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Woman's Auxiliary



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January, 1891, to January, 1902.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

Southern Florida Branch

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

—TO THE—

Board of Missions.

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The Tenth Annual Meeting will be held at Orlando, 1903.



MARY A. E. TWING.

RESOLVED, That we, the officers and delegates to the ninth Annual Meeting of the Southern Florida Auxiliary, desire to express our sorrow for the loss of the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. E. Twing.

It was her wise and sanctified "moderation in all things," which laid such broad foundations for the Woman's Auxiliary, and by God's blessing has caused the "little one to become a thousand and the small one a great city" in which dwell a host of willing, loving, workers for Christ and His Church.

We rejoice that she lived to see this great result of her foundations laid in faith and waited for in patience, before her much loved Master called her home in this fullness of the joy of success, surrounded by friends, "Bishops and clergy and women workers from all over the world assembled to do her honor and to say the prayers and sing the hymns she loved." We cherish the remembrance of her one visit among us as one of our great privileges.

We offer her bereaved family, especially the sister left to bear her burden alone, our sincere sympathy.

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Deaconess,
MRS. B. F. BROWN,
COMMITTEE.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
—OF THE—
Southern Florida Auxiliary.

The meeting was held in St. Andrews church, Tampa January 30th, 1902.

At 9:00 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being celebrant and a large number of women receiving. The Bishop appointed the Diocesan officers for the ensuing year, and delivered his annual address to the women.

Bishop's Address.

MY DEAR SISTERS IN THE LORD.

It always gives me pleasure at these annual meetings of Convocation, to greet the officers and members of the Woman's Auxiliary. Your work is a good work, a helping work, and one that commends itself most warmly to my sympathy and interest. The great central Board of Missions reaching out to all parts of the Home and Foreign field, has a valuable band of faithful helpers in you here present to-day. I have in days past said commendatory words of your labors of love *by* which "ye have ministered to the saints and yet do minister." And I wish again to use terms of commendation, and to ask the fulness of the Divine blessing upon your work in the past and your plans in the future. It is still useful at times, however, to offer advice upon points of an organization such as yours, where new efforts may be made, or present efforts strengthened and developed. Life demands progress and fresh energy of helpfulness all along the line.

(1) As to the proportion of subscribers in parishes to the actual number of baptized women, I note with regret that sadly too few women are interested in the Auxiliary, and this curiously enough holds good more especially in the larger and richer parishes of the Jurisdiction. All the daughters of the church are members of the Auxiliary, by fact and virtue of their baptism, equal obligation to help its work, and subscribe to its funds, and to attend its meetings, and labor for its efficiency as the handmaid of the church in her efforts to spread abroad the word and truth of Christ. This is a fundamental idea of church life and organization and reaches down through all phases of church work to the present day—and will remain so, till the kingdoms of this world becomes the kingdoms of God—and His Christ. The contributions of the larger parishes compare not favorably oftentimes with the funds sent in from the smaller Missions. I say this to encourage you all to greater effort in order that you may return to your various centers of influence, and stir up the gift that is in your people to the glory of God and the spreading of the kingdom of light and love in the dark places of the earth. When interested and viewed they will do double service if their alms accompany their prayers.

(2) It is reported that in parishes where for well known reasons the membership of the church grows smaller by withdrawals or changes of residence, there is often a measure of discouragement felt and a tendency to despair, and even a readiness to disband and give up effort, if only a few members can be got together. Every great and good work since the world began, has been initiated and carried forward by small bands and tiny groups of faithful, ardent souls imbued with the spirit of the living God. God gives power not in proportion to numbers but in acknowledgement of desire. In our Lord's own time it was so. How much always rested on a weak handful of men and women and these persons easily influenced in any direction. They forsook even him at the last and fled, but they were again rallied by the power of the Holy Ghost and we know the measure of success that attended their work.

The strength of the few lay in prayer and alms—alms and prayer—the royal combination—the divine source of all spiritual blessing—the irresistible combination which leads all opposition and aims at the conquest of the world for Christ.

Miss Ball, of Japan, was recently asked the question as to how many persons made a regular branch of the Auxiliary. She replied, "myself and one other person." This is the true idea. The most precious promises of our Lord were given to the two or three, the few: to the individual worker, to small groups and this too is a fundamental idea of church life and organization and reaches down through all the phases of missionary effort from apostolic times to the present day; and will remain so till the end comes and time shall be no more.

(3.) I would like to say something about the Palm Branch—which I use as my diocesan organ. The list of subscribers is far too small in comparison with the number of church members in the Jurisdiction. Last year I had to supply a deficit in the cost of publication. This should not be so—the Palm Branch is a connecting link, a bond of union between the workers of the Jurisdiction—it tells of work done elsewhere, for the good cause of the church; and it encourages us by its records of the lengthening of cord, and strengthning the stakes of our beloved Zion. Seek to bring this matter to the point, the cost of the paper is small, but its influence must be considerable if well circulated everywhere.

(4.) In your meetings give attention to readings—to (a) interest (b) and instruct and educate your members in mission work, get succinct and condensed accounts of mission fields like Alaska, Africa, or Japan—so out of these evidences of the vitality and growth of the power of the divine love in the human hearts, great impulses to further results may be aroused and guided—and there shall go forth from you and those who work with you that great spiritual energy which shall leaven the world, and bring in the kingdom of the world to become the posessions of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you and hasten that day for his name's sake.

AMEN.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Guild Hall and called to order by the President at 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Drane were appointed a committee on credentials, and reported seventeen delegates from twelve branches.

The roll call by Branches showed thirty-six representatives. Many other women were also present as were three most welcome visitors representing the Dioceses of Georgia, Tennessee and New Jersey.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the President delivered her annual address. Mrs. Brown of Titusville moved that a committee be appointed to consider that part of the President's address referring to the death of Mrs. Twing, and to take suitable action thereon. Mrs. Brown and Deaconess Parkhill were appointed.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Sperry, was read and adopted.

The joint report of Deaconess Parkhill and Miss Elizabeth Rand, the secretary and associate secretary, was read and adopted.

The reports of the Secretary-Treasurers of the Junior and Babie's branches were read and adopted.

Mrs. Gray explained the work of the Junior and Babie's Branches, and the boxes for the latter were distributed.

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

It was decided to send, as usual, an Easter and an Advent Box. Leesburg offered to pack the Easter box, and Punta Gorda the one to be sent at Advent.

At noon the midday prayer was read by Bishop Weed.

Deaconess Parkhill read Miss Emery's annual report and a letter from Miss Emery urging more generous offerings for

General Missions: on motion, it was decided to send the annual gift of \$25.00 to Miss Emery, undesignated.

Mrs. Sperry having explained the necessity of sustaining the contingent fund, pledges for that fund were made as follows: Holy Trinity, Bartow, \$5.00; St. Barnabas, DeLand, \$2.00; St. Thomas, Eustis, \$1.00; All Saints, Lakeland, \$5.00; Christ Church, Longwood, \$1.00; St. James, Leesburg, \$1.00; Christ Church, Manatee River, \$1.00; St. Luke's Orlando, \$15.00; Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda, \$1.00; Holy Cross, Sanford, \$3.00; St. Andrews, Tampa, \$10.00; Trinity, Thonotosassa, \$1.00.

Deaconess Parkhill explained the proposed enlargement of the Palm Branch, and the action of the convocation, promising aid for that purpose, during the ensuing year.

Miss Rand presented the subject of the united offering, and the new boxes were distributed.

Mrs. Gray speaking of the distress and loss caused the Diocese of Florida by the recent fire in Jacksonville, on motion it was decided to send \$25.00 to Bishop Weed as an Easter Offering, for his work.

It was moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the ladies of Tampa, for their reception and entertainment of the delegates of the Woman's Auxiliary, which motion was carried by a rising vote.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and approved.

The motion for adjournment having been made, Dr. DeHart pronounced a blessing, and the President declared the meeting adjourned.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,
Secretary.

HATTIE HUDSON,
Secretary of the Meeting.



Address of the President.

We come together today with hearts full of thanksgiving to Almighty God that He has granted our united prayers in restoring to us, as it were, almost alive from the dead our dear Miss Parkhill, for so many years our faithful secretary. To-day we welcome her as our Vice President, and offer her our congratulations that she has successfully completed her course of study and attained to the order of deaconess, so long her heart's desire, and we congratulate ourselves that we are once more to enjoy the benefit of her wise counsel and efficient help. We also rejoice to welcome back from her long absence our associate secretary, now promoted to the head of that department, while our acting secretary, who so ably filled the place of the absentees, now becomes the associate secretary, in charge of the junior work.

Our thanks are due the retiring vice president, who, notwithstanding the pressure of work belonging to the office of directress of the Orlando branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and of the Parish Librarian of the Church Periodical Club, yet kindly consented last year to allow herself to be appointed to the vacant office, but who now feels constrained to ask relief from this added burden. Among the other offices there has been no change.

During the past year we have been called to mourn the loss in high places of two especially connected with our work. On September 16, in his home in Faribault, occurred the death of Bishop Whipple, who for so many years has been so identified with Southern Florida that we mourn him in closest bonds of sympathy with the people of his own diocese. Scarcely a month had passed when Mrs. Twing, the founder of the Woman's Auxiliary, was called to leave to other hands the work she loved so well. "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." God grant us grace so to follow their good examples that with them we may be partakers of His heavenly kingdom. Today, assembled in our 9th annual

meeting, and for the third time in the hospitable city of Tampa, let us take first a brief glance backward, then forward to the work crowding upon us for accomplishment. In looking over the report of the treasurer, we find, save in the matter of boxes and the united offering, a slight falling off in all the other columns—not, I believe, from less faithful work on the part of those who are interested, but from a decrease in numbers, caused chiefly by removals. Now, let us turn to the future and its responsibilities. In all directions we hear the Macedonian cry—“Come over and help us!” But “how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent.” Everywhere are opportunities opening up, but lost for want of the means with which to take immediate possession. At the general convention the great cry was for men and money. What can we do, women of the Auxiliary, to answer this urgent call of the Master? To the faithful few in our branches who have ever been zealous to their utmost in their gifts and in their prayers I would urge one thing more. Go out among the baptized women—aye! and men—and compel them by your persuasive earnestness to aid in this glorious work. Article 3 in our constitution says: The church itself being the missionary society, and every person by baptism becoming a member of it, therefore every baptized woman in the jurisdiction is regarded as a member of this branch of the auxiliary. Explain to them that all baptized persons are members and urge the women to attend our meetings for prayer and to give for mission work as God has prospered them, be it much or be it little. We have His promise that He often chooses the weak things of this world to bring about the grandest results. I would also urge the study of missions. To know the needs of the mission field is the best way to warm the heart. Let me beg the few and scattered women of the small missions not to be discouraged. Again, God’s promise is, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst.” Miss Bull, a missionary to Japan, when making an address to the Woman’s Auxiliary in San Antonio, Texas, in reply to the question “How many

does it take to form a branch of the Auxiliary?" said "Myself and another woman."

Another matter to which I would call your attention is that all requests or announcements in the Palm Branch are official, often coming in the first place from the headquarters in New York, and should be complied with, if possible, by every branch.

Now, a few words about the Junior Auxiliary. The training of the young to take our places in a few short years is a most important matter. The same two subjects, the necessity of which we try to impress upon ourselves—constant prayer and self-denying gifts—should be as diligently inculcated upon them. I earnestly deprecate theatricals and other similar amusements as a means of raising money for missions. The annual Junior Auxiliary sale at Bishopstead I deem a different matter, as for this the children are asked to work, making useful or fancy articles all through the year—often a real self-denying work for untrained fingers and restless little bodies. The Babies' Branch is, I trust, doing a good work, not only among the babies, but the parents as well—fulfilling the prophecy, "A little child shall lead them."

Last, but not least, the Church Periodical Club, in gathering up the fragments of literature and placing them where they can give pleasure and profit over and over again, is surely doing real auxiliary work, and should receive the strong support of all.

God grant that the coming year may see larger and better work done for Him than any preceding one.

Affectionately yours, for His sake,

FANNIE C. GRAY, President.



Report of the Treasurer,
From January 1, 1901, to January 1, 1902.

BRANCHES.	Special.	Systematic Offerings.		Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Boxes.	Church Home and Hospital.	Total in Money and Boxes.
		Contingent	Fund.					
Avon Park, Redeemer.....	\$ 6.50	\$.75	\$ 1.00	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.00	\$ 24.00		
Bartow, Holy Trinity.....	2.50	16.25	.25	6.00	8.25		33.25	
Brooksville, St. John's.....	10.55				20.90		31.45	
Cassia, St. Luke's.....	3.30				.40		3.70	
Cocoa, Emily Johnson Memorial.....	6.00						6.00	
Conway, Holy Trinity.....	11.55	17.00	2.00				30.55	
Courtenay, St. Luke's.....		1.28			.57	1.00		2.85
Daytona, St. Mary's.....		27.65	4.25	5.00	38.75		75.65	
DeLand, St. Barnabas.....		37.34	2.50	3.05	2.50		48.39	
Eustis, St. Thomas'.....	2.00	5.21	1.25	2.38	14.00		24.84	
Fort Meade, Christ.....		13.55					13.55	
Key West, St. Paul's.....		128.45	1.50	10.98	50.00	10.50	201.38	
Lakeland, All Saints.....		24.35	.60	3.90	2.50		31.35	
Leesburg, St. James'.....		14.50	1.00	3.81	33.80		53.11	
Longwood, Christ.....	1.00	8.23	1.57	1.05	11.55		23.40	
Maitland, Good Shepherd.....	1.00	8.25	.30	11.60	17.50	.75	44.40	
Manatee River, Christ.....		6.35		2.20	16.00		24.55	
Melbourne, Holy Trinity.....		5.90	1.25	14.18			21.28	
Merritt, Grace.....		5.00		2.39	3.75		11.14	
Myers, St. Luke's.....		1.50					1.50	
Narcoossee, St. Peter's.....		8.20		7.85		.50	16.55	
Ocala, Grace.....		39.90	1.25		30.50		71.65	
Orlando, St. Luke's.....	10.10	79.85	8.05	18.11	90.40		201.51	
Port Tampa City, St. Mary's.....		5.05	.75		1.00		6.80	
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd.....		5.65		2.18	15.00		22.78	
Sanford, Holy Cross.....	.50	34.45	3.55	2.75	9.60		50.85	
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's.....						1.00	1.00	
Tampa, St. Andrew's.....	3.85	47.90	6.75	5.68	27.90		91.58	
Thonotosassa, Trinity.....	2.00	3.25	.75	1.98	11.85		19.28	
Titusville, St. Gabriel's.....		9.88	1.25		6.00		11.18	
Winter Park, All Saint's.....					2.00		6.00	
Zellwood, St. James'.....		6.00	1.60				9.60	
Mrs. P. W. Boyden.....					2.40		.25	.25
Mrs. E. K. Foster.....					2.00			
Mrs. S. E. Julian.....					25.00			
Mrs. A. B. Hopkins.....					1.50			
Mrs. Steiger.....					10.01			
Interest.....					5.00			
Miss White, Philadelphia.....					22.75			
Rt. Rev. W. C. Gray.....					62.30			
Cash.....								
Total.....	\$ 34.00	\$ 587.29	\$ 131.22	\$ 148.97	\$ 419.80	\$ 25.00	\$ 1346.28	
Junior Department.....								\$ 277.45
Grand Total.....								\$ 1628.73

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1901.....		\$ 44.68
Systematic Offerings.....		587.29
Contingent Fund.....		131.22
United Offering*.....		148.97
Church Home and Hospital.....		25.00
Specials.....		34.00

Total..... \$ 971.16

*United Offering 1899, \$67.48; 1900, \$73.25; 1901, \$148.97. Total, \$289.70.

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Missionary Work in Jurisdiction.....	\$560 00
For Hospital at Shanghai.....	25 00
For Bishop's Special Fund.....	10 00
For Church Training and Deaconess House, Philadelphia.....	8 00
For Mrs. Twing Memorial.....	15 00
For United Offering.....	148 97
For Church Home and Hospital	25 00
For Fire Sufferers in Jacksonville, from Maitland Branch.....	1 00
For Printing and other expenses.....	144 83
Balance, December 31, 1901.....	33 36
Total.....	971 16

MARY W. SPERRY, TREASURER.

Report of the Secretaries.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:—

We would respectfully report that in God's providence we have both been permitted to return to our homes and work; but before giving a summary of the condition of our Branch at this time, we wish to bear our testimony to the efficient, faithful and zealous manner in which the Secretaries' work has been carried on in our lengthy and enforced absence by the Acting Secretary, Miss Anna A. Rand, to whom the whole Branch owes a debt of gratitude.

The total offerings in money and boxes for the past year as by the Treasurer's Report appended is.....\$1346 28
Junior Department..... 202 10
Babies' Branch..... 75 35
Total \$1623 73

We find that during the past year thirty Branches have contributed regularly, and two have sent only one special offering each. One new Branch has just been organized in Miami. Those in Fort Meade, Myers, Merritt, Thonotosassa, Winter Park and St. Petersburg have not held the monthly meetings. In New Smyrna and Lake Mary, whose names have been on the list of Branches, nothing has been done,

owing to various circumstances ; and one other, at Narcoossee, although doing faithful work until this time, has given notice that it has "disbanded," only two members being left in the place. Owing to removals the numbers are very small in many places, but should they not remember our Lord's own promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them?" By discontinuing the monthly meetings is not an opportunity lost of meeting with HIM and aiding the cause by prayer? Miss Bull, a faithful missionary in Japan, when asked how many it takes to make an Auxiliary meeting, answered "myself and another woman."

Although there are thirty Branches that contribute regularly, there are in each only a faithful few. These are *very* faithful, their perseverance and patient earnestness are beyond praise, but in most parishes and missions the larger part of baptized members neither contributes to the Woman's Auxiliary nor attends its meetings for prayer. From the reports sent us by the Parochial Secretaries we find a strange inverse proportion, that the greater the number of baptized members in a place the smaller is the proportion which contributes and attends the meetings. Will not our leaders, the Clergy, by their words and influence help us to increase the number of those who contribute, and also of those who attend the meetings for prayer and for learning of this most important subject: the spread of our Master's Kingdom.

We find a growing interest and increase in the amount of aid given to the Church Home and Hospital by many Branches, one, that in Punta Gorda, having held monthly meetings during the winter and spring for the purpose of working for it. Believing this to be a most important instrument in the missionary work of Southern Florida we feel it a privilege to aid in its support.

A majority of our Parochial Branches helped willingly to fill the two boxes which were sent out as usual at the Easter and Advent seasons. In these boxes nothing was ever put of a quality which we ourselves would not be willing to receive.

Three Branches, those in Orlando, Key West and Sanford,

complied with the request of our General Secretary, Miss Julia C. Emery, by holding a thanksgiving service on October 3d, the day of the great service in San Francisco, when the United Offering was made.

One important point brought out by comparing the reports received is the small number of subscribers to the Palm Branch in this Jurisdiction. Although published by the Woman's Auxiliary, the Bishop and Clergy have honored it by using it as their organ, and it does seem as if the whole Church in Southern Florida ought to stand by its own publication. If every member of the Church would send the small price of twenty-five cents each year the Palm Branch would be self-sustaining. It is an important factor in the Church's work in this part of the field, keeping us in touch with each other at home and making known abroad our efforts and our needs. It ought to be slightly enlarged to give a sufficiency of space for each department, so perfecting its efficiency. How can this be accomplished?

Now that your corps of officers is again intact we feel that a step forward ought to be made on all our lines of work in the ensuing year, thus rendering the Woman's Auxiliary a more real helper and more meet for the Master's work.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET R. PARKHILL, Deaconess, Secretary.

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Associate Secretary.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 30, 1902.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.**Eighth Annual Report of Junior Branch of Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.**

The number of branches is the same as last year, and although the offering is slightly less, the interest shown is greater in the fact that no assistance has come from outside, but all the work has been done by the branches themselves. At Easter time five dollars was received from the branches throughout the jurisdiction and given to Bishop Gray for his work among the Seminole Indians. The proceeds of an entertainment given by St. Luke's branch were fifty-one dollars and seventy-five cents. This sum was devoted to the work of the Church Home and Hospital. This institution also received at various times through the year the following sums: Forty dollars from the proceeds of a bazaar held by St. Andrew's branch (Tampa); Ten dollars from St. Paul's branch (Key West); One dollar in cash, and a box valued at one dollar, from Good Shepherd branch (Punta Gorda); and fifty dollars which was the Christmas offering of the combined Junior branches. Then there were sent out two boxes each containing articles valued at fifteen dollars. One of them was sent to the Orphanage of the Good Shepherd at Louisville, Kentucky; the other to Cowan, Tennessee, for work among the mountaineers. The systematic offering amounted to thirteen dollars and thirty-five cents; after one dollar and thirty-five cents was deducted for expenses; four dollars was given to the work of diocesan, foreign, and domestic missions respectively. Before sending my resignation and closing my work with the Junior Auxiliary I would give my hearty thanks to all those who have assisted in the work, especially the children themselves and their secretaries who have so faithfully co-operated with me. Training the young in the work of missions that they may grow up with a sense of the privilege of their responsibility in the work of His cause is truly the surest way

to hasten the time when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the Sea.

Respectfully Submitted.

JULIETTE B. MASSEY,

Secretary and Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

From January, 1901, to January, 1902.

	Systematic Offering.	Boxes.	Specials.	Totals.
DeLand, St. Barnabas' Branch.....	\$ 2 80	\$		\$ 2 80
Key West, St. Paul's Branch.....		10 00		10 00
Longwood, Christ Church Branch.....	52			52
Ocala, Grace Church Branch.....	65			65
Orlando, St. Luke's Branch.	5 21		51 75	56 96
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd Branch.....	2 47	1 00	1 00	4 47
Sanford, Holy Cross Branch.....	70			70
Tampa, St. Andrew's Branch			40 00	40 00
Zellwood, St. James' Branch.....	1 00			1 00
Combined Branches	{ Easter Offering.....		5 00	5 00
	{ Christmas Offering.....		50 00	50 00
	{ Two Boxes \$15 each	30 00		30 00
Totals.....	\$13 35	\$31 00	\$157 75	\$202 10

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS :

Diocesan Missions.....\$4 00

Domestic Missions..... 4 00

Foreign Missions..... 4 00

SPECIAL—Easter offering for Seminole Mission

SPECIALS—For Church Home and Hospital:

St. Paul's Branch, Key West..... 10 00

St. Luke's Branch, Orlando..... 51 75

Good Shepherd Branch, Punta Gorda..... 1 oc

St. Andrew's Branch, Tampa 40 00

Christmas Offering 50 00

Expressage 1 33

ENT BOXES—
On Box value 15.00

One Box, w

One Box, value..... 15 00

One Box, value..... 100

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Respectfully submitted,

JULIETTE B. MASSEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

Fifth Annual Report of the Babies' Branch.

This year the Babies' Branch has had some few additions but as was the case last year many are leaving the State.

This year one of the "Little Helpers" has been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, namely, Lulie Loango Johnson, of Key West, Fla., and another mother has taken a memorial box, making the number of names in our memorial circle twenty-six.

We have enrolled now one hundred and sixty names. For the year the "first gift of five cents," amounting to \$.75, has been sent to the Orphanage at Shanghai.

The systematic offering from the boxes sums up to \$74.60 which less the expenses has been divided as usual, one third to Diocesan, one-third Domestic and one-third Foreign Missions, undesignated by Miss Emery's special request.

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

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH,

From January, 1901, to January, 1902.

Members enrolled, 160 ; Members reporting, 115.	
First Gifts.....	\$ 75
Systematic Offerings from Boxes.....	74 60
Total raised.....	\$75 35

EXPENSES:—

Red Boxes, one hundred.....	\$ 3 00
Expressage	1 30
Postage	52
Total.....	\$ 4 82
Total, less Expenses.....	\$70 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Chinese Orphanage, Shanghai, "First Gift".....	\$ 75
Diocesan to the Bishop.....	23 26
Domestic Undesignated	23 26
Foreign Undesignated.....	23 26
Total.....	\$70 53

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE HUDSON,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of the Church Periodical Club.

There has been a slight falling off in the work of the Church Periodical Club during the past year. The number of periodicals regularly sent out is, 138, as against 149 reported the previous year, and the odd numbers and files a few hundred less than at that time.

The unsatisfied vital need, is the work of the "one woman who cares," in every parish and mission to enlist the sympathy and cooperation of those who may have literature to pass on. As the Rev. Dr. Greer says, "There is this peculiar value about a book, that when you read it and get out of it all you can, it is just as good for the next person as for you. You get all the value that you can out of the book, and all you get out of it, you leave for the next person, and the value is not in the least diminished by giving to the second or third reader, provided the leaves are there. Books do really over and over again clothe the naked and feed the hungry as no other clothing and food can do."

The hope expressed a year ago, that we might pass this first year of the new century without the usual deficit has not been realized, notwithstanding the smallness of the amount asked for—five cents a year,—but we still hope that renewed effort will bring its reward.

There have been sent out the past year 138 regulars, 15 books—four of them music books, 4 pictures, 8 calendars, 1841 odd numbers.

Through removals, and otherwise, the force of librarians is unfortunately reduced; one, Mrs. Summerlin, has passed through the gate of death to join the waiting ones in paradise: "Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon her."

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