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Fifth Annual Report.

January, 1897, to January, 1898.

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Mrs. E. K. Foster..... Gainesville.

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OFFICERS OF JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER:

Mrs. Wm. Crane Gray..... Orlando.

The time and place of the Sixth Annual Meeting, in 1899,
will be appointed later.

Annual Meetings of Parochial Branches Easter Tuesday.

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting.

KEY WEST, Thursday, Jan. 27, 1898.

In St. Paul's church, Key West, at 9:30 a. m., the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. J. Neville Thompson, celebrated the Holy Communion.

The offertory was offered upon the altar in the alms basin which is to be the gift of the Southern Florida Auxiliary to the chapel in the Church Missions House. The Bishop showed it to the congregation and told them about it, then said: "The Church Missions House is the center of all the missionary work of the Church, so this gift will be a link between our work here and the whole Church. I like such tokens and symbols, for they form bonds of sympathy—beautiful, touching, lasting—between distant parts of the Church." He then referred to the gavel, made of six kinds of Florida wood, which was given by him to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and used in every session of the Lambeth Conference of 1897, saying that it linked the Church in Southern Florida to the whole Anglican Communion.

The Bishop's Address to the Auxiliary.

When God created Adam he left him not alone, but made woman to be a helpmeet for him—so, the Woman's Auxiliary is the faithful helper of the Bishop and clergy. It is indeed a great help, and I love to think of its work in these trying times. The treasurer's report shows the work done in spite of great difficulties. This brings a thought which I leave for your encouragement—the importance of persistence. In this age of pleasure and indulgence, to go on, in spite of trial, not despising the seeming smallness of the individual efforts. Such our

Lord commands, saying: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

The women of the Auxiliary, persevering on these lines, teach a good lesson to the world and a helpful one to me. Persevere, and if times are better the results of your work will be larger—and I hope the times WILL be better. History repeats itself and events come like waves; prosperity rides the crest, adversity struggles in the trough between. I like to look on the bright side of things, and even when walking in the Valley of Humiliation, to look up to the bright outlines of the Delectable Mountains, remembering that "all things are ours, and we are Christ's and Christ is God's."

Our Saviour has promised: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Times of trial make the opportunity and test of our steadfastness, as of old, the times of persecution. Those early martyrs gloried in their sufferings and gladly poured out their blood to win the crown. Times of discouragement will come, when you will feel as if you cannot do the work, but do not give it up—go on, persevere. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

The Bishop appointed the same officers for the ensuing year.

After this service the delegates adjourned to the Key West Library room in the Masonic Temple, where, at 10:45 a. m., the president called the meeting to order.

Mrs. L. E. Moss was appointed secretary of the meeting.

The roll was called by Branches, showing an attendance of thirty-three delegates, from seven Branches, viz: St. Paul's, Key West; Grace, Ocala; St. Luke's, Orlando; Holy Cross, Sanford; St. Andrew's, Tampa; Trinity, Thonotosassa.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The president made her annual address.

Report of the treasurer, Mrs. Sperry, adopted. On motion, a rising vote of thanks was given to the treasurer for the faithful and accurate fulfillment of her laborious duties.

Report of the secretary, Miss Parkhill, adopted.

On motion, the president appointed a committee to frame a suitable memorial of Rev. Wm. S. Langford, the late general secretary of the Board of Missions. Committee: Mrs. Henrietta Pell-Clarke, Mrs. L. W. Weddell, Mrs. Emma E. Warren.

Letters were read from the Branches at Avon Park and Courtenay.

It being now the hour of noon, business was suspended for the Mid-Day Prayers. These were offered by Rev. Wm. H. Bates, who came from the Convocation by invitation of the president for that purpose.

Report of the secretary-treasurer of the Junior Department and Babies' Branch, Mrs. Gray, adopted. A short recess was taken for informal discussion of this branch of the work, resulting in four volunteers to take charge of the Juniors in this parish, viz: Mrs. Jno. Sawyer, Mrs. G. B. Patterson, Mrs. L. W. Bethel, Mrs. G. Boker. Many baby boxes were distributed, the first payment made, and Miss Lily Watlington volunteered to look after them.

The report of the Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Weddell, adopted.

The alms-basin for the Church Missions House Chapel was passed around for inspection as its history was being told.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. Gilbert Higgs, secretary of the Convocation, came to report the action of the Convocation upon the Auxiliary reports and to bring its resolutions, as follows:

Mrs. E. K. Foster, President of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Wm. C. Gray, Secretary and Treasurer of the Junior Department:

RESOLVED, That this Convocation recognize the indispensable assistance of the Woman's Auxiliary and Junior Branch in carrying on the work of 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 both branches during this present session.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Comstock:

RESOLVED, That Art. X of the Constitution, which reads, "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," shall be amended to read as follows: "There shall be an annual meeting of delegates from the Branches, the time and place to be appointed by the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Bishop."

After a full and animated discussion this was passed as a proposed change, to be decided at an adjourned meeting in the spring.

An invitation from the delegates from St. Luke's Branch, Orlando, to hold the meeting there, was accepted, provided the rector gives his consent.

The committee on the memorial of Dr. Langford reported as follows, which was reverently adopted by a rising vote:

MEMORIAL.

In common with their sisters of the North, East and West, and from all quarters of the world, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, assembled in Key West, on Thursday, January the 27th, 1898, desire to put on record their appreciation of the great loss which the cause of missions has sustained in the death of the Rev. Dr. Langford. His winning personality, his entire devotion and sympathetic zeal in the ser-

vice of his Master, the cheerful and untiring assistance which he was ever ready to give to the Woman's Auxiliary, must endear him forever in the hearts of all its members.

Respectfully,

HENRIETTA PELL-CLARKE,
L. W. WEDDELL,
EMMA E. WARREN,

Committee.

On motion, it was decided to send two missionary boxes this year. St. Paul's Branch, Key West, offered to fill and pack the Easter box without assistance from other Branches. Holy Cross Branch, Sanford, offered to pack the Advent box; both of which offers were accepted.

On motion, it was decided to send, as is our custom, \$25.00 of the Systematic Offering to Miss Emery for Foreign Missions, undesignated.

Pledges were then made for the Contingent Fund, as follows: Orlando, \$5.00; Key West, \$5.00; Winter Park, \$10.00; Sanford, \$3.00; Thonotosassa, \$2.00; Tampa, \$5.00.

A letter was received and read by the president from our beloved general secretary, Miss Julia C. Emery, sending love and greetings to the Southern Florida Auxiliary. On motion, it was directed that a letter of thanks for her thoughtful interest in us and our work, be sent to Miss Emery.

The United Offering was explained by the vice president, the latest leaflet on the subject read, and a number of mite boxes taken.

The secretary read a report of local work done in several places, a space having been offered in our printed report for these, so as to present as far as possible, as a whole, the work done by women in Southern Florida and as "Woman's Work."

The claims of the Church Home and Hospital in Orlando—which belongs to the whole Jurisdiction—were explained by Mrs. Foster and a letter read from the deaconess in charge, Mrs. Emma Britt Drant, asking the prayers of the Auxiliary and gifts of vegetables, old cotton cloth, etc.

In response to an appeal for the support of the Palm Branch nearly thirty subscriptions were given.

Mrs. Comstock offered the following resolution which was passed by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That we, the visiting delegates of the Woman's Auxiliary, extend to St. Paul's Branch our hearty thanks for the courteous reception and kindly hospitality given to us during our stay in Key West.

The motion for adjournment had just been made when the Bishop and Rev. W. W. DeHart came in. The Bishop spoke a few more earnest words to us, charging us to be ever faithful in prayer, that our gifts may be accepted, for the two must go together if we would make our own, the angel's message to Cornelius—"Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

The Bishop offered the closing prayers, and all joined heartily in singing the Doxology accompanied by the piano played by a lady of Key West.

LYDIA E. MOSS,
Secretary of the Meeting.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,
Diocesan Secretary.



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Address of the President.

DEAR WOMEN OF THE AUXILIARY:

During a two months' absence from Florida last summer, it was my pleasure and privilege to tell in different places, the story of our Bishop's work, and of the love and sympathy felt by the women of the Auxiliary of Southern Florida in this work. Since then it has occurred to me that a few words to our women might be helpful and incite them to renewed effort and more earnest prayer. The Bishop labors among the white and colored, the Cubans and the Indians.

His territory includes an area of 40,000 square miles and it is his custom to visit each parish and mission at least twice every year. These places are often far distant, one from the other, and to reach them all requires much time and traveling. The railway car and steamer are used when practicable, but the buckboard and pony are often the only means of reaching members of the Church who are longing for the Word and Sacraments; and each year there is the journey made into the Everglades to the Seminole Indians, where the Bishop has formed a Mission. All of this requires time and strength and outlay of money; and this is the cause that the women of the Auxiliary are quietly and systematically, and yet continually, endeavoring to sustain. As Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, we have an object lesson constantly before us, and one that I trust will broaden and expand the whole of our work. Knowing and realizing our own needs should make us keenly alive to the wants of others, and as we learn of the help that is extended to us, may we ever be trying to do our share for others. To enable us to carry out this idea we need to cultivate in our hearts and lives the spirit of consecration; we want to bring forward constantly the devotional part of the Auxiliary work. One of the greatest draw-

backs is the lack of interest in our monthly meetings. It is much easier to give up an entire day to do the collecting than it is to persuade even a few to come to the meeting; they think it is all very dull and they would rather stay away; they tell you that there are only a few prayers and some uninteresting reading about missions and missionaries, of whom, if the truth were told, I doubt if they would know anything at all. At the Missionary Council Mrs. Abbott gave the Auxiliary motto: "Know and you will feel; know and you will pray; know and you will work;"—and I wish that each woman in Southern Florida would have it printed and placed where she could meditate upon it every day. If you pick up the most fascinating book that is printed in an unknown language, can you enter into its spirit; and if you attend a meeting and know nothing of the Missions or the Missionaries, can you expect to be interested? So I beg of you to read the *Spirit of Missions* and your own Church paper, and be so thoroughly informed that you will go to the next monthly meetings full of intelligent interest. The Secretary will furnish all who desire them, copies of our service of prayer, set forth by the Bishop, and I beg you to read it carefully and devoutly; there you will find among other prayers one for the Bishop, and one for the Clergy, and one especially for the Woman's Auxiliary. There is great power in united prayer, and it is a source of strength and comfort to your Bishop to know that each month from the thirty-five Branches of the Auxiliary in Southern Florida there goes up the earnest prayer that he may be strengthened spiritually and defended from temporal harm. There will be a blessing, too, in the united prayer for our Clergy and for the Woman's Auxiliary. So I beg you to begin this New Year with the determination of attending the monthly meetings and doing your part towards making them interesting and helpful.

For the good works of the past year I commend you most heartily. It is so good to see each month in the

Palm Branch the list of systematic offerings; they constitute a fund on which the Treasurer can depend for the Bishop's needs. For your encouragement I quote from the Treasurer's letters, written to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary: "Thank you for your check; the dull times seem to have no effect upon your treasury. It is a blessing that it is so and I know that the aid you give the Bishop is great." And again: "The amount is very satisfactory and helps greatly towards the payment of the stipends. The Woman's Auxiliary is doing a noble work in spite of hard times." These letters were written in June and July, the long hot months. Too much cannot be said in favor of systematic giving. It is the easiest way to give and the most helpful. Small sums given regularly are of greater value than the occasional gift of a large amount.

Will you bear this in mind when called upon to contribute to the Contingent Fund? This is a very necessary fund and without it the Palm Branch would have to cease its regular monthly visits. It requires seven dollars and a half to print it each month and the bill must be met promptly. At the price of twenty-five cents a year you can see that we cannot depend upon subscriptions alone for its support, but need the voluntary pledges from the Branches to meet this expense. There are also expenses of postage, stationery and printing of the Annual Report to be met, and I trust that you will be generous in your contributions to the Contingent Fund.

Next October, in Washington, there will be the meeting of the General Convention, and at the same time the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary; this meeting is signalized by a United Offering from every Branch in the Auxiliary; from Alaska to Southern Florida, from China, Japan and Africa, the offerings are sent; and heaped upon the golden Alms Basin they are presented as Holy Offerings, UNITED Offerings. This year the object is to educate, train and support women for the service of the Lord. These women, dear friends, are to

give themselves to the blessed work of carrying the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps among us there may be one who may offer herself to this service, but there are many who cannot, even if they would, and of you I ask that you will make an offering to render the lives of these devoted women more comfortable. Some of you know Mrs. Brierly and of her work in Africa, where she died after long years of service; the work went on. Dr. Walrath and Miss Higgins are following in her steps, and doing heroic work. The fatal African fever fastens upon all white persons in that climate and it is ever a fight against the fever and the weakness that follows. They are striving to teach the native girls to take their places. Shall we not hold up their hands? Will you not remember them by name and pray for them?

It is most gratifying to read the letter written by the Sister in response to the box that was sent to the girls in the mountains of Tennessee, and it is blessed to feel that we have been able to do something this year outside of our own jurisdiction. The Easter and the Advent boxes testify to this, and in spite of hard times, and failures, and many discouragements, the boxes were stocked and we are none the poorer for our giving. The boxes have become such well established facts that I am sure we will all be ready to respond to the call whenever it will be made.

Heretofore we have given each year twenty-five dollars to the Foreign work and sent it undesignated to Miss Emery, who has sent it where it seemed best. Shall we continue in this way, or shall we read and study and inform ourselves, in order to select some special field? Would it not be well to study up some Mission and the Missionary that we may have greater interest in the Foreign work?

The reports of the different officers will show you the progress made during the past year and I commend them to your careful attention.

The Junior Auxiliary is of vital importance, for they are the ones to come forward when our work is done and we have passed away. In every Branch where the Juniors are organized, let it be your care to assist and encourage, and bear in mind that it is not a separate organization.

The Babies' Branch appeals to every one who loves and cares for a little child. It is the careful early training of the child that produces the mature Christian man or woman. Introduce the Babies' Branch wherever practicable; let them have their share in hastening the coming of our Lord.

The C. P. C. is doing a quiet work, carrying into many homes the new book, or magazine, or the church paper. It requires system and loving thought to pass on your papers and books, but in this part of the country where there are few public libraries or reading rooms the C. P. C. carries a blessing wherever it goes.

I cannot close without speaking of the loss that has come to the Church, in the death of Dr. Langford, her efficient Secretary of the Board of Missions. His enthusiasm, sound judgment, and devotion to the cause of Missions, made him a power in the Church. For his beautiful example we give God thanks, and pray that a worthy successor may be raised up in his stead.

Praying God to bless every effort to spread abroad His Word, and to increase in us the Christ-like Spirit of Faith, Hope, and Love, let us look calmly and trustfully on all the possibilities of the year that is before 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:

The total offerings during the past year in money and boxes, as by treasurer's report appended, is \$1,252.29, and including the Junior and Baby Branch offerings, \$1,353.64. Realizing that this report must be either very general or else inaccurate unless founded upon individual Branch reports at the end of the year, your secretary sent out in November, a blank report to each parochial secretary. From the thirty-five sent out there have come responses from thirty, which have been tabulated, and from that table this report is now rendered.

Two new Branches have been organized—in Lakeland and Avon Park. Two have been sadly hindered by illness and other calamities—Courtenay and Ocoee—but the hearts of the members are still in the work. Not a single Branch has lapsed.

Five of the Branches have each held twelve meetings during the past year, one reports fourteen, one holds two each month, and one has weekly meetings for needle work besides the monthly one for prayer and reading. The day of meeting differs, owing to the necessities of the Branches, but in all the time is placed as near as possible to the "First Monday."

One Branch only reported, "not always opened with prayer;" the other twenty-nine being quite emphatic in their affirmative.

The largest average attendance at the meetings was in Longwood—twelve. Seven Branches report an average increase in numbers, from one to five; only one a decrease; the others holding their own. Twelve Branches have "studied missions." In four of these, papers on mission subjects have been prepared and read in the

meetings by various members, and there were readings from the Spirit of Missions, the Palm Branch, and other church papers and leaflets, in every Branch but two.

Six Branches subscribe for the Spirit of Missions, the several members contributing.

Twenty-four only, report subscribers for the Palm Branch, but it is sent to every parochial officer.

Nine Branches have worked for the Church Periodical Club.

As a whole the pecuniary part of the work is an advance upon that of the past year.

The letters from the secretaries to the Palm Branch have been more frequent and full.

With each of these reports came a friendly letter containing many details and pleasant expressions of brave persistence, quiet zeal, or enthusiastic encouragement, and every one imbued with deep love for the Divine Master for whom they work.

Looking out through all these upon the field of woman's work, which you have entrusted to our care, I see a growth in every direction but one. The organization is more compact; as a machine, it is in better working order; it is more instinct with life and intelligence; there is more esprit du corps; and altogether it seems to have risen to a higher plane. The one thing lacking is increase in numbers, the spread of this zeal and interest. To this end we ask the aid of our "pastors and masters" who have the greatest power to accomplish this. Every Branch reported having TRIED to "increase the number of active members," but with apparently little success. You, Right Reverend Father, have ever been our tower of strength, will you not, during the coming year, in all your journeyings, speak especially on this point, urging that the women shall ALL attend the monthly meetings for prayer, and to engage earnestly in the STUDY of the subject of missions? And will you not ask your clergy to do the same?

The Diocesan officers have during the year visited

several of our Parochial Branches, and three of them have made use of the opportunity given them to present the needs of your Jurisdiction in the Auxiliary Meeting in Milwaukee, and in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D. C.

The Parochial Branches have united in sending, as a thank-offering, for the aid given to us by the Auxiliary and the church at large, a carved alms-basin, to be used in the Chapel of the Missions House, New York. It is made of palmetto wood and cedar, bearing upon its rim the symbol of this Auxiliary Branch and the legend: "For the Love of Christ." On the bottom, the same symbol, surrounded by "W. Aux. S. Fla."

The Palm Branch has been kept up in its enlarged form, each month's issue having been promptly paid for. Five Diocesan papers have asked exchange: Fond du Lac, Detroit, Albany, Alabama, Illinois. We have heard many good opinions of its mission and of the good it is doing, which encourage us to continue the struggle for its maintenance. The women of Southern Florida as a whole do not seem to have grasped the idea of their responsibility in this matter, and I do not know of anything which would reveal it to them so quickly and clearly as a few words from their beloved and revered Bishop.

Again in rendering our account of the trust you have laid upon us, we would give thanks and praise for all that we see has been accomplished, to HIM who chooses "the weak things of the world" with which to do his work, "that no flesh should glory in His presence, but glory in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,

KEY WEST, FLA., Jan. 27, 1898.

Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer.

From January 1, 1897, to January 1, 1898.

BRANCHES.

	Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Boxes.	Alms-Basin.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Avon Park—Redeemer	\$ 14 91	\$ 2 60	\$ 19 70	\$ 10	\$ 17 61		
Bartow—Trinity	16 75	2 45	6 31			45 71	
Brooksville—St. John's	11 25	90	90	5 33		18 38	
Clearwater—Ascension	8 50	1 00		1 65		11 15	
Cocoa—St. Mark's	9 90	1 75		8 25	50	20 40	
Conway—Holy Trinity	20 00	22 10	2 00	1 91		46 01	
Courtenay—St. Luke's		50			6 00		6 50
Daytona—St. Mary's	29 63	3 30	2 50	20 40	95	56 78	
DeLand—St. Barnabas'	55 97	3 00		2 00	30	61 27	
Dunedin—Good Shepherd	4 20	50	30			5 00	
Eustis—St. Thomas'	16 16			1 45	8 30	1 00	26 91
Fort Meade—Christ	19 75		1 25	1 00		10	22 10
Key West—St. Paul's	123 41		50		3 00		126 91
Kissimmee				55			55
Lakeland—All Saints'		3 90	25		1 50	40	6 05
Lake Mary—Mission		4 23			25		4 48
Lake Worth—Bethesda-by-the-Sea		20 00					20 00
Leesburg—St. James'		21 20	25				21 45
Longwood—Christ		11 34	2 02	25	14 50		28 11
Matliland—Good Shepherd		20 50			7 70	50	28 70
Manatee River—Christ		17 25			2 90	35	19 60
Merritt—Grace		5 00		1 50	6 40		12 90
Montclair—St. John's		1 20					1 20
Myers—St. Luke's		3 55					3 55
Narcossee—St. Peter's		14 09	1 00	3 20	8 75	70	27 74
Ocala—Grace		26 88	5 00	1 04	14 70	1 00	48 62
Orlando—St. Luke's		85 00	6 20	6 00	52 20	1 00	150 40
Punta Gorda—Good Shepherd		1 75		2 25	12 20		16 20
Sanford—Holy Cross		58 10	7 42	13 90	17 75	80	97 97
St. Petersburg—St. Peters'		9 95	1 50				11 45
Tampa—St. Andrew's		58 32	5 20	2 02	22 80	1 00	89 34
Thonotosassa—Trinity		5 50	1 00	1 95	6 10	1 00	15 55
Titusville—St. Gabriel's		24 75		2 35		25	27 35
Winter Park—All Saints'		17 54	1 50	50	4 00	25	23 79
Zellwood—St. James'		14 15	1 00		5 50	1 00	21 65
Cash	5 00		89 91				94 91
Mrs. W. C. Comstock			10 00	6 00			16 00
Junior report		73 00			2 45	25	77 70
Total	\$25 00	\$830 23	\$151 25	\$56 13	\$253 43	\$11 95	\$1329 99

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1897	\$ 33 05
Systematic Offerings	757 23
Contingent Fund	151 25
United Offering	56 13
Alms-Basin	11 95
Specials	25 00
Total	\$1,034 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Missionary Work in Jurisdiction	\$ 728 00
For Foreign Missions	25 00
For General Missions (in memory of Dr. Langford)	5 00
For Bishop's Special Fund	20 00
For Printing and other expenses	142 41
On deposit for United Offering	56 13
On deposit for Alms-Basin	11 95
Balance December 31	46 12

Total \$1,034 61

MRS. E. F. SPERRY, Treasurer.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.**FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.**

Partly owing to the hard times and the many removals of willing workers, and partly to the long continued absence from the Jurisdiction of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Auxiliary, the present report falls somewhat behind that of last year. At that time there were ten Branches. Soon after the annual meeting three more were organized, but during the year three of the smaller ones have disintegrated, chiefly from removals, leaving at the present time the same total of ten Branches. The Junior offerings, amounting to \$44.05, are this year devoted to the Church Hospital, offerings which though small, represent earnest self-denial on the part of these little ones, which I trust may be accepted by Him, who when on earth took the children in his arms and blessed them.

During her long absence, however, your Secretary was not entirely idle. While in Philadelphia various invitations to speak about Church work in Southern Florida being received, she was able to accept six of them and made Missionary addresses to the Junior Auxiliary and their parents in Andalusia, Penna., where an offering of \$12.44 was taken for the work; to the Sunday School of St. Andrews', West Philadelphia, who promised \$25.00 of their Easter money; to the Missionary Society of St. Andrews, Philadelphia, who in addition to a Christmas Bundle already promised the Bishop for distribution, added gifts for the Sunday School of 24 scholars, at Myers, Florida; to the Missionary Society of the Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia; to Miss Coles' Bible Class of some 100 ladies; and to the Indian Hope Association. These last three all being specially interested in Indians, promised help for the Seminole mission in the near future, having already been helpers in the past. I am also glad to announce as the fruit of a correspondence

commenced some eighteen months since, that the Indian Department of the Auxiliary of Newark has just promised \$50.00 per annum towards the salary of the Missionary to the Seminoles.

The somewhat discouraging report of the Juniors may in a measure be set off by the establishment of the Babies' Branch, numbering 57 members. From each of these babies is received, as the name is enrolled, five cents its first gift to Missions. These "first gifts" amounting to \$2.85, have been sent to Miss Emery for the Chinese Baby House, to assist in the rescue and training of Chinese girl babies. Each week, on the first day of the week, each member of the Babies' Branch drops into the little box the offering put into its little hand and offers with its own lips, or when too young by those of its mother, the prayer that God will bless the missionaries all over the world, and all the little helpers, for Jesus' sake. "When some special mercy to the little one fills the heart of the father or mother with gratitude, they may be glad to put into baby's box, a thank offering. If the little ones are transplanted to Paradise their work does not cease, but each Sunday a penny is put into the box by the mother, or one of the other children, in memory of the little one, and a prayer offered for the children in the world."

We began our roll with the names of four of these transplanted little lambs, and during the year God hath called three more of them to be with Him in Paradise, viz:

Joshua Coffin Chase, Sanford.

Aleck Sanderlin, Avon Park.

Watlington Cold, Key West.

"Safely, safely gathered in,
Far from sorrow, far from sin;
No more childish griefs or fears,
No more sadness, no more tears;
For the life so young and fair
Now hath passed from earthly care;
God Hirself the soul will keep,
Giving His beloved sleep."

The systematic offering from the Babies' Boxes, this first year, amounting to \$20.80, is according to the rules of the Branch, divided equally between the Foreign, the Domestic and the Diocesan work. Accordingly I have sent to Miss Emery \$6.93 for Foreign, \$6.93 for Domestic and the remaining \$6.94 for the Diocesan has been placed, by the consent of the Bishop, with the Junior fund for the Hospital.

May our Heavenly Father "bless all the members of the Junior Auxiliary with wisdom, zeal and constancy in their work for Him."

FANNIE C. GRAY, Secretary.

ORLANDO, Florida.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

From January, 1897, to January, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Brooksville, St. John's Branch	\$1 50
Lakeland, All Saints' Branch	8 10
Courtenay, St. Luke's Branch	
Longwood, Christ Church Branch	1 24
Maitland, Good Shepherd Branch	
Orlando, St. Luke's Branch	19 28
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd Branch	2 90
Sanford, Holy Cross Branch	1 25
Tampa, St. Andrew's Branch	3 10
Zellwood, St. James' Branch	3 00
Chetwynd, Min. Chil. League	3 68
 Total	 \$ 44 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Specials—All Saints', Lakeland:	
Home Church Building Fund	\$ 5 00
Easter Box	1 25
Alms Basin	25 \$6 50
Special—Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda:	
Christmas Box	1 20 7 70
 Total cash on hand for Hospital Fund	 \$ 36 35

FANNIE C. GRAY, Treasurer Jun. Aux.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF BABIES' BRANCH.

From January, 1897, to January, 1898.

Members enrolled, 57; members reporting, 44.

RECEIPTS.

“First Gifts”	\$ 2 85
Systematic Offerings	20 80
Contributions:—	
Mrs. H., Orange Lake	\$ 2 50
Mrs. C., Winter Park	3 00
Mrs. G., Orlando	2 50
Miss T., Chetwynd	1 00
Miss E., Carrollton, Miss.	1 00
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Total raised	\$ 33 65
Expenses:—	
Printing Leaflets	\$ 3 00
Printing Cards	5 00
Babies' Boxes	90
Postage	1 10
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Total, less expenses	\$ 23 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Chinese Baby House, “First Gifts”	\$ 2 85
Domestic Missions	6 93
Foreign Missions	6 93
Diocesan Missions	6 94
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Total	\$ 23 65

FANNIE C. GRAY, Treas. Babies' Branch.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

Having expected the general secretary, from New York, to be with us to-day, who could tell us so much of interest concerning the work throughout the country, I made my own report as brief as possible. It is some mitigation of our own disappointment to have her say, as in a recent letter: "It is a real disappointment to me, and please say how very sorry I am not to be with you this year, but, maybe if you ask me again I can come." In this hope we rest for another year.

We have made progress during the past year in the number of regular periodicals sent out, which is the most desirable part of the work, forming, as it does, a continuous, ever-flowing stream of beneficence. Some have been discontinued, as must always be the case, but others have been added to make an increase over the previous year. The odd numbers, including files have been nearly doubled.

Money for paying freight on large boxes, and other needful expenses, has been received from three sources, besides a gift from the Bishop, and, I am happy to say, one of the three was a lady of this parish. I do not think the two cents a year asked from each communicant is grudged to the cause. The trouble seems to be in the lack of some one person in each parish or mission sufficiently interested to collect the small amounts and forward them. I shall be glad to receive the names of those willing to undertake this important canvass in their respective missions.

We have recently added to our number of active Librarians, one at Merritt, the first on the East Coast, who makes a very auspicious beginning.

There have been sent out from this Jurisdiction, during the past year, seventy-one regular periodicals; two thousand and sixty odd numbers; and twenty-five books,

as follows: Orlando, 19 regulars, 25 odd numbers; Thonotosassa, 9 regulars, 304 odd numbers, 6 books; Sanford, 7 regulars, 416 odd numbers, 2 books; Longwood, 5 regulars, 276 odd numbers; Merritt, 5 regulars; Tampa, 5 regulars; Haines City, 4 regulars; Bartow, 3 regulars; Winter Park, 3 regulars; Lakeland, 2 regulars; Narcoossee, 2 regulars; Port Tampa City, 2 regulars; Eustis, 1 regular, 969 odd numbers; Maitland, 70 odd numbers, 17 books; Avon Park, 1 regular; Braidentown, 1 regular; Dunedin, 1 regular; Ft. Meade, 1 regular.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. WEDDELL,
Correspondent.



LOCAL WORK.

Knowing that there is a vast amount of work done by women in every parish mission for their own spiritual homes, besides that done in the Auxiliary, it seems well to gather it into a report and place it beside that of the Auxiliary, in order that a true idea may be formed of the real amount of work being done by the women of Southern Florida. The work is ONE whether its object is near or afar, and it seems well for the workers to go hand in hand. To this end the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary offered a page in its Annual Report and through its Secretary, invited reports from all local Guilds and Societies.

This first experiment—after the manner of first efforts—has not been entirely successful, only a few having responded and most of the reports being vague and general. We are glad, however, to record all that has been sent, giving praise to God for all this noble work done for His greater glory.

TAMPA—St. Andrew's Guild is paying the debt on the rectory by systematic collections; making vestments; visiting the sick and the strangers. Hyde Park Guild has held one successful bazaar and two teas, followed by a series of afternoon teas, the proceeds of which have been used to aid the choir, the organ fund, and to the construction of a study for the Rector. The Daughters of the King have given a memorial cross for Mrs. Matilda Wall, for whom the Chapter is named; attended to the Altar, and aided the Rector in visiting the sick and strangers.

COCOA—St. Mark's Guild has provided windows; paid the organist; paid to the Rector, \$85.00; Diocesan fund, \$7.50; insurance, \$10.00; for Church lamps, \$7.50; keep the Church grounds in order, and have helped others

beyond their own borders. Their modes of work are bazaars, art exhibits and needlework.

LAKE WORTH—Auxiliary and Guild in one. For protection and care of Church and grounds, \$200.00; to the Rector's assistant, \$100.00; insurance, \$200.00; to the Auxiliary, \$20.00.

KEY WEST—St. Paul's parish. The societies are: the Ladies' Aid, Altar Guild, and Daughters of the King.

ORLANDO—St. Luke's Guild, 15 members. Results of year's work \$127.00; paid balance on organ, \$64.00; organist's salary, \$39.00; six Welsbach lights in the Church, \$13.40; music, \$3.00; and also for laundering surplices, extra lamp shades, chimneys, etc.

SANFORD—Parish Helpers paid interest on the rectory debt and several other small debts. Daughters of the King.

DELAND—St. Barnabas' Guild—Results of year's work, \$200.00; made by bazaars, needle work and Guild bakery.

PUNTA GORDA—Altar Guild aids in defraying expense of keeping up services. Gifts received through it: an Altar in memoriam, Dr. Adams of Nashota, from his widow and son; Altar cloths; church bell.

CONWAY—Auxiliary and local society in one. Results of work for both, \$88.00.

WINTER PARK—Clerical suit given to the Rector.

AVON PARK—The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Redeemer. Results, \$20.34; gifts, \$5.00.

TITUSVILLE—St. Gabriel's Guild, 15 members. Results, \$65.00; gifts \$20.00.

OCALA—St. Margaret's Guild, 28 members. Results, \$181.17.

MANATEE RIVER—Christ Church Guild, 22 members. Results, \$80.50. It has had the church building painted.

DAYTONA—St. Mary's Guild, 20 members. Gifts through the Guild, Altar cloths.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the

BARTOW—Holy Cross Guild, 13 members. Results, \$74.40.

BROOKSVILLE—Bazaars, \$103.85.

MELBOURNE—Holy Trinity Church Guild. Results, \$164.00, made by bazaars and suppers; used for painting the church building outside, staining and varnishing within, purchase of carpets and stained windows.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,
Secretary Southern Florida Auxiliary.



