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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese was held on Friday, May 8th. There was an early celebration at St. Michael's, at which Bishop Capers made a short address, on the spiritual aspect of the Auxiliary. He was assisted at the celebration by the Rev. Messrs. Kershaw and Bratton.

At 12 M. the business meeting was held at the South Carolina Hall. It was opened with prayer, by the Rev. O. T. Porcher, of Pendleton. When the President took the chair, the roll was called, and delegates responded from all the City Parishes and from the following Branches, viz: Aiken, Beaufort, Boykin, Cheraw, Columbia, Edisto, Grahamville, John's Island, Orangeburg, Rock Hill, Stateburg, Summerville and Trenton.

Reports from the Treasurer and Secretary, and from different Parish Branches were made, followed by the President's address.

Miss A. P. Jersey made a short appeal for the school at Cashier's Valley, N. C.

Mrs. Twing, whose presence was most cordially welcomed, then addressed the meeting on the Auxiliary work and its scope.

The entire Diocesan Board was re-elected, and the meeting adjourned until 5.30 P. M.

The Bishop presided at this meeting, which was first addressed by Rev. Mr. Glass, on the work of the Church Periodical Club. Miss LaBorde then spoke in behalf of the House of Rest, to which she kindly gives her services for six months.

Mrs. Folsom, of the Diocese of Western New York, spoke in favor of forming a Branch of the "Baby's Auxiliary."

Mrs. Twing followed in an address on General Missions, telling of our work in China and Japan, and making a special plea for work among the Indians.

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Collection at Annual Meeting.....	\$21 00
Collection at Semi-Annual Meeting.....	5 45
Assessments.....	26 10
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	\$52 55
Balance from previous year.....	16 25
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	\$68 80

Expenses.

To Diocesan Missions	\$21 00
To Printing Reports.....	20 00
Entertaining Delegates	10 00
Correspondence.....	6 25
C. P. Club.....	1 00
Junior Auxiliary Series.....	1 00
Freight on Mite Chests for United Offering.....	2 75
Mite Chests for Summerville.....	50
Deficiency for Bible Reader.....	2 00
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	\$64 50
Balance in Treasury.....	4 30
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	\$68 80

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Treasurer of Diocesan Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There has been marked improvement in our Auxiliary during the past year. To one who is watching there seems to be a movement of awakening life, a little stir among the "branches," such as heralds the coming of a new bright day. There has also been a putting forth of new shoots, so that our time-honored record of "twenty branches" is quite broken, and we may now claim thirty, without including our six junior societies. Some of these new branches, are very young and tender, it must be confessed; two of them contain only seven members; but whether large or small, each one is needed in its place, and gladly welcomed by all fellow workers to-day.

The Branches organized since May, 1895, are in Orangeburg, Trenton, and on John's Island. Those in Anderson, Rock Hill and Yorkville are re-organized after lying dormant for some years. Junior Branches have also been formed at Society Hill and in Abb-ville.

The record of the Branches on Edisto and John's Island is full of encouragement. These were formed about a year ago; they labored under the usual disadvantages of country parishes, that is, distance and difficulty of meeting; yet, with the Rector as leader, all obstacles were overcome and excellent work accomplished. The John's Island Branch was divided into three "Circles," for convenience of meeting, and this plan might be pursued with advantage by other parishes so situated.

Since the last annual meeting some changes have occurred in our accustomed work. A Bible woman in Japan is still supported by the South Carolina Branch, but it is no longer our old acquaintance. Ren Miamoto, for she has married a Catechist, and is now at the head of a Christian Home. Her successor, who has been in training for seven years, is very highly spoken of by Mrs. Francis, our Missionary in Japan.

The women of the Holy Communion Church no longer maintain the scholarship in Utah, as they have done for years past, for the school is now closed, and the funds will be devoted to some other purpose.

The child in St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai, must still be provided for. The cost is \$30 a year, and two-thirds of this amount is secured. Will not one of the new branches take up this work and promise the ten dollars now lacking?

The Spartanburg Branch has supported its two foreign scholarships at a cost of \$90, without forgetting the Indian or Domestic fields. The fifteen women who form this Society must be earnest workers indeed.

The new pledges made at Minneapolis in October to the amount of \$50 have all been assumed, and in great measure redeemed.

The Secretaries of Parish Branches are reminded that they are expected to write to the Diocesan Secretary when ready for work, without waiting to hear from her on the subject. Also, that in making up reports, it is best to mention disbursements only, not what remains on hand, or has been used for expenses of the Branch.

The contributions in money and boxes reach the sum of \$1,802.59. When we include the united offering, subtracting the amount which the Parish Branches report given to that object—\$455.47—the value of the year's work is \$1,347.12. A large proportion of this sum was devoted to Domestic Missions, nearly six hundred dollars; more than four hundred was expended within the Diocese; in Foreign Missions less than two hundred; for the Indians only \$59.

The work of the Junior Branches adds \$199.75 to the account, and has been divided between the Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan fields.

To turn now to another subject. A loyal Parish officer will sometimes write to say, that she tries to secure "obedience" to the Diocesan officers in the Branch to which she belongs. But, in truth, Diocesan officers have neither the wish nor right to claim so much. They may and must say, "this is authorized work, because we receive it from the Board of Missions, which we are all pledged to sustain;" but the Parish Branch accepts or rejects the work recommended, as it prefers. No one, not even the general officers in New York, assume authority. In this "unique organization" there are no lawmakers and no laws beyond the rules which each Society adopts for its own regulation. Yet thousands of women work harmoniously and efficiently under its banner, year by year. "There is no power, but influence; if the officers cannot persuade, they have no other power to which they can resort."

The position of the Auxiliary has been so happily defined by one who has the best right to know it, that her words are quoted in full below:

"The Auxiliary turns to all women workers in the Church, and pleads with them to share in its Missionary labors and

its privileges; and if they will not, but stand aloof, preferring separate organizations of their own, it sympathizes with them still, and rejoices in all they do for the Divine Master, whom alike they love and serve. It loves the things that make for peace and unity; it dreads discord and dissension; it aims to do its work as perfectly as it can; but modestly, and with an humble heart. The Woman's Work of the Church is womanly work. It asks no great things for itself, no place, no power, no temporal rewards nor honors, only the opportunity to do more and better work each year, sheltered by the Church's protecting care."

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 12.	
Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes.....	\$28 00
United Offering	18 00
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	\$46 00

AIKEN BRANCH.

Members, 35.	
Diocesan Missions.....	17 25
General Missions	12 00
Chapel at Greenwood, S. C.....	12 00
United Offering.....	5 00
Assessment	1 00
	—
	47 25

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Members, 15.	
Missions in Florida.....	5 00
Missions in South Dakota	5 00
United Offering.....	12 00
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	22 00

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Members, 32.	
Diocesan Missions.....	34 17
Mission Chapel, Columbia, S. C.....	10 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box	10 00
Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	50 00
United Offering.....	12 50
Assessment	4 00
	—
	120 67

BOYKIN BRANCH.

Members, 15.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	20 00
United Offering	5 00
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	25 00

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Members, 85.	
Domestic Missions, 2 boxes.....	\$89 28
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Mission Chapel, Columbia, S. C.....	25 00
United Offering.....	31 00
Assessment	5 00
	— \$165 28

HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH BRANCH.

Members, 30.	
Domestic Missions.....	25 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
United Offering.....	53 00
Mission Chapel, Columbia, S. C.....	30 00
Assessment	2 00
	— 115 00

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Members, 29.	
Domestic Missions, 2 boxes.....	25 50
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	14 00
United Offering.....	13 75
Assessment	2 00
	— 60 25

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Members, 40.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	20 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 60
City Missions.....	10 00
United Offering.....	19 23
Assessment	2 00
	— 56 23

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Members, 56.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	21 00
Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	19 00
City Missions, 1 box.....	7 75
Foreign Missions.....	24 20
Domestic Missions.....	10 00
City Missions.....	19 50
Mission Chapel, Columbia, S. C.....	16 00
Assessment	2 00
United Offering.....	96 30
	— 215 75

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Members, 57.	
Mission Chapel, Columbia, S. C.....	25 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
United Offering.....	25 00
Assessment	2 50
	— 62 50

CHERAW BRANCH.

Members, 12.	
Foreign Missions	\$17 00
United Offering	1 50
Assessment	70
	— \$19 20

COLUMBIA.

TRINITY CHURCH BRANCH.

Members, 40.	
Domestic Missions, 2 boxes	33 50
Domestic Missions	40 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
Mission Chapel and Hospital, Columbia, S. C.	41 00
United Offering	75 26
Assessment	2 00
	— 195 76

GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Members, 11.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	18 00
Indian Missions, 1 box	15 00
United Offering	10 75
Assessment	1 00
	— 44 75

DARLINGTON BRANCH.

Members, 15.	
Domestic Missions	2 25
Assessment	3 10
United Offering	13 00
	— 18 35

EDISTO BRANCH.

Members, 20.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	47 00
Diocesan Missions	15 61
United Offering	10 00
	— 72 61

GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 18.	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box	16 00

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 15.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	32 00
Domestic Missions	30 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
United Offering	10 00
Assessment	1 50
	— 78 50

JOHN'S ISLAND BRANCH.

Members, 30.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	50 00
Diocesan Missions	14 41

— 64 41

PENDLETON BRANCH.

Members, 8.
Domestic Missions, 1 box..... \$10 00

ROCK HILL BRANCH.

Members, 15.
Domestic Missions..... 8 00

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Members, 15.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	23 00
Indian Missions, 1 box	33 50
Foreign Missions	90 00
United Offering	16 00
	162 50

STATEBURG BRANCH.

Members, 23.	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box	30 00
Indian Missions, 1 box	12 00
Armenian Church, New York	10 00
Hospital, Columbia, 1 box	20 00
United Offering	4 37
	76 37

SUMMERVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 33.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	28 00
United Offering.....	<u>11 66</u> 39 66

TRENTON BRANCH.

Members, 10.	
Mission Chapel, Columbia, S. C.	6 00
United Offering	10 00
	16 00

UNION BRANCH.

Members, 20.
Domestic Missions..... 5 00

YORKVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 15.	12 50
Domestic Missions, 1 box	12 50
United Offering	2 00
	14 50
Total	\$1,802 54

JUNIOR BRANCHES.

Ministering Children's League, Charleston	\$165 00
Grace Church Junior Branch	10 00
Holy Communion Junior Branch	11 00
Cheraw Junior Branch	13 75
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	\$199 75

SUMMARY.

From Parish Branches	\$1,322 07
From Junior Branches	199 75
Collections	26 10
	\$1,547 92
United Offering	455 47
	<u>\$2,003 39</u>

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In commencing this address, my friends, the eleventh, which it is my duty to read before you, I feel that we have no reason to be discouraged. For years we have struggled on with our work of the Auxiliary, holding our own, but making little or no headway, while in some Parishes officers have grown weary and members have become lukewarm. But during the past year new Branches have been formed, some that have dropped from the list have been revived, and altogether there seems to have been awakened a more general interest in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. Perhaps the Triennial meeting at St. Paul, last October, had much to do with this better state of things; for who could read unmoved the accounts of that solemn service, when about 1,500 women of the Church met together, drawn by our common interest—women from South Dakota and from Southern Florida, from New York and from California, from China and Japan—to worship God as with one voice, to kneel together at the same altar rail, to receive the precious pledges of a Saviour's dying love, and to lay their offerings at His feet. Many thrilling accounts of that day have been written and read, and as the Church at large knows the story of it all, it is needless to repeat a "twice told tale." Happy they who were privileged to be present, and "to lay upon the plates, with eager hands, and with joy and thanksgiving, the gifts which they had brought from so many and such distant places, and from so many absent friends." Our own offering was placed upon the altar in a blue satin bag, tied with white ribbon, the colors of our State, and of the \$54,000 given that day by the women of the Church to the Glory of God and for the support of a new Missionary Bishop, our share from South Carolina was \$526, nearly twice as much as the amount we contributed three years before. So little effort had been

made, and the mite chests had done their work so quietly that we were ourselves surprised when the sum total was announced. And yet it was not nearly so much as we might have given. Three years ago I showed by actual calculation that one cent a week from every member of the Auxiliary in the Diocese would have made our offering in 1895 more than one thousand dollars. May we not try this plan for the offering of 1898, for the training and support of women workers in the Mission fields. Read in the March *Spirit of Missions* about some systematic rule of giving: "There must be some measure, some method, some plan, if we are to do our duty effectively. If we rely wholly upon impulse, we shall come far short—the work will drag." Then again: "The lack of some plan, some measure, some regular, systematic method of giving, does in the case of each individual deceive her as to the amount that she is giving; makes her think she is doing much more than she really is doing; makes her impatient of appeals, and leaves the treasuries without funds." Won't the officers try to have one of the little blue boxes in every house in the congregation, that the "ingathering" for the next United Offering may commence without delay? And each September, as the years roll round, collect the contents and forward to the Diocesan Treasurer, to be placed in bank for interest until the time shall come, when from the length and breadth of this land of ours a sum larger, we hope, than the last, will be laid upon God's Holy Altar, and consecrated to His service. At that Triennial meeting, last October, we had one representative from South Carolina, our first Vice-President. She was present, of course, when the pledges were proposed—first to aid the devoted Bishop of Southern Florida in his work in that struggling Diocese; second, to relieve Bishop Hare, of South Dakota, in his efforts to educate the daughters of his Missionaries; and, thirdly, to erect a school in Africa, as a memorial to the sainted Mrs. Brierly who sacrificed her valuable and useful life to the work of leading those poor benighted people in that dark continent to a knowledge of better things. The proposal to secure pledges from each Diocese was enthusiastically received, and South Carolina was not allowed to be behind the others in good works; but we were pledged \$10 for each of the first, and \$25 for the last mentioned object.

The Church in this Diocese has accepted these pledges as her own and they have all been provided for by five of our Branches—three in Charleston and two in the upper

part of the State. Besides these, \$5.00 was promised to a Missionary School at Valle Crucis, in North Carolina, which promise has been met by the Ministering Children's League in Charleston—a part of the Junior Auxiliary.

It is the duty of our Diocesan Secretary to give you a report of all the work done in the Diocese during the past year; *mine*, to urge you on to larger effort in the future. And my friends, it seems to me that the most important step in that direction is to endeavor to increase the subscription list of the *Spirit of Missions* among the members of the Auxiliary, and to read that periodical faithfully. Especially does this seem necessary to the efficiency of the officers, for how can they fulfil their duties understandingly unless they familiarize themselves with the names of the Missionaries for whom they work and who claim their sympathy, with their posts of duty, their trial and successes in their various fields of labor. It is the organ of communication between the many Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary—Foreign and Domestic, and the Church Mission House in New York—the headquarters, the centre of all our work; it tells of what is being done by the Church in China and Japan, in Africa and among the Indians of the Northwest. In fact, it is only by reading each month the *Spirit of Missions* that we can become intelligent and active officers of the Woman's Auxiliary. So far as I have been able to learn, there are only seventeen copies of that most interesting magazine taken among the Branches in this Diocese outside of Charleston; some of them reporting no copy at all, while others vary from one to five. Can we not do better than that in the year that is before us? Four persons giving 25 cents each, or ten persons giving 10 cents each, would secure it for one year, and it may be passed around from one to another, and read aloud at the meetings. I am sure it would be thoroughly enjoyed, besides creating more interest and making us all more earnest and active. Last Fall the Board arranged for monthly meetings of the officers and members of the Auxiliary, for the purpose of studying together more of the Mission Work of the Church. With one exception, when the weather prevented, these meetings have been regular and well attended, and they certainly are very pleasant and instructive. The subject and the readers are appointed at one meeting for the next, and so far we have been able to secure most interesting matter, besides maps of the Missionary stations and likenesses of the Bishops. In this way we have studied since last No-

vember Southern Florida, South Dakota, Africa, Japan, and at our next meeting we shall have China. We have found this plan so successful in every way that we hope to re-commence next Fall, after the Summer's rest shall be over, and we shall be glad at any time to welcome any member of the Auxiliary from other parts of the Diocese, who may be in Charleston, on the second Saturday of the month—always the day of the meeting.

Our Treasurer has told us that sixty dollars has been sent again this year to the support of a Bible woman in Japan. Mrs. Francis, the wife of one of our Missionaries, has written that this is a most necessary work in the Christianizing of that interesting country. According to their own traditions and ideas, *men* can have but little influence with the women of the land, and even our women Missionaries find it hard to make an impression. But these native women, having been converted to Christianity, and having gone through a most thorough course of training, are sent out with the Bible in their hands to lead their ignorant sisters to a knowledge of the "Truth as it is in Jesus." Let us keep up this work if possible, feeling assured that every dollar given is well spent in the service of our Blessed Lord and Master. I must explain just here, however, that the first Bible woman to whose support we contributed, Mia Moto Ren San, has married a native Catechist, and with the care of her husband and child has withdrawn from the work; but her place has been supplied by another, no less faithful and earnest than herself, and the good work still continues. May I ask that the amount we have given towards this object for some time past be not allowed to fall through?

The Church Periodical Club, that perfectly systematized branch of our work, is still struggling in this Diocese against difficulties, and the report is very discouraging. The number of Parishes uniting in the work is less than last year, and the list of periodicals distributed is far less. I would again bespeak in its behalf an earnest interest and substantial co-operation; for those who have enjoyed its ministrations can tell you of the pleasure and happiness it carries into their homes, and of the great relief and help it is to the clergyman in his work. Eleven or twelve of our own clergy are recipients of its benefits, and I would earnestly recommend it to the thoughtful consideration and substantial help of all those who are present.

One word before I close in regard to the annual assessment for which we ask. In order to carry on the work of

the Auxiliary, the Diocesan Board must have a fund on which to draw for its expenses, and the money to make up this fund must be furnished by an assessment upon each member of the Auxiliary in South Carolina. For the past eleven years we have called for the sum of 5 cents a year as our annual assessment. If this were paid by every Branch in the Diocese, it would make the amount which comes into our Treasury about \$35. Of this about \$20 is paid each year for the printing of our Annual Report, and this leaves a balance of \$15 for all other expenses. But the Branches do not all pay even this amount, though I think this is only because they fail to realize how important it is to our work. And now I mean to ask that this assessment be increased to 10 cents a year. That seems little enough, but even this little would enable the Board to do their duty more effectively as officers for the Diocese. I commend this to the consideration of all the Parish Branches.

We are very glad to welcome to our meeting to-day Mrs. Twing, the Honorary Secretary of the Auxiliary, who will speak to us words of advice, and tell us of work done by other Branches than ours. It is to her that the Auxiliary owes its origin, and from the first small beginnings in Baltimore, in 1871, the organization has grown and strengthened, until it has become to-day a power in the Church. On behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary in South Carolina I extend to Mrs. Twing a most cordial greeting. And to you who are here from other Parishes, we would also offer a hearty welcome. Once a year the call comes to us to meet together in a common worship—to kneel together at the same altar-rail for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls, and to meet face to face with each other and with Missionary visitors. Let us, as far as we can, respond to this call; and as we are bound together in a common work, so, as we meet year after year in this close sympathy, may our interest deepen and our hearts grow warm in the blessed cause of doing our little best to aid the General Board of Missions in its work of extending the Kingdom of our dear Lord upon the earth. May His mercy and His love pardon our shortcomings, and give us the continual guidance and help of His Holy Spirit!

