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Woman's Auxiliary

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY was held at Grace Church Sunday School, on Monday afternoon, May 19th.

After a short service by Rev. Dr Pinckney, the meeting was called to order by the President. Outside of the City Branches only Columbia was represented. Reports from the Secretary and Treasurer were read, and the President gave her Annual address. The Treasurer reported that through the Auxiliary \$116.00 had been collected for Diocesan Missions, in response to an appeal from the Diocesan Board of Missions. A report was submitted by the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, Miss C. D. Dawson. Six Parishes had appointed Librarians, and had sent out Church Papers, Magazines and Sunday School Cards.

A report was read from the Superintendent of the Industrial School, in which she advised a discontinuance of the work. The school had been taken to a room at the Charleston Cotton Factory hoping to draw in the children of the Factory, but from unavoidable causes it had not been a success.

She reported a balance in the Treasury of \$37.00 which was unanimously voted to the "Girls Friendly Society."

The most interesting feature of the meeting was the presence of Mrs. Twing the originator and Honorary Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. Her words of practical wisdom and encouragement were received with cordial interest.

After the re-election of the old Board, the meeting adjourned.

S. I. LOWDNES,

Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Assessments.....	\$22 85
Collection in May.....	4 22
Collection in November.....	4 30
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	\$31 37
Balance from 1889	6 75
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	\$38 12

Disbursements.

Printing Annual Report.....	\$18 00
Printing Leaflets.....	2 10
Freight on Indian Box.....	8 35
Deficiency for Bible-Reader in Japan.....	4 00
Stationery.....	5 45
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	\$37 90
Balance in Treasury.....	22
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Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,

Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In reviewing the work of our Auxiliary year by year, one cannot fail to notice the fact that the South Carolina Branch keeps on the even tenor of its way, almost without variation.

The difference in the value of contributions stated in our first Annual Report, and in this our fifth, is a difference of less than two hundred dollars. And on our list of Parish Branches, we still, to the regret of the Diocesan Officers, count but seventeen names. There are others, self-supporting Parishes too, towards which our eyes have long been turned in hope, but so far all in vain.

As to the many feeble points and mission stations, so sadly numerous in our diocese, it may seem a romantic idea that they should be even invited to join in outside work. But this is not the view of the leaders of the Auxiliary. Our General Secretary writes that she longs to see a branch established in every struggling mission station; in Arizona and New Mexico, as well as in Massachusetts and New York. And why? Because missions are the life of the Church, and that *sending* is like the blood in

our veins: "keeping on that steady flow we live; ceasing that constant flow we die."

While the absence of so many parishes from the ranks of the Auxiliary is lamented, it should be mentioned that we have welcomed one new branch during the year. This was organized at Ridgeway in June. And it may be well to say also, that while there is evident room for improvement, there is no cause whatever for discouragement. On the contrary, several of our Parish Branches exhibit a vigorous life which is most cheering.

The value of our work and offerings corresponds curiously with that of the previous year. To speak very strictly the amount reported for 1890, should be \$1,190.89, but when we add the \$61.75 collected by St. Michael's and Grace Church, not entirely from the Auxiliary, but altogether through its efforts, then we have \$1,252.64, against \$1,250.00 last year.

Of this sum \$155.00 has been devoted to Foreign Missions, \$473.19 to Domestic, \$594.90 to Diocesan, \$116.00 of which is now ready to be turned over to the Treasurer in Columbia, the result of a contribution of 25 cents each by individual members of the Auxiliary in answer to an appeal from the President.

The pledges made in the Foreign-field have been faithfully redeemed. Two children have been supported at the Chinese Orphanage, and one scholar at St. Agnes' School, Osaka. The salary of the Bible Reader in Japan was paid in November.

In the Domestic field we maintain but one scholarship, and that is for the education of a Mormon child in Utah. Bishop Leonard writes most grateful letters in return for this assistance; his thanks are all due to the women of the Holy Communion Branch. To the Valley Mission in North Carolina \$45.00 has been given. It is earnestly hoped that this amount will be continued, and increased, if possible, during the coming year.

It would aid us in the choice of work, to keep clearly before the mind the true purpose of a missionary organization, which differs from the various Charitable Societies by which we are surrounded. These are indeed the noble and gracious fruit of Christianity, and never to be dispensed with. But it is the lofty aim of the Missionary Society to minister to the spiritual needs of mankind; to bring the living water within reach of those who have it not, be they in a neighbouring street, or on a distant continent. A lofty aim indeed, yet not quixotic; for it is ordained that thus the living water should be passed along, from human hand to hand.

When the box is filled, or the offering made for the support of the missionary, it is always in view of this, his high calling. To bring aid and comfort to all so engaged is the privilege of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,

Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 37 35	
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ANDERSON BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 16 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	2 25	
Assessment.....	1 10	
	<hr/>	19 35

CHERAW BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 22 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	3 75	
Assessment... ..	75	
	<hr/>	26 50

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 3 boxes, value.....	\$135 77	
Foreign Missions, 1 box, value.....	16 00	
“ “	10 00	
Domestic Missions... ..	10 00	
Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	66 40	
“ “	8 50	
Assessment	5 00	
	<hr/>	251 67

BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

Domestic Missions	\$ 45 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	65 50	
Assessment	1 65	
Not Specified	1 85	
	<hr/>	119 00

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions	\$ 5 00	
Foreign Missions.....	4 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00	
Assessment.....	1 55	
	<hr/>	20 55

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 00	
Domestic Missions.....	10 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	121 50	
Assessments	3 50	
	<hr/>	140 00

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 00	
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	20 00	
“ “	5 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	30 00	
“ “	13 25	
Assessment	3 00	
	<hr/>	76 25

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 10 00	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value..	38 00	
“ “	20 00	
Assessment	2 50	
		<hr/> 75 50

COLUMBIA BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 00	
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	70 05	
Diocesan Missions.....	29 75	
		<hr/> 104 80

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 00	
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	74 27	
Diocesan Missions	7 50	
Assessment.....	2 50	
		<hr/> 89 27

RIDGE SPRING BRANCH (MISSION).

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 26 15	
Foreign Missions.....	3 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	2 50	
Assessment.....	45	
		<hr/> 32 10

RIDGEWAY BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 25 00	
“ “	3 50	
Domestic Missions..	8 75	
Assessment.....	50	
		<hr/> 37 75

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 40 00	
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	13 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	3 75	
Assessment.....	90	
		<hr/> 57 65

UNION BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$ 50 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions	5 00	
		<hr/> 60 00

WINNSBORO' BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 20 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	10 00	
“ “	2 50	
		<hr/> 32 50

YORKVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions.....	\$ 5 85
Collected at November Meeting.....	4 30
Grace Church, through W. A.....	36 75
St. Michael's, through W. A.....	25 00
TOTAL.....	\$1,252 64
Expended in Foreign Missions ..	\$155 00
Domestic Missions.	473 19
Diocesan Missions.....	594 90
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Assessment.....	23 40
Collected at November Meeting.....	4 30
Not specified	1 85
	<hr/> 1,252 64
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Total received.....	\$1,252 64
Total expenses	\$1,252 64

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS—1890.

We have met again to-day, my dear friends, to celebrate another anniversary of our Society—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. I call it a Society, but unlike other Societies within the Church, its membership embraces all who have been baptized, for upon every one of us rests the obligation, whether acknowledged or not, to pray and work for the extension of our Blessed Master's Kingdom. I greet you in the name of our Auxiliary, and ask that we may discuss together, this afternoon, such ways and means as will best promote the end which we have in view. And do we not feel a fresh enthusiasm in our work and a more earnest desire to do what we can in the cause of Missions? When we are allowed the privilege of listening to the words of an active and earnest Missionary; to see and talk with those who have been themselves to the field, who have given their lives and those of their families to the cause, while they ask *us* only for our interest, our prayers and our means, we do feel more enthused with the missionary spirit and anxious to do still more than we have done in sustaining this Christian work. And none of us can soon forget the delightful visit of the Rev. Mr. Page, of the Japan Mission, who came, not so much for the pecuniary help which we might give, but to lay before us the facts connected with his travels through that remarkable country and to leave his words behind him as seed cast into the ground to bring forth in the future an abundant harvest. All that he told of our Bible Woman—Mia-Moto-Ren, was calculated to stimulate our zeal and encourage our interest in continuing to contribute to her support. Mr. Page carried

away with him about \$75.00, and he thanked us warmly for the welcome we gave him and the kindly interest with which we listened to his words; but *we* feel the obligation to be all the other way, and *our* gain from his visit ten-fold more than his. He expects to sail from San Francisco on the third of June. May we all remember him at that time and ask the prayers of the Church for a pleasant voyage and a safe return to his work and labors in that far off land.

During the past year we have had one new parish branch added to our list, and now number seventeen in this Diocese.* But in those parishes where the Auxiliary has been organized, there are not as many working members as might be. May we not, each one of us, make an effort during the next year, to increase the membership—the active membership of our respective branches, for if we are to be a power in the Church it must be by single effort as well as by combined force.

And again, I would suggest the "Missionary Teas," of which I have spoken before. If we could introduce this or some other social feature into our parish meetings, I feel sure we would arouse more interest and make such meetings more attractive, and these "Teas" have been found very effective, both in smaller towns and in larger cities, and have tended to draw full meetings and so to deepen the interest of young and old in the Missions of the Church.

On the third day of last October the General Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in New York. In Miss Emery's report to that meeting she lays great stress upon the importance of children's work in Missions, and states that a decided advance has been made in the formation of these Junior Branches—Connecticut, Michigan and Western New York taking the lead. I don't think anything has yet been done in that direction in our own Diocese, and would suggest to the officers of the parish branches to make an effort in the coming year to interest the younger members in this work and form them into Junior Societies. Such an organization has been effected at Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, with the wife of the Rev. Mr. Cook as Secretary, and last year they contributed the sum of \$10.00 to the Native Clergy Fund.

Last August we received an appeal from the Board of Missions of the Diocese to aid them in meeting their appropriations. The matter was brought before us in November, and a resolution was passed requesting each member of the Auxiliary to contribute the sum of 25cts. a year. This has been done to some extent and the amount of \$116.00 has been received by our Treasurer, to be forwarded to the Board. May we not hope that this subscription will be continued year after year with in-

*Since writing this a new branch has been organized in Georgetown with fifteen members and a promise of earnest interest in the work.

creasing lists, so that our Clergy will feel the helping hand and the warm sympathy of the women in the borders of his own Diocese, as well as of those who are without?

In Florida the Auxiliary acts in union with the Bishop for the Missions of the Diocese, and last year contributed to that object the sum of \$3,000.00, being the entire amount of their donations. But while we cannot make the same report, our influence has been felt in the far North-Western wilds of our country and as far South as Florida and Texas; for the auxiliary seems to bring us into a closer union with the Church throughout the length and breadth of this broad land, and North and South and East and West move with one mighty impulse to strengthen the hands and lighten the burdens of those who are in the forefront of the battle. Miss Hampton writes gratefully of the assistance she has received from the Auxiliary in carrying on her little Mission in Cashier's Valley. We recommend the continuance of these contributions which seem so essential to the success of that work.

We would congratulate the meeting this afternoon upon the presence among us of Mrs. Twing, the organizer of the Woman's Auxiliary, and its Honorary Secretary. She was given this appointment in 1883, by the Board of Missions in New York, which appointment was afterwards confirmed by the General Convention which met in October of the same year. In the annual report of that year we read: "She was given her present position for the purpose of maturing such a system for the training and distribution of woman's services in the Domestic Missionary field of the Church as may be found most practical and efficient." With this end in view she has gone from place to place organizing Associations among the women of the Church, and telling us all of the Church's growth and progress in this direction. We give to Mrs. Twing a cordial welcome, and feel quite sure that her words will deepen our interest and guide our ambition in this comparatively new field of work.

In conclusion, my friends, we would wish you God-speed in the new year of Auxiliary life just opening before us. To the Bishop and to the Clergy must we look for encouragement and guidance, which we so much need, and for that spiritual food which is to give us the help of the Holy Spirit. In His strength let us go forth to renewed interest and effort, devoting our lives, our substance and our time, as far as practicable, to the glory of God and the welfare of His Church:

"For Her my tears shall fall,
For Her my prayers ascend,
To Her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end."

N. S. WILSON, *President.*

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