

Southern Florida

Woman's Auxiliary



TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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—TO THE—

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THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

What Is the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions?

It is an association of the women of the Church, established, in October, 1871, by the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to help in its work.

The Board of Missions is that body in the Church which has charge of all Missionary work. The Church itself is a Missionary Association, and every baptized Christian is a member of it. The Woman's Auxiliary consists of all baptized women. No one is elected a member of it: it is a privilege by baptism to become a member. The object of the society is to collect money for Missionary purposes, and to meet together to pray for Missions, and to hear what is being done in the Mission field, both Domestic and Foreign. When the society was formed it was thought that there were many women who could not afford to put their names down for large subscriptions, but that almost every woman could contribute one cent a day by economy and self-denial. Hence the usual subscription asked for is 30 cents a month, and ladies go from house to house to collect it. In the parishes and Missions of each Diocese and Missionary Jurisdiction branches of the Woman's Auxiliary are established under the superintendence of the Rector or Missionary in Charge, who appoints annually a Directress, Treasurer and Secretary. Every year there is the annual meeting of Delegates from the different branches, and the Bishop appoints a Directress, Treasurer and Secretary for the whole Diocese. Thus, you see, the Woman's Auxiliary is a society consisting of all the women in each Diocese to help the Bishop and clergy, and through them the Board of Missions. It is a most valuable society, and has already contributed large sums annually to the Missionary work of the different Dioceses, and also to that of the Board of Missions. The meetings for prayer and information have kindled much zeal for Missions, and at the same time have aroused greater activity in all Christian work, and have quickened the spiritual life of those who have taken part in them. Jesus Christ said: "If any man will be my disciple, let him deny himself and take

up his cross and follow me." Dear sister, you are already by baptism a member of the Woman's Auxiliary. Will you not come to our meetings and help in the good work? We meet once a month, and you will hear the day and hour announced the Sunday before in Church.

The Southern Florida Branch of the Auxiliary has the following objects set before it as its regular work:

The Systematic Offering—That is, the monthly collections, which go directly to aid the Bishop in his work.

The Contingent Fund, which is used for the printing of the Palm Branch and the various contingent expenses of the society. For this fund offerings are asked at the time of the annual meetings of the parochial branches, and pledges are given for various amounts to be redeemed within the year.

The United Offering, for which collections are made by individual members in the regular United Offering boxes sent from the Missions House, the whole amount collected in three years going at the end of that time to swell the great Triennial Offering, which is made by the women of the whole Church at the time of each General Convention.

Missionary Boxes are, from time to time, prepared by the branches of the Auxiliary working together, and these are always sent to Missionaries without this Jurisdiction, thus widening the scope of our work.

The help of the women has been asked for the Church Home and Hospital situated in Orlando. Contributions of money and of all kinds of provisions are of great aid, and all packages not weighing over ten pounds, if directed to the Church Home and Hospital, and simply marked "Collect," will be, by the courtesy of the Express Company, delivered free.

Copies of this article, which has been in the main prepared for us by the Rev. C. W. Arnold as an aid to our work, can be had in leaflet form for general distribution by applying to the Secretary, Miss Elizabeth H. Rand, Longwood.

Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

OFFICERS 1903.

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

Annual Meetings of Parochial Branches on the Feast of the Epiphany : Offering for the Contingent Fund.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
—OF THE—
Southern Florida Auxiliary.

The meeting was held in the Cathedral, Orlando, January 29th, 1903.

At 9:30 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.

During the forty-three years over which the period of my ministry has extended I have witnessed marvelous indications of the great fact that it is only through great tribulation that we can enter into the kingdom of God; that it is by the trial of our Faith that patience is wrought in us, and that the fruits of Christian life and the building up of Christian character are the results of toil and suffering cheerfully undertaken and patiently endured. We remember, in this connection, the incidents connected with the condition of our Sister, Deaconess Harriet R. Parkhill, who is absent from our gathering today, but whose name will be often upon our lips in prayer and intercession, on this occasion of our meeting together, that God may see fit to send her back to us in His own time so restored in health as to be able to take up again the work for our Lord and His Church which she loved so well, and in which she labored so faithfully. Her complete resignation, when it seemed possible that she would have to spend the rest of her years in darkness, was an object lesson to us all. There is a strong hope that

all may be well with our sister, and that her sight may be completely restored, and we can only place these things in God's hands, and learn to pass through this short life, with its lights and shadows, with the great thought that all things work together for good to those who love God.

I would now refer to one or two matters which seem to call here for some reference on my part. First of all, I would say that in listening to the fresh calls which are ever being made upon the Woman's Auxiliary, as the area of our operations widens and new fields of effort open to us, we must take care that younger, and it may be more attractive efforts do not lead us to overlook the stronger claims of older organizations or objects of our sympathy. Let me mention, for instance, the Church Home and Hospital, and call your attention to the wonderful success which has attended its efforts for the relief of the sick and the care of those who especially need its assistance. Opposition to the institution from outside has happily subsided in face of the facts connected with its great mission of "Healing and Helping," and it has now taken its place amongst us as a recognized necessity to the community. Let us thank God for this and resolve each to do what can be done to increase the capacity of this institution.

But I would say a word as to your "Systematic Offering." The funds raised in this way by the Auxiliary go direct into the hands of the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction, and are used for the support, as far as they go, of the Missionaries in it. In looking over the columns of your annual reports, I notice a slight falling off in this fund. I feel grateful to you for all that you have done in the past in this matter, and for the strong support which you have ever been to me through all these years. But I would urge upon you the importance of keeping up this old column and not allowing new ventures to draw your attention and interest from this, to me, most helpfull assistance.

I would now say something as to the Bishop's Special Fund, in order that you may understand how necessary it is that it should be generously supported. You are aware, proba-

bly, that the General Board makes an appropriation toward the stipends of the Missionary Clergy of the Jurisdiction ; but there are many calls which always come, and often suddenly, upon the Bishop—for instance, the sickness of the Missionary, some family affliction which the Missionary cannot deal with alone, an unexpected call for special Missionary work. These examples may suggest some of the uses to which this fund is put.

I have only one more word to say this morning, and it is a word of earnest encouragement. As I look back upon the ten years past I feel that you as an Auxiliary have much to be thankful for. First, the great success that has attended your own efforts and the results you have achieved in the face of a limited income and the great disaster which impoverished us some years ago. And your influence has reached beyond the boundary lines of our Jurisdiction, for you have had applications for information as to your methods of work and lines of organization. From distant places you have been asked to teach something of the way in which you carry on your work in this field which God has given you.

I have received from you much valuable aid during the past ten years of my Episcopate. The Woman's Auxiliary has always been to me a strong arm upon which to lean. Press on ! Be strong and of a good courage. Do the work of today according to the ability which God has given you. From Him is the power and the blessing. Let each effort be done as in the sight of God, who sees the heart and weighs the motive, and recognizes true service however humble. Go forth to the great work of lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of our beloved Zion. Bring men to the foot of the Cross that they may learn everywhere, whether rich or poor, bond or free, high or low, that Christ died for all ; that " whosoever " shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. In the great Missionary work of the Church you are helpers. God is working with you, and through you. May He bless and keep you, and give you every spiritual gift above all that you can ask or think, for His Son's sake. Amen !

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Armory Building, and was called to order at 11 a. m.

Miss Gray and Miss Kilmer were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and reported twenty-four delegates representing fifteen branches.

Fifty-four women responded to the roll call by branches, as also one delegate each from three Junior branches.

After the roll call Miss Rand offered the following resolution :

"Resolved, That we, the women of the Southern Florida Auxiliary, assembled in our Annual Meeting, extend to our beloved Vice-President, Deaconess Parkhill, our loving greeting, and express the gratitude which we feel at the restoration of her sight, and also assure her that we are all looking eagerly forward to her return to us and Southern Florida."

The resolution was carried by a rising vote.

The President delivered her annual address.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

The joint report of the Secretaries was read and adopted.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Branch was read and adopted.

At noon the midday prayers were read by Bishop Weed, who then made a short address on "The Responsibility of Women."

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Babies' Branch read her report, which was adopted.

The report of the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club was read and adopted.

Mrs. Gray, speaking on the subject of General Missions, it was moved and carried that the Annual Offering of \$25.00 be sent to Miss Emery undesignated.

It was decided to send, as usual, two boxes during the year. Lakeland offered to pack the one to be sent at Easter,

Daytona that to be sent at Advent. Mrs. Gray also spoke of the Junior Christmas Box and the Christmas Sale.

Mrs. Sperry spoke of the increased circulation of the Palm Branch and explained the necessity of the Contingent Fund.

The following pledges were made for the Contingent Fund: Maitland pledged \$12.00; Eustis, \$1.00; Fort Myers, \$1.00; Orlando, \$15.00; Bartow, \$5.00; Conway, \$1.00; Winter Park, \$1.00; Leesburg, \$2.00; Daytona, \$3.00; Key West, \$5.00; Tampa, \$10.00; Sanford, \$3.00; Longwood, \$1.00; Lakeland, \$5.00; Thonotosassa, \$0.50; Punta Gorda, \$1.00; Braidenton, \$5.00; Melbourne, \$2.00.

The Secretary spoke on the Mission Study and urged its more general adoption by the Southern Florida Auxiliary.

The President explained the small change which it was considered desirable to have made in the Constitution before the printing of a new edition; and on motion it was decided that Section 8 of Article VII read in future:

"Each month there shall be a meeting of the officers and members of the branch, at which time the collectors shall pay their collections to the Treasurer, transfer contributors who have removed from one district to another to their respective committee, report new names of possible contributors, and transact any other business."

Mrs. Gillette, of Tampa, proposed that the delegates to the next Annual Meeting should adopt some small badge to aid in recognizing and meeting committees and visitors.

On the offering of a resolution that thanks be extended to the ladies of the Orlando Branch, the meeting carried the same by a rising vote.

It was moved and seconded that after the reading of the minutes the meeting adjourn.

The minutes being read and approved, the Doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

ANNA A. RAND,
Secretary of the Meeting.

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.
Orlando, Fla, January 29, 1903.

The Tenth Annnal Meeting of the

Address of the President.

In assembling for our annual meeting in Orlando, the first time since it has become the Cathedral town, in the name of the members of the Cathedral Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, I heartily extend the hospitality of our town, and of our homes, to all our visitors.

Those of you who met here three years ago will doubtless perceive that the flight of time has left its impress in several important changes which have taken place. First, our efficient, ever zealous co-laborers, Mr. and Mrs. Pell Clarke, who by their removal have left a vacancy which it is impossible to fill, will, I am sure, be missed by all. But by their generous gifts they have raised to themselves an enduring monument. Their former home, however, now Bishopstead, still stands with open doors, extending a cordial welcome to all, to enter, and make themselves at home there, as a convenient center, which I hope all will feel free to do, as in the days gone by. At the former Bishopstead, now Pell Clarke Hall, the Church School for girls, visitors will also be welcomed, at any time. The improvements in the Cathedral speak for themselves, both for beauty and for comfort. A Deaconess home has been established here, with two faithful workers as its inmates. The Church Home and Hospital, while not yet showing much visible improvement is doing a noble and constantly increasing work, against great odds. We hope in the near future to have new and permanent buildings there, including a Chapel. A roomy, convenient building for the Colored Industrial School, in connection with St. John Baptist Mission has been erected, and is in the second year of its existence. In view of all these improvements, I think we may well thank God, and take courage.

Now let us take a shorter retrospect and glance at our own last year's Auxiliary work. The pledges made, for help for Bishop Weed's work, on account of the Jacksonville fire, for our Contingent Fund, and for the missionary boxes, including

the Christmas boxes sent by the Juniors, have, as in times past, been all fully redeemed.

Your Executive Committee has been much gratified at the interest manifested in the study of missions, by a constantly increasing number of Branches, as well as by the willing offerings for general missions, made wherever the Deaconesses have visited thus increasing our annual offering and so enabling us to bear our part in fulfilling the pledge made by the whole Auxiliary in the general meeting in San Francisco, viz: to raise each year \$100,000 to help the Board of Missions.

The enlarged circulation of the Palm Branch is also very noticeable and encouraging and the Church Periodical Club is steadfastly carrying on its most helpful work. In regard to the work among the Juniors, in some of the Branches there has been a very marked increase of activity, and several new Branches have been organized, but in others, in some instances, for want of an efficient leader, and in some, because the places themselves, are by removals and other causes, nearly broken up —the Branches have ceased to exist, so that the total number of Branches stands about the same as last year.

In the Babies' Branch some of the babies have grown old enough, either to enter the Junior, or they have moved away, without its being made known and so lost sight of; while there have been added 66, making the whole present number 200, as against 160 reported last year.

Now in looking *forward* to the work for the coming year, I would sound the call to still greater faithfulness and zeal. As one fruitful means of accomplishing results, I urge the study of missions as prepared in the Palm Branch, for it is a noticeable fact that wherever a branch has during the past year done this there has at once been a corresponding increase in numbers and interest. To know the needs of the work, is the surest way to create the wish to help it on. And let us always bear in mind, that our prayers must go with our study, and our aims, to bring down the promised blessing.

In our by-laws is one which reads: All meetings shall be opened with prayer, and shall include the reading or study of

some missionary subject. Now let me say a word about our constitution. It is our law, given to us by the Bishop, and we should work by it. In article 7, on the duties of parochial officers, are the following clauses : (d) The Parochial Committee shall divide the parish into districts of convenient size, assigning each to a committee of collectors, where the work is more than the Parochial Committee can perform.

(f) The collector shall go in person to each contributor on the last days of every month to collect pledges. In cases where contributors live at distances too remote for personal collections, suitable envelopes will be furnished the Parochial Committee, upon application to the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

(f) The officers and collectors shall meet on the first Monday of each month, to pay their collections to the Treasurer, transfer contributors who have removed from one district to another to their respective committees, report new names of possible contributors and transact other business.

This, I fear has become as a dead letter, in most of our Branches, but I would earnestly urge the officers to do their diligence to revive this excellent custom, as well as imperative law of the Constitution. In times past it has been tried, and found a most efficient way of increasing our systematic offerings, so much needed in the work. And just here let me call your attention to the fact that during the first four years of our existence as the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary our offerings for the missions in the Jurisdiction were largely over \$800—one year reaching \$879.59. But for the last four years they have been on a decreasing series, until last year they got down to \$587.29. I know there has been the freeze and the decrease in almost every way—but so much the greater the necessity of reviving the system of Collectors, going from house to house for the monthly collections, however small—and so increasing by that means our systematic offerings—so important a factor in our missionary work.

Your attention has already been called by the January

number of the Palm Branch to the desirability of a change of time for the annual meeting of the Parish Branches, from Easter Tuesday to the Feast of the Epiphany, thus making the annual parochial reports more nearly coincide with the Diocesan reports, which will certainly be a great improvement over the present way. There is, however, one disadvantage in the change, of which I wish to speak, as the surest way to overcome it. Easter Tuesday was the time first selected because it is a Holy day always falling on the same day of the week, and that a convenient one for the meeting. The Feast of the Epiphany occurring each year on a different day, for instance a Sunday, it will sometimes be impossible to hold the meeting on the very day. Then every Branch will find it necessary to do what is suggested to each of those in a group of missions served by the same priest, namely, to hold their annual meeting as *near* the Epiphany as possible.

Now this brings me to the real point of the whole matter, which is the importance of having the annual meeting in connection with the Holy Communion with special intention of asking divine aid and blessing on the work of the coming year. Ask your Rector or Priest in charge to arrange with you a day when he can have a Celebration, and invite every woman to come. The offering should be devoted to the Contingent Fund, and may go to help out the pledge made by the Branch for that purpose. At the close of the service, the Rector presiding, the Secretary and Treasurer should read their reports of the year's work, and the appointment of the officers for the ensuing year be made. Then the newly appointed Directress should take the chair and read the Constitution, before proceeding to any other business.

Now let us turn to the second division of the Auxiliary Society, the Junior Department. In one way, at least, this is the most difficult department to get into working order, for it so much depends on the leader or Directress. I, therefore, beg each member of the senior department to bear in mind the Junior's of her parish, to encourage the children to come to the meetings, and to aid all in her power the Directress of the Ju-

niors, and when the branch is languishing, or dead, for want of a suitable leader, to do all that in her lies to find some one who will for Christ's sake, feed His lambs.

The third division of the Auxiliary is the Babies' Branch. Let me urge upon the mothers the importance of the prayer with the gift, *both* being offered by the voice and the hand of the child each Lord's day. The amount hastily made up as the opening time comes on, loses all the holy educational power upon the child. To the Parish Secretaries of this branch, I would say, be ambitious, not only to enroll all the babies in the parish, but to pass them on, as soon as they become old enough, to the second or Junior grade, and these in turn should aspire to reach the senior or Woman's department. Thus with all baptized members of our Holy Catholic Church, working each in her own place, what grand results might we not accomplish.

So by faithful, careful attention to little things, let us all strive to do our best work for the Master, for by so doing we may accomplish much that shall be well pleasing in His sight and shall hasten on the glorious time when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Yours faithfully,

Orlando, 1903.

FANNIE C. GRAY, President.



Report of the Treasurer,

From January 1, 1902, to January 1, 1903.

BRANCHES.	Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund	United Offering.	Boxes.	Church Home and Hospital.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Avon Park, Redeemer.	4.50			6.00			10.50
Bartow, Holy Trinity.	2.25	14.60		6.50	27.82		51.17
Brooksville, St. John's.		8.90			18.05		26.95
Cassia, St. Luke's.		.60					.60
Cocoa, Emily Johnson Memorial.		6.00					6.00
Conway, Holy Trinity.	20.00	8.13	1.00				29.13
Courtenay, St. Luke's.		2.50		.66	2.25		.41
Daytona, St. Mary's.	1.50	29.00	3.30	4.15	28.25		66.20
DeLand, St. Barnabas'.		41.65	2.00	.75	3.00		47.40
Eustis, St. Thomas'.	1.40	6.49	1.00	3.73	13.00		25.62
Fort Meade, Christ.		11.50			20.00		31.50
Fort Myers, St. Luke's.	.35	3.86			13.00		25.62
Key West, St. Paul's.		122.70		4.45		11.15	138.30
Kissimmee, St. John's.		14.15			20.00		34.15
Lakeland, All Saints.	4.00	18.35	7.00		7.50		36.85
Leesburg, St. James'.	.80	7.50	1.00	1.62	4.75		15.67
Longwood, Christ.	1.00	9.46	1.00	.54	16.50		28.50
Maitland, Good Shepherd.	1.50	15.25	.50	3.00	10.35	10.85	44.45
Manatee River, Christ.		12.15			25.00		37.15
Melbourne, Holy Trinity.		18.27		3.42			21.69
Merritt, Grace.		5.00			5.55		10.53
Miami, Trinity.	39.85				3.75	2.50	46.10
Narcoossee, St. Peter's.				7.00			7.00
Ocala, Grace.		42.68		1.58	28.25		72.51
Orlando, St. Luke's.	5.90	93.19	16.97	12.00	77.00		205.06
Palm Beach, Bethesda-by-the-Sea		20.00					20.00
Por Tampa City, St. Mary's.		1.60					1.60
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd.	1.10	3.36			18.25		22.71
Sanford, Holy Cross.	3.50	36.45	1.93	2.60	26.25		70.73
Sanibel Island.					12.00		12.00
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's.	1.50	17.50		1.35	7.00		27.35
Tampa, St. Andrew's.	1.50	56.06	10.00	2.47	33.10		103.13
Thonotosassa, Trinity.	1.25	3.00	1.00	1.00	18.00	1.00	25.25
Titusville, St. Gabriel's.		20.10					20.10
Winter Park, All Saint's.		5.50	1.00				6.50
Zellwood, St. James'.	1.00				.0		2.00
St. Bartholomew's Ch., Pinellis.		.37					.37
St. Mary's Church, Daytona.			2.00				2.00
Christ Church, Longwood.			20.00				20.00
Mr. Louis C. Massey.			4.00				4.00
Miss Louise Chase, Baltimore.			1.00				1.00
Mrs. C. F. Fischer.	2.00						2.00
Mrs. S. E. Julian.		.25					.25
Mrs. Margaretta Martin.			50				.56
A Friend.	6.10		134.39			1.25	7.35
Cash.							134.39
Total.	96.50	658.77	209.59	50.82	445.60	26.75	\$1498.88
Junior Department.							214.11
Grand Total.							1712.99

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1902.....	\$ 33 36
Systematic Offering.....	660 62
Contingent Fund.....	209 59
United Offering.....	59 82
Church Home and Hospital.....	26 75
Specials	96 50
 Total.....	\$1086 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Missionary Work in Jurisdiction.....	\$ 635 00
For General Missions.....	32 50
For Bishop's Special Fund.....	59 85
For Bishop's Weed's work.....	25 00
For Mrs. Twing Memomorial.....	4 15
For Church Home and Hospital.....	26 75
For Printing and other expenses.....	182 62
At interest for United Offering.....	59 82
Balance, December 31, 1902.....	60 95
 Total.....	\$1086 64

Respectfully submitted, MARY W. SPERRY, Treasurer.

Report of the Secretaries of the Southern Florida Auxiliary.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:

We would respectfully report the work of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year 1902:

The total of offerings, as by the Treasurer's report, is as follows:

Money and Boxes.....	\$1,498 88
Junior Department.....	132 40
Babies' Branch	81 71
 Total.....	\$1 712 99

For the the past year we report thirty-two contributing branches. At Narcoossee the branch has been abandoned, only two members being left in the place. Offerings from Narcoossee, Palm Beach and Cassia were received once in the year, and a contribution to one of the Missionary boxes was made by Sanibel. Two new branches have been formed within the year—that at Miami beginning work in January, and one at Kissimmee being organized in April by Deaconess Parkhill. Two branches have also been reorganized—at St. Petersburg by Mrs. Gray, and at Fort Myers by Deaconess

Parkhill. Much good has resulted from the visitations of Deaconess Parkhill, not only through their official relation to the branches, but also by personal intercourse with the workers. Of the thirty-two branches, twenty-five responded to the request for annual reports. Of these, two have held no meetings, seven have held meetings part of the twelve months, while in the rest the monthly meetings have been held regularly, and the service set forth for these meetings is in general use.

As has been the case in years past, we are again made to face the fact that but a very small proportion of the women in the Jurisdiction take part in the work of the Auxiliary. Such a proportion as twenty-five out of one hundred and fifty in a congregation, twenty-eight out of a hundred, or in the smaller places eight out of forty-eight, three out of twenty-four, or four out of fourteen, makes us realize how small is the number of workers compared to what it should be, and also how different might be the result if the large number of uninterested women would become interested workers.

In the matter of arousing interest in the Mission work of the Church, we feel that we have made an advance during the past year. The regular course of Mission Study prepared by Deaconess Parkhill and printed monthly in the Palm Branch has, in each branch where it has been adopted, added much interest to the monthly meetings and awakened fresh life in the branch. Approval of the Course has come to us from without our Jurisdiction, and it is being followed in a number of places, even in far-off Alaska while we have had one request for the privilege to print in a diocesan paper the various lessons of the first series. This seems to us a matter of deep importance, and we would venture to ask you to urge the adoption of the systematic study of Missions throughout the Auxiliary branches in Southern Florida.

A cause of gratitude is the enlargement of the Palm Branch. This matter was presented to the Convocation last January, and by the generous gift of a layman of the Jurisdiction, and also further smaller contributions, we were enabled, beginning with the March number, to enlarge the Palm

Branch about one-third its former size, which enlargement has proved of great benefit, as there are constant and increasing demands for space in the columns of the paper which serves as a monthly messenger to the widely-scattered Missions of our Jurisdiction.

Two boxes were sent, as usual, from Southern Florida—one each at Easter and Advent; and to these the majority of the branches made generous contributions.

Many of the branches have shown more interest than ever before in the work of the Church Home and Hospital, and have made frequent contributions to it of food and other necessities. We have also made space in the Palm Branch, in addition to that already given, for monthly "Tidings" from the Hospital.

This year (1903) is the tenth anniversary of the Southern Florida Auxiliary as a diocesan branch, and in looking back over the past decade, while there have been many disappointments and discouragements, some sad partings with wise and honored workers, and much left undone which we must deplore, yet we feel most truly that God has been very good to us, and that He has indeed blessed us in our efforts to help forward the work of His Church in this Mission field.

To you, Right Reverend Father, we would render our appreciation and thanks for the kindly interest and loving counsel which have so unfailingly been given to our wishes and needs during the past ten years, and we pray that the Southern Florida Auxiliary may long be blessed with your wise and inspiring leadership.

With the beginning of a new era in the life of the Church in Southern Florida, we would also pray that the women within its borders may be aroused to a fuller realization of the opportunities and privileges which are offered them, of helping in however humble a way, to make ready this part of His great kingdom for the coming of the King.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.

ANNA A. RAND, Associate Secretary.
Orlando, Fla., January 28, 1902.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Ninth Annual Report of the Junior Branch of the Southern Florida Auxiliary.

There are now nine active branches of the Junior Auxiliary in Southern Florida. One branch, that at Zellwood, although contributing the last year, has now been given up, since all the members have moved away. DeLand, Ocala, Key West and Sanford have also disbanded, but we hope soon to reorganize branches in those places. Branches have been organized during the year in St. Petersburg, Braidentown and Maitland, and they seem interested and are doing good work.

The branch in Braidentown is a "summer branch," and, although it has not contributed to the Systematic Offering, it sent a contribution to the Christmas Box and Junior Sale. The Altar Guild of St. Mary's, Daytona, has joined the Juniors also, and sent a generous contribution to the Christmas Sale. The proceeds of an entertainment given by St. Luke's branch, Orlando, and amounting to \$37.00, were given to the Bishop for his Special Fund.

It seems that the interest in the work is increasing and all the branches are doing good work. Last year it was decided to ask the branches, as far as possible, to send boxes of groceries and provisions to the Church Home and Hospital, and some of the branches have done this.

The Junior Sale was held at Christmas-time, as usual, and the proceeds (\$50.00) were given to the Home and Hospital as a Christmas Offering from the Juniors. A Christmas Box, valued at \$24.35, was sent to Marion, N. C., from all the branches combined.

The Systematic Offering this year has amounted to \$16.05, an increase of \$2.70 over that of last year; but the amount in Boxes and Specials has fallen off, so that our total is not as

large as last year. Of the Systematic Offering, after deducting \$3.05 for expenses, \$13.00 was divided, \$5.00 being given to the Bishop for the Seminole Mission and \$8.00 sent to the Mission House, New York.

In nearly all of the branches weekly meetings are held, but in the two or three where weekly meetings are impossible the meetings are held monthly or every two weeks. They are nearly all opened with the prayers for the Junior Auxiliary, and they have Missionary readings and sew for the Christmas Box and and Junior Sale. Respectfully submitted,

ANNA A. RAND, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

From January, 1902, to January, 1903.

	Systematic Offering	Boxes.	Specials.	Totals.
Zellwood	\$ 1 00	.....	.....	\$ 1 00
Orlando	3 16	.....	\$37 50	40 60
Punta Gordo	83	\$ 1 15	.....	1 96
Tampa	6 05	3 00	.....	9 05
Braidentown .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Petersburg	2 30	.....	35	2 65
Longwood	1 61	.....	.....	1 61
Maitland	05	.....	.....	05
Leesburg	1 05	.....	.....	1 05
Daytona .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Christmas Box .....	.....	24 35	.....	24 35
Christmas Offering .....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
Totals	\$16 05	\$28 50	\$70 50	\$132 40

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Christmas offering	\$ 50 00
Christmas box	24 35
Expenses	3 05

SPECIALS—For Home and Hospital:

From St. Petersburg.....	35
Box for Hospital from Punta Gorda.....	1 15
Box for Hospital from Tampa.....	3 00
Bishop's special fund from Orlando.....	37 50
For Diocesan Missions.....	\$5 00
For Domestic Missions	4 00
For Foreign Missions.....	4 00
	— 13 00
	\$132 40

ANNA A. RAND, Treasurer.

Sixth Annual Report of Babies' Branch.

Another year has passed and the Babies' Branch has increased in numbers. Some have joined the Juniors, and, as is always the case here, some have left the State. This year four little ones of the "Little Helpers" have been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, and the mothers have taken memorial boxes, making the number of names in our memorial circle thirty. Those little ones called were: Elizabeth Woodruff, of Orlando; Jacqueline Byrd Sewell and Elsie Crozier Lassiter, of Daytona; and Dade Smith, of Ocala.

We now have enrolled two hundred names. For the year the "first gift of five cents," amounting to \$3.30, has been sent to the Orphanage at Shanghai.

The Systematic Offering from the boxes sums up to \$78.41, which, less the expenses, has been divided as usual—one-third to Diocesan, one-third to Domestic and one-third to 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!"

*The Tenth Annual Meetng of the***SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.***From January, 1902, to January 1903.*

Members enrolled, 200 ; members reporting, 148.

First gifts.....	\$ 3 30
Systematic Offering from boxes.....	78 41
Total raised.....	\$81 71
EXPENSES:	
Red boxes, one hundred.....	\$ 3 55
Expressage.....	1 15
Printing.....	2 00
Postage.....	1 97
Total.....	8 67
Total, less expenses.....	\$73 04
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Chinese Orphanage, Shanghai, first gifts.....	\$ 3 30
Diocesan, to the Bishop.....	23 26
Domestic, undesignated.....	23 24
Foreign, undesignated.....	23 24
Total.....	\$73 04

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE HUDSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of Church Periodical Club, 1903.

Thanks to the activity of some of the Librarians in collecting the small sums asked for and the generosity of other friends of the work, the Club for the first time closes the year without debt, and we hope the days of deficits in its treasury are now well past.

Much has been left undone that, perhaps, might have been done, but much has been well done, and for this we are thankful, praying that in time the little leaven may leaven the whole lump.

It is ever to be regretted that in so many of the large places no interest has been evoked in this beneficent work, notwithstanding repeated efforts to arouse it; but the failures of the many make us the more thankful for the successes of the few.

There have been sent during the past year from ten branches 153 regular periodicals, 1,718 odd numbers, and four books. The regulars, which are by far the most valuable part of the work, have been increased by fifteen over those reported for the previous year.

The happiness of satisfying the hunger of those who are unable to subscribe for themselves should far outweigh the cost of postage and the trouble of sending on the good things on which we have already feasted, but which are yet fresh and ample for others' needs.

The force of Librarians is now reduced to eight, two contributing branches receiving the names directly from the Correspondent, who is always glad to so furnish them where there is no intermediate officer.

It is our earnest hope that more women will be found to take up the work as Librarians, and find reward in so doing.

S. W. WEDDELL,
Correspondent.



