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OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR 1898-99.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Charleston on May 12th. There was an early celebration at St. Michael's Church, at 7 A. M; the Bishop officiating, assisted by Rev. T. D. Bratton, and Rev. John Kershaw, Rector. At 12 o'clock the Auxiliary assembled at the South Carolina Hall—the meeting was opened by the Rev. T. D. Bratton, with prayer and singing of a hymn; on his withdrawal the meeting was called to order by the President. Delegates from Columbia, Aiken, Anderson, Greenville, John's Island, Edisto, Boykin, Stateburg, Summerville and from all the city branches responded to the roll call. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and accepted. Reports from the Treasurer and Secretary were read and the gratifying fact was noted by the Secretary, that nine new branches had been formed during the past year. The President then read her address, reviewing the work of the year and welcoming the visiting delegates, and expressing our pleasure in again having Mrs. Twing among us. Mrs. Twing spoke earnestly, telling of her journey round the world since she had last been with us. She told much of interest in the missionary field, specially dwelling on the educational institutions in China and Japan; never had there been more encouragement, but alas! the need for workers is great, and she appealed eloquently to women to give themselves to the work. She asked also for aid in Alaska. The President mentioned in her address a deficit in the contribution for support of the Bible-Reader in Japan, and of a child in St. Mary's Orphanage, China. Both calls were responded to, and it was moved and carried that the cot supported by South Carolina in the orphanage, be called the "Wm. B. Howe Cot," in memory of our beloved Bishop. The Diocesan Board was re-elected and the meeting adjourned until 5 P. M.

At this meeting Bishop Capers presided, and stirring addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Gordon, on Church work

in Mexico, and by the Rev. W. C. Brown, on his missionary labor in Brazil; he spoke eloquently and asked our sympathy and prayers in his work.

Mrs. Twing again addressed the meeting most earnestly, repeating her appeal for female workers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Collection at Annual Meeting.....	\$35 51
Collection Semi-Annual Meeting.....	14 30
Assessments.....	39 25
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Total.....	\$89 06
Balance from previous year.....	6 07
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	\$95 13

Expenses.

To General Board of Missions.....	\$20 51
To Diocesan Missions.....	29 30
To Printing Reports.....	22 00
To Missions House for Publication Expenses.....	5 00
To Moving Chairs and Carriage Hire.....	1 75
To Freight and Wrappers.....	2 75
Deficiency for Bible Reader.....	5 00
To Church Periodical Club.....	2 50
Stationery.....	5 00
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Total	\$98 13
Balance	1 32
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	\$95 13

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Diocesan Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The most encouraging fact which I can bring before you to-day is the increase in the number of our Auxiliary Branches. Only three years ago we were lamenting that it seemed impossible to retain more than twenty names upon the roll, and to-day we can point with joy to thirty-seven, besides our eight Junior Branches. In a diocese where there are only twelve self-supporting churches, the record is better than might at first sight appear. Some one has described the Auxiliary as "a living thing," growing with a continuous and fruitful growth; "and the thought is certainly an inspiring one. The nine Branches added during the year are in Cordesville, Edgefield, Laurens, Newberry, Ridge Spring, and Zion Church, Richland, with Junior Branches at Camden, Beaufort and Summerville. There are not many strong parishes on the list, and the more honor is due to the women who in struggling churches resolve to do their duty to the missionary cause.

Our work has been somewhat diverted from its usual channels during the winter. In November, at the opening of the busy season, came the Bishop's call for help in the matter of Diocesan Missions. To this call the Branches have generally and loyally responded, although the result has hardly equalled expectation. Five hundred dollars was raised in answer to this appeal; a much larger sum however, has been expended in the diocese for various purposes. To Foreign Missions the contributions are larger than usual (\$276.76), but the Indians have been almost overlooked. These two departments of work are apt to find little favor in the eyes of members of the Auxiliary. Our charitable, efficient, practical women, appear to think that *as* practical women they must object to sending aid to points and people so remote. But distance surely must not chill the efforts of our Christian love. And even "triumphant common sense has its limits" and may be mistaken, for just beyond its range of vision lies often the very region where faith makes venture and reaps perchance her glorious reward.

It is pleasant to see the Branch of Trinity Church, Columbia, putting on new life and vigor, with ninety members and monthly meetings for reading and study. It has but resumed the place—a leading one—which it occupied when first organized, thirteen years ago. Another Branch, which has been a regular contributor for some time, has

just completed its first box, and the Secretary writes with surprise and delight of the result. And what indeed, can quite take the place of the old-fashioned missionary box, so domestic, so womanly in its every aspect? The money offering is, of course, desirable and essential, but can hardly awaken the kindly interest, the personal sympathy which exists between the givers and receivers of a box, that is, when it is given and received in the right spirit.

Here too, the skilful needle woman of slender means, makes often her most valuable contribution, and the evidences of care and appreciation packed into the box, cheer the heart of the recipient more than the equivalent in money could ever do. So, while there remains a laborer in the Master's vineyard who needs one, let us not abandon the missionary box.

It is to be greatly regretted, that the letter expected from our Bible Woman in Japan, has not been received. When it arrives, it will probably appear in the columns of *The Diocese*. The South Carolina Branch must not lose interest in this important work which has been carried on for so many years, nor in the child maintained at St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai.

The Spartanburg Branch, the largest contributor by far to Foreign Missions, keeps up its two scholarships in China and Japan. The Ministering Children's League also supports a little Japanese boy.

An effort was made this year to obtain from the parish officers a record of the number of members and times of meeting in each Branch. The effort was not entirely successful, but, much information was obtained. There are three Branches which meet fortnightly, twelve monthly and twelve quarterly; and missionary reading is the general rule on these occasions, but not the invariable custom. The number of members is between eight and nine hundred, and the Juniors add about two hundred more to the roll.

The regular work of the Branches, both senior and junior, is valued at \$1,840.32. More than nine hundred dollars of this amount has been spent within the diocese. Twenty-six boxes have been filled, chiefly for mission schools and stations, their value is \$730.59. To Foreign Missions, as already stated, \$276.76 has been given; to the Indians, \$28.63; to the mission in Cashier's Valley, \$30.00. For the first time, an offering was made to the old mission in Greece by one of the Branches, while another sent a gift to the work newly begun in Oklahoma. The sum collected for the United Offering during the year is \$213.06; this will

not be presented until October, but has really been given and being reported by the parish Branches is also recorded here.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,

Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 12.	
Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes	\$. 39 00

AIKEN BRANCH.

Members, 28.	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$. 75 00
Missions in Alaska	9 50
Valley Mission, N. C.	10 50
Church at Highlands, N. C.	5 00

	\$. 100 00

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Members, 15.	
Church Orphanage, 1 box	\$. 27 52
Church Orphanage	3 50
Assessment	1 00

	\$. 32 02

BARNWELL BRANCH.

Members, 20.	
Domestic Missions, 2 boxes	\$. 22 00
Diocesan Missions	13 25

	\$. 35 25

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Members, 40.	
Diocesan Missions	\$. 13 34
Assessment	4 00

	\$. 17 34

BOYKIN BRANCH.

Members, 18.	
Church Orphanage	\$. 2 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box	32 00
Contribution to box from Camden	33 75
Assessment	2 50
United Offering	8 00

	\$. 78 25

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Members, 78.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$. 59 15
To Rectory, Pendleton, S. C.	20 00
Bible Woman, Japan	10 00
Valley Mission, N. C.	5 00
Assessment	3 90
United Offiering	15 00

	\$. 113 05

HOLY COMMUNION BRANCH.

Members, —.	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 34 40
Jane Bohlen School, China	10 00
Bible Woman in Japan	5 00
Valley Mission, N. C.	5 00
Assessment	2 80
United offering	13 70
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	\$70 90

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Members, 36.	
To Chinese Orphanage	\$ 10 00
Bible Woman in Japan	4 00
Valley Mission, N. C.	5 00
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Assessment	2 00
United offering	12 98
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	\$38 98

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Members, 65.	
To Bible Woman in Japan	\$ 10 00
Missions in China	13 00
Diocesan Missions	39 11
Chancel Furniture, Summerton, S. C.	36 00
United offering	33 04
C. P. C	1 00
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	\$132 15

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Members, 20.	
Mission at Roark's Cove, Tenn., 1 box	\$ 40 00
To Valley Mission, N. C.	5 00
Bible Woman in Japan	5 00
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Assessment	2 00
United offering	8 00
	—
	\$65 00

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Members, —.	
Bible Woman in Japan	\$ 10 00
Diocesan Missions	52 25
United offering	20 00
Assessment	—
	—
	\$ 82 25

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL (MISSION).

Members, 18.	
United Offering	\$ 15 00

CHERAW BRANCH.

Members, 16.	
Chinese Orphanage	\$ 10 00
Bible Woman in Japan	2 00
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Assessment	80
United Offering	5 75
	—
	\$23 55

COLUMBIA.

TRINITY CHURCH BRANCH.

Members, 92.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$. 70 00
Diocesan Missions	128 40
Bible Woman in Japan	5 00
United Offering	36 00
Assessment	1 50
To Mr. Joyner's work, by a member	10 00
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	\$. 250 90

GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Members, 20.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$. 16 25
Diocesan Missions	10 00
Chinese Orphanage	5 00
United Offerings	3 75
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	\$. 35 00

DARLINGTON BRANCH.

United Offering	\$. 3 00
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EDISTO BRANCH.

Members, 24.	
Diocesan Missions	\$. 16 23
Mission in Athens, Greece	14 11
Assessment	2 40
United Offering	15 09
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	\$. 47 83

EDGEFIELD AND RIDGE SPRING BRANCHES.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$. 15 00
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GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 20.	
Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$. 32 00

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 20.	
Indian Missions, 1 box	\$. 23 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box	40 00
Diocesan Missions	32 00
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	\$. 95 00

JOHN'S ISLAND BRANCH.

Members, 25.	
Diocesan Missions	\$. 21 10

LAURENS BRANCH.

Members, 17.	
Roark's Cove, Tenn., 1 box	\$. 5 00
To Diocesan Missions	5 00
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	\$. 10 00

NEWBERRY BRANCH.

Members, 18.	
Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 2 93

ORANGEBURG BRANCH.

Members, 7.	
St. Barnabas Mission, S. C., 1 package.....	\$ 2 80
Bible Woman in Japan.....	3 75
Diocesan Missions.....	4 00
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	\$10 55

PENDLETON BRANCH.

Church Orphanage, 1 box.....	\$ 8 00
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ROCK HILL BRANCH.

Members, 6.	
Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 7 50
Roark's Cove, Tenn., 1 box.....	7 00
General Missions.....	4 73
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	\$ 19 22

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Members, 15.	
Mission at Kingston, N. C., 1 box.....	\$ 27 50
Scholarship in Japan.....	40 00
Scholarship in China.....	50 00
Scholarship*.....	45 00
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	\$162 50

*Too late to be reported last May.

STATEBURG BRANCH.

Members, 25.	
Three Missionary packages.....	\$ 17 00
To Bishop Moines, Oregon.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	16 00
United Offering.....	10 00
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	\$ 53 00

SUMMERTON BRANCH.

Members, 36.	
Mission at Kingston, N. C., 1 box.....	\$ 30 92
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00
United Offering.....	6 40
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	\$ 47 32

RIDGEWAY BRANCH.

Members, 13.	
To Church Orphanage, 1 box.....	\$ 8 00
Diocesan Missions	5 00
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	\$ 13 00

TRENTON BRANCH.

Members, 10.	
Parochial School, Columbia.....	\$ 8 00
Diocesan Missions.....	8 15
Church Orphanage	8 00
United Offering.....	7 35
Assessment	1 00
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	\$32 50

UNION BRANCH.

Members, 17.	
To Bridgeport, Oklahoma.....	\$. 10 00

WINNSBORO BRANCH.

Contribution to Box Domestic Missions.....	\$. 10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00

	\$. 15 00

YORKVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$. 10 00
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BRANCH OF ZION CHURCH, EASTOVER.

Members, 9.	
Diocesan Missions.....	\$. 13 50

JUNIOR BRANCHES.

BEAUFORT.

Members, 10.	
Diocesan Missions.....	\$. 3 50

GRACE CHURCH, CHARLESTON.

Members, 20.	
To Roark's Cove, Tenn., 1 box.....	\$. 14 00
To Mr. Ingle, Hankow, China.....	12 65
Church Orphanage, Charleston.....	10 00

	\$. 36 65

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

Members, 80.	
City Mission, 1 box Clothing.....	\$. 40 00
City Mission, 1 box Groceries.....	13 00
Church Orphanage, 1 Cot.....	23 00
Church Orphanage, 1 box Groceries.....	17 70
St. Barnabas Mission, Font.....	28 00
Support of Japanese Boy.....	25 00

	\$. 146 70

ST. PHILIP'S.

Members, —.	
To St. Barnabas Mission, 1 box.....	\$. 25 00
Building Fund, Clemson Chapel.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00

	\$. 40 00

CHERAW.

Members, 24.	
Diocesan Missions.....	\$. 17 00
General Missions.....	10 00

	\$. 27 00

SOCIETY HILL.

Members, 7	
To Indian Missions.....	\$. 5 63

SUMMARY.

From Parish Branches.....	\$1,537 03
From Junior Branches.....	259 48
Collections.....	49 81
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United offering.....	\$1,846 32
	213 06

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB, 1898.

In making a report of the Church Periodical Club, we would first call attention to the value and importance of the work, and ask our friends in other parts of the Diocese, who may not yet have taken part in it, to help us to enlarge its usefulness. It is encouraging to note quite an increase in the number of periodicals, papers and books sent out during the past year. The total last reported was 216, this year it is 1,083. To be more explicit, we have distributed 124 periodicals, 49 papers, 23 books and 907 miscellaneous magazines. These include Bibles, Testaments, Hymnals, Sunday School books of instruction, scrap books and picture cards, besides the following Church papers and magazines:

The Churchman, Southern Churchman, Living Church, Parish Visitor, Diocese, Spirit of Missions, Young Christian Soldier, Holy Cross Magazine, Church Eclectic, American Church Review, Girl's Friendly Magazine, Littell's Living Age, Puck, Judge, Strand and Argosy, Sunday at Home, McClure's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, Cosmopolitan, Ladies' Home Journal, The Century, Scribner's, The Outlook and Youths' Companion.

Many of these go beyond the limits of our own State, and some to very distant places, but each one brightens some life, and shows our sympathy with others in the household of faith. There are librarians of the Church Periodical Club in all our city parishes, and in several others, and they will gladly communicate with all who may have books or magazines they would like to pass on to others who cannot get them.

The one point to be emphasized is that they should be sent regularly with the *postage always prepaid*.

May we not hope that more of our people than ever before will join in this work and help us to extend its influence.

REPORT OF M. C. L. (JUNIOR AUXILIARY).

The Ministering Children's League completed on the 10th April its 9th year of work with 80 members and 20 associates on its roll. When this branch of the League was started it was with the definite purpose of clothing a destitute little girl of St. John's Chapel Sunday School. This *was* done the first year, but the work has since extended as resources increased, never however abandoning that first object, and regularly every year since, *two* and sometimes *three* children of the City Mission have received a supply of winter and summer clothing and for several years a big basket of Christmas groceries as well. For the last four years we have sent \$25.00 yearly from our Lenten mite boxes to Bishop McKim for the support of a little Japanese boy under his charge in Tokyo, and of this protege we receive always most excellent accounts. As soon as he is old enough, as he soon will be, Bishop McKim expects to enter him at St. Paul's School and our hope is to see him some day in the ministry of the church in Japan. For the last six years our birthday mite box has made faithful collections, an offering according to the age of each member being dropped in as the birthday comes round and our Associates having sometimes their share also. In this way we have had in six years \$92.34 to spend, and this money has always gone towards some piece of church furniture, except once when we sent \$15.00 to a cot in a hospital for children. We have given in this way a brass alms basin, a wooden font, a prayer desk, and now this year a *stone* font to the Mission of St. Barnabas, Summerville. To this mission we have several times sent also a Christmas box of toys, etc., for the *tree* that the school there always has, and on two occasions boxes to schools in the far West. And, finally, during the last *two* years the League has helped in various ways, for instance by providing groceries and clothing; our own "Church Home Orphanage" of the diocese here in Charleston, where a very pretty little cot now stands in the nursery as a permanent and useful memorial of the work of the League—the *M. C. L. Cot*, as it is named.

During the nine years of its existence our work has averaged in money value \$155.00 yearly and it goes on steadily, new members coming in by twos and threes, usually from the younger children, so that ages now range from 18 or 19 to our youngest and latest little girl who kept the *first* an-

niversary of her birthday in March. With humble apologies for so long a report,

Faithfully yours,
M. E. SASS, *Directress.*
LILLIAN BLAKE, *Secretary M. C. L.*

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

After the lapse of another year we are again assembled to review the work of the last twelve months, and to consider together the interests of the Woman's Auxiliary, which we have so much at heart. And with thankful and hopeful spirits we are able to report several accessions to our ranks among the smaller parishes, and to tell you of nine Branches added to our list, all earnest and interested, and giving promise of good fruit. The first matter which comes into our minds to-day in considering the duties which are most pressing, is the great United Service, with its thanksgiving offering—an offering which will be used to train and support those women of the Church who will give themselves to missionary work; and indeed, the influence of which we trust will extend through the never-ending reaches of eternity! It is only a very few months before the time shall arrive when, from the length and breadth of this country, and from our Foreign Missions too, a large number of the women of the Church will go up to that solemn eucharistic service at Washington, bearing the offerings which will represent the labor and self-sacrifice of the last three years. It will be a service of praise and thanksgiving, the united worship of a long line of kneeling women—kneeling to receive that strengthening and sustaining food which will help them to do their Master's work more faithfully in the years to come, and which will nourish their souls into life eternal.

After the close of the service, the business meeting will be held—a meeting so important and so fraught with the sacred interests of the Church's work, that it has been thought advisable to set apart a day to be observed by every member of the Auxiliary, as specially devoted to earnest prayer for God's blessing, and to thoughtful preparation. Quoting Miss Emery's words, she tells us that "the meeting will be a large and representative gathering. It will bring together women from all parts of the Church--

women of earnest and united purpose, but of many and strong opinions. It will be most needful that they should meet in a devout and loving spirit without one thought of self-seeking, but absorbed in the desire for the best good of the work they all have at heart." In connection with this it is proposed that the week beginning with June the first—the first of the Whitsun Ember Days, be kept as a self-denial week throughout the Woman's Auxiliary. During that week the members are asked to deny themselves personal pleasures and comforts, and to add the fruits of their self-denial to the store they are laying by for the United Offering. Also, it was proposed that the first of the September Ember Days, being the 21st of that month, and the Feast of St. Matthew, be observed throughout the Auxiliary as a day of prayer, that the approaching general meeting may be blessed of God, governed by His Holy Spirit in perfect harmony and good will, and guided by His unerring judgment into right action, to His glory only, and the advancement of His kingdom upon earth.

In our sister Diocese of Virginia they have four days of intercession during the year—days set apart for prayer to God for His special blessing upon the work in which they are engaged, quiet days; to put aside for a time the pressing duties of their busy lives, and by a closer communion with their Divine head bring themselves to a more realizing sense of the spiritual side of all their efforts for Him. We would like to see these days observed in this Diocese and feel sure they would be found a great help and comfort.

For several years past the South Carolina Branch has given \$60.00 annually to the support of a Bible Reader in Japan. But some of the parishes have dropped off from the list of contributors, and it may be as well to-day to renew these pledges that we may be quite sure of having the full amount sent in by the fall. There are also three churches which have given each \$10.00 a year to support a child in a Chinese Orphanage. Miss Mosher, a deaconess, who has charge of this Orphanage, is writing to have a name given to the child's cot, and it has been suggested that at this meeting the delegates from these parishes confer together and decide upon a name. The three parishes are St. Luke's, Charleston, one-third, St. David's, Cheraw, one-third, and Good Shepherd, Columbia, assuming a part of the remaining third. It was our privilege last summer to enjoy a visit from Dr. Henry Boone, who came to tell us particularly of the medical missionary work in China. Unfortunately the weather prevented many from hearing him,

but the few who were present enjoyed his very interesting account of the work, especially that branch of it in a thoroughly equipped hospital with which he is more immediately connected.

All down the line of the Auxiliary ranks last July came a wailing note of sorrow, for the announcement of Dr. Langford's sudden death touched a chord of dismay and grief in the hearts of all who knew him in his life and in his work. The new altar in the Church Missions House given by several members of the Woman's Auxiliary as a simple tribute to his memory will tell the story of his helpful missionary zeal, and the building itself will stand, we hope, for all time, a silent witness to his patience and wonderful energy in the work to which he had devoted his life, "Grant him, Oh Lord, eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon him."

At our last November meeting the Bishop made a most earnest appeal to us to aid him in the missions of the diocese, which he said had reached a crisis where it would require the helping hand of every man and woman whose allegiance it claimed. Of course we rallied to his relief, and in response to his appeal many of the Branches sent him appropriations. Perhaps it may be as well to explain here why we cannot conscientiously out of the moneys which come under our control contribute more freely to Diocesan Missions, though we are all so deeply interested. And I think I can best do so in Miss Emery's own words: "The Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was not formed by any Diocesan Board of Missions in aid of Diocesan Missions but by the General Board of Missions to aid the general missions of the church. So it follows naturally that every branch of the Auxiliary is formed to aid general missions, and that every woman who acknowledges herself a member should do the same." Then again, "the church and the Auxiliary outside the weaker dioceses are doing something for them as well as for the distinctively missionary districts. I can only ask them to think what would be the effect if New York refused to give outside its own borders and Pennsylvania the same and every other diocese the same. It would be a sad and pitiable day for Christ's Church when its members should narrow it down to the limits of a diocese; and I hardly know how to appeal to any one who does not recognize the fact that she belongs to a church which reaches beyond the limits of any parish, of any diocese, and extends as far as its farthest member goes." For these rea-

sons, then, our offerings are due first and principally to the General Board of Missions, but when our beloved Bishop asks us to aid him as far as we can, it is quite legitimate to swerve aside for a time from our beaten course and to do as he wishes. I am very thankful that we have been able to give him any amount, however small. At almost every annual meeting I have touched upon the importance of the obligation that rests upon every member of the Auxiliary to read regularly and diligently the *Spirit of Missions*. But we cannot lay too much stress upon this part of our duty as parish officers, or only humble members of the Branch, and I will therefore make no apology for again bringing it to your notice. Read it and re-read it—study its pages, specially those under the head of the Woman's Auxiliary, and you will be surprised to find how much you will learn that you never knew before and what deeply interesting matter it contains. If we read it regularly we will look for it each month with eager interest, and if we keep the numbers on file they will give us a complete résumé of the current events in the missionary year. For nine years Miss Dawson, our 3d vice-president, has been the correspondent of the Church Periodical Club. A year ago when Miss Jersey's resignation as 1st vice-president took effect, Mrs. W. D. Martin was elected to fill her place, and to the latter was assigned the duty of a general supervision of the Charleston librarians. Miss Dawson has now resigned her position as correspondent of the diocese and Mrs. Martin will to-day read the report of all the work done during the past year. The newly elected Diocesan Board will appoint a correspondent in Miss Dawson's stead.

It is a very great pleasure to us all to greet Mrs. Twing again to-day, for we know full well from past experience what an interest her presence adds to our annual meeting. Since her last visit she has taken a second journey around the world, and we hope she will give us the benefit of some of her experiences in those countries and among those foreigners whom she has seen. We certainly thank her most cordially for the pleasure and benefit her visit gives us, and can promise her, I think, most appreciative listeners. Our thanks, too, are due to the Rev. Mr. Brown who has come to give us an address this afternoon on the subject of his work in Brazil. It is a field of which we know very little, and in which I am sure he will interest us. Friends in the Woman's Auxiliary who are here to-day we welcome you all to our midst and are happy to be able to extend to you the hospitalities of our city. When this day closes and we

return to the routine of our busy lives, may we be strengthened and refreshed by the spiritual nourishment which we have together received, and our minds and bodies filled with fresh vigor for the work in which we are engaged—the noblest work that our Blessed Lord has given His Church to do. Let us endeavor to gain knowledge of it by reading and study ; let us pray without ceasing for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, "that His way may be known upon earth, His saving health among all nations" He has blessed us with a fullness of spiritual gifts ; but we must work and we must give that others also may enjoy the blessings that are so richly ours. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Canon Liddon says "churches are generally living churches in exact ratio to their missionary activity." May not the same be said of the individual members? And though our lives be very busy, and we have very little to give we may yet *all* help in the blessed work of Missions. For we serve not a hard Master, and if there be *first* a willing mind it is accepted "according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not."

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