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The Third Annual Meeting is appointed in January, 1896, at Orlando.

Annual Meetings of Parochial Branches on Easter Tuesday.

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

THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

GRACE CHURCH, OCALA,

Thursday, January 17, 1895.

At 7 p. m., after Evening Prayer, Bishop C. K. Nelson, of Georgia, by invitation of the Executive Committee, was the first speaker. He preached a very fine missionary sermon, full of facts and statistics, proving the success of foreign missions, at a comparatively small expense and short time. Modern missions date back about seventy-five years.

Rev. Jas. H. Davet spoke about the needs of the people off from the lines of railroads, illustrating it by an incident showing the kind of teaching they now have, and suggesting a plan by which they may be reached, viz.: that each clergyman in the jurisdiction should offer himself for one month each year to the Bishop for itinerant work; that two should go together in a wagon, visit, hold services and leave prayer books with all who would receive them.

Archdeacon Higgs told of the Cuban mission in Key West that he is sustaining, also of the great needs on the southernmost coast of Florida, especially in Lemon City, where the people come mostly from the Bahamas, and having been taught in the Church's ways, long for her fostering care, but are too poor to support a missionary.

Archdeacon Brown spoke a few forcible words about our "marching orders": "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Bishop Nelson closed with a few words about Woman's Work in the Church, showing that woman has been working actively, at least

ever since the time of Miriam, the sister of Moses. He spoke of the position of woman in the world—which had only been what God intended when he created her—by the side of man—under the Christian dispensation. He suggested that in the reports of the Woman's Auxiliary that *all* of woman's work should be included, whether local or general.

The Bishop of this missionary jurisdiction having promised to preach to a colored congregation on this evening, gave the charge of the meeting to the Archdeacons Weddell, Brown and Higgs.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

It is not too late, I trust, to wish you all a happy new year and bid you God speed. In a measure we all feel under a cloud, for our whole jurisdiction has been sorely smitten, indeed, laid low, by the cold wave that so recently swept over its entire area; but in faith and trust let us look up to the Lord our God, and though straightened and hindered in our way, may we not economize in our gifts to Him.

It is with pleasure that we look back upon the work of the past year—the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in Southern Florida. Despite the long, hot summer, and the necessary absence of many members from the different branches, the result of earnestness and zeal is shown in the monthly meetings for prayer, missionary reading, and giving. These meetings, in some instances, continued regularly through the entire year.

The Treasurer's Report will show in a most satisfactory manner what has been accomplished by the small and regular contributions during the year, and I would like to emphasize the words *small* and *regular*, for it is by means of these offerings that our Treasurer is enabled to pay to the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction, each month or each quarter, the money that assists the Bishop in his work, and enables him to say and to feel that the Woman's Auxiliary is a reliable and increasing source of strength upon which he depends, and so let me urge the collectors, as they fulfill their monthly duties, that they impress upon all the necessity of regular giving, no matter how small the offering may be.

From the opening of the mite boxes that were distributed last year there has been received a sum sufficient to allow us to feel that we will have our share in the general offering to be made next Fall, for the

endowment of a Missionary Episcopate. The boxes should be again used, and new ones will be given to any who may desire to have them, so that we may still be able to add a few more dollars to the amount now held by the Treasurer, who will explain more fully the object of this offering.

In response to the call of the Secretary two boxes were packed and sent out in behalf of Domestic Missions. The Easter box was packed by the Branch at Tampa, the Advent box by the Ocala Branch. Both boxes were well filled and accompanied by a check more than sufficient to cover the expense of purchasing the clerical suit. In order to do this each Branch is furnished with a list of the articles necessary for the box and then asked to contribute the money or garments, as the Branch may have the means to do so, and send this contribution to the Branch that has volunteered to pack and forward the box. When this is attended to promptly the work is made comparatively easy. But why do we send away these gifts, this money so needed at home? Times are so hard and many think we should keep *all* within our own borders! Can we forget the blessedness of giving; the privilege and duty of obeying the command, "While we have the opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"? *We* are most generously supplied with gifts in this jurisdiction; fourteen boxes have been sent to our clergy; the Bishop's box was of such generous dimensions that from it ten bundles were distributed; and besides these boxes the Bishop has received generous gifts of money in response to his appeals. It seems that very quickly has the promise been fulfilled; "Give and it shall be given unto you." Owing to the disaster of frost and cold that has crippled so many, the Easter box may not be called for this spring, and our forces then will be concentrated on the next Advent box—that it may be a generous one.

The Junior work of the Auxiliary is most prosperous and encouraging. The children of the jurisdiction are at work for the Bishop's Mission to the Seminole Indians, and one delightful result of their interest and effort was shown by the Christmas boxes sent to Sunday Schools of our own Missions.

The Church Periodical Club has been established, and we bespeak for it the most kindly consideration. Its aim is to distribute all first-class literature among the clergy and laity of our Church who live in places too remote to procure it themselves, or are otherwise deprived of its benefits. The methods of carrying on the work you will learn from the paper to be read from the Correspondent.

Two issues of the Palm Branch have been distributed through the jurisdiction, and many kind and helpful words have come to the Executive Committee concerning it. Will you help us to continue its publication, that it may be permanently carried on? We hope very much that this may be done; the expense is very small, and thus far has been met by donations made for the special purpose. A regular subscription of ten cents each month from each Branch would insure its success, and if printed by subscription could go through the mails at a less rate of postage. A few of the Branches have sent to the Treasurer subscriptions for one month, and through the Secretary several donations have been received. We are so isolated, so remote from each other, often our only opportunity of meeting being at these gatherings; therefore, we expect to make the Palm Branch a means of communication, thus enabling us to know more of each other and of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Secretary urges the sending of all items of interest to her from the Parochial Branches. The Treasurer desires to report monthly the offerings, and once more I mention the necessity of the regular contributions.

During the past year several Branches have been organized, and again, using the Bishop's words: We, too, rejoice in the constantly growing numbers of the Woman's Auxiliary. May the Lord hasten the time when these Branches shall be scattered through the entire jurisdiction; that at their monthly meetings there will be the call to prayer, the reading of missionary literature, and the offerings, thus spiritually and materially, by our alms and oblations, aiding and extending Christ's Kingdom in the world.

The year is now before us, with its duties to be fulfilled. Of necessity our work is much the same from year to year. A suggestion has been made, submitted to the Bishop and approved by him, and to it I now ask your attention. That the annual meeting for the appointment of Parochial Officers, according to Art. VI of the Constitution, namely: "The priest in charge shall annually appoint, etc.," shall be held on Easter Tuesday, and if possible in connection with the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Alms to be devoted to the contingent fund of the Woman's Auxiliary in the jurisdiction. Every woman should be invited to be present, and the Rector requested to make an address. After the service the appointments should be made. The Secretary and Treasurer shall read their reports and the newly-appointed Directress shall read the Constitution. As far as practicable, I hope this meeting on Easter Tuesday can be arranged, and I urge you to give it your consideration,

At that meeting you notice the alms are to be devoted to the contingent fund. A contingent fund is a necessity if there is work to be done and progress made without drawing on the regular monthly contributions of the Branches. This fund has been established by a few small donations. It can be made permanent in several ways—by regularly subscribing to the fund, by the annual offering above referred to, or by taking a certain per cent. of all offerings and applying them to that purpose. There are certain expenditures that must be met, viz., stationery, postage and printing. To meet these expenses we desire to make a permanent contingent fund. Will you give this suggestion your careful consideration?

The Bishop has arranged a service to be used at the monthly meetings. It was greatly desired that there should be prayers for the Bishop and for the Woman's Auxiliary. Copies of this service will be distributed by the Secretary to Parochial Officers. The opening service begins with the Apostles' Creed, the epitome of our faith, and closes with the divine words of the Lord's Prayer, encircling, as it were, the pleading sentences from the Litany, and the special prayers for the Bishop and clergy, the Woman's Auxiliary and Missions, and for guidance and grace, thus making a beautiful whole that should inspire our hearts and renew our strength. I trust this service will greatly benefit all who may devoutly use it.

There have been two direct appeals from the foreign field. Miss Dodson asks us for help to build a Deaconess House in Shanghai, China. The amount necessary for that object was pledged at the General Auxiliary Meeting held in Hartford. Miss McRae pleads for her special work in the Mission Hospital at Han Kow, and tells the need of building up the bodies of the women and children, thus opening the way for the caring of their souls. Medical work must always be an integral part of the Church's Foreign Missions, just as much as it was when St. Paul and St. Luke went side by side through the cities of Greece, even as it was foreshadowed by Christ Himself, when by the temple gate in Jerusalem He healed the sick as He preached the Gospel.—I quote from "Our Missions in China," by the Rev. S. C. Partridge. I would suggest that the sum appropriated for Missions at our last Annual Meeting be used for this purpose.

Having thus briefly reviewed the work of the past and offered a few suggestions for the coming year, it behooves us to be up and doing and never fall behind in our labor of love for Christ and His Church. May we dwell often upon His words: "Lo, I am with you

always, even unto the end of the world," and may God bless His work in this missionary jurisdiction of Southern Florida.

MARY G. FOSTER, President.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, January 18, 1895.

At Grace Church, Ocala, at 10 a. m., the Bishop, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Charles M. Gray, celebrated the Holy Communion, after which he made his annual address to the Woman's Auxiliary.

He began by announcing the re-appointment of each of the members of the Executive Committee to the same office for the ensuing year.

He then spoke of the Litany, a service which he has put forth to be used for the opening and closing of all Auxiliary meetings—for prayers and alms must of necessity go together. It was this union which carried the alms of Cornelius up to the throne of God as a memorial before him. He therefore urged the use of this service, and of abundant prayer at all times, upon the women who care and work for our Lord.

He reminded us that in our zeal for the work there is a danger, and charged us always to remember that the Church is *first, highest*, and the Auxiliary its handmaid. The name, meaning helper, explains its position. The Woman's Auxiliary and the St. Andrews Brotherhood hold similar places in the Church. He drew graphic and inspiring pictures of the last general meetings of the two bodies, that of the former in Baltimore, 1892, of the latter in Washington, D. C., 1894.

Then he referred to the impoverished condition of Southern Florida by the freeze of December 28 last, and in view of this warned us to proceed cautiously, not undertaking too much new work for the coming year. We must not feel discouraged by accomplishing less, but remember, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

He said he must, on the other hand, bid us to "Go forward" in the matter of the united offering to be made in October next by all branches of this society in the United States for the endowment of a missionary jurisdiction, and by that act raising it to be a diocese. He hoped all over Southern Florida the women would be diligent in this collection and carry a worthy offering to Minneapolis next October to

be offered at the General Meeting of the Auxiliary. He spoke of the great help of this Auxiliary to his work and said that he leaned upon it.

The business meeting was opened at 11 a. m. by the President.

The roll was then called and showed an attendance of twenty delegates from nine Branches. After the approval of the minutes of the last meeting, the President read her annual address. The reports from Parochial Branches were then read, and the reports of the Treasurer and of the Secretary, and of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Department and of the Church Periodical Club were read and accepted.

After an adjournment for a luncheon tendered by Mrs. Haisley, Secretary of the Branch in Ocala, the meeting was again called to order.

A paper explaining the methods of the C. P. C. from Mrs. Arnold was read in her absence by Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Pell-Clarke read a paper upon "Giving to the Auxiliary Society," and a vote of thanks was passed for it.

The President read a letter from Miss MacRae of Han Kow, China, setting forth the needs of the hospital there.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That an annual appropriation to foreign missions be made from the fund raised by the systematic, *i. e.*, monthly offerings, its amount and special application to be determined at each annual meeting of this Branch.

Resolved, That the foreign appropriation of \$25 made at the last annual meeting be given to Miss MacRae for the hospital at Han Kow, China, and the Treasurer instructed to forward it to Miss Emery for that purpose.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the clergy to hold an annual meeting of each Parochial Branch, for the appointment of its officers according to the Auxiliary Constitution, Article VI—on Easter Tuesday, if possible, in connection with the celebration of the Holy Communion, and to give the alms to the Contingent Fund of the Southern Florida Auxiliary.

[This resolution is made with the express approval of the Bishop.]

Resolved, That we, the women of this Branch of the Auxiliary feeling the necessity of some medium of communication between the Parochial Branches, tender our thanks to the Executive Committee for venturing upon the publication of the Palm Branch, and do bind ourselves to sustain it by gifts of money and items of news as a monthly messenger between the women at work in this field.

Resolved, That we will sustain the action of the Executive Committee in the establishment of a Contingent Fund by devoting all contributions at the annual meetings to that fund.

Resolved, That we cheerfully indorse the work of the C. P. C. and will endeavor to make it a feature of this Branch of the Auxiliary.

It was decided not to *pledge* a box at Easter this year, but individuals or Branches wishing to do so, may send articles suitable for Indian school children to Mrs. Margaretta Martin, Sanford, Fla., and they will be packed and sent by the Executive Committee.

The Advent box was pledged and the offer to pack it came from St. Lukes, Orlando. This offer was accepted by a rising vote of thanks.

Generous pledges for the support of the Palm Branch for the ensuing year were offered by several Branches and accepted.

Mite boxes for the united offerings were distributed with a few words from the Treasurer, urging diligence in this Branch of Auxiliary work.

The announcement being made that the next annual meeting will be held at St. Lukes, Orlando, Mrs. W. C. Gray tendered the hospitality of that Branch to the delegates.

A rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown to the Auxiliary by Grace Branch, Ocala, was passed and the meeting was closed by singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and prayer followed by the doxology.

MARY G. FOSTER, President.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

REPORTS FROM PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

[While these were all listened to with great interest at the meeting, want of space makes it necessary to *print* only extracts from them. For all financial statements see Treasurer's Report.]

ORDER OF BRANCHES.

St. Johns, Brooksville; St. Josephs, Bartow; St. Lukes, Courtney; Holy Trinity, Conway; St. Barnabas, De Land; St. Marys, Daytona; St. Pauls, Key West; Christ Church, Longwood; St. Lukes, Orlando; Holy Cross, Sanford; St. Andrews, Tampa; Trinity, Thonotosassa; St. Gabriels, Titusville; All Saints, Winter Park; St. James, Zellwood.

St. Johns, Brooksville. The Brooksville Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions, etc., was organized on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1894, with a membership of seven.

At this meeting Mrs. Bond, one of the elderly members who had had some experience in mission work, made an instructive talk on the working, the aims and the object of the Society.

At each subsequent meeting of the Society there were added one or more new members until July 2, when an adjournment was taken until October.

The work so auspiciously begun was resumed on the first day of October, at which meeting there were present nine members, and the priest in charge, Rev. J. Neville Thompson, who made an interesting and instructive address.

At a called meeting, held December 17, there were present nine members, at which time Mrs. Ruth DeHart was selected as this Branch's representative in the Annual Meeting in Ocala.

The Palm Branch will be a regular visitor to this Branch as it has been subscribed for upon the novel plan of each member paying for one month in the order of their initiation.

LIZZIE A. BUTTERWECK, Secretary.

St. Josephs, Bartow. This Branch was organized January the 30th, 1894, with a membership of eleven, and held regular monthly meetings until August, when, owing to the absence of many members, it became necessary to suspend for three months. In November we resumed them with the average attendance of seven. Several whose names were on the roll withdrew; some removed to other towns. Our work is slow, but we are thankful that even in a small way we have been able to contribute our "mite." Our Auxiliary and Guild have been faithfully working to complete our Church. We feel greatly encouraged by the renewed privilege of church and litany services on every alternate Sunday and on Fridays.

MRS. E. ROCHE, Secretary.

St. Lukes, Courtney. This branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized late in the last year, and held its first meeting on December 4, with eight members. Another name was added to our roll later on. During the past year we have held eleven meetings.

A. A. HALLONQUIST, Secretary.

Holy Trinity, Conway. On May 7, 1894, a meeting was held, when it was decided to meet on the first Monday in every month to sew, the work to be sold at the end of the year and the proceeds of the sale to go to the Bishop's Special Fund.

MARION CARY-ELWES, Secretary-Treasurer.

[The success of the sale was great and the proceeds sent through the Auxiliary, but too late for this year's report.]

The St. Barnabas, DeLand. This Branch was organized February 28, 1894, and since that time regular meetings have been held on the first Monday of each month. We number twenty-eight contributing members, and have an average attendance of eight at each meeting. We feel encouraged in our work, as there seems to be a growing interest.

LYDIA B. HARGREAVES, Secretary.

St. Marys, Daytona. This Branch was organized by Bishop Weed in the Spring of 1892, and active work was carried on throughout the Summer and Autumn of that year. During the winter, however, the Church funds fell off very seriously, and upon investigation it was found that several of the contributors to the support of the mission had dropped their offerings, thinking that through the Woman's Auxiliary they were really contributing to the same. We were therefore asked to suspend our work for a time, while the envelope system for the support of the mission was being introduced. We did so, and this year, at the request of the Rev. C. W. Arnold, again commenced our work, and have held meetings as regularly as possible throughout the Summer and Autumn. The work is now going on successfully, in no way interfering with the Mission Funds.

MRS. H. F. DOUGLASS, Secretary.

St. Pauls, Key West. This Branch reports—no meetings except for election of delegates. The work is not what it ought to be for want of interest. The collectors do their work and the money is forwarded to the Treasurer. A meeting has been called for an election of officers and more interest may be the result.

LYDIA E. MOSS, Secretary.

Christ Church, Longwood. Our little Branch, though it has not accomplished anything of great importance during the past year, has at least held its own; we have one more member and have held twelve regular meetings; these are made interesting by the use of the beautiful service and the reading of articles concerning the missionary work or the Church in our own and foreign countries. In addition to our regular offering we have sent to the Treasurer \$23.27, being the amount of contributions paid during the time between the cessation of active work in this Branch and its reorganization in October, 1893.

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary and Treasurer.

St. Lukes, Orlando. While the very small attendance at the monthly meetings is a matter of sincere regret we are strengthened and encouraged by His promise: "When two or three are gathered

together—" and trust that the meetings will be productive of good to the cause. The meetings are always opened by the beautiful Litany service; business is transacted, and on a few occasions interesting articles on Mission Work have been read. The Branch subscribes for the Spirit of Missions, and it is intended to make these readings a regular feature of the meetings. The Advent and Christmas numbers of the Palm Branch have been received, and we hope it will become a regular publication, as it cannot fail to awaken renewed interest in the work of the Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. SPERRY, Secretary and Treasurer.

Holy Cross, Sanford. The work for the past year of this Branch has gone on faithfully. We have met regularly once a month in the church and read the service appointed. During the Lenten season we met every Monday afternoon for the special prayers for a blessing and the increase of work in all mission fields. In February Mrs. Twing, Honorary Secretary of the Board of Missions, visited us and gave a pleasing address on her missionary trip around the world. In March Mrs. Brierly talked to us of her work in Africa. She also addressed the colored people of this place in one of their churches. The same month Bishop Whipple gave us a missionary sermon.

MARGARETTA MARTIN, Secretary.

Holy Trinity, Thonotosassa. The past year has been an eventful one in the history of this Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Meetings have been impracticable, as heretofore. The monthly collections have been made and forwarded, as those also for the two boxes. The mite box for the United Offering Fund has not been idle. * * * We gladly welcome "The Palm Branch," and trust the way may be made clear for its continuance.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. WEDDELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

St. Gabriels, Titusville. Work for the Woman's Auxiliary Society was first begun in connection with The Ladies' Guild, March, 1892, and since that period has never failed to contribute quarterly, and also send offerings to the missionary box.

In March, 1894, the Society was organized separately from the Guild, and monthly meetings have been regularly held in the church from that date, except for a month or two in Summer, when the officers and other members have been absent from home. Thus far the rector (Rev. B. F. Brown) has presided at the meetings and conducted the service; also, making addresses on subject of missions.

woman's work, and reading interesting matter received from various sources; such as, Spirit of Missions, Church Magazine, reports and letters from Ex. Com. of M. J. S. F. Lately we have welcomed with much pleasure The Palm Branch; and to show our appreciation of it two members have already contributed the whole amount asked from each branch towards its support. Our Branch was agreeably surprised and cheered by a visit from Mrs. Twing and Miss Parkhill last February, and think their earnest talks awakened genuine interest and kindled greater zeal among our members.

K. B. BROWN, Secretary.

All Saints, Winter Park. We are now much reduced in number by both removal and death, and with these diminished numbers can only try with God's help to do our part as well in the future as in the past.

Faithfully and prayerfully yours,

MARY G. STOVIN, Secretary.

St. James, Zellwood. Our numbers are too small and we are too scattered to make monthly collections; but once a year, generally about Easter, we make one, when the Winter sojourners assist our feeble flock.

MRS. C. H. BAKER, Secretary.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH OF THE AUXILIARY.

Right Rev. Father and Women of the Auxiliary:

We have this time to report the work of a whole year, thanking our Master for His constant blessing which has given to our feeble efforts such encouraging results.

Last January twenty-one branches were reported (two of which had done no work since the division), one of these has since begun work, and twelve more are added, making now thirty-two working branches. The systematic offering has grown in regularity and amount.

Calls for special objects are responded to more readily and freely, the monthly meetings of the Parochial Branches are held more generally, the reading of news from some mission field has become a permanent feature of them, and in most places now, they are opened with prayer.

A great source of our prosperity, in a human point of view, is the increased interest and approval of the clergy—several of whom make it a point to be present at the meetings, helping their "helpers" by their countenance, advice and encouragement.

From the first there has been one great want which has been more and more keenly felt—something to bring the scattered branches nearer to each other that they may work as one; doing away with that feeling in each little brave, weak branch, that it is struggling alone with an overwhelming work. All the letters written have not filled this want, but the Palm Branch is filling it, so we are praying and hoping to be enabled to send it out every month, that the acquaintance and friendship of the various branches may be perfected, the very first number having produced so good effect.

For this and other current expenses of the Society (which we endeavor to make as few as possible), we have established a contingent fund that the general fund may not have to be drawn upon for these purposes. We ask material support for this fund and for the Palm Branch from all who have any care for our work.

The cost of printing it is \$3.00 per month for 100 copies. We believe it to be a fruitful investment of that small sum, pecuniarily and otherwise, even if taken from the general fund. As yet it has been paid from the contingent fund. Shall that fund continue to be sufficient?

The Treasurer's report appended shows :

For Systematic Offering.....	\$842 06
“ Contingent Fund	38 87
“ Two Missionary Boxes.....	324 10
United Offering.....	35 40
Through Mrs. Twing to the fund to send out five female missionaries	117 22
For Foreign Missions.....	25 29
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Total	\$1,382 94
Junior Auxiliary.	26 00
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Total	\$1,408 94

We have as an additional department to our work the Church Periodical Club, whose correspondent reports in the few months since her appointment, librarians in nine places and nineteen papers promised. As this work has to be done, if done at all, through the clergy, we beg for their hearty co-operation.

The Junior Branch has been firmly established and has already done good work. The object of their systematic offering is to purchase a horse and wagon for the Seminole Mission, and amounts to \$26.00; two Christmas boxes to the Sunday-Schools in the jurisdiction, \$25.00. Total, \$51.00.

The Executive Committee has met each month except July, August and September, when it was judged to be unnecessary.

The Secretary was enabled to visit in person several of the branches, and places where there were none, through the kindness of the S. Fla., J., T. & K. W., F. C. & P. and S. & St. Petersburg Railroads. The other officers have also made personal visits.

Several branches last winter had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Brierly speak of her work, who for more than thirty years has been a missionary in Africa, and in the spring Mrs. Twing visited several, in her quiet, effective way.

One Diocesan Branch asked of us, advice about plans of Auxiliary work, another for copies of the Litany and a third has adopted our constitution, making us thankful to our Master for these new opportunities for "auxiliary" service to each other.

Many of the forty-four mite boxes distributed have gathered some fragments, and we trust they will not be idle during the nine remaining months before the time for the united offering.

Of the great affliction that has come upon Southern Florida all are aware. In one night the freezing north wind swept away the fruit of not only one year's labor, but of many, past and future, leaving a whole people deeply impoverished. Must then the Lord's work be unsupported and cease? Will we not rather share with Him even our last penny believing that so "the barrel of meal shall not waste nor the cruse of oil fail," and praying Him to take our diminished offerings and do wondrously with them as He did with the little lad's loaves and fishes.

Of each Parochial Branch I report as follows, as accurately as I am able. The Secretaries can easily see how important in making it out is the short monthly report asked from them, and which some of them have so faithfully sent:

The Branch in—

St. Johns, Brooksville, organized last spring is increasing in number and in its intelligent interest in the work.

Bartow sends its contributions regularly.

Ascension, Clear Water Harbor. Organized in July with very few and works on steadily although it has lost two of its most zealous members.

St. Marks, Cocoa. Suspended work in midsummer owing to the number of absentees, but began again zealously in October.

Holy Trinity, Conway. Sends a contribution quarterly, but has monthly meetings.

St. Lukes, Courtney. Reports regular meetings and contributions.

St. Marys, Daytona. Has reorganized and is at work again with interest.

St. Barnabas, DeLand, is a model one. Organized February 28 last, it has worked quietly and steadfastly according to the plan laid down in the constitution, its success being an added proof of the grand possibilities dormant in that long and well-tried plan. The Secretary has sent also a monthly report.

The Good Shepherd, Dunnedin; was reorganized in July but did not get to work until autumn, one meeting having been reported.

St. Thomas, Eustis, has lately been organized, and promises to be very earnest and faithful.

Christ, Ft. Meade, sends most regular contributions and meets monthly for prayer and study of missions.

Glen Ethel numbers very few but they all work and hold the monthly meetings for prayer and study.

Haines City has lately been organized by two brave, earnest women, and in one month the number is increased to eight.

St. Pauls, Key West, contributes regularly, but the organization has never been perfect, there being only one officer and no distinctively auxiliary meetings. The Branch seems still in embryo, being as yet merged in the Parish Guild. May it soon come forth from this chrysalis, winged, to join our "concert of prayer" and study of missionary lore.

St. Peters, Key West, had held very regular meetings up to midsummer, when last heard from, and has contributed by systematic offering and to both boxes.

St. Johns, Kissimmee, has not been heard from since June, up to which time it worked and gave regularly.

St. James, Leesburg, begun the monthly meetings in July but still sends its contributions quarterly.

Christ, Longwood, is few in number, but very earnest and is faithful in the three divisions of Auxiliary work, the "spiritual, intellectual and temporal." The Secretary sends monthly reports, and to the missionary in charge we are indebted for several valuable suggestions for our work.

Lake Mary has suspended work since May, but promises to reorganize.

The Good Shepherd. Maitland, meets every month and sends good contributions.

Grace, Merritt, makes quarterly offerings and is earnest and faithful.

St. Lukes, Myers, does all that can be expected of so small a mission.

Grace, Ocala, has done a good work nobly in packing and sending the Advent box. There is fine material and possibilities for a grand work there if the simple plan given in the constitution for working by districts and collectors were only tried faithfully.

St. Lukes, Orlando, meets with perfect regularity, but is represented by a faithful few. The prayer, reading, systematic offering and monthly report are never neglected, but the chief work has been for the two boxes, to both of which it has given most generously,

St. Bartholomew, St. Petersburg, was organized two months ago and has sent one contribution.

Holy Cross, Sanford, meets regularly for prayer and reading, the rector being generally present. This Branch is carried on by the constitution, which is the "organic law of the society," having districts and collectors, who go monthly to every person who has promised to give, and continually seek, with tact and discretion, new contributors. It is reaping its reward in its substantial success and in the life and interest among its members. Besides the systematic offering it has responded to every call that has been made on the auxiliary.

St. Andrews, Tampa, has packed the Easter box and entertained the delegates to the first annual meeting of the Branch, both of which it did well and generously. It seems as yet entangled in the Parish Guild and cannot do its systematic work freely. Its members meet with the Guild for prayer and reading.

St. James, Tampa, organized January, 1894. Several interesting letters reported enthusiastic meetings, but nothing has been heard for several months. There was a contribution to the Easter box.

Trinity, Thonotosassa, sends its offerings with the utmost regularity.

St. Gabriels, Titusville, has separated from the Parish Guild, has its own officers and its delightful meetings are presided over and addressed by the Rector. The Secretary reports monthly of the meeting, but the offering is only sent quarterly. We are told the interest in the work is increasing.

All Saints, Winter Park, has not been heard from since April.

St. James, Zellwood, has responded to the call for both boxes, but has sent no systematic offerings since April.

We thank you, Right Rev. Father, for the efficient help, encouragement and gentle guidance that you have uniformly given to us, and you, women of the Auxiliary, for your brave and steady work through the past year.

It has been woman's highest privilege to have a share in publishing the knowledge of the Saviour of the world, from the day when as a young infant He was presented in the temple. Anna besides "giving thanks, spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Israel," and after His resurrection His first recorded words were to Mary, "Go and tell my brethren," and the message is still for us—women—to carry as faithful auxiliaries to His brethren.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY.

FROM JANUARY 18, 1894, TO JANUARY 1, 1895.

	Systematic Offerings.	Reported to Treasurer.		Two Boxes.	United Offering.	Contingent Fund.	Total in Money and Boxes.
		General Miss.	Foreign Miss.				
Bartow, St. Josephs.....	\$ 19 90	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 7 75	\$ 51	\$.....	\$ 28 16
Brooksville, St. Johns.....	12 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	10	15 10
Clearwater, Ascension.....	5 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 55
Cocoa, St. Marks.....	38 80	.....	.....	2 25	64	.....	41 69
Conway, Holy Trinity.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	25 40
Courtney, Holy Trinity.....	10 39	.....	.....	4 00	.....	10	14 49
Daytona, St. Marys.....	19 94	.....	.....	11 50	.....	10	31 54
DeLand, St. Barnabas.....	71 92	.....	.....	14 75	.....	.....	86 67
Dunedin, Mission.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Eustis, St. Thomas.....	4 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 10
Ft. Meade, Christ.....	30 30	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	36 30
Glen Ethel, Mission.....	17 80	.....	.....	6 45	.....	.....	24 25
Haines City, Mission.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	40
Key West, St. Pauls.....	103 54	.....	.....	20 00	4 25	.....	127 79
Key West, St. Peters.....	3 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 55
Kissimmee, St. Johns.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 75
Lake Mary, Mission.....	8 30	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	9 55
Leesburg, St. James.....	20 65	.....	.....	29 00	2 00	10	51 75
Longwood, Christ.....	17 52	.....	.....	3 50	65	18 27	39 94
Maitland, Good Shepherd.....	13 60	78 84	.....	5 00	86	.....	98 30
Merritt, Grace.....	3 90	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	5 90
Myers, St. Lukes.....	10 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 55
Ocala, Grace.....	25 35	.....	.....	45 10	.....	.....	70 45
Orlando, St. Lukes.....	88 44	12 00	.....	62 00	11 25	6 00	179 69
Sanford, Holy Cross.....	136 31	5 00	7 29	28 95	12 35	10 10	200 00
St. Francis, Mission.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
St. Peters'g, St. Bartholomews	1 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 90
Tampa, St. Andrews.....	46 95	.....	.....	20 60	1 15	.....	68 70
Titusville, St. Gabriels.....	45 75	6 75	.....	8 00	.....	4 00	64 50
Thonotosassa, Trinity.....	22 00	.....	.....	4 50	34	.....	26 44
Winter Park, All Saints.....	12 00	14 63	.....	32 50	.....	.....	59 13
Zellwood, St. James.....	16 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	22 00
Diocesan Branch.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Junior Branch.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00
Total.....	\$842 06	\$117 22	\$25 29	\$324 10	\$35 40	\$38 87	\$1,408 94

JULIA I. PATTON,
Treasurer.

I certify this report to be correct.

W. R. HARNEY,
Auditor.

THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN
FLORIDA BRANCH OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

The first Branch of the Junior Auxiliary was organized in January, 1894, and we now number six Branches, viz :

Glen Ethel Branch, organized January, 1894.

Christ Church Branch, Longwood, organized March, 1894.

St. Andrews Branch, Tampa, organized April, 1894.

Holy Cross Branch, Sanford, organized June, 1894.

Church of the Ascension Branch, Clear Water, organized July, 1894.

St. Lukes Branch, Orlando, organized July, 1894.

The children have shown much interest in their work, which is the purchase of a pair of horses and a wagon for the use of the missionary at Immokalee, the Indian Mission, called the "Pony Fund." On this fund they have, during the last six months, raised by their own exertions \$26. They have, also, with the aid of some of the Sunday-Schools of the jurisdiction, contributed from their own possessions, toys, books and games enough to send two Christmas boxes, one to St. Lukes Mission, Myers, valued at \$20, and one to the mission at Yalaha, valued at \$5. Through the help of "The Boys' Missionary Society," Flushing, Long Island, they sent a large Christmas box to the Mission for Colored Children, at Palatka. There is an effort now being made to establish a Babies' Branch, which I trust will be accomplished in the near future. "Hitherto has the Lord helped us." May the next, and each succeeding year, find us ever pressing toward the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From August 1, 1894, to January 1, 1895.

St. Lukes Branch, Orlando.....	\$11 41	
Church of the Ascension Branch, Clear Water.....	2 00	
Glen Ethel Branch.....	80	
Holy Cross Branch, Sanford.....	3 44	
Christmas Offering	8 95	
		\$26 60
Expended for postage	\$0 60	
Check to Treasurer Woman's Auxiliary for "Pony Fund"	26 00	
		26 60
Two Christmas boxes (value)	\$25 00	

FANNIE C. GRAY,

Secretary and Treasurer Junior Auxiliary, Southern Florida.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDENT OF
THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA, January, 1895.

Librarians have been appointed as follows:

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| No. 1. Key West, St. Peters..... | August 21, 1894 |
| No. 2. Thonotosassa, Trinity..... | August 28, 1894 |
| No. 3. Key West, St. Pauls (resigned October 29) .. | August 28, 1894 |
| No. 4. Eustis, St. Thomas..... | September 11, 1894 |
| No. 5. Brooksville, St. Johns..... | October 16, 1894 |
| No. 6. Glen Ethel, Mission..... | October 16, 1894 |
| No. 7. Sanford, Holy Cross..... | November 28, 1894 |
| No. 8. Paisley..... | December 6, 1894 |
| No. 9. Maitland, Good Shepherd..... | December 18, 1894 |

Since the work began, August 21, nineteen (19) papers have been contributed, which is very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. ARNOLD,
Correspondent C. P. C.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

BY MRS. MARY C. ARNOLD.

Our President having asked me to give a short account of the work of the Church Periodical Club, I shall state, for the benefit of some who may not be familiar with it, that its object is to supply clerymen and others living in remote places with the best literature, principally by gathering up papers and magazines that have been read by the original subscribers, and might otherwise find their way to the waste basket.

The Club was founded by the late Mrs. Mortimer Fargo, of the Church of Holy Communion, New York City, who was first brought to a sense of its need while living in the Far West, where she saw our missionaries and their people starving for fresh reading matter, such as was thrown away daily in the populous cities of the East.

When a kind Providence willed that she should again live in her old home she felt it a special call, and to the day of her death she labored to establish on a firm basis this most charitable work—the C. P. C. Though the Club was founded in 1888, it was incorporated as late as 1892, and its Third Annual Report shows twenty-nine States

contributing, with the number of contributors in the thousands, and tens of thousands of periodicals, etc., sent out during the past year.

In our own jurisdiction the work was not taken up until August, 1894, when circulars were sent to all the clergy, asking each to appoint a librarian in his parish or mission. The duty of the librarian is to secure the names of persons who wish to contribute and the names of their offerings. These are forwarded to the Correspondent, who provides the librarian with addresses of persons for whom papers have been requested by their rectors or some other authorized person. These addresses come from the Secretary in New York, and she, recognizing the needs of Southern Florida, kindly sends Florida addresses for our contributions. She has also given the Correspondent permission to place any literature offered her within the jurisdiction when convenient. During the short time we have been at work much progress has been made. Nine librarians have been appointed, and fifteen of the best periodicals published are going regularly from good women of the Woman's Auxiliary to some unknown brother or sister, carrying the message of "Good will and fellowship;" besides packages of back numbers that are fresh to the eyes reading them for the first time.

The modest wants of C. P. C. appeal to all. It asks not for money, though such gifts are always welcome; it does not even ask for *new* books, though it receives many.

All it begs of us is to follow our Saviour's example: Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.

GIVING TO THE AUXILIARY SOCIETY.

BY MRS. HENRIETTA PELL-CLARKE.

The necessity of giving;
The benefit to ourselves and to others; and
The benefit to the jurisdiction at large, by the aggregate of small sums given regularly.

This great question of the best methods of giving to, and of helping on the great missionary work of the Church, is one which, I think, all of us will consider a most important one.

It requires our best thoughts, and our most earnest prayers, that we may see aright; with minds free from prejudice, standing ready to help it forward, even in the smallest way, whenever called upon to do so.

The old, time-worn excuses, which have so often been made—that such an one “belongs to so many organizations already, and has so many calls upon her for aid, that she really cannot belong to the Woman's Auxiliary;” or, that another “has so many social engagements, that she has no time to give to it”—should not discourage us when we look at the Church as she stands to-day, and compare it with her condition in the past. In spite of the greatest want of sympathy and encouragement, we all know that the Church has grown. How has it been able to do this?

Those of us who were fortunate enough to have attended the last General Convention of the Church, held in Baltimore in 1892, may perhaps recall the interesting account—told by the Bishop of Western New York, in one of his addresses—of the First General Convention, which he attended as a little boy. He said that, upon that occasion, the Upper House consisted of but seven venerable prelates who were easily accommodated in the Chancel; and that the general feeling in people's minds was, the question as to whether it was very expedient, in the view of so many of the colonial families having returned to England, to consecrate any more Bishops at that time? It seems hard to believe this story to-day, when we look at the growth of the Church; with seventy Bishops, instead of seven; and with its borders being constantly enlarged, and pushed farther and farther out into what was but a howling wilderness a short time ago. All this growth is due, my friends, to the wonderful effect of the missionary spirit in the Church, which the Board of Missions has been enabled to foster and keep alive, aided from time to time, not a little, I am thankful to say, by the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

It was my great privilege to be present at that wonderful meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, which was held during the session of the General Convention in Baltimore. I shall never forget my sensations when I found myself one of over *twelve hundred* women, who met one morning at St. Pauls Church for Holy Communion, preparatory to opening the business meeting of that great organization. The different branches had been asked to bring an offering to this meeting, and try and make it five dollars apiece for each member, if possible; as the Auxiliary was anxious to raise, by united effort of this kind, a large sum of money to use for the benefit of work in the missionary fields. Women were gathered together from all over the world, with but one thought in their minds, and one prayer on their lips. The result of this concentrated effort was almost as miraculous as the mighty draught of fishes; for, when the Offertory was taken up, it was

found to be over \$16,000! Such a thing had not been dreamed of, even by the most hopeful; and you may readily imagine with what truly thankful hearts that body of women joined in singing the doxology! The result of that collection was so overwhelming; and everybody became so inspired and interested when they heard of it, that it was determined to keep the fund open for contributions until the close of the General Convention.

In this way the original amount increased, gradually, until the sum of twenty thousand dollars was finally reached. It was then decided to deposit this sum where it would gradually roll up, until the amount of sixty-six thousand should be accumulated. At the next General Convention another united offering will be made and added to this; which we have every reason to think will be, at least, as large as the last one, if not much larger; and it is to be hoped that no branch of the Auxiliary will be found to be too small to contribute to it generously and heartily. The plan is to use this fund of \$66,000 for the purpose of endowing a Missionary Jurisdiction. Should any money remain after this is done, it will be allowed to accumulate in the same way, until in time we shall be able to endow another jurisdiction.

This vast amount of \$20,000 you must understand was not raised by large amounts only; but, in many cases, by pennies saved by the poorest of God's people, and by small sums collected through the very greatest self-sacrifice. The great lesson, which all must learn, is to *give*, when we have once learned that we may accomplish almost anything! A Bishop of the Church once said that he always made a point of preaching a sermon and taking up a collection for Foreign Missions whenever he found himself in a parish where the people did *not* believe in missions and had difficulty in supporting their rector, believing that if he could once interest them in the larger schemes of the Church it would make such small things as raising enough money to pay parish expenses seem of no importance whatever.

Therefore let us profit by the example which has been set us in the story of the famous United Offering, and see what can be accomplished in our own Diocese of Southern Florida by the systematic giving of small sums regularly.

If we are blessed with large means it should be our pleasure and earnest wish to make our contributions large; but if our means be small it should be equally our pleasure and wish to give of that little cheerfully, never forgetting that the poor widow's mites were accounted of greater value than the rich man's offering.

So few of us seem to understand how far reaching and absolutely necessary the Missionary Work of the Church is. Some people *do* know that the Board of Missions exists, and in a vague kind of a way they also, perhaps, know that the General Convention has the power to elect Missionary Bishops, and to send them to take charge of the various jurisdictions set apart for them. They also know that many eloquent and godly men have been thus consecrated, and have spent their valuable lives striving to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ either at home or abroad. Here their information and their interest alike seems to end; and I fear that too few of us ever watch the career of any of these men, or trouble ourselves much about them after they once go to their fields of labor. This should not be the case. On the contrary, we should consider them as our special property the moment they are consecrated; for, as every baptised person is a member of the Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and as the Board of Missions is responsible for the missionaries it sends out, it remains a self-evident fact which we can neither get away from nor evade, that to you and to me alike belong our proper share in this great responsibility. Each one must, of course, determine what his or her share shall be, according to how much or how little they abound in this world's goods.

You know we are told that in olden times men used to take a tenth part of all that they had and give it to the Lord. Would that the spirit of generosity, or a strong sense of duty, might inspire men to do the same to-day! If only every baptized person, whether male or female, would give his or her cent a week regularly there would be plenty of money in the treasury; subscribers would never miss what they had given, and there would be no need of an appeal like this. So few people seem to know what a blessing it is to be able to give, or to feel the pressing needs of the times, or to notice the many opportunities that offer.

Whether our hearts are moved by the three hundred thousand Indians who are still looking for the Great Spirit, or by the seven millions of still unconverted Jews, or by the eight millions of ignorant and destitute Negroes, or the foreign lands by the hundreds of millions of people who are still in darkness, it matters not.

The cry of distress is still the same in all cases, and our duty should be to help *all* to the light of the Gospel. If some are so narrow in their views as not to see the necessity of giving to any but domestic missions, saying that charity begins at home, and that therefore they must take care of their own first; why, let us accept with thankfulness what is given; feeling that perhaps the day will come when their

horizon will be broadened, and that they may see things with other eyes, and a more Christian and Catholic spirit; when the benighted heathen in the heart of China, or the poor Negro in the heart of Africa, or the wild Indian in the Far West, will be considered as much his brother as is the heathen at his own gates.

Let us not imagine that, by following out this plan of giving, we are conferring a benefit only upon others. If we did but know it, the benefit to ourselves would be far greater! The thought for, the interest in, and the care of others, all help in the great system of self-education and self-culture, without which no character can amount to anything. The more self-sacrifice we undergo in making our offerings, the greater will be the benefit we shall receive, and the more abundantly will the Spirit of God dwell in us.

I, myself, feel it to be our positive duty to aid our Bishops in every way in our power; and that, above all things, we should be careful not to throw stumbling blocks in his way by our indifference and coldness to his appeals.

I suppose it would be hard for us to estimate what a satisfaction it must be for a missionary in distant lands to receive help, and loving words of encouragement, from those at home! We cannot begin to realize it! but I think we can all see that it must be an immense gratification to him to know that there are those living who are in sympathy with him and his work; and that we are, after all, like one large family, which has become scattered, if you will, but which is one just the same—and that we are all struggling together alike, for the truth, as taught by Jesus Christ, remembering that no distance, race or color makes the very slightest difference! We have the blessed assurance that Christ Himself was “no respecter of persons;” and we should humbly try to be guided by His teaching.

Let us see, my friends, whether we can not make a better showing this year than we did last. Let us try the system of each giving her own small sum regularly, and see if we are not repaid for our efforts in the end. As “Great oaks from little acorns grow,” so, also, may great results be achieved by concentrated small efforts.

If texts from the Bible were needed to convince one of the duty of giving, there would be no difficulty in supplying them; for they abound in plenty. My time, however, is limited; so I shall give you but one from Exodus 25-2, with which striking words I shall close: “Speak unto the Children of Israel, that they bring me an offering; of every man that giveth it willingly, with his heart, ye shall take my offering.”

MISS MACRAE'S LETTER.

HAN KOW, CHINA, May 26, 1894.

DEAR MRS. FOSTER:

By this mail, I am making an appeal to several branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, on behalf of my medical work here. The sick people who come to the Dispensary, chiefly women and children, are very poor; and I often find it is nourishment, almost as much as medicine, that they need. So far as I can, I supply the ailing children with "Cod-liver-oil and Malt," and the weakly and convalescing adults with "Beef, Iron and Wine," or "Hypophosphites," and such like; which plus their usual, coarse, every-day diet, seems to answer excellently, for they contribute largely what is lacking in the food. And to this end, a few small specials would be a great boon. Can you spare me one? I send you a wedding invitation; the open end of the red envelope is the top; and the uppermost character is, Lee, my Chinese name. In China, only one hundred surnames are recognized, and a foreigner must, as soon as possible, if he intends to live here, adopt one of them. The two characters following Lee, means "little sister," which is as near as we can get to "Miss," in this language. * *

Very sincerely yours,

F. MACRAE.

