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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 Room, on Tuesday afternoon, May 24th.

After a short service by the Rev. Mr Gass, an address was made by Rev. Geo. F. Degen, the recently appointed City Missionary. In his account of missionary work in Arkansas, he alluded specially to a Church Hospital, at Fort Smith, which had received valuable aid from the Woman's Auxiliary.

The business meeting was then organized, and in the unavoidable absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair.

Columbia was the only Branch represented outside of Charleston.

Reports were made by the Secretaries of the different Parishes.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, and then the President's address. She urged quarterly meetings of the officers with the Diocesan Board; also the appointment of a Librarian in each Parish, in the interests of the C. P. Club. She asked that a special offering be made by each Branch for the Enrollment Fund, to be given at the Triennial Convention in October. Mrs. Conner, in response to this, explained the objects of the Fund and warmly advocated it.

The report of the Children's Ministering League was read, giving a most interesting account of the work done by them during the past year.

The old board of officers was re-elected.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. E. M. Seabrook:

WHEREAS, The members of the Woman's Auxiliary have heard with deep regret of the very serious illness of our beloved and honored Bishop,

Resolved, That we miss from this our annual meeting his welcome presence, and the words of encouragement and interest in our work with which he was wont to greet us, and we tender to him, to his afflicted family, and to the stricken Diocese our heartfelt sympathy, and unite with them in most earnest prayers for his health and welfare.

It was seconded and passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The Doxology was then sung, and the meeting adjourned.

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from 1891.....	\$ 5 42
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Collections.

At Meeting in Greenville.....	\$ 45 00
Charleston, May 26th.....	9 95
November 26th, Semi-Annual Meeting.....	10 60
Annual Assessments.....	33 95
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	\$104 92

Disbursements.

To General Board, through Miss Emery	\$ 45 00
To Rev. Mr. Joyner.....	10 60
Expenses of Delegate.....	8 00
Printing Reports.....	19 00
Stationery, Telegrams, etc.....	12 65
Deficiency for Bible Reader.....	4 00
Mite Chests to Sumter.....	50
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	\$99 75
Balance in Treasury.....	5 17
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	\$104 92

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Diocesan Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is seven years old to-day. The child of an impoverished Diocese, it has survived the dangers of infancy, to enter, let us hope, upon a more vigorous stage of existence. Many an anxious consultation upon its welfare has been held in times past; many more, perhaps, await its guardians in time to come; yet I think we all now feel that the Auxiliary has brought us strength and courage, besides "the privilege of happy service." During these seven years our offerings amount to near \$9,500, a sum which wealthy branches have often doubled in a single year. Not that this fact should discourage us for a moment, if we have done our best. This \$9,000, at all events, we have had the pleasure of dispensing far and near. Surely it has never been missed, and can neither be regretted or lost. Before entering upon the

particulars of our work, the statistics, the boxes and barrels, among which we are said to linger too fondly, I will ask leave to quote from an article in the *Churchman*, which bears directly upon our work in its highest aspect. It is entitled "The Divine Side of Church Work," and the author maintains that the "chief danger of our times is that this be lost sight of, in our efforts to make its temporal and human side successful." "All Church work," he continues, "if it be legitimate at all, is divine in its origin and is sketched in broad outline in these words: The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the poor have the gospel preached unto them. In these words we perceive the germ of our Church work; hospital, asylum, school, missions, and we should constantly bear in mind this sacred aspect of our work, as its truest incentive and deepest fount of strength. I fear we are apt to secularize it too much. We are so occupied with details. Our thought is directed much towards reports and statistics. There is usually the problem ever recurring of how to make both ends meet. The method of raising money in many parishes is of the most worldly tendency. Even that portion of Church work which has to do with missions, and would necessarily lead our minds, one would think, to the object of missions and the first missionary in Judea—even this, I fear, is sadly secularized. Our talk lingers among boxes and barrels and packages. We criticise, not always kindly, the appeal of our Missionaries for this or that, and are in constant peril of looking upon our Church work as merely human work, and not essentially divine; as an earthly occupation, rather than a divine duty; as man's imposition, rather than the Master's appointment. From this view of it a serious danger will confront us—the danger of looking upon our Church work as a burden, to be borne grudgingly, and upon occasion shirked. This false view has already paralyzed the endeavors of many Christian people."

To turn now to the examination of our work, we find that our record for this year does not equal the last by \$200, which is a disappointment, attributable, it may be, to the financial pressure of the present season. No Branch has entirely withheld its contributions, but in many instances they have been smaller. Some few, on the other hand, show marked improvement. The little Branch in Anderson is one of these, which may be thus paying a tribute to the memory of its late pastor, for Mr. Gadsden was the constant, enthusiastic friend of Missions, whose warm encouragement is missed by many beyond the limits of his own Parish.

The Holy Communion Branch has also increased its gifts this year. \$126 is an excellent contribution from thirty-two members. Spartanburg has kept up the good record begun last year, and reports \$110 as the value of offerings, besides \$179 collected for Diocesan Missions.

Our boxes have been sent in various directions—to Dakota and Iowa, to Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, and to the Summerville Mission in our own State. Altar linen has been presented to the Church at Mar's Bluff, and a lectern to Fort Motte. Our contributions in money have also been given in many directions—to China and Japan, Utah, North Carolina and to Diocesan Missions. This money was chiefly in the form of pledges: For one Bible Reader in Japan; for two scholarships in Osaka and in Utah; and for a child at the Chinese Orphanage. To the Valley Mission in North Carolina some help has been given, though not quite so much as formerly.

From collections made at general meetings of the Branch, two new objects have received assistance. One of these is the Foreign Insurance Fund, and the other Missions among the colored people of our own State. The larger part of our offerings, \$655, has been expended in the Domestic field; about half that amount within the Diocese; while not quite \$200 has been devoted to Foreign Missions. Gifts to the Indians and the Enrolment Fund, with the necessary expenses of the Branch, will account for the remainder of the year's contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 34 50
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AIKEN BRANCH.

35 Members.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 49 00
General Missions.....	9 00
	58 00

ANDERSON BRANCH.

14* Members.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 15 00
Domestic Missions, 1 package.....	3 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Assessment	75
	28 75

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

71 Members.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 19 59
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Indian Missions, 1 box, value	15 00
Indian Missions	20 00
Diocesan Missions	34 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Assessment	4 00
	108 39

CHERAW BRANCH.

15 Members.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 8 75
Foreign Missions.....	17 00
Assessment.....	75
	— \$21 50

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

100 Members.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$150 15
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Assessment.....	5 00
Expenses of Delegate, General Meeting.....	14 00
	— 179 15

BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

32 Members.

Domestic Missions	\$ 45 00
Diocesan Missions.....	45 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Enrolment.....	25 00
Assessment.....	1 50
	— 126 50

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

34 Members.

Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 10 00
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	14 00
Assessment	3 00
	— 32 00

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

67 Members.

Diocesan Missions, 3 boxes, value.....	\$ 37 85
Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	108 05
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions, Lectern.....	12 80
Foreign Missions	5 00
Assessment	3 35
Incidental Expenses	1 25
	— 178 30

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

50 Members.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 14 00
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions.....	25 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
Assessment	2 50
	— 51 50

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

50 Members.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 73 36
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions	10 00
Assessment	2 50
	— 95 86

COLUMBIA BRANCH.

40 Members.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 42 20
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
Assessment	2 00
Enrollment Fund.....	13 00
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	\$72 20

GEORGETOWN BRANCH.

25 Members.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 45 00
Assessment	2 50
	—————
	47 50

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

28 Members.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 68 70
Foreign Missions	5 00
Enrolment Fund.....	32 80
Assessment	2 80
	—————
	109 30

RIDGE SPRING BRANCH (MISSION).

9 Members.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 6 40
Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	5 00
Foreign Missions	3 00
Assessment	45
	—————
	14 85

RIDGEWAY BRANCH.

— Members.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 25 00
Diocesan Missions	2 75
	—————
	27 75

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

— Members.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 33 10
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	27 00
Foreign Missions	40 00
Assessment	65
	—————
	110 75

UNION BRANCH.

25 Members.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 40 00
Assessment	—
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	40 00

WINNSBORO BRANCH.

— Members.

Foreign Missions	18 20
Total in money and boxes.....	\$1,420 55

REPORT OF ST. AGNES GUILD, A BRANCH OF THE
MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE, MAY, 1892.

The Branch of the Ministering Children's League in Charleston now numbers 90 members and 24 associates—total, 114. During the year it has held five meetings, and received from all sources \$195. This has been spent in clothing four girls of the Sunday School of St. John's Chapel, contributing towards the purchase of an organ for that Sunday School, and towards its Christmas tree and picnic. Besides this, an offering of \$10 was made to the Day Nursery in Charleston, and \$15.25 to a child's cot in the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, in Nashville. At Christmas groceries were sent by the League to the House of Rest and Enston Home, and lately a box of Sewing materials to a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in Dakota, and the contents of Lenten Mite Boxes, \$50, as an Easter offering to the Board of Missions in New York.

The League will hold its Fourth Annual Bazaar on the 28th of May, and hopes to continue its work with equal success through the coming year. Money for ice tickets and for medicine have also been contributed for a sick woman during the year, and some assistance towards clothing a little girl very much in need.

LUCY P. HUGER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF THE
CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB FOR 1892.

There are now six Librarians.

79 Periodicals are sent regularly by 59 persons.

11 Books have been given.

2 Sunday School Papers for the year.

233 Christmas Cards.

108 Christmas Carols.

197 Easter Cards.

60 Easter Carols.

1169 Odd Numbers of Periodicals.

\$9.00 in Annual Subscriptions to the General Expense Fund of the Church Periodical Club.

We have 42 Dioceses working with us.

In a recent letter from a Clergyman in Kansas, one of whose parishioners receives *The Churchman* through the Church Periodical Club, we see this most encouraging remark: "I find our literature doing as much as the Missionary."

Respectfully,
CAROLINE D. DAWSON,
Correspondent Church Periodical Club.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Again, my friends, we meet together to-day, on the seventh anniversary of our organization, and as we look back through the past to the beginning of our life as a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, we feel that we are no longer in our infancy. The lapse of time has placed us more firmly upon our feet; and though our growth in numbers and in interest may not have kept even pace, yet perhaps we have done as well as under all circumstances has been practicable.

Among the larger Branches in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Beaufort, the work goes steadily on, while many of the smaller and weaker Parishes are also laboring faithfully to do their part in that great missionary responsibility which lies upon each of us. May God grant His blessing upon our feeble efforts, and make us to do all in His name who hath loved us and given himself for us—our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

While it is the duty of our Secretary to present to you to-day a full account of what has been done in our Branch of the Auxiliary since our last annual meeting, upon myself devolves the task of turning your thoughts to the year which lies before us; and trusting to that Holy Spirit whose guidance we may never seek in vain, let us consider together a few suggestions which may tend to aid us in trying to do the will of our blessed Lord and Master. And I know of nothing which seems of more importance than the Church Periodical Club. By means of this organization many a clergyman has been supplied with the intellectual food which he so much craves, and which seems so very essential if he is to make full proof of his ministry, and yet the officers report only a small list of subscribers, and so very little interest. The outlay of but a small amount of postage each year is all that is asked; only to put aside some paper or periodical every month, after it is read, and send it by mail to some clergyman, or missionary or church hospital or school, the address of which will be supplied by your Librarian. The plan and arrangement of the Periodical Club originated with that most earnest and devoted churchwoman, Mrs. Fargo, of New York City, who within the past few months has been taken to another and a higher service. In the March number of the *Spirit of Missions* the attention of the Woman's Auxiliary is called to the following letter written by her successor, Mrs. Chapin: "The death of our beloved Peesident, Mrs. Fargo, has placed a heavy responsibility on those on whom the work now devolves. I am grateful to all of you who were in any way connected with her great work for your kindly words of sympathy. I trust to be able, with the aid of the other good workers in this noble mission work of the Church, to carry out dear Mrs. Fargo's work in her own way, with one exception. Now that we have a central

office, books and papers which would not be sent out through the Church Periodical Club, may be sent there, and we will send them out. I shall try to help your branch of the work in every way that I can, and ask your co-operation in ours." Since the establishment of this organization in our Branch of the Auxiliary we have had but one Librarian for the six Charleston Churches. But the plan does not seem to work well. We find it impossible for one alone to reach or to canvass thoroughly each congregation, and we therefore suggest that a Librarian be appointed in every Parish Branch who shall be active and efficient in promoting the interests of the Club, and who shall report to the Diocesan Correspondent, in Greenville. Indeed I would suggest that this subject be open for discussion before our meeting adjourns, and such steps taken as will secure the hearty co-operation of all the City Branches, and increase the membership in the Church Periodical Club.

Pardon me, if I again urge the importance of reading more faithfully the *Spirit of Missions*. It will give us more missionary intelligence than can be gathered from any other source, and make us more and more familiar with the work that is done in the mission field of the Church, and with the laborers in that field. It will be an incentive to more liberal giving and more earnest work, and doing this will reflect upon our own religious life. For we cannot read the story of Dr. Drigg's work at Port Hope, or of Mr. Chapman's self-denying labors at Anvik, in Alaska, without a painful consciousness of our own self-ease, and yet there is encouragement in the thought that these brave soldiers of the Cross receive comfort and aid from the Woman's Auxiliary, and record gratefully the sympathy and the substantial help which is sent to them each year by the women of the Church. May I not suggest that each branch at least subscribe to a copy of the *Spirit of Missions*, and at every meeting such articles be selected to be read aloud as shall be found most interesting and instructive. By this means I am sure that we shall cultivate more enthusiasm in the work, and grow more familiar with all of its details. We shall learn how in the Deanery of South Dakota, among the native Indians, in spite of cold and blizzard, of ice and snow, the Branches of the Auxiliary meet together, sometimes once a week, and read some page from the *Spirit of Missions*, and we will ask ourselves if we too cannot in some like manner stir up our zeal and quicken our interest in the good work which we have undertaken.

And here I cannot but quote from a letter of Miss Emery. She writes: "May I call your attention to the fact that the Auxiliary Department of the *Spirit of Missions* often contains notices which it is important for the officers to read. If you do not see the magazine already, or if these notices have heretofore escaped your attention, will you not now send on your subscrip-

tion (of one dollar), and take pains each month to read at least such portions as apply especially to our Auxiliary work? For I cannot but think that we all need an increased sense of our responsibility as officers, a realization that we have not a position only in the Auxiliary, but a duty also, and that we should cultivate more intelligence, more earnestness and more activity in all our work."

The subject of the Enrolment Fund has been revived, and by vote of the Diocesan officers, at their meeting held in Detroit, a few months ago, it was resolved to make this the object of the general offering at the triennial meeting next October. Each individual member of the Auxiliary is asked to lay aside every week some sum, however small, to be forwarded to our Diocesan Treasurer, between the middle and end of September, and sent by her to Baltimore early in October, that we may all take part in that general thanksgiving offering to be given at the triennial meeting by the Woman's Auxiliary throughout the land.

Surely, my friends, our thanks are due to the Rev. Mr. Partridge, to whom we have so recently had the pleasure and privilege of listening. He has given us a clearer insight into the work of christianizing the heathen Chinese than we ever had before, and could we more frequently hear such stirring addresses, I am sure that our interest in Foreign Missions would be greatly increased.

Among the clergy who were present at our last annual meeting in Greenville, and who welcomed us with words of cheer and encouragement, was the Rev. Thomas Gadsden. Since then he has been taken from the scene of his earthly work, but we of the Auxiliary specially mourn his loss; for his pure and noble heart ever went out in loving sympathy with all our efforts, and we shall sorely miss his words of approval and of commendation.

Finally, my friends, "let us not be weary in well doing, for in due time we shall reap if we faint not." "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men, knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ."

N. S. WILSON,
President.

