
Third Annual Report

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS,

Diocese of South Carolina.

FEBRUARY, 1888.

Woman's Auxiliary.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In presenting this, the Third Annual Report of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, we beg leave to spend a minute in review, and to inquire what we have gained by our pleasant labors during these three years. And first among our gains we would count the increased knowledge of missions and the interest which is sure to follow. This knowledge has been acquired not only by reading the publications of the Board, but from letters written by the busy workers in the field, and now within the past week by the living voice of the missionaries.

We hope, too, that good will has been gained during this time from some who feared that a new organization might interfere with necessary Parish work. We think it is now understood that the Auxiliary would not willingly divert a single dollar from this purpose, but asks distinctly for another offering, a further effort, in order to widen the circle of its operations far beyond the limits of the Parish.

The money value of our labors during these three years is \$3,507.00.

We will now turn to the work of the past year, and find that the Auxiliary has given aid to several new and far-distant fields. At Easter a box was sent from the Church of the Holy Communion to St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Pleasant letters from Mrs. Tuttle and other workers there kindled the interest which brought about this good result. And in June, within a few days of each other, two boxes were dispatched to points as far away as the limits of the country would permit—one was from the St. Philip's Branch to the hospital in Washington Territory, for which Bishop Paddock bespoke our help last winter. So the women who dwell in sight of the Atlantic Ocean sent gifts to soothe the sufferers near the broad Pacific. To quote the Bishop's own words in regard to this institution: "The benefits of such a hospital are not confined to those lying

on beds of pain. Careless and unbelieving men feel that there is something God-like in that sympathy and charity which can reach across a continent and lead to provision for those unknown and far away. The house of mercy is thus a silent but effective preacher of the gospel to every passer by." The other box was from St. Luke's to a native Indian Deacon in Dakota—Philip Deloria by name. It was pleasant to see him mentioned in a recent letter, as one who had made an address to his own people, not only good, but eloquent. The thermometer stood above 90° on the day that the ladies assembled to stow away the substantial garments deemed suitable for bleak Dakota; but they were rewarded for the effort, by the grateful acknowledgments of the Indian Deacon, on the receipt of their gifts. In each of these boxes there were valuable packages contributed by workers in Columbia, Rock Hill and Ridge Spring.

People sometimes ask why we should send to points so distant when the expense of transportation is heavy and there are many sick and needy nearer home. We can only reply, that these are the methods of the Auxiliary, and we will loyally follow them, without attempting to alter or improve; for by such methods \$250,000 were last year added to the treasury of the Church.

The members of the Auxiliary in Spartanburg were the first to show interest in Japan, for they decided some months ago to devote \$40.00 annually to maintain a scholarship in St. Agnes School, Osaka. So much for new fields.

The Industrial School in Charleston, which has now completed the first year of its existence, has been supported chiefly by the city Branches of the Auxiliary. Some assistance has been given by friends outside also. The modest sum of \$65.00 has covered all the expenses so far, including the purchase of an organ. The School has been regarded as a pleasant place of meeting by teachers and scholars, and it is hoped that, beyond the sewing and the singing and the verse of scripture taught, good may result from the kindly intercourse of the two classes here brought together.

It is now decided that our Diocesan Branch shall provide the salary of \$60.00 to maintain a Bible Woman in Japan. Eight of the larger Parishes have promised assistance; and if all those not contributing in any other way to Foreign Missions, would add an offering in proportion to their means, it would be very welcome and desirable. The money will not be required before November.

In the matter of work for the smaller Branches, experience has shown that clothing for Mission Schools, for the Indians, or for the House of Rest, is the most suitable; and if several would agree to unite in preparing one such box, we are sure that the result would be satisfactory. "There is a strength that comes from union, a moral as well as a physical strength." Miss

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Emery has recently sent letters from an Indian School in Dakota for this very purpose, and also recommends the Mission Schools at Graniteville and Summerville as proper Auxiliary work.

In making up the accounts, we find that the value of our work is less than it was last year by \$186.00. This may be explained by the fact, that after the earthquake, the Grace Church Branch devoted \$103.00 to the repairs of the church; St. Paul's gave \$40.00 to the same object; and the Spartanburg Branch has also expended \$84.00 in Parish work, which, properly speaking, has no place in this report.

In conclusion, we must return thanks to the various Branches for the manner in which the suggestions of the committee have been received and acted upon. The work has usually flowed through the regular channels, and harmony and good order have prevailed.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

COLUMBIA BRANCH.

MEMBERS —

General Missions.....	\$ 30 00
Theological Student.....	69 00
Domestic Missions, boxes, value.....	111 00
Surplice	7 00
Central Fund.....	——— \$217 00

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

MEMBERS 141.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$115 00
Domestic Missions	10 00
Industrial School	10 00
Central Fund	6 95
.....	141 95

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

MEMBERS 50.

Domestic Missions, (2 boxes—\$40.00, \$74.94).....	\$114 94
Central Fund.....	2 50
.....	117 44

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

MEMBERS 70.

Foreign Missions, (China).....	\$ 20 00
Diocesan Mission, boxes.....	77 00
Diocesan Mission.....	5 00
Central Fund	3 50
Incidental Expenses.....	2 80
.....	108 30

Amount carried forward..... \$ 584 69

Amount brought forward \$ 584 69

BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

MEMBERS 50.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.	\$ 50 00
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.	47 85
Subscription to Church Work.	1 00
Central Fund.	2 50
	101 35

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

MEMBERS 40.

Indian Missions, 1 box, value.	\$ 85 00
Central Fund	2 00
	87 00

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

MEMBERS 60.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$ 38 06
Central Fund	3 00
	41 06

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

MEMBERS 28.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.	\$ 39 45
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.	30 00
General Missions	8 00
Central Fund	1 40
	78 85

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

MEMBERS —

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.	\$ 45 00
	45 00

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

MEMBERS 19.

Foreign Missions, (Scholarship, Japan).	\$ 20 00
House of Rest, 1 box, value.	20 00
Central Fund	95
	40 95

RIDGE SPRING BRANCH.

MEMBERS 10.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.	\$ 14 40
Indian Missions, 1 box, value	10 00
Mite box.	3 66
Central Fund, (1887, 1888).	1 00
	29 06

UNION BRANCH.

MEMBERS 23.

Diocesan Mission, 1 Box, value.	\$ 27 00
Central Fund	1 15
	28 15

Amount carried forward \$1,036 11

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

FOR THE YEAR 1888-89.

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MISS S. I. LOWNDES, - - - - - Charleston

The Annual Meeting of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY was held at Grace Church Chapel, on Thursday afternoon, February 16th.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wilson. In consequence of the indisposition of the President he presided. An address from the President and an encouraging report from the Secretary were read.

The assessment of five cents on each member not being quite adequate to the needs of the Diocesan Board, it was discussed whether there should be an increased assessment, or a collection to be taken up at the quarterly meeting. The latter plan was adopted. A vote was taken on the expediency of changing the day for the annual meeting; a day in the 2d week of May was unanimously adopted. As the meeting will then occur during the session of the Diocesan Convention, it is hoped there may be an attendance of members from the Upper Districts. It was decided that each Parish Branch in the city would contribute to the Industrial School—the funds to be raised independently of the Auxiliary.

It was also decided to assume the support of a Bible Reader in Japan at a cost of \$60 per annum—to be divided among all the Branches.

An election for officers was then held, resulting in the re-election of the old Board, and Miss C. D. Dawson, Vice-President at Greenville, vice Mrs. E. W. Marshall who declined re-election.

After singing the doxology the meeting adjourned.

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Amount brought forward \$1,036 11

EDGEFIELD BRANCH.

MEMBERS —

House of Rest, 1 box, value.....	\$ 8 75
Mission School, (Va.,) 1 box, value.....	16 95
Central Fund.....	25 70

ROCK HILL BRANCH.

MEMBERS —

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 21 00
Central Fund.....	21 00

WINNSBORO' BRANCH.

MEMBERS 14.

Foreign Missions, (China).....	\$ 20 00
Central Fund.....	70
	20 70

CHERAW BRANCH.

MEMBERS 14.

Foreign Missions, (China).....	\$ 20 00
Central Fund.....	20 00

TOTAL..... \$1,123 51

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Three years have passed since the organization of our Branch of the Auxiliary, and we are about to enter upon another with more interest and earnestness than we have ever before felt. The history of Japan and of its wonderful opening to religious teaching, which we have just heard from the Rev. Mr. Woodman, and Miss Carter's graphic descriptions of need and suffering among the Mormons and Indians of our own land, have awakened in us all an earnest desire to do more than we have yet done in strengthening the hands of these devoted missionaries and extending to them our sympathy in their work.

It is a source of great regret that, owing to our peculiar circumstances—the distances between the parishes and the expense of moving from place to place,—we can have only the members of the Charleston Branches at our annual meetings; but I hope the time may yet come, when delegates from some of the parishes outside of the City limits may be able to attend, as such gatherings would bind us together in a closer sympathy, and stimulate us to more earnest and zealous effort in extending the bounds of Christ's kingdom.

It has been thought that it might be well to change the day of our annual meeting to some date later in the spring, either in April, or during the Convention week in May. Perhaps by

such an arrangement we may be more likely to secure a general attendance, and I would therefore urge the consideration of this matter.

According to our Constitution there shall be, besides the Annual meeting, three during the year—one in Charleston, one in Columbia and one in Greenville. The first of these is held about the middle of November, and if the central and upper portions of the Diocese would unite in carrying out this clause of the Constitution, the result, I am sure, would be both pleasant and profitable.

In many of the Dioceses the members of the Auxiliary have introduced the social element with the most successful results. The stated monthly or quarterly meetings are held in private houses, extracts from the Spirit of Missions, or other interesting papers, are read, occasionally music is made an attractive feature and light refreshments are served. I would strongly recommend this plan, as calculated to break up the stiffness and formality of a strictly business meeting, to bring the members more intimately together, and to throw more life and earnestness into the work.

Miss Emery is preparing a series of leaflets for Parish Officers, full of practical suggestions as to plans and methods. These also are commended to the thoughtful attention of those whom they may reach, as calculated to be of value in systematizing the parish work.

Our sympathies and our zeal, my dear friends, have been fully aroused by the earnest and eloquent addresses to which we have so recently listened. May those words sink deeply in our hearts, urging us onward and still onward, that so the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary may grow and extend its influence over the Foreign and Domestic work of the Church—supporting Bible Readers in Japan, lifting the burden of suffering from the crushed and broken-hearted Mormon women, providing the poor Indians with those comforts which only the women of the Church can supply; in short extending its sympathy and assistance wherever they may be needed.

By diligently reading the Spirit of Missions, let us keep ourselves informed on all points connected with each department of missionary work, then, with firm reliance on the Divine help and the constant use of prayer, let us arise to more devoted effort, until, like Dorcas of old, we may indeed be full of good works.

“Mean are all offerings we can make,
But thou has taught us Lord,
If given for the Saviour's sake,
They lose not their reward.”

Very sincerely yours,

N. S. WILSON,
President.

