him as in the winter, the feeling that you share in the privilege of this service.

First, at noon each day, wherever you may be and whatever doing—since no Christian can be where it is impossible for her at any moment to turn to Christ—say the Missionary prayer: "Thy kingdom come."

Second, each Sunday, in the quiet and the leisure that Sunday ought to bring to every woman, every Christian woman, take one-half hour to read some paper or book about the Church's Mission work.

Third, take with you or keep before you at home the blue box for the United Offering, for a daily or weekly gift, remembering that prayers and alms together make an acceptable offering to God.

If the Diocesan and Parochial Officers and the individual members of the Auxiliary would do these few simple things, we would meet again after our summer's refreshment, stronger than ever before, and better fitted for the new burdens and the new efforts and the new desires which a new year will surely bring.

Yours very sincerely,

JULIA C. EMERY, Secretary.

Helps.

You can procure from the Church Mission House the papers of the Half Hour Reading Club and the Catalogue of the Missionary Lending Library; also, the Mite Boxes for the United Offering of 1898, with leaflets explaining it.

Miss Johnson offered the following resolution, which having been seconded by Mrs. Black, was unanimously passed.

That the Woman's Auxiliary of Georgia send a telegram of greeting to Miss Emery, thanking her for her kind suggestions and wise counsel.

Mrs. Elliot, of Savannah, then spoke of the work being done in the Indian schools by Miss Wisswell, and concluded her remarks with a brief outline of the Babies' Branch. On Motion of Mrs. Elliot, seconded by Mrs. Black, Mrs. Alston Waring, of Savannah, was elected Secretary of the Babies' Branch for Georgia.

After some discussion the following resolution was offered by Miss Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Black:

"That each Archdeaconry pay the sum of \$10.00 for a contingent fund, and that Mrs. Chas. H. Phinizy, of Augusta, be made Treasurer of such fund."

Bishop Nelson then fully outlined to the Auxiliary his plan for the uplifting of the negro, and asked that the ladies assist him in raising the sum of \$300.00 to carry on this work.

Miss Griffin offered the following resolution:

That this body shall most heartily endeavor to support the Bishop in his work, and that they will also take the matter before the Woman's Club of Atlanta, who are three hundred strong, and endeavor to get them to carry it out in our Capital City. That the Auxiliary will also endeavor to raise the sum of one hundred dollars for this purpose.

This motion having been seconded by Miss Johnson was passed.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Ayres for the use of her lovely parlors, and to the ladies of Macon for the delightful hospitality which they had all enjoyed so much, and for the delicious luncheon served by them in Christ Church Chapel.

The meeting adjourned to meet the following morning at 9:30 o'clock at the parlors of the Rectory.

This meeting was held on May 6th, when it was decided to hold a semi-annual meeting on the Tuesday following the first Sunday in November, which is November 9th, in Atlanta, to confer together and arrange a plan for the work of the coming winter, at which the hope was expressed that there will be a general and large attendance at that time when final adjournment was had until May 18, 1898.

APPENDIX (A).

	Domestic	Diocesan.	Foreign.	Church Improvement and Building	Boxes.	Miscellaneous.	Parochial.	Total.
St. Philips, Atlanta.	11 00	530 00			66 43	52 75		660 18
St. Lukes "		181 99		40 00		529 50		751 49
The Incarnation "				1,070 68				1,070 68
The Redeemer "		14 05			13 73	26 50		54 28
Holy Innocents...		5 00		256 43		55 65		317 08
The Good Shepherd.						16 49		16 49
The Holy Comforter						34 85		34 85
St. Pauls.								
Athens Emanuel...	123 50			340 00				463 50
Athens Mission.				41 60				
Austin.								41 00
Cave Springs.								
Cartersville.						85 00		85 00
Clarksville.				81 00		25 76		106 76
Cedartown.								
Carrollton.		4 00				32 25		36 25
Calhoun.								
Dalton.								
Decatur.						45 11		45 11
Darien.				35 69				35 69
East Point.				794 00		122 10		916 10
Gainesville.	18 00			20 27		64 20		102 47
Greensboro.								
Hapeville.	5 00				8 00	15 48		28 48
Kingston.								
LaGrange.						16 00	122 30	138 30
Mt. Airy.	3 25	4 56					40 51	48 32
Marietta.		10 00	12 50		32 85	113 50	25 30	194 15
Newnan.								
Nelson.								
Tallulah Falls.								
Tallapoosa.							30 10	30 10
Toccoa.				570 25				570 25
Washington.								
West Point.				217 65				217 65
Rome.							700 00	700 00
Grand Total.								\$6,561 40

NELLIE PETERS BLACK,
Organizing Secretary,
Atlanta Archdeaconry.

APPENDIX (B).
Augusta Archdeaconry.

	Foreign.	Domestic.	General.	Diocesan.	Parochial.	Boxes.	Churches, etc. Buildings.	Workers.
St. Paul's Church	25 00	.....	47 65	400 00	200 00	.....	1,297 39	130
Atonement				80 00	48 60	.....	50 00	17
Good Shepherd	25 00	25 00	156 25	75 00	12 00	174 25	72 05	50
Christ Church . . . . .						.....	.....	.....
St. Mary's Church						154 00	.....	.....
St. Nicholas, . . . . .							.....	.....
Waynesboro						45 60	.....	.....
Heavenly Rest, Grovetown			11 35	10 80	13 00	.....	.....	6
	50 00	25 00	215 25	565 80	473 20	174 25	1,419 44	205
Total				\$3,022 94				

HARRIET L. YOUNG.

Augusta Archdeaconry.

Junior Auxiliary, Church of the Good Shepherd, for six months, October to April, 1987.	
Christmas box to Rev. Mr. LaRoche, Thomasville	\$13 50
Suit for Rev. Mr. Walton's son	6 00
Annual St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai, China	30 00

	\$49 50

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET L. YOUNG,
Organizing Secretay, Augusta Archdeaconry.

APPENDIX (C).
Report of Macon Archdeaconry.

	Foreign.	Domestic.	General.	Diocesan.	Parochial.	Boxes	Church Improvement.	Total.	Workers.
Christ Church, Macon	9 00	31 89	3 00	329 50	53 20	471 85	898 44	50	
Trinity, Columbus	17 00	1 74	3 00	33 35	33 00	80 00	528 70	696 79	88
St. Stephens, Milledgeville . . . . .						.....	.....	.....	.....
St. George's, Griffin	4 00	.....	2 30	50 00	32 80	.....	164 09	253 19	14
St. Luke's, Hawkinsville		2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00	6	
	\$30 00	36 13	10 80	412 85	65 80	133 20	1,164 64	1,853 42	158

M. THERESA GRIFFIN,
Organizing Secretary, Macon Archdeaconry.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary—Savannah Archdeaconry, May 1st, 1896, to May 1st, 1897.

SAVANNAH.	MISSIONS.					Workers.	
	Foreign.	Domestic.	General.	Diocesan.	Parochial.		
Christ Church	80	70	12 10	380 25	795 43	1,337 78	90
St. John's.....	10	15	15 87	348 00	818 86	1,207 73	140
St. Paul's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	442 50	442 50	53
St. Stephen's .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 75	46 75	.....
	\$ 90	85	27 97	728 25	2,103 54	3,034 76	283

Savannah, Ga., May 3d, 1897.

ANNIE C. JOHNSON,
Organizing Secretary.

Report of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Fifth Annual Meeting of the Georgia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary—Macon May 5th, 1897.

MISSIONS.	Albany.	Atlanta.	Augusta.	Macon.	Savannah.	Total.
General.....	.....	209 68	215 25	10 80	27 97	463 70
Foreign.....	7 00	12 50	50 00	30 00	90 00	189 50
Domestic.....	.....	160 75	25 00	36 13	85 00	306 88
Diocesan	119 63	649 60	565 80	412 85	728 25	2,476 13
Parochial .....	.....	2,020 85	573 20	65 80	2,103 54	4,763 39
Boxes .....	.....	80 85	174 25	133 20	.....	388 30
Church Building and Improvements.....	642 30	3,426 97	1,419 44	1,164 64	.....	6,653 35
Total.....	\$ 768 93	6,561 20	3,022 94	1,853 42	3,034 76	15,241 25
No. Workers	42	300	205	158	283	988

Respectfully submitted,
JULIA K. MILLER,
Diocesan Secretary.

