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OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE

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Woman's Auxiliary

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Eighth Anniversary Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Charleston, May 2d, 1893. After the celebration of the Holy Communion and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Langford at St. Michael's Church, the congregation adjourned to the South Carolina Hall, where the business meeting was held.

The roll of Parishes was called, and for the first time since our organization we had the great pleasure of welcoming delegates from Parishes outside of the city. Delegates were sent by Abbeville, Cheraw, Trinity Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia, Grahamville, Union and Walterboro'.

After an address of welcome from the President, reports were made by the Diocesan Secretary and by the Secretaries of the various Parish Branches. A comprehensive report was made by the Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, and a short report by the Children's Ministering League, showing that good work had been done by them.

Miss Emery then addressed the meeting, expressing her warm pleasure in being once again among us. She then enforced, in her own persuasive manner, the importance of systematic giving. Alluding to the contribution to the Enrolment Fund of \$269 from South Carolina, she argued that if in five short months we could raise that amount, how largely we could join in the endowment of a Domestic Bishopric at the next Triennial Convention, if each member would begin at once to lay by a small weekly sum for that purpose. She also pointed out the necessity of a Diocesan Assessment in each Branch, not simply for printing reports and for correspondence, but also at times to meet any deficiency in a pledge given by the diocese.

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

Respectfully,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

Balance on hand	\$ 5 17
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At Annual Meeting	\$12	33
At Semi-Annual Meeting	11	13
Assessments	32	85
	<u>\$61</u>	<u>48</u>

Sent to Bible House	\$ 5 00
Printing Reports.....	22 00
Printing Leaflets.....	3 50
Printing Constitutions.....	2 50
Deficiency for Japan	7 00
Mite Chests. <i>See & See The</i>	50
Stationery for Auxiliary Church Periodical Club....	8 00
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Balance in Treasury.....	\$48 50
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	\$61 48

Respectfully submitted,
S. I. LOWNDES,
Diocesan Treasurer.

The Auxiliary may draw encouragement to-day from the presence of its guests and delegates. The very fact that women have been found willing to leave their homes, and come from far and near to this meeting must surely argue an increase of missionary spirit. And your Secretary asks leave to add her word of welcome to that of the President, for she hopes to meet this morning, face to face and for the first time, the friends and correspondents of years past, valued fellow-workers, who have often discussed by letter the difficulties and successes of the work, and are now here assembled, with the common purpose of gaining inspiration for the future.

On the subject of a missionary spirit, just alluded to, Dr. Vibbert has recently delivered an animating address before

the Long Island Branch of the Auxiliary. He there maintains that one most important work at present is, not the filling of boxes or the raising of money, though these are blessings to all concerned, but the cultivation of a missionary spirit. He says the "splendid opportunity which lies before the Auxiliary is the work of awakening sisters, children, husbands, brothers, sons, to the obligation, the privilege of taking an interest in missions;" that there is a store of influence yet to be exerted in a quiet, unobtrusive homely way, for the success of the cause; to spread information, to arouse interest, to kindle enthusiasm, this he insists is the duty of the hour; and therefore the women are bidden to "go and tell," as on that Easter morning long ago. And we must learn to measure our gains by this higher standard, and not by dollars and cents alone; though these will surely follow where interest and knowledge lead the way.

We may congratulate ourselves on the acquisition of three new Parish Branches during the past year; one of these is in the church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia, the others in Walterboro and Grahamville. Delegates from each of these Branches are among our welcome guests to-day.

It may be well to remind our members, new and old, of a fact which is not generally appreciated, but which should be borne in mind, as it must influence our choice of work. It is this, the founders of the Auxiliary intended that the missionary should be supplied in such a manner, "that as far as practicable, the giver and receiver should know nothing of each other." Now the first and natural impulse of a society often is, "to work for one of our own missionaries." This may be sometimes desirable, but as a general rule, it is a mistake. "Our own missionary," from motives of delicacy, would rather tell his wants to unknown friends, than to those near home; we may safely entrust him to the kind hands of our General Secretary, who provided for his needs long before we thought of joining in her labors. Besides, if we limit our sympathy and efforts to our own Diocese, one of the chief lessons of the Auxiliary will be lost; which is to work, "more nearly as we pray," for all those "who go forth to preach the gospel to every creature."

If the South Carolina Branch will consent to make the experiment of systematic giving during the coming year, there will be a great improvement, without doubt, in the financial report at the next annual meeting. The sum of

the contributions for the past year is \$1,281.02; of this amount \$441.00 was given to missions within the Diocese; \$332.07 to Domestic and \$146.75 to Foreign Missions. The Indians have fared badly at our hands of late, but \$37.95 has been devoted to this department of the field; and this sum was contributed almost entirely by the Spartanburg Branch, which also supports a scholarship in Japan and a child in the Chinese Orphanage. Three Parish Branches unite in maintaining a second child at the same institution, and the women of the Holy Communion continue to support a scholarship in Utah—our only one in the Domestic field.

The Diocesan Branch is responsible for the salary of our Bible Woman in Japan, and has given assistance as usual to the Valley Mission in North Carolina.

To the Enrolment Fund the sum of \$269.50 was given last October—a small part of the grand offering of the Woman's Auxiliary at the General Convention.

The Ministering Children's League will make its own excellent report.

In Cheraw, a band of five little girls work under the rules of the "Twenty Minutes Society," and have sent the proceeds of their labor to the Indians. Their gifts were valued at \$10.00.

Such is the too brief record of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....\$ 40 00

AIKEN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 23 58	—
Foreign and Indian Missions.....	7 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	6 00	
Assessment.....	1 50	
	—	38 08

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 5 00	—
Assessment.....	65	
	—	5 65

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 43 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	17 00	
Assessment.....	4 00	
	—	64 00

CHERAW BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 17 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	2 00	
Assessment	75	19 75
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CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 85 00	
Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	48 00	
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
Domestic	5 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	10 00	
Assessment	5 00	163 00
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BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 34 40	
Diocesan Missions	5 00	
Domestic Missions.....	53 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	62 00	
Assessment	1 75	161 15
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ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 43 80	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
Foreign Missions.....	14 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	10 00	
Assessment	3 80	76 60
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ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$108 55	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	36 00	
Assessment	3 35	152 90
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ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 32 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	10 00	
Assessment	2 00	49 00
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ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 20 00	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	30 00	
Assessment	2 50	67 50
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COLUMBIA.

TRINITY BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 12 00	
Domestic Missions.....	46 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	35 60	
Assessment.....	2 00	
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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	15 00
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GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 98 87	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Enrolment Fund.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	2 80	
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GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	17 00
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RIDGE SPRING BRANCH (MISSION.)

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes, value.....	\$ 16 75	
Foreign Missions.....	2 25	
Assessment.....	40	
	<hr/>	19 40

RIDGEWAY BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 8 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 package, value.....	2 50	
Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	14 20	
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SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box, value.....	\$ 16 45	
Indian Missions, 1 box, value.....	34 45	
Foreign Missions.....	65 00	
Assessment.....	70	
	<hr/>	116 60

UNION BRANCH.

Domestic Missions.....	9 00
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WALTERBORO BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box, value.....	20 00
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Total in money and boxes.....\$1,281 02

Expended in Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 441 00
Domestic Missions.....	332 07
Foreign Missions.....	146 75
Indian Missions.....	37 95
Enrolment Fund.....	269 50
Assessment.....	30 35
Collected at meetings.....	23 40
Total.....	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,281 02

REPORT OF ST. AGNES GUILD—A BRANCH OF
THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE—
MAY, 1893.

The Ministering Children's League has ended its fourth year, with 107 members and 25 associates on its roll, and its work amounting in money value to \$196.90. This has been spent mostly at home, in providing clothing for four girls of St. John's Sunday School in Charleston, and at Christmas in giving a dinner to twelve of these children, and in other ways helping them. A box of toys, etc., for Christmas tree was also sent to a Sunday School in Montana; and \$42.08 from Lenten mite boxes to Indian Missions. The League is now about to provide from their *birthday* offerings, a font for the little church of St. Alban's at Kingstree, S. C., which some of the Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary have also been helping to furnish. It presented some time ago an alms-plate to the chapel of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island.

L. P. HUGER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB,
FOR THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

During the past year the work has increased. We have now 78 regular contributors of periodicals. 93 current periodicals are sent out regularly and 153 odd magazines and papers have been distributed. 16 Sunday School papers are sent out monthly. 17 books have been given away to date—2 of these were given to clergymen by Rev. J. G. Glass. 87 Christmas and 69 Easter carols and 33 Easter cards have also been sent away since the last report. 1 scrap-book and a number of Christmas and Easter cards have been sent to the Rev. John Chapman, one of the Missionaries in Alaska. There has been in Charleston a subdivision of work: 3 new librarians having been appointed for their respective parishes of Grace Church, St. Paul's and the Church of the Holy Communion; these, with St. Michael's Church, already represented, make a total of 4 Charleston parishes. The other parishes of the State which are engaged in the work are: Trinity Church, Columbia; Church of the Nativity, Union; Christ Church, Greenville; the Chapel at Ridge Springs, and Grace Church, Anderson. The work is so important that there should be

a librarian appointed in every parish in the city and throughout the State. When we know how the Missionaries value the reading matter given away through the C. P. C., we must wish that every person would be willing to give at least *one* periodical regularly throughout the year. Books which have been used and are no longer needed by the owners are often very valuable to others, and will be gratefully accepted by the Club for distribution.

There are not more than two or three names on the list of subscribers to the General Expense Fund, and we would gladly have the number increased, even if the sum given by each one is very small. This fund is used for paying postage and expressage on books and odd magazines forwarded from the general office; each sender of a current periodical, however, is expected to defray her special postage.

The scope of the club includes besides, current magazines, back numbers of periodicals, books, bibles, prayer books, Christmas, Easter and Sunday School Cards, everything in fact that can, by any possibility, come under the head of "reading matter" will be of use.

And it is to be hoped that the work in this Diocese will grow during the ensuing year, and show a far greater increase in the next report.

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

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It has been our aim, my friends, since this Branch of the Auxiliary was organized, to make these meetings the annual meetings for the whole Diocese, but not until now have we been able to approximate our plan. Once before, in Greenville, the attempt was made, but owing to the distance between that place and most of our Parish Branches, comparatively few delegates were able to be present. To-day, however, it is my pleasure and privilege to extend a cordial welcome to the largest number of delegates which has yet assembled together, and I trust it may be the forecast of many such meetings hereafter. Casting a casual glance at the past, we have cause, I think, both for regret and for thankfulness—regret that we have not accomplished more, and thankfulness for the opportunities which have been afforded us of doing some little work for Missions. Perhaps

if we could realize the benefit both to ourselves and to the work in which we are engaged, of regular systematic offerings, even though small, we might find that our money contributions would greatly exceed in value what has heretofore been reported. Let me give an instance: At the general meeting of the Auxiliary which was held in Baltimore last October, the united offering for the Enrolment Fund amounted to \$20,000, \$269 of which was given by the South Carolina Branch. At the next triennial meeting, which will be held in Minneapolis, in October, 1895, the offering will be given to the endowment of a Missionary Episcopate. Now if each member of the Auxiliary in this Diocese will lay aside one penny every Sunday for the next two and a half years, we would have nearly *one thousand dollars* as our part of that offering. This plan has been proposed by one of the Northern Branches, and if we would adopt it in our own Diocese I feel quite sure that we should realize a larger sum than would be collected in any other way. In the last report of our General Secretary she strongly suggested the appointment of a Special Committee on Systematic Giving, and I trust in time we may all be convinced that that way is the best.

Since our last meeting three new branches have been organized—in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia; St. Jude's, Walterboro, and Holy Trinity, Grahamville. There are still several Parishes and Mission Stations where no branch is found, and where it seems very hard to arouse an interest in the work of the Auxiliary. "Mrs. Pott, now visiting this country from our Mission at Shanghai, brought to that great service in Baltimore, last October, as *their* share in our united offering, over one hundred dollars, the free will gift of the Christian women of the Church in China. The Indian women from their tents upon the plains give of their poverty for the orphan children of Shanghai. The handful of Christians at Ichang gathered together from the riots and the destruction of their mission property are learning from their Missionary of heathen people in other lands, and to pray for them and to give. Surely since such things are, that Parish or Mission must indeed be spiritually starved that is too poor to give to Missions." And so we hope that in time even the smaller and more struggling Parishes in our own Diocese will organize a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and learn that in the blessedness of praying for others, and giving, even of their poverty, they bring down a richer blessing upon themselves and upon their Parishes.

Theologians have told us that there is a mystic meaning in the numerals of Holy Scripture, and that the number 8 means Resurrection—the beginning of a new life. This, my friends, is the eighth anniversary of our Branch of the Auxiliary. May we indeed rise to a new life in missionary activity, and casting aside all parochial isolation, may we learn henceforward that co-operation is the secret of success. Let us come together year after year in still larger numbers, until, as time rolls on, every Parish and Mission Station in the Diocese will be represented at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

We are particularly privileged to-day, my friends, in having with us the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Rev. Dr. Langford, and our own Miss Emery, each of whom will address our meeting. To both of them we extend a most cordial greeting, as also to the Rev. Mr. Cole, who has labored for years in Japan, and who will give us the benefit of his experience in that most interesting Mission field. We thank them most heartily for so promptly responding to our invitation and adding so much to the interest of our meeting, and hope that whatever inconvenience to themselves it may have occasioned, may be more than counterbalanced by the influence for good which they will leave behind.

Women of the Church in South Carolina, we welcome you all to the hospitalities of our city and to the privileges of our meeting. A common interest brings us together. May we return to our homes encouraged by the sympathy of our co-workers, and invigorated by the bracing atmosphere of love and missionary zeal which should surround every such meeting.

N. S. WILSON, *President.*

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