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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Tenth Anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on Saturday, June 1st. In the morning Bishop Capers preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by several of the City Clergy. In the afternoon the business meeting was held in the Sunday School room, the Bishop presiding. After a short service, the roll was called and showed members present from all the City Parishes, and also from St. Paul's, Summerville, and Trinity Church, Edisto.

Reports from some of the Parish branches were read, and also the Church Periodical Club report, Treasurer's report, Secretary's report, President's address and a letter from Miss Emery thanking the Woman's Auxiliary of South Carolina for the Sedilia given to the Chapel in the Missions House, New York. The Bishop then spoke of the United Offering to be made at the general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in St. Paul, Minn, in October, 1895. After some discussion the majority decided that the offering should be put in the hands of the Board of Missions for the support of a Missionary Bishop, jurisdiction to be at discretion of the Board. The Half-Hour Reading Club was strongly recommended by the Bishop, and members secured. The same board of officers was elected for the ensuing year. Rev. A. E. Cornish spoke briefly of the City Mission work. The offerings (amt. \$21.00) were given to the Bishop for Diocesan Missions and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

Respectfully,

ANNA P. JERVEY,

Rec. Sec. pro tem.,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Collection at Annual Meeting.	\$26 26
“ “ Semi-Annual Meeting.	7 45
Assessments	27 60
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	\$61 31
Balance from previous year.	14 60
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	<u>\$75 91</u>

Expenses.

May—To Missions House for Bishop Graves.	\$26 26
To Printing Reports.	12 00
To Printing Prayer.	1 25
To Educating Student.	3 60
Deficiency for Bible Reader.	5 00
C. P. Club.	1 00
To Publications (Missions House).	5 00
Junior Auxiliary Series.	1 00
Stationery.	4 55
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	\$59 66
Balance in Treasury.	16 25
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	<u>\$75 91</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 S. I. LOWNDES
Diocesan Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In reviewing the ten years of our existence as a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, we hardly find room for congratulation. We can only claim to have maintained our ground. The growth of our organization is not what was hoped for at the beginning. Although we have had the names of more than thirty parishes upon the list, we have hardly ever numbered more than twenty at one time. It frequently happens that a few women from some weak parish will bravely come forward and join our ranks; a struggle to maintain their own Services follows; then perhaps the Clergyman leaves and the Church doors are closed, and silence naturally ensues. In this way the several additions which are usually reported at our Annual Meetings have been counter-balanced by the losses, and the numbers remain almost unchanged. Still, it is with fresh hope and pleasure that we announce the formation of four new branches: one at Summerville, which has enrolled thirty members, and smaller ones in Pendleton, at Boykin, and on Edisto Island; a hearty welcome is extended to one and all. "We want to be doing what we fancy mighty things," says an old writer, "but the great point is to do small things in a right spirit." This seems to be the lesson of the hour. But there is another side of the picture, to which we may turn in cheerful gratitude, and rejoice for what we have been permitted to accomplish with the limited resources at command. We may remember the children rescued from heathen influences in China and sheltered at St. Mary's orphanage; the scholars maintained in Christian schools; our Bible woman, laboring for six years in Japan among her own people. We may think too of the poor children, both white and Indian, clothed and made happy at Christmas by our gifts; of the sick in hospitals, cheered in like manner. And above all we will remember the help sent to the faithful Missionary and his family, and the blessings called down upon our heads in return. In thinking over these things we may indeed rejoice in our organization ten years ago.

While glancing backward over our own little history, it is interesting to read the very first report of the Woman's Auxiliary, which has been sent from the Church Missions House to be kept with our records. A committee of Bishops and Clergymen acted as sponsors for this new and untried organization in those days. This Committee affectionately commends its first efforts and describes the Woman's

Auxiliary as being, "neither the brain to plan, nor the right hand to execute for the Church, but its sympathetic nerve."

The Committee also declares "that there is no Missionary in the land who needs the help of the Churches half so much as the Churches need the quickening influence of their own efforts to furnish help." We are told that the value of this first year's contribution was sixty thousand dollars, and in addition, "gifts of interest, sympathy and prayer—past reckoning."

There are three Branches of the Junior Auxiliary now established, one in Cheraw, others at Grace Church and the Holy Communion in this City. The Ministering Children's League, a strong and well trained band, led by a member of St. Michael's Church, continue their good work, with a result of \$188.00. There are excellent little books called the Round Robin Series. now published at Hartford, Connecticut, for the benefit of the Juniors.

The attention of parish officers is called to two points:

First. All money orders should be made out in the Treasurer's name, and sent directly to her, 136 Broad Street.

Second. Missionary letters are not kept on hand by the Secretary, as many seem to suppose. Only for a few weeks before Christmas and Easter is this the case. At other seasons, when work is wanted, due notice should be given, and time allowed to communicate with New York.

Our Branch has fulfilled its various pledges as usual during the year, for Orphanage, Scholarship, Bible Woman and Valley Mission.

The value of our contributions is \$1,156.68, a sum which the United Offering will increase in October. Of this amount about \$330.00 has been expended within the Diocese, and \$184.00 among the Indians, who have fared better at our hands of late.

In the pleasing hope that there is elsewhere an unseen record of those "other gifts of interest, sympathy and prayer—past reckoning," this report is

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,

Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, '2 boxes.....	\$ 40 00
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AIKEN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 18 85
Education of Student (Theological).....	11 50
Assessment.....	1 75
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BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	35 91	
Assessment	4 00	39 91
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CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	44 90	
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	24 14	
Foreign Missions.....	15 00	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
Expenses of Delegate.....	7 10	
Assessment.....	5 00	
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JUNIOR BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	35 00	
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BRANCH OF HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	23 25	
Domestic Missions, 1 Scholarship.....	40 00	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	14 60	
Assessment	2 00	
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	89 85	

JUNIOR BRANCH.

City Missions.....	22 38	
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	112 23	

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	7 25	
Foreign Missions.....	14 00	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
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	26 25	

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	45 75	
Domestic Missions.....	10 00	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	19 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	29 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	2 00	
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ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	15 04	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00	
Assessment	2 00	
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ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes.....	46 00	
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00	
Assessment.....	2 50	
		68 50

CHERAW BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	14 00	
Assessment.....	60	
	14 60	
JUNIOR BRANCH.....	9 50	24 10

DARLINGTON BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....		6 10
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COLUMBIA.

CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	7 50	
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	20 00	
Foreign Missions.....	11 00	
Assessment.....	1 00	
		39 50

TRINITY CHURCH BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	50 00	
To Domestic Missionary.....	50 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	2 00	
		107 00

GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Education of Theological Student.....		6 40
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GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	44 67	
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	57 73	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	1 50	
		108 90

PENDLETON BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....		8 00
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SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	30 50	
City Missions (Charleston).....	17 50	
2 Scholarships Foreign Missions.....	90 00	
Chinese Child.....	1 50	
Assessment.....	50	
		140 00

STATEBURG BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	30 00	
To General Board of Missions.....	10 00	
		40 00

SUMMERVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box..... 30 00

UNION BRANCH.

To General Board of Missions..... 10 00

Total.....\$1,122 92

Collections..... 33 76

\$1,156 68

Ministering Children's League..... \$188 00

REPORT OF MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

The Branch of the Ministering Children's League, known as St. Agnes' Guild, which is also a Branch of the Junior Auxiliary, has gone on successfully with its work during the past year. Besides clothing two girls and a boy of St. John's Mission Sunday School, it has assisted in various ways with other work connected with the City Missions under Mr. Cornish's care; for example by sending groceries to four families at Christmas, Sunday School papers, shoes, some second-hand clothing, ice tickets, and in other ways. The League has also lately undertaken a work in the "Foreign" field,—the support of a little orphan Japanese boy who is being educated at Tokio under Bishop McKim's care—the first year's payment \$25.00, which amounts to \$49.00 in Japanese money, has already been made, and the second, recently collected in the Lenten mite-boxes by the League, is now in hand to send to Bishop McKim. The *Birthday* offerings of the members for the year ending at Easter have provided a brass alms-basin and a walnut alms-plate for the Mission Church of St. Barnabas at Summerville. These "Birthday offerings" are a special feature at all the League meetings and the money is always appropriated to some Church or hospital use as a memorial. During the six years of the existence of this Branch of the Ministering Children's League, the money raised and expended has amounted to very nearly \$900.00.

MARY E. SASS,
Directress.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We have reached, my friends, in the history of our organization, one of those mile-stones where it is well to pause a little and review the past before we look forward to our onward course. This Annual Meeting marks the first decade of our existence as a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, organized by Miss Emery, just ten years ago, in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville. During the first year only 12 parish branches had been formed; in the second year 17 are reported, but it was not until the sixth year, or in 1891, that the number reached 20. There it has stood until within the past year when, though some of the smaller branches have dropped from the lists, others have been formed to take their places, and to-day we report twenty-four branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of South Carolina. If we feel at times discouraged at the lack of interest among some of those who are members of the Auxiliary, we have only to look at the record of our contributions in money and boxes for the last ten years to satisfy ourselves that even our poor efforts have given substantial aid to Domestic, Foreign and Diocesan Missions. Between the years 1885 and 1895, our figures show more than \$13,000.00, given through the Woman's Auxiliary to the missionary work of the Church. In comparison with what has been done in other and more prosperous Dioceses, this may seem to some of us a small amount, but when we consider that three times during those ten years a considerable portion of our State has been desolated by cyclone and earthquake, we may not be ashamed of what we have done, but relying upon the help of the Holy Spirit press onward into the future with more earnestness of purpose and more devotional zeal.

During the last two or three years a few Branches of the Junior Auxiliary have been formed in Charleston and they are all doing good work. The Ministering Children's League, in connection with St. Michael's Church, is the oldest of these youthful organizations, but younger members of Grace Church, the Church of the Holy Communion and St. Philip's are also taking their part in missionary work. The last mentioned devote their efforts exclusively to the City Mission which is under the care of the Rev. Mr. Cornish, and have never reported as a Branch of the Junior Auxiliary, but they have a quiet record of good deeds, of personal service and substantial help, which has aided very

materially the work of that Mission. The report of the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club is very discouraging. Last year there were 115 names on the list of membership, sending out 131 papers and magazines. Now the number is reduced to 76, and only eighty-one periodicals are distributed through the Club. We hope that the stringency of the times has caused this sad falling off and that in another year the lists will be full again. The Librarians work faithfully, and I am quite sure that if the good done by the Church Periodical Club could be better known and understood the number of periodicals sent from our Diocese would be greatly increased.

In looking forward, the first object, of course, which arrests our attention is the United Offering, which for the last three years has so constantly been brought to our notice. All the Branches of the Auxiliary throughout the United States, all in China and Japan, and even those among the Indian reservations are now anxiously awaiting the time when this general thanksgiving shall be offered upon the Lord's Altar and the united amount announced. We ask that the contents of these special mite chests be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer by the first week in September, to be forwarded to Miss Emery should there be no representative from South Carolina at the Triennial Meeting in October. Our last offering from this Diocese was a fraction over \$269.00. With so much more effort as we have made during the last three years, we hope that the next will reach twice or three times that amount.

One or more of the Parish Branches have resolved to appropriate one offering in the year to Domestic Missions, one to Foreign and a third to Diocesan Missions. It is an admirable plan and one which we should like to see generally adopted. It systematizes our work, satisfies all parties, and makes it much easier to decide how to use the contents of the mite boxes. Such an arrangement would be a check too, upon the natural inclination of so many of our Branches to give the entire amount of their offerings to the work of the Diocese, to the exclusion of the Domestic and Foreign fields. But we are an Auxiliary to the *General* Board of Missions, and are therefore pledged to extend our sympathy and aid wherever they are needed, so that while we do faithfully one part of the work, let us not leave the other undone.

The Board hope to arrange in the Fall to meet the officers of the Parish Branches once a month for missionary reading

and conversation, which we believe will prove both pleasant and instructive. We had intended to organize these meetings last October, but circumstances beyond our control prevented our carrying out the scheme. And in connection with this idea we urge upon the members of the Auxiliary to adopt the "half hour reading," which on page 14 of the March Spirit of Missions, is fully explained. It is only to set aside a half-hour in each week for some missionary reading—a plan which would enable us to become much better instructed upon all missionary subjects. And with a growing knowledge will come a growing desire to do more in the future than we have done in the past, and our prayers, our interest and our deeds will influence our own spiritual life, making us more earnest and devoted servants of the Master whom we serve.

Since the last meeting of the Auxiliary, our dear old Bishop has been taken from the earthly Church to the Church restant in Paradise. For two years his broken health had prevented his being present at our meetings, but he ever remembered us and sent loving messages of cheer and encouragement.

We, the women of the Church in this Diocese, which he loved so well, would place upon record our sorrow at his loss, and we thank our God for the good example of his pure and holy life and for the influence of his teachings, which will linger long after his memory has passed away. And now my friends what shall I say more? Shall I tell you of the publications which are constantly sent forth from the Missions House in New York, and to which each Diocese is asked to contribute, be it ever so little? The contingent fund which is placed at the disposal of the Board and which is made up by the annual assessment upon each member will meet this obligation. As we thank our God for what He has enabled us to do during the past ten years in His service, let us take courage and go forward trusting His love to pardon all our weaknesses and shortcomings, and seeking in the Blessed Ordinances of His Holy Church that grace and strength which will enable us to do our duty more faithfully here, and finally to become partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in Light.

N. S. WILSON.

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