

SOUTHERN FLORIDA  
Woman's Auxiliary



FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

May, 1893, to Jan., 1894.









CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH  
OF THE  
**Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.**

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ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be "The Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society is:

FIRST—By means of *prayer* and *offerings* to spread Christ's Kingdom in the world.

SECONDLY—To diffuse missionary intelligence.

THIRDLY—By a united and systematic effort to increase missionary activity among the woman the of Jurisdiction and to encourage the formation of branches where there are none.

ARTICLE III

The Church itself being the Missionary Society and every person by baptism becoming a member of it, therefore every baptized woman in the Jurisdiction is regarded as a member of this Branch of the Auxiliary.

ARTICLE IV.

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, appointed by the Bishop, who shall constitute and be known as the Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary Society as aforesaid, and such other officers as may from time to time be required.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

(a) The President shall call all meetings of the Executive Committee and at such times as shall seem advisable to her, and shall preside over the



same, and together with the other officers shall make it her special endeavor to arouse interest in places where no branch exists, directing, encouraging and advising all branches.

(b) The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall preside over all meetings and perform all the other duties required of the President.

(c) The Secretary shall prepare an *annual* report for circulation in the Jurisdiction, conduct the correspondence of the Society, give notice of meetings, keep the minutes and distribute missionary reading matter.

(d) The Treasurer shall send a receipt promptly to each parochial Treasurer for money received, and pay over monthly all funds for work in this Jurisdiction to its Treasurer; she shall forward all contributions for special objects as designated by the donors, keep a separate account of the same and render an annual report of all monies received and disbursed, values of boxes, etc., to the Bishop.

(e) The Executive Committee shall meet once in each month, on such days as the President shall appoint.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Branches shall be organized in every parish and mission as follows: The priest in charge shall appoint annually a Directress, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute and be known as the Parochial Committee, and shall fill all vacancies that may occur.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The duties of parochial officers are as follows:

(a) The Directress shall preside in all parochial meetings, keep an oversight of the work in her branch, appoint her collectors, aid them in any difficulties and promote the work by all means in her power. She shall procure from the Priest annually a full list of the members of the parish, and shall strive to secure from each member a contribution of one cent a day, or more if possible.

(b) The Secretary shall keep minutes of the parochial branch and inform the Secretary of the Executive Committee of all matters of interest, thus keeping all branches in touch with each other.

(c) The Treasurer shall remit the funds collected to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee promptly.

(d) The Parochial Committee shall divide the parish into districts of convenient size, assigning each to a committee of collectors, where the work is more than the Parochial Committee can perform.

(e) The Collector shall go in person to each contributor on one of the last days of every month to collect pledges. In cases where the contributors live at distances too remote for personal collections, suitable envelopes will



be furnished the Parochial Committee, upon application to the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

(f) The officers and collectors shall meet on the first Monday of each month, to pay their collections to the treasurers, transfer contributors who have removed from one district to another to their respective committee, report new names of possible contributors and transact any other business

#### ARTICLE VIII.

All meetings shall be opened by prayer as appointed by the Bishop, followed by readings from the "Spirit of Missions" or other missionary publication, or original papers by members.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The primary aim of this organization is to aid and promote missionary work in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, but any parochial branch shall be at liberty to do any kind of missionary work for any place upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE X.

An annual meeting of the delegates from all the branches shall be held at the same time and place as the Convocation of the Jurisdiction.

#### ARTICLE XI.

All minor points in the working of this Society and means for arousing interest or promoting the cause are left to the judgment of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the delegates present, and upon the approval of the Bishop.

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The foregoing Constitution of the Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida having been submitted to me, is hereby approved; and I cordially commend the movement of which it is the organic law, to the clergy and laity of the Jurisdiction. Praying God's abundant blessing upon the Society, and invoking the aid of the Holy Spirit upon all work done for Christ and the Church, I am very faithfully,

WM. CRANE GRAY,  
Bishop Southern Florida.



## BY-LAWS.

First—Two of the Jurisdictional officers shall form a quorum for transacting business at committee meetings. Delegates from not less than five parochial branches shall form a quorum in annual meetings.

Second—The running expenses of the Society shall be paid from the fund arising from the monthly contributions.

Third—All meetings shall be opened with prayer, and shall include the reading or study of some missionary subject.

Fourth—The order of business in general meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Fifth—Simple parliamentary usage shall prevail in even the smallest meetings, for the promoting of order and to expedite business.

Sixth—These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates present at any annual meeting.



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## OFFICERS.

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### *President :*

MRS. E. K. FOSTER .....Sanford

### *Vice-President :*

MRS. WM. CRANE GRAY ..... Orlando

### *Treasurer :*

MRS. R. T. PATTON .....Sanford

### *Secretary :*

MISS HARRIET R. PARKHILL..... Ft. Reed, Orange Co.

### *Correspondent of Church Periodical Club :*

MRS. JOHN S. ARNOLD .....Glen Ethel

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## OFFICER OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

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### *Secretary and Treasurer :*

MRS. WM. CRANE GRAY..... Orlando



The First Annual Meeting  
OF THE  
SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH  
OF THE  
Woman's Auxiliary.

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The first annual meeting of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. Paul's Church, Key West, on Friday, January 18, 1894.

At 4 p. m. the Rev. Gilbert Higgs, Rector of the Parish, opened the meeting with the Auxiliary Litany.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Crane Gray.

The roll called by Branches, showed only four Branches represented.

About fifty persons were present.

The report of the Secretary was then read, followed by that of the Treasurer.

Mrs. Gray then read an excellent paper upon the subject of "Prayer and Missions," after which she spoke in the interest of the Junior Auxiliary in this jurisdiction, of which she has been appointed, by the Bishop, Secretary and Treasurer.

Parts of the Constitution were then read by Mrs. Weddell. Several changes had been suggested, which, together with some other matters of general business, were announced by the Vice-President, but as there was no quorum, no action could be taken.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the members of St. Paul's Branch for their hearty and delightful hospitality,

After singing the Doxology, the meeting adjourned to St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, Wednesday, January 24th, 1894.

The distance and expense of the journey to Key West having been previously suggested, the difficulty was met by this planned



adjournment to a place where it was hoped more delegates would be able to be present.

FANNIE C. GRAY, President *pro. tem.*

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

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### THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

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On the evening of January 23d, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary met with the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, three Bishops and seven of the clergy being in the chancel.

After Evening Prayer, the Bishop introduced the invited speakers, first, Rev. J. H. Weddell, Archdeacon of the West Coast, who was followed by Rev. B. F. Brown, Archdeacon of the East Coast, whose jurisdictions meet in the interior.

Mr. Weddell set forth the principle of the pecuniary part of Auxiliary work, the power of the aggregation of small offerings persistently persevered in and made by every individual. Although this had been only partially carried out, this Society had been of great help to the Church's work,

Mr. Brown said that the Auxiliary would not find a more industrious advocate than himself and he hoped to add greatly to the number of Branches in his field. These gentlemen both gave interesting descriptions of their work and the growth of the Church.

After the hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" had been sung with its accustomed fervor, Bishop Weed, under whose care, until one year ago, lay all this religion, expressed his great pleasure in being with his old friends and speaking to them again. He said that if he ever had any doubt as to the wisdom of the division of the diocese, this meeting proved it in an overwhelming manner. He gave a brief resume of the work done since his consecration, August 11, 1886. Then, on the East Coast, there was one unfinished church at Cocoa—now there are several. The West Coast was a blank from Cedar Key to Key West—now there are thirteen churches and many mission stations. These results are largely due to the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. He commended the emphasis laid on prayer, saying "A band of praying women in the jurisdiction is more important than a band of giving women." Without prayer, hearts will not be opened to give. He spoke beautifully of the power that woman has always been in the Church's work of spreading the Gospel, drawing attention to the fact that of our Lord's followers, there were three women at



the cross but only one man. Her power lies in endurance, fearlessness of pain and love.

Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, the venerable Apostle of the American Indian, was next introduced, and said he was one of those who first counseled with the women who were the founders of the General Auxiliary. They firmly believed that "if the *will* is given to God, He will show a *way*." That was twenty-one years ago in October 1892, and in that period the Society had extended over the whole United States and had given over \$3,000,000 to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He said that this work, this calling is a great responsibility laid upon woman by Jesus Christ Himself. He told of his own mission to the Indians, the heathen of our land, in order to show the results of woman's efforts. His hands had been held up and his heart cheered in the darkest hours of this work by the knowledge of the faithful women behind him who were praying and working for it. He said the American Indian is the noblest type on earth of a wild man, believing, as he does, implicitly in the Great Spirit and being endowed with several of the noblest traits of human character. He told of the joy of those who, sitting in the darkness, had seen the light of Christ and of the faithfulness of these Christian Indians to their vows and the number of lives they had saved of white women and children in the terrible outbreaks caused by the gross injustice of the Government and of individual white men.

After another hymn, Bishop Weed pronounced the benediction.

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## THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

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JANUARY 24, 1894.

In St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, at 9 a. m., the Bishop, assisted by the Rector, Rev. W. W. DeHart, celebrated the Holy Communion, after which he made an earnest and practical address, setting forth the duty of an earnest observance of the Lenten Fast, abstaining from pleasures during these forty days, that in themselves are harmless, and giving more time to prayer, spiritual reading. He also presented very clearly the duty and privilege of giving a tithe of income to God. God commanded it in the Jewish church and our Lord said, "unless your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall not see the kingdom of God." He also pointed out the duty of all persons to aid the workers in all parts of the world. He then told the needs of this jurisdiction. Everywhere the people are asking for



the services of the church and are willing to help themselves as far as able. He has undertaken in faith more than he sees now the means to accomplish. Therefore he earnestly desires the extension of the auxiliary and redoubled efforts.

He was followed by Mrs. Brierley, for thirty-five years a missionary in Africa, and for the past twelve years at Cape Mt., Liberia, sixty miles from any other white person. She gave an interesting account of her labors there and the school of 118 children gathered from the heathen homes around. She dwelt upon the deep degradation of women among those people, describing graphically the incantations of the Devil-man to find out which wife had done some evil thereby causing her husband's failure in hunting or something else—and then the cruel sufferings inflicted upon her. The school of Christian children seemed, in contrast, as a circle of light amidst an Egyptian darkness, and the evidences of their earnestness put to shame Christians in Christian lands. Upon hearing of the custom of the Chinese women to cast out their girl babies on the road side to die, and of Mrs. Pott's Baby Asylum for these poor little creatures, these children expressed a wish to help them, but could think of no way, there being no sale for their fancy work, no way of earning money in a land where there is none, trade being only barter. She suggested that they should give up their luncheon of rice and palm oil one day every week and she would give them its value in money for the Chinese babies. They went to bed without answering, but the next day laid a note written on a slate upon her table saying that they had consulted about it and would do it. That was eight years ago, and never since have they forgotten nor failed.

Every girl having been betrothed in infancy and sold to him whose wife she is to be, these Christian girls have to be bought back in order to save them from this terrible fate, and the fund for this purchase, given by people in America, is called the "Redemption Fund."

At 11.30 a. m., the President, Mrs. E. K. Foster, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Crane, Directress of St. Andrew's Branch, welcomed the visiting delegates in a few appropriate words.

The roll being called by Branches, of the twenty-two, five were represented, as follows:

St. Luke's Church, Orlando, Miss Emma Gray.

Holy Cross Church, Sanford, Mrs. B. F. Whitner, Mrs. Moseby.

St. John's Church, Leesburg, Miss Ida Lees, Mrs. Julien.



St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, Mrs. H. L. Crane, Mrs. I. V. Scull, Mrs. Norma Seckinger, Mrs. Mack, Mrs. T. J. Consadine.

Trinity Church, Thonotossa, Mrs. Dorchester—  
forming a quorum for business.

The President read her address.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

As you are all well aware, this is the First Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary since the jurisdiction was organized, and to me it seems a matter of great cause for thankfulness that we are enabled to come together to meet face to face and speak words of encouragement to each other, and at this meeting do all in our power to further this most important work for our Lord and His Church, as members of the Woman's Auxiliary. And first here, let us consider, what is the Woman's Auxiliary? The General Secretary tells us that "it is a society auxiliary to the Board of Missions, composed of the women of the Church who are interested in mission work." In the Diocese of Florida, which until so recently included us all, and in our own missionary jurisdiction the Woman's Auxiliary has proved most helpful in aiding the Bishop in his work. The Treasurer's report will convey to you the material aid we are enabled, through your offerings from these various branches, to render him. The Secretary's report will give you the name of each branch and the work done by us all.

The Constitution will be read and the work for the year will be discussed and your help asked for the missionary boxes that are sent each year. Boxes that have gone out well stored with clothing and and other necessities for the Missionary and his family, whose hearts are cheered by the thought of the unknown but loving hands that have ministered to their wants. This year we hope to receive from each branch some contribution for this work. We want it to be *our* box, given by us all. Some can perhaps give but a mite, but every little is a help; and it is not to the Missionary alone that we give, but to the dear Lord and in His name.

We are auxiliary to the Board of Missions. That does not mean simply the missions in Florida, It comprises the great extent of our entire country. It reaches out to Alaska, so remote and to many of us unknown, to the Indians in the Far West, and to the colored people who are so near our doors.

In the foreign field also are the China, Japan and African missions, and to these members of Christ's body, the Church, surrounded by the darkness of heathenism, we owe a duty, nay, it should be our privilege each year to give something to this work.



Of the united offering made by the General Auxiliary at its Triennial Meeting in Baltimore, October, 1892, the Christian women of China gave their part. They, too, have a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the account of their work is most interesting.

Can we not learn a lesson from them at this meeting, select some object and give to it of our abundance, remembering that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Of our Bishop's untiring devotion to his work we all know something. Regardless of health or strength, heat or cold, he traverses the extent of his jurisdiction, visiting not only every Parish and Mission, but seeking out every family, no matter how isolated, and to whom the privileges of the Church are as dear as they are rare, and giving to all his time, talents and loving service. To the Woman's Auxiliary he looks and depends on it for help, in prayers, in sympathy and in offerings.

We have done well in these first eight months of our existence as an independent society, but, with God's help, let us strive to do better. Let us interest every woman and let us endeavor constantly to increase the number of our members, and then so grand would be the result that our good Bishop could easily command the funds for the stipends of those who are ready waiting his call to come and minister to our Missions. Let us then do *all* in our power; let us work and pray, and may God bless us as His instruments.

MARY G. FOSTER, President.

The Treasurer read her report, which was received.

REPORT OF  
THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
OF THE JURISDICTION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA.

From May 1st, 1893, to Jan. 15, 1894.

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| Key West, St. Pauls.....                             | \$90 45  |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Georgia.....   | 9 00     |
| Total.....   | \$99 45  |
| Orlando, St. Lukes.....                              | \$ 45 37 |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Louisiana..... | 62 00    |
| Total.....   | \$107 37 |
| Sanford, Holy Cross..                                | \$ 86 50 |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Georgia.....   | 80 00    |
| Total.....   | \$166 50 |



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| Tampa, St. Andrews,.....                             | \$ 20 70 |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Louisiana..... | 50 00    |
| Total.....   | \$ 70 70 |
| Conway, Holy Trinity.....                            | \$ 28 90 |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Louisiana..... | 15 00    |
| Total.....   | \$ 43 90 |
| Titusville, St. Gabriels.....                        | \$ 30 65 |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Georgia.....   | 5 00     |
| Total.....   | \$ 35 65 |
| Thonotosassa, Trinity.....                           | \$ 18 00 |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Louisiana..... | 3 50     |
| Total.....   | \$ 21 50 |
| Myers, St. Lukes.....                                | \$ 8 42  |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Louisiana..... | 3 50     |
| Total.....   | \$ 11 92 |
| Zellwood, St. James.....                             | \$ 1 00  |
| Contribution to box for missionary in Georgia.....   | 8 00     |
| Total.....   | \$ 9 00  |
| Winter Park, All Saints.....                         | \$ 5 00  |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Louisiana..... | 1 50     |
| Total.....   | \$ 6 50  |
| Longwood, Christ Church.....                         | \$ 2 40  |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Georgia.....   | 2 25     |
| Total.....   | \$ 4 65  |
| Lake Mary Mission.....                               | \$ 2 55  |
| Contribution to box for Missionary in Georgia.....   | 1 50     |
| Total.....   | \$ 4 05  |
| Leesburg, St. James.....                             | \$ 17 50 |
| Fort Meade, Christ Church.....                       | 14 40    |
| Kissimme, St. Johns.....                             | 12 30    |
| Glen Ethel, St. Marys.....                           | 5 40     |
| Ocala, Grace.....                                    | 4 50     |
| Courtenay Mission.....                               | 2 00     |
| Total amount received in money and boxes.....        | \$644 19 |



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| Amount of systematic offerings.....               | \$402 69 |
| Value of two boxes.....                           | 336 30   |
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| Amonnt paid.Treasurer of Jurisdiction.....        | \$300 00 |
| Amount paid out for printing, stationery, &c..... | 32 70    |
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| Total... ..                                       | \$332 70 |
| Cash on hand.....                                 | \$ 69 99 |
| Balance on Key West contribution to the box.....  | 5 20     |

JULIA I. PATTON, Treasurer W. A. S.

The Secretary read her report, which was received.

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#### SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH OF THE AUXILIARY.

*Rt. Rev. Father and Sisters of the Auxiliary :*

The division of the Florida Branch of the auxiliary necessarily followed the division of the Diocese, but, by the advice and permission of those in authority, it was delayed until the annual meeting in May, 1893. The beginning of the independent existence of this Branch at that time seemed to be followed by a partial pause in its work, produced by this transition state and by the usual summer hegira—so that for three months very little was accomplished. Taking these two facts into consideration, the result reported to-day is most encouraging, and we thank God for blessing our efforts and working with us. From May, 1893, to the present time by Treasurer's report appended :

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| Total offerings.....                             | \$644 19 |
| Of this the systematic offerings are.....        | 402 69   |
| Value of boxes sent out.....                     | 236 30   |
| Balance of Key West contribution to the box..... | 5 20     |

This is the seed time of the work—therefore we cannot expect very much to be outwardly visible. If, however, those to whom it is committed can see that it is germinating with a strong, vigorous life—may we not look with assurance for the early appearance of the “blade, the ear and the full corn in the ear”?

From the older Parochial Branches that worked for years with the Florida Branch come expressions and evidences of renewed interest and life, and from every new place with which we have communicated—of earnest desire to join in this service for the Master, and already three new Branches, at Lake Mary, Glen Ethel and Courteney have been organized and are at work.



The three-fold nature of Auxiliary work as expressed in our Constitution has been accepted by all. First, the call to special prayer, and in concert; secondly, the duty of informing ourselves about the condition and happenings of the whole missionary world; thirdly, the systematic collection of offerings from all who will give.

Our name keeps us ever mindful that we are handmaids of Christ and of His Church and must be ever ready and watching for any service to which we may be called. We have adopted as our symbol a Maltese cross upon a palm branch, in token that we labor for the love of Christ and in His name, praying instantly for the coming of His kingdom of peace on earth.

I would report the condition of the Parochial Branches as follows:

*St. Pauls, Key West*, has shown a wonderful vitality, and lately the expression of a larger interest gives us the pleasant anticipation that as it is in the oldest Parish in the Jurisdiction, so also it will be the strongest Branch.

The Branch in *Grace Church, Ocala*, has done no regular work since the division because of unusual local calls, but will after a while learn, we trust, that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth." It has sent one contribution to the fund.

*St. Lukes, Orlando*. This Branch does faithful work, especially in preparing boxes, the one sent out in December being a particularly good one, both in quality and quantity. The amount of its monthly offerings is not as large as it would have been because of its loss in the bank failure.

*Holy Cross, Sanford*, has done a noble work in every department, and for following literally the plan of work laid down in the Constitution, is already reaping a reward. The monthly meetings are especially delightful, and an increasing number attend each month.

*Holy Trinity, Conway*, near Orlando, does steady work in systematic collections and has made a valuable contribution to the box sent out in December.

*Courteney*, on the East Coast, has a Branch which was organized late in November, is willing to work by the rules of the Constitution, and has sent already two contributions.

*St. Marys Branch*, at *Daytona* and *Holly Hill*, on the Halifax River, has suspended its work for the past year by request of the Missionary in charge, but is ready to begin again whenever it is thought advisable.

*Christ Church, Ft. Meade*, although weak in numbers, seems to possess a secret spring of vitality that never fails.



*Christ Church, Longwood.* This Branch was organized in 1885, and reorganized in October last. It is working diligently and holding monthly meetings regularly, for prayer and reading.

*Glen Ethel Branch* was organized in November last, and is at work. Its members also meet together for prayer and reading missionary news, and here is the first Branch of the Junior Auxiliary.

*Lake Mary Branch*, organized October last. Its members are scattered over quite a wide area of country, but have proved their interest by a good proportion driving through rain to the second meeting.

*St. Johns, Kissimmee*, lost its efficient Directress last summer and has had other discouragements, but since its revival last August has held meetings and made collections.

*Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach.* This Branch has always been a unique one, contributing once a year, but not working according to the rule of the Florida Auxiliary. It has not been heard from since the division of the Branch.

*St. John's, Leesburg.* This Branch has had great trials, but has done something all along and will, we hope, soon be able to hold its meetings for prayer and reading.

*Grace Church, Merritt.* This is one of the places where the members are scattered far apart and many absent all summer, but there is a devoted spirit among them which will lead them always to do all that is possible.

*St. Luke's, Myers*, has suffered from the loss of two of its most active members, but this little out-post in the far South still remains in the hands of brave and devoted women.

*St. Andrew's, Tampa*, has always sent a regular contribution, but has "made a bold stride with the new year," we are told, owing to the introduction of the monthly meetings, the Auxiliary Litany and Missionary readings.

*Trinity Thonotosassa*, is necessarily few in numbers, and so scattered that meetings are deemed almost impossible, but there is not a more regular and prompt contributor.

*St. Gabriel's, Titusville*, contributed regularly and also sent a generous gift to the missionary box sent out in November.

Like several other Branches, its identity has been hitherto lost in the Parish Guild, but is soon to regain it by means of a reorganization and its own monthly meetings. It sustained a great loss last spring in the death of its faithful and devoted Directress.

*All Saints, Winter Park*, contributes with an irregular regularity.



because most of its members are there only in winter and contribute annually instead of monthly.

*St. James', Zellwood.* There has been a Branch here for many years composed of a few faithful souls, of whom it will surely be said, "they have done what they could." A generous contribution was sent to the November Missionary box.

Most of these Branches are in small settlements, often not even villages, and the amount given, although very small, is often more in proportion than comes from strong Branches in cities.

The Treasurer's report gives the items of amounts.

Letters have been sent to individuals in a few instances and the pleasant answers received that they had given help and comfort. In this connection there is a beautiful coincidence in the needs of two far distant places. In the Bishop's First Annual Report he tells of "individuals and families too remote from any place of worship to have any of the public privileges of the Church of which they are members," and in the minutes of the last meeting of the California Auxiliary I find this entry: "The last speaker (Missionary) pleaded for greater interest in the isolated church-women scattered through the diocese. So much might be done to relieve the loneliness of their souls by a system of correspondence with church-women who live in the larger cities. This is a project which has been before the Auxiliary for several years and the suggestion found immediate response in a number of women who offered themselves as correspondents." Perhaps *we* also may be helpers in this way and so become messengers of encouragement to our lonely and less favored sisters.

The Executive Committee has met six times, drafted the Constitution, put forth an Address to the Parochial Branches and laid plans for future work including the Junior Auxiliary, and each member of it has visited some Branch.

A number of letters have been written and reading matter distributed, and several Branches by their suggestion have subscribed for the *Spirit of Missions*. Each Branch has been supplied with the Auxiliary Litany as needed.

The response shows a great number of holy, earnest women everywhere actively at work for the Master. Where there is no Branch of the Auxiliary their work is local only, and the workers "separated upon the wall, one far from another," feel alone because they do not know of each other.

We believe this Society will bind them all together, especially the prayer on the same day of each month; and while the small offering



asked for will be a great help to the general mission work in the Jurisdiction, the local work will not suffer by reason of it.

We will learn of one another's needs, and may often be able to lend a helping hand and *always* to give sympathy.

We will also tell each other our successes, and our hearts will grow stronger while we rejoice together.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

On motion, a recess was taken until 1 p. m. for luncheon. This was a dainty repast spread in the adjoining rectory for all who were in attendance on the meeting. Here, distant workers met, in some cases for the first time, and all were drawn closer together by this personal intercourse, spending a delightful social hour.

At 1 p. m. the delegates reassembled, when there were read the following reports from Parochial Branches :

#### TRINITY CHURCH.

##### THONOTOSASSA.

Owing to the fact that the members of this branch of the Auxiliary live at such great distance from each other, with insufficient horse power, it is not practicable to hold the meetings which are so helpful to others. Still we would not like to be known as the prayerless branch. May we not hope that in our case "labor is prayer," and thus prove acceptable. We can show our faith by our works, and these, to one who knows the comparative poverty of the people, may not seem discreditable.

It is a pleasure to note the names of four gentlemen on the list of contributors, thus testifying to their sympathy with the cause we have at heart.

From May 1st to January 1st, this Branch has contributed sixteen dollars to the regular fund, and two dollars and a few articles to the missionary box sent from this jurisdiction. This does not include the amount sent January 1st to the Treasurer, as I suppose that enters into the report for the current year.

Respectfully submitted.

L. W. WEDDELL,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

#### ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

##### ORLANDO.

The Auxiliary was reorganized June 17th, 1891, but no active work was done until the following December, when exertions were made to increase the number of contributors. This was found hard work, but was persevered in and there was some encouraging results.



Regular monthly meetings, with a moderate attendance, have been held since April, 1892, with the exception of three months in the past summer, when nearly all the members were away.

In the early part of 1893 another effort was made to interest the people of the parish in Auxiliary work. A circular, endorsed by the Bishop and the Rector, was sent to the families and members of the parish and met with numerous responses.

The subscription list now numbers forty, and the contributions have increased considerably.

A plan, which does away with collectors, has been tried with very good success the past year. Subscribers are furnished with envelopes for their contributions, which can be placed upon the alms basin in church, or sent directly to the Treasurer.

Miss Emery's visit in March was a great treat to all who had the pleasure of listening to her most interesting address, and we trust was the means of arousing a more active interest in the work of the Auxiliary.

Besides the box which was sent to a missionary in this diocese last April, and which was valued at \$45.00, a contribution was made up for a Christmas box to go to Louisiana, which was valued at \$62.00.

The collections from April 1st, 1893, to January 1st, 1894, amounted to \$77.67, but of this sum, \$22.79 was on deposit in the First National Bank at the time of its failure, consequently only \$54.88 has been paid over to the Diocesan Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY W. SPERRY,  
Secretary.

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#### HOLY TRINITY BRANCH.

##### CONWAY.

The Conway Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized on Sunday, April 2d, 1893, by Mr. Andrew, the Rector.

The first meeting was held on May 18, 1893, when it was decided to collect once a quarter and to hold meetings on the first Monday in March, June, September and December. Since then \$28.90 has been collected.

The Conway contribution to the mission box sent to Mr. Mack amounted to \$15.00.

MRS. CARY-ELWES, Secretary.

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#### GRACE CHURCH BRANCH.

##### MERRITT.

There are six members. One withdrew. One accession during the year. The number remaining the same.



Owing to the great distance to be covered, no meetings have been held.

The Spirit of Missions, Church Mission News and other reading matter have been circulated among the members, and given to whomsoever would read them. There seems to be a growing interest.

Five dollars were pledged for the year. In October, two and a half dollars were paid for the half year. January 2d, one and a quarter was paid for the quarter ending January 1, 1894. By the time the assessment for the next quarter is due, it is hoped the sum will be increased.

Very truly,

A. T. THOMPSON.

#### CHRIST CHURCH BRANCH.

LONGWOOD.

The Christ Church Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized 1885, reorganized on October 13, 1893, and since that time three regular meetings have been held, our rector always meeting with us, but we find it necessary to meet on Friday afternoons instead of on Mondays.

We have ten members, but the majority are not able to pay a cent a day, but give each month according to their means, more or less, which makes the amount of our monthly offerings very uncertain, always much smaller than we hope to make it in the future.

Our work is very slow, and as yet we have but little to show. Our members, however, are interested and in earnest, and so we are hopeful that we shall soon be able to add more liberal offerings to our earnest prayers for the success of the good work both here and elsewhere.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,

Secretary.

#### . ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

MYERS.

Our Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has been organized since 1885, when the Rev. J. J. Williams visited Fort Myers, and the amount of our subscriptions has varied much since that time, but the Branch has been beneficial in creating a home feeling of union and for some years was our only tangible link with the Diocese.

Our subscriptions for 1893 amounted to only \$16.20.

We have had church services very rarely during the last eight years, but our Sunday school has kept up well, both in numbers and interest, and we are hopeful for the future. Only a few of our number are born Episcopalians, but have entered from other churches, and



have been accustomed to look to *preaching* as the main object of public worship instead of united prayer and praise. How difficult it is to keep up interest in church matters without a clergyman and without service, only those know who have experienced it! We had had only two services since April, when the Bishop visited us in October last.

JULIA HANSON.

#### BRANCH OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

##### SANFORD.

We, the Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Holy Cross, of Sanford, feel deeply grateful that we are growing and increasing in this great work and are contributing each month our mite to the kingdom of God.

Our work here was begun in the year 1886 by two or three faithful workers, and their labors have grown so that we make a happy showing at this annual meeting of the jurisdiction of Southern Florida in the year 1894. May they go on in their labor of love for the church and saving of souls.

The beginning of the devotional meetings in this parish was started the first Monday in June, 1893. The meetings have been held every month since, with increasing attendance and interest.

We number forty-two contributing members and have an average attendance of fifteen at the meetings—offerings ranging from \$10.00 to \$13.00 per month.

Our Litany service is very beautiful and is used every month. We hope every Branch in the jurisdiction is receiving the benefit of it. After the Litany service, all business is transacted, reports read and given, and interesting articles on mission work read by members appointed each month.

Besides our work of paying in our dues each month, we have made up a box of clothing and sent to Rev. C. L. LaRoche, at Thomasville, Georgia, valued at \$100.00, help being received from Zellwood, Longwood, Titusville, Key West and Lake Mary. It was received on Thanksgiving day, 1893. Also contributions were made to the Christmas box gotten up by the Sanford Benevolent Association for the insane at Chattahoochee. Help was given for two barrels of clothing sent to the storm sufferers on the Carolina coast.

We feel greatly encouraged in our work and the increasing interest is delightful, and being lovingly assisted by our Rector, as he always meets with us and is ready with kind words to help in every way, is a great blessing.

Respectfully,

MARGARETTA MARTIN, Secretary.



## ST. GABRIEL'S BRANCH.

TITUSVILLE.

The report was simply financial, and as it is contained in the Treasurer's report, will not be repeated here.

## GLEN ETHEL BRANCH.

Organized November 15, 1893, with a membership of four. Have held three meetings. Number of members at present, seven (not including minister.) Total collections, \$5.40.

Mrs. Jennie Anderson, Directress. Mrs. C. A. Root, Treasurer. Rev. W. H. Bates, Minister in charge.

MRS. JNO. S. ARNOLD, Secretary.

## ST. ANDREW'S BRANCH.

TAMPA.

This Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was regularly organized by Archdeacon Weddel at the time that he had charge of this Mission, in the year 1886. There were very few members then, for the church was truly one of the little ones in Zion. Very soon afterwards St. Andrew's Guild was formed, which was very necessary to defray the current expenses of the Church. Both organizations met on the same afternoon at the same place, and the officers of one acted for the other. The monthly collections were duly made and sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, except during the yellow fever epidemic, but the Auxiliary did not prosper, because our necessities compelled us to work for the Guild. But if the Auxiliary declined too much into a monetary matter, the Guild, actuated as it were, by her missionary spirit, became her handmaid in disbursing the charities of St. Andrew's, in answering appeals from the orphan asylum, in relieving the needy, in nursing the sick, and in aiding him that hath no helper, so that in the sheltering walls of St. Andrew's the forlorn stranger has often found rest and refreshment. Matters are different now. The Auxiliary meets on the first Monday in every month and the time is devoted exclusively to religious exercises. They consist principally of the beautiful Litany prepared by Bishop Weed, the reading of the By-Laws and extracts from the Spirit of Missions. This draws the members together, and every one who is absent will feel that she has lost a blessing—the blessing that comes from above. Our Societies have each sustained a very heavy loss in the death of our loved sister, Mrs. Jno. P. Wall. She was a most efficient co-worker and always ready in every good work. When the harvest drew nigh, and the husband-



man was gathering in his sheaves, the Lord of the harvest called her and gathered her unto His Heavenly garner, there to receive her full reward. It was our loss, but greatly her gain. The dark cloud hath its silver lining, however, for we thank God and take courage in the fact that our roll of membership has been increased in the last few weeks by the addition of seven new members. It now consists of nineteen, and we hope for still better things from this re-union with our kind sisters of the Auxiliary. We thank them for coming, for we feel that the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love and sympathy will be greatly strengthened for our good work.

The treasurer has already given in her report.

I. V. SCULL, Secretary.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

Realizing how heavy is the loss that has been sustained by St. Andrew's Branch of the Auxiliary and this whole community in the death of Mrs. Matilda M. Wall, who has ever been foremost in all good works, and by the sweetness of her disposition, blended with rare executive talent and loving faithfulness has been enabled to accomplish much for her Master, Jesus Christ—therefore

*Be it Resolved*, That we all extend our heartfelt sympathy to St. Andrew's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and to the family of this dear sister in their loss, praying that their hearts may be comforted and that some one may be inspired by her noble example to take up the work where she has laid it down to go to her well earned reward.

Mrs. Patton called attention to the fact that while there are in the jurisdiction more than sixty-five parishes, missions and mission stations, there are only nineteen contributing Auxiliary Branches.

Miss Parkhill was called upon to give some account of the meeting in Key West on Friday last.

The President announced that the reading of papers was now in order.

Mrs. I. V. Scull read—

#### THE WORK OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY.

We have very frequently been asked this question : What is the Auxiliary Society? We answer : It is a Society that aids the Board of Missions, composed of the women of the Church who are interested in Missionary work. It was organized by the Board of Missions in October, 1871.

The Board of Missions consists of the Bishops, the Clergy and the laity who superintend the Missionary work of the Church in both



departments, Foreign and Domestic, and meet yearly in Convention to consult as to the best interests of the cause. In this jurisdiction the Woman's Auxiliary is established, and there is an Executive Committee, the Officers of which are appointed by the Bishop. They are the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In each Parish there should be a Branch organized by the Rector, who appoints the Officers. They are the Directress, Secretary-Treasurer and Collector. Each member is expected to pay 1 cent per day or 30 cents per month. All collections made in each Parish will be sent by the Treasurer to the Diocesan Treasurer, who keeps the accounts strictly, credits each Parish with the amount sent in, and makes an annual statement of the same to the Bishop. In this way whatever amount a Missionary Parish may contribute it is sure to get back again. At the last general Convention the Missionary Board highly approved of the methods by which the work was carried on, and we knowing this, should not be backward in the good cause. We must remember that the world is the field and the Church as the Missionary goes forth to sow the good seed, but alas! the enemy is ever at work sowing tares among the wheat while the children of the kingdom are backward, when they should be busy, eradicating the plantings of the wicked one.

We have no right to sit idle at home when faithful men and women are doing battle for the Lord in Foreign fields, on the bleak plains of the far West and on the islands of the sea. When the Lord of the harvest cometh they will receive their full reward; but for many of us, I am afraid, there will be confusion of faces. The Spirit of Missions and the annals of the Woman's Auxiliary furnish us with many bright examples in the good cause, which we cannot quote for want of time and space, but they will be read at the monthly meetings of the Society, according to the rule established in the Constitution. We must rise to our responsibilities, for our duties are written as with a sunbeam on the fair face of day, as surely as the bright rays of the Orient awaken all creation to life, beauty and activity. Duties, well performed, will bring light and warmth into our hearts, as it were, by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. After the example of our great Head, who ever went about doing good, let us follow the counsels of our well beloved Diocesans, who are leading the van against the enemy in the most uncultivated regions of our State. "O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone."

Let us strengthen their hearts and hands by our earnest sympathy and co-operation, and the peace of God will fill our hearts through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Mrs. R. T. Patton read—

#### THE UNITED OFFERING.

Taking it for granted that there may be some persons present who are not acquainted with the history of the United Offering, I hope I may be pardoned for entering a little into detail as to its inception and purpose. In October, 1889, in New York City, during the General Convention of the Church, the Diocesan Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary held a meeting which opened with the Holy Communion and was followed by an Offertory, and this has come to be known as the United Offering, embracing, as it does, gifts from the women of nearly every State and Territory in our own country as well as those from foreign lands. The first offering amounted to \$2,000, one half of which was the gift of one woman, who came to the rescue and made up the sum required for building a Church in Alaska and the sending of a Missionary to Japan, the two objects nearest the hearts of the women at that meeting.

Three years later, at a similar Convention in Baltimore, when 1,200 women went up to partake of the Holy Communion, the offertory amounted to more than \$20,000, made up in small gifts from many sources, one hundred dollars being sent by the women of China. This sum, was added to the Enrollment Fund, which I need not state, is designed, when raised to a million dollars, to be a perpetual Treasury, upon which the Church may draw for all kinds of Missionary work. I think the fund at present does not exceed \$200,000, but it is not an impossibility for the women of the Auxiliary, into whose hands it has luckily fallen, to raise it to the desired amount within the next ten years.

During the progress of this meeting in Baltimore, it was decided that the next United Offering should be used to endow the Episcopate in a Missionary Jurisdiction, either foreign or domestic, and the sum named as necessary for this purpose is \$56,000 for the one and \$66,000 for the other, the interest upon which, at 5 per cent., being the amount required for salary and traveling expenses of a Missionary Bishop. To us, remote from the great centers of the world, this seems a sum far beyond the possibilities, but when we consider that the second offering was more than ten times the amount of the first, it is quite within the range of probability that the third may greatly exceed even that proportion. Leaflets and mite boxes have been scattered broadcast, and women, who had not even heard of the project up to a year ago, are now working diligently to add to the grand total.

It is not expected that the United Offering shall interfere with



the regular work of the Auxiliary, the boxes being designed as "fragment gatherers," and may be filled in a variety of ways: By the contribution of a penny a day, by the gift of a stated sum weekly or monthly, by putting in all the pennies found in the purse at night, by thank-offerings for special blessings, and in many other ways which the fertile brains of our sisters of the Auxiliary may devise. It is desired that every Parochial Officer shall take a box and the Executive Committee of the Jurisdiction requests that one be the property of every Parochial Branch into which can be dropped the mites of those who do not care to have one at home. In our Branch at Sanford we have one into which each member is expected to put a birthday gift, the number of her years in pennies, and as none of us are exceedingly youthful we hope to accumulate quite a respectable sum before October, 1895. This plan may also be adopted in the home, where the parents, children, relations and friends may be called upon for birthday pennies, and, according to natural progression, the increase is remarkable.

When Miss Emery paid us a visit nearly a year ago, she gave a most interesting account of the gifts sent to Baltimore by the women of India, China, Japan, and even from our poor red sisters of the far West. It put us to shame to remember that not a cent had gone from Southern Florida, where we are blest in so many ways above other States and to which our own good Bishop has come through the generosity of the Board of Missions. Our only excuse was that we did not *know*, and when we did we were only too glad to go to work with heart and hand to help. Not a woman amongst us is too poor to give something—it may not be money; but we can all pray and talk, and we all have opportunities to interest somebody who can give if we cannot. The entire plan of the United Gift is the result of one woman's interest, and the \$2,000 already in hand for the next Triennial meeting are the result of the words of a Diocesan Officer who used an opportunity to interest a woman who did not know about it:

"The object of the offering is one far-reaching in its blessings, giving to some of God's people for all time to come the loving care of a Bishop and Shepherd of Souls, and saving to the Board of Missions for all time the annual expense of the Bishop's personal support."

If we believe, as our Holy Church teaches us, that the Apostolic office should be perpetuated in all lands and that without it the Church cannot grow and prosper, we should count it one of our highest privileges to contribute in whatever way lies in our power to this noble object. Let us not be behind the poor heathen women across the seas, but when the Woman's Auxiliary meets at Minneapolis in '95



let us send a gift for which we need not blush. Let us fire our hearts with missionary literature, let us strive to interest our husbands, sons, brothers, friends in the cause of Missions, so that the Church shall not have the shame of begging for money to evangelize the world. The Church is a great Missionary Society, and, as members of it, it is our bounden duty, and I hope we may yet come to feel it, our highest privilege and pleasure, to work and pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God upon earth.

Mrs. Wm. C. Gray read—

#### PRAYER AND MISSIONS.

In the Missionary Council recently convened in Chicago, the first subject there considered was the relation of prayer to missions, and in our own Constitution of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, after devoting the first Article to the name of the Branch, the second begins thus :

The object of this society is *first*, by means of prayer and offerings to spread Christ's Kingdom in the world. To make use of an apt quotation : "Prayer, as recognizing the divine source of help and direction of inspiration and power, must always come *first* in work for God. Money as a human means and instrument, important as it is, should not be permitted to usurp the foremost place in our thoughts. Spiritual power can be evoked and nourished only by prayer. But once the motive and impulse have been awakened in men's hearts by the Spirit of God money will not fail to respond in supply sufficient for the needs." Art. III of the Constitution says : The Church itself being a Missionary Society, and every person by baptism becoming a member of it, therefore every baptized woman in the jurisdiction is regarded as a member of this Branch of the Auxiliary, and one great object in endeavoring to have a Branch established in every parish is to bring together, at stated times, all these members of the Missionary Society, that they may carry out the injunction, "First by means of prayer" to spread Christ's Kingdom. All cannot give money, but surely everyone can pray, "Thy Kingdom come," "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," and "Where two or three are gathered together there am I in the midst." Another Article of the Constitution names the first Monday in each month as the time when each Parochial Branch shall hold its regular meeting in order that there may be a concert of prayer. That "every baptized woman" present in her own Branch may, as far as possible, at one and the same moment besiege the Throne of Grace and bring the blessing down. "Prayer moves the arm which moves the universe." In the



mission rooms in New York at the hour of noon all work is laid aside and all persons connected with it, even the visitors, retire to the chapel and engage in prayer, using among others the collects for the daily use of the members of the Woman's Auxiliary. It is, therefore, earnestly recommended that each woman obtain from the Secretary one of these leaflets and use it at the noontide hour. To quote from Rev. Dr. Bunn: "There is probably no single hour of the twenty-four in which so many prayers are ascending and have been from ancient times. With the Jews the sixth hour (noon) was a prayer hour of obligation. Among Christians in many branches of the Church it has been one of the canonical hours of prayer. All Mohammedans are supposed to pray at noonday. So do many if not all sects of Buddhists. There is no other hour that adherents of so many faiths have selected, though of course, independently of each other for prayer. This fact is immensely stimulating to friends of missions. That at a definite moment millions of men of all faiths are praying, the burden of their petition being, "Thy Kingdom come," much though they may misconstrue the meaning of that advent, gives hope that they may yet all pray as disciples of the same Incarnate Lord. Let us then pray as we have never prayed before. Pray in secret. Be instant in season and out of season. Forget not the assembling of ourselves together on the appointed day that the united prayers of the women of this jurisdiction may ascend as a memorial before God and "bring down such a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it." Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the mission work, and upon ourselves as workers in His vineyard, that having done our best, with heart and hands and means, of each one of us it may be said by our Lord, "She hath done what she could." I close with a quotation from an address of Rev. Dr. Satterlee, of New York, delivered at the Missionary Council: "We need aid in carrying on the work of missions. What kind of aid is it that we need? The aid of prayer. Do you find a single word in Christ's commission, or throughout the Gospels, where He tells us to depend upon human aid? And yet we find everywhere the prayer that our Lord has given us to utter day by day. First comes the petition, 'Hallowed be Thy name.' We are to pray that *we* may bear witness in hallowing God's holy name, and the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. And after that comes this great prayer for missions, and the first of all prayers, 'Thy Kingdom come.' And later, in Christ's own life, when He saw the multitude scattered as sheep having no shepherd, He said to His Apostles, 'Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest,' as though the laborers could come only in answer to prayer. And then the Lord set the example of praying



all night that the laborers might be sent, and early the next morning He singled out from the multitude the twelve Apostles. That was the answer to the prayer. And then in his first charge to these missionaries of the Church he told them to take neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in their purses, neither two staves, but go depending wholly upon Him; and that was the first mission of the Christian Church." Contrast Christ's first appeal with our appeal. Have we not fallen far below His standard in this matter? Our first appeal is to the pocket, and the second is to the conscience. The congregation goes home and says, as the rich man said the other day, "After all, the great power is money. You have got to come to that, and prayer is secondary importance." Suppose Jesus Christ had reiterated with the same emphasis, the need of money, with which he reiterates the need of constant prayer. Would the Gospel be the same Gospel to us? Would Christ be the same Christ? If you are going to carry on Christ's work in Christ's way, it must be prayer first and business second. God grant that we may learn to pray, and the prayer of our heart may be the prayer of the whole Church and we may pray as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself prayed.

Orlando, January, 1894.

The President suggested that the Rules of Order of the Florida Branch should be adopted, and Mrs. Crane asked that they might be read, after which, on motion, they were adopted.

The Secretary was now called on to read the Constitution.

On motion, a resolution was adopted to amend Article IV., by inserting the word annually, after appointed.

A resolution to change the day of the monthly meetings was offered, but after some discussion, it was withdrawn, and on motion of Mrs. Pattou, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate with every Branch as to the most convenient day for monthly meetings, suggesting that they should choose either Wednesday or Friday, these being the Litany days of the Church,

By request of the President, Mrs. Gray took the chair, that she might offer a resolution.

She spoke of the duty and privilege of this Branch making an offering every year to the general funds for foreign and domestic missions. The boxes of clothing go to the domestic, but we must also give to the foreign field, therefore she offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*. That the delegates from the Parochial Branches at this annual meeting of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's



Auxiliary do make an appropriation from their fund raised by the monthly collections, of \$12.00 for foreign missions, its especial application to be decided at a future time.

After a good deal of discussion, Mrs. Crane moved to amend Mrs. Foster's resolution by increasing the amount to \$25.00.

This was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Patton, it was resolved that the offertory of last night and this morning, amounting to \$18.00, should be sent to Miss Emery for the "Redemption Fund," in Mrs. Brierley's school, at Cape Mount, Africa.

On motion, a resolution was adopted that two boxes of clothing shall be sent beyond our own borders this year. Mrs. Crane pledged St. Andrew's Branch to take charge of the packing of one box, receiving the contributions from the other Branches.

Mrs. Gray presented ably the subject of the Junior Auxiliary, as this part of the work has been placed in her hands.

On motion, it was resolved that the stronger Branches shall help the weaker with Christmas boxes for Sunday Schools when needed.

The Secretary asked leave to read a letter from Mrs. M. A. E. Twing regretting her inability to be present at this meeting, but offering her services to the officers in visiting any place they advise in the early part of February.

On motion of Mrs. Gray, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to St. Andrew's Branch for the genuine and graceful hospitality extended to the visiting delegates to this meeting.

After singing the Doxology, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

MARY G. FOSTER, President.

KATIE BOOKER, Secretary of the Meeting.



## RULES OF ORDER.

### RULES OF ORDER OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY MEETING.

1. Opening service, and address by the Bishop.
2. Roll-call by Branches.
3. Address of Directress.
4. Reports from Branches.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Secretary's report.
- 7 General business.

RULE I. After the opening service the Directress shall take the chair and call the meeting to order, when the order of business shall proceed.

RULE II. When a member is about to speak she shall rise, and with due respect address herself in an audible voice to the chair, confining herself strictly to the point in debate.

RULE III. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the house.

RULE IV. While the Directress is putting any question the members shall continue in their seats and not hold any private discourse.

RULE V. Every member present shall vote when a question is put, unless excused by the house.

RULE VI. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be made, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to amend it, or to offer a substitute, and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named.

RULE VII. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and, if unqualified, shall be decided without debate.

RULE IX. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.

RULE X. All committees shall be appointed by the Directress unless otherwise ordered.

RULE XI. The reports of all committees shall be in writing and shall be entered on the minutes, unless otherwise ordered.

RULE XII. Before the final adjournment of the meeting the minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read, corrected (if necessary); and approved.











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Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity  
in the City of New York