

SOUTHERN FLORIDA
Woman's Auxiliary.



THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

January, 1895, to January, 1896.

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OF THE

SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

January 1, 1895, to January 1, 1896.

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THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING is appointed in January, 1897, at
Tampa.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF PEROCHIAL BRANCHES on Easter Tuesday

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

ORLANDO, THURSDAY, Jan. 23, 1896.

At St. Luke's Church, Orlando, at 10 a. m., the Bishop, assisted by the Rector, Rev. J. J. Andrew, celebrated the Holy Communion, followed by his annual address to the Women's Auxiliary, which was prefaced by the re-appointment of the same officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of the Treasurer and the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, who have both removed from the Jurisdiction. In their places he appointed Mrs. E. F. Sperry, Treasurer, and Mrs. J. H. Weddell, Correspondent of Church Periodical Club.

The Bishop then said:

"I gave you, last year, a note of caution in view of the great calamity that had fallen upon us—you must not try to go too fast, nor aim at too large a work—and you followed my advice, with what good results you see today. You have not gone backward, but have done proportionately *more*."

"This year, I will not repeat that note, but say to you, in those words of inspiration: 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.' Learn to get out of yourselves more and more, to feel that the whole Church is one; learn to give to the General Board of Missions for the one great work of which we are a part, as well as to help here at home."

Then followed a picture of the desolation which he encountered on his autumn visitation—whole settlements in some cases vacated, and many of his clergy gone. Then he spoke of the Biscayne Bay region, which promises to be the richest part of our country, and which the Church must occupy at once. Settlers are pouring in, and the Church should be there to receive them. He called for means to put a man there, and provide for his support in this most important *present* time.

He said the Palm Branch had been a great personal comfort to him, and had done much good in the jurisdiction. And in closing—

"The Woman's Auxiliary is a strong arm on which I feel that I can lean, and for the coming year I leave this word with you: 'Go forward.'"

The Rt. Rev. H. B. Whipple, being present, was invited by the Bishop to say some words to the Auxiliary women, and responded in his usual happy and instructive manner. He pictured the great work there is for this branch of the Church in this "eventide of the world," and the great future there is before her. "This is a grand period, and I thank God that I am living in it." So *he also* exhorted to work and activity, giving this watchword: "Give God your will, and He will always show you a way."

The President called the meeting to order at 12 m., and then a pause was made for the midday prayer before proceeding to business.

The roll was then called by branches, showing an attendance of thirty-six delegates from seventeen branches, viz: St. John's, Brooksville; Holy Cross, Conway; St. Thomas, Eustis; Christ, Fort Meade; _____, Haines City; St. John's, Montclair; Grace, Ocala; St. Luke's, Orlando; Holy Cross, Sanford; St. Andrews, Tampa; Trinity, Thonotosassa; St. Gabriels, Titusville; All Saints, Winter Park; St. James, Zellwood. There was also one present from St. John's, Kissimmee, where there was formerly a branch.

The Rev. Gilbert Higgs, Secretary of the Convocation here entered and asked to read the following communication from that body:

ORLANDO, FLA., Jan. 22, 1896.

Mrs. E. K. Foster, President of the Woman's Auxiliary:

Dear Madam—I have the honor to present to you the following resolution, passed unanimously at today's session of the Convocation of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida:

Resolved, That this Convocation recognize the indispensable assistance of the Woman's Auxiliary in carrying on the work in this Jurisdiction. That their reports be received and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, and that the Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to the same at their next meeting."

GILBERT HIGGS,
Secretary.

ORLANDO, FLA., Jan. 22, 1896.

Mrs. W. Crane Gray, President of the Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary:

Dear Madam—I have the honor to present to you the following

resolution, passed unanimously at today's session of the Convocation of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida.

"Resolved, That this Convocation recognizes the indispensable assistance of the Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in carrying on the work in this Jurisdiction.

"That their reports be received and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, and that the Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to the same at their next meeting."

GILBERT HIGGS,
Secretary.

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 Acting Treasurer, and of the Secretary, and of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Department, and of the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, were read and accepted.

On motion, it was ordered that the farewell address of the Acting Treasurer should be printed in the Palm Branch.

Mrs. Gray extended an invitation to all delegates and other ladies present, to spend the afternoon at Bishopstead.

Mrs. Foster introduced the subject of the Brierley Memorial Fund by reading the leaflet relating to the school to be built, and asked that the Southern Florida pledge be redeemed at this meeting. The response was prompt and generous, the sum given exceeding the amount of the pledge. The total was \$34.48, which includes \$1 for the cross to mark Mrs. Brierley's grave, to which was added an individual gift of \$50.*cts*.

On motion, this was ordered to be sent at once to Miss Emery, as a thank offering from the Southern Florida Auxiliary for its many blessings.

The Secretary spoke earnestly and effectively in regard to the plan for the "Study of Missions" sent from the Mission House, New York, urging its adoption in this Branch of the Auxiliary.

The President endorsed all that was said on this subject, and there was an informal but general agreement to adopt the same.

The leaflets and reports for this purpose were distributed to each Parochial Branch.

On motion, it was decided this year to give *undesignated* the \$25 set apart from the systematic offerings for foreign missions.

On motion, it was ordered that the reports from Parochial Branches be omitted from the report of this meeting.

One missionary box was pledged to be sent at Easter.

St. Andrew's Branch, Tampa, volunteered to receive and pack its contents.

Generous pledges were made to the Contingent Fund, and for the support of the Palm Branch.

Mrs. Leslie Pell-Clark read an interesting paper on the Triennial meeting, adding a pleasant account of the memorable day at Faribault.

A letter from Dr. Sarah Walrath, Mrs. Brierley's companion and successor at Cape Mount, Africa, was read aloud.

The mite boxes for the United Offering of 1898 were distributed.

Mrs. Gray spoke about the Hand-Book of the Auxiliary being prepared by Mrs. Twing, recommending each Parochial Branch to subscribe for a copy.

Mrs. Crane of St. Andrew's, Tampa, then offered the following resolution, which was carried by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That we, the visiting delegates of the various Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, tender an earnest vote of thanks, and of our appreciation of the entertainment extended us by St. Luke's Branch and the hospitable friends of this city, during the Convocation of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida."

A motion for adjournment was put and carried, the Doxology was heartily sung, and Rev. W. W. De Hart, on invitation of the President, read the closing prayers of the Auxiliary Service.

AMY HAROLD,

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,

Secretary of the Meeting.

General Secretary.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR WOMEN OF THE AUXILIARY:

In the Collect for the Woman's Auxiliary, we pray for a pure intention, patient faith and sufficient success upon earth, and this prayer seems to have been in a great measure answered, when we read the sum of the different reports for the past year. The year opened with apparent disaster staring us in the face, and it seemed almost impossible to hope that the branches could respond to the many varied calls made upon them, and yet, God granting the pure intention, the patient faith was ever present, and never have the branches failed or faltered, but have gone on with increasing strength and

renewed vigor, each doing its little with its might, and with devout hearts do we give God thanks for the "sufficient success" that has been granted to our efforts.

For seven months I have been the Acting Treasurer, and the close contact of the monthly correspondence, has brought me very near to you, my fellow-workers for Christ. My heart has been touched, again and again, by your zeal and earnestness; no matter how small the sum sent, there was always the hopeful tone, the faith that better times were coming and that more would be collected next month. Not in large sums of money do we count our success; the true test is the love, the faith, the devotion, we give. The small offerings from the most feeble branch may give evidence of great self-denial and sacrifice.

The meetings for prayer and missionary reading have been, in many instances constantly attended, and have always proved helpful in their effects. By knowledge, interest is acquired and we need to pray continually for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to save us from ignorance, unbelief and hardness of heart, to increase in us true knowledge and understanding.

Let us sum up briefly the work of 1895. The reports will show that the Systematic Offerings are nearly equal to those of 1894; the United Offering amounted to \$117.19; the Contingent Fund has furnished the means for the printing of *The Palm Branch*; three Missionary boxes have been packed; two were sent outside the Jurisdiction and one has gone to the Seminole Indians; Foreign Missions have been contributed to by giving \$25.00 from the total amount of the Systematic Offerings.

And now, what is the call for the New Year? What the special need? More and more faith, more earnestness and devotion to our Lord, more system in our giving, more prayer. Let each branch do its utmost, all realizing that they are members of Christ's Body, and so, in unity and love, must we uphold and maintain the whole. Necessarily we tread the same beaten paths, the same lines of work are to be pursued. One or more Missionary boxes will be called for; the Systematic Offering must be gathered faithfully, and the United Offering for 1898 cannot be neglected. The Mite Boxes are ready for distribution, let none refuse them. The object being to accumulate by small sums (the mighty cent, as it is aptly termed) enough for the training and support of woman missionaries. The usefulness of women as missionaries cannot be over-estimated. They should claim our keenest sympathy, and we should give them our hearty support, and this brings us to a sacred duty—the redeeming of the pledge of \$25 made for Southern Florida at the triennial meeting—our share in the

memorial to Mrs. Brierley, that brave soldier of Christ who died pleading for more workers, more help for Africa. For nearly thirty-seven years she labored in that deadly climate, giving her life that she might win souls from heathendom to the knowledge of her Lord. ¶ We, perhaps, may not be able to follow, literally, in her footsteps but let us give gladly and thankfully, and let the pledge be redeemed *today*.

I would again call your attention to the Church Periodical Club, a society formed for the purpose of supplying periodicals and books to those of the clergy and laity, who are unable to procure good literature in any other way. Practically it means, if you have books or periodicals to dispose of; if having read them you are willing to pass them on—write to the Correspondent who will give you an address where your books or papers will be gladly welcomed; then remember to send them *regularly*, each week or month. It will only cost you the postage and a little time and thought, and will give much pleasure, in these straitened times, when a favorite magazine or a Church paper is now considered as an unwarranted luxury.

I would bring the Contingent Fund to your notice, it being the necessary means of support for the *Palm Branch* and of defraying all necessary expenses, postage, stationary, etc. Will the Branches give pledges as before for this object, and will all do what they can to maintain this fund?

The Junior Branch of the Auxiliary has been mainly devoted to the work among the Seminole Indians, their efforts being supplemented by generous gifts to the Secretary and Treasurer, whose unflaging interest has induced many to send her substantial aid.

Words are hardly adequate to express the grateful and loving thanks we owe to our sister branches of the Auxiliary, who, in response to the appeal of one who so well knew the dire need of Southern Florida and who spoke so earnestly in behalf of the Jurisdiction, that branch after branch, literally poured out its pledges for us until the amount reached a sum over \$2,000, and this will give material and much needed help to our beloved Bishop. Can we for a moment hesitate to redeem our pledge of \$25.00? "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Reviewing the past year and looking forward to the one before us, we will do well to bear in mind that we are but the *instruments* to do God's will; with Him are the results, to us only belongs the present duty.

Commending you to His gracious love and praying that we endeavor to walk nearer to Him and to follow His guiding hand,

I am, faithfully yours,

MARY G. FOSTER,

President.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Right Reverend Father:

We would respectfully report the work of the past year as follows:

Three of the thirty-two branches reported in January, 1895, have ceased to work—those at Kissimmee, Lake Mary and Glen Ethel. Four new branches have been organized—at Manatee, Montclair, Mount Dora and Punta Gorda. One dormant branch has been revived—that at Dunedin. We have now thirty-three branches, some of them very feeble it is true, but yet having life.

We have distributed a great many missionary leaflets, sent from the Church Mission House.

We have had correspondence with the diocesan officers of Connecticut, Washington, North Carolina, Wyoming and Idaho, and Florida. Twelve parochial branches have been visited by two or more of the officers. Two of them attended the annual meeting of the Florida Auxiliary in St. Augustine in May, and two the Triennial meeting of the whole society in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The three objects of this society—Prayer, Study and Work, or Giving, has been kept constantly before the branches, and fairly followed. In nearly all of them, monthly meetings are held, opened and closed with the Litany set forth by you for that purpose, and having readings of missionary news from the "Palm Branch," "The Spirit of Missions," and other Church papers.

Very few branches still adhere to quarterly collections, and there is a growing promptness in the monthly remittances.

In several, the annual parochial auxiliary meetings for the purpose of appointing officers for the ensuing year, and making a special offering for the Contingent Fund, was held on Easter Tuesday, as appointed by you; the Priest in charge celebrating Holy Communion. Three times the General Secretary has called the whole Auxiliary Society to unite for prayer or work. 1st, For weekly meetings during Lent. 2d, For a week of self-denial; the proceeds to be given to the United Offering. 3d, For the Quiet Day, in unison with New York, May 22nd. As far as has been reported, five branches kept Self-denial week, viz: Orlando, Longwood, Tampa, Sanford and Zellwood, and two, St. Peter's, Key West and Sanford, kept the Quiet Day. Two branches held weekly meetings during Lent, that in Sanford for prayer and missionary readings only, while that in Orlando added sewing for the Easter Box.

The total of offerings during the past year, in money and boxes, as in Treasurer's report appended, is \$1,185.02, or, including the Junior Department, \$1,245.53.

In looking back through the year, which opened with such a dire calamity to Southern Florida, sweeping away from it millions in money, and great numbers of residents, we can only in humble wonder and awe, thank God and take courage. The Systematic Offering is so little less than the previous year that it is a proportionate increase, and the calls for other objects have met with a hearty response. The spirit has been that of the widow of Sarepta, who made the prophet a little cake of her last handful of meal, and we believe that her blessing will be ours. "The barrel of meal shall not waste, nor the cruise of oil fail," until prosperity shall return to our land.

A spiritual growth is also shown by the more regular meetings for prayer, and the greater amount of interest in "news from the field."

The "Palm Branch" has entered upon its second year, having been lovingly received and supported, and we believe that it has been an instrument in the Master's hand working great good, welding together our scattered Parochial Branches, instructing them in plans and methods of work, furnishing an organ for their intercommunication, and for your messages to us of direction, information and encouragement. If a sufficient number of advertisements can be procured to cover the last page, and defray the cost, we design doubling its size, as the growth of the Branch demands more space.

In closing, we wish to record the growing recognition by the clergy of the truly auxiliary character of this society, and of its willingness and wish to work under authority, and, through you, we render them our thanks for their increased kindliness and helpfulness in our work.

Respectfully Submitted

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,

Secretary.

Orlando, Fla., January 21, 1896.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1895, TO JANUARY 1, 1896.

| BRANCHES. | Special. | Systematic Offerings. | Boxes. | United Offering. | Contingent Fund | Mrs. Brierley's Memorial. | Total in Money and Boxes. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bartow—St. Joseph's..... | 4 50 | 4 50 | | | | | 4 50 |
| Brooksville—St. John's..... | 14 00 | 14 00 | | 1 00 | | | 15 00 |
| Clearwater—Ascension..... | 3 60 | | | | | | 4 33 |
| Cocoa—St. Mark's..... | 12 70 | 4 20 | | | | | 16 90 |
| Conway—Holy Trinity..... | 9 25 | 2 50 | 1 10 | | | | 12 85 |
| Courtney—Holy Trinity..... | 4 22 | | 1 00 | | | | 6 22 |
| Daytona—St. Mary's..... | 24 05 | | 1 00 | 1 20 | | | 26 25 |
| DeLand—St. Barnabas'..... | 76 08 | | 4 42 | 2 13 | | | 82 63 |
| Dunedin—Good Shepherd..... | 2 95 | | | | | | 2 95 |
| Eustis—St. Thomas'..... | 23 23 | | | 40 | | | 23 63 |
| Fort Meade—Christ..... | 27 60 | | 3 50 | 10 | | | 31 20 |
| Glen Ethel..... | 8 35 | 50 | 41 | 20 | | | 9 46 |
| Haines City—Mission..... | 7 26 | | | | 40 | | 7 66 |
| Key West—St. Paul's..... | 82 10 | 3 50 | 8 00 | 1 30 | | | 94 90 |
| Key West—St. Peter's..... | | 1 15 | | | | | 1 15 |
| Kissimmee—St. John's..... | | | | | | | |
| Lake Mary—Mission..... | | | | | | | |
| Leesburg—St. James'..... | 22 19 | | 1 00 | 50 | | | 23 69 |
| Longwood—Christ..... | 10 14 | 3 50 | 1 46 | 60 | | | 15 70 |
| Maitland—Good Shepherd..... | 17 00 | 3 15 | | 30 | | | 20 45 |
| Merritts—Grace..... | 3 50 | | | | | | 3 50 |
| Manatee River—Christ..... | 20 40 | 10 05 | 1 80 | 10 | | | 32 35 |
| Montclair—St. John's..... | 5 60 | | 1 00 | | | | 6 60 |
| Myers—St. Luke's..... | 3 40 | 3 50 | | | | | 6 90 |
| Ocala—Grace..... | 66 04 | 24 00 | 50 | 5 00 | | | 95 54 |
| Orlando—St. Luke's..... | 101 11 | 64 80 | 26 20 | 13 00 | | | 205 11 |
| Sanford—Holy Cross..... | 92 96 | 12 85 | 6 32 | 4 50 | 2 00 | | 118 63 |
| St. Francis—Mission..... | | | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg—St. Peter's..... | 15 85 | | | | | | 15 85 |
| Tampa—St. Andrew's..... | 62 75 | 10 00 | 2 00 | 8 25 | | | 83 00 |
| Titusville—St. Gabriel's..... | 32 60 | 5 50 | | 1 20 | | | 39 30 |
| Thonotosassa—Trinity..... | 17 40 | 2 75 | 72 | 1 20 | 1 00 | | 23 07 |
| Winter Park—All Saints'..... | 26 25 | | 1 25 | 95 | | | 28 45 |
| Zellwood—St. James'..... | 22 00 | | 1 03 | 2 20 | | | 25 23 |
| Cash..... | | 5 50 | 15 00 | 48 22 | | | 68 72 |
| Conway..... | 33 30 | | | | | | 33 30 |
| Junior report..... | | 60 51 | | | | | 60 51 |
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| \$33 30 | \$ 879 59 | \$ 157 45 | \$78 44 | \$92 75 | \$ 4 00 | \$ 1,245 53 | |

MRS. E. K. FOSTER,
Acting Treasurer.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

IT IS WITH grateful love and thanks giving to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings and signs of encouragement vouchsafed to us, during this past year of trials and discouragements, that this second annual report of the Junior Auxiliary is presented. Last January, six branches were reported, and during the year three new branches have been organized. Of these, the branch at Glen Ethel, like the mission, has, owing to these troublous times, ceased to exist. To this band of seven earnest little workers belongs the honor of being the first branch organized in Southern Florida and although scattered, I have reason to believe, they are not idle. Grace Branch, Ocala, has also ceased to exist. The remaining seven Branches have been more or less actively at work during the year. Of Good Shepherd Branch Maitland, our youngest branch, I cannot forbear making mention. Composed of only three young girls they have by their untiring efforts during the summer, prepared articles for a sale in December, by which they realized \$30, thus demonstrating that success depends upon patience and perseverance, rather than numbers. The Junior Systematic Offerings for the year, called the "Pony fund" have gone to the purchase of a wagon and pair of horses for the Seminole mission. These have been bought and paid for and are now doing good missionary work. Five hundred dollars was the desired sum set before the Juniors, that after the purchase there might be a "Feed Fund" to keep the ponies until provision could be made for them at the mission. Of this sum the children have raised by their own efforts fifty dollars.

The remainder has come from friends, viz:

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| The Indian Hope Association Philadelphia | \$100 00 |
| Boys Mission Society, Flushing, L. I. | 39 57 |
| Junior Auxiliary, Andalusia, Pa. | 311 00 |
| Trinity Min. Soc. Carrollton, Miss. | 1 00 |

In addition to this the Juniors of Southern Florida, at the request of Miss Emery, became one of twelve other diocesan branches, who should each contribute \$3.00 to help sustain a mission at Wood River, Nebraska, in the Missionary District of The Platte.

This year the efforts of our Juniors will be directed to the purchase of a Font for the new Church soon to be erected at Immokalee. May He who has seen our efforts, and blessed the work of our hands, increase in us wisdom, zeal, and constancy in all our work for Him.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

From January 15, 1895, to January 15, 1896.

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| Christ Church Branch, Longwood | \$ 5 56 |
| Church of the Ascension Branch, Clear Water | 1 20 |
| Glen Ethel Branch | 2 19 |
| St. James' Branch, Zellwood | 1 20 |
| Holy Cross Branch, Sanford | 7 30 |
| St. James' Branch, Tampa | 2 25 |
| St. Luke's Branch, Orlando | 10 81 |
| Good Shepherd Branch, Maitland | 30 00 |
| | —————\$60 51 |
| Expended for expressage, etc | \$ 1 85 |
| Checks to "Pony Fund" | 24 00 |
| Check to Wood River Mission, Nebraska | 3 00 |
| Good Shepherd, Maitland to special | 15 00 |
| | —————\$43 85 |
| Cash on hand | \$16 66 |
| Contributions to Easter box (value) | 3 00 |
| Contributions to Christmas box (value) | 3 30 |
| | ————— |
| | \$ 6 30 |

FANNIE C. GRAY,

Secretary and Treasurer Junior Auxiliary, Southern Florida.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

COMPLETE REPORT OF FIRST CORRESPONDENT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, JANUARY 22, 1896.

The C. P. C. in Southern Florida was organized in August, 1894. Up to date the following Librarians have been appointed in the order named:

1. Miss Annie Reiki, Key West, August, 1894.
2. Mrs. E. H. Weed, Thonotosassa, August, 1894.
3. Miss Annie Crain, Key West, August, 1894, (resigned October, 1894).
4. Mrs. A. D. Key, Eustis, September, 1894.
5. Mrs. F. H. Robertson, Brooksville, October, 1894.

6. Miss Emma Williams, Glen Ethel, October, 1894,
7. Miss Bessie Whitner, Sanford, November, 1894.
8. Miss Lizzie Gardiner, Paisley, December, 1894.
9. Miss J. R. Prentiss, Maitland, December, 1894.
10. Miss Emma Lewis, Longwood, May, 1895.
11. Mrs. Geo. K. Robinson, Ocala, May, 1895.

Contributions have been as follows: Thonotosassa leads in sending out five periodicals regularly besides 188 odd numbers. Maitland sends out five periodicals.

Orlando—four; though, as yet, no librarian has been appointed here.

Sanford—four periodicals.

Glen Ethel—94 odd numbers.

Eustis—One periodical and 12 odd numbers.

Hernando (another place without librarian) 21 odd papers, five books, one pamphlet, seven tracts, four catechisms.

Longwood sends out one paper, while books, cards and catechisms are offered by Manatee and DeLand.

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| Total regular periodicals | 21 |
| Odd numbers, which includes complete files of back numbers . . . | 317 |
| Books | 5 |
| Pamphlet | 1 |
| Tracts | 7 |
| Catechisms | 4 |

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. ARNOLD,

Correspondent.



CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

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 women of the 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 moneys 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 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 Treasurer, 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.

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.

SERVICE FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETY.

**To be Used in the Missionary Jurisdiction of
Southern Florida.**

The Bishop requests that this service be used at the monthly meetings of the parish organization of the Woman's Auxiliary Society.

To be said by the Rector, the Parochial Directress, or by some one appointed, all standing.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Ghost, The Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. **AMEN.**

LITANY.

O, HOLY, BLESSED AND GLORIOUS TRINITY, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

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REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, Good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou has redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, Good Lord.

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O, Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way.

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

THAT it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly.

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

THAT it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people.

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

THAT it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace and concord:

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

THAT it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee and diligently to live after thy commandments:

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

THAT it may please thee to give all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit:

We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

O, GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their day, and in the old time before them.

O, Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honor.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
AMEN.

PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP.

• MOST GRACIOUS GOD, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, who of thy wise Providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we beseech thee, to thy servant, the Bishop of this

Missionary Jurisdiction; preserve him in all his journeyings, by land and by water; grant him a right judgment in all things, and so replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace, and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

FOR MISSIONS.

O God, who has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh: Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Bring the nations into thy fold, and add the heathen to thine inheritance.

And we pray thee shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

O LORD, without whom our labor is but lost, and with whom thy little ones go forth as the mighty, we humbly beseech thee to prosper all works in thy Church undertaken according to thy holy will, especially the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Grant to the laborers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the final blessedness of serving thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

FOR CLOSING.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

