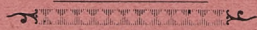


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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The 14th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on May 16th. There was an early celebration at St. Michael's Church at 7 A. M.

At 11 o'clock the business meeting was opened in St. Michael's Parish House with prayer by the Rev. John Kershaw. The President then called the meeting to order. Delegates from Aiken, Anderson, Grace Church, Charleston, The Holy Communion, St. Luke's, St. Paul's, St. Philip's, St. John's Chapel, Trinity Church, Columbia, John's Island, Newberry, Orangeburg, St. James, Santee, and Union answered to the roll call.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Then followed reports from the Treasurer, the Secretary and the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club. The President then made her address, reviewing the work of the Auxiliary from its first organization. She announced that by request of the Secretary, and with the approval of Miss Emery, she had appointed a separate head for the Junior Auxiliary. Miss Katie Lee has agreed to accept the office for a year.

Pledges were given by the different Branches for the support of the Bible woman in Japan and for the aid of the Cashier Valley Mission, North Carolina. The Board of Officers was unanimously re-elected.

Mrs. Patton, wife of one of our missionaries to Japan, then made a most interesting address on the work of the Bible women in Japan, of whom there are six in her district. She explained how essential their work was, as only through them can the Japanese women be approached; the mission-

aries even are not allowed any communication with them unless accompanied by a woman. She urged the necessity for American workers in the field. The Japanese are anxious for foreign influence, and are readily attracted by foreigners where the native Bible women are coldly received.

At 5 P. M. another session was held, Bishop Capers presiding. A letter from Miss Emery was first read, in which she urged the support of the General Board of Missions. She advocated the support of pledges made by them before any special work was undertaken.

The Bishop then spoke on Diocesan Missions. He showed the urgency of the claim, but asked no pledges, leaving to each Branch perfect freedom of action. He stated that of 116 parishes only 16 were self-supporting; that fact alone was a sufficient appeal. He advised that money and not boxes be given within the Diocese. All applications to Miss Emery were promptly and generously filled, and he thought the outside aid was more judicious.

With the singing of the Doxology, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,
Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Collection at Annual Meeting, early celebration...	\$ 7 50
At Afternoon Meeting.....	31 75
At Semi-Annual Meeting.....	8 22
Assessments.....	31 40
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	\$78 87
Balance from previous year.....	1 32
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	<u>\$80 19</u>

Expense Account.

To Diocesan Board.....	\$ 7 50
To General Board.....	16 00
To Rev. Wm. C. Brown.....	16 00
To Moving Organ and Chairs.....	2 05
To Board of 3 Delegates.....	3 00
To Hire of Hall.....	5 00
To Printing Reports.....	19 80
To Stationery.....	2 50
To Freight on Leaflets.....	65
To Freight on Mite Chests.....	60
To Missions House for Publication.....	5 00
To Deficiency for Bible Reader in Japan.....	2 00
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	\$80 10
Balance in Treasury.....	09
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	<u>\$80 19</u>

Respectfully submitted,

S. I. LOWNDES,

Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report which is presented to the women of the Auxiliary to-day, will close the record for the nineteenth century. "A Century of Service" it has been styled by Mrs. Twing, and to justify the name she points out the innumerable active charities, the wonderful works of mercy to which it has given birth. There are homes provided for the relief of the poor, the sick, the young, the old, the blind, the lame, the deaf and dumb. And the various well known societies of the present day: the King's Daughters, the Christian Associations, the Temperance Union, the Girl's Friendly Society and the Red Cross movement, are all of recent origin, and all represent a special effort, in some direction, for the service of mankind. Indeed, to quote the author's words, the "whole of Christendom has burst forth into a perfect passion of philanthropy, undreamed of in any previous age." Mrs. Twing calls our attention also to the increase of missionary enterprises in all parts of the world during the nineteenth century, and to the fact that the gates of service have been thrown open to woman in almost every department of life, and a new value placed upon her labor.

For fourteen years it has been our privilege to belong to an organization second to none of those just mentioned, for it is the aim of the Woman's Auxiliary to bring blessings to the souls and bodies of men. In such a cause, with thousands of fellow workers, and under leaders loved and trusted, surely our interest cannot falter or fail.

Five new Branches have come to strengthen our hands since the last Annual Meeting; these were organized in the towns of Florence, Sumter, Walterboro, and another in the old parish of St. James, Santee, where so few remain to uphold the church of their Fathers. It is to just such lonely workers that the Auxiliary often brings its most cheering message, giving a sense of fellowship, new courage and wider interests. The fifth Branch is a vigorous band of Juniors in Aiken, and they have made a most excellent beginning. Each new member is cordially welcomed to her place and work in the South Carolina Branch.

The most important event of the past year was, of course, the great Triennial Meeting in Washington, when the offering of \$82,000 was presented by joyful hearts, during a solemn service. Our share of that united offering was the moderate sum of \$777.70; but a more important point than

generally the amount, perhaps, is the interest evidenced in regard to it, and the fact that the parish branches contributed so ~~generously~~ to the result. A larger number of women from the Diocese too were present at this Triennial Meeting than ever before.

Two new scholarships have been undertaken, one by the Holy Communion Branch at Anvik, Alaska, another at the Church Orphanage, by the Spartanburg Branch, which at the same time gives up one of its two foreign scholarships, so long and so bravely maintained.

The number of boxes packed during the year is about thirty-three. Eight of these were for missionaries, the others were for mission schools or stations in North and South Carolina and in Tennessee; one travelled as far as Oregon. The value of boxes is \$872.00.

Offerings have been sent to Brazil for the first time this year, a natural consequence of Mr. Brown's stirring words last May, and several Branches have given substantial proof of growing interest in Alaska. One little gift was sent to Bishop Moreland as a greeting from his native diocese; he says that it was a memorable one, being the very first from the Woman's Auxiliary for his new field of labor.

The value of the year's work all told is \$2,090.78, the Woman's Auxiliary claiming \$1,605.96 of this amount, and the Junior Branches \$397.35. From this sum we must deduct \$291.02, which formed a part of our united offering last October, and has been reported already, although it certainly forms a part of the year's collection. Of the amount remaining, \$272.32 was devoted to Foreign Missions, and to Domestic Missions, in money and boxes, the value of offering was within a fraction of \$600.00. Within the Diocese a larger sum was expended, not very far from eight hundred dollars, \$298.14 having been sent to the Treasurer of the Board, and the rest is accounted for by boxes to missionaries and missions, and contributions in money also to various objects within our own borders.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PINCKNEY,

Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 8 00
Diocesan Missions.....	11 50
United Offering.....	9 65
	<hr/> \$29 15

AIKEN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$55 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	14 50	
To Missionary's box.....	6 00	
United Offering.....	12 59	
Assessment	2 00	\$90 09

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Church Orphanage, 1 box.....	\$20 00	
Chinese Orphanage.....	5 00	
United Offering	10 00	
Assessment.....	1 00	\$36 00

BARNWELL BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$15 00	
Assessment	1 20	\$16 20

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$15 00	
Foreign Missions.....	20 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	15 83	
United Offering.....	10 72	
Assessment	4 00	\$65 55

BOYKIN BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$20 00	
United Offering.....	8 00	
Assessment.....	1 80	\$29 80

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$66 27	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	26 50	
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
Domestic Missions.....	7 00	
United Offering	12 50	
Assessment.....	3 20	\$125 47

HOLY COMMUNION BRANCH.

Bible Woman in Japan	\$ 5 00	
School in Anvik, Alaska.....	10 00	
Valley Mission, N. C.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	19 82	
Assessment	1 90	
United Offering.....	17 75	\$59 47

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$46 00	
Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes.....	22 00	
Bible Woman in Japan.....	10 00	
Mission in Brazil	21 32	
Chapel, Clemson, S. C.....	10 00	
United Offering.....	23 08	
Assessment	3 20	\$135 60

ST LUKE'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$ 5 75	
St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai.....	10 00	
Valley Mission, N. C.....	5 00	
Bible Woman in Japan.....	4 00	
United Offering.....	12 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	2 00	
		43 75

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Mission at Rowark's Cove, Tenn, 1 box.....	\$22 00	
Bible Woman in Japan.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	11 00	
Assessment.....	3 10	
		\$40 10

ST. PHILIPS' BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	\$21 07	
Bible Woman in Japan.....	10 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	22 00	
Sheltering Arms, City.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	2 50	
United Offering.....	13 50	
		\$74 07

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL (MISSION).

To General Board of Missions.....	\$13 50	
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CHERAW BRANCH.

St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai.....	\$10 00	
Bible Woman in Japan.....	2 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00	
United Offering.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	80	
		\$22 80

CHESTER BRANCH.

To Diocesan Missions.....	\$1 75	
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COLUMBIA.

TRINITY BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$ 67 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	102 70	
Bible Woman in Japan.....	5 00	
United Offering.....	26 45	
Assessment.....	2 50	
		\$203 65

GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$17 98	
Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	9 00	
St Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	1 00	
		\$37 98

CORDESVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	\$30 00	
United Offering.....	9 75	
Assessment.....	85	\$40 50

DARLINGTON BRANCH.

United Offering.....	\$5 00	
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EDISTO BRANCH.

Christmas Offering to Missionary (Domestic).....	\$17 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	10 00	
United Offering.....	9 65	
Assessment	2 20	\$ 38 85

EDGEFIELD BRANCH.

Mission at Waynesville, N. C., 1 box.....	\$15 00	
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FLORENCE BRANCH.

Mission at Rowark's Cove, Tenn., 1 box.....	\$ 25 00	No report
Mission at Morganton, N. C., 1 box.....		

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$30 00	
Mission at Beaufort, N. C., 1 box.....	20 75	
United Offering.....	32 64	
Chapel at Clemson.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	1 00	\$89 39

GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 9 24	
United Offering.....	7 60	
Assessment.....	1 02	\$17 86

JOHN'S ISLAND BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$13 35	
United Offering.....	6 68	
Assessment.....	1 00	\$21 03

LAURENS BRANCH.

Mission at Rowark's Cove, Tenn., 1 box.....	\$ 3 50	
Church Orphanage, Charleston, 1 box.....	7 00	
Church Orphanage.....	10 50	
United Offering.....	2 97	
Assessment.....	1 30	\$25 27

NEWBERRY BRANCH.

Mission at Rowark's Cove, Tenn., 1 package.....	\$5 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	3 00	\$8 00

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ORANGEBURG BRANCH.

St. Barnabas Mission, S. C., 1 package.....	\$ 6 00	
United Offering.....	10 00	\$16 00

ROCK HILL BRANCH.

General Board of Missions.....	\$ 9 63	
To Bishop Moreland's Work.....	4 41	
Diocesan Missions.....	4 70	\$18 74

BRANCH OF ST. JAMES, SANTEE.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$3 00	
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SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Scholarship in Japan	\$ 40 00	
Scholarship in China	50 00	
United Offering.....	10 00	
Assessment	1 00	\$101 00

STATEBURG BRANCH.

To Portland, Oregon, 1 box.....	\$25 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	7 00	
Foreign Missions.....	5 00	
Assessment	2 00	\$39 00

SUMMERVILLE BRANCH.

Mission School, Anvik, Alaska.....	\$24 40	
United Offering	7 44	
Assessment	1 63	\$33 47

SUMTER BRANCH.

Mission at Beaufort, N. C., 2 boxes.....	\$40 00	
United Offering.....	3 45	
Assessment	1 50	\$44 95

UNION BRANCH.

General Board of Missions.....	\$8 00	
To Foreign Missions.....	1 00	\$9 00

WINNSBORO BRANCH.

Mission at Rowark's Cove, Tenn., 1 box.....	\$15 00	
United Offering.....	9 00	
Assessment	1 60	\$25 60

WALTERBORO BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$11 00	
Assessment	1 30	\$12 30

YORKVILLE BRANCH.

To Church Orphanage, Charleston.....	\$15 00	
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BRANCH OF ZION CHURCH, EASTOVER.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$15 00	
Domestic Missions	4 00	
Diocesan Missions	3 75	
United Offering.....	5 00	
Assessment	1 00	\$28 75

JUNIOR BRANCHES.

AIKEN.

Church Orphanage, Charleston, 3 boxes.....	\$ 49 00	
Contribution to Christmas box.....	5 00	
To Sheltering Arms, Charleston.....	50 00	
Mr. Osuga's Orphanage, Japan.....	5 00	
Assessment.....	2 50	
		<hr/> \$111 50

CAMDEN BRANCH.

To Work in Japan.....	\$ 5 00	
To Valley Mission.....	5 00	
To Church Orphanage.....	5 00	
		<hr/> \$15 00

GRACE CHURCH, CHARLESTON.

Mission at Rowark's Cove, 1 box.....	\$20 00	
To Mr. Brown's work in Brazil.....	14 00	
To Clemson Chapel.....	5 00	
United Offering.....	5 00	
		<hr/> \$44 00

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

St. John's Mission, Charleston, 1 box.....	\$ 26 40	
Church Orphanage (Christmas tree), 1 box.....	31 80	
Improvement of Chapel, Church Orphanage.....	16 50	
Scholarship Church Orphanage.....	7 50	
Groceries, City Missions, 1 box.....	15 00	
Scholarship in Japan.....	30 00	
United Offering.....	2 00	
		<hr/> \$129 20

ST. PHILIP'S.

Waynesville, N. C., 1 box.....	\$37 00	
St. Barnabas Mission, S. C.....	11 75	
Church Orphanage.....	2 50	
		<hr/> \$51 25

CHERAW.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$15 00	
General Board of Missions.....	5 00	
United Offering.....	1 00	
		<hr/> \$21 00

SOCIETY HILL.

United Offering.....	\$ 2 60	
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MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE OF SUMMERVILLE.

Church Orphanage, 1 box.....	\$6 00	
St. Barnabas Mission, 1 box.....	4 00	
Church Orphanage.....	7 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00	
		<hr/> \$22 00

SUMMARY.

From Parish Branches.....	\$1,605 96	
From Junior Branches.....	397 35	
Collections (of which C. P. C. \$40.00).....	87 47	
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		<hr/> \$2,090 78

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

In making a report of the work done by the Church Periodical Club in our Diocese, I think a brief history of the Club might interest our workers. It was founded eleven years ago by the late Mrs. Mortimer Fargo, at that time living in the West, where she was much impressed by the necessity of distributing good church literature among the clergy and laity far removed from large cities. Soon after this need was called to her attention she removed to New York, and on the 10th of January, 1888, the first paper was sent out which inaugurated a work that has steadily increased, until now it is carried on in sixty-six dioceses, the last being the newly erected Missionary District of Asheville. The number of periodicals sent out has increased from 400 to 12,240, and of books from 346 to 16,332. This is from the report of the Recording Secretary, Miss Laight, of New York, who says that one special feature of the work of the Club in the past year has been the sending of reading matter to the army and navy, our Society being the first one, as far as we know, to take up this work. In South Carolina we have taken part in this by sending four boxes of books, magazines and papers to the camp in Summerville. Besides this, we have sent out 287 magazines and papers regularly, 200 Christmas and Easter Cards, and three scrap books, filled with pictures prepared with loving care, to be sent to some child's hospital. This report would have been larger, but I have been unable to get detailed lists from some directions.

One thought which should make us realize the value and far-reaching influence of this Club, especially when it sends out Prayer Books, is that Whitsunday will be the 350th anniversary of the introduction of the English Prayer Book in the English Church. And what a precious heritage is this book! It has moulded the thought and built up the character and spiritual life of many generations, and to be instrumental in making it known in new fields is, indeed, a blessed work.

I am glad to report that I received and have forwarded to Mrs. Chapin, the General Secretary, \$40.00 from the Easter eggs distributed before Lent for the general expenses of the Church Periodical Club.

MRS. WILLIAM D. MARTIN,

Correspondent.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It may be interesting to bridge over the past 14 years, and to look back to the organization of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary; and so we may open our Annual Address to-day by reading the minutes of the first meeting, which took place in Charleston in the spring of '85.

"A meeting was held, May 19th, 1885, at Grace Church Sunday School Room, Charleston, in the interest of the Woman's Auxiliary to the General Board of Missions of the Church in America. Dr. Pinckney, after opening the meeting with prayer, introduced Miss Julia C. Emery, the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. After an interesting account by Miss Emery of some of the work done by the Association, Dr. Pinckney asked if it was the pleasure of the Church women present that a Branch of the Auxiliary be formed in this Diocese. Unanimous assent being given, a second meeting was called for May the 20th. At this second meeting, the constitution drawn up by Miss Emery was voted upon, and with one or two alterations was adopted. A nominating committee, consisting of one lady from each of the following city parishes. St. Philip's, St. Michael's, Grace, St. Luke's and the Holy Communion, submitted to the meeting these names as officers of the Executive Board of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary: President, Mrs. Robert Wilson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. P. Archer, Charleston, Miss Hampton, Columbia, Mrs. Wm. Beattie, Greenville; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Pinckney; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss A. P. Jervey. These ladies being appointed, the meeting adjourned."

Such, my friends, is the account of the formation of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and thus was the work begun, which, by God's blessing, has grown and prospered, throwing new vigor and activity into all our Church enterprises, and giving a healthy, strong and fresh impetus to our spiritual life.

Unfortunately there was no report published of the first year's work, but the Second Annual report gives the record of sixteen Parish Branches, and a money value of work to the amount of \$1,300. To-day we have forty Branches, besides the nine Juniors, but not the proportionate increase in money or boxes. Still I think we may thank God for what we have been able to do, and take courage for the future.

Since our last meeting, we have had no visits from either Foreign or Domestic missionaries, but Mrs. Chapin, the General Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, came to

tell us something of the work of this most useful and noble organization, and, as we all know, made a very interesting address before quite a number of ladies. But the interest in missions has been kept up, we hope, by our monthly meetings held in Charleston during the winter and spring. Subjects have been chosen both from the Foreign and Domestic mission fields, and with papers carefully prepared, these missionary afternoons have been very pleasant, very instructive and very helpful.

The Bishop has made another earnest appeal for our help in sustaining the missions of this Diocese, and the matter will come up for consideration to-day, but his letter will speak for itself, and he will tell you in his own words the needs which force him to make this request and his reasons for pressing the claim.

The Triennial Meeting of '98, to which for the last three years we have been looking forward with so much interest, is now a thing of the past, but it is a source of gratification to know that more than \$80,000 has been given into the Church's treasury by the women of the Church, to train and support those ladies who will enter actively upon the missionary life. You may all know, that of this amount, South Carolina contributed \$777.70. May we not increase the amount to one thousand dollars when the ingathering comes for the next united offering? Mite chests for this purpose are still to had for the asking, and we earnestly hope that every woman in the Diocese who takes any interest in the cause of missions will supply herself with one of these silent but effective pleaders for the work of the Lord among the ignorant and heathen.

We congratulate ourselves that our little Church paper, "The Diocese," has awakened again, and we sincerely trust that every member of the Auxiliary who can possibly afford it will place her name upon the list of subscribers. The subscription price is only 50 cents a year, and though it is only a small sheet, dealing entirely with Church and Parish news in our own Diocese, it yet supplies a want which no other paper can exactly fill. The editor has kindly offered to allow a column each month to any items of Auxiliary interest, and thus it will be a means of communication with the different Branches throughout our State. We earnestly commend this paper to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and hope a copy of it may be found in every household.

I am requested to speak again of the assessment which is asked from each member of the Auxiliary in the Diocese, a contribution of 10 cents a year towards the general work.

The correspondence which devolves upon the officers is only a small part of that work, and ever since the organization of this South Carolina Branch, the principal part of this expense has been borne by themselves. But there are constant demands upon this contingent fund which must be met, and in some dioceses the assessment is as high as one dollar. At first we fixed this annual fee at only five cents, but that small sum was found quite inadequate, and we have since urged each Parish Branch to increase this amount to ten cents. And we ask them too to make this a personal contribution and not to take it from the mite chests, for that will deduct from the missionary appropriation of their Branch, and cripple their work to that extent. In almost, I think I may safely say, in every secular society which we join, there is an annual fee required, which is cheerfully paid; why should it be otherwise, when the Lord's work is the object for which this annual fee is asked? Last year only twelve out of thirty-six Branches gave us any assessment at all. This year it may be better, but the amounts which come in point to the conclusion that our members do not understand or appreciate the fact that their neglect to meet this small obligation must cause much embarrassment in the work.

Another matter to bring before you to-day is in connection with the Junior Branches. At the request of the Diocesan Secretary, and with the approval of Miss Emery, we have thought it might be best to appoint a head for the Juniors, who would have the entire oversight of these, and thus relieve the Secretary of a part of her duties. We have therefore named Miss Katie Lee to fill the office, and as she has consented to do so for a year at least, she will now have the care of that department of the work.

The matter of a Babies' Branch has also been agitated, though nothing definite has been done in this direction.

I cannot close, my friends, without a word in memoriam of him who presided at our first meeting fourteen years ago, and who now rests peacefully with the blessed Saints of God in the home of Paradise. Ever deeply interested in all missionary enterprises, he was a true and loyal friend and supporter of the Woman's Auxiliary, and we miss his familiar presence among us. Full of years and ripe with fruitage, he has been called to fill his place in a heavenly garner, but it will be long ere the memory of his life will be forgotten while the promise stands that "they who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

N. S. WILSON, *President.*

