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SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY was held at Grace Church Sunday School Room, on Monday afternoon, May 13th.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Pinckney, the meeting was called to order by the President. The roll of Parishes was called and outside the City Branches, Columbia only was represented. After hearing the reports interesting letters from Miss Emery and from Miss Carter (now in Japan,) were read. Also a letter from one of the Vice-Presidents, asking assistance for their Mission Chapel in Cashier's Valley; each City Parish Branch pledged itself for that object. An encouraging report was made by the Superintendent of the Industrial School, and it was decided to continue the work. It was also decided to send the offering taken at the religious service on the previous Sunday afternoon to Miss Emery.

The officers of the Diocesan Board were unanimously re-elected and the meeting then adjourned.

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Assessments.....	\$24 95
Semi-Annual Collection.....	8 60

Disbursed.

For Printing Reports.....	\$20 00
Subscription to Church Work.....	2 00
Deficiency in Japanese Fund.....	1 00
Stationery and Postals.....	8 75
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	\$31 75

Balance from last year	\$ 4 95
Receipts for 1888	33 55
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	\$38 50
Expenses for 1888	31 75
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 6 75
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Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary would call attention, in the beginning of this report, to the fact that it covers a period of fifteen months instead of twelve. This irregularity is caused by the change of our anniversary from February to May, which was indeed the month of our organization, four years ago. When it is announced therefore, that the amount of our offerings is between sixteen and seventeen hundred dollars, we need not be unduly elated, since the record embraces a longer period of time than usual. After all deductions have been honestly made, however, there is an increase of more than a hundred dollars in comparing this year's work with the last. In 1888 the sum total was \$1,123.00; in 1889 \$1,650.82. One new Branch has been organized, meanwhile, at Anderson—a most welcome addition to our ranks—for three others, which we can ill afford to lose, give no signs of life. There is no report to-day from Edgefield, Rock Hill or Chester; let us trust that these are cases of suspended animation only.

In the Domestic field our missionary boxes have been scattered far and near, as the Auxiliary intends that they should be, to Texas and Mississippi, Kansas and Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina. Assistance has also been given to missionaries and missions in our own Diocese; the House of Rest has received the usual amount of attention, and the schools at Summerville, Graniteville and Columbia were not overlooked. While the yellow fever raged in Florida last summer, the Auxiliary was called to a new and grateful task; that of sending relief to the Clergy in Jacksonville, then struggling heroically with Bishop Weed against the pestilence. The sum of \$176.00 was collected for this purpose, and it is a satisfaction to have ministered in some small degree to the comfort of men whose courage and devotion shed honor upon our Church.

For the Indians, six Parishes have worked during the past year, and all of the boxes have been sent to South Dakota, where there is much to encourage Missionary effort. It should not be forgotten that Miss Emery has visited this district, and actually formed some of these Christian Indians into a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Their first report has been published, from which we learn that "Mrs. Iron-Crow, Mrs. Pay-Pay, Mrs. Sunrise," and their dusky sisters, have given over one thousand dollars in value. The fact is that the amount of the offerings of these poor people comes uncomfortably near the sum given by a certain old Diocese, very dear to all of us, as shown in previous reports.

To our work in Japan we may turn with special pleasure. That ancient kingdom having thrown wide its gates and invited Christian teachers to enter in, we are privileged to respond to the call, and have promised to support a Bible Woman, who will go among her own people, showing them a new and better way of life. May the little light which we are trying to kindle on that foreign shore, send its beams into many homes and hearts. In Japan we have also one scholarship, the "Maurice Moore," which is maintained by the Spartanburg Branch, at St. Agnes School, Osaka. Two children continue to receive support at St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai; beyond this nothing has been attempted in the Foreign field. In the Domestic field, however, a good work has been recently begun by the Holy Communion Branch of the Auxiliary. This new scholarship is for the education of a Mormon child at Salt Lake City, and will bear the name of "Celia Campbell."

Since our last annual meeting a lady has been appointed to act as Librarian for the Auxiliary, and also for the Church Periodical Club. This last is a new enterprise, which aims to supply our Missionaries with good periodicals, both secular and religious. The subscriber to such a magazine is expected to forward it to the Missionary, after having himself read it. The name of the person desiring the book is furnished by the librarian, whose office is simply to bring the parties into communication. One of the Vice-Presidents of the Auxiliary has this matter in charge, and her letter on the subject will be read to the meeting.

The Industrial School was removed last autumn from its first position on King Street to a more remote locality, and the number of scholars has been much diminished, while a class has been reached which perhaps stood in greater need of assistance. The Superintendent will give an account of the work accomplished during the winter.

In conclusion, it is suggested that our financial report might read very differently were it not for the lingering doubt existing in many minds as to the duty of giving beyond the diocese, or

even the parish, where the Church perhaps may be feeble and languishing; and unless we firmly believe that the Church grows by giving, and gains by what she sends away for Missions, this paralyzing doubt is inevitable. When it is finally overcome, the South Carolina Branch will probably make more regular and healthful progress in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 3 boxes, value.....	\$ 42 60	
Florida Clergy.....	7 00	
		\$ 49 60

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 37 00	
House of Rest, 1 box, value.....	10 00	
Assessment	65	
		47 65

CHERAW BRANCH.

Foreign Missions	\$ 22 00	
Florida Clergy.....	10 00	
Assessment.....	75	
		32 75

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$150 49	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	32 79	
Bible Reader.....	10 00	
Assessment	5 60	
		198 88

Also, 1 valuable box for Florida Sufferers, not estimated.

BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

Industrial School.....	\$ 10 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	35 00	
Bible Reader.....	5 00	
Mormon Scholarship.....	20 00	
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	45 00	
Florida Clergy.....	20 00	
Assessment	1 30	
		136 30

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 62 00	
Bible Reader.....	4 00	
Florida Clergy.....	10 00	
Assessment	2 00	
		78 00

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$102 50	
Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value	69 18	
Diocesan Missions.....	6 50	
City Missions.....	5 00	
Bible Reader	5 00	
Assessment	3 40	
		191 58

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$100 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.. ..	23 00	
Bible Reader	5 00	
Florida Clergy.....	18 00	
Assessment	3 00	
		149 00

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 16 00	
Bible Reader	10 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	23 00	
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	52 00	
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	43 93	
Assessment	2 50	
		147 43

COLUMBIA BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 3 boxes, value	\$151 73	
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00	
Bible Reader.....	5 00	
		166 73

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 36 85	
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	50 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	30 80	
Assessment	2 50	
		120 15

RIDGE SPRING BRANCH.

House of Rest, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 28 10	
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	18 75	
Bible Reader.....	3 00	
Assessment	45	
		50 20

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.. ..	\$ 38 35	
Japan Scholarship.....	40 00	
Florida Clergy	8 25	
Assessment	75	
		87 35

UNION BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 15 00	
Bible Reader.....	3 00	
Florida Clergy.....	13 50	
		31 50

WINNSBORO' BRANCH.

House of Rest, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 20 00	
Foreign Missions, (China)	20 00	
Florida Clergy.....	20 00	
Assessment	70	
		60 70

YORKVILLE BRANCH.

General Missions.....	\$ 5 00	
Florida Clergy.....	29 06	
		34 90
Collected at November Meeting.....	\$ 8 00	
Collected for Florida at November Meeting.....	35 00	
Collected for Current Expenses.....	25 00	
		68 00
TOTAL.....	\$1,650 82	

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In reviewing the past year, my dear friends, and recalling what we have done, we must surely feel that this fourth record of our work as members of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, is such as to encourage us. Notwithstanding the difficulties which beset us on every hand, particularly the weak condition of so many of our parishes, the interest has rather increased, and we churchwomen seem more earnestly to realize the fact that by this unselfish work in behalf of others—the laborers in Christ's great Vineyard—our activities are stimulated and our sympathies broadened and enlarged.

And surely nothing on the list of the last year's work can give us more real satisfaction than the substantial sympathy and relief which we were able to send to Bishop Weed last September during the yellow fever epidemic. Those few little words, "God bless the women," inclosed in the perforated sheets, which told so well the story of the scourge, were quite enough to satisfy us that even those small amounts, with the tender thoughtfulness and loving prayers which went with them, carried comfort and help to the Church in Florida. May God in His mercy spare them through the coming summer!

Since our last annual meeting we have been called to mourn the death of one of our former Vice-Presidents, Mrs. E. M. Marshall, of Greenville, S. C. Elected to fill that office in the upper portion of the Diocese, she labored faithfully in the interest of the Auxiliary for two years, when grief at the loss of her husband induced her to resign her position, though she still remained a member of the Auxiliary. From the Church militant she has been taken to the blessed rest of Paradise to join the vast number of those, who in the beautiful language of the late Bishop

of Easton, "Are quietly camping under the palm-trees, waiting until the rest of the army come up, that all may go in together."

The organization of the Church Periodical Club during the past year is a most valuable development of our Auxiliary work. Already our correspondent reports Librarians in 7 parishes, all of whom seem deeply interested. It is the means by which most of the best literature of the country will be placed free of charge in the hands of our missionaries, and God's blessing will rest upon this work. In our Diocesan Library we have not the same encouragement. We have an earnest Librarian, but very little demand is made upon the reading matter she has for distribution. May we not, with profit, introduce a habit of reading aloud at our quarterly meetings from some paper or leaflet, which may tend to increase our interest and our knowledge in regard to the General Missions of the Church; Miss Emery strongly recommends this plan, and Miss Martin, No. 50 South Bay, would be glad to furnish all such reading matter.

A letter from Miss Hampton, of Columbia, one of our Vice-Presidents, appeals to the members of the Auxiliary to aid her in a work among the people of Cashier's Valley. Her sisters and herself have become very much interested in that little mission, which, although belonging to the Diocese of North Carolina, is yet carried on, I believe, entirely or nearly so, by South Carolinians. The letter will be read to you to-day, and I would beg the ladies to listen attentively, so as to determine if anything can be done. Then the report has come to us that the little church at Mar's Bluff needs somewhat of our help and sympathy. They want particularly altar linen and proper vessels for the Holy Communion, and I am sure would be glad of any assistance in that direction.

In some of our parishes many tens of the King's Daughters have formed a sisterhood of loving service "In His Name." It is another bond of union among us, members of the same household of faith, and 'bears the impress of Holy Love and Charity.' May we venture the suggestion that these little circles occasionally unite with the Woman's Auxiliary, and so lend somewhat of their time and their substance to the cause of the Church's mission?

We have long thought, my dear friends, that a service in which we could all unite, with the clergy to encourage us by their presence and their words of counsel, would be a help to our work and a stimulus to our zeal. And I am sure we will find it so. May those words which we have just heard with our outward ears, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts as to bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

I cannot close without a word of explanation with regard to the assessment upon the parishes. In order to carry on the

general work of the Auxiliary, the Diocesan Officers must have a contingent fund at their disposal. There is an immense amount of correspondence to be carried on, not only with the parish branches, but with the General Secretary in New York; and the expense of the necessary printing is quite heavy. Last year, as our Treasurer shows, the cost of our Annual Report alone was \$20.00, and it would be desirable to circulate, besides occasional leaflets, which so far we have been unable to do. In some Dioceses the assessment is from 50 cents to \$1.00, but in the condition of ours, we have thought it best to fix the amount at 5 cents only. This will be sufficient for the present to enable the Board to carry on the general work.

In conclusion, will you allow me in all kindness to make one more suggestion. It is only twice a year that we have such a meeting as has brought us together to-day. May I ask your careful attention to all the business that comes before us; that you rise and speak openly on all points of interest, always addressing the President and avoiding whispered conversation; and that all remain until the meeting is declared adjourned. I am sure all will agree that this would make our general assemblies much more interesting and efficient, and enable us to transact more thoroughly the business of the Auxiliary.

May the blessing of God rest upon all our future efforts, and may we do all things to His honor and glory.

N. S. WILSON,
President.

