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FEBRUARY 15th, 1887.

My Dear Friends:

I have been asked again to send you a word of greeting for your Annual Meeting, and for the new year of work upon which you are just entering. I trust that in it you may increase in Missionary interest, and so, in love of doing and giving for Missions.

In the past year you have had much suffering and loss. You have been called to make special efforts in your own homes and your own Parishes ; many of you feel less able than ever before to do and give outside your own borders. But do not let this present stress of need at home prevent your giving elsewhere. Just as when greatly bereaved and sorrowing over the death of dearest friends, the heart is cheered and strengthened that goes out of itself to soothe others' sorrows ; so I believe that you will be strengthened and cheered in the midst of distress and trial, if you still lend a helping hand to others who are in need.

And then, too, there is another way of looking at it. Is there any time in our lives when we have a *right* to stop our Missionary service ? Is it not a part of our duty, just as much as prayer is duty, and the control of evil habit and inclination is duty ? Only the other night I heard a Missionary address, in which the speaker referred to a poet's words, in saying that God could do only what is *worthy* Him, and so, when He sent His Son to earth, that Son must do, not what was worthy man only, but what was worthy God ; and so He gave Himself for us, that we being made members of Him, might give ourselves for others.

And that is why I think we are never so poor that we cannot do something ; because Missionary giving is so great a privilege as to be free to all. Therefore may I ask of you all a few things, and will you not ask yourselves if they are not things which you can all give ? First, your *prayers* for Missions. Here at the

Mission Rooms we have small leaflets containing the Collects of the Auxiliary. They are sent out freely to all who wish them. Will not every member of the South Carolina Branch provide herself with one, and use the prayers upon it? Sometimes we forget amid all the bustle of our work what answers God loves to give to continual and believing prayer. Second, your *thoughts* and *interest* to Missions. For this you need to know something of them. The Missionary publications of the Board are the "Spirit of Missions," the "Young Christian Soldier," and an occasional paper called the "Home and Abroad." The first is a magazine, issued monthly, at a dollar a year; the second is a paper which can be taken weekly at eighty cents, or monthly at twenty-five cents. The "Home and Abroad" is distributed without charge. I have thought that each Parish Branch might take one copy of any one, or of all of these, the Secretary reading from it at meetings, lending it to absent members and keeping it on file for reference. If this seems too much of a tax, there are two ways by which the "Spirit of Missions" may probably be obtained without cost. It is sent free to all the Parish Clergy. Will not your Rector send you his copy for use at meetings? Or, there are often to be found subscribers who are glad to send their copies away after reading, and I would take pleasure in arranging that Parish Branches wishing such copies should receive them. And third, *giving* to Missions. In one Parish Branch you are making up a box. Cannot the poorest among you give their time and labor in making up garments, the material for which has been furnished by others able to provide it. Or, we have here, and send from here, Mite Boxes free of any charge. We will gladly furnish them to any who want them in South Carolina. These boxes may be opened once in the year and the contents returned here, for the General Missions of the Church. They should be placed somewhere, where they would claim attention, and serve as a constant reminder of Missionary duty and service. People devise different methods of filling them. One will place in hers every *penny* she finds in her purse at the close of the day: another will set hers on the break-

fast table each Sunday morning, and every member of the family will contribute to it; another, as she pauses a few moments at night to think over the events of the day, will mark her thankfulness for blessings given by droping an offering into the box. A small sum regularly given, day by day, week by week, or month by month, will amount to more in a year's time than we are apt to realize without reflection.

I have not asked hard things—have I? Now may I make a few practical suggestions concerning them? Will not you who are present at the meeting, consider in the first place, what you will do individually to carry them out? Give to your Diocesan Secretary your addresses, that she may send to you Mite Boxes and papers, with which she may not be sufficiently supplied to furnish you at once. On your return home, see how many others in your Parishes you can gain to carry out these ideas, and report to her your success. If you wish leaflets for distribution, ask her for them; if you want work to do, consult her; if you have completed a piece of work, report it to her. This intercourse between Parish and Diocesan officers, will be found helpful and strengthening to both, and I hope may grow in frequency and closeness; with each succeeding year. Again, wishing you much happiness in your work this year, and brighter days in your own homes and Parishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

JULIA C. EMERY.

MINUTES.

The Second Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at Grace Church Chapel, Charleston, on Friday afternoon, March 4th. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wilson. He also kindly consented to act as Chairman. Reports were read from most of the Parish Branches. Letters were also read from Miss Emery, and from several Missionaries. Miss Emery advocated work among the Mormons and Indians.

A letter from Mrs. S. D. Stoney was presented, suggesting the establishment of an Industrial School under the control of the Auxiliary Organization. After full discussion of the feasibility of the enterprise, the Secretary was instructed to ask advice from Miss Emery, and a committee was appointed, composed of the officers of the City Branches, to receive and consider her report, with discretion, if favorable, to put the plan in operation. The Report of the Secretary was read and approved.

An election was held for Officers to serve during the ensuing year. The old Board was unanimously re-elected, with the exception of Mrs. E. M. Marshall, Vice-President at Greenville, *vice* Mrs. E. Beattie, resigned, and Miss S. I. Lowndes, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, *vice* Miss A. P. Jervey, declining re-election.

The meeting then adjourned.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary assembles to-day for its Second Annual Meeting. The year which has passed since our first anniversary will always be a marked one in the annals of our city. When we met in this Sunday-School room, for the first time after the earthquake, the bricks from the ruined walls of Grace Church were heaped around one door in such profusion that entrance there would have been an awkward task. This fact was noticed at the time as significant, and it is mentioned now to prevent discouragement as we review the labors of the year, for this church was but a type of others in Charleston, and the chief strength of the Auxiliary lies here. Nor has there been any degree of prosperity in other portions of the State. Perhaps, therefore, we should be content to find that our offerings, in spite of the great disaster, are somewhat in advance of those of the previous year. The increase amounts to about \$220.00. It is a disappointment to be obliged to state that only one new Branch has been added to the ranks. This was organized at Edgefield in December.

As to the nature of our work, three Parishes have contributed to Foreign Missions—Cheraw and Winnsboro' have given each the sum pledged for a child in St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai; and the Society at Union has sent a box, valued at \$28 00, to Hayti.

In the domestic field we have sown more freely. St. Philip's sent an offering to Bishop Wingfield in California, and boxes have been prepared by other Branches for Colorado, Texas, West Virginia, and for Mr. Gilfillan's Indian Mission in Minnesota. But the larger part of our contributions during the year have been devoted to Diocesan Missions.

The Charleston Branches have twice worked in concert, and on both occasions for our own Diocese. City Missions was the object chosen during Advent, and on the Tuesday before Christmas the boxes were packed in this building. Needy members of the two Chapels were supplied with comforts, blankets, groceries and various articles of clothing, to the amount of several hundred dollars. The Parishes in other parts of the State have not joined in any common work since the Auxiliary was in its very infancy among us, when they filled a box for the Oneida Indians.

Miss Emery now recommends that they unite, and realize the strength and fellowship which union gives. She has sent letters from Salt Lake City and from an Indian Mission in Dakota, hoping to create interest and excite effort in behalf of one or both of these objects.

Several of our Branches have recently made use of the Auxiliary organization for charitable purposes. Rock Hill and Chester in this way collected clothing, to the amount of \$32.00, which was forwarded to Charleston for sufferers by the earthquake. In this manner, too, the box for Sabine Pass was filled, by those who had themselves so recently undergone the night of terror here. We cannot record these deeds of mercy as Auxiliary work, because this is a Missionary Society, but are sure they must rank always among those things that are lovely and of good report.

We find that the value of our work for the past year is about thirteen hundred dollars. We heartily wish that it were more, and hope that it may be in time to come; but whatever the amount, it is offered gladly, and a small tribute may prove our loyalty to a great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

PARISH.	No. of Members	No. of Boxes	Value of Boxes	MISSIONS.			Total 1886-7.
				Central Fund.	Foreign	Domestic	
ST. PHILIP'S	40	2	\$ 100 00	\$ 2 00	.....	\$ 50 00	\$ 100 00 \$ 152 00
ST. MICHAEL'S.....	70	2	90 00	3 50	.....	128 00	131 50
ST. PAUL'S.....	80	3	105 00	.....	.....	28 75	76 25 105 00
*ST. LUKE'S	47	2	45 65	2 35	.....	.....	45 65 49 20
GRACE	140	2	274 33	7 00	.....	15 00	274 33 296 33
HOLY COMMUNION.....	46	2	106 39	.....	.....	.....	106 39 106 39
TRINITY, COLUMBIA	40	2	125 00	.....	.....	125 00	125 00
GREENVILLE.....	26	1	49 85	1 20	.....	.....	49 85 51 05
+UNION.....	16	2	63 00	60 28 00	.....	35 00	70 60
SPARTANBURG.....	22	1	40 00	1 20	.....	40 00	41 20
ROCK HILL.....	12	1	27 25	60	.....	27 25	15 00 42 85
CHESTER.....	10	.....	18 00	50	.....	8 00	10 00 18 50
WINNSBORO	13	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	20 00
RIDGE SPRING	10	2	55 85	55	.....	.....	55 85 56 40
CHERAW.....	14	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	20 00
#ABBEVILLE.....	.....	1	13 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00 13 00
EDGEFIELD.....	14	1	10 00	10 00	10 00
	600	24	1,123 32	19 50	68 00	294 00	919 32 1,309 02

*Incidental Expenses, \$1.20.

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^No Branch.

