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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Ninth Anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at Columbia, May 8th. After services in Trinity Church, and an eloquent address by Rev. Mr. Kershaw on Woman's Work, the business meeting was held in the Sunday School Room. The roll was called, and delegates responded from Trinity Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia; from Greenville, Union, Spartanburg, Cheraw, Stateburg, Trenton and Aiken, and from the Church of the Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Grace Church, St. Philip's, and St. Michael's, Charleston. Reports were read from the President and Secretary.

On motion of Miss Hampton, Vice-President, it was resolved that the collection, amounting to \$26.26, should be sent to China, in response to Bishop Graves' appeal. The old board of officers was re-elected and the meeting adjourned until five o'clock.

Addresses were then made by Bishop Capers and Rev. Dr. Evans, followed by Rev. Dr. Wilson on the Organization of the Woman's Auxiliary. After a few remarks from Rev. Mr. Kershaw, the meeting was closed with the Bishop's benediction.

Respectfully,
S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

May 2d—To two collections.....	\$40 08
Nov. —Semi-Annual Collection.....	15 27
Feb. 1st—Collected at Missionary Meeting.....	24 00
Assessment.....	30 90
For hire of Hall, from St. Michael's and Grace Church.....	10 00
May '94—Contributed for Missions House.....	32 45
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	\$152 70
Balance from previous year.....	12 98
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	\$165 68

Expenses.

May 2d—To General Board of Missions, through Miss Emery.....	\$21 34
To General Board of Missions, through Dr. Langford	18 74
Feb. 1st—To Rev. Mr. Chapman.....	24 00
May 2d—Hiring Hall.....	10 00
Hiring Chairs.....	2 00
June —Freight on Mite Chests.....	2 25
Stationery	3 70
Printing Reports.....	20 00
Entertaining Missionary.....	4 60
Deficiency for Bible Reader in Japan.....	7 00
April —Sent to Missions House for Publications..	5 00
May '94—Offering to Missions House.....	32 45
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	\$158 08
Balance in Treasury.....	14 60
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	\$165 68

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Our Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has pursued its work along the usual lines during the year. Missionary boxes have been prepared and all our pledges faithfully fulfilled, but there has been no increase in the amount of offerings. Those who were present at the afternoon meeting in Charleston last May, and shared the glow of feeling in which it closed, may be somewhat disappointed at this statement. And yet, when we remember the tempest which has since swept our coast we see that it is certainly natural that those within its reach should have less to give. The contributions from all the churches so situated have been smaller, with two exceptions. But Spartanburg, safely seated among the hills, has come to the rescue, and leads the diocese this year in the value of her gifts. Her record is an encouragement to us all; surely the "woman who cares," and the Rector who fosters Missionary work, must both be dwellers in Spartanburg.

A new Branch has been recently organized in Stateburg, and sent representatives here to take a place among the workers and receive our hearty welcome. In Darlington, also, a little band has accepted mite chests and promised occasional aid. Indeed, these mite chests for the united offering have been taken, in many instances, by those living out of reach of any organized Branch of the Auxiliary, and form the only link of connection with it. It is hoped that they will continue to do good work, until the General Convention of 1895.

The completion of the Church Missions House in New York has been one of the events of the year. It is a large and handsome building, costing thousands, yet it is entirely the result of free will offerings, and stands a witness to the importance now given to the cause of Missions. On the day of its dedication great enthusiasm prevailed, so that the women of the Auxiliary resolved upon a thank offering, then and there, to mark the occasion. It was determined that two new Missionaries should be equipped and sent forth. Accordingly the funds were subscribed, outfit and salary provided for, and one of the two women who were only awaiting the opportunity is already on her way to Alaska. There are rooms in the Church Missions House assigned as headquarters to the Woman's Auxiliary. The various Diocesan Branches have been asked to assist in the furnishing of these, and we have had the pleasure of sending on something for the purpose—\$32.00.

A member of a struggling parish wrote recently: "It is pleasant to know that others are doing so much, while we can do so little." Adopting this view of the matter, we might look for a moment at the noble work which is being done by the women of Connecticut. Its value for the year is \$26,000. Their gifts reach out in every possible direction, from Alaska to Mexico, and across the seas to Africa, China and Japan. They insure the lives of Missionaries, educate the daughters of clergymen, and among other appropriations for the South, sent \$200.00 to rebuild the church in Cashier's Valley. So the lessons of the Auxiliary are fully carried out by those who have the desire and ability to do it.

Mrs. Twing has proposed that Diocesan Officers should prepare papers upon this theme, "The Auxiliary an Educator," and we most heartily endorse the idea. How knowledge grows definite, and interest increases, and sympathy awakens, as we follow its leadings. How we are trained as to the advantages of systematic giving, the wonderful results of combination, the strengthening power of fellowship! And how often are we reminded, too, that giving is not our whole duty in the matter, but that prayer and study must also bear their part.

After nine years' experience, then let us heartily bear testimony to the truth of the words, and say "the Auxiliary is an Educator."

After examining the reports from the several parish branches, about twenty in number, we find the total amount of contributions for the past year to be \$1,222.85. Of this sum, \$515.00 has been devoted to Domestic Missions, \$405.00 to Diocesan Missions, and \$187.00 to Foreign Missions, including, of course, the salary of our Bible Woman in Japan, the two scholarships maintained by the Spartanburg Branch, in China and Japan, and the support of a child at St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai.

Nothing has been given to the Indians, unless we might so designate the \$84.00 offered for Mr Chapman's work in Alaska and included under the head of Domestic Missions; but several parishes are now preparing a box, to atone for this omission. It is hard to secure sympathy for the Indians.

It is very gratifying to announce the formation of two branches of the Junior Auxiliary during this year; one at Grace Church, recently organized, and the other at the Church of the Holy Communion, which has begun work, and added \$16.60 to the record.

The Ministering Children's League in Charleston, with

members drawn from five of the City Churches, must not be omitted here. It has contributed \$200.00 to various Missionary objects during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes.....	\$ 48 20
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AIKEN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 27 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
Assessment	1 55
	33 55

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	31 00
Assessment	65
	31 65

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	33 70
Diocesan Missions	23 06
Church Missions House	6 75
Assessment	4 00
	67 51

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes.....	92 75
Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	13 90
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Church Missions House	7 00
Assessment	5 00
	133 65

BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	19 90
Domestic Missions.....	48 00
Diocesan Missions	15 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
Assessment	1 75
	89 65
Junior Auxiliary	16 60
	106 25

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	21 90
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions	14 00
Church Missions House	1 00
Assessment	3 80
	45 70

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	29 88
Domestic Missions	10 00
Diocesan Missions	20 20
Diocesan Missions	34 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
Church Missions House	6 75
Assessment	3 35
	109 18

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	14 00
Domestic Missions	5 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
City Missions	20 00
Assessment	2 00
	46 00

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	42 70
Domestic Missions	20 00
Diocesan Missions	10 00
Foreign Missions	10 00
Assessment	3 00
	85 70

CHERAW BRANCH.

Foreign Missions	17 00
Church Missions House	2 00
Assessment	60
	19 60

COLUMBIA.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	10 00
Domestic Missions	10 00
Foreign Missions	10 00
Assessment	10 00
	30 00

TRINITY BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	55 75
Foreign Missions	5 00
Church Missions House	2 25
Assessment	2 00
	65 00

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	78 46
Foreign Missions	5 00
Assessment	2 00
	85 46

GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions	11 30
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RIDGE SPRING BRANCH—No report.

RIDGEWAY BRANCH	3 00
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SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	47 50
Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	65 51
Foreign Missions	90 00
Assessment	70 00
	273 01

UNION BRANCH.

Domestic Missions.....	20 00
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WALTERBORO BRANCH.

Domestic Missions	8 75
Total.....	\$1,143 50
Collected at meetings	79 35
	\$1,222 85

Ministering Children's League.....	\$200 00
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REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB,
FOR THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

On comparing the work of the C. P. C. during the year ending May, 1894, with that of the preceding year, a very encouraging improvement is noticeable. There are more contributors, consequently there are more papers to be given away. The books show that 112 persons are now giving regularly 129 papers and magazines, besides supplying 26 Sunday School papers each month, and 81 odd papers and magazines have been occasionally sent. 43 Christmas Carols and 85 Easter Carols have been sent to different Sunday Schools since the last report.

The work in Charleston has been somewhat differently arranged in order to save from trouble, Miss Martin, who for so long worked alone and faithfully for the C. P. C. amongst the congregations in that city. Now the Librarians communicate directly with the Correspondent. These ladies all seem interested in what they have undertaken, and are making the C. P. C. more and more a success.

As far as reported, there is now only one contributor in this Diocese to the General Expense Fund in New York. Would it not be well for the Librarians to try and secure contributors at 25 cents each per year to this fund? The names can be reported to the Correspondent, and the money sent to the Treasurer in New York, Miss Florence Taylor, 35 West Ninth Street. It is strange, but the laity

apparently take more interest in the C. P. C. than the clergy. If the Parish Rectors in South Carolina would be kind enough to urge on their congregations the claims of this Society, which is eager to provide recreation for *isolated, unrefreshed* missionaries, the C. P. C. would not have this pitiful question put: "Have you ever known what it is to be *hungry* for something to read?" That question was actually asked by a grateful clergyman who was expressing his heartfelt thanks for an old set of magazines. With the hope that there will be more than nine Librarians at work next year in this Diocese, this report is respectfully submitted by

CAROLINE D. DAWSON,
Correspondent for S. C.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Nine years ago, my friends, Miss Emery visited the Diocese of South Carolina, and organized a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the General Board of Missions. Of the first year's work we have only an imperfect record, but our Second Annual Report gives the sum of \$1,310 in money and boxes as the result of effort on the part of sixteen branches. To-day we number twenty branches, and though the amount of our contributions has not increased proportionately, still we need not be disheartened, but with more loving zeal and more faithful prayers for God's blessing take fresh courage and go forward. For several years these annual meetings were held in Charleston. The fact that the greater number of the Diocesan Board was there, and that we could always insure representatives from the six city branches, together with the difficulty and expense of moving from place to place, seemed to make a change undesirable. But at length we began to see that this was not right, and in response to a resolution passed at the Diocesan Convention, asking that we should always meet at the time and place their sessions were held, we have endeavored to act accordingly. Therefore, we are here to-day, where upon my own native heath, and in behalf of my fellow officers, I extend a most cordial welcome to all who are before me.

Since our last Annual Meeting some of us have passed through trying scenes, and the great cyclone of '93, with

all its horrors and its destruction to life and property, will not soon be forgotten. Our sister branch in Beaufort suffered heavily, but though their Church was badly damaged, and their personal losses great, with all the earnestness and zeal which has ever characterized the Parish of St. Helena, they have bravely struggled through it all, and are in no way behind in their work and in their contributions. We have also felt the depressing influence of those financial difficulties which have embarrassed the country, but notwithstanding these drawbacks our work still goes on; new branches have been formed, and I think we are all realizing more than ever before how much can be done by a little effort, and becoming each year more interested in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Among the matters for consideration which may come before us to-day, none is more important than the subject of the United Offering which is to be laid upon the Lord's Altar in October, 1895. The whole country from Maine to Texas and from the Pacific to the Atlantic Coast; all the missionary fields of the Church; the Indians of the great Northwest; the Christianized congregations of China and Japan; these of their poverty will join in that grand Thanksgiving offering of the Woman's Auxiliary which we trust will be seed sown to bear fruit unto eternity. For, my friends, the object to which this fund is to be applied is the endowment of a Missionary Episcopate to endure through all time. Surely, we must all take part in this offering, which is of such widespread interest to the women of the Church! It is only to keep a mite chest, the inscription of which will be a constant reminder of "the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Would to God each member of the Auxiliary in South Carolina would consent to receive one of these silent monitors into her home! It is the Lord's Box, sacred to the work of extending His earthly kingdom, and a few pennies dropped in systematically will amount in the aggregate to a sum worthy of the cause to which it is given. Miss Emery asks that the Treasurer of each Branch should call in the contents of these mite chests every six months, and forward the proceeds, however small, to our Diocesan Treasurer. They will be placed by her in the Charleston Savings Bank, and whatever interest may accrue will be added to the whole when it is sent to Minneapolis in October, 1895. And here I may be pardoned for referring again to *systematic* giving as the easiest means of accomplishing the greatest results.

"What is to prevent the formation of a league within our several borders pledging ourselves to the systematic giving of the penny a day or the penny a week; or, if we must give less, the penny a month over and above what we now contribute to other purposes; or so combining it with those contributions that available funds for missionary work may be largely increased? The Auxiliary has been proven an immense power; we have ourselves wondered at the result of twenty-one years of quiet effort. Let us show, then, women of the Auxiliary, that we can add substantial and reliable help to the ever increasing needs of the Church."

So writes the President of the Maryland Branch, and the head of the Committee on Systematic Giving, appointed at the last triennial meeting in Chicago, and can we not at least try the plan, remembering the charge and the promise: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse * * * and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

There has been an unusual dearth of missionaries in South Carolina during the past year, and only once have we had the pleasure of hearing directly from any of the mission fields of the Church. The Rev. Mr. Chapman came from Anvik, in Alaska, to tell us of his work and of his difficulties, and to ask for our sympathies and our prayers. A farewell service has been held in the Chapel of the Missions House in New York, and he, with his wife and three other workers, have started on their Northern journey, leaving behind them, we hope, a feeling of greater interest in that frozen region and its heathen inhabitants.

The Church Periodical Club is still doing its work, but doesn't yet make the record that it should. One reason, I think, is the fact that many members of the Auxiliary send or give away papers and magazines which are not reported. In all such cases the Librarian of the Parish should have, not necessarily the names of the parties to whom they are sent, but the number and the names of the periodicals, so that the Parish will get the credit of all such work done, and the Report of the Correspondent be more encouraging. In Charleston three branches of the Junior Auxiliary have been formed, including the Ministering Children's League, which was established in the School of the Misses Sass several years ago, and which has done so much real efficient missionary work. So far as we know these are all in the

Diocese, but before another Annual Meeting may we not try to increase the number—to organize these younger members of our congregations into more systematic work for the missions of the Church; to let them read and study the Missionary Catechism and so train them to take their places hereafter as true, earnest, faithful and intelligent officers and members of the Woman's Auxiliary.

In order to carry on the work of the Auxiliary in South Carolina, the Diocesan Board are obliged to ask for an assessment from each Branch. The amount thus gained is small, some Branches giving ten cents a year from each member, others only five, but even these low figures place at our disposal a contingent fund which enables us to meet some of the demands upon us. I would call special attention to-day to the Treasurer's Report, by which it will be seen that among other expenditures we have sent a small amount to Miss Emery as a contribution towards the Auxiliary publications. From the Missions House in New York these publications are constantly issued. Auxiliary prayers must be printed; Miss Emery's letters to Diocesan officers and innumerable papers and leaflets; and for all this expense every Diocesan Branch is requested to make a contribution. During the past year we have felt able for the first time to do so, and have forwarded the small amount of \$5.00, but hope in the future to do more.

We have sometimes been asked how it is possible to arouse more interest in the work of the Auxiliary and to make the meetings more attractive. Our Parish Constitution calls for four quarterly meetings in the year, when the mite chests are to be opened and the contents appropriated. But in some of the Branches in the Diocese these are supplemented by monthly meetings on the Missionary Day appointed by the Council in Chicago last Fall, and these monthly meetings are simply for prayer and instruction. The President uses the Auxiliary prayers, and one or two of the ladies previously appointed reads something interesting from the Spirit of Missions or the Quarterly Message, bearing directly upon the subject of Missions. This plan has worked well, and besides arousing interest in the Auxiliary it has really been found a very pleasant way of spending an afternoon. We would strongly recommend other Branches to try the experiment. Each Branch should take at least one copy of the Spirit of Missions, and the Quarterly Message which is also published at the Mission House, is put at the small figure of ten cents a year to each sub-

scriber. If these two publications could be faithfully read, I feel quite sure that we should not longer complain of a lack of interest in Auxiliary work. In addition to these, we must of course have our own Diocesan paper, which will keep us abreast of all the Mission work in the Diocese. Bishop Capers uses it as his medium of communication, and we should certainly have it circulated among the members of the Auxiliary as freely as possible.

Before closing, I cannot but quote from an address delivered before the Ohio Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary by the Rev. Dr. Atwell—"Women of the Church, Christ looks to you. In works of mercy it is not good for man to be alone. We need your quick intuition, your impulsive sympathy, your great faith. And we thank God that in time past the Master has not looked in vain for prayers and gifts, and holy faith and holy love among the mothers of Israel and daughters of the Church. The women of Christianity have been noted for good works, and no doubt in the future as in the past, they who preach the Gospel in our mission stations will be cheered, and they who hold the long established posts will be stimulated to fresh interest in Church extension, by your good words and deeds."

And now, my friends, it remains to ask for God's blessing upon our work. May the zeal and enthusiasm with which we will doubtless be to-day inspired follow us to our homes, increasing our interest in missionary work, and filling our hearts with more devoted love for our Blessed Saviour and His earthly Church.

To the Rector and Congregation of Trinity Parish our thanks are due, for their cordial welcome and their ready help, and we feel that the success of our meeting is largely attributable to their generous hospitality and zealous co-operation.

As years roll on, and these gatherings shall be even more generally attended, we trust that the work, which nine years ago was organized in our Diocese, will stretch its influence over the length and breadth of this land, and leave the reflex impress of holy love and holy faith upon the life of each member of the Woman's Auxiliary in South Carolina.

"While we have time, let us do good unto all men, and especially unto them that are of the household of faith."

N. S. WILSON.

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