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The time and place of the Twelfth 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.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.
—OF THE—
Southern Florida Auxiliary.



The meeting was held in Ocala, January 28, 1904.

At 9:00 a. m., there was celebration of the Holy Communion in Grace Church, the Right Reverend, the Bishop being celebrant, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Porter. The Bishop appointed the diocesan officers for the year and delivered his annual address to the women.

Extracts from the Bishop's Address.

Another year has passed since we last met. I am pleased to meet you again. It has been to us all a year of great anxiety in many ways. But true wisdom would lead us still to adopt the apostolic motto, forgetting the things that are behind, to look forward to the things that are before, pressing onward along the path of duty—with faith and patience. We have found that the faithful few, have done the work given them to do, as has been the case in all good causes and efforts from the beginning of the world's history. Trials have not discouraged them. Persistence, strength and the power of continuance have been given them, and a humble faith has brought to them the special gifts of grace, necessary to accomplish their tasks, as in the case of the great apostle whose wonderful conversion we commemorate this week; he who said, "I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith." It is always the few that do the work. It is the few who do

the great things. This is not a condemnation of the many. All are not always strong. Christ loves the weak, and exhibited, you remember, a special sympathy for the feeble and the inefficient.

Some alas ! however, too soon allow trifles, or local interests, to turn them aside from following the call of the Church, to work along the lines of the Woman's Auxiliary, in her interests and for the development of her vast and solemn enterprises. We must be loving to these, and pray that grace may be given them.

Never forget that you are an auxiliary body to the Board of Missions, not helpers, in a corporate sense to a mission, or an individual rector or parish, but to the church as a whole, "The Body of Christ." Here in Southern Florida the greater portion of your funds go to help the Bishop to strengthen the weak places, that sorely need help from the outside where the world is ready to perish for lack of necessary funds to keep it alive and sustain the missionary at his post.

I am thankful to give my testimony to the great usefulness of your systematic offering. It is indeed a helpful and in fact a necessary fund, and needs future development if our work is to advance and meet the new calls pressing upon us.

God teaches us by failures; and we have had some of these wholesome incentives to greater and more sustained effort. Try to enlarge the actual membership of active workers among the women of your parishes and missions. Every baptized woman is, as you know, actually a member of the Woman's Auxiliary. Press this home by repeated effort. Get your pastors to tell it out at frequent intervals from their pulpits, and teach it in the Sunday Schools.

Teach your members to recognize the duty of christian giving ; that alms are not charity, but the discharge of a duty, the acknowledgment of a debt we owe to God, for all he has given to us from childhood until now ; a poor inadequate paying-back for all his blessings bestowed upon us ; a filling out of our worship.

Alms and Prayer—not one or the other, but *both together* went up from the faithful Cornelius of old, to God: and brought down the wonderful results recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

To us it remains that we ever look forward to the time when all things will be clear and open. God will then reveal to us the true value of our work for Him. Then we shall see Him face to face, and know as we are known. Then shall be given to you the full recompense of your reward for faithful service rendered here below. For through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, you shall enter, if you are faithful, into the Life Everlasting and the Joy of your Lord. Amen.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Armory Building and was called to order at 10.50.

The roll call showed twenty-seven women present, and Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Jones being appointed a committee on credentials, reported fifteen delegates representing the ten following branches: Conway, Daytona, Eustis, Longwood, Manatee River and Ocala, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Tampa and Winter Park.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Orlando, in 1903, were read by the Secretary.

The President delivered her annual address.

The report of the Treasurer was read and received.

The reports of the Secretaries, of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Department, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Babies' Branch and the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club were read and received.

The President announced changes in the appointment of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

The two Boxes for the year were announced, one to be sent to the Missionary at Westover, Va., as an Easter Box, and one to be sent at Advent to the Missionary in charge at Blowing Rock, N. C. Ocala offered to pack the Easter Box and Tampa the Advent Box.

At noon the mid-day prayers were read by Bishop Weed, who then made a short address commending the work of the Auxiliary and laying special stress upon the power and influence of united prayer.

Mrs. Haden spoke of the Palm Branch and its needs, and Mrs. Sperry of the necessity of the Contingent Fund, for the current expenses and the issuing of The Palm Branch, etc.

The following pledges were made for the Contingent Fund: Orlando \$15, Manatee River \$5, St. Petersburg \$5, Conway \$1, Tampa \$10, Longwood \$1, Ocala \$6, Winter Park

\$1, Eustis \$1, Daytona \$4. The branch at Ormond, although having no representative had authorized the Secretary to make a pledge of \$2.50 for the Contingent Fund, that at Leesburg \$4 and Myers \$1.

Deaconess Parkhill spoke of Pell-Clarke Hall, the school for girls, which Bishop Gray has founded in Orlando. She urged the necessity of an education combined with church training, calling upon the women of the Auxiliary to uphold the Bishop in his efforts to make this school a successful part of the work in Southern Florida.

In order to increase the Annual Offering to General Missions made by the Southern Florida Auxiliary, the branches were urged to make an Easter Offering for the purpose, the amount to be devoted to the salary of Miss Carter at Hankow, China.

Mrs. Jones, of Daytona, moved that thanks be extended to the ladies of the Ocala branch for their kindness and hospitality, which motion was carried by a rising vote.

The distribution of missionary literature and of boxes for the Babies' Branch and the United Offering was followed by an explanation from Deaconess Parkhill of the purpose of the latter.

The minutes having been read, the Doxology was sung and the Rev. Charles M. Gray pronouncing the Benediction, the meeting adjourned. CHARLOTTE M. BROWNRIFF,

Secretary of the Meeting.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,

Secretary.

Ocala, Fla., January 28, 1904.

President's Address.

Our annual meeting, bringing together as it does so many of the zealous earnest workers of the Woman's Auxiliary, presents a time when we should, like the wise mariner, "look to the oiling of our machinery" in order that during the next year's run, we may do the greatest amount of work in the best possible manner.

Our Constitution, carefully and prayerfully prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by the Bishop, is our chart of guidance by which we are to steer if we would avoid as far possible the dangers of the way. Let us then study it together. ART. II, states: The object of this society to be, First, by means of prayer and offerings to spread Christ's Kingdom in the world. Secondly, to diffuse missionary intelligence. Thirdly, by a united and systematic effort to increase missionary activity among the women of the Jurisdiction and to encourage the formation of branches where there are none. Its members include every baptized woman in the Jurisdiction.

The Diocesan officers of the Southern Florida Auxiliary are appointed by the Bishop and are therefore sent by him to do a certain specific work in a certain specific way. The Parochial officers are appointed by the Priest, or Deacon in charge of the parish or mission in which the Branch is located. This places the Woman's Auxiliary on a higher level than any other society or Guild organized by the women among themselves, the officers of the Auxiliary being called and commissioned by those in divine authority in the church. It is a great honor and privilege to be so called and chosen and it behooves us, officers, to be faithful in the discharge of our duty. It lays a great responsibility upon us, for we must give account not only to those who directly commissioned us, but to God, Himself. It is a high and holy calling to aid in the evangelization of the world, to help on the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. But it requires self denial, faithful work and constant prayer. Do we possess that spirit and love him enough to exert ourselves to do His work, to make time for it, to deny ourselves some earthly occupation or pleasure in order to do it? Everyone

cannot do a great work for Christ, but there is not one woman who cannot do something for the cause, if she really loves it.

In Art. VII of the Constitution, we find the duties of the Parochial officers defined. First: The Directress shall preside in all parochial meetings, and keep an oversight of the work in her branch. That is feel responsible for it. See that the constitutional work is carried out; see that competent collectors are appointed and that they are faithful; see that the Secretary keeps the minutes of the meeting and corresponds with the Diocesan Secretary frequently; see that the Treasurer keeps her accounts accurately and correctly and sends the monthly collections promptly to the Diocesan Treasurer; look out for new comers and send the collectors to them. In short keep the whole thing alive. "Promote the work by all means in her power." If interest flags among the people, a general visitation from home to home, by the three officers in a body will do wonders. Sometimes a "missionary tea" will revive interest. If the Directress bears her work in her heart and daily lays it before the Lord in her prayers, she will not lack ingenuity to find ways to keep life and activity in her Branch, nor will she ever be satisfied until every baptized woman is an active member. Again, She shall procure from the Priest, annually, a full list of the members of the parish, and shall strive to secure from each member a contribution of one cent per day or more if possible. This means an annual revival and takes for granted that the Directress is faithfully trying to follow the constitution and has Districts and Collectors. Upon this systematic offering from the Auxiliary, the Bishop depends for the stipends of some of his clergy as much as he does upon the appropriation of the Board of Missions for others, and when we fail the missionaries suffer.

The duties pertaining to the office of Secretary are: First, To keep the minutes of each meeting which she should make as interesting and attractive as possible so as to stir the general interest when they are read at the next meeting. Second, She is to "inform the Secretary of the Executive Committee of all matters of interest," and these will be printed in the Palm Branch and will thus keep all branches in touch with each

other." This "News from the Branches" should be read in the monthly Meetings and so stir up a loving emulation.

The Treasurer of each Parish Branch "shall promptly remit the funds collected to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee." Promptness seems to be the only virtue required of this officer, but it includes carefulness, accuracy and neat book-keeping. Section "d" of the same article gathers the three officers into a committee to advise and plan together and work in concert, helping each other in every way. This Section, however relates to an especial duty, viz: the division of the parish into Districts of convenient size and the appointment of collectors. This plan of work is not a mere theory but is one which has been tried and proved for well nigh thirty years in many branches, but most faithfully and literally, and therefore the most notably successful, in the branch in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, the mother branch of all the auxiliaries in the whole of Florida. A plan tried so long and so successfully, may well speak for itself.

But our work is two-fold, spiritual as well as material, and neither side may be neglected. Month by month our prayers must ascend for the extension of God's Kingdom and for those in the fore-front of the battle, but as these devoted soldiers are still in the body, they require food and clothing, and so we must collect the monthly offerings to supply these necessities of life. Each parish or mission should be divided into districts of convenient size and a collector or perhaps two, assigned to each. This is their field which they must work and for which they are responsible. They should be quick to call on new residents and try to interest all and to increase the collections, so much needed in our work. Until this is faithfully tried, no one can realize the good it does in unifying the parish and in creating general interest in the Church's work for Christ, besides the increase in offerings which is not to be despised.

Auxiliary collectors need feel no sensitiveness about their work for they are messengers of the Church, sent to offer to the people the privilege of giving to God, making it easier for the givers and so doing them a favor. Let the Collector go

into her closet and shut the door before starting out on her rounds, praying the Lord of the harvest to go before her and to be with her, to give her favor in sight of the people and to enable her to do all for Him that He would have her do. Then she will feel His presence with her as she walks through cold or heat, through sandy wastes and rough places. Let her speak a word of comfort to the sick and the sorrowful, have a smile for the little ones, some interesting missionary story for the older ones and do all still for Jesus' sake, and the cross will be turned into a blessing to herself as well as to others.

Section 'J' directs that at each monthly meeting the District collection is to be paid into the Treasury. The Collector in each District should keep a book accurately and distinctly in such wise that she can, at a glance, tell the name of each person in her District, as to who has paid regularly and how much each delinquent owes. When a contributor moves from one district to another, she must be transferred from the book of her collector to that of the one in her present district. If any member knows of a newcomer she should report it. In this way all the business can be kept straight and the interest alive. Thus having attended to the practical parts of the work with faithful precision, we are prepared to take up with interest the study of Missions, in the Church at large, as directed in Art. VIII.

Art. IX reads, "The primary aim of this organization is to aid and promote missionary work in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida;" and each month as the systematic offerings come into the hands of the Diocesan Treasurer as you will see by reference to her report printed in the Palm Branch, she sends them right on to Mr. Rand, the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction, from which fund the stipends of several of the clergy are paid. This being the case it shows the great importance that our offerings should indeed be systematic. At the same time this same article gives the liberty to any parochial branch to do any kind of missionary work for any place upon the approval of the Executive Committee. Offerings for the Hospital and for the Bishop's Special Fund, of course already stand so approved, but in order to have any other "special" appear in the

annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary, it is necessary to concur with the directions of this Article and for the money to pass through the hands of the Diocesan Treasurer.

The Committee of Parochial officers, Directress, Secretary and Treasurer are responsible for the life and activity of the Auxiliary in all its phases, and should, among other responsibilities, look to the upbuilding of the Junior Auxiliary, the Kindergarten which is to train the future officers and members of the Senior Branch. Let me therefore beg this trio of officers, in every place where there is a Junior Branch, to help it on in every way possible. Encourage the officers and children by an occasional visit to their meetings, or a little gift for their Hospital, or Christmas box; and by looking up the children of the parish and urging all to attend. Where there is no Junior Branch, look up some one willing to undertake this work and send her name to the Diocesan Junior officer whose address will always be found on the first page of the Palm Branch.

I would also say a word for the Palm Branch. This little paper has grown with our growth and strengthened with our strength, until from our first issue of 100 copies there are now each month sent out over 500, and in many instances the parish list of subscribers has increased from six or eight, to thirty or more. This means a great and constantly increasing work in sending out the paper which has a circulation reaching from Florida to Maine and Alaska, and even across the ocean to England, Japan and China. The subscriptions, too, must be looked after and the delinquent subscribers hunted up. Your Executive Committee have therefore arranged the following plan as a feasible method of easing the burden of those now in charge of mailing the Palm Branch. A list of all the subscribers connected with the parish or mission to which she belongs will be sent to each Directress, with the request that she appoint some one, possibly the Secretary of the Branch, who will collect the Palm Branch subscriptions as they fall due and hand them to the Treasurer to forward each month as a separate item with the systematic offerings to the Diocesan Treasurer. We sometime ago adopted this idea of parish

secretary for the offerings of the Babies' Branch and find it works well.

And now, my dear fellow laborers, in the Master's vineyard, let us go forth in this new year determined by God's grace to overcome all sloth and negligence and want of faith and every wile of our great adversary, the Devil, praying for the fuller realization that "they who be for us are more than they who be against us;" and may we show our faith by the work this year accomplished for Christ and His Church.

FANNY C. GRAY, President.



Report of the Treasurer.*From January 1, 1903, to January 1, 1904.*

BRANCHES.	Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Boxes.	Church Home and Hospital.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Avon Park, Redeemer.....		4.25		8.00			12.25
Bartow, Holy Trinity.....		14.30	2.00	118.00			134.30
Brooksville, St. John's.....		4.80	1.42		32.20		38.42
Cocoa, Emily Johnson Memorial.....		6.00					6.00
Conway, Holy Trinity.....	20.00		1.00			40.00	61.00
Courtenay, St. Luke's.....		3.00			.75		3.75
Daytona, St. Mary's.....		32.95	3.00	5.50	50.00		91.45
DeLand, St. Barnabas'.....		21.59			3.00		24.59
Eustis, St. Thomas'.....		5.12	1.00	4.77	29.50		40.39
Fort Meade, Christ.....		22.06			23.95		46.01
Fort Myers, St. Luke's.....		9.87			19.85		29.72
Key West, St. Paul's.....		45.25	5.00		14.00	8.10	72.35
Key West, Holy Innocents'.....	1.25	4.50		3.85			9.10
Kissimmee, St. John's.....		24.70			6.10		30.80
Lakeland, All Saints.....		27.75	3.00		10.00	5.00	45.75
Leesburg, St. James'.....	2.68	10.70	1.20	2.99	6.50		24.07
Longwood, Christ.....		5.57	1.00	1.06	8.25		15.88
Maitland, Good Shepherd.....		7.80	14.25	12.00	7.00	23.25	71.30
Manatee River, Christ.....			7.95	6.00	.15	18.00	32.10
Melbourne, Holy Trinity.....			6.60		6.56	25.00	38.16
Merritt, Grace.....			5.00			11.00	16.00
Miami, Trinity.....		29.79					29.79
Narcoossee, St. Peter's.....				3.00	7.60		10.60
Ocala, Grace.....		46.55	1.27		60.85		108.67
Orlando, St. Luke's.....		102.82	15.00	18.75	74.50		211.07
Ormond, St. James'.....			5.70		1.20	13.50	20.40
Palm Beach, Bethesda-by-the-Sea.....			20.00				20.00
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd.....			3.66			9.65	13.81
Sanford, Holy Cross.....			25.35	1.68		25.00	52.03
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's.....			25.75		2.40	27.20	55.35
Tampa, St. Andrew's.....		54.00	10.00		6.59	51.20	161.79
Thonotosassa, Trinity.....			3.00	.50	2.00	10.00	15.50
Titusville, St. Gabriel's.....		11.95				42.92	54.87
Winter Park, All Saint's.....			3.00	1.00	1.00	7.00	12.00
Mrs. W. J. Cheney.....				25			.25
Mrs. C. F. Fischer.....					1.00		1.00
Mrs. E. K. Foster. A thank offering.....			5.00			5.00	5.00
Mrs. L. Fitz-James Hindry.....						5.00	5.00
Mrs. S. E. Julian.....					1.00		1.00
Mrs. Olive Stout.....						.50	.50
A Friend, Safety Harbor.....		.25					.25
Cash.....			116.83	3.58			120.41
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Total.....	61.52	586.24	183.15	76.50	734.17	100.60	\$1742.18
Junior Department.....							325.41
Grand Total.....							2067.59

RECEIPTS.

Balance, January 1, 1903	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 60 95
Systematic Offering	.....	.....	.....	.....	586 24
Contingent Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	183 15
United Offering	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 50
Church Home and Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 60
Specials	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 52
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$168 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Missionary Work in Jurisdiction	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 560 00
For General Missions	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 25
For Bishop's Special Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 59
For Church, Home and Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 60
For Printing and other expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	203 44
At Interest for United Offering	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 50
Balance, December 31, 1903	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 58
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$168 96

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. SPERRY Treasurer.

Report of Secretaries.

Right Reverend Father.

We would respectfully report the work of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year 1903. The total of offerings as by the reports of the treasurers is as follows:

Money and Boxes	.....	.....	.....	\$1742 18
Junior Department	.....	.....	.....	272 54
Babies' Branch	.....	.....	.....	52 87
Total	.....	.....	.....	\$2067 59

For the past year we report thirty-two contributing branches. Offerings have also been received from Narcoossee and Palm Beach. One new branch has been organized at Ormond and its members though few in number are earnest and interested. Of the total of branches, but twenty responded to the request for annual reports and it is a matter of regret that the requests of the Executive Committee made through the Palm Branch, our official organ of communication, should not receive the attention of our parochial officers in various matter which are of much importance to the work. From the reports received we gather that the past year has been one of many discouragements. In some of the smaller places the

numbers are greatly reduced, but even then much could be done would all the women of the mission join in the work which is placed within their reach. One mission reports twenty-one baptised women and *two* active members of the auxiliary; this is a very sad condition but not really more so than that of the congregation of over three hundred communicants where the number of women who attend the meetings for prayer and the study of missions averages twelve or fifteen: these figures and many others prove that some radical change must take place if we would in any way prove ourselves worthy of the name which has been given us—Auxiliary—helper. Can this not be accomplished in the one instance, by each woman striving to arouse herself from a selfish indifference in which she must be wrapped, and in the other by the determination that the many demands of the parish or home mission shall not rob its women of the privilege of joining generously and heartily in the work which is being done throughout the jurisdiction, and in the further work of the Church at large to which we from time to time are asked to contribute.

The work of the year has been carried on as usual, and we report an increase in receipts in several of our various lines of work, but at the same time we greatly deplore a considerable decrease in the Systematic Offering. This offering which is paid monthly to the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction for aid in the payment of the missionary stipends, is less than last year and the loss we deeply regret, not only because it is needed by the Jurisdiction, but because it is this offering gathered each month from the women of our scattered branches which seems to prove the real self-sacrifice and service of the members.

The United Offering shows an increase over last year and we would urge renewed effort in this direction, as we have but a few months more in which to work before the offering of Southern Florida must be added to that of the whole Church at the Triennial Meeting in Boston.

Two valuable boxes have been sent to missionaries beyond the Jurisdiction in the past year, and the number of boxes sent to the Church Home and Hospital has been greatly in-

creased. Indeed the work of the Woman's Auxiliary for this institution shows a very marked increase during the past twelve months, and this is especially the case among the smaller branches.

The Contingent Fund shows about the average balance, but we feel considerable distress over the fact that the Palm Branch is in a much less encouraging condition than it was a year ago. The subscription list has fallen off and the income of the paper has been less than one half of the expense of its printing, mailing, etc. We feel the importance of this paper not only as a means of communication between the Bishop and his workers, but also as a link between the scattered branches of the Auxiliary. It has been regularly issued and contains monthly, many items of interest and importance concerning the work of the Church in Southern Florida and elsewhere. Many words of commendation for the Palm Branch come to us from without the Jurisdiction and it is within over our own borders that we find neglect of and lack of interest in, our little messenger. This is not as it should be and we appeal to the church people in general to rally to the support of their publication.

While the total contribution of moneys for the past year is much more than that of the preceeding twelve months, still the decrease in the systematic offering and the constant complaint of small numbers and lack of interest make us feel that all is very far from what it should be. Important as the material side of the work may be, the spiritual is of even more importance and how great might be the blessings bestowed upon the Church and land of Southern Florida if it could be said to each member of the Woman's Auxiliary within its borders: "Thy *prayers* and thy thine *Alms* are come up for a memorial before God."

A year ago Right Reverend Father, you bade us press on, doing daily the work before us, of the ability granted us by God. Deeply conscious of many failures, and yet grateful for the blessings bestowed upon our imperfect efforts, we stand at the beginning of another year, and pray that to us may be given, not only the opportunity and the heart-felt desire, but

also the power and grace to prove ourselves more true and faithful servants of the Great King.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.

ANNA A. RAND, Associate Sec.

Orlando, Fla., Jan. 1904.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

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

There are now eleven working branches of the Junior Auxiliary in Southern Florida, an increase of two branches during the past year. The branch in Ocala was reorganized during the summer and a new branch was started in Ormond.

The "Bishop Whipple Juniors" in Maitland, held a sale in February and the proceeds, \$113.00, were given to the Hospital.

The Ocala branch had a sale in September and sent \$15.00 to the Hospital; \$10.00 to the Daily Bread Fund, and \$5.00 to the Building Fund. The branch in St Petersburg sent an Easter Offering of \$2.00 and also held a sale at Christmas time from which \$12.00 was sent to the Hospital. The branches in Punta Gorda, Tampa and Longwood, have sent boxes to the Hospital during the year.

St. Mary's Altar Guild in Daytona, which is counted as one of our Junior branches and the branch in Ormond, although not contributing to the Systematic Offering, sent generous contributions to the Junior sale and Christmas box, and the branch in Bradenton, which is a "summer branch," sent a contribution to the Hospital.

Eight branches have contributed regularly to the Systematic Offering, which shows a marked increase this year. Last year it amounted to \$16.05 and this year it is \$22.79. After having deducted \$1.79 for expenses, the remainder \$21.00,

has been divided equally for Domestic, Foreign and Diocesan Missions.

The Junior sale was held in Orlando as usual at Christmas time and the proceeds, \$68.00, together with \$12.00 from the sale in St. Petersburg, was given to the Hospital as the Juniors' Christmas Offering. The Juniors also made a Christmas Offering of \$10.00 to the Bishop's Special Fund. A box of Christmas gifts were sent as usual to one of the Mountain Missions. This year it went to a mission in Washington, North Carolina, and it contained gifts for fifty children.

ANNA A. RAND,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

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From January, 1903, to January, 1904,

	Systematic Offering.	Boxes.	Special.	Totals.
Orlando	\$ 7 76			7 76
Punta Gorda	64	2 25		2 89
Tampa	5 35	4 50	1 30	9 85
Bradentown			2 00	1 30
St. Petersburg	2 89			4 89
Longwood	3 37	1 70		5 07
Maitland	15		113 00	113 15
Leesburg	1 13			1 13
Ocala	1 50		15 00	16 50
Ormond				
Daytona		00		
Christmas Box		20		20 00
Christmas Offering to Hospital				
Christmas Sale at St. Petersburg, \$12 ¹ / ₂ (\$80.00)			80 00	80 00
Christmas Sale at Orlando, \$68.00				
Christmas offering to Bishop's Special Fund			10 00	10 00
(Towards Scholarship at Pell-Clarke Hall)				
Total	\$22 79	\$28 45	221 30	272 54

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Christmas Offering to the Hospital	\$ 80 00
Christmas Offering to Bishop's Special Fund, (Towards a Scholarship at Pell-Clarke Hall)	10 00
Christmas Box	20 00
Expenses	1 79

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the

Specials for Home and Hospital	
From Maitland.....	113 00
Easter Offering from St. Petersburg to Hospital.....	2 00
From Ocala to Hospital Building Fund.....	5 00
From Braidentown to Hospital.....	1 30
Boxes for Hospital from Punta Gorda.....	2 25
Boxes for Hospital from Tampa.....	4 50
Boxes for Hospital from Longwell.....	1 70
For Diocesan Missions, (Towards a Scholarship at Pell-Clarke Hall.).....	\$7 00
For Domestic Missions.....	7 00
For Foreign Mission.....	7 00
Total.....	21 00
	\$272 54



Seventh Annual Report of Babies' Branch.

This year just passed has brought many changes, as many of the children have gone into the Junior work and many have moved away, but we have twenty five new names to the list. Two names have been added to the memorial circle making a total of 32, S. Elizabeth Ochiltree of Punta Gorda and William Armstrong Hindry of Palm Beach were the names of the little ones.

We now have enrolled 115 names. For the year the "first gift of five cents" amounting to \$1.25 has been sent to the Orphanage at Shanghai.

The systematic offering from the boxes sums up to \$51.62 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 little helpers for Jesus' sake."

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.*From January, 1903, to January, 1904.*

Members enrolled, 115; members reporting, 89.

First gifts.....	\$ 1 25
Systematic offerings from boxes.....	51 62
Total raised.....	\$52 87

EXPENSES:

Red boxes, one hundred.....	\$ 3 55
Expressage.....	1 15
Printing.....	3 00
Postage.....	1 18
Total expenses.....	\$ 8 88
Total less expenses.....	\$43 99

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chinese Orphanage, Shanghai, first gifts.....	\$ 1 25
Diocesan to the Bishop.....	14 25
Domestic, undesignated.....	14 25
Foreign, undesignated.....	14 25
Total.....	\$43 99

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE HUDSON,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of the Church Periodical Club.

The hope, long cherished, and in last report realized, has suffered relapse, and we are once more confronted with a deficit. But one contribution has been received the past year, and that from a devoted Churchwoman who religiously tithes her incomes, and sends to the Church Periodical Club, at the end of the year, any small amount left over from other apportionments. Would that her example might be followed, and her removal from the jurisdiction, in this respect, be made good.

The appointment of an interested and efficient librarian at Melbourne has been the cheering note to counterbalance losses elsewhere, and the faithful contributors who continue from year to year to send the same periodicals, are a comfort, not only to the recipients, but to the officials whose duty it is to keep the records, from the librarians up to headquarters in New York.

There have been sent regularly the past year 161 periodicals, and 482 odd numbers, from Orlando, Tampa, Melbourne, Merritt, Sanford, Longwood, Maitland, Thonotosassa, and the Churchwoman above referred to, no longer resident.

It is still a matter of regret that, so far, some of the larger places fail to be interested in this far-reaching and beneficent work. We still hope for their co-operation. In cases where there is no librarian, the correspondent will gladly give addresses to any individuals desirous of sharing their own good things with others less favored.

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