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Woman's Auxiliary

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY was held at Greenville, May 15th, 1891.

On the previous evening a Missionary Meeting in the interest of the Auxiliary was held in Christ Church. The Rector of the Parish presided, and addresses were made by Rev. E. N. Joyner, Rev. Dr. Capers and Rev. Dr. Langford, Secretary of the Board of Missions.

The Ladies of the Auxiliary met in Christ Church Sunday School Room on Friday, at 5.30 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the President. Mrs. H. R. Rutledge was requested to act as Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Delegates from Abbeville, Anderson, Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, Walhalla, St. Luke's and Grace Church, Charleston, answered to the roll call. Reports were made by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Church Periodical Club. After an earnest address from the President, an election of officers was held, resulting in the re-appointment of the old board, with the exception of the Vice President from Charleston, Mrs. Archer, who had positively declined to serve. Miss A. P. Jersey was elected in her place. The doors were then opened to the Clergy and members of the convention, who attended in large numbers, and listened with marked attention to Miss Emery's admirable and suggestive address. The points she particularly urged were: the importance of meeting with their fellow-workers in different parts of the Diocese, training the young in missionary knowledge; teaching them *how to work* and *give* and always give of their best. She dwelt upon the importance of insuring the lives of our Foreign Missionaries, who are often beyond the reach of material offerings, yet can be aided in this way. She touched also upon the Enrolment Fund, where offerings are always welcome.

The Rev. Dr. Pinckney, on behalf of the South Carolina Branch, made a brief address of thanks to Miss Emery for her helpful words and presence. The meeting then adjourned.

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand.....\$00 22

Collections.

May 18th	\$14 00
May 19th.....	16 00
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At Semi-Annual Meeting.....	16 31
Annual Assessments.....	21 35
Donations.....	1 50
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	\$69 38

Disbursements.

For Mission House, through Mrs. Twing.....	\$10 00
Enrolment Fund, through Miss Emery.....	16 31
Printing Annual Report.....	17 00
Printing Leaflets.....	1 75
Mite Chests	1 50
Deficiency for Bible Reader.....	3 00
Stationery, Freight, &c.....	14 40
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	\$63 96
Balance in Treasury.	5 42
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	\$69 38

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The records of the past year give welcome evidence of life and growth in the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. The addition of three new parish branches, comprising one hundred and twenty members, must surely give a fresh impulse to our work, and has certainly brought encouragement to the hearts of your officers. The value of contributions has been increased to the amount of \$374.84; so that against \$1,252.00 last year, we may this year place \$1,626.84.

There has been marked improvement also in several of the older parish branches. In Spartanburg the offerings have been nearly doubled since our last Annual Meeting, and in Greenville the gain is still greater, for their twenty-five members report \$205.00 as the value of their gifts; this places them at once in the front rank of contributors.

No new work has been attempted by the South Carolina Branch in the past year; what was previously undertaken has been faithfully carried on.

The usual assistance has been given to the Valley Mission in North Carolina.

Our two scholarships have been maintained, one in the Domestic and one in the Foreign field.

Two children have been supported at St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai, China.

The salary of our Bible woman, who is doing excellent work in Japan, was paid in November. To the Indians one valuable box, worth nearly two hundred dollars, was sent at Christmas.

To the Enrolment Fund the sum of seventy-two dollars has been contributed.

For the rest, there has been devoted to Domestic Missions about four hundred dollars, and more than seven hundred to Diocesan Missions. This completes the record of our sixth year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,

Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 43 80
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AIKEN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	15 00
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ANDERSON BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$ 12 00
Assessment	1 10
	13 10

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 3 boxes, value.....	\$ 43 17
Diocesan Missions.....	13 30
Assessment	4 00
	60 47

CHERAW BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 3 75
Foreign Missions.....	7 00
Assessment	75
	11 50

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$106 85
Diocesan Missions.....	11 00
Domestic Missions, 3 boxes, value.....	104 37
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Assessments	7 50
	\$244 72
Enrolment Fund, through W. A.....	40 00
	284 72

BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 35 75
Domestic Missions.....	45 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
Assessments	4 00
	89 75

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$ 56 00
Domestic Missions	5 00
Foreign Missions	4 00
Assessments	4 20
	69 20

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 3 boxes, value	\$137 60
Diocesan Missions.....	32 00
Domestic Missions	11 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
Assessments	6 00
	\$191 60
Church Home, through W. A.....	19 00
	210 60

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 75 00
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
Enrolment Fund.....	20 00
Assessments.....	5 20
	110 20

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 48 00
Diocesan Missions	36 70
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Assessments.....	5 50
	105 20

COLUMBIA BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 80 00
Diocesan Missions	15 00
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
Enrolment Fund.....	12 00
Assessment	3 25
	131 00

GEORGETOWN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 15 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	22 00
Assessment	1 00
	38 00

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 9 60
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	50 00
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	140 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
	205 95

RIDGE SPRING BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 9 45
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	6 50
Foreign Missions.....	3 00
Assessment	45
	19 40

RIDGEWAY BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 18 00
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	12 30
	30 30

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 20 00
Indian Missions, 1 box, value	35 00
Foreign Missions.....	40 00
Mission House.....	10 00
Assessment	75
	105 75

UNION BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 6 00
Assessment	1 25
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	7 25

WINNSBORO BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 5 00
Foreign Missions.....	20 00
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	25 00

WALHALLA.

Indian Missions.....	5 00
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Collected at Meetings	\$1,580 84
	46 00
Total in money and boxes...	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,626 84

Expended in Foreign Missions.....	\$ 145 00
Indian Missions.....	193 65
Domestic Missions.....	401 87
Diocesan Missions.....	723 97
Enrolment Fund.....	72 00
Assessments.....	44 35
Collected at Meetings.....	46 00
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	\$1,626 84

REPORT OF THE FIRST TWO YEARS' WORK OF
 "THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE"
 IN CHARLESTON, S. C.

A branch of the M. C. L., called "St. Agnes Guild," was organized April 10th, 1889, among girls, with twenty-six members and eight associates. Its object was to clothe two children of the Sunday School of St. John's Mission Chapel in Charleston, and by means of a sale of articles, held by the girls at a private house, \$47 was raised in May, 1889, for this purpose. The first year of the existence of the League saw both summer and winter clothing, with blankets, provided for these children and some other help given them, as well as a Christmas feast provided for twelve of the girls from St. John's, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests as well as by the providers.

The second year of our "M. C. L." has just ended, and we now number seventy-eight members and sixteen associates—total, ninety-four. During the past year, from the proceeds of another sale and the exertions of some earnest members besides, four girls have been clothed, twelve children have enjoyed another Christmas dinner, and a box of twenty-six dressed dolls and

other toys, worth \$36, has been sent to St. Mary's Indian School, in charge of Bishop Hare, at Rosebud Agency, South Dakota. Most interesting letters from the Principal of the School, as well as from several of the Indian children, have been received, returning thanks for this box, which was really a most attractive one. Gifts were also contributed through the League to the Christmas Tree, at St. John's Chapel, Charleston.

Received and expended during our first year.....	\$ 47 48
Second year	126 21
TOTAL.....	\$173 69

M. E. SASS,
President.

LUCY P. HUGER,
Secretary.

Charleston, April 31st, 1891.

NOTE.—The above is included in the Annual Report, this branch of the "M. C. L." working as a junior Auxiliary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We are here to-day, my friends, in response to an invitation from the Diocesan Convention and at the earnest request of the Greenville Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Heretofore our annual meetings have always been held in Charleston, but at the last session of the Convention a resolution was passed requesting that they should take place when and where the Convention met; and Mrs. Twing, in advising us of ways and means by which to increase the interest and efficiency of our Branch of the Auxiliary, spoke highly in favor of the plan. There seemed many obstacles in the way of our carrying it out, but I am happy to say that they have been overcome, and we commence to-day a new era in our Auxiliary life, which I trust will be productive of much benefit to us all.

There is nothing more effective than "the touch of the elbow" to bring us into closer sympathy and to stimulate our energy and zeal; and we hope that in the years to come still larger numbers will be gathered together at these annual meetings to discuss our mutual interests and to consider plans for our future work. To you who are here to-day we would give a kindly welcome and a most cordial greeting, asking your attention for a few minutes while we bring before you a few suggestions in reference to our work for the approaching year.

Since our last meeting three new branches have been organized, in Georgetown, Beaufort and Aiken. This last is scarcely a month old, but its members are thoroughly in earnest, and,

with the other two mentioned, gives promise of much future usefulness. We now number 20 Branches in our Diocese, and so far from being a hindrance to Parish work, it is proven, by experience, that wherever a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has been organized, the spiritual tone of the Parish has been raised, and an impetus given to every Church activity.

In considering our work for the coming year one of the most important objects to claim our attention is the life insurance policy of our Foreign Missionaries. We can well imagine what a burden is lifted from the hearts of these brave clergy, if they can be assured that when their working day is over, and they shall be called to the blessed rest of Paradise, those whom they love and cherish here will be provided with the means of support by the Church for which they have so faithfully labored. Many of our Branches are weak, and perhaps as a Diocese we cannot do as much in the way of pledges as we would like, but of all the objects which are brought before us none is more worthy of serious thought. We would be glad if any of our parish branches should feel able to do something in this direction.

The Rev. Mr. Kershaw, as we all know, has ventured the publication of a little paper in the interest of the Church in this Diocese, and he has kindly asked us to use a column each month for items of Auxiliary news. We propose, therefore, to make the "Diocesan Intelligencer" a medium of communication between the Parish Branches and the Diocesan Board, which meets in Charleston once every month.

It is very desirable that we should keep ourselves in sympathy each with the other, and that the whole should be constantly informed of the action taken by the Board. Leaflets printed and circulated from time to time would perhaps be the best means of communication, but the annual parish assessment upon which we draw for all such expenses has been placed at so low a figure that it is scarcely sufficient to meet the other and more important demands upon the Board. With the exception of one or two parish branches, five cents a year from each member has been all that we have had to depend upon for our contingent fund, and if this small amount could be at least doubled, it would aid us very materially in carrying on our work. Meanwhile we will accept Mr. Kershaw's offer, and endeavor to circulate Auxiliary information through the columns of the "Intelligencer," hoping that a free subscription among the members of the various branches will bring such information within the reach of all.

The Church Periodical Club does not grow in favor, as we had hoped it would, though the report of our correspondent is not without encouragement.

One reason of the apparent lack of interest is the fact that for

several years past, before the organization of the Club, many have reserved their papers and periodicals for special friends, or clergymen, or for the sick in hospitals; and in these cases no change has been made, and the names are not in the lists. Still I would again commend this work to the attention of the Parish branches, suggesting that a Librarian be appointed in each, and we hope that at our next annual meeting our correspondent may report a much larger number of papers and periodicals sent throughout the country. It is a most excellent undertaking, and we trust the time may come when many a devoted Missionary will thank the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the comfort and refreshment provided by the Church Periodical Club.

We regret to announce to the meeting to-day that our Charleston Vice-President, Mrs. H. P. Archer, declines to be again re-elected. It had been Mrs. Archer's intention to be present with us to-day and in person offer her resignation, but sickness at home has caused her absence. For six years she has been an interested and faithful member of our Diocesan Board, and we shall miss her from her accustomed place.

We have the pleasure this afternoon of welcoming among us our General Secretary, Miss Julia Emery, to whom we are indebted for the establishment of our Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Many of us have a pleasing remembrance of her visit six years ago, and are rejoiced to have her with us again to-day. We give Miss Emery a cordial greeting, and thank her for the privilege afforded us of listening once more to her words of encouragement and of judicious counsel.

We cannot close without thanking the officers and members of the Auxiliary in Greenville for their cordial invitation to us and for their kind and hospitable entertainment. To their energy and interest we are indebted for the success of our meeting and for the pleasure of our visit, and we hope to be able to return these kind and thoughtful courtesies when again we have our annual meeting in Charleston.

Finally, my friends, may the Collect for Whitsuntide be ever on our lips, "to have a right judgment in all things," and may the Great Shepherd of the sheep make us perfect in every good work to do His will, putting into our minds good desires," and grace to "bring the same to good effect."

"And while around His board we meet
And worship at His sacred feet,
O let our warm affections move
In glad returns of grateful love."

N. S. WILSON,
President.

