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OF THE

South Carolina Branch

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE

Board of Missions

Diocese of South Carolina,

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Michael's Church on Monday, May 2d. There was an early celebration at 7 o'clock by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. John Johnson.

The business meeting was held at 5 o'clock in St. Michael's Parish Building, the Bishop presiding. After a short service the meeting was called to order. Besides the six City Branches, there were present delegates from Columbia, Edisto, John's Island and Summerville. Reports were read from the different Parish Branches, and an encouraging report, reviewing the whole ground, was made by the Secretary of the Diocesan Board. The annual address of the President was read by the Bishop. An interesting feature of the meeting was the first report from the Junior Auxiliary of St. Philip's, showing that good work had been done. There was also an excellent report of the work done by the M. C. League.

An interesting letter was read from Miss A. P. Jersey, advocating the C. P. Club. It was decided that the First Vice-President of the Diocesan Board should make this work in Charleston her special charge, receiving the reports of the City Librarians and communicating at stated times with the State Corresponding Secretary.

An earnest appeal was made by Rev. O. T. Porcher in behalf of a Chapel he is anxious to build at Clemson College. The work was fully endorsed by the Bishop, and Rev. Dr. Porter seconded it in a few forcible remarks.

The old Board was re-elected, Mrs. Wm. D. Martin being made Vice-President in place of Miss Jersey, resigned.

After the singing of a hymn and the Benediction by the Bishop, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Collection at Annual Meeting.....	\$38 08
Collection at Semi-Annual Meeting.....	11 16
Assessments	26 85
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	\$76 09
Balance from 1895	4 30
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Total	\$80 39

Expenses.

For Alaska, through Mrs. Twing.....	\$30 00
To Moving Organ.....	1 00
For Typewritten Report.....	1 00
Sent Missions House for Postage.....	1 25
To Printing Report.....	22 00
To 24 Hand Books and Freight.....	6 75
Mite Chests and Postage.....	2 40
To Missions House, for Publications.....	5 75
Deficiency in Salary of Bible Reader.....	4 17
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Total.....	\$74 32
Balance	6 07
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	\$80 39

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Diocesan Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A review of our work for the past year naturally takes our thoughts back to the last Annual Meeting, and the great pleasure we then enjoyed in the presence of Mrs. Twing. While we remain in our quiet homes, she is on her second missionary journey around the world; and we may all share her experiences and impressions, by reading her interesting letters in "The Churchman" and "The Spirit of Missions." The April number of this magazine contains a letter from India, written in "Benares, the most sacred city of the heathen world, while the moon is shining on the still waters of the Ganges." Amid such surroundings, how many and difficult the problems which must press upon the thoughts of our missionary traveler. It is her privilege to visit the missions of the Church of England wherever she goes in India, and she describes one school where the dusky maidens embroider upon their samplers the words of a Christian hymn. Mrs. Twing's latest letter is from Pekin, and she tells us that she has stood upon the great wall of China and looked into a sea of mountain tops below. And here we must take leave of her for the present, and come down for an examination of our own boxes and barrels.

Twenty-five of these have been filled since May, 1896. Six of these were sent to points within the Diocese; the others were forwarded to Minnesota, Iowa, Texas, Arkansas, Virginia, and, in many cases, to mission schools in North Carolina. The value of these boxes, taken separately, was not large; in no case more than \$57.00, so that two or three branches were sometimes called upon to supply the wants of a clergyman's family. This is far better, certainly, than to leave those wants unsupplied; but there is great satisfaction in sending one generous, complete box from a parish each year, as the stronger branches often did formerly. It should be stated here, however, that if the value of the boxes has declined, the value of the offerings in money has decidedly increased, and forms the largest part of our contributions for the year just ended.

The Treasurer has placed in bank near \$200.00 for the United Offering, while the mite chests are growing heavy again, it is hoped, for the opening next September. The President of the Maryland Branch brings forward the steady growth of the United Offering as one proof of the wonders to be accomplished by systematic giving. The first collection at a triennial meeting of the Auxiliary, about ten years

ago, amounted to \$72.00 only; three years later, it was increased to \$2,000, then to \$21,000, and in October, 1895, it had reached the sum of \$56,000. The gifts of the Auxiliary as a whole are now at the rate of \$1,000 a day. "Systematic giving must lie at the root of the whole matter."

The South Carolina Branch has certainly made an advance in the study of Missions. The parish officers often write of their custom of reading to the members when called together for the quarterly meeting. In Summerville the Branch assembles monthly for this purpose. In Charleston, the seven City Branches are invited to do the same, but the number who attend the missionary reading is very small; there is room for great improvement here. In the case of our five Junior Branches, the prospect is quite encouraging in this respect. There is a little band at Society Hill to which the leader reads every Sunday afternoon. In Cheraw the Juniors number twenty-seven, and subscribe for the "Round Robin Series," which is published in Hartford, for the instruction of the young people. In St. Philip's, the Junior Branch, just one year old, with thirty-one members, meets monthly for reading, and has packed two boxes for Cashier's Valley. The Ministering Children's League, well trained as to missionary obligations, has expended \$182.53 for various worthy objects. The Grace Church Juniors have devoted their offerings chiefly to Mr. Ingle's work in China; they also contributed towards the Christmas tree of a Mission Sunday School.

A new Branch of eighteen members was organized at Barnwell in March, and has since filled its first box for a mission in North Carolina. It must be said, with regret, that this is the only addition to our list during the year. One of the officers of the Auxiliary declares her conviction that "every well regulated woman must, sooner or later, be an Auxiliary woman." So may it be.

An examination of the reports from the Parish Branches shows that \$344.00 has been expended within the Diocese. A part of this sum was contributed to replace articles of chancel furniture in St. Helena's Church, Beaufort, which had been destroyed by the storm of September last. To foreign missions \$163.85 has been given; to the Indians, three boxes valued at \$130.00. The whole value of boxes for the year is \$685.47. The offerings in money amount to \$743.53, giving a total of \$1,429.00 for the Parish Branches. When we add to this \$260.53, reported by the Junior Branches, and \$49.24 collected at meetings, we find the result of the year's work, all told is \$1,738 77.

There is no cause for discouragement in a review of this, our twelfth year's work, but, on the contrary, ground for cheerfulness and hope.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes.....	\$40 00
Assessment.....	2 00
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	\$42 00

AIKEN BRANCH.

Valley Mission, N. C.....	\$12 25
General Board of Missions.....	12 75
Diocesan Missions.....	5 60
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	7 25
United Offering.....	9 50
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	\$47 35

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	\$23 00
Diocesan Missions.....	3 50
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	2 00
Assessment.....	1 30
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	\$29 80

BARNWELL BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$12 00
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BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Domestic Missions.....	\$ 4 00
Diocesan.....	15 75
Assessment.....	4 00
United Offering.....	2 50
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	\$26 25

BOYKIN BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$32 50
Assessment.....	1 50
United Offering.....	5 00
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	\$39 00

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	\$50 00
Brierly Memorial.....	15 00
Japan Bible Woman.....	10 00
Valley Mission, N. C.....	5 00
Assessment.....	3 00
United Offering.....	19 15
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	\$102 15

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$18 00
Foreign Missions	14 00
Valley Missions, N. C.....	5 00
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	5 00
United Offering	7 05
Assessment	1 60
	— \$50 65

HOLY COMMUNION BRANCH.

Jane Bohlen School, Wuchang	\$10 00
Bible Woman, Japan.....	5 00
Valley Mission, N. C.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions.....	20 00
Towards Missionary Box.....	5 68
United Offering	14 25
Assessment	2 20
	— \$62 13

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$41 00
Bible Woman, Japan.....	10 00
Brierly Memorial	10 00
Mission Chapel, Greenwood, S. C.....	37 94
General Board of Missions	5 00
United Offering	55 18
Assessment	3 00
C. P. C.....	1 00
	— \$163 12

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$40 00
Bible Woman, Japan.....	5 00
Valley Mission, N. C.....	5 00
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	10 00
Assessment	2 00
	— \$62 00

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$35 47
Domestic Missionary	30 00
To Bishop Rowe, Alaska.....	21 50
Bible Woman	10 00
Assessment	2 50
United Offering.....	11 75
	— \$111 22

ST. JOHN'S BRANCH (MISSION).

To General Board of Missions.....	\$14 00
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	2 25
	— \$16 25

CHERAW BRANCH.

St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai.....	\$10 00
Bible Woman, Japan.....	2 00
United Offering.....	2 75
Assessment	80
	— \$15 55

COLUMBIA.

TRINITY CHURCH BRANCH.

Domestic Missions.....	\$50 00
Archdeacon Joyner's Work.....	10 00
Rev. J. C. Ambler, for Japan.....	10 00
Bible Woman.....	5 00
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	31 00
Assessment.....	2 00
United Offering.....	25 00
	— \$133 00

GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$20 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	15 00
United Offering.....	6 50
Assessment.....	1 20
	— \$42 70

DARLINGTON BRANCH.

St. Matthew's Mission, S. C.....	\$ 4 50
United Offering.....	4 46
Assessment.....	1 60
Bible Woman, Japan.....	2 85
	— \$13 41

EDISTO BRANCH.

Indian Missions, 1 box.....	\$57 17
Diocesan Missions.....	14 27
Assessment.....	2 40
United Offering.....	10 13
	— \$83 97

GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	\$12 00
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GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$35 40
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	30 00
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	8 50
	— \$73 90

JOHN'S ISLAND BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$55 00
Diocesan Missions.....	11 00
Assessment.....	3 00
	— \$69 00

ORANGEBURG BRANCH.

To Family of Diocesan Missionary.....	\$5 00
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PENDLETON BRANCH—No Report.

ROCK HILL BRANCH—\$15.00.

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes.....	\$65 45
Scholarship in China.....	25 00
Scholarship in Japan.....	20 00
Assessment.....	1 00
	———— \$111 45

STATEBURG BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	\$10 00
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	10 00
	———— \$20 00

SUMMERVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$30 35
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	7 00
United Offering.....	6 40
Summerville.....	2 35
	———— \$46 70

TRENTON BRANCH.

Mission Chapel, Columbia.....	\$ 5 00
Mission School, Columbia.....	5 05
United Offering.....	5 20
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	3 75
Assessment.....	1 00
	———— \$20 00

UNION BRANCH.

Chancel Furniture, Beaufort	\$10 00
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WINNSBORO' BRANCH.

General Board of Missions.....	\$19 00
Church Orphanage, 1 box.....	12 00
Chancel Furniture, Beaufort.....	5 00
	———— \$36 00

YORKVILLE BRANCH.

Church Orphanage, 1 box.....	No valuation
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REPORT OF JUNIOR BRANCHES.

Ministering Children's League, Charleston.....	\$182 53
Grace Church Junior Branch.....	20 00
St. Philip's Junior Branch.....	45 00
Cheraw Junior Branch.....	13 00
	———— \$260 53

SUMMARY.

From Parish Branches	\$1,429 00
From Junior Branches	260 53
Collections.....	49 24
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	\$1,738 77

REPORT OF C. P. C.—1897.

Through the Club there are now sent 72 papers for current year, given by 69 persons; 8 librarians are on duty; 32 Christmas cards have been sent, and 120 odd numbers of magazines, besides 24 Sunday-School papers for current year.

There has been some improvement, for more persons are now contributing, and, of course, more papers are given than were supplied in 1896. The librarian in Columbia is again at work, but there is room still for greater activity in this noble undertaking.

C. D. DAWSON,
Correspondent.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

For several years past we have endeavored to arrange our annual meeting at the time and place of the session of the Diocesan Council, for this is always most desirable where it can be made practicable. There is an atmosphere of enthusiasm and churchly zeal surrounding any large gathering of the clergy, which must be felt by all who are thrown into contact with it; and their presence at our annual meeting wonderfully increases the interest. Addresses from missionary visitors, who are more likely to be with us at such a time, and a larger number of representatives—these tend to fill us with more of a missionary spirit, and are certainly an incentive to fresh and stronger effort. But it has seemed impossible this year to carry out our usual plan, so we have determined to make this our place of meeting, as there are three members of the Diocesan Board in Charleston and seven Parish Branches. We congratulate ourselves, however, upon having with us to-day the Bishop, our strong stay and support, and I trust we may carry with us from this meeting many thoughts and suggestions which will be of practical use in our future work.

On looking back over the twelve years of our existence as a Branch, we note very few changes in the list of Diocesan officers. One of the original Vice-Presidents, after two years of faithful service here, was called away to the life of Paradise; and another, whose onerous duties in a different, but not less useful, field of labor, made her work

as an Auxiliary officer too much of a strain, was forced to resign her position on the Executive Board. Year after year the members of the Auxiliary at their annual session have continued to show their confidence in the Board by a unanimous re-election, and realizing their responsibility of the trust imposed, the latter have endeavored as far as possible to further the ends for which the Branch was organized. But in our Diocese we have to contend with many difficulties. The distance between the parishes, which makes frequent intercourse, or, indeed, any intercourse at all, almost an impossibility; the poverty of the people, both on the seacoast and in the interior of the State, and the very few opportunities we have of seeing and hearing any one who comes direct from the mission fields; these and other drawbacks stand greatly in the way of our onward progress. And, yet, in spite of it all, we have lived and prospered; not perhaps as much as we might, but more than at first we had hoped for. May the time come, when every baptized woman in the Church in South Carolina, realizing her obligation to be a faithful soldier and servant of our dear Lord, will enrol her name on the list of the Woman's Auxiliary, and aid the work with her prayers, if she cannot give of her substance.

One change, *at least*, must be made to-day in the election of the Board. Miss Jervey, who has served so faithfully as one of our Vice-Presidents, has found it necessary to accept a position in the Missions House in New York, in connection with the Church Periodical Club, and has resigned from the list of the South Carolina officers. Enthusiastically devoted to every branch of Auxiliary work, she has found a most congenial field for the exercise of her taste and inclinations; but we deeply regret her absence from our councils. Her thorough knowledge of the missionary work of the Church, and the opportunities she was able to enjoy of meeting face to face with many Missionary Bishops and workers, gave her greatly the advantage over the other members of the Board, and we miss her intelligent and thoughtful suggestions. On the third Thursday in each month, in the Auxiliary Rooms of the Church Missions House, there is a meeting of the General Officers, with any Diocesan Officers who may be able to attend, and at every such meeting Miss Jervey is there to represent South Carolina. She writes full and interesting accounts of the proceedings, which keeps us more in touch with the general work, and makes us feel that she is one of us. These pro-

ceedings are published each month in "The Spirit of Missions," and should be read, at least by all our officers. I think this magazine is more generally taken than it was a few years ago, but it ought to have a still larger circulation; and the want of it may be one cause of the lukewarmness which sometimes seems to prevail. If the ladies would meet together once a month and read extracts from its pages, I feel quite sure that more interest would be roused in missionary subjects. It really is a delightful periodical, full of interesting travels and incidents, and being the official missionary organ, is a bond between the Branches and the Church Missions House in New York. It tells of the labors of self-sacrificing men and women, who amid the ice and snow of Alaska, or the burning heat of Africa, are giving their best years to teaching the blessed story of the Gospel to those who have never heard of a Saviour's love. It tells us of the life and work, of the trials and the pleasures of Missionaries in China who have gone there from our own native heath; and of others in Japan whose homes and friends are in our sister Diocese of Virginia. Indeed there are few magazines that are more entertaining, or would better repay us for the reading.

There are seven branches of the Junior Auxiliary in our Diocese, but we would like to have one in every Parish where there is material enough to make it desirable. Hear what Miss Emery says about the working of this organization: "While the Junior Auxiliary remains as constituted at present, a department of the Woman's Auxiliary, we would suggest a closer association and more entire harmony of working between the officers of both departments; frequent consultation together, planning of methods, arrangements to divide the work, especially the work upon boxes, between the older and younger members in every way possible, emphasizing their connection rather than their separate life. For kindred reasons we would deprecate what some officers and members deem important and helpful, an Auxiliary badge. Slowly and with halting steps we are making our way towards our aim—every woman a member of the Woman's Auxiliary; every child a member of the Junior Department. We feel that this progress would be hindered, rather than furthered, by introducing some visible sign that would make a distinction, and tend to limit membership. As we ask no fee of admission, but assert Baptism as the all-sufficient claim to membership, the cross then placed upon the brow seems badge sufficient of that

membership. Baptism, and the will to carry out the vow then made of warfare and service, are enough to make any one desiring to be so considered, a welcome member of the Auxiliary."

The Church Periodical Club is now also a part of the Woman's Auxiliary, and as such we wish we could see more interest taken in the work within our own Diocese. I don't know just where the trouble lies, but it certainly does not seem to thrive. Perhaps, and I think this is most likely, most of our people cannot afford to take more than a local paper, and those who subscribe to a Church paper or magazine cannot bear the expense of the postage. We are very sorry, for we know that many of our clergy and missionaries have no other means of securing reading matter, and to many of them this organization has been a blessed boon. Can we not make some special effort in the coming year to increase the list of members, and to awaken more interest in the matter? It is true that in many families papers and periodicals are distributed among friends and so are not reported. Those in authority tell us that all this comes under the head of C. P. C. work. At any rate, it might be well to make this known to the Librarian of the Parish, and leave it to her to arrange with the Diocesan Correspondent.

Our pledges at the last triennial meeting have all been redeemed, and in a little more than a year the mite boxes for the United Offering will be opened for the last time and the contents forwarded to Miss Emery, with the three years interest added. They are doing their work very quietly, but I trust when the time comes we shall find that we have a sum which will show more earnestness and self-sacrifice in our Auxiliary life, and place South Carolina well on the list of contributing Dioceses.

At our last Annual Meeting we had an inspiration in the presence of Mrs. Twing. Very soon afterwards she set sail for a second journey around the world, but she has left behind her for our help in the work the Hand-Book of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, a record of its growth and a guide to its methods. To the officers it is especially valuable, and I trust they will all not only read it but keep it near for constant reference.

We bring to you to-day, my friends, the record of your work and of ours for the past year. Shall we be satisfied with this record, or shall we strive for greater things? It is a delightful organization, this Woman's Auxiliary, of

which we are members. Throwing aside all parochialism, all parish pride and petty jealousies, we work together for the extension of the Kingdom of our Blessed Saviour. Can He say of each one of us, "She hath done what she could?" Our own hearts and consciences must answer that question. Oh! let us not be content with what we have accomplished, but let us press on towards greater results, with higher aims and more earnest purpose; striving always for the approval of our Heavenly Father. Let us not become altogether too practical in our work, but remembering that there is a spiritual side also to every effort of the Woman's Auxiliary, let us pray earnestly that our lives may be quickened by God's Blessed Spirit, and made more holy and more devoted to His holy service.

N. S. WILSON.

