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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH.

The fifteenth Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Aiken, May 11th, 1900. There was an early celebration at St. Thaddeus Church, at 7 A. M., and the business meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. R. Mitchell, in the Parish House, at 11 o'clock.

The President then called the meeting to order, and at the roll call delegates responded from Aiken, Edisto, Greenville, John's Island, Spartanburg, Trinity Church, Columbia; and Grace Church, St. Michael's, St. Luke's, The Holy Communion, and the Junior Branch, Aiken.

The Treasurer's report showed the finances of the Board to be in a better condition than ever before. The reports of the Secretaries of the Church Periodical Church were then read.

The President's address reviewed the work of the year. She urged the Branches to unite in supporting a Bible woman in Hankow, besides the one in Japan. Six Branches pledged \$5.00 annually for this purpose.

A warm discussion on the subject of sending delegates to the Annual Meeting at the time and place of the Diocesan Council, terminated in the following:

Resolved, In view of the fact that so few of the Branches are represented here to-day, it is the sense of this meeting that at all the Annual Meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary, each Branch *must* be represented by at least *one* delegate; her expenses to be paid by the Branch.

As one of the former Vice-Presidents is now a resident of New York, and at the Mission House, it was

"Resolved, That the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary avail themselves of the opportunity of keeping in touch with the monthly conferences of the officers held in New York City, by appointing Miss Anna P. Jersey 'accredited visitor' to the same, requesting her to favor us with letters reporting these meetings, and to act as a medium for any communication from ourselves."

The Board of Officers was unanimously re-elected, and Miss Henrietta Murdoch has consented to fill the Treasurer's position, made vacant by the death of Miss S. I. Lowndes.

At 5 P. M. a missionary meeting was held. The Bishop opened with prayer, and the singing of a Hymn, and with a few words of cheer and encouragement to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, introduced Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Georgetown. Dr. Johnston made a very pleasant address, alluding to the important place woman occupied in furthering the work of the Master's Kingdom, and urged their continuance in well doing. Dr. Johnston was followed by Rev. Mr. Magruder, of Spartanburg, who gave an interesting account of the late Ecumenical Council, and then Rev. Dr. Wilson spoke in a very practical way of the duties of the Woman's Auxiliary in carrying out its organization, and urged especially that they be faithful as far as possible in attending all the meetings. With the singing of the Doxology, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

KATIE LEE,
Recording Secretary, pro tem.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I regret very much that in consequence of the sad death of our late Treasurer, the report of receipts and expenditures this year is not as complete as usual. Her sudden illness took place very soon after the last annual meeting, and the amounts received and disbursed by her, were more in form of memoranda, which were quite clear to herself, but which she had not yet gathered together. So I have thought best to close her account just where she left it, and to report only what has passed through my hands since the first of October. After paying out \$19.89 for printing the last year's report, sending \$5.00 to the Missions House as a contribution towards their publications and \$5.00 for several of the Round Robin series, issued by the Junior Auxiliary, sending \$27.60 to Mrs. Patton and expending \$3.30 for stationery and stamps, there came into my hands—

The balance in the Treasury.....	\$13 50
Received from Walterboro.....	40
Received from semi-annual collection.....	9 47
 Total\$23 37

Expenditures.

Stationery and Stamps.....	\$10 42
Express charges on Reports distributed.....	60
Postage on books from Mission House.....	20
Aid to Wyoming.....	50
Printing 100 copies of Parish Constitution.....	1 75
Cost of book for our Reference Library.....	1 50
Missionary Scrap Book.....	40
Expenses incident to Mr. Ingle's visit.....	6 00
 Leaving a balance in the Treasury of.....\$21 37
	\$ 2 00

This with \$38.10 just received from the parish assessments gives \$40.10 for the work of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. WILSON,
Acting Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

The Juniors have done well during the past year. The number of Branches has increased from *eight* to *sixteen*, with a membership a little over four hundred.

These Branches are in Aiken, Grace Church, Sumter, Anderson, Holy Communion, Statesburg, Beaufort, Pinopolis, St Michael's, Camden, Society Hill, Cheraw, Summerville, St. Paul's, Walterboro.

To help on the work in the foreign field they have sent aid to the Holy Trinity Orphanage, Tokyo, Japan, in charge of Mr. Osuga. St. Michael's Branch supports a scholarship there.

Two Branches have responded generously to Miss Emory's appeal for aid to rebuild St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, and other Branches are working to send their contributions by July.

Their Christmas boxes have gone to cheer and comfort the needy mountaineers at Morganton, North Carolina, and the Indians in the schools at Fort Totten, North Dakota.

Much has been done for our own Diocese, especially for the Church Home Orphanage and the Sheltering Arms.

Aiken stands at the head of the list, meritoriously as well as alphabetically! May their vigorous energy and enthusiasm never grow less, and may they continue to be "The Banner Branch!"

St. Michael's comes next, having done most for Foreign and Diocesan missions.

Cheraw is a valiant third.

The Anderson Branch is composed of dear little children *under* ten years! But they have managed to make two warm quilts, and to send a little help to both Foreign and Diocesan missions!

Statesburg has just organized a Branch and so has no report, but infinite possibilities!

The Branches in Walterboro, Beaufort, Sumter, and in St. Paul's and the Holy Communion Churches, Charleston, have only been organized since the fall, so their reports are not as full as they *will* be next year.

The money value of the work of the Juniors for the year amounts to \$528.32, which shows what can be accomplished by willing hearts and hands.

SUMMARY.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$218 65
Domestic Missions.....	28 00
Foreign Missions.....	70 50
General Missions.....	12 00
United Offering.....	5 12
Assessment.....	3 50
Boxes, Diocesan and Domestic.....	191 55
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	\$528 32

In closing my report of the Junior's work, may I say a few words to the delegates who are here to-day, especially those who represent parishes, that have not as yet organized Junior Branches.

We are so desirous that every Parish should have its band of Junior workers! Wherever they are, there naturally follows an increased enthusiasm and love for Missions, which is our first work. When you return home, see what you can do to stimulate the young people to take their part in the grand work of reclaiming the world for Christ.

KATIE LEE, Sec.

JUNIOR BRANCHES.

AIKEN.

Church Orphanage, Charleston.....	\$ 45 80
Indian Mission, Fort Totten, N. D.....	20 35
Mr. Osuga's Orphanage, Japan	4 00
St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai.....	10 00
Work in Aiken.....	42 00
Assessment.....	2 50
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	\$125 65

ANDERSON.

Church Orphanage, 1 box.....	\$ 5 00
Towards building Chapel, Ninety-Six	25
To Bishop Howe Cot, China	50
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	\$ 5 75

BEAUFORT.

To Rev. A. C. Wise, Spokane.....	\$ 3 00
Diocesan Missions.....	4 30
General.....	12 00
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	\$ 19 30

CAMDEN.

Morganton, N. C., 1 box.....	\$ 10 00
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CHERAW.

Morganton, N. C., 1 box.....	\$ 15 00
Alaskan Missions	15 00
Valle Crucis Mission	10 00
Diocesan Missions	15 00
To Building Church, Columbia.....	5 00
Farm Fund, Mr. Cornish.....	5 00
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	\$ 65 00

GRACE CHURCH, CHARLESTON.

Morganton, N. C., 1 box.....	\$ 17 50
Mr. Osuga's Orphanage, Japan.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions.....	7 00
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	\$ 34 50

HOLY COMMUNION, CHARLESTON.

Indian Mission, Fort Totten, N. D.....	\$ 15 00
United Offering	3 78
Diocesan Missions.....	2 30
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	\$ 21 08

PINOPOLIS.

Sheltering Arms.....	\$ 20 00
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SOCIETY HILL.

United Offering.....	\$ 1 34
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SUMMERVILLE.

Church Orphanage, box.....	\$ 16 55
St. Paul's, Summerville.....	3 00
Morganton, N. C., box.....	5 10
St. Barnabas, Mission	1 50
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	\$ 26 15

SUMTER.

To help move Church, Columbia.....	\$ 5 00
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MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

Scholarship, Holy Trinity Orphanage, Japan.....	\$ 30 00
City Missions, Charleston.....	81 95
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	\$111 95

ST. PAUL'S.

Morganton, N. C., box.....	\$ 16 25
Diocesan Missions.....	1 85
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	\$ 18 10

ST. PHILIP'S.

Morganton, N. C., 1 box.....	\$ 31 00
St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai.....	15 00
Church Orphanage.....	2 50
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	\$ 48 50

WALTERBORO.

Church Orphanage.....	\$ 16 00
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JUNIOR SUMMARY.

Aiken.....	\$125 65
Anderson.....	5 75
Beaufort.....	19 30
Cheraw.....	65 00
Camden.....	10 00
Grace Church.....	34 50
Holy Communion.....	21 08
Pinopolis.....	20 00
Society Hill.....	1 34
Summerville.....	26 15
Sumter.....	5 00
St. Michael's.....	111 95
St. Philip's.....	48 50
St. Paul's.....	18 10
Walterboro.....	16 00
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	\$528 32

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In reviewing the work of the past year, upon this our fifteenth anniversary, we find that only one new branch has been added to the roll of the Woman's Auxiliary. This was recently organized at Georgetown. Nevertheless there has been growth, decided and encouraging, among the Juniors, the hope and strength of the future. Their leader will herself give an account of what has been accomplished in that department. And in Darlington, a band of Little Helpers, or Baby's Branch, has been formed, the first in the Diocese, and has prospered so well, that an Easter offering of \$15.00, was sent to the Missions Home. *house*

There is an increase in the amounts devoted to both foreign and domestic missions, while within the Diocese, over eight hundred dollars has been expended. The sum laid by for the united offering is not as large, but as the next triennial meeting approaches, the interest and the gifts will no doubt increase, as on former occasions. Boxes for St. Barnabas Mission and the Church Orphanage have been popular work with the branches of late, and it should now be distinctly stated that clothing for the Orphanage is not needed at present. The children are well supplied, but money for daily bread will be always gratefully received.

The assessment for the past year was the largest ever received (\$51.00) and covered all general expenses, such as printing of reports, postage, stationery, express charges, etc.

The scholarships undertaken have been faithfully maintained, while the fund for the Bible Woman in Japan, has overflowed, so that it can support two of these most valuable assistants for the coming year.

The value of offerings, all told, from both Senior and Junior Branches is \$2,129.30. Of this amount, \$973.05 represents the value of boxes, and \$1,156.25 was contributed in money.

And so the work of another year is ended, with all its efforts and its failures, and its measure of success. The results are laid before you, so far as facts and figures can represent them. There is one inspiring thought of which we should never lose sight, and that is the privilege of service in this great cause.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. PINCKNEY,
Secretary.

ABBEVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 13 50
Diocesan Missions	9 00
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	\$ 22 50

AIKEN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 18 00
Diocesan Missions	26 00
Domestic Missions	7 00
General Missions	9 00
United Offering	8 00
Assessments	2 00
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	\$ 70 00

ANDERSON BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 4 00
Foreign Missions	5 00
Assessment	40
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	\$ 9 40

BEAUFORT BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 25 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box	25 00
Diocesan Missions	22 10
Assessment	3 40
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	\$ 75 50

BOYKIN BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 5 50
Domestic Missions, 1 box	23 00
United Offering	7 50
Assessment	7 70
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	\$ 37 70

CHARLESTON.

GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes	\$ 69 92
Domestic Missions	5 00
Diocesan Missions	15 00
Foreign Missions	10 00
United Offering	19 25
Assessment	3 00
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	\$122 17

HOLY COMMUNION BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 15 00
Domestic Missions.....	25 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
United Offering.....	13 42
Assessment	3 00
	<u>\$ 61 42</u>

ST. MICHAEL'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	\$ 9 35
Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	66 37
Diocesan Missions.....	41 00
Foreign Missions.....	31 25
Church Periodical Club.....	1 00
	<u>\$148 97</u>

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	\$ 35 00
Domestic Missions.....	5 00
Foreign Missions.....	14 00
United Offering.....	2 79
Assessment	4 00
	<u>\$ 60 79</u>

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Foreign Missions.....	15 00
United Offering.....	6 15
Assessment	2 50
	<u>\$ 33 65</u>

ST. PHILIP'S BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$ 43 42
Foreign Missions.....	26 00
United Offering.....	10 00
Assessment	3 25
	<u>\$ 82 67</u>

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL (MISSION).

To General Board of Missions.....	\$ 26 70
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CHERAW BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 12 00
United Offering	5 00
Assessment	1 60
	<u>\$ 18 60</u>

CHESTER BRANCH.

Dioceſan Missions, 1 box	\$ 10 00
Diocesan Missions	3 35
General Board of Missions	2 50
	<u>\$ 15 85</u>

COLUMBIA.

TRINITY BRANCH.

Domestic Missions.....	\$ 80 00
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
United Offering.....	10 50
Assessment	7 40
	<u>\$102 90</u>

GOOD SHEPHERD BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box.....	\$ 15 75
Foreign Missions.....	5 00
	<u>\$ 20 75</u>

CORDESVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes	\$ 16 85
Assessment	1 25
	<u>\$ 18 10</u>

EDISTO BRANCH.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 50 00
United Offering.....	10 00
Assessment	1 80
	<u>\$ 61 80</u>

FLORENCE BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 2 boxes.....	\$ 55 00
Foreign Missions.....	1 00
	<u>\$ 56 00</u>

*Also 2 boxes filled last year, too late for publication..... 50 00

GREENVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box.....	\$ 25 00
Diocesan Missions.....	25 00
Domestic Missions.....	5 75
Assessment	1 40
	<u>\$ 57 15</u>

*This has been added to the sum total.

GRAHAMVILLE BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 16 00
United Offering	1 50
	<u>\$ 17 50</u>

JOHN'S ISLAND BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 30 00
Diocesan Missions	1 86
United Offering	7 89
Assessment	<u>2 50</u>
	\$ 42 25

LAURENS BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$ 4 00
Diocesan Missions	5 30
United Offering	<u>5 30</u>
	\$ 14 60

NEWBERRY BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 4 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box	5 00
	<u>\$ 9 00</u>

ORANGEBURG BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 5 00
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ROCK HILL BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$ 10 00
Diocesan Missions	3 20
Foreign Missions	4 70
General Board of Missions	3 50
United Offering	<u>2 37</u>
	\$ 23 77

BRANCH OF ST. JAMES, SANTEE.

Diocesan Missions, 2 boxes	\$ 19 55
Diocesan Missions	6 40
United Offerings	5 02
Assessment	<u>1 30</u>
	\$ 32 27

SPARTANBURG BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 12 65
Diocesan Missions	10 00
Foreign Missions	45 00
Assessment	<u>1 00</u>
	\$ 68 65

STATEBURG BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 12 00
Domestic Missions, 1 box	10 00
Foreign Missions	6 00
United Offering	10 00
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	\$ 38 00

SUMMERVILLE BRANCH.

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

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 6 25
Domestic Missions, 1 box	10 00
Diocesan Missions	6 25
Assessment	1 50
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	\$ 24 00

UNION BRANCH.

Domestic Missions, 1 box	\$ 20 00
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WALTERBORO BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 8 00
Assessment	1 00
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	\$ 9 00

WINNSBORO BRANCH.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 10 00
Diocesan Missions	2 50
Assessment	1 10
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	\$ 13 60

YORKVILLE BRANCH

Diocesan Missions	\$ 40 00
Diocesan Missions, 1 box	5 00
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	\$ 45 00

BRANCH OF ZION CHURCH, EASTOVER.

Diocesan Missions, 1 box	\$ 5 50
Diocesan Missions	10 00
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	\$ 15 50

STATEMENT.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Money—Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 269 01
Juniors	218 65
Boxes—Woman's Auxiliary	279 10
Juniors	61 35
	_____ \$ 828 11

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Money—Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 47 75
Juniors	28 00
Boxes—Woman's Auxiliary	502 40
Juniors	130 20
	_____ \$ 708 35

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 234 95
Juniors	70 50
	_____ \$ 305 45

GENERAL MISSIONS.

Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 42 70
Juniors	12 00
	_____ \$ 54 70

UNITED OFFERING.

Woman's Auxiliary, (\$164 48 Bank)	\$124 69
Juniors	5 12
	_____ \$ 129 81

ASSESSMENT.

Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 43 80
Juniors	2 50
	_____ \$ 46 30
Baby's Branch	15 00
Church Periodical Club	15 75
Collections at Meeting	25 83
Total	_____ \$ 2,129 30

THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB,

though organized twelve years ago, and now at work in sixty-eight Dioceses, is very little known to some of our people. A more widespread knowledge of its aims, and of the classes of people it reaches and helps, should secure the attention and co-operation it deserves. As some one has said, "I believe there is ample warrant for the statement, that in proportion to the expenditure of either time or money, the work leads all others in results—material as well as the more far-reaching ones. We can hardly realize what our boxes of books and papers must mean to those miners and fishermen of Nova Scotia, whose reading room we supply; to the sheep herders of Utah and Wyoming, or to the poor whites, shut in by the mountains of Tennessee, who crawl eagerly into the little school rooms to hear our magazines read out to them. School and hospital and reading room, soldiers' camp and lowly mission station, whether in our own country or foreign fields, this work reaches and embraces them all."

In a letter from Maine, a lady says: "I have an unusually good chance to do good with the periodicals you send me, as my husband is a country physician, and I send them to the sick in our village, and then out to the lonely farms, and sometimes they go through the whole neighborhood." Another, from New York, says: "You would be surprised how everything in the shape of reading matter is taken up by the men of the sea, and how grateful they are over them. The canal boat work needs just such reading as you sent us. Every boat has a family on board, and I have known a volume to have been read over and over again by every member, and then they are passed from boat to boat, and in this way reach a number of people."

Our General Secretary, in one of her reports, says: "Many a sin-laden man, many a degraded girl or youth, many a neglected child, will 'arise and call you blessed' for the work extended through the Church Periodical Club."

Now what are we in South Carolina doing to help forward this good work? We have had some part in it from the beginning—twelve years ago—but the work is carried on in *five* places only, instead of twenty that could, perhaps, do it, and many that certainly should. What of our many thriving and progressive towns that are not represented? Will not some of them join our ranks at this time?

There are six Branches in Charleston, and one each in Columbia, Greenville, Anderson, and Union. Ridge Spring shared in the work for some years, but has not been heard from in my day. The needs of the Club are greater than ever before, because appeals for help come from more and more places each year, and the influence of the work is ever widening. Already 5,748 persons are engaged in it, and \$4,000 have been expended in it this year. But more workers and givers are still needed. We ask you simply for your magazines and papers and books, when you have no further use for them, and then for a comparatively small amount to convert them into sources of the greatest good and pleasure.

We have sent out from this Diocese during the past year, from May, 1899 to May, 1900, 114 periodicals, sent regularly every month, 208 books, 549 picture cards, 30 calendars and 2,118 miscellaneous magazines and papers. Contributions to the work have amounted to \$19.63. The needs of the Club have increased so much of late that the President, Miss Florence Taylor, of New York, recently sent a circular letter to all the Correspondents in the United States urging them to try to get annual pledges of \$1.00, or even less, according to one's ability, to help in carrying on this good work.

There are few of us who cannot at least do this.

MRS. WILLIAM D. MARTIN,
Correspondent.

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.

Among the difficulties in the way of increasing the interest in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, is the fact that its members in the different parts of the State are rarely able to meet each other. Were it practicable it would be well to have a meeting at the time and place of each Convocation, of such branches as shall be within that missionary range, but the expense necessary to the carrying out of such a plan makes it almost impossible. When the call is made, however, once a year to the members throughout the Diocese to come together, each parish should make an effort to send at least one representative, who will tell of work done in her branch, and will carry back new enthusiasm and new life, which will tend to awaken new interest in all missionary enterprises.

These annual meetings should be held whenever practicable, at the time and place of the meeting of the Council, and we must thank our friends of the Aiken Branch of the Auxiliary for making this possible to-day. At the opening of the missionary year of 1894 and 1895, the Bishop of a Western Diocese wrote as follows: "I am very anxious to find a medicine to stimulate the women of this Diocese to take a more general and lively interest in the work of the Auxiliary; and should you know of any plan that has been particularly successful elsewhere, I would thank you most heartily for directing me to it. We have a few faithful ones, but the majority are lukewarm. The isolation of parochial branches by reason of the distances between parishes is a hindrance to the work."

And in the April number of the *Spirit of Missions*, an officer of a branch in West Missouri writes: "How can we help any one to realize that Baptism makes her a member of the Missionary Society, and that when she has but one dollar to give to God's work in the world, part of that dollar should be given away from home! In a mission station where perhaps there are but four or five women, when they seem to need everything themselves, how can we instill the feeling that it does them good to have the Auxiliary established among them?"

These queries but echo the thoughts which have troubled the minds of many of the officers in our own Diocese, for when we consider the number of baptised women on the Church's list, women who by virtue of that baptism should be earnest and zealous in all missionary work, and compare

that list with the number of those who are interested members of the Woman's Auxiliary, the proportion is lamentably small.

I really think that more frequent meetings would tend to promote more enthusiasm. Why mightn't the branches in the middle convocational district meet together once in the year, and those also in the Northern? Not to render reports of work done, but to compare methods, to hear perhaps a missionary address, and to discuss ways and means. And then monthly meetings in each parish branch for missionary study would also be a stimulus, and very helpful. These have been tried in Charleston with good results and have proved both pleasant and instructive.

During the past winter the missions of the English Church have been studied together with those of our own, the average attendance has been good and much interest exhibited. In spite of all drawbacks and discouragement, however, the work of the Auxiliary in the Diocese is spreading and increasing.

The appointment of Miss Lee to relieve our Secretary of a part of her work and assist her in the care of the Juniors, has proven a success.

New branches have been formed in both departments and the reports will tell how much has been accomplished. A very decided move has been made to establish a Baby's Branch as a part of our Auxiliary organization, and there are now three parish branches formed, which, as seeds planted by God will be so cultivated, we trust, as to bear much fruit.

The thought that baptism makes us members of the Missionary Society is emphasized by the Baby's Branch—that our work for the Lord's kingdom begins when we are made by baptism members of His Body, the Church.

In some of these branches—in many of them indeed, there is a "memorial circle," the boxes being kept by some one who loves a little child now in Paradise, and whose name is borne by the branch. There are several thousand of these little helpers working together with one prayer and one text and one box for missions and we want to have a branch in every parish in this Diocese—we want some one who will take care of the work, and give this loving service for the little children whom the Lord loves. Boxes prepared especially for the Babies' Branch can be had from the Church Mission House in New York, and leaflets bearing on the subject will also be furnished. These will ex-

plain fully the working of the Babies' Branch, and though a penny dropped in the box by the little hands seems so very small an amount, yet we must remember that it is the grains of sand that make up the seashore, the large and small trees that make the forest.

I'm only a little penny given by a baby's hand,
Can I send glad tidings over all the land?
Baby's love goes with it, so this penny's blest—
God's love joined with baby's can do all the rest."

The Church Periodical Club continues its work, and the amount of reading matter contributed by the Branches does seem to increase.

A good work, and clergymen write in the most grateful way of periodicals furnished them by the C. P. C., while many an invalid in the hospitals has been brightened and cheered by some pleasant book or paper, and even convicts in the penitentiaries have also been the recipients of what to them must be as sunshine in dark places. Let us try to keep up this organization. It is only to make some effort to pass on to others the pleasure and stimulus we ourselves derive from helpful reading matter—an effort which is blessed tenfold in the comfort it carries with it. With regard to the Spirit of Missions, so much has been said in previous papers, that I need only touch upon the subject, but I will call attention to the very great improvement it has undergone. It really is now a delightful magazine, well worth the reading. Its pages teem with information, with incidents and with illustrations, and no branch of the Auxiliary should be without it. Indeed every officer should be a subscriber if possible—as without it, it is very hard to have an intelligent knowledge of the missionary work in the furtherance of which we are engaged. And especially would I recommend our little Diocesan paper which ought to be in the hands of every member of the Auxiliary. It fills a want which is met by no other journal, and as the editor kindly gives a part of a column each month to the publication of any Auxiliary items of interest, it is there made the organ of communication between the Board and the scattered branches throughout the Diocese.

We hope that the meeting to-day will definitely fix the pledges for a Bible Woman in Japan under the supervision of the Rev. Mr. Patton, and also arrange for the support of another in China under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Ingle.

Fifty dollars a year is named as a liberal amount for the support of each of these Bible Women, and last year the sum of \$113.00 was forwarded to Miss Emery for Mrs. Patton's work in Tokio. We hope that the pledges to-day will arrange for both of these objects, and to make our contributions to each quite sure. One branch has met one of these pledges alone and I am sure that since Mr. Ingle's visit to the Diocese and his most delightful addresses we all feel more deeply interested and anxious to do all we can to help him at Hankow in this department of his work. And while we are giving of our means to carry on the labors of these Bible Women, will no one feel that she can give her time and her personal service? Only very lately we have read of "Work begun among the women of Wuchang," but which is now at a standstill for lack of workers. Is Virginia to do so much more in this matter than her sister State of South Carolina, or may not some of our own Auxiliary band enroll their names on the list of missionaries to the foreign field? We trust that we may yet be able to report a move in this direction.

One word more before closing in reference to the election of officers which will take place to-day.

Article III of the Constitution reads: "Its officers shall consist of president, three vice presidents, corresponding secretary, and recording secretary and treasurer in one person. Then in Article V, "The vice presidents shall be elected one from Charleston, one from Columbia, and one from Greenville." In the absence of the president they shall preside over meetings held in their respective districts, and with the president, shall endeavor to awaken interest in the Auxiliary in parishes and missions where it does not already exist." Nothing is said as to the part of the Diocese from which any of the officers except the vice presidents shall be chosen, but when Miss Emery wrote out the Constitution at the time of the organization of the Branch she thought it best to appoint them in Charleston, there being seven churches in that city. Since that time at each annual meeting the officers have been elected and the large proportion of the board has been drawn from the different churches in the same place. As the Diocesan officers meet always once a month from October to June inclusive, it would seem quite necessary to have the majority elected with a view to these frequent meetings, for otherwise the general business of the Diocese in connection with the Auxiliary would probably be hampered. I think this will

explain why four out of six officers have always been elected from the Charleston churches.

It is a cause of thankfulness that we are again privileged to meet together to day, but there is a minor note of sadness which runs through all our pleasure, for our valued Treasurer who was with us at our last annual meeting, is now resting in the Paradise of God, and her place among us is vacant. Ever ready to respond generously to any call from the mission fields, and thoroughly conscientious in the discharge of every duty which devolved upon her in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary, her familiar presence among us is sorely missed, and we mourn her absence while we thank God for the fragrant example of her life. We meet to-day for the first time in this Parish of St. Thaddeus, and warmly thank our Aiken friends, for the hospitable welcome they have given us. We are here to confer together in the interests of the cause we love so well. Together we have consecrated ourselves anew in the Holy Eucharist to the service of our dear Lord. We have asked His blessing upon all our efforts for Him, and we may confidently expect that He will be with us and guide our deliberations. Let none of us feel that we have done all that we could, but remembering that the amount given to the blessed Saviour for the work of His Kingdom must be entirely a matter of conscience; let us ask ourselves if we have given to the extent of our ability. Let us try to be more systematic in our gifts into the Lord's treasury, not forgetting that the time fixed for those gifts is the first day of the week, and that each one is to give according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver. And we may ask ourselves, "What are we laying by in store towards the ingathering for the next United offering, which in a little more than a year will be laid upon God's altar?" The dawn of the morning of a new century is breaking over all the earth. Let its waves of light wake a glad song of thanksgiving in each heart for what Christ has done for her, that shall be poured forth in a great thank-offering for those who know Him not. Then when earth's shadows flee away before the brightening of that day which ushers in the coming of the King, we may join the glad song of the redeemed, and count souls saved through our prayers and our loving gifts.

N. S. WILSON,
President.

At a meeting of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, since the last meeting of the South Carolina Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, one of its officers, Miss S. I. Lowndes has been called away from the Church on earth to the Blessed rest of Paradise ; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Miss Lowndes this Branch has lost a most devoted officer, whose duties as treasurer and recording secretary were always most promptly and faithfully performed, and whose active and loving interest in the missionary work of the Church was a lesson to us all. Ever ready to respond generously to any call from the mission fields, and thoroughly conscientious in the discharge of every duty which devolved upon her in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary, her familiar presence among us will be sorely missed ; and we mourn her absence, while we thank God for the fragrant example of her life.

Resolved, That a blank page in our minutes be inscribed as a loving tribute to her memory and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Diocese for publication.

