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PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICERS.

President:

MISS LIZZIE KANSLER,
719 North President Street, Jackson, Miss.

Secretary:

MRS. T. PHELPS,
Greenville, Miss.

Treasurer:

MISS ELIZA W. FOX,
714 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, Miss.

Custodian of United Offering:

MISS E. W. FOX.

OFFICER

TO THE CHURCH
OF THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY

1861

PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, on Wednesday, April 20, 1904.

The meeting was called to order by the Bishop, who announced that he had appointed Miss Kausler, of Jackson, president for one year, in place of Mrs. Thompson, who had resigned. One of the reasons for his selection being that she was in Jackson where he could easily confer with her in regard to Auxiliary work.

The Bishop called for the report of the Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer, wishing to gather from them some idea of the standing of the Auxiliary in the Diocese by the amount of work accomplished. He had given it but little thought as his time had been so fully occupied since his coming into the Diocese.

He then spoke of the memorial cross projected by the Auxiliary and called on the Treasurer to make a statement of why and when the work was undertaken, which she did, giving a resume of what had been done and of the late Bishop's request for a brass cross on the altar of the church. Bishop Bratton stated that while he would like a small cross on the altar he preferred a memorial tablet which should be a facsimile of the one hung on the wall of St. Columb, a memorial to Bishop Green which he thought the most perfect for the purpose in every way that he had ever seen. He advised the Auxiliary to continue to collect money for these memorials but not to consider this the work proper of the Auxiliary, which work was exclusively missionary work and for the poor. The work being for the missionary work of the diocese not excluding General Missions.

In connection with memorials the Rev. Mr. Carter, Rec-

tor of Holy Trinity, said that the best and most lasting memoriol was a living memorial. That Bishop Elliot of Texas had given his life to the church and cared not for things which would perish; so in his parish he placed a wooden box, a memorial in which to deposit funds from which churches had been built through that vast territory, living memorials to Bishop Elliot.

At the conclusion of the Rev. Mr. Carter's address, at the request of the newly appointed President, Mrs. Phelps, took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Fox and were approved.

Seven delegates responded to roll call. The delegates present were:

Bovina, St. Alban: Mrs. E. Newman
Greenville, St. James: Mrs. V. T. Phelps.
Port Gibson, St. James: Mrs Dakin.
Natchez, Trinity: Mrs. Campbell.
Vaiden—Mrs. Hawkins.
Vicksburg, Holy Trinity: Mrs. Wright.
Jackson, St. Andrews: Mrs. Graves.

A letter from Mrs. Thompson to the Auxiliary expressing regret at the severance and her continued interest in the work, was then read.

A resolution of regret at the resignation of Mrs. Thompson was passed; also of sympathy for her in the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Mary T. Howe, and the Secretary was requested to notify her.

A letter from the General Secretary expressing her gratification at the great improvement made by Mississippi toward her part of the Auxiliary apportionment was read.

An advance from \$7.90 two years ago to \$40 last year and a request made for \$45 this year. Natchez, Port Gibson, Greenville, Holly Springs and Vicksburg agreed to Miss Emery's wish and pledged each at least \$5 annually.

The delegates appointed to attend the triennial meeting

to be held in Boston on October 6, were Mrs. W. B. Klein and Mrs. J. R. Carter, alternate.

Adjourned to meet with next Council.

V. T. Phelps, Cor. Sec'y.

REPORTS OF THE BRANCHES.

Aberdeen.

Mrs. J. E. Eckford, President. Mrs. R. E. Lay, Secretary.
Mrs. Nathan Stark, Treasurer.

No report.

Bovina—St. Albans.

Mrs. Gertrude Morris, President. Mrs. Florence, Vice President
Mrs. Ellen Townsend, Treas. Mrs. Mary Child, Sec.

No report.

Greenville—St. James.

Mrs. V. T. Phelps, President. Mrs. Grace Walton, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. McMahon, Secretary.

Board of Missions.....	\$ 5 00
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
Bishop of Alaska.....	36 00
Annual Dues.....	7 25
Pascogoula Chapel.....	14 75
Contingent Fund.....	6 00
 Total.....	 \$74 00

Holly Springs—Christ Church.

Mrs. H. C. Fort, President. Mrs. Mulcahy, Vice-President.
Mrs. Robert McPowell, Sec. and Treas.

General Missions.....	\$11 85
Box (Church Home Memphis).....	20 00
United Offering.....	3 00
 Total.....	 \$34 85

Jackson—St. Andrew.

Mrs. C. J. Seutler, President. Mrs. L. Brame, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. Graves, Sec. and Treas.

Box.....	\$ 70 00
Bible Woman in China.....	25 00
Shoshone Mission.....	126 20
Diocesan Missions.....	75 00
 Total.....	 \$296 20

Natchez—Trinity,

Mrs. J. B. Gaither, President. Mrs. A. G. Campbell, Sec. & Treas.
Box (Brandon, Miss.).....\$ 4 00
Two Boxes (Colorado, Texas)....18 00

Mississippi Branch, Woman's Auxiliary

Diocesan Missions.....	30 00
Total	<u>\$52 00</u>

Oxford.

Mrs. C. H. Keys, President.	Miss K. A. Skipwith, Sec. & Treas.
Box to Church Home, Memphis.....	\$15 00
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00
Miscellaneous Auxiliary work.....	2 00
Total	<u>27 00</u>

Pass Christian—Trinity.

Miss L. Finley, President.	Miss Mittenberger, Vice-Pres.
Miss J. M. Finley, Secretary.	Miss J. Mittenberger, Treas.
General Missions.....	\$21 00

Port Gibson, St. James—Mrs. John Jones, President;
Mrs. A. Jones, Sec.; Miss Pearl Barber, Treas.

Bible Woman, China	\$12 00
United offering.....	17 75
Box miscellaneous literature.....	no value attached

Total	\$29 75
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Vaiden, St. Clements—Mrs. McCormice, President;
Mrs. Butt, Vice Pres.; Mrs. E. L. Nye, Sec.; Miss Talbert,
Treasurer. No report

Vicksburg. Holy Trinity—Miss E. W. Fox, President;	
Mrs. T. G. Birckett, Secretary; Mrs. C. G. Wright, Treas.	
To Bishop Bratton, Missions.....	\$16 00
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00
Annual dues.....	8 25
Total.....	\$34 25

Winona, Emanuel—Mrs. Scisson, President; Miss Stur-
duvant, Vice-President; Mrs. Gunn, Secretary; Mrs. J.
Foltz, Treasurer.

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From April 1903 to April 1904.

		Balance Apl. 1904.															
			Board of Missions.		Diocesan Missions.		United Offering.		Bible Woman in China.		Apportionm't		Annual Dues.			Total.	
Cash bal. Apl. 1904		\$35 00															
Carrollton																	
St. James, Greenville		\$ 5 00	\$ 9 10														
Trinity, Natchez		30 00															
Trinity, Pass Christian							2 00										
St. James, Port Gibson				17 75	\$12 00												
Christ, Oxford								\$ 5 00									
Holy Trinity, Vicksburg									\$ 1 50								
Mrs. H. M. Thompson									8 25								
 Totals		 \$35 00	26 85	\$13 00	\$ 7 00	\$21 25	\$122 10										

ELIZA W. FOX, Diocesan Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report of Payments.

To Geo. C. Thomas, apportionment from Pass Christian	.....	\$ 2 00
From Port Gibson, Bible Woman in China	.....	12 00
From Greenville, for Apportionment	.....	5 00
To Dr. Howard, for Diocesan Missions, from Natchez	.....	30 00
From Greenville to Dr. Howard for Diocesan Missions	.....	50 00
Total	.....	\$34 00

ELIZA W. FOX, Diocesan Treas.

Work not embraced in Auxiliary Work. Bishop Thompson Memorial Fund.

Oxford	.....	\$ 3 00	Greenville	.....	\$ 4 50
Vaiden	.....	3 50	Natchez	.....	25 00
Pass Christian	.....	4 00	Port Gibson	.....	2 75
Natchez	.....	2 00	Winoaa	.....	3 00
Vicksburg	.....	1 00	St. Albans	.....	12 00
Total	.....				\$60 75

Parish Work.

Holly Springs, Christ Church.

Repairs of Church	\$ 53 80
Payment on organ note	
Total	103 00

Total	\$156 80
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Pass Christian, Trinity.

Parish Poor	\$ 64 50
Missions	21 00
Bishop's Salary	25 00
Rev. N. Logan	.....	30 00
Memorial to Bishop Thompson	.....	2 00
Carpet for Church	.....	71 29
Expenses of Fancy Work Sale	.....	19 43
		\$233 22
To balance April 1, 1904	.....	162 31
Total	.....	\$305 53

NOTE—Parish work cannot be included in Auxiliary work.

Report of Secretary.

In presenting the report of this year's work of the Mississippi Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, I am unable to give a statement of the work of the different branches or to know if there is progress or a falling off in the work done, for as yet no reports have been sent me.

I am glad to report that a branch was organized at Vaiden last July, which I think, though small numerically, is full of missionary zeal.

I have endeavored through correspondence to keep constantly before the Branches the fact that as members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions we owe something to that Board. We cannot be auxiliary to without being part of that Board, and therefore helpers.

I am gratified with the result, as the General Secretary writes me of an increase from \$7.70 two years ago to \$40 last year to general missions, and asks this year for \$45 as our apportionment toward making up the \$100,000 asked of us by the Board of Managers. It is my opinion that the most effective way is for each Branch to take up a study of missions. None should be without the Spirit of Missions, and leaflets comprising the entire mission field can be procured from the Church Publishing Company at small cost. We can only become interested where we have an intelligent knowledge of the subject before us, which holds good in God's Kingdom (the Church) as well as in the secular world.

I should like to call the attention of the Branches to the United Offering. It is a rule of the Auxiliary that the boxes should be opened once a year and their contents sent to the custodian of the United Offering fund. We have but a few months before the contents of all should be in the hands of the custodian, Miss Fox.

As there was a decided increase in the offering from this diocese at San Francisco, I hope the offering at Boston may be at least doubled, particularly as our hearts should be especially with the noble women who are in the field bearing the burden and heat of the day.

I have continued to request of each Branch that they will ask of each woman in their congregation a small donation towards a memorial to our late beloved Bishop to be placed in St. Columb Chapel, thus making it come from the women of the diocese.

I opened a correspondence with Miss Meade, of Carrollton, who has promised to revive the Branch started there by our late Diocesan Secretary.

I accompanied Mr. Werlein to Indianola when he organ-

ized a mission there. We organized a Woman's Guild which I hope to educate into a Branch of the Auxiliary by distributing among them the prayer leaflets and other reading matter from the Church Mission Home. At present they are compelled to work for themselves.

Notwithstanding the many discouragements yet in my own Parish, I mark a deeper interest, although we are smaller in numbers. But God teaches us by failures, and through failures He works out His ends.

Respectfully submitted,
V. T. PHELPS,
Corresponding Secretary.

