

Southern Florida

Woman's Auxiliary



Twelfth

Annual Report

January, 1904, to January 1905

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

Southern Florida Branch

—OF THE—

Woman's Auxiliary

—TO THE—

Board of Missions

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Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER JUNIOR BRANCH:

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SECRETARY-TREASURER BABIES' BRANCH:

Miss Hattie Hudson.....Orlando

The time and place of the Thirteenth 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.

Twelfth Annual Meeting

OF THE

Southern Florida Auxiliary.



The meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Tampa, January 25th, 1905.

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.

Extracts from the Bishop's Address.

I wish today to say some words to you. But they will be few. This is your annual meeting and it is a pleasure to meet you again and to join with you in an act of thanksgiving for the many mercies extended to us during the past twelve months. And now let me say that in my first utterance to you, I would emphasize the truth that we are to recognize the *missionary* character of the church, firstly, lastly and always. The Woman's Auxiliary is primarily a missionary body, because it is an association of the Church: and in the past the Southern Florida Woman's Auxiliary has set a worthy example to many Dioceses and Jurisdictions in many ways, and church people, in far away places, have not failed to recognize an indebtedness in this respect to your organization.

But you must pardon me if I say frankly, that in the past year or two there has been a falling off in your returns and in the success of your efforts to hold up the bands of those who

minister, under many difficulties and discouragements, to the spiritual needs of the Jurisdiction. The report of the treasurer shows a lessening of income for special mission work, and returns the amount of \$600 sent in from the Auxiliary for this special purpose as against \$800 and even larger amounts in past years. For this reason I would suggest that there is always a danger of compliments weakening our earnestness and lessening our efforts. I notice with regret that in some directions there is a tendency to withdraw from the support of the Woman's Auxiliary to merely local channels and parish needs. Let me offer a note of warning just here on this point. It is a mistake to think that we can strengthen one part of the whole of the Church at the expense of another. The parish that withholds its quota of offerings for the general funds of the Church will sooner or later suffer in itself. He that watereth others is himself watered. We must consider the claims of the Kingdom of God upon us as a *whole*. Local versus the general work of the Kingdom needs careful consideration lest injustice be done and the cause of God be weakened rather than advanced. The special fund upon which I have leaned with confidence in past years, no longer suffices to meet the needs for which I have to draw upon it.

The remedy is perhaps to train well and truly your Juniors. Lead them to have a high ideal of their duties, to look out of self to the needs of others; not to neglect their own, but not on the other hand, to be straitened, exclusive or narrow in their sympathies. Put ever before them the true idea of church life: that every baptized person is pledged to the cause of missions. This falling off of support in a quarter where I long looked for certain help, touches me keenly.

My anxieties are for all of the points to which I minister in Florida, the needs of each, for men and services, and the question with me is how can I meet these needs and especially if you fail me, the question becomes more weighty and pressing.

In going on to speak of the missionary character of the church, you who were fortunate enough to be present at Boston, during the General Convention, were conscious of the

fact that it was everywhere in the atmosphere during the whole of that remarkable gathering. A spirit of missionary zeal prevailed, inspired, and helped to lift up all who were present. The strong sense of things spiritual was upon us all, and we realized that here we have no abiding city, and that the things eternal were to occupy us more completely than ever before as a church, and as individuals. The aspect of Pierce Hall, without a vacant seat, day after day, the uplifting addresses of the speakers gathered from all points under Heaven, was one instance of the marvelous power of the spirit to reveal to men the great truth that God reigns, and that this church of ours is finding its place at last in the onward march of the great Anglican Communion to bring the world to God. Try then to keep up this spirit. Let the heaven grow and spread amongst us. Let us cultivate a taste and encourage a demand for missionary literature among our people everywhere. Let the Juniors study the story of the Church in heathen lands. Encourage the distribution of the *Palm Branch*, the Diocesan paper which tells about our work and our plans. Patience, perseverance and waiting upon God, these are the gifts we need. May He touch our hearts and lives in the richest fulness with these great gifts, so that we may at last obtain the crown which the Lord will give in the day of His appearing, to those who have labored and not been weary. Amen.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the assembly room of the Presbyterian Church, and was called to order at 10:15 a. m.

Mrs. Gillette welcomed the delegates from the Branches.

The reading of the roll showed thirty-five women present, twelve branches being represented by eighteen delegates—also visiting members from Oklahoma and Minneapolis.

The President delivered her annual address.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The report of the Secretary, 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.

Mrs. Weddell read an explanation of the object of the Church Periodical Club.

The two Missionary Boxes for the year were announced. The Easter Box to be sent to the Missionary at Casanova, Virginia; that for Advent to the Missionary in charge at Morganton, North Carolina. Maitland Branch had asked for the privilege of packing the Easter Box. Daytona offered to pack the Advent Box.

The following pledges were made for the Contingent Fund: Brooksville, \$1.50; Eustis, \$1.00; Daytona, \$4.00; Conway, \$2.00; Key West, Holy Innocents, \$2.00; Key West, St. Pauls, \$5.00; Leesburg, \$4.00; Fort Myers, \$1.00; Maitland, \$18.00; Manatee River, \$5.00; Longwood, \$1.00; Tampa, \$10.00; Orlando, \$15.00; Ocala, \$5.00; Petersburg, \$5.00; Thonotosassa, \$1.00.

Mrs. Sperry explained the object of the United Offering and asked that more boxes be taken this year.

Mrs. Gray asked that an Easter offering be made to supplement the \$25.00 annually sent to Miss Emery for Foreign Missions, hoping to make it up to at least \$50.00.

Miss Rand read a letter from Miss Emery, explaining the Woman's Auxiliary's share in the Apportionment for Missions.

Mrs. Massey moved that a collection be taken up in the meeting, for the Church Periodical Club, which was carried into effect.

At midday a hymn was sung, the President read the prayers and the meeting adjourned to 2:30.

Upon the re-assembling of the meeting, Archdeacon Rickert, gave an address upon Pell-Clarke Hall, the Cathedral School at Orlando.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Ladies of St. Andrew's Branch for their kindness and hospitality towards the officers and delegates of the convocation.

A motion was made that the thanks of the Woman's Auxiliary, be conveyed to the members of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their assembly room, which motion was carried by a rising vote.

The Rev. Mr. Little gave a most interesting account of the birth of the Christian Church in the Island of Madagascar, its history, vicissitudes and present position. An offering for Missions was taken amounting to \$5.86, and after the reading of the Minutes, the Doxology was sung, Mr. Little gave the Benediction and the meeting adjourned.

C. BROWNRIGG,

Secretary of the Meeting.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,

Secretary.



Address of the President.

Assembled in the 12th annual meeting of our Woman's Auxiliary it may be well on this occasion to ask the question. What is the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions? This question is admirably answered in the leaflet prepared for our use by Rev. Mr. Arnold. The Woman's Auxiliary 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. 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 Auxilliary. 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 Offerring, 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, Orlando.

We are therefore a society called into existence in order to help spread Christ's Kingdom in the world. To work, to give, to pray for Missions is our pledge. Have we kept it to the extent of our ability? Do we realize the great privilege bestowed upon us in our baptism of being thus called to work in his vineyard? And do those who think they can neither work nor give to Missions make up that deficiency by earnest prayer for Missions? It is surely time for searchings of heart when we find that for the last two years our systematic offerings have decreased and the faithful few in many of the Branches complain that there is so little interest manifested in missionary work, that all seem so self-centered, so occupied with their own affairs, or those of their parish that they have neither time nor inclination for missionary work; forgetting that our Lord said "the field is the world," that his command is to preach the Gospel to every creature. He says "These ought ye to have done but not to leave the other undone." If we love our Master we will gladly obey his commands. If Christianity is anything it is Missionary, and if Christians would give, as did the Jews, a tithe, there would never be any urging necessary to carry on the Lord's work. The object of the Woman's Auxiliary then, is by our offerings and our prayers to spread Christ's Kingdom.

We are not asked to give large sums, but what we do give to give systematically and with willing hearts. "God loveth a cheerful giver." We are commanded to pray without ceasing, and there is scarcely a parish or mission anywhere so weak that the women could not, if they would, gather together for prayer and study. Surely it is the least we can do to remember in our prayers those who have given up home and friends to spread the Gospel and it is scarcely possible thus to think of and pray for Missionaries without an earnest longing to assist them in some way in their noble work? There is constantly a call all over the land for more laborers in the

mission field. Cannot our Jurisdiction furnish one woman worker as teacher or helper? Is there not one woman among us who can and will give herself to work as a missionary?

Last summer a member of a parish branch in Central New York suggested that each Branch of the Auxiliary set itself seriously to find a young woman to give herself to Missionary work. What glorious results might thus be accomplished.

For those of us who are called to remain at home, let us each and all rouse ourselves at the opening of this new year, to greater effort and more fervent prayer for the spread of the glorious Gospel. Let us strive to renew our own interest in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary and to interest as far as in our power, every baptized woman to work and pray for Missions. To know the Mission field is the surest way of becoming interested in it. So as a practical suggestion, I would urge each member to try to extend the circulation of *The Palm Branch* which sets forth the needs of our own Jurisdiction as well as those of the domestic and foreign fields. Let every branch which has not already done so make use of the Mission study as set forth in the *Palm Branch*. This little paper has proved a real Missionary in itself, as its wide circulation carries it with its Missionary intelligence all through our country and into foreign parts. It is becoming more and more self-supporting, but it still needs the support of the Auxiliary. Last year your Executive Committee called attention to the importance of all subscribers paying up promptly. The subscription is only 25cts. a year; very small in itself, but it is to the aggregation of these quarters that we must look in order to pay the printer. The plan was then proposed that a list of all subscribers connected with parish or mission to which she belongs be sent each Directress, with the request that she appoint some one, possibly the Secretary of the Branch, who would 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 offering to the Diocesan Treasurer. This was done and worked well for a time—but there are quite a number of unpaid subscriptions at the present time, and this means anxiety and suspense for

the Executive Committee. Let me beg each delegate, on her return, to see to this matter, so that every subscription due may be paid up as soon as possible.

Our missionary boxes, I am glad to say, always meet with an enthusiasm and generosity that need no urging. Already the Maitland Branch has asked to pack the Easter box.

This year we begin again on the United Offering for the same good work as was the last, viz: the training and support of Women Workers. Boxes and information on this subject can be obtained from Mrs. E. F. Sperry, Orlando, the newly appointed custodian of the United Offering.

The systematic offering which goes each month into the hands of the Diocesan Treasurer to help pay the salaries of our Southern Florida Missionaries has fallen off for the last two years. I trust to see it largely increased the coming year, by the large ingathering of baptized women into our branches, and by the organizing of new branches where there are none. I wish to specially call your attention to our Easter gift for foreign missions. Offerings from branches and from individuals are asked for, to be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Brownrigg, which it is hoped will, at least, reach the amount of \$25. This will be added to the \$25 annually appropriated from our systematic offerings and the whole amount will be sent to the Board of Missions, New York, for foreign missions and will be credited to Southern Florida as our share of the \$100,000.00. the Auxiliary as a whole is trying to raise this year for missions. The resolution passed in Boston is as follows:

Resolved: That the gift of \$100,000.00 from the Woman's Auxiliary for the work undertaken by the Board of Missions, which the General Secretary asked for three years ago, be kept steadily before the Diocesan and Parochial Branches by their officers and the increase in giving noted from time to time.

Again I would urge the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to lend a helping hand to the Junior work. There is none of more importance, and yet the securing of a suitable person, one who both can and will successfully conduct a branch of

Juniors, is the most difficult of all to find. Will not the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, or any member interested in this most important part of Auxiliary work, 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 name will always be found at the top of the first page of the Palm Branch. We will be glad also to have the names of babies whose mothers wish to have them enrolled among those of the Babies' Branch sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of that Branch. And do not forget the Church Periodical Club, which under the efficient management of its faithful correspondent, does such good work in distributing papers and periodicals. If you have them to send off or wish them to read, write to Mrs. Weddell about it. Let us then with an earnest mind, bring every one his loving deeds and loving gifts into the store house and prove our God, and He will open the windows of Heaven and pour out upon us a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it.

FANNIE C. GRAY, President.



Report of the Treasurer.

From January 1, 1904, to January 1, 1905.

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.....		7.90	4.50		7.30		19.10
Brooksville, St. John's.....		5.25		45	24.55		30.25
Cocoa, Emily Johnson Memorial.....		7.00		1.25			7.00
Conway, Holy Trinity.....	36.56	6.60	1.00				45.41
Courtenay, St. Luke's.....		3.00		3.00	1.00		7.00
Daytona, St. Mary's.....		30.40	4.00	5.50	52.75		92.65
DeLand, St. Barnabas'.....				8.75			8.75
Eustis, St. Thomas'.....			1.00	3.00	25.00		29.00
Fort Meade, Christ.....		15.60	40		12.00		28.00
Fort Myers, St. Luke's.....		13.54	3.00	4.00	35.70		56.24
Key West, St. Paul's.....		73.40		4.75		8.90	87.05
Key West, Holy Innocents'.....		2.50	1.10	11.35			14.95
Kissimmee, St. John's.....		24.20			16.80		41.00
Lakeland, All Saints.....		19.50		10.00	24.73	10.00	64.23
Leesburg, St. James'.....		26.90	3.15	3.60	5.75		38.80
Longwood, Christ.....		9.19	2.00	4.60	12.42		28.21
Maitland, Good Shepherd.....	75	6.10			11.65	4.49	22.99
Manatee River, Christ.....		10.25		3.83	38.80		52.88
Melbourne, Holy Trinity.....		9.80		9.55	5.00		24.35
Merritt, Grace.....		2.50					2.50
Miami, Holy Trinity.....	7.85	21.75		2.50			32.10
Narcoossee, St. Peter's.....				9.37			9.37
Ocala, Grace.....	8.50	45.89	4.00	10.00	58.35		126.74
Orlando, St. Luke's Cathedral.....	5.50	100.25	15.00	20.91	79.25		221.91
Ormond, St. James'.....	2.50	17.36	2.50	2.00			24.36
Punta Gorda.....		3.05			26.80		29.85
Palm Beach, Bethesda-by-the-Sea.....		20.00					20.00
Sanford, Holy Cross.....		21.55	1.72	3.00	5.75		32.02
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's.....		19.00	5.00	2.50	41.00	10.00	77.50
Tampa, St. Andrew's.....	3.00	50.16	10.00	5.00	56.90		125.06
Thonotosassa, Trinity.....		11.00	1.00	4.00	13.05		29.05
Titusville, St. Gabriel's.....		9.15		1.25			10.40
Winter Park, All Saint's.....			1.00				1.00
Zellwood in Memoriam.....				3.00			3.00
Mrs. Williamson.....							.50
A Friend, Safety Harbor.....		.50					
A member St. Luke's Orlando for Miss Carter.....	3.00						3.00
Through Deaconess Parkhill for Miss Carter.....	6.00						6.00
Mrs. E. K. Foster.....				3.65			3.65
Mrs. S. E. Julian.....				1.00			1.00
Mrs. Hart, Sanford.....			50				.50
A friend for General Missions Cash.....	25						.25
Palm Branch Receipts.....			100.89	5.12			5.12
							100.89
Total.....	73.91	596.94	161.76	146.33	562.55	33.39	1574.88
Junior Department.....							184.12
Grand Total.....							1759.00

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1st, 1904.....	\$	41.90
Systematic Offerings.....		596.94

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Contingent Fund.....	\$	161	76
United Offering.....		146	33
Church Home and Hospital.....		33	39
Specials.....		73	91

Total.....	\$	1054	23
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DISBURSEMENTS.

For Missionary Work in Jurisdiction.....	\$	550	00
For General and Foreign Missions.....		55	24
For Bishop's Special Fund.....		44	66
United Offering.....		146	33
Church Home and Hospital.....		33	39
For Printing and Other Expenses.....		174	19
Balance Dec. 31st, 1904.....		50	42

Total.....	\$	1054	23
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Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. C. G. BROWNRIGG, Treasurer.

Report of the Secretary.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:—

We would respectfully report the work of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year 1904. The total of offerings as by the reports of the treasurers is as follows:—

Money and Boxes.....	\$1574	88
Junior Department.....	109	50
Babies' Branch.....	74	62
Total.....	\$1759	00

We report thirty-one regularly contributing branches and four other missions which have made each, one contribution to the systematic Contingent Fund or United Offering. But nineteen branches responded to the request for annual reports and from these we gather the same story of many discouragements and trials amid which the work of the auxiliary is carried on often literally by the two or three gathered together in the Master's name. In almost every mission or parish there are the two or three faithful women "who care," but also the many to whom the privilege of helping in the

mission work of the church seems as yet an unrealized opportunity.

We are glad to report an increase in our Systematic Offerings over those of last year and also a large increase in the United Offering. Our offering for Foreign Missions was also doubled in the past twelve months and we only regret that the same cannot be reported of the Contingent Fund and contributions to the Church, Home and Hospital, but we hope for further improvements in the coming year.

The Junior Department of the Auxiliary presents much the same report as last year; regular meetings for work were held throughout the year, the results of which are seen in the Christmas Offering to the Hospital and a Christmas Box sent to missions beyond our borders. Besides these are offerings to Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

In the Babies' Branch we find a larger number of names added to the lists of members and an increase in the amount of offerings.

The Church Periodical Club reports faithful work, one hundred and thirty-seven regular periodicals and four hundred and fifty-one odd numbers having been distributed during the year.

The receipts of the Palm Branch have increased much in the past year, so that it has become more nearly self-supporting, but there is much still to be done and we would beg of you to call to the minds of the clergy of Southern Florida the fact that this little paper is the official organ of the Bishop by means of which notice of appointments and all the incidents and acts of his missionary work in the jurisdiction are recorded. We would appeal through you, Right Reverend Father, to the priests in charge of the missions and parishes, for the more general introduction into their congregations of the regular monthly issues of the Palm Branch, the official organ of the Bishop and of the Auxiliary in Southern Florida, and for its more generous and systematic support.

To those of us who were privileged to attend the Triennial meeting and the General Convention the wish has often come that each and every worker in our far-off field might have

been so blessed and so have received the strength and comfort of the realization that we are not *alone*, but a part of the One Church which is pushing forward in that campaign which is to bring the world into subjection to the King of Kings. On the last day in Boston at the closing meeting of the Auxiliary Dr. Lloyd said to us: "You must each one strive to do faithfully the part which falls to your lot trusting the result to God; and thus with earnest prayer and service when the Kingdom of God in its fullness shall be come upon earth, you may find that *your little* has helped in the great consummation, and you receive the smile of the Christ, which is Peace."

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.

Orlando, Fla., January, 1905.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

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

We begin the year 1905 with nine Branches of the Junior Auxiliary in Southern Florida, for although one Branch has been added to our number during the year past, three have given up. Maitland and St. Petersburg have dropped from our list, and although Tampa contributed regularly until June, it has now withdrawn from the ranks of the Junior Auxiliary as the members have decided to give all their time and efforts towards helping the new church in Tampa.

St. Mary's Altar Guild in Daytona which we have long counted as one of our Junior Branches has this year been organized as a regular Junior Branch, and a new Branch has been organized in DeLand.

The Good Shepherd Branch in Punta Gorda, held a sale in January from which \$5.50 was realized, and it was sent to the Church, Home and Hospital in Orlando.

The Junior sale was held at Bishopstead in December as usual and the proceeds, \$55.00, were given to the Hospital as the Junior's Christmas Offering.

A Christmas box containing 50 gifts and valued at \$25.00 was sent to Easter Chapel, Foscoe, in North Carolina. The

Juniors also made a Christmas offering of \$13.00 to the Bishop's Special Fund.

Only four Branches have contributed to the Systematic Offering this year, and consequently it is much smaller than last year, amounting only to \$10.99. Of this sum after \$1.69 has been deducted for expenses, \$5.00 was given to the United Junior Auxiliary offering for the furnishing of the Children's Ward of St. James New Hospital, Ngankin, China, and the remaining \$4.30 to Domestic Missions.

ANNA A. RAND, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

From January, 1904, to January, 1905.

SYSTEMATIC OFFERING:

Orlando	\$ 2 15
Tampa	2 10
Ocala	4 50
Longwood	1 85
Leesburg	39
Total	<u>\$ 10 89</u>

SPECIALS:

Punta Gorda, for Hospital	\$ 5 50
Christmas box	25 00
Bishop's Special Fund	13 00
Christmas Sale	55 00
Total	<u>\$ 109 50</u>

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Expenses	\$ 1 69
Special from Punta Gorda, Hospital	5 50
For Hospital, Ngankin, China	5 00
For Domestic Missions, undesignated	4 30
Christmas Offering, Church Home and Hospital	55 00
Christmas Offering, Bishop's Special Fund	13 01
Christmas Box for Foscoe, N. C.	25 00
Total	<u>\$ 109 50</u>

ANNA RAND, Treasurer.

Eighth Annual Report of Babies' Branch.

This year just past has had many changes. The membership has decreased owing to children going into Junior work, and many removals from the jurisdiction. Two names have been added to the memorial list: Josephine White of Key West, and Edgar Francis Smith, of Braidentown. We now have enrolled 115 names. For the year the "first gift of five cents," amounting to \$1.70 has been sent to the Orphanage at Shanghai.

The Systematic Offering from the boxes sums up to \$72.92, 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.

The Financial Report is hereto appended.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.

From January, 1904, to January, 1905.

Members enrolled.....	115
Members reporting.....	84
First Gifts.....	\$ 1 70
Systematic Offering from boxes.....	72 92
Total raised.....	\$ 74 62

EXPENSES.

Postage.....	\$ 1 00
Total expenses.....	\$ 1 00
Total less expenses.....	\$73 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Chinese Orphanage, Shanghai, "First Gifts".....	\$ 1 70
Diocesan to the Bishop.....	23 98
Domestic, undesignated.....	23 97
Foreign, undesignated.....	23 97
Total.....	\$ 73 62

Respectfully submitted,
HATTIE HUDSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of Church Periodical Club--1904.

The Church Periodical Club has, for the past year, pursued the even tenor of its way without materially changing its status in the last report. There have been some gains, and some losses, counter balancing each other. To some mind-weary ones, we trust, it has brought rest and refreshment, and to those who have faithfully contributed, the satisfaction of meriting the commendation, "well-done."

It is a continued matter of regret, that in many places, chiefly the larger ones, it is still impossible to find the "one woman who cares" to act as Librarian, and canvass the parish or mission to find out those who are willing to send on, after reading, their periodicals to the needy ones who hunger for them.

There have been sent from Eustis, Melbourne, Sanford, Maitland, Longwood, Orlando, Tampa, Merritt, and Thonotossa, and a friend in Atlanta, one hundred and fifty-five regulars, and four hundred and fifty-one odd numbers.

Receipts and expenditures of correspondent nearly balance each other, leaving 2 cents in the treasury.

L. W. WEDDEL,
Correspondent.

