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Woman's Auxiliary.



Sixth Annual Report.

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TO THE

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OFFICERS 1899.

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Mrs. J. H. Weddell.....Thonotosassa.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT AND BABIES' BRANCH.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER:

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

The time and place of the Seventh Annual Meeting will
be appointed later by the Executive Committee
and approved by the Bishop.

Annual Meetings of Parochial Branches Easter Tuesday.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

ORLANDO, FLA., March 30th and 31st, 1898.

Wednesday, March 30th, was kept as a Quiet Day. The Holy Communion was celebrated; all the services being conducted and the instructions given by the Bishop.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Thursday, March 31st.—After prayer by the Rector, Rev. J. J. Andrew, the meeting was called to order by the President at 9:45 a. m.

The roll call showed 32 delegates present, representing 11 Branches.

The minutes of the Annual meeting were read and corrected. On page 8 of the printed minutes, instead of "The motion for adjournment had just been made," read "The meeting adjourned to meet in Orlando in March."

The special business before the meeting was announced by the President to be the proposed change in Article X of the Constitution, giving the reasons for the same.

ART. X.

The Annual Meeting of the delegates from all the Branches shall be held at the same time and place as the Convocation of the Jurisdiction.

PROPOSED CHANGE.

ART. X.

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 short discussion, making some points in the matter clearer, it was moved and seconded that the amendment to Art. X shall be adopted, which was passed unanimously.

By request of one of the delegates, the President explained the "United Offering," after which United Offering mite boxes were distributed. She then spoke of the Contingent Fund and the urgent necessity for it to pay for the monthly issue of the Palm Branch and other current expenses of the Society, calling for pledges for its support.

The Secretary then spoke of the Easter and Advent Boxes.

The Secretary Treasurer of the Junior Department and Babies' Branch spoke of them, distributing baby boxes.

The Vice-President spoke of that Diocesan institution, the Church Home and Hospital.

The following resolution was passed by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That we, the visiting delegates of the Woman's Auxiliary, extend hearty thanks for the courteous reception extended to us during this visit.

By invitation, Bishop Whipple, having arrived, made an address in his usual helpful and happy manner.

Mrs. Emma Britt Drant, Deaconess in charge of the Church Home and Hospital, made a most interesting address.

It was moved and seconded that, after the reading and approval of the minutes of this meeting, it shall be adjourned sine die.

The minutes were then read and approved. The Doxology was sung. The President declared the meeting adjourned.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

On the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 18th, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary and the congregation of St. Mary's church, Daytona, met for a missionary service.

The speakers were the Rev. C. W. Arnold, of Daytona, who presented the "Claims of Foreign Missions;" the Ven. Archdeacon Brown, who made an address on "Intelligent Giving," and the Rev. C. M. Sturges, who spoke on "The Spiritual Side of Auxiliary Work."

Mrs. Chapin, of New York, the secretary of the Church Periodical Club, made an interesting address upon that branch of the work.

The Bishop, in closing, said that of each would be required an account of the talents entrusted to us, and that prayers and alms together go up to the throne of God.

The offering was devoted to Foreign and Domestic Missions.



MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

On Thursday, Jan. 19th, at 9 a. m., there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being the celebrant; the Rector, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, assisting.

The Bishop at this time appointed the officers for the ensuing year.

The Bishop's Address.

I can but tell you the old, old story, which is ever new—the importance of work for missions and its all-embracing character.

Christ made it plain to the apostles that the message of redemption pertains to all the universe, His last command, before returning to His Father's throne, being: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"—"to the ends of the earth"—"to every creature." The message is for each Christian soul in each generation "until the end of the world," for He promises "to be with" all until that time.

Not every one can leave home and kindred and "go" bodily, but all can go in spirit, and give of their substance for the support of their substitutes who have gone with our Lord's message. Under the Jewish Law, a certain portion of each person's income was commanded to be given to the Lord. Since Christ came there is only the Law of Love, but our righteousness is to "exceed" that of "the scribes and Pharisees." Spiritual motives and power are greater than the Law—and the greater includes the less—so a Christian should give a larger portion than a Jew of old bound only by the Law. Christ taught his followers to give more than the Jew. The Woman's Auxiliary is teaching the almost lost art of systematic giving—not only to adults, but even to the children and babies. There are none of us who cannot give more than we do, none who cannot deny ourselves

some luxury—something that can be done without. Put the Kingdom of God FIRST.

The service in which we are engaged to-day is not an invention of modern times—not of the English Church—it is not new. I engaged in the same service (Holy Communion) in St. Martin's church, Canterbury, which had been celebrated there without intermission for 1,700 years. In it we "CONSECRATE OURSELVES;" we are a part of Christ's body, and He has left His work on earth for us to do. We are a part of the same body which has been coming down to us through 2,000 years and of which Christ is the head, and imbued with His spirit, it cannot fall. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

This leads to my final thought: What we do for Him we must do in reliance upon Him; we must do our best, as if all depended upon us; but having done our best, leave all the rest to Him; recognize the invisible power of Christ which is behind all faithful doing. Let faith and works ever go together. Work hard and trust in Christ.

The age of miracles is not past. Only God's protecting power could have given that wonderful victory at Manila without loss to the victors. There were men in the Spanish ships so brave that they went down to death rather than surrender. They had modern guns and fired many shots, and only God's power could have so completely protected our ships and men. God has a great work for the English speaking people—both English and American—to lift up the downtrodden, civilize the barbarous and give the pure gospel to those who have been groaning under Spanish tyranny for 400 years.

The work lies before the English speaking race—and the time is short.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:30 by the president.

The roll-call by the secretary, showed 23 delegates present, representing 11 Branches.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The president made her annual address.

Report of the treasurer, Mrs. Sperry, adopted.

Report of the secretary, Miss Parkhill, adopted.

A report on Local Work was also read by the secretary.

A letter from Miss Emery was received and read, bringing greetings to the Southern Florida Auxiliary, and enclosing a circular appeal for Bishop Graves' work among the women in China. On motion, a vote of thanks was passed to Miss Emery for her remembrance of us at this time.

The report of Mrs. Gray, secretary-treasurer of the Junior and Babies' Branches, was read and adopted.

At 12 o'clock a pause for Mid-day Prayer was made. The prayers were offered by the Rev. H. W. Little.

The report of the correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Weddell, was read and adopted.

At 1 o'clock recess was taken for luncheon, served at the rectory.

Business was resumed at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Massey, of Orlando, 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. Mary's Branch our hearty thanks for the courteous reception and kindly hospitality given to us during our stay in Daytona.

On motion, it was decided to send two missionary boxes, as usual.

St. Paul's Branch, Key West, had offered to provide and send the Advent box.

St. Barnabas' Branch, DeLand, volunteered to pack the Easter box, to be provided by contributions from all the Branches.

Mrs. Gillette, of Tampa, offered the following resolutions, each of which was passed:

RESOLVED, That the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Florida give \$25 from the Systematic Offerings to Miss Emery for Foreign Missions.

RESOLVED, That we increase, by voluntary offerings, our usual gift of \$25 to \$50, and send the whole amount to Miss Emery for the Ladies' House in Hankow, for the band of women to work among women.

Pledges were then made for the Contingent Fund as follows: Conway \$1.00, Daytona \$1.00, DeLand \$5.00, Longwood 50c; Merritt 50c, New Smyrna \$1.00, Orlando \$5.00, Sanford 50c, Tampa \$5.00, Thonotosassa 50c.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

The Rev. H. W. Little offered the closing prayers and, after singing the Doxology, the president declared the meeting adjourned.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,

Associate Secretary.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Secretary.



Extracts from the Address of the President.

I am sure that I voice the sentiment of each member of the Executive Committee when I wish you all a Happy New Year and bid you God-speed in the good work of the Woman's Auxiliary. We are especially happy to hold an Annual Meeting on the East Coast of this Jurisdiction. It seemed impracticable this year to meet at the same time and place of the Convocation, and when the Rector and the Branch at Daytona invited us so cordially to meet with them, we accepted with great pleasure. The new faces that we now see will become old friends, and our interest will be deepened and strengthened by this opportunity of meeting and becoming acquainted with these whom we have before known only by name and as members of the Auxiliary.

In reviewing the work of the past year, there seems much ground for encouragement. The Systematic Offerings are increased by a slight gain; the Contingent Fund has been well sustained, and at the Officers' Meeting in Washington, it was my great pleasure to announce that Southern Florida had doubled her United Offering. A new and a most gratifying feature at our last Annual Meeting, was the offer of St. Paul's Branch, Key West, to provide, pack and send one of the missions boxes. This was done in a most generous and satisfactory manner. The Advent box was sent to the Sisters of St. Mary, in the mountains of Tennessee, for the benefit of the Girls' Industrial School.

The Junior Branch of the Auxiliary and the Babies' Branch are increasing and doing good work, under the efficient management of the Bishop's wife. So, in many ways, the outlook seems encouraging.

But is this the time to congratulate ourselves and be satisfied with our work? Can any one of us feel that of her it could be said: "She hath done what she could"? Ah, rather should we not echo the thought of Bishop

Satterlee's sermon, when he preached to the women at their Triennial Service from the text, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those which are commanded you, say we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."—Luke xvii, 10.

Among the many Branches, may there not be one that can rouse itself to better, more earnest work for the Master? Is there not one woman who will pray more and give more this year than in the years that are gone? Our prayers and our alms are sorely needed for the Bishop's work. As our offerings increase, so will he be able to do more for missions in his field.

A strong cry comes to us for Foreign Missions. Bishop Doane told us that after Christ came into the world to redeem every human soul, there were no Foreign Missions; but call it what you will, we feel that now is the time that we must do more for others. Could you have heard the Bishop of China pleading for his work, your hearts would have stirred within you and you would be ready to respond to the call that will be made to you to-day, to give to those who know not Christ.

We pause in the midst of this busy day and give God thanks for those of our members who have passed from this earth into life eternal. They have entered into the rest of Paradise, leaving us the example of their lives and their services for the Master, which we should strive to emulate.

In the coming year, there will be the same duties to perform; the same calls will be made upon us to give systematically, prayerfully and intelligently. Let us fill ourselves with enthusiasm and earnestness and do more than we have ever done before.

We have with us to-day friends from the New York and Connecticut Branches. They encourage us by their presence, and we will profit by the story of their experience. We welcome them most cordially, and I make my words as brief as possible that we may have time later in the day to hear from them.

May God bless and prosper you, and may we be all more earnest in our lives and in our work.

MARY G. FOSTER, President.

Report of the Secretary.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:

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

The total of offerings the past year in money and boxes, as by Treasurer's report appended, is.....	\$1305 80
Junior Department	170 74
Babies' Branch.....	71 19
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$1547 73

Two Branches have been organized—one in Melbourne and one in Auburndale. The members of the latter have met regularly each month and made a contribution, although all were bending their energies to erect a church building.

Two Branches have lapsed; that in Lakeland cause unknown; that in Montclair being wiped out by the removal of its members. Those in Courtenay, Ft. Meade and Merritt are, from the like cause, very feeble, but still continue to do what they can. This leaves the total number of Branches thirty-five.

The Branch in Ocoee, after almost lapsing, from causes beyond the control of its members, has taken a new growth with increased interest and life.

Twenty-four of these Branches have reported, and from these reports I find that the majority hold monthly meetings quite regularly, opened and closed with the Southern Florida Auxiliary Service of Prayer, having readings from the Spirit of Missions, Palm Branch and other Church periodicals; but there is little or no real study of missions, which we may well understand to be

the reason of the unanimous report of "no increase in the average attendance." The meetings must be made attractive to increase the numbers.

The gifts in money have amounted to more than those of the previous year, in spite of the continuance and, in many places, increase of financial difficulties.

The amount of our portion of the last United Offering was more than double that offered in 1895, and yet the Systematic Offering is larger and the Contingent Fund in a more healthy condition than in any previous year. A few Branches have sent a donation (in kind) monthly to the Church Home and Hospital, and several others valuable boxes, all being a great help in the providing for the "daily bread" of that important and useful institution.

On the other hand, the numbers of those meeting together for prayer seems to be growing less. Only one Branch—Holy Trinity, Conway—reports the average attendance the same as the number of baptized women in the mission; and there is one very curious fact in this connection: that the larger the number of baptized women in a place, the smaller the proportion attending the monthly meetings.

St. Paul's, Key West, sent our usual Easter box without outside aid—the first time that a single Branch has felt able to undertake so much.

Upon the whole, your Auxiliary seems to be holding its own, for while there are discouragements in some quarters, there is brightness and growth in others.

The last Annual Meeting, held in Key West, was the most enthusiastic on our records, and we believe did lasting good.

Our first "Quiet Day," March 30th, in St. Luke's church, Orlando, and conducted by yourself, was a most solemn and blessed occasion, instructing and deeply impressing us all, and we look forward with longing to the time when it can be, at least, of annual recurrence. The adjourned meeting, held the following day, was well

attended and most lively interest was expressed by all present.

The President, Vice-President and Secretary attended the Triennial Thanksgiving Service, and the daily delightful and instructive meetings in St. John's Parish House, in Washington, during the three succeeding weeks. Each of them have presented the work of the Jurisdiction when opportunity offered, and have met with the workers of our own Branches on the few occasions possible.

The Palm Branch has an increased number of subscribers beyond our own borders, and its exchanges are more in number and importance.

Another year of blessed work has been closed for us, and, as Bishop Satterlee told us, "calls to duty if obeyed, lead to higher duty;" so we look out into the coming months with prayerful hope that the Southern Florida Auxiliary will rise to a higher level, gain a wider outlook and a fuller realization of our Lord's last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," feeling that the time grows so short that "the King's business requires haste."

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Secretary.

Melbourne, Fla., January 24, 1899.



Report of the Treasurer.

From January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

BRANCHES.	Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Boxes.	Church Home and Hospital.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Auburndale—St. Alban's	\$	\$ 5 65	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5 65
Avon Park—Redeemer		12 95	1 25	10 00			24 20
Bartow—Trinity		16 92	1 00	6 25			24 17
Brooksville—St. John's		11 15	55	74	2 35		14 79
Clearwater—Ascension		12 00					12 00
Cocoa—St. Mark's		7 00	1 25				8 25
Conway—Holy Trinity	35 00	8 00	2 00	1 12			46 12
Courtenay—St. Luke's		1 15	50	16			1 81
Daytona—St. Mary's	11 00	32 20	4 00	3 20	11 25		61 65
DeLand—St. Barnabas'		38 25	3 93	1 88	1 50		45 56
Dunedin—Good Shepherd		5 80					5 80
Eustis—St. Thomas'		8 23	1 00	1 56	5 50		16 29
Fort Meade—Christ		14 85	2 00	70			17 55
Key West—St. Paul's		165 63	9 15	17 98	50 00	7 10	249 86
Lake Mary—Mission		3 82					3 82
Lake Worth—Bethesda-by-the-Sea		20 00		2 00			22 00
Leesburg—St. James'		15 15	4 00	75	11 90		31 80
Longwood—Christ		10 51	1 66	1 00	1 50		14 67
Maitland—Good Shepherd		25 46	1 50	21 90	1 50		50 36
Manatee River—Christ		9 80		1 67			10 97
Melbourne—Holy Trinity		9 15	50	7 74	5 95		23 34
Merritt—Grace		5 00	25	2 65	12 60		20 50
Montclair—St. John's					3 00		3 00
Myers—St. Luke's		3 10					3 10
Narcoossee—St. Peters		13 61	2 20	8 61			24 42
Ocala—Grace		16 30	7 75	33	8 53		32 91
Ocoee—Grace		3 90		1 10			5 00
Orlando—St. Luke's		93 71	5 25	14 79	20 75		134 50
Punta Gorda—Good Shepherd		5 00		20 00	8 65	35 00	68 65
Sanford—Holy Cross		38 87	1 35	15 07	5 50		60 79
St. Petersburg—St. Peter's		20 00					20 00
Tampa—St. Andrew's		53 08	5 30	6 00	5 55		69 93
Thonotosassa—Trinity		4 00	2 00	2 90	60		9 50
Titusville—St. Gabriel's		26 75	2 25	1 88			30 88
Winter Park—All Saints'		22 96	10 00	6 14			39 10
Zellwood—St. James'		16 65	3 00	4 03			23 68
Mrs. E. K. Foster					3 00		3 00
Mrs. W. C. Comstock					8 50		8 50
Mrs. Enoch Root					4 55		4 55
Mrs. A. B. Hopkins		10 00	20 00				30 00
An unknown donor					5 65		5 65
Fruitland Park, Min. Ch. League					12 00		12 00
A friend						2 00	2 00
Quiet Day offertory		6 51					6 51
For Missions in China		15 80					15 80
St. Mark's Guild, Evanston, Ill.		10 00					10 00
An Aux. member, for Missions		10 00					10 00
An Aux. member, thank offering		5 00					5 00
An Aux. member, thank offering		5 00					5 00
Cash			95 38				95 38
Total	\$98 31	\$ 766 10	\$ 189 02	\$ 162 15	\$ 190 33	\$44 10	\$1450 01
Junior Department							241 83
Grand Total							\$1691 84

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1898.....	\$ 46 12
Systematic Offerings.....	766 10
Contingent Fund	189 02
United Offering.....	162 15
Church Home and Hospital.....	44 10
Specials	98 31
Total	<u>\$1305 80</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Missionary Work in Jurisdiction.....	\$ 748 00
For Foreign Missions	25 00
For Mission in China	15 80
For Mr. Osuga's Orphanage, Japan.....	15 00
For Bishop's Special Fund	51 51
For United Offering	162 15
For Church Home and Hospital.....	44 10
For Mrs. Drant, from St. Mary's Br., Daytona.....	11 00
For Printing and other expenses.....	170 55
Balance December 31, 1898.....	62 69
Total	<u>\$1305 80</u>

Mrs. E. F. SPERRY, Treasurer.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The record of work accomplished by the Junior Auxiliary during the past year is, perhaps, as satisfactory as could have been expected, considering the condition of things in our part of the country. The year began with ten Branches, more or less actively engaged in the work. Of these, chiefly from removals from the place, of the children, or still worse, of the directress, four have lapsed; but five new branches have recently been organized, making the present number one more than at the beginning of the year.

The offerings of the Juniors for the past twelve months, are \$126.65, which added to the cash on hand from the previous year, of \$44.09, brings the total up to \$170.74. This, with the exception of a few specials—including \$7.00 in the little buckskin and bead bag, made by Mrs. Gibbs, and laid in the gold alms basin at the great Triennial Thanksgiving Service, in Washington—has been used in the furnishing and partial support of the "Junior Room" in the Church Home and Hospital.

Our Junior Branch has now reached its 5th birthday, and it may be well, at this time, to take a glance backward over the record of work of these five years. The first Branch was organized in January, 1894, and at the close of July there were six Branches. During the remaining five months, the Systematic Offerings were \$26.60, with two Christmas boxes valued at \$25.00, total \$51.60; the second year, eight Branches, Systematic Offerings \$60.51, boxes \$6.30, total \$66.81; third year, ten Branches, Systematic Offerings \$78.05, boxes and specials \$18.85, total \$96.90; fourth year, ten Branches, Systematic Offerings \$44.09, boxes and specials \$7.70, Babies' Branch \$33.65, total \$85.44; fifth year, eleven Branches,

Systematic Offerings \$96.30, specials \$30.35, Babies' Branch \$71.19, total \$197.84; total for five years \$498.59. During these five years this sum has been augmented by offerings from those interested in the cause, to the amount of \$691.49, thus making a grand total of \$1,190.08 raised by and through the Junior Department.

The growth of the Babies' Branch has been very encouraging. The roll of last year of 57 members has swelled during this year just past, to 147, with 94 reporting. Of those not reporting, many are new members who have had their boxes only a few weeks. During the year, three of these little ones have been called to the Paradise of God, viz:

Ellis Sanderlin, Avon Park.

Edgar L. Warren, Key West.

John Grant Gardiner, Key West.

There are now twenty-three little white membership cards, showing that twenty three of these dear little ones have been safely gathered in where they shall go no more out forever, and that twenty-three little boxes are kept "in memoriam" by loving ones still here on earth. The offerings from the baby boxes, this year, amount to \$71.19, of which the "first gifts," amounting to \$4.50, are sent to the Orphanage in Shanghai, China; \$66.69, the remainder is divided equally between the Foreign, the Domestic and the Diocesan Missions.

"Fling out the banner! let it float
Skyward and seaward, high and wide;
The sun, that lights its shining folds,
The cross, on which the Saviour died.
Fling out the banner! wide and high,
Seaward and skyward, let it shine:
Nor skill, nor might, nor merit ours;
We conquer only in that sign."

FANNIE C. GRAY, Secretary.

Orlando, Fla.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

From January, 1898, to January, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January, 1898.....	\$ 44 09
Brooksville, St. John's Branch.....	1 25
DeLand, St. Barnabas' Branch (organized Dec.)...	
Key West, St. Paul's Branch.....	2 20
Leesburg, St. James' Branch (organized Dec.).....	
Longwood, Christ Church Branch.....	2 10
Ocala, Grace Church Branch (organized Dec.).....	
Orlando, St. Luke's Branch	67 62
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd Branch	21 63
Sanford, Holy Cross Branch	20 00
Tampa, St. Andrew's Branch (reorganized Dec.)...	
Zellwood, St. James' Branch	1 00
Chetwynd, Ministering Children's League.....	3 81
Conway, Kindergarten Class, G. F. S.....	7 40
Total	\$ 170 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Furnishing Junior Room, Ch. H. and Hospital.....	\$ 60 00
Toward Support of Room.....	70 00
United Offering.....	7 00
Freight on Organ to Seminole Mission.....	2 50
SPECIAL—Good Shepherd Branch, Punta Gorda:	
Parish Work.....	\$6 00
New Church, Auburndale.....	3 35
Advent Box.....	1 50 10 85
SPECIAL—Holy Cross Branch, Sanford:	
Parish Debt.....	15 00
Memorial	1 00 16 00
Twenty-nine Boxes to Hospital, value from 25 cts. to \$1.50 each.	
SPECIAL—St. Luke's Branch, Orlando:	
Hospital Boxes.....	3 50
Postage.....	89
Total	\$ 170 74

FANNIE C. GRAY, Treasurer.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF BABIES' BRANCH.

From January, 1898, to January, 1899.

Members enrolled, 147; members reporting, 94.

RECEIPTS.

First Gifts	\$	4	50
Systematic Offerings, from boxes		61	94
Special Gifts		4	75
Total raised	\$	71	19

EXPENSES:—

Two Hundred Boxes	\$	5	00
Expressage		1	75
Postage		4	75
Total, less expenses	\$	59	69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Chinese Orphanage, Shanghai, First Gifts	\$	4	50
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FOREIGN MISSIONS:—

Oji Orphanage, Japan		18	40
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DOMESTIC MISSIONS:—

Babies' Cot, St. Agnes' Hospital Raleigh	\$	1	00
Rt. Rev. J. M. Horner, Asheville, conse- crated Holy Innocents'		17	40
		18	40

DIOCESAN MISSIONS:—

Church Home and Hospital, South Florida		18	39
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Total	\$	59	69
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Junior Branches	\$	170	74
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Babies' Branch		71	19
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Grand Total	\$	241	93
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FANNIE C. GRAY, Treasurer.

Report of Church Periodical Club.

Notwithstanding the second calamitous freeze, which came to us last year, followed by an unprecedented drouth, which prevented the raising of all farm crops, thereby inducing a famine for a time, the work of the Church Periodical Club has gone steadily on with increased usefulness.

The number of regular periodicals sent out, which is the most valuable part of the work, has gained seven in number. More could have been added, but many do not feel equal to paying the necessary postage.

Money for paying freight on boxes, etc., has been received from five sources, amounting to one dollar and and ninety-seven cents (\$1.97), a slight decrease from the previous year, and falling far short of the few cents a year asked from every communicant. A systematic and zealous Churchwoman has written me since the year closed, saying: "I find, on balancing my church account at the end of the year, that I have a small surplus, and send it to the C. P. C., knowing its need." This inspires hope that others may go and do likewise.

Seventy-one regulars have been sent out from thirteen places, named according to number contributed: Orlando leads, as usual, with twenty-five, followed by Thonotosassa, Sanford, Longwood, Haines City, Merritt, Tampa, Lakeland, Winter Park, Narcoossee, Port Tampa City, Dunedin and Eustis—the last three, one each.

In addition, there has been sent out 40 books, 6 hymnals with music, 30 catechisms, 90 tracts, 1 sermon and 1,889 odd numbers, which includes complete files. A picture, for the Church Home and Hospital, seems not to have been received, and must therefore be reported next year, after being traced and delivered.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. WEDDELL, Correspondent.

Local Work.---Jan. 1st, 1898, to Jan. 1st, 1899.

Again the Auxiliary offers a place in its Annual Report to the officers of local Guilds to tell the results of their year's work. The following reports have been sent:

AUBURNDALE—St. Mary's Guild, 8 members.—Organized February 15. Has earned \$57.20; received gifts, in money \$560, labor \$29, material \$20, besides interior furnishings and adornments for the church building which they have erected, and in which the first service was held September 25th.—E. P. Hulbert, secretary.

BARTOW—Holy Trinity Guild, 7 members.—Earned \$66.45, a part of which was given to the organ fund.

DAYTONA—St. Mary's Guild, 15 members.—Earned \$113.60; received gifts of hangings for festal occasions, value \$20.—E. C. R. Garrue, secretary.

KEY WEST—St. Paul's Altar Guild, 10 members.—“We have gained a higher conception of the reverence due to God's House.” Gifts received: a bookmark and a frontal. Ladies' Aid Society—Earned \$196.—Lydia E. Moss, secretary.

LEESBURG—St. James' Guild, 12 members.—Earned \$86; of this \$50 was paid on the rectory debt and \$10 given for the Sunday-school Christmas tree.

LONGWOOD—Altar Guild, 7 members.—Care of the altar and church building.

MERRITT—Grace Church Guild, 3 members.—Earned \$3. We have kept the church building clean, the yard in order, and have entertained the clergy.—Mrs. M. Thompson, secretary.

MELBOURNE—Ladies' Guild of Holy Trinity Church, 13 members.—“Painted the church outside and hardfinished it within; carpeted the chancel, finished the vestry room and covered the floor with matting; had the grounds cleared, laid out and planted in grass, and contributed to rector's salary.” Gifts received: altar cloths,

stoles, three stained glass windows, three lamps, a hymn board and credence table.

ORLANDO—St. Luke's Guild, 14 members.—Earned \$206.98; of this gave \$150 to Vestry for Rector's salary, \$7 for repairs, \$10.50 for work in church yard, paid organist's salary and for laundering surplices; aided the Auxiliary and the Daughters of the King in their work.

TAMPA—St. Andrew's Guild, 12 members.—Earned \$125.25. The Hyde Park Guild.—Built a study for the Rector for \$187, helped to carpet the church, and has \$7.95 balance on hand. Received one gift, \$10.—H. E. Porch, secretary.

TITUSVILLE—St. Gabriel's Guild, 12 members.—Paid for repairs, wood and "Christmas greens" for the church; cash value, \$45.

SANFORD—Daughters of the King.—Take care of the chancel, and such other work as their hands find to do. Attend a weekly Bible Class. Parish Helpers.





