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Annual Report

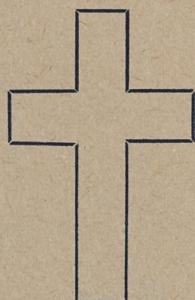
Louisiana Branch

.....OF THE.....

Woman's Auxiliary

.....TO THE.....

Board of Missions



From Easter, 1900,
To Easter, 1901.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
LOUISIANA BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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Alexandria—St. James Church	Mrs. M. E. Duncan
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Mansfield—Christ Memorial Church	Mrs. K. P. Thorp
New Iberia—Epiphany Church	Mrs. C. C. Kramer
Napoleonville—Christ Church	Miss N. B. Bowden
St. Francisville	
Williamsport	Mrs. W. E. Pratt
Thibodeaux—St. John's Church	Mrs. James Philson
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Wakefield	Mrs. S. T. Allain
Richland	Mrs. C. H. Lewis

NEW ORLEANS.

Church of the Annunciation	Miss Cora McGraw
St. Anna's Church	Mrs. Hughes
Christ Church Cathedral	Mrs. B. F. Eshleman
Grace Church	Mrs. W. H. Rogers
St. George's Church	Mrs. C. H. Brown
St. Paul's Church	Mrs. Jos. Jones
Trinity Church	Mrs. F. Fisher
St. Luke's Church	Mrs. E. Farrow

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Christian Woman:

Another year has passed, and a New Century has dawned since we had the pleasure of meeting our co-workers from the Country Parishes. We have much to be thankful in seeing more with us to-day than ever heretofore, and God grant as each year for the Annual Meeting arrives, more will be with us, until every Church woman will feel too interested to willingly absent herself.

Some matters will come before you to be voted upon. One is the letter from Miss Leila Ball in regard to the Baby Branch; as I understand it, the idea is very beautiful. That if a mother's babe or young child is taken from her to be ever in the presence of her Heavenly Father, as a memorial of that child, she contributes to the support of a little heathen orphan in the care of one of our Orphanages. And some mothers teach their children to put by their pennies for their little orphan. Some unknown person has sent the \$20.00 for a certain orphan, but another Branch having already taken that little one, we are asked if we will not take little Hatsumiko, as the contribution sent will be sufficient up to January, 1902. It seems to me that by that time some mothers in this Diocese will be willing to contribute to the Baby Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Another subject to vote upon is, shall we not, as the Louisiana Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, do something for our colored brethren? Individuals have contributed and will continue to do so, but, as the Louisiana Branch, we have done nothing. Is it right as Christians that we should not give a helping hand to their efforts? They need our help. They need our moral support. And they need to realize that we are really and truly their friends. It is for you to say—Yes, or No. As Christian women, shall it not be Yes? Your Bishop needs your help in this part of his work, which is of vital importance to the well-being of our State.

I do not know whether you have read the letter from the General Secretary, Miss Julia C. Emery, on the subject of the United Offering. Copies have been placed in the pews. You will there see when the Woman's Auxiliary made the first United Offering, in October, 1899, the amount was \$2000. The second, in 1892, was \$20,000; the third, in 1895, \$56,000; the last one, in 1898, \$82,000. We have yet to see what it will be next October, in San Francisco. Our share of that offering must be handed in to our Custodian, Mrs. W. T. Cluverius, by the 1st of September. Oh! dear women, if you could only be present at that heart stirring Service I know there is not one who could ever utter a word against Missionary work, whether Foreign, Domestic, Diocesan, Indian or Colored! It is our Master's work! In parting from His Disciples, His last bequest to them was: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole Creation! Are we not His Disciples? Shall we not obey His last command?

And the other subject for you to vote upon, is, for your officers for the coming year. You must elect a President, one who can be more active than is possible for one over seventy years of age, and who has the infirmity of deafness to contend with. I will gladly help in every way whoever you elect as President, and I nominate for that office Mrs. Charles L. Wells, and beg you will give her unanimous vote.

IDA A. RICHARDSON, President.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1900.

The annual meeting of the Louisiana Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held Thursday, April 26th, 1900, in Christ Church Chapel, at 11 o'clock. The meeting was well attended and opened with the usual services of the Church, followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion, Rev. C. L. Wells of Christ Church officiating, assisted by Rev. Byron Holly of Grace Church. At the conclusion of the services, Mrs. Ida Richardson, President, called the meeting to order, and roll-call showed the representation from the following parishes: Grace Church, Lake Providence; Grace Mem., Hammond; Christ Church, Napoleonville; St. John's, Thibodeaux; St. Stephen's, Williamsport; Annunciation, New Orleans; Christ Church, Grace Church, St. George's, St. Anna's, St. Luke's, St. Paul's, Trinity Church. Ten country parishes were without representation, and several changes of delegates were reported. Minutes of the last annual meeting and semi-annual meeting were read and accepted.

Miss Babcock, Corresponding Secretary, presented her report, giving the amount of subscriptions and number of boxes sent during the year and their valuation:

Miss Greenwood, Treasurer, then submitted her report, showing total receipts for year.....	\$826 05
Disbursements.....	787 17

Balance.....	\$ 38 88
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Mrs. W. T. Cluverius, Custodian of United Offering Boxes, reported total amount in bank, \$186.37.

An interesting letter from Miss Suthon at Kanazawa, Japan, was read by Miss Babcock.

The report of the Junior Auxiliary was read by Mrs. H. A. Starkey, Treasurer. She announced with regret the resignation of Miss Hornor as Recording Secretary, and Miss Girault as Treasurer. Mrs. Starkey has since been acting as Treasurer and Miss E. G. Rogers as Recording Secretary. * Mrs. Starkey reported total receipts, \$195.61—of this sum, \$109.32 was raised by means of the Blessing Boxes. \$137 had been appropriated to Diocesan Missions, \$50 to Rev. N. B. Harris, Hammond, La., and \$5 to a Mission at Asheville, N. C. Boxes had also been sent to Asheville, Hillsboro, and Tyron, N. C., amounting in value to \$177.

After all business was concluded, the President, Mrs. T. G. Richardson, read her twelfth annual address, which was, as always, earnest and pathetic, appealing earnestly to each individual Christian to be faithful to her pledge to follow and fight under the banner of the Lord and Saviour. Mrs. Richardson announced with regret the resignation of Mrs. Jos. P. Hornor, Vice-President of this branch of the Auxiliary from its inception, thirteen years ago; also the resignation of Mrs. F. N. Ogden, Corresponding Secretary, who has left our City to reside for an indefinite period in Washington, D. C.

While Mrs. Richardson was reading her address, Bishop Sessions and Dr. Waters entered the Chapel, and, upon the conclusion, were invited to address the meeting. Both spoke most earnestly of mission work in general and of the duty of systematic giving, commanding the Auxiliary for good work accomplished, and the Bishop closed with an invocation for God's blessing upon the Auxiliary and its workers.

The annual election of officers was then declared in order and the old Board was unanimously re-elected. Mrs. Richardson

announced that the office of Vice-President was vacant and stated she would like to nominate Mrs. C. L. Wells for the position; this was immediately seconded and the election of Mrs. Wells was unanimous.

The meeting then adjourned to participate in the luncheon at the Diocesan House.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. ROBERTSON,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1900.

On St. Andrew's Day, Friday, Nov. 30th, 1900, at 11 o'clock, in Christ Church Chapel, the Louisiana Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held its semi-annual meeting. The meeting was preceded by the celebration of the Holy Communion, administered by Rev. C. L. Wells, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rennie, Curate of St. Paul's Church. At the conclusion of the service, the business meeting was called to order, Mrs. Ida Richardson, President, presiding. The roll was called and delegates from Annunciation Church, Christ Church Cathedral, Grace Church, St. George's, St. Luke's, St. Paul's, Trinity, and Grace Memorial, Hammond, La., responded. The attendance was small. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary reported having received thirty-seven letters and written seventy-seven.

Mrs. Cluverius presented the following semi-annual report for the United Offering: Total receipts, \$267.37.

Mrs. Greenwood, Treasurer, submitted her report, which was as follows:

Total receipts.....	\$396 26
Disbursements.....	355 53
Balance.....	\$ 40 73

Letters from Miss Suthon in Japan, and Mrs. T. L. Raymond, Socorro, New Mexico, were read, after which Mrs. Richardson held the attention of all present by the reading of her address. In conclusion, she expressed her desire to resign the position of President of the Louisiana Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, because of her deafness and increasing age. The entire meeting as a unit protested and this protest was beautifully voiced by Bishop Sessums, who added his earnest plea that she remain at the helm. Finally, Mrs. J. L. Harris moved that the resignation be not accepted; this was immediately seconded and by a rising vote Mrs. Richardson was re-elected.

The offering at the meeting amounted to \$16.55, of which by vote, \$11.55 was sent to Rev. Mr. Slack, of Washington, La., and \$5 to Mrs. T. L. Raymond for the little Church at Socorro, New Mexico. The Bishop then addressed the Auxiliary, expressing his own appreciation and that of the clergy for the generous and loyal co-operation so readily given, and presenting especially the needs and claim of the Diocesan Missionary, the Church Orphan Home and their work in the City. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. ROBERTSON,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FROM APRIL,
1900, TO APRIL, 1901.

Letters and postal cards written during the year 175
 Letters received 76
 Forty packages containing Missionary leaflets and envelopes
 have been distributed.

Copies of the thirteenth annual report have been sent to all
 the country clergy, to the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in
 the United States, to Miss J. C. Emery, to Miss Suthon, and to the
 branch in Tokyo, Japan.

REPORT OF WORK DONE IN PARISH BRANCHES.

Alexandria—St. James' Church.

Domestic Missions	.....	\$ 10 00
Donation to a little Church in Alvin, Texas	.....	12 00
Donation to a Church in Ashlan, Nebraska	.....	1 00

		\$ 23 00

Franklin—St. Mary's Church.

Domestic Missions	.....	\$ 5 00
Diocesan Missions	.....	4 80
Membership Dues	.....	6 00

		\$ 14 80

Hammond—Grace Memorial Church.

Diocesan Missions	.....	\$ 5 00
Membership Dues	.....	4 75
United Offering	.....	50

		\$ 10 25

Lucknow—Richland Parish.

Diocesan Missions	.....	\$ 3 45
Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	.....	3 45
Membership Dues	.....	75
United Offering	.....	8 43

		\$ 16 08

Church of the Incarnation, Amite City.

United Offering	.....	\$ 1 41
	<i>Laurel Hill.</i>	
Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	.....	\$ 2 00
	<i>Lecompte.</i>	
Domestic Missions	.....	\$ 2 00
	<i>Lamothe.</i>	
Domestic Missions	.....	\$ 3 75
	<i>Marksville.</i>	
Domestic Missions	.....	\$ 3 00
	<i>Mansfield.</i>	
Domestic Missions	.....	\$ 1 55

Napoleonville—Christ Church.

Membership Dues	.....	\$ 1 25
One box sent to Missions near Asheville, N. C.	.....	25 00

		\$ 26 25

Opelousas

Domestic Missions	\$ 24 25
<i>Bunkie.</i>	
Domestic Missions	\$ 3 50
<i>Cheneyville.</i>	
Domestic Missions	\$ 7 50
<i>New Iberia—Epiphany Church.</i>	
Box sent to Indian School	\$ 25 00
Money sent to same	5 00
	\$ 30 00

Thibodeaux—St John's Church.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 30 00
Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	12 60
Membership Dues	6 25
United Offering	21 00
	\$ 51 15

Williamsport—St. Stephen's Church.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 8 36
Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	14 05
Membership Dues	5 00
United Offering	5 65
	\$ 33 06

Washington, La.

Domestic Missions	\$ 2 25
Membership Dues	75
	\$ 3 00

Wakefield.

Domestic Missions	\$ 2 50
Diocesan Missions	2 50
Foreign Missions	2 00
Membership Dues	50
	\$ 7 50

NEW ORLEANS.

Church of the Annunciation.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 9 30
Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	33 40
Membership Dues	6 75
Fund for Young Men studying for the Ministry in Va.	10 00
United Offering	17 27
	\$ 56 72

St. Anna's Church.

Foreign Missions	\$ 5 25
United Offering	1 20
	\$ 6 45

Christ Church Cathedral.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 92 20
Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	2 81
Membership Dues	16 75
United Offering	14 37

Total in cash - \$126 13

BOXES SENT.

One to the Rev. Wm. Saul, at Christmas, Rosebud Agency, South Dakota, value	\$137 50
One at Christmas to Miss Patton's School, Asheville, N. C.	55 00
One at Easter to St. Mary School, Rosebud Agency, South Dakota	26 00
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	\$218 50
Total value in Cash and Boxes	\$344 63

Grace Church—New Orleans.

Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	\$ 2 45
Membership Dues	5 25
United Offering	2 58
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	\$ 10 28

St George's Church.

Membership Dues	\$ 6 00
United Offering	22 17
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	\$ 28 17

St Luke's Church.

Membership Dues	\$ 4 00
Diocesan Missions	10 00
General Missions	2 50
United Offering	4 85
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	\$ 21 35

St Paul's Church.

Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	\$150 05
Diocesan Missions	127 05
General Missions	24 06
Membership Dues	22 75
United Offering	33 89
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BOXES SENT AT CHRISTMAS.

One to the Rev. J. D. McCullough, St. John's Parish, S. C., value	\$132 39
One to the Rev. Luther Eborn, Crosswell Diocese, East Carolina, value	50 00
One at Easter to St. Elizabeth School, Wahpala, Boreman Co., South Dakota. Value, including freight	96 61
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	\$279 00
Total in Cash and Boxes	\$636 80

Trinity Church.

Foreign Missions (C. P. Mem.)	\$ 60 00
Membership Dues	24 75
United Offering	27 02
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BOXES SENT.

One Diocesan, Easter, 1000, to Rev. N. B. Bowder, value	\$125 00
One Domestic at Christmas to Rev. C. F. Grubb, Lake City, Florida	160 00
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	\$285 00

Total in Cash and Boxes

Total in Cash and Boxes from all the branches \$1765 22

This review of our year's work is closed with varied feelings of thankfulness and disappointment. Thankfulness because many signs indicate new life and deepening interest, which show that the Missionary spirit is growing in the Diocese; and disappointment because the hope that in every Parish a branch of the Auxiliary would be formed, has not been realized.

But while large hopes and high aims are helpful, *patient waiting* for their fulfilment teaches equally noble lessons. For God's work we know *FAILURE* is impossible, and fidelity to the simple pledge which requires "*PRAYER, WORK AND STUDY*," leads to a wide and generous sympathy, to which nothing is foreign.

Touching letters show that such a spirit of love is in our midst that the "*willing mind*" is *not wanting*; that the sweetness of our dear Divine Master's service is becoming a very real experience. And so, while looking back with wistful glances of longing and regret at many beautiful dreams, our branch of the Auxiliary feels no *faintheartedness*. The day is surely not far distant when the small envelopes for the ten cents monthly offering for Diocesan Missions will be accepted and faithfully used by every Christian woman in the Diocese—when the privilege of helping our Bishop in his work will be considered an honor, and the question will be asked in trust and humility of our Divine Master by *each communicant*—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

C. L. BABCOCK.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE LOUISIANA
BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO BOARD
OF MISSIONS, FROM EASTER, 1900, TO EASTER,
1901.

Receipts.

To cash on hand last Annual Report	\$ 38 88
From membership dues (25 cents)	110 50
For Diocesan Missions	273 96
Contribution for C. M. Pritchard Memorial	268 06
Collections	37 40
For General Missions	26 56
For Fund for Young Men Studying for the Ministry in Virginia	10 00
For Domestic Missions	4 75
	\$770 11

Disbursements.

To George C. Thomas, Treasurer, N. Y.:	
For General Missions	\$ 26 56
For C. M. Pritchard Memorial, Miss Suthon's Salary	268 06
For Domestic Missions	4 75
To Rev. N. B. Bowden for Diocesan Missions	341 19
To Miss Hampton for Mission Church in North Carolina	10 00
To Theological Seminary, Fairfax Co., Va.	10 00
To Rev. W. S. Slack, Washington, La.	11 55
To Sunday School in Socorro, New Mexico	5 00
To Church in Ashland, Neb.	1 00

To S. S. Lesslie for Printing Reports, Programmes and Postals	45 00
For Stationery and Postage	7 00
Balance on hand	<i>840.</i> \$730 11

ELIZA GREENWOOD,
Treasurer.

APRIL, 11TH, 1901.

Since the closing of her report, the Treasurer has received the following sums which will be included in next year's report:

Lucknow	\$10 00
Laurel Hill	10 00
Opelousas	4 00
Napoleonville	2 00
Amite	1 00
Algiers—Mt. Olivet	50
Collection at the Annual Meeting	32 10
	\$59 60

ELIZA GREENWOOD,
Treasurer.

April, 1900.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF UNITED OFFERING.

Church of the Annunciation	\$ 17 27
Christ Church Cathedral	14 37
Grace Church	2 58
St. Anna's Church	1 20
St. George's Church	22 17
St. Luke's Church	4 85
St. Paul's Church	33 89
Trinity	27 02
St. Stephen's Church, Williamsport	5 65
St. John's Church, Thibodeaux	21 00
Lucknow, Richland Parish	8 43
Church of the Incarnation, Amite	1 41
Grace Church, Hammond	50
Mrs. Hanna's Mission School	4 40
Total	\$164 74
Interest for one year	5 43
	\$170 17
Balance of 1900	186 37
	\$356 54

KANAZAWA, KAGA, March 18, 1901.

Dear Mrs. Richardson:

Easter is near at hand, and I know you will wish to have a report of my work to lay before the Woman's Auxiliary.

Since writing you last year, we have begun some industrial work for women and girls—the sewing department has been in operation for some months—it is Japanese, not foreign sewing which is taught. The embroidery department I have been carrying

on in a desultory fashion, giving out the work; but from the first of April, I hope to secure a small house in the same compound as the sewing school—a teacher is engaged, and some eight or ten pupils are waiting to enter. You have seen, I think, some of the work which I have sent home. Specials would be very helpful just now for buying materials, equipments, etc., and I shall also be very glad to get orders for the work.

Our Bishop is much interested in this work, and he has plans for establishing in the near future a literary department as well—he knows from experience the importance of Church schools in Evangelistic work for women in the East.

Our English classes for men and boys go on as usual in the basement of the Church—in connection with them Bible lessons are given by the teachers, some in English and some in Japanese.

My Gendarmes class continues, and, in addition, I have been asked to form a class for the Officers of the Seventh Regiment—about fifteen are in this class, and thirty-six in the former. I give seven hours per week to this work at the Castle. Next week I shall have a little outing in connection with this work. I am asked to go to two neighboring towns where there are Gendarmes stations to hold civil service examinations for Government interpreters.

This morning we held our Government examinations in Kanazawa. Out of my class of thirty-six men, eight took the examinations and five passed—they will get an increase of pay, and later they will go to the Gendarmes' school in Tokyo; of course, my part in the examinations is confined to English conversation only. So much for this part of my work.

The Bishop was here on the third of this month. We had a Confirmation Class of eight persons, and we hope to have the same number prepared when he comes again in the autumn.

Our Woman's Auxiliary will be held in Kyoto on the thirteenth of April. The Bishop has notified me that I am expected to attend, so I shall spend a few days in Kyoto during and after the Easter vacation.

China affairs still occupy public attention here. It looks very much now as if the partition of that ancient empire were inevitable. The China Missionaries deprecate this, thinking it would be a great hindrance to the evangelization of China—but Russia seems determined to acquire territory, and none of the other Powers seem inclined to say her nay.

I have just received a copy of the answer of the Mission Boards to the representatives of the Buddhist's Union, whose headquarters are in Kyoto; it has been translated into Japanese. We are going to try and get it printed in the newspapers here, hoping that it may thus reach a larger public than we could by distribution. This part of the country is such a Buddhist stronghold that we welcome anything that may help us to overcome prejudice.

We are having a few spring days at last, but the snow lingers in patches where the sun does not strike, and the mountains around are of a dazzling white. The Kanazawa springs are late, and we may look for snow flowers until the end of this month.

I trust that you are quite well and strong again, and with best wishes for a pleasant and profitable Woman's Auxiliary meeting and with greetings for all friends,

Believe me, dear Mrs. Richardson,

Ever faithfully yours,

G. SUTHON.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL, HEIAN JO, GAKNIR KYOSHA KWAN.

KYOTO, JAPAN, Jan. 23, 1901.

A Special from the Louisiana Babies' Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, has been received by Bishop McKim of Japan, marked Saku Yoshimoto. The amount was \$20.00.

But as the California Babies' Branch have undertaken the support of Saku Yoshimoto, another little girl of the same age has been chosen to be the beneficiary of the Louisiana Branch, and her photograph has been taken expressly for her kind little helpers, and is sent with this letter.

Her name is Hatsumiko Takikawa, and she is five years old. She was deserted by her father, and her mother could not take care of her. She was rescued from want and danger and placed in the Widely Loving Society, which is another home for destitute children just outside of the great City Osaka, which is carried on by some earnest Japanese Christians of our Church.

The children in the Widely Loving Society not only are trained in the Church and given as good an education as they are capable of receiving, but they are trained to do farm work and make ropes. Even the little girls can help by dropping the seeds into the prepared ground, or by separating the wisps of hemp for the larger children to twist.



This little Hatsumiko seems a strong, bright child, and it is hoped the Louisiana Babies Branch will like to undertake her support this year. Their \$20.00 will pay for her support in the Widely Loving Society for exactly one year, and leave a small amount over which will help defray the expense of the clothing and bedding she needs. It is hoped also that the dear little helpers in Louisiana will remember Hatsumiko in their daily noonday prayers. And if after a year has passed the good news can be sent that in answer to their prayers God has blessed their little girl with health and wisdom, perhaps they will like to go on helping to bring her up to be a good, useful woman.

Please kindly give our thanks to the Babies Branch.

Faithfully yours,
LEILA BALL.

HATSUMIKO TAKIKAWA
The Japanese Baby adopted by the Woman's Auxiliary

HONDURAS, April 13, 1901.

My Dear Miss Pritchard:

I am under the impression that the Junior Auxiliary will send in their annual report at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, one day next week, so I send the amount of the money order enclosed (\$5.00) from the Little Helpers of our Babies Branch.

We organized last August under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary, and this money comes from the boxes of the five members with whom I started the Society. Owing to scarlet fever in my family, I was not able to do much towards increasing our membership last Fall, but we now have fifteen members. I have the prospect of increasing this number. It was at the suggestion of Miss Bliss, the Secretary of the Washington City Branch, that I started the Branch here. She has written me letters of advice on the subject frequently, and presented us with our first six mite boxes. Miss Hart, of Rochester, N. Y., has also shown deep interest in our Branch, and has written to me several times.

Our expenses have been \$1.25, which has been donated. Then, the children sent \$1.00 for the Christmas box of the Junior's, and now the amount taken up in the boxes is \$4.00. Although small, I feel that this is a beginning, and we hope to double this many times by another year. We could have sent more at Christmas, but only knew of the opportunity very late, and the children had spent their money.

We could not send you any help for the Easter box, because our children had to raise money for a Memorial Window, and also had the mite towers for General Missions. The children of our Sunday School were asked to raise \$45.00 for the window, and they raised more than \$50.00.

I think I am making a foundation for a Branch of the Junior Auxiliary out here, as some of my Babies' Branch members will soon be old enough to become Juniors. But this is for the future! When I see you again I will get information on this subject.

I hope I am sending this in due time. Please let me hear from you concerning the report. You still have the Babies' Branch hand-book, have you not?

With kindest regards, I am, Most cordially yours,

LIZZIE M. SUTHON.

BABIES' BRANCH, HOUma.

Expenses	\$1 25
To Christmas Box	1 00
Mite Boxes	5 20
Total	\$7 45

JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

The close of this year's work finds us in a brighter condition than at its beginning; the loss of two loving officers produced a sadness long felt, but we see now the "immortality of the cause" for which we are workers; some step out of the ranks but God provides others, proving to us that we must go on.

At the annual election held in May, 1900, Miss May Pierpont was chosen Recording Secretary, and Miss Bettie Whitlow, Treasurer; these two positions have been ably filled and much interest manifested by both officers.

A Babies' Branch named "The Little Helpers," has been formed at Houma by Mrs. Walter Suthon; these little ones gave

their offering to the Christmas Box sent to Venice, La.

Miss Pinckard, Custodian of the Blessing Boxes, has been untiring in her efforts to make the amount contained therein as large as possible.

We record with regret the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Rogers, delegate from Grace Church; may her mantle of loveliness fall upon her successors.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Rev. John Percival for his great kindness at the semi-annual meeting, and to Mrs. J. L. Harris for her stereopticon views, which delighted all present.

The children's offering will be sent to Miss Suthon for her work in Japan, and something has been placed aside towards the United Offering.

We trust that God will bless our feeble efforts, and make us some day a power of strength in the Diocese.

CORA A. PRITCHARD, President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FROM
EASTER, 1900, TO EASTER, 1901.

The Auxiliary has met regularly the second Saturday of every month in the Guild Room of Christ Church Cathedral; the attendance of delegates and officers has been very good.

A Christmas Box containing testaments and toys was sent to Mr. Slack for the children of the Melville Sunday School from the New Orleans Branch, and from the branch at Napoleonville a box was sent to St. Mary's Mission at Sewanee, Tenn.

In accordance with Miss Emery's instructions no Easter Box was sent this year; heretofore this box formed an important part of the year's work.

The semi-annual meeting was held early in the new year in the Chapel of the Church of the Annunciation. The entertainment consisted of a series of stereopticon views, with explanatory remarks by Dr. Percival. The attendance was quite discouraging because of its smallness.

The Blessing Box system, which has encouraged the Auxiliary so much each previous year, has proved eminently successful this year, through the efficient work of Miss M. Pinckard; the amount collected was \$112.74, which was sent as usual to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

An earnest effort is being made to make the United Offering as large as possible, and it is hoped that each Parish or Mission will contribute.

The organization has had much to contend with during the past year in the way of lack of interest, but patience and perseverance will bring their own reward, and we trust the Missionary spirit will grow and spread in the Diocese and that the future will be brighter. Respectfully submitted,

MAY S. PIERPONT, Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CHRISTMAS BOXES, 1900.

To Rev. W. S. Slack, Melville, La., for M. S. S.:

Christ Church, New Orleans	-----	\$14 00
Grace " "	-----	6 25
Trinity " "	-----	17 00
Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans	3 00	— \$ 40 25

Grace Church, Hammond, to Indian Mission	10 00
St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, to Venice, La.	34 56
Scholarship from Grace Church, New Orleans	5 00
Christ Church, Napoleonville, to Missions of N. C.	8 00
	\$ 97 81

FANNY BREEDEN, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

REVENUES.

Cash balance, Easter, 1900	\$ 3 23
Donation	02

Membership Dues—

Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans	\$ 6 00
Trinity Church, New Orleans	25 00
Grace " "	6 00
Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans	1 00
St. Anna's Church, New Orleans	25
St. Paul's " "	5 00
Christ Church, Napoleonville	2 50
Babies' Branch, Houma	5 20
St. John's Church, Thibodeaux	2 00— 52 95

United Offering—

Christ Church, Mansfield	1 00
Grace Church, Hammond	1 00
Grace Church, Lake Providence	1 00
St. Mark's Church, Shreveport	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Delta	1 00
St. John's Church, Thibodeaux	2 00
Grace Church, Monroe	1 00
Whitecastle, La.	2 00
Church of the Good Shepherd, Lake Charles	1 00
St. Paul's Church, New Orleans	1 56— 17 56
Collections from Annual Meeting	14 00
Babies' Branch, Houma, La., towards Christmas Box	1 00
Contents of Blessing Boxes	112 74

\$200 50

EXPENDITURES.

Purchase of Blessing Boxes	\$ 3 10
To Christmas Box to Venice, La.	1 00
Expenses of Semi-Annual Meeting	1 00
Postage	50
To Miss Suthon for her work in Japan	50 00
To United Offering	30 00
To Rev. U. B. Bowden, through Miss Pinckard, Custodian of Blessing Boxes	112 74
Cash on hand, Easter, 1901	36

\$200 50

Respectfully submitted,

BETTIE R. WHITLOW,

Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be the "LOUISIANA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be by means of union and systematic efforts to diffuse Missionary intelligence, to increase Missionary activity among women of the Diocese, to unite previously existing societies and to encourage the promotion of societies where there are none.

ARTICLE III.

All baptized women belonging to the Diocese, who desire to be members of the Society, shall be so regarded upon the payment of twenty-five (25) cents per annum.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and a Board of Managers.

ARTICLE V.

The President shall call meetings together, and preside over them.

ARTICLE VI.

The Vice-President shall preside over meetings during the absence of the President.

ARTICLE VII.

The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to prepare an annual report for circulation in the Diocese, and to conduct the correspondence of the Association, especially that with the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary and with the Parochial Branches, and to keep a fair record of all Missionary box reports.

ARTICLE VIII.

The duty of the Recording Secretary shall be to give notice of the meetings and to keep a record of all such meetings.

ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep account of all monies contributed for the work of the Association, to pay all drafts upon the funds and to prepare a report for each general meeting.

ARTICLE X.

The duty of the Managers shall be to increase, especially in their own localities, a Missionary spirit, by arousing the societies to greater efforts in working for Missionaries, in raising money for the cause, and by diffusing intelligence concerning the past and present work of the Church. They shall attend all meetings of their parochial societies and keep a record of all Missionary work done at said meetings; they shall send a monthly report to the Board, and a summary of these shall constitute the yearly report.

ARTICLE XI.

All societies who desire it shall be considered affiliated Branches of this Auxiliary, and will send their report of money collected and work done to the Corresponding Secretary. Also delegates from all such societies will be expected at the general meetings.

ARTICLE XII.

There shall be at least two general meetings of the Society in each year, at such place and time as shall be designated by the President and Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XIII.

Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of three of the officers and managers.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Board of Managers shall consist of one member from each Parochial Missionary Society in connection with this Branch of the Auxiliary.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers. Five shall constitute a quorum for business.

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