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Woman's Auxiliary.



Fourth Annual Report.



January, 1896, to January, 1897.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE

Board of Missions.

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The Fifth Annual Meeting is appointed in January, 1898,
at Key West.

Annual Meetings of Parochial Branches Easter Tuesday.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

TAMPA, THURSDAY, Jan. 14, 1897.

In St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, at 9:30 a. m., the Bishop, assisted by the Rector, Rev. W. W. DeHart, celebrated the Holy Communion, followed by his annual address to the Woman's Auxiliary, which was prefaced by the re-appointment of the same officers for the ensuing year.

The address of the Bishop was earnest and eloquent. Beginning by calling the members of the Auxiliary his "real helpers," he said that the watchword given last year he would repeat for the coming one: "Go forward." He approved all of its lines of work, and especially urged faithfulness in the monthly meetings for prayer, and that the "Study of Missions" be carried on more generally and thoroughly. Of the Junior and Baby Branches the Bishop spoke in beautiful and touching words, commending this part of the work tenderly and earnestly to the women of Southern Florida, for Christ's sake who blessed little children, and who said, "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Sixty-five women knelt at the chancel rail to receive the tokens of their Saviour's love.

After this service they adjourned to the Guild Hall where, at 11:20 a. m., the President called the meeting to order.

Rev. Gilbert Higgs, Secretary of the Convocation, entered and asked to read a communication from that body. Leave being given, he read the following:

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

Dear Madam—I have the honor to present to you a copy of the resolution adopted unanimously during this

morning's session of the Convocation of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida immediately after the presentation of your report by the Rev. Wm. H. Bates:

Resolved, That this Convocation recognizes the indispensable assistance of the Woman's Auxiliary and Junior Branch 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 be requested to furnish a copy of this resolution to the same at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

GILBERT HIGGS,

TAMPA, FLA., January 13, 1897.

Secretary.

Mrs. W. C. Gray, President of the Junior Department of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary:

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Secretary.

The roll was called by Branches, showing an attendance of thirty-seven delegates, from seventeen Branches and one Junior delegate, viz: St. John's, Brooksville; St. Joseph's, Bartow; Holy Trinity, Conway; St. Barnabas, DeLand; Good Shepherd, Dunedin; Christ Church, Ft. Meade; St. Paul's, Key West; Christ Church, Long-

wood; St. Peter's, Narcoosee; Grace Church, Ocala; St. Luke's, Orlando; Holy Cross, Sanford; St. Peter's, St. Petersburg; St. Andrew's, Tampa; Trinity, Thonotosassa; St. Gabriel's, Titusville; All Saints', Winter Park. Junior Department: Christ Church, Longwood.

Mrs. H. L. Crane, the Directress of St. Andrew's Branch, then made an address of welcome to the assembled representatives of the Parochial Branches, to which the President, Mrs. Foster, replied in a few well chosen words.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President then made her annual address. The Treasurer's report was read.

It being now the hour of noon, a pause was made for the Mid-day prayer. These were offered by Rev. W. W. DeHart, by request of the President.

Business being resumed, the Treasurer's report was accepted by vote. Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The President appointed Mrs. B. F. Brown and Mrs. W. C. Comstock a committee to prepare resolutions of sympathy with the Branch at Merritt for the loss by death of its Directress.

A pleasant interruption occurred just here in the form of a telegraphic message of greeting and good wishes from Miss Julia C. Emery, General Secretary, Church Missions House, New York.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to tender Miss Emery the thanks of the Southern Florida Auxiliary for her kindly thought and interest.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Department was read and accepted.

The report of the correspondent of the Church Periodical Club was read and accepted. Mrs. Chapin, general correspondent, sent regrets for her absence on this occasion.

Recess was now taken for luncheon, which was served in the Rectory.

Business was resumed at 2 p. m.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

WHEREAS, The members of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, at present assembled in Tampa, have heard with regret of the death of Mrs. Cleveland, of Merritt, be it

Resolved, That the members of the W. A. S. tender their sincere sympathy to the Branch in Merritt upon the loss of their earnest and aged leader, Mrs. A. P. Cleveland.

MRS. B. F. BROWN.

MRS. W. C. COMSTOCK.

Mr. H. W. Greetham, by request, made an appeal in behalf of the Church Home and Hospital, a Diocesan institution which is endeavoring to do a much needed work, in which it is only hindered by the lack of means. Mr. H. W. Greetham is its treasurer.

Mrs. Gray made an appeal for the introduction of a Babies' Branch, which was favorably received, and a number of mite boxes was immediately distributed.

A plan for the study of missions was explained; the adoption of this or some other plan and its active pursuit being strongly urged. After an interesting discussion it was

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the plan for the study of missions, and that we will do all in our power to sustain and carry it into effect.

Mrs. Pell-Clarke made a plea for the support of the Palm Branch, which, by the Bishop's request, is to be increased in size. She also explained the necessity of a contingent fund in every live organization to pay its current expenses. Several pledges were made to the fund.

On motion, it was decided to send two missionary boxes this year. St. Luke's Branch, Orlando, volunteered to pack the Easter box, and Holy Cross Branch, Sanford, the Advent box, but the latter afterwards gave way to Grace Branch, Ocala, which now has charge of the Advent box.

Mrs. Gray spoke of the very helpful Seminole Christmas box, and read an interesting letter from Rev. H. Gibbs, missionary.

On motion, it was decided this year to give undesignated the \$25 set apart for foreign missions from the Systematic Offering fund.

It was proposed that the Southern Florida Auxiliary shall make a thank offering for much timely aid given to Bishop Gray for his work in its sore distress. The gift to be an alms basin for the chapel in the Church Missions House, of palmetto wood carved with the symbol of the Branch.

On motion, this was endorsed, with a pledge that the necessary amount, viz: \$10, should be given by the several Branches. Some pledges were made for it at that time.

The President spoke on the subject of the United Offering, the object of the next one and its special claim upon us as women.

Mrs. Manly, of Holy Cross Branch, Sanford, offered the following resolution, which was carried by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the visiting delegates of the Woman's Auxiliary, tender a hearty vote of thanks for the hospitality extended to us by St. Andrew's Branch.

Delightful letters were read from Oregon and Alaska, sent by Miss Emery.

A motion for adjournment was put and carried, the Doxology was heartily sung, and the closing prayers read by the Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Gray.

AMY HAROLD,
Secretary of the Meeting.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,
Diocesan Secretary.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR WOMEN OF THE AUXILIARY:

A year has passed since our last Annual Meeting and we are now on the threshold of a new year, and once more it is our privilege to meet face to face and speak to each other of the results of the year that has gone, and prepare ourselves for the duties that lie before us.

The Epiphany Season is especially appropriate for this meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. At this time we are called upon to contemplate the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, and as we are Gentiles and for centuries have received the blessings of that manifestation, let us see to it that we do not neglect the opportunities that await us.

It is ours to show gratitude and love for all that we have received, to give to others what we have so long enjoyed: the gift of the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The results of the past year show very plainly, in a practical way, that while much may have been left undone, the Branches of the Auxiliary in Southern Florida, in spite of many trials and hindrances, have continued faithful, earnest and steadfast.

In the weakening of the Branches by diminished numbers, there has been much to discourage and dishearten the workers, but through it all their alms and oblations have gone up as a sweet savour.

There are thirty-one Branches of the Auxiliary in the Jurisdiction, and all called upon to meet once in each month, to use the prayers and service set forth by the Bishop, and make their regular Systematic Offerings unto the Lord. The prayer comes first, for it is the prayer that sanctifies the gift, that the giving may be intelligent and with a good purpose. The Constitution instructs them to continue their meetings by reading from the "Spirit of Missions," or some other missionary

publications. At the last Annual Meeting the Branches were urged to take up the study of Missions and acquaint themselves thoroughly with all that concerned domestic and foreign work. A plan was proposed, leaflets were distributed, and those that availed themselves of this privilege know well how pleasant and profitable it has proved.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we note how general has become the reading of missionary papers at the meetings, although but three Branches have taken up the Systematic Study. We once more urge that this study may be more universal. We are prepared to distribute leaflets and give any help or suggestions to those who may desire it. I belong to a Branch that has successfully adopted the Study of Missions, and I endorse it most heartily and believe it will aid greatly in making the monthly meetings interesting and attractive.

The Treasurer's report will tell to all, what each individual Branch so well knows, that all calls for the different objects of the work have met with a generous and ready response. To some a Treasurer's report that is all dry facts and figures, may seem very dull and uninteresting; but the dollars were collected by pennies, the pennies meaning in most cases self-sacrifice, faith and love. You will note in the Treasurer's report that the Systematic Offering demonstrates that the hard times have taught the precious lesson of giving of that which has cost something. Two Missionary boxes were given last year, one without and one within our border, the latter to the Seminole Indian Mission. The yearly pledge of twenty-five dollars to Foreign Missions has been redeemed, and was sent to Miss Emery undesignated. The United Offering boxes were opened, and a good beginning made towards the amount we will present at the next Triennial Meeting. The object of this offering is to train, support and send women workers to mission fields. Through the contributions to the Contingent Fund there has been met the expense of printing

the Palm Branch, the Annual Report and other necessary expenses. The Church Periodical Club has become firmly established, and I ask your careful attention to the report of the Correspondent.

There is cause for devout thankfulness that in each instance you have been so ready to respond to every call that has been made. You have shown zeal, faith and steadfastness, and humbly do we bow our heads and say, "Not unto us, not unto us, O, Lord, but unto thee do we give the praise."

For the coming year the work will be continued on the same lines. In auxiliary work there is no novelty, no excitement; no great achievement is expected, but there should be no lack of interest.

The call for the Easter box will soon be made, to which, no doubt, there will be the usual generous response, which carries with it cheer and comfort to some home, missionary and his family.

The special plea is made that pledges will be given by the Branches that the Contingent Fund will be increased sufficiently to defray all necessary expenses and the printing of the Palm Branch, which should not be cause for anxious thought on the part of the Executive Committee. The Palm Branch is valuable and necessary to the Auxiliary work in the Jurisdiction, and we ask your help in order to sustain it.

The Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is constantly increasing in membership, and has devoted its work principally to the Seminole Indian Mission.

In reviewing the year's work, we feel that we have striven to follow the word given us by the Bishop and have "gone forward." May we continue to press forward, individually and as a whole, and may God's blessing be upon us.

Faithfully yours,

MARY G. FOSTER.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:

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

We have endeavored to carry out the "working orders" given to us by yourself in the Constitution of this Branch, which tells us, in Art. II, that the object of this Society is:

1st. By means of prayer and offerings to spread Christ's Kingdom in the world.

2d. To diffuse Missionary intelligence.

3d. 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.

In obedience to the first section, we have urged upon the Branches the necessity of monthly meetings to pray for guidance, for the personal safety of our Bishop, and for the prosperity of the cause of missions which is to hasten the coming of Christ's Kingdom upon earth; the promise being to those gathered together and who agree upon some request to make it known unto God. We have also lovingly persuaded and insisted upon the continuance of the Systematic Monthly Offering. Although, by reason of the poverty of our land at this time, the amounts must be small, yet all can still spare from "the barrel of meal and cruse of oil" enough at least for the Prophet's "little cake."

Believing that it is vain to expect persons to give to or pray for any object of which they know little or nothing, we have diligently sought "to diffuse missionary intelligence" by introducing the Study of Missions according to a plan furnished to us, in common with other Diocesan Branches, by Miss Emery; supplying at the same time such reports and other literature, procured

from the Church Missions House, as would enable each Branch to carry it on intelligently. And we have urged them to subscribe for the Spirit of Missions, at least, that all the workers in each Branch should join and get one copy. Through the Church Periodical Club some, unable to do even this, have been supplied with various Church papers by our efficient Diocesan Correspondent.

To "increase missionary activity," we have tried three methods; the first in obedience to the Master's injunction, to "go to all the world," is giving help each year to some person or cause outside of our own borders, either Parochial or of the Jurisdiction; and joining—in our limited degree—with the great and general undertakings of the Church and her handmaid, the Woman's Auxiliary Society, giving our mite to both the domestic and foreign fields and to the United Offering.

The second method is the sending out of the Palm Branch month by month, in which the Parochial Branches tell what they are doing and thinking; the Diocesan officers, what they wish to say to all alike, and through which you send helpful and interesting messages to your people. We have a most excellent offer from Mr. L. C. Vaughan, of Orlando, to enlarge it, that the last page may be spared for advertisements, which will provide for the expense of printing.

The third method is a vigorous private correspondence with the Parochial Branch officers.

Five of the thirty-three Branches reported last year have ceased to work—those at Cocoa, Mt. Dora, St. Peter's, Key West; St. James', Tampa, and at Haines City. At Mt. Dora and Haines City this was caused by the removal of all the members.

Two new Branches have been organized—both by Rev. F. C. Bayliss—one in St. Peter's, Narcoosee, the other at Grace Church, Ocoee. Those at Lake Mary and Punta Gorda have been reorganized and have resumed work.

Six Branches made their monthly collections and re-

mittances with perfect regularity, never missing a single month, and several others are not far behind, which shows a growth in the sense of the real importance of our work.

Fifteen Branches have contributed to the Contingent Fund, and from several more have come individual subscriptions for the Palm Branch.

Thirteen Branches have sent in collections for the United Offering of 1898.

Two or three Branches have given special voluntary offerings to other objects than these regular ones.

The total offerings during the past year in money and boxes, as in the Treasurer's report appended, is \$1,166.52, or, including the Junior Department, \$1,321.08.

The President has visited several Branches during the year.

So far as reported, only eight Branches had the Easter Tuesday meeting, as recommended by you, for the annual appointment of Parochial officers.

There are now thirty one Branches working in some or all of the various lines set before us, showing real interest and consecration to the work for our Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot say too much in praise of this band of faithful women—the Parochial Branch officers; they are a blessing to any land, to any Church. Through the increasing poverty and perplexity of these dark days, with diminished numbers and much discouragement, they have never lost hope nor relaxed their efforts, always writing, "we would like to do more," "we hope to do better next month," and the words of one secretary seem to voice the whole: "Our offerings seem so little; our only trust is that the Lord knows. We have passed through tight times since the freezes two years ago, but that is according to the Lord's will, and we leave it in His hands. I only mention it—we would like to do more."

This faithful band is however too small. We have watched the interest, activity and heroism increase and become more persistant and higher, but it needs broadening; and in this task during the coming year we ask your

assistance, Rt. Rev. Father, and that of the Priests in charge of the flocks in your field with all confidence, because of the kindly and efficient aid and countenance given us in the past, for we could never have accomplished what we have without your help.

Art. III of our Constitution says: "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." We beg that this may be set before them and that they may be urged to do their duties as being already members—that they will at least attend the meetings and learn about and pray for our Lord's Kingdom, even if they think they can give nothing to it.

The committee of five; to which the Woman's Auxiliary report was referred in the Missionary Council in Chicago last October, says: "Should any Rector stand at one side watching this work (of the Woman's Auxiliary) with coldness or with apprehension, he would make one of the most serious mistakes of his ministry. Rather should he encourage and urge into the Auxiliary **EVERY ONE** of the matrons and maidens, for it will only do him and them good. The more he incites them to zeal for missions the more will they assist him to incite his whole parish to all good works, and the more bountifully will God's grace be poured out upon every portion of the field he is striving to till."

We crave then your prayers, and your influence; we beg you to "tell it out" that we are working by **YOUR** authority, under **YOUR** orders; help us to convert all of our women into regular attendants of the monthly meetings until our Society, gaining the needed breadth, will be of perfect proportion, a shadowy reflection of the Heavenly Jerusalem—"the length and the breadth and the height of it being equal."

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,

TAMPA, FLA., Jan. 14, 1897.

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
From January 1, 1896, to January 1, 1897.

BRANCHES.		Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Boxes and Bundles.	Mrs. Brierley's Memorial.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Bartow—Trinity	\$	\$ 10 70	\$ 1 20	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 25	\$ 49	\$ 11 90	11 90
Brooksville—St. John's		18 25	1 30					32 80
Clearwater—Ascension		1 00						1 00
Cocoa—St. Mark's		6 00						6 00
Conway—Holy Trinity		10 03		67			50	11 12
Courtenay—St. Luke's		3 10						3 10
Daytona—St. Mary's		24 05	2 00					26 05
DeLand—St. Barnabas		51 00	3 35		3 60			57 95
Dunedin—Good Shepherd		6 05					1 00	7 05
Eau Gallie				1 30				1 30
Eustis—St. Thomas'		17 32		1 02	4 90			23 24
Fort Meade—Christ		23 50	30		1 50		1 00	26 30
Haines City—Mission		3 10	1 20		1 60			5 30
Key West—St. Paul's		58 55			2 00			60 55
Rey West—St. Peter's				3 50				3 50
Lake Mary—Mission		6 72	65		1 60			8 37
Lake Worth		25 00						25 00
Leesburg—St. James'		18 95	40					19 35
Longwood—Christ		12 65	92	53	5 00		1 00	20 10
Maitland—Good Shepherd		11 17	2 30		2 00			15 47
Manatee River—Christ		24 90	40	1 50				26 80
Merritt—Grace		3 00	7 75	40	1 52	3 15		15 82
Montclair—St. John's		5 50					1 00	6 50
Myers—St. Luke's		3 75	30			1 70		5 75
Narcoossee—St. Peter's		7 23	60					
Ocala—Grace		59 15	2 00	5 40	13 50	2 00		82 00
Ocoee					2 25			2 25
Orlando—St. Luke's		95 67	10 55	9 31	35 05	5 25		155 82
Punta Gorda—Good Shepherd		23 52			5 60	4 28		33 40
Sanford—Holy Cross		74 12	3 90	9 70	7 25	2 20		97 17
St. Petersburg—St. Peter's		9 10						9 10
Tampa—St. Andrew's		81 10	10 85	5 70	34 25	8 75		140 65
Tampa—St. James'		1 95						1 95
Thonotosassa—Trinity		11 30	2 40	3 13	5 75	1 00		23 58
Titusville—St. Gabriel's		20 60	1 20					21 80
Winter Park—All Saints'		15 18		2 00	5 00	1 00		23 18
Zellwood—St. James'		10 00	17 05	3 25	6 00	2 25		33 50
Cash				88 06		25		88 31
Conway		30 00						30 00
Paisley (from Mrs. Gardiner)						50		50
Junior report		7 30	78 05		11 55			96 90
		\$50 30	\$ 843 03	\$ 137 53	\$ 146 28	\$ 154 80	\$ 31 48	\$ 1,263 42

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1st.....	\$ 46 95
Systematic Offerings.....	764 98
Contingent Fund.....	137 53
Mrs. Brierley's Memorial.....	31 48
Specials.....	43 00
United Offering.....	46 28
 Total.....	 \$1,070 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid F. H. Rand, Treasurer of the Jurisdiction of Southern Florida:
 For Mission work in Jurisdiction \$780 00
 For Printing and other expenses. 136 41
 For Mrs. Brierley's Memorial..... 31 48
 For iron bedstead for Dr. Wal-
 rath, Cape Mount, Africa..... 3 00
 For Bishop's Special Fund 30 00
 For Church Home and Hospital. 10 00
 On deposit for United Offering..... 46 28
 Balance December 31st 33 05

Total \$1,075.00
MBS. E. E. SPERRY, Treasurer

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

At the first glance over this report the work accomplished seems to fall somewhat behind that of last year; yet a closer examination will show that there really is some advance, for, while the sum total is scarcely more than half of that presented last January, the offering of the Branches is over one third greater, and the number of Branches has increased nearly in the same proportion —having grown from seven to ten.

The Systematic Offerings this year—after redeeming the pledge of \$3.00 made (at Minneapolis) towards the support of a teacher for the school at Valle Crusis, N. C.; the sending, at the request of Miss Emery, of \$3.00 more towards the education of Chinese children, and 40 cents for a year's subscription to the Palm Branch for Rev. Mr. Gibbs—have gone into the Chancel Furniture Fund for the new church at Immokalee. This building is now roofed in, with windows and doors in place, and the pews will soon be ready. Then, as soon as practicable, our fund will be turned into chancel furniture.

Of this fund the Juniors have raised, exclusive of specials, \$78.05, which sum has been increased to the amount of \$122.05 by gifts from well-wishers, viz:

Babies' Branch Jun. Aux. Diocese West'n. N. Y.....	\$10 00
Woman's Aux. of the Diocese of Newark.....	25 00
Miss Boylan, Diocese of Newark.....	2 00
A friend, Nashville, Tenn.....	2 00
Ministering Children League, Fruitland Park, Fla.	1 00
Twenty Min. Soc., Carrollton, Miss.....	1 00
Indian women of Minnesota	3 00
	\$44 00

In addition the Juniors contributed \$8.55 to the Seminole Christmas box, and \$3.00 to furnish Christmas gifts to the Colored Mission recently established in Orlando. The Maitland Branch gave a special of \$6.00 to the

Church Home and Hospital, and Longwood Branch \$1.30 for an iron bedstead for the Mission at Cape Mount, Africa.

The next work the Bishop wishes the children to do is the furnishing of a room in the new department of the Church Home and Hospital—the Home for consumptives which the Jurisdiction is trying to establish during the coming year.

“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.



REPORT OF TREASURER.

From January, 1896, to January, 1897.

BRANCHES.	Specials.	Systematic Offerings.	Boxes.	Totals in Money and Boxes.
Brooksville—St. John's.....	\$ 3 67	\$ 1 00	\$ 4 67	
Courtenay—St. Luke's.....	1 02	40	1 42	
Eustis—St. Thomas'.....		15	15	
Longwood—Christ Church.....	1 30	1 34	2 00	4 64
Maitland—Good Shepherd.....	6 00	30 00	50	36 50
Orlando—St. Luke's.....		16 07	2 15	18 22
Punta Gorda—Good Shepherd.....		21 00	1 50	22 50
Sanford—Holy Cross.....		3 95	60	4 55
Tampa—St. Andrew's.....		1 00	25	1 25
Zellwood—St. James'.....				
Christmas offering from all the Branches for gifts to Colored Mission, Orlando.....			3 00	
	\$ 7 30	\$78 05	\$11 55	\$96 90

RECEIPTS.

Grand total from Branches	\$ 96 90
Help from various sources.....	44 00
Cash on hand from last year.....	16 66
Grand total.....	\$157 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to Miss Emery, pledge to Valle Crusis, N. C.	\$ 3 00
Check to Miss Emery, towards education of Chinese children	3 00
Subscription to Palm Branch for Mr. Gibbs.....	40
Special (Good Shepherd Branch, Maitland) Church Home and Hospital, Orlando.....	6 00
Special (Christ Church Branch, Longwood) iron bedstead, Cape Mount.....	1 30
Christmas box for Seminoles.....	8 55
Christmas box for Colored Mission.....	3 00
	\$25 25

Cash on hand for chancel furniture for Christ Church, Immokalee.....	\$132 31
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FANNIE C. GRAY,

Secretary and Treasurer Junior Dept, Southern Florida.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

REPORT.

While the Church Periodical Club has not accomplished all that we could desire nor a tithe what the work deserves, it is a satisfaction to know that, in spite of many drawbacks, we have not fallen behind the previous record.

With the history of the Club and the life of its founder, now a saint in Paradise, most of us are conversant. To quote from a report of the general secretary: "The Church Periodical Club was founded by Mrs. Mortimer Fargo for the purpose of supplying to clergymen and missionaries in remote parts of our country such periodicals and other literary matter as might be useful to them in their work, and otherwise inaccessible. Papers and magazines which, once read by the original subscribers, would be cast aside or buried in cupboards, may do missionary work, if the owners will remail to addresses furnished by the librarian, prepaying postage."

Just here I would emphasize the importance of sending as regularly as possible, in the same order as they come to subscribers, not spasmodically, and in quantities. In this, as in other matters, is the proverb true: "He gives twice who gives quickly." We have but to change places with the waiting recipients to realize it. [Postal laws.]

To return to report: "To give some idea of the necessity of this society, we might quote an extract from the letter of one clergyman who 'had not had a new book for twelve years,' of another who wrote to acknowledge a package sent, whose only writing paper was two old newspaper wrappers neatly cut to regulation size, who ended his letter with '\$250 a year can't afford to be proud.'"

In addition to the systematic work of the Club, there is desired files and odd numbers of such periodicals as have permanent value, and books, for the establishment

of reading rooms. Two have been aided within the year by this branch of the Club, and the grateful letters of the clergymen so helped in obtaining the good, long desired, would more than repay the givers for their gifts.

From the insane asylum and the convict camps—from diseased minds and sore hearts—comes the cry for the mental food which may ease them both.

Besides the circulation of the periodicals, there is also a need of money for the expenses of stationery and postage and the sending of large packages of books and papers by freight. There is a suggestion that every communicant should pay two cents a year towards defraying these expenses; a small sum indeed—too small possibly for some to think worthy of notice, but not too small, in the aggregate, to assist greatly in this much-needed work. A box is even now awaiting funds to send it on its way; the literature has been collected, and that is all the contributors feel able to provide. To some other is permitted a share in this gift. Those who have no literature to offer can, by contributions of money, take their part in the work. One clergyman, who also contributes two regular periodicals, realizing this need, has, unsolicited and out of comparative penury, sent one dollar as his share in such expenses. Truly a free-will offering.

Probably few realize how great have been the deprivations, since the fateful freeze of two years ago, in this very matter of doing without good books and papers. As one writes: “Will you kindly let me know what conditions one has to comply with to receive papers and periodicals through the C. P. C.? as the freeze has left us so that we cannot subscribe as usual for them.” To provide for such cases as this is a part of the work of the Church Periodical Club, for it is most necessary to keep alive and nurtured, not the body alone, but the mind as well.

Another need, and that not the least, in this widely scattered field is the aid, at different points, of the “one

woman who cares," to act as librarian and keep alive the interest in the work. [If any present can help me to find such persons I shall be glad, and will give any further desired information to those interested. It seems to me the work needs but to be known to command interest.]

A new Librarian, Mrs. Isaac Vanderpool, has just been appointed for Maitland, where we hope the work will soon be revived.

The active branches in the Jurisdiction, in order of Librarian's numbers, are as follows:

- No. 2. Mrs. E. H. Weed, Thonotosassa.
- No. 4. Miss Clara D. Hall, Eustis.
- No. 7. Mrs. Jerome K. Bruce, Sanford.
- No. 10. Miss Emma Lewis, Longwood.
- No. 12. Mrs. Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
- No. 13. Mrs. Joseph Forbes, Lakeland.
- No. 14. Miss Jennie E. Babbitt, Tampa.
- No. 15. Miss Mabel Hall, Leesburg.

These have contributed, Orlando leading, as becomes the See city, with 18 periodicals and 123 odd numbers.

Thonotosassa—9 periodicals, 344 odd numbers and 3 books.

- Sanford—7 periodicals and 525 odd numbers.
- Tampa—7 periodicals, odd numbers uncounted.
- Longwood—2 periodicals and 79 odd numbers.
- Eustis—1 periodical and 12 odd numbers.
- Leesburg—2 periodicals.
- Haines City—1 periodical.
- Dunedin—1 periodical.
- Narcoossee—1 periodical.

Total periodicals.....	51
Odd numbers, inclnding complete files.....	1,083
Books.....	3

Respectfully Submitted,

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