

**SOUTHERN FLORIDA**

**Woman's Auxiliary**



**Seventh Annual Report.**

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January, 1899, to January, 1900.



SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH  
OF THE  
Woman's Auxiliary  
TO THE  
Board of Missions.

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## Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

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### OFFICERS 1900.

#### PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Wm. C. Gray, ..... Orlando.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Seth Woodruff, ..... Orlando.

#### TREASURER:

Mrs. E. F. Sperry, ..... Orlando.

#### SECRETARY:

Miss Harriet R. Parkhill, ..... Sanford.

#### ASSOCIATE SECRETARY:

Miss Elizabeth H. Rand, ..... Longwood.

#### CORRESPONDENT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB:

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

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### JUNIOR DEPARMMENT.

#### SECRETARY AND TREASURER JUNIOR BRANCH:

Mrs. Seth Woodruff, ..... Orlando.

#### SECRETARY AND TREASURER BABIES' BRANCH:

Miss Hattie Hudson, ..... Orlando.

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

Annual Meetings of Parochial Branches, Easter Tuesday.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

Southern Florida Auxiliary.

The meeting was held in St. Luke's church, Orlando, on January 25th, 1900.

At 9:00 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being celebrant, the rector, Rev. J. J. Andrew, assisting. The Bishop at this time appointed the Diocesan officers for the ensuing year, and delivered his annual address to the women.

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BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

MY DEARLY BELOVED SISTERS:

We have reached a very important point in the history of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Florida. It is a period of our history that is upon us now. It is almost impossible for me to realize that I have passed seven years of my episcopate in this Missionary Jurisdiction. So, also, with the Woman's Auxiliary: It is now seven years since it was inaugurated for work in the Southern portion of the state. As we to-day take a glance backward over the history, and incidents of those seven years of its life, we find a great deal that we might fairly dwell upon with interest and profit.

The history of this branch of the great jurisdiction, for aiding the Church in her work of evangelizing the world, affords one much gratification. It has been a wonderfully successful branch. Interest in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary of this Missionary Jurisdiction has been aroused in other and distant dioceses, far away beyond our borders, other Jurisdictions have confessed to having learned something from, and heard much of your good work and labor of love.

The PALM BRANCH has many a warm welcome, in homes

far distant from sunny Florida, and the success of our modest local publication has compared very favorably with the influence of far more pretentious journals.

But we must not allow ourselves to be over-much impressed with complacency when we look back upon the past. We have, I repeat, reached a pausing place. In the providence of God, the removal of your President from your head, bids us all look about and think of our obligations and prospects. One so thoroughly equipped in every way, so full of inspiration, so striking in personality, with heart and soul doing her work—no society could loose such a leader and not be infinitely poorer by the loss. Mrs. E. K. Foster is no longer to give us her help. The death of the Hon. E. K. Foster has called her away from the Presidency of this branch of the Woman's Auxiliary; we must therefore set out anew. Deprived of that powerful and capable mind, and genius for organization, which distinguished your friend throughout the years of her presidency of your organization, you have to face a new state of things for you and for all of us. And here I would impress upon you all, a thought to help you at this time—a thought suggested by this festival—The Conversion of St. Paul—a sentiment of the great Apostle of the Gentiles, for whose Conversion we also daily work and pray—from Phil. III 13-14. The idea is Forgetting—Reaching forward, pressing on to the prize of our high calling in Jesus; Forgetting those things that are behind, not as banishing them from our memory, (since much that is past is always profitable and pleasant to have in mind), but forgetting them so far as they may hinder present and future work. Complacency, which is suggestive of "the having already attained, the already being made perfect"—which induces us to rest, or stop, or cease to be aggressive in our effort—this frame of mind is harmful and to be avoided.

Yes! My dear sisters! the work of God must in any case go on. Human instruments drop out; Church work goes on; it never stops. The Gospel must be preached to every creature; God has not yet accomplished the number of the elect. So leaving, forgetting the things that are behind, that

have been, reach forward. There are ever opening doors of opportunity to be entered; there are ever fresh voices calling "Come and help us." There are those who have been trained in false systems of thought, or in imperfect systems of thought—who look at the Gospel from imperfect, or partially enlightened positions. In this direction there exists for you a wide field of labor. Improve your opportunities, do all with your might, working while it is day, and not forgetting the coming of the night when no man can work.

New mission fields are opening up: Cuba, Porto Rico, the Sandwich Islands, the Phillipines; here are daily opportunities coming to us. Our peculiar work was never more pressing, viz., that of guiding men from partial truth to the full light of the Gospel Days. Your home work was never more needed than to-day by your Bishop. The Board of Missions has helped the Jurisdiction after years of unsuccessful appeal. The claims upon us are greater. The responsibilities of the Church in Southern Florida, never required so much energy on your part to meet them as to-day. Have we fully realized the unique position of our Church in the world, as the recipient, the guardian, and the depository of the Truth of God? It is ours to preserve and hand on, a body of doctrine which shall diffuse as well as sustain the light which lighteth every man which cometh into the world; We are to speak the truth in love, to commend it to them by our methods of circulating and proclaiming it; drawing all to Christ, by the attractive power and sweet persuasiveness of the Cross.

How many refined, educated and estimable people are waiting, longing, for new light! These are to be sought out and won. Paul was in error, but always in a sense a consecrated man of God; He acted according to the light he had; he thought he was doing God's service at the very moment that he was persecuting the Church, for which Christ died. But new light came to him, and he at once became a devoted servant of that truth, he had so long labored to destroy.

We need not only financial help from you, but Missionary effort, in order to bring all men to a full revelation of Christ and his Kingdom of righteousness on earth. Speak of the

Church, dwell on the idea of its oneness, pray and labor, that all Kingdoms may become Kingdoms of God and His Christ. Day by day, seek out high and great things, as you go forth on your work of winning the world for:

"The daily round, the common task,  
Will furnish all we need to ask:  
Room to deny ourselves, the road,  
To bring us daily nearer God."

The motive of your life is allowed to be the prize; your high calling in Jesus Christ; its privilege and its joy. There is a prize and one worth working for; take then this motto for 1900, dear friends; take it as full of suggestiveness at this period of your history, as a Missionary organization. Forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forward to those things that are before, be faithful, and press towards the mark for the prize of your high calling in Christ Jesus.



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Armory building immediately after the service. The meeting was called to order at 10:45.

Mrs. Weddell Mrs. Pell-Clarke and Mrs. Little were appointed a committee on credentials.

The roll-call by the associate secretary showed about seventy women present, twenty-three of whom were delegates, representing fifteen Branches.

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The President made a short address, and on motion, it was decided that this address be placed upon record, and a copy sent to Mrs. Foster.

A short address from the retiring president, Mrs. Foster, was read. The associate secretary offered the following resolutions which were passed:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to Himself the Hon. E. K. Foster, so long a most earnest worker in God's service in this Jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, The death of Judge Foster has made necessary the resignation of Mrs. Foster as president of the Woman's Auxiliary Society of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida,

RESOLVED, That the Woman's Auxiliary Society deeply feels the loss of the wise counsel, earnest devotion and untiring efforts in its behalf which for so many years Mrs. Foster has so freely given.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Auxiliary, assembled in our Annual Meeting, extend to Mrs. Foster our deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the meeting, that a copy be sent to Mrs. Foster, and that the same be printed in the Palm Branch.

Report of the treasurer, Mrs. Sperry, was adopted.

Reports of the secretary, Miss Parkhill, and the associate secretary, Miss Rand, were adopted.

Reports of Mrs. Gray, secretary-treasurer of Junior and Babies' Branches, were adopted.

Mrs. Sperry explained the United Offering and distributed boxes.

At 12 o'clock a pause was made for Midday Prayer, the prayers being read by the president.

Report of Mrs. Weddell, correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, was adopted.

Mrs. Gray read a letter from Miss Parkhill.

The associate secretary offered the following resolution, which was passed, and sent by telegraph to Miss Parkhill:

RESOLVED, That we, the Women of Southern Florida assembled in our Annual Meeting, extend to our beloved secretary our affectionate greetings, and assure her of the pleasure with which we look forward to her return to our midst.

At 1:00 o'clock, recess was taken for a luncheon, which was tendered to the Auxiliary by Mr. and Mrs. Pell-Clarke, at their residence.

Business was resumed at 2:15.

On motion it was decided to send two missionary boxes during the year. Holy Cross Branch, Sanford, offered to pack the Easter box, St. Paul's, Key West, providing for one member of the family to whom it will be sent. St. Mary's Branch, Daytona, will pack the Advent box.

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

RESOLVED, That the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Florida give \$25.00 from the Systematic Offering, with a thank offering of \$5.00, already in the treasury, and such other offerings as may be made for the purpose, for the building of a church in Sendai.

Pledges were then made for the Contingent Fund, as follows: Conway \$1.00, Daytona \$1.00, DeLand \$2.00, Eustis \$1.00, Longwood \$1.00, Leesburg \$1.00, Lake Maitland 50 cts., Orlando \$5.00, Sanford \$2.00, Tampa \$10.00, Thonotosassa 50 cts., Winter Park \$1.00, Zellwood \$2.00, Mrs. Pell-Clarke \$5.00.

Mrs. Little, of DeLand, 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. Luke's Branch our most hearty thanks for the courteous reception and charming hospitality extended to us during our stay in Orlando.

Mrs. Weddell, of Thonotosassa, offered the following, which was also passed by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That the women of the Auxiliary, in addition to the previous resolution, desire to extend a special vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pell-Clarke for their generous hospitality.

Mrs. Drant made an address on the needs and aims of the Church Home and Hospital.

Mrs. Pell-Clarke offered the following resolution, which was passed: "That we extend to Mr. Greetham our thanks for his kindness in arranging this hall for our use during the meeting."

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

All joined in singing the Doxology, and the President declared the meeting adjourned.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,  
Associate Secretary.

ANNA A. RAND,  
Secretary of the Meeting.



**Address of the President.**

MY DEAR CO-WORKERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY :

I am sure I but voice the sentiments of every Auxiliary woman in Southern Florida when I say, that it is with the deepest feelings of regret that we are forced to accept the resignation of our beloved first President, Mrs. E. K. Foster. Her loss is irreparable ; and no one, more than myself, realizes this fact. Her earnestness, her zeal, her clear insight into the possibilities of the future, aided by the wise counsels of her husband, who ever took the deepest interest in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary ; together with the efficient labors of our no less beloved Secretary, Miss Parkhill, have made our Branch what it is to-day ; and now at one and the same time to be deprived of all these, I feel that we are orphaned indeed.

In the death of Judge Foster the whole jurisdiction suffers and sorrows, while to us of the Auxiliary, it comes as a double blow—"God moves in a mysterious way." To our beloved retiring President we extend our deepest sympathy, and I sincerely hope that some time in the near future the way may open for her to again take her accustomed place among us ; and that before another annual meeting our Secretary, too, will have resumed her place.

In assuming, for a short time only, I hope, the duties of the office of President, I realize, with thanksgiving, what a tower of strength is still left to us in our faithful and efficient Treasurer, in the ready adaptability and quick insight already shown by our Associate-Secretary, and the faithful, painstaking labors of the correspondent of the Church Periodical Club ; and I feel equally sure of thorough help and support from the newly appointed officers, Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Hudson, who, together, will be in charge of the Junior Department, which I relinquish with sincere regret.

The Bishop has deemed it wise to select as far as possible the members of the Executive Committee from one place, that we may be able to meet for consultation at least once a month, according to our Constitution, that we may be enabled, by God's blessing, faithfully to labor for Him, "without whom

our labor is but lost, and with whom the little ones go forth as the mighty," we earnestly beg your fervent, effectual prayers.

Faithfully and affectionately,

FANNIE C. GRAY, President.

Orlando, January 25th, 1900.

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### Address of the Retiring President.

DEAR WOMEN OF THE AUXILIARY:

It is with great regret that I find myself unable to be present at this Annual Meeting. Circumstances, shaped by a higher Hand than mine, render my absence unavoidable, and have caused me to place in the Bishop's hands my resignation as President of the Woman's Auxiliary in Southern Florida. It is a step that gives me much pain; for separation from the work that is so near my heart and from the friends so very dear to me, is indeed a sorrow. Before saying farewell may I not once more urge upon you the great need of your most zealous efforts for Missions in Southern Florida. We are, as you know, a Missionary Jurisdiction, and if for a moment you will consider the immense territory that comprises the Bishop's field, and his labors among the white and colored elements, the Cubans and Indians, you will readily realize the necessity for more earnest prayer for this work which goes on unceasingly, and whose object is to draw souls nearer to our Lord and within the fold of the Church, and make the Systematic Offerings the principal work of the Auxiliary in this Jurisdiction. With this fund to rely upon the Bishop feels sure that the Mission work in the Jurisdiction can in a measure be supported, and it is a work that should appeal to us all.

There is, however, the danger of becoming too self centered and narrow, if one works only for one's self, and you are each year asked to give also to Foreign and Domestic

Missions. Whether it is China or Japan, Africa or the Islands of the Sea that most need our help I know not, but it is all God's work and for His children, and we dare not neglect it. May He give us grace to give of our abundance, and of our poverty. Your offerings for Domestic Missions have always been most generous, and could you have read the letters from the Missionary and his wife who received the Easter box, I am sure you would be eager to fill the one that the Executive Committee will ask for at this meeting.

The United Offering for 1901 appeals to all church people, and especially to those interested in the Missionary Jurisdictions; and I trust that many blue boxes will be taken, to be returned later to the Treasurer, full of pennies for this great object. You will be asked also to pledge your Branches for the Contingent Fund, so necessary to carry on the printing of the Palm Branch and other expenses.

In reviewing the work of the past year, I ask your careful attention to the Treasurer's Report and to the reports of all the officers—the Junior's and the Babies' Branch and the Church Periodical Club work. Each has a mission of its own, but each requires hearty support. We have all felt deeply for our sister Branch in Key West, and many prayers have been offered that they might speedily be relieved.

I dare not trust myself to say even a few words of farewell to you, my dear fellow workers, but most heartily must I thank you for the help and support that you have given me, in these years that it has been my privilege to work with you. Your ready response to all calls, your enthusiasm and interest, have all been most inspiring to me, and have strengthened my own faith and efforts. To all who have sent me messages of love and sympathy during these past weeks, I offer here my heartfelt thanks. May God bless and keep you all; may you be more earnest and faithful to do His will in this work of the Woman's Auxiliary in Southern Florida.

Faithfully and affectionally yours,

MARY G. FOSTER.

### Reports of Secretary and Associate Secretary.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:

Before I left home in March last, I turned over all books and papers of the office of Diocesan Secretary to my associate, who has carried on the work most faithfully and admirably, on all of its various lines.

The special work, which you sent me here to do, I also am endeavoring to perform faithfully, and, if God will, I shall be ready for the work at home, next June.

I wish to put on record, at this time, my impression of the supreme excellence of this institution, and of all of its aims and management. I do not believe that any woman sincerely wishing to give herself to the Master's work could continue here, even for the shortest partial course of six months, without experiencing the inestimable benefit of it, both mentally and spiritually, as well as practically. Women destined for the missionary field, both foreign and domestic, are trained here; and others, who can only give a portion of their lives, and yet desire to be more fully equipped, as teachers of Bible classes or other callings.

I am more and more convinced that the Order of Deaconesses affords the most perfect mode of woman's work in the Church; it being at once a natural service—allowing the use of every faculty, taste and affection, which God has given us—and a service set apart and consecrated.

I leave my associate to report the work of the Auxiliary during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL,

Sec'y So. Fla. Auxiliary.

Church Training and Deaconess House, }  
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28th, 1899. }

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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 the Treasurer's report appended, is.....	\$1359 02
Junior Department .....	236 82
Babies' Branch.....	116 38
Total.....	<u>\$1712 22</u>

One new Branch has been organized, at Cassia. No news of the Branches at New Smyrna, Dunedin and Clearwater Harbor can be obtained. The Branch at St. Petersburg has been abandoned, and that at Lake Mary has lapsed temporarily, the cause being the removal of its members, but there is hope of the renewal of its work in the near future. The Branch at Narcoossee is reduced to two; these, however, continue their offerings and interest in the work.

We would report thirty-two Branches, which have joined in active service in the past year.

Blanks, for annual reports, were sent to every Secretary, but some of these have not been filled out and returned; from the reports sent in, however, it would seem that the work of the Auxiliary has been faithfully carried on, along the general lines of the society. The majority of the Branches hold monthly meetings. Without an exception, the meetings are opened with prayer, and in almost all, the study of missions has been carried on, a few following a regular method of study, the rest by reading the "Spirit of Missions" and other periodicals dealing with the subject.

There is one source of great regret and discouragement, and that is, the small number of women who take part in this branch of the Church's Work. In all cases, whether of large missions and parishes, or of the feebler mission stations, it is the same; the meetings are attended and the offerings made by a few, and *so* few. Four Branches report the average attendance of women at the meetings as *one-half* the number of baptized women in the mission; but such figures as the following: Number of women 20, attendance 2; number of women 85, attendance 8; number of women 170, and another 195, while the attendance is 8 and 10 to 12. Such figures as these show how many women still fail to realize the duty which is undoubtedly theirs, and the privilege which is offered them of

thus joining actively in the Master's work. Too much cannot be said of the devotion and faithfulness of those who *do* accept these responsibilities and privileges; and it is when viewing the result of their labors that we realize how truly grand might be the work if *all* would do as faithfully their parts, and we look hopefully forward to the time when this shall be so.

The past year has been one of such financial difficulties and continued depression that, although our contributions to the Systematic Offerings and Contingent Fund are slightly less than for the previous year, we feel that we have cause for thankfulness that they have been so well sustained. The amount collected for the United Offering is more, by half, than that collected during the corresponding period for the Offering of 1898.

Two boxes have been sent from South Florida in the past year. The Easter Box, packed by St. Barnabas' Branch, DeLand, and consisting of contributions from twenty-four Branches, and several individual gifts, was the most valuable ever sent by this District, its cash value being over two hundred dollars.

The Advent Box was undertaken by St. Paul's Branch, Key West, and, despite the epidemic of yellow fever, and the suffering and distress to which they were subjected, the women of that Branch bravely continued the work which they had undertaken and provided and packed a valuable box.

The Palm Branch has been regularly issued the first of each month. A new and important department is that given to the Church Home and Hospital. We fully realize the importance of the work of this institution, and most truly hope that, through notice of its aims and needs in the columns of the Palm Branch, substantial aid may be given for its support.

We feel very deeply the necessity and importance of the Palm Branch as a means of communication between our scattered Branches, and are very grateful for its increased number of subscribers.

The year just ended has thus been one of lights and shadows, of some disappointments, but of greater encouragements and blessings. From almost every Branch come words of

faith and courage: "We hope to be able to do more and better." And so, with the prayer that God will indeed fill our hearts with the desire to do more and better for his dear sake, and that He will enable us to faithfully fulfill this desire, we look gratefully back over the year that is past, and hopefully forward to that just begun, in all things trusting in Him who is our strength.

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,

Associate Secretary.

LONGWOOD, FLA., January 1st, 1900.



## Report of the Treasurer,

From January 1, 1899, to January 1, 1900.

BRANCHES.	Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Boxes.	Church Home and Hospital.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Auburndale—St. Alban's	\$ 35	\$ 11 00	\$	\$	\$ 3 00	\$	\$ 14 35
Avon Park—Redeemer		9 50	75	30	13 05		23 60
Bartow—Trinity		14 80		93	6 75	10 00	32 48
Brooksville—St. John's		13 60	75		1 50		15 85
Cassia—St. Luke's		3 51	61		1 00		5 12
Cocoa—St. Luke's		4 00					4 00
Conway—Holy Trinity	10 00	23 00	2 00	71	1 00		36 71
Courtenay—St. Luke's		4 46	1 50	20	3 00		9 16
Daytona—St. Mary's	1 00	20 45	2 60	4 50	19 75		57 30
DeLand—St. Barnabas'		42 06	5 35		15 25		62 66
Eustis—St. Thomas'	1 20	8 92		1 30	4 60		16 02
Fort Meade—Christ		13 75			1 50		15 25
Key West—St. Paul's	2 00	146 30	7 10	13 67	71 00	10 55	250 62
Lake Mary—Mission		1 50			1 00		2 50
Leesburg—St. James'		24 31		7 70	12 25	2 00	46 26
Longwood—Christ	1 00	12 31	1 24	54	8 00		23 08
Maitland—Good Shepherd	25	20 36	1 50	50	15 80	9 80	48 21
Manatee River—Christ		6 70					6 70
Melbourne—Holy Trinity	80	15 11		4 21			20 12
Merritt—Grace		5 00	1 00		4 95		10 95
Myers—St. Luke's		4 40					4 40
Narcoossee—St. Peter's	25	16 53	1 20	5 36	6 00		29 34
Ocala—Grace		56 65	1 50		27 75		85 90
Ocoee—Grace		1 00					1 00
Orlando—St. Luke's	2 00	94 15	6 80	10 06	26 78		139 79
Punta Gorda—Good Shepherd		4 30					4 30
Sanford—Holy Cross	1 00	40 55	3 25	4 63			49 43
Tampa—St. Andrew's		46 10	9 25	5 85	8 70		69 90
Thonotosassa—Trinity		3 00	50	2 02	50		6 02
Titusville—St. Gabriel's		23 25	1 75		2 95		27 95
Winter Park—All Saints'		14 55					14 55
Zellwood—St. James'		28 10	2 00		4 25		34 35
Mrs. W. C. Comstock		5 00	8 45				13 45
Mrs. E. K. Foster		3 65		5 00	16 50		25 15
Mrs. A. B. Hopkins		10 00			10 25		20 25
Mrs. Stillwell	5 00						5 00
Bowling Green					7 00		7 00
Clearwater					1 00		1 00
Offertory at Missionary Meeting	18 21						18 21
An Aux. member, thank offering	5 00						5 00
Cash	3 00		91 58		1 50		96 08
Total	\$51 06	\$ 760 87	\$ 150 68	\$ 67 48	\$ 296 58	\$32 35	\$1359 02
Junior Department							353 20
Grand Total							\$1712 22

## RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1899.....	\$ 62 69
Systematic Offerings.....	760 87
Contingent Fund.....	150 68
United Offering.....	67 48
Church Home and Hospital.....	32 35
Specials.....	51 06
Total .....	<u>\$1125 13</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

For Missionary Work in Jurisdiction.....	\$ 737 00
For Woman's House in Hankow.....	50 00
For Domestic Missions.....	6 71
For Church Periodical Club.....	6 00
For Bishop's Special Fund.....	12 50
For Church Home and Hospital.....	32 35
For Printing and other expenses ....	155 15
At interest for United Offering.....	67 48
Balance December 31, 1899.....	57 94
Total.....	<u>\$1125 13</u>

MRS. E. F. SPERRY, Treasurer.

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

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### SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

In reviewing the work of the past year, your Secretary sees much cause for encouragement and thanksgiving; for, while several of the smaller Branches have ceased to exist as such, in one or two instances joining forces with the Woman's Auxiliary, the others have taken a deeper and more intelligent interest in the cause, and have worked with an enthusiasm as never before. We now number eight well organized Branches, viz:

St. Barnabas' Branch, DeLand.  
St. Paul's Branch, Key West.  
Christ Church Branch, Longwood.  
Grace Church Branch, Ocala.  
St. Luke's Branch, Orlando.  
Good Shepherd Branch, Punta Gorda.  
Holy Cross Branch, Sanford.  
St. Andrew's Branch, Tampa.

The offerings for the year amount to \$200.82. This has been used in gifts, to the Orphanage, Oji, Japan; the Hospital for Women and Children, Shanghai, China; the new mission work in Porto Rico, and to our own Church Home and Hospital in Orlando, and the Seminole Mission near the Everglades.

Besides this, the Juniors have sent a Christmas Box, valued at \$30, to the mountaineers of Tennessee, and several small boxes to the Church Home and Hospital, showing how much can be accomplished by willing hearts and hands, though weak and small.

The Babies' Branch of the Junior Department is intended to introduce the very youngest of the little ones into their missionary responsibility, at baptism, teaching them that every person, by baptism, becomes a member of the Missionary Society, the Church, therefore "Little Helpers" in the great cause. It is from these very children, Juniors and Babies, that the Woman's Auxiliary and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew must look for recruits in the future.

There are now over two hundred names on the roll, and it is still increasing.

During the year, another of our "Little Helpers" has been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, viz: Victor Galbraith Crumpler, Ft. Brooke, Fla., and another mother has taken a memorial box, making the number of names in our Memorial Circle twenty-five.

For the year, "the first gift of five cents" from each new member, amounting to \$3.00, has been sent to the Orphanage in Shanghai. The Systematic Offering, from the boxes, sums up to \$113.38, and has been sent, in gifts of varying amounts, to our Church Home and Hospital; to the Seminole Mission, to assist in building the tower for the new bell; to St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.; to the Orphanage, Oji, Japan, and to the Hospital, Shanghai, China.

"God bless all the Missionaries, all over the world, and all the Little Helpers, for Jesus' sake."

FANNIE C. GRAY, Secretary.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

*From January, 1899, to January, 1900.*

RECEIPTS.

Brooksville, St. John's Branch.....	\$	1 00
DeLand, St. Barnabas' Branch.....		4 00
Key West, St. Paul's Branch.....		50 00
Longwood, Christ Church Branch.....		25
Ocala, Grace Church Branch.....		9 00
Orlando, St. Luke's Branch.....		82 05
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd Branch.....		8 09
Sanford, Holy Cross Branch.....		29 00
Tampa, St. Andrew's Branch.....		7 00
Zellwood, St. James' Branch.....		1 00
Chetwynd, Ministering Children's League.....		3 23
Carrollton, Miss. Twenty Min. Society.....		2 00
Special Gifts.....		4 20
Total.....	\$	200 82
Expressage on Christmas box.....		2 10
		<u>\$ 198 72</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

SPECIAL—Holy Cross Branch, Sanford :		
Parish Debt.....	\$	10 00
Church Home and Hospital.....	5 00	15 00
SPECIAL—St. Paul's Branch, Key West :		
St. Paul's Mission.....	10 00	
Prayer books.....	10 00	20 00
Jun. Aux. Pub. Co.....		1 00
Oji Orphanage.....		15 00
Hospital for Women and Children, Shanghai, China.....		25 00
For organ, Porto Rico.....		15 00
Church Home and Hospital, Orlando, Fla.....		80 00
Seminole Mission, Florida.....		27 72
Total.....	\$	198 72
Christmas box, Roark's Cove, Sewanee, Tenn.:		
Value, Junior Auxiliary.....	\$	23 15
Value, Avon Park.....		6 85
Sanford boxes, Church Home and Hospital, value.....	5 00	
Orlando boxes, Church Home and Hospital, value.....	1 00	36 00
Tampa, quilt for Hospital.....		
Total in money and boxes.....		236 82

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## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF BABIES' BRANCH,

*From January, 1899, to January, 1900.*

Members enrolled, 212; members reporting, 150.

## RECEIPTS.

First gifts.....	\$ 3 00
Systematic offerings from boxes.....	102 38
Special gifts.....	11 00
Total raised.....	<u>\$116 38</u>

## EXPENSES.

One hundred Red boxes.....	\$ 2 75
Expressage.....	1 30
Postage.....	6 50
Printing leaflets and cards.....	5 00
Total.....	<u>15 55</u>
Total less expenses.....	<u>\$100 83</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Chinese Orphanage, Shanghai, First Gifts.....	\$ 3 00
Pledge to Babies' Cot, St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. ....	1 00
Oji Orphanage, Japan.....	3 33
Towards organ, Mission, Porto Rico.....	3 33
Hospital for Women and Children, Shanghai ..	30 00
Church Home and Hospital, Orlando, Fla.....	30 17
Towards tower for Christ Church, Seminole Mission, Immokalee, Fla. ....	30 00
Total.....	<u>\$100 83</u>

For year ending January, 1900.

Total for Junior Branches .....	\$200 82
“ “ Babies' Branch .....	116 38
	<u>\$317 20</u>
Boxes (value).....	\$ 36 00
Total in money and boxes.....	<u>\$353 20</u>

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### Report of Church Periodical Club.

An added measure of success has attended the work of the Church Periodical Club during the past year, and the number of regular periodicals sent out has increased from 71 to 149. Of these Orlando sends 53. In addition, have been sent out 159 books, 52 catechisms, 4 pictures and 2,293 odd numbers, which includes complete files. These have come from two parishes, Orlando and Sanford, and the eleven following missions: Tampa, Merritt, Thonotosassa, Winter Park, Punta Gorda, Haines City, Maitland, Longwood, Lakeland, Bartow and Eustis.

There has been received in money, for expenses, \$4.96, as against \$1.97 the previous year. Could we continue to gain in this proportion, we should in a short time be able to meet current expenses. The same devoted Churchwoman who remembered us last year in the distribution of her Church money, again makes the Club the "residuary legatee" of her tithes not otherwise appropriated. This renews hope that others may follow her example.

We welcome to the ranks of librarians an active and interested one from Winter Park; Maitland has revived, and Paisley, long silent, has again been heard from.

In this, as in all other departments of Church work, *faithfulness* is the key to success. The results depend on the individual. The contributor who fails to keep a voluntary promise, not only brings disappointment and loss to the supposed recipient, where only benefit was intended, but causes needless labor to the working force of librarians and and correspondents, on whom falls the carrying out of details.

May we hope that in the coming year there will be none who put hand to the plow and turn back, but that all who undertake the work will continue straight on to the end of the furrow, and make this, the closing year of the century, a model for the years to come.

Respectfully submitted.

L. W. WEDDELL, Correspondent.

**Local Work.--Jan. 1st, 1899, to Jan. 1st, 1900.**

AUBURNDALE—St. Mary's Guild, 5 members. Received gifts: three altar cloths and church record. Work done: made two quilts for the Church Home and Hospital. E. P. Hulbert, secretary.

DAYTONA—St. Mary's Guild, 30 members. Has earned \$132.70. Mrs. Graham Thompson, secretary.

KEY WEST—St. Paul's Altar Guild, 6 members; care of altar. Ladies' Aid Society—Received during year \$133.13; used for benefit of poor of parish. L. E. Moss, secretary.

LEESBURG—St. James' Guild, 14 members. Earned \$42.05. With this and a balance from previous year, paid for carpentering work and painting on church. H. Viola Badger, secretary.

LONGWOOD—Altar Guild, 7 members; care of the chancel, altar linen, etc., and general care of church building.

MELBOURNE—Ladies' Guild of Holy Trinity, 12 members. Earned \$84.52. Received gifts, value \$10. Work done: entertainments and sales of fancy work. The amounts earned in this way were used in repairing the church and in assisting in paying the clergyman's salary. Mrs. Geo. M. Brown, secretary.

ORLANDO—St. Luke's Guild, 14 members. Earned \$61.10. Gave \$50 to vestry, paid for repairs in vestry room and paid for laundering surplices. Miss Emma C. Gray, secretary.

TAMPA—St. Andrew's Guild, 6 members; Tampa Heights Guild, 4 members; Hyde Park Guild, 28 members. Work done: giving of musicale and teas, by which were earned \$109.10. This, with balance in treasury and the weekly dues of the members, enabled the Guild to pay about \$200 on the carpet in the church, and also to take charge of the choir, paying the organist and soprano each \$5 per month. Whatever is most needed in the church is the work of the Guild. H. E. Porch, secretary.

TITUSVILLE—St. Gabriel's Guild, 15 members. Earned \$38. Work done: provision of a chest for the altar linen, and repairs for church and rectory. K. B. Brown, secretary.

THONOTOSA—Trinity Church Aid Society, 7 members. Earned \$20.99. Work done: repairing leaks in church tower, and purchasing strip of matting to extend from front door to chancel steps. L. W. Weddell, secretary.

SANFORD—Parish Helpers; includes all the women of the parish, who do whatever work is necessary in the church.



