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WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY



Fifteenth Annual Report

January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
SOUTHERN FLORIDA BRANCH
—OF THE—
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
— TO THE—
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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The Southern Florida Branch
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

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The time and place of the Sixteenth 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.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting
OF THE
Southern Florida Auxiliary.

The meeting was held in Orlando on the 16th day of January, 1908.

At 9 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral, the Bishop of the jurisdiction being celebrant.

Bishop Gray appointed the diocesan officers for the ensuing year, and delivered the annual address to the women.

EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

My dearly beloved sisters in the Lord, I feel this morning that it is only necessary for me to say comparatively few words, not as a regular "Charge."

I feel that the Woman's Auxiliary, a never-failing comfort and support to me, should have words of encouragement and comfort. In the whole condition at present, there is much to encourage us, yet must we not be unduly lifted up thereby. Our blessed Lord said: "He that exalteth himself shall be abased; he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

It is because you have been faithful to your name of *auxiliary* workers that you have, under God's blessing, attained your present growth and success. Think over what has been accomplished by the Woman's Auxiliary since its first feeble beginning many years ago, its steady growth and ever-increasing helpfulness in the great work for missions; of the vast help given to poor missionaries after the war, by the Auxiliary boxes, and which have been sent ever since to needy points. Think how the Auxiliary has gone on,—has taught the children to work for missions, and now thank God, has roused the *men* to make their

offering—the great Thank-Offering in Richmond, when \$750,000 were given by the men. You set the example to them, and they now grasp the opportunity, nor will they stop here, but will continue for further offerings in the future. The press also, has been noting and encouraging this work, owing to the earnest effort of women.

This will all help to bring on, not only the extension of the kingdom of Christ, but also to hasten the time of His coming. And so I say; take this for your charge this morning:—"Press on; keep earnest and faithful." Uphold Deaconess Parkhill in her work as she goes from place to place to help and strengthen and build up the Auxiliary.

One other word, very practical, I would give. I wish to ask a special work from you this year—something out of the usual line. It is for what many consider to be a wild scheme, and in which they have not upheld your Bishop in his efforts, but instead have given discouragement or silence.

I am speaking now of that small remnant of Seminole Indians, left in our Missionary Jurisdiction.

Bishop Whipple told me years ago of the long-continued, earnest work he did for the Indians in his Diocese before he had any signs of encouragement, yet we know how great was his success. A similar experience had that great man, Henry Martin, who had the finest education England could give, with all the highest honors her chief colleges could confer; yet he laid aside all his brilliant prospects there, to go to India as a missionary. In this noble work he toiled on, years and years, before he had any signs of success, but rich harvest came at last and today the leaven is still working there, showing the power of Christianity, that country now being a Christian nation.

The work among the Seminoles has seemed, these many years, without success, but now I believe there is the dawn of day. My last visit to them was more gratifying than any previous one. There were 100 of these Indians present at the service, I held on Christmas Eve at their boat landing, where they bring in hides for sale and get supplies from the little store. There they were, not going off to get whiskey as they often have, but sober and gathered in this little place; giving earnest

attention to the service. Rev. Mr. Trout and I had an open air service, and baptized seven white persons. I talked to them in very simple English, while they listened closely and intently; then I confirmed five persons. After the service they crowded around to shake hands with the Bishop, many of them speaking warmly of Dr. Godden, who is so faithfully laboring amongst them. "He good man," etc., they say.

Now as to the special thing I wish to ask you. I have been very cautious generally in my work, strongly opposed from boyhood to incurring debt: if I had yielded to debt, I would not be here now, but in the grave through worry over it.

Now, I have strained a point beyond my usual care, to meet an urgent necessity in this work for the Seminoles. We must have this boat-landing where the Indians crowded for this visit. The man who owns it and who is in sympathy with our work, intends selling out, desiring to move to a homestead he has, which I had helped him to secure. We cannot run the risk of having some man who would be antagonistic to the true welfare of the Indians, get possession of this place where he could furnish them whiskey and prejudice them against our effort for them. This boat landing, which is about 3 miles from our Seminole hospital, is a great stragetic point where the Indians must congregate from time to time. The cost of this place, with the store building and its stock of supplies, and several yoke of oxen needful for hauling, will be \$1,500. Then we should need to move the hospital here also, as being a much more favorable location; this, with some other incidentals, will take probably \$500 more, making \$2,000 in all. This matter is *urgent*, the present owner must have our decision before the 1st of February. I feel that we are bound to respond to the great need. I know of friends who, I hope, will help toward securing this place. I have little in my "Special Fund" which I can apply to this and must borrow part, *on faith*.

I do not want to interfere with the regular work of the Woman's Auxiliary, but perhaps you can each get friends elsewhere to help. We are warranted to say there is now true hope of success. Dr. Godden has won his way to the hearts of the Indians, as has Rev. Mr. Trout, who gives a week and a half each

month to work among them. After the service on Xmas eve he went about shaking hands with them and taking their pa-pooses in his arms. He is very hopeful of being permitted ere very long to baptize some of the Indians and to prepare them for Confirmation. At last, after long effort, we feel that now the day is breaking. It is ours to work, leaving results to God. My orders when first ordained, and from which I have never flinched were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." I don't want the Seminoles to say, when I give my final account to God—"Is that the Bishop of Southern Florida? He never cared for us." No other religious body is doing anything for the Indians. So this is my parting word: While doing other work, help me if possible, to get this point so needed for this Seminole work. Dr. Godden has requested the clergy and Auxiliary to use a prayer for the Indians, which will be published in the Palm Branch. I ask the women to remind their clergymen of this, getting them to offer this prayer from time to time, in the Church services. May God bless the effort to bring these Indians to Glade Cross, to His Church, and finally to their accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The business meeting was held in Bishop Gray Hall at the Cathedral School and was called to order at 10:15 a. m.

Forty-seven women responded to the roll call, fifteen of whom were delegates, representing ten branches.

The President read her Annual Address.

The report of the Treasurer was read and received.

The report of the Secretary was read and received.

The reports of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Department and Babies' Branch were read and received.

The reports of the Palm Branch Committee and of the Church Periodical Club were read and received.

Deaconess Parkhill made an address on Auxiliary work and gave her plans for advancing its interests in Southern Florida.

In response to a call for pledges to the Apportionment the following branches made generous pledges: Conway \$2.00; Eustis \$2.00; Lakeland \$2.50; Leesburg \$4.00; Longwood \$1.00; Maitland \$2.00; Ocala \$5.00; Orlando 10.00; Ormond \$1.00; St. Petersburg \$2.00; Tampa \$5.00; Thonotosassa \$1.00.

Pledges for Contingent Fund were made as follows: Conway \$1.00; Eustis \$1.00; Lakeland \$5.00; Longwood \$1.00; Maitland \$18.00; Bradenton \$5.00; Ocala \$5.00; Orlando \$15.00; Ormond \$1.00; St. Petersburg \$5.00; Tampa \$10.00; Thonotosassa \$1.00

Archdeacon J. J. Bowker addressed the meeting in behalf of the Cathedral School, after which he read the Noonday Prayers.

Plans for the Missionary Boxes were discussed. The Easter boxes to be packed by Sanford and St. Petersburg. The Advent boxes to be sent to Morganton, N. C.

The meeting was adjourned till 3 p. m.

At 3 p. m. the meeting was called to order, and after the singing of a missionary hymn, the Rev. T. H. Johnston delivered an inspiring address. During the singing of a hymn an offering was taken up for the Glade Cross Mission. Following this

Dr. Godden spoke in a most interesting way of his work in the Seminole Mission.

Mrs. Gillette of Tampa moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the ladies of Orlando for their hospitality; which vote was unanimously carried.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and approved, after which the Doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned.

MARION CARY-ELWES,

Secretary of the Meeting.

ELIZABETH H. RAND,
Secretary.



ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Again it is my pleasure, dear friends, to welcome to our Cathedral City, the representatives of the various branches of our Southern Florida Auxiliary. I trust that this, our Fifteenth Annual Meeting, will be one of great profit, as well as pleasure, and that we will here and now, resolve to make the coming year still better than any that have gone before. How I wish that every Auxiliary woman could have been with us, your delegates, at the meetings in Richmond, and like us, have felt yourselves borne onward and upward on those great waves of missionary enthusiasm which swelled to such a mighty tide; that you might have listened to the earnest plea made by each and every speaker for more men and more money for the mission field; have seen and heard the earnest men and women who have not counted their lives dear unto themselves, but have given up their friends, their home, their all, in order to carry the gospel to heathen lands.

But as this could not be, yet surely you have read and heard enough to make you long to do what you can to help on the great cause. In the January Palm Branch comes the call from our Secretary, Miss Emery, setting before us four suggestions by which we may give our special help.

First—Increase our membership. Let me say here, that our Vice-President, Deaconess Parkhill,—and during my prolonged absence abroad the acting President,—being now relieved from her arduous duties in the Cathedral School, and restored to some measure of health, hopes to take up again the work so dear to her heart, that of going about the Jurisdiction, in the interest of the Auxiliary and other Church work. As she visits the various parishes and missions, I beg that you give her your cordial support. Arrange before hand for her visit, Talk the matter up among the women of the congregation and get them to turn out with enthusiasm to meet her. Seize the opportunity which thus comes to you to double, or at least largely increase, the membership of your branch and so make a great gain in membership, and in strength.

Second—Increase our Offerings towards General Missions. Having done our best with the first suggestion, and doubled our membership, it goes without saying, that the "Systematic Offerings" for missions in our Jurisdiction, will naturally have increased in the same proportion, and so also will be our ability to increase those for General Missions. Last year \$55 was asked of the Southern Florida Branch, as our share of \$100,000 which the Woman's Auxiliary is trying to raise every year for missions, but while each year growing nearer, has never yet succeeded in doing. This apportionment we secured by pledges in our annual meeting, doing even more than was asked of us, for we sent in \$62. Each year as the population of the world grows, so the needs of the mission-fields increase, and we, as an Auxiliary Society are naturally expected to increase in strength and enthusiasm and a desire to help. So this year our appropriation is set at \$75. This amount I am sure will be pledged and raised and paid in to the Diocesan Treasurer by the various Branches in time for an Easter Offering, as was the case last year. I am happy to say that not one single Branch failed to have a share in this great privilege.

Third—Increase in the strength of the Junior Department. I am also glad to be able to say that both our Junior Auxiliary and Babies' Branch are steadily growing. The Diocesan Officers of this Department are faithful and zealous. But any one who has worked in this Department knows the many difficulties there are to contend with, how very hard it is to secure a leader willing to devote the necessary time and energy, and how still more difficult to interest the children and carry on a successful branch. I therefore beg the officers and members of the Woman's Auxiliary, as I have so often done in the past, to help on this blessed work. As Miss Emery says, draw nearer to the officers in charge, planning with them how this growth may be effected, or if there be no such officers, take up the work more vigorously yourselves, and arrange for the appointment of Junior officers. Apply to Miss Johnson for our Junior leaflet, which is full of good suggestions as to ways and means of interesting the children, and to Miss Hudson for leaflets of the Babies' Branch, to be given to the

mothers of the little ones, and so will there soon be a wonderful strengthening of this department also

4th—Make known the result of the United Offering of 1907 and begin at once to plan for that of 1910, enlisting as many as possible in this united gift and prayer. The amount of the United Offering as announced at the great Triennial Meeting was the marvelous sum of \$222,353.35, a gain of \$72,000 over that of 1904 and it has since grown to a quarter of a million. The offering for 1910 is still, in the language of the Resolution adopted in the Officers Meeting, to be given for the training and support of women workers and for the care of such workers when sick and disabled, from which sum, an amount not exceeding \$15,000, will be devoted to a building or buildings approved by the Board of Missions, on the recommendation of the General Secretary and the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. Also that by our united and earnest prayers, we ask God to put it into the hearts of many faithful women to give themselves to the work of the Master in the mission field. To this last clause I call your most earnest heed. What a crowning glory it would be if we could send out this very year, from our Southern Florida Branch, a worker in the mission field.

Before closing let me call your attention to the slight change in the duties of our Auxiliary Officers. As was announced by the Bishop this morning in his annual appointment, Mrs. Algernon Haden becomes the Custodian of the United Offering and will gladly give leaflets and boxes to all who desire them, while Mrs. E. F. Sperry and Miss Marcia Johnson form the Palm Branch Committee. All subscriptions and notices of change of address for this paper should be sent to Mrs. Sperry. Miss Johnson will also continue the efficient Sec'y.-Treas., of the Junior Department.

Yours Faithfully,

FANNIE C. GRAY,

President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Rt. Rev. Father:

We would respectfully report the work of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxillary for the year 1907. The total offerings in money and boxes from the three departments is as follows:

Woman's Auxiliary.....	\$2,223.77
Junior Department.....	190.56
Babies' Branch.....	65.50
Total	2,479.83

We report contributions to the Systematic Offering from twenty-eight parishes and missions. From a number of other points contributions have, from time to time, been received, for the United Offering, the Apportionment, Missionary Boxes, etc. In connection with these facts we think it well, to again call attention to the following extract from the Secretary's report of last year:

"It has seemed to the Executive Committee that to become a branch of the Auxillary, the organization of women in a parish or mission should have regularly appointed officers, regular meetings for prayer and reading or study of missions, and regular contributions to the Systematic or monthly Offerings; these all being called for by the Constitution of the Southern Florida Auxillary. At a number of points such regular organization has become seemingly impossible, at least for the present, but in such places there are often several women (or it sometimes happens only one) still wishing to take part in some way in the work of the Auxillary. From such points occasional individual gifts are received for the United Offering, Contingent Fund or the Missionary Boxes, etc., and in order that the women thus contributing may feel themselves a part of the Southern Florida Auxillary we are giving to such missions or mission-stations the name of contributing-points. That the faithful women at these points may be joined by others and the full organization of an active

branch be shortly developed from the present small nucleus, is the earnest hope of the Executive Committee."

In the past few months organized work has been begun at Jupiter on the East Coast and contributions have been received from guilds and individuals, at Dunedin, Arcadia, Orange City and Sanibel Island, thus making them new contributing-points. We greatly regret the lack of any Auxiliary work in the larger places on the East Coast, and sincerely hope that when, in the course of her visitations, Deaconess Parkhill reaches this part of the Jurisdiction, she may be given the support and co-operation of both the clergy and their congregations in organizing, re-organizing and encouraging the work of the Auxiliary along constitutional lines. In referring to the Constitution of the Auxiliary, a point is to be emphasized in that of the work of Collectors. In Article VII of the Constitution, we find the following: "The Parochial Committee shall divide the parish into districts of convenient size, assigning each to a committee of collectors, etc. The Collector shall go in person to each contributor on one of the last days of every month to collect pledges, etc." The result of the carrying out of this constitutional requirement may be noted, in the case of St. Barnabas' branch, DeLand. Although St. Barnabas' is by no means one of the largest of the parishes and missions in the Jurisdiction, yet its branch of the Auxiliary ranks *third* in the amount of its Systematic Offerings for the past year, St. Paul's, Key West and the Cathedral branch, Orlando, alone having exceeded it, and this by small amounts. It can be easily seen how the faithful carrying out of this requirement of the Constitution in all parishes and missions, both large and small, would increase the amount of the Systematic Offering for another year, and the material aid which such an increase would mean to the work of the Church in the Jurisdiction, can be readily understood.

Valuable boxes were sent at Easter-time to missionaries without the Jurisdiction, and at Advent most generous shipments were made to four points in the Domestic mission-field. At both times, after all needs had been supplied and all expenses paid, small sums remained from the amounts sent in by the many branches contributing, and this money was later sent by the Executive

Committee to the Diocesan Treasurer, as a special offering from the Southern Florida Auxiliary to the Endowment Fund of the Jurisdiction.

We are glad to report, that the Systematic Offering of the past year is slightly larger than that of the preceding twelve months; and by their very generous response to the appeal for an Easter Offering, the women of Southern Florida not only made it possible to meet in full the Auxiliary Apportionment for General Missions, but rendered it unnecessary to draw from the Systematic Offering, the \$25.00 which for some years past it has been our custom to devote to the general work of the Church. Thus has an advance been made along two important lines. The amount sent to Richmond for the United Offering of 1907 was the largest ever sent, from Southern Florida. The Contingent Fund has been well supported and the Committee begs the continuance of this support, the Contingent Fund proving more and more a necessity in meeting the expenses incident to the work of the society and particularly in the printing of the Palm Branch. With reference to the Palm Branch, the Committee must still feel somewhat disappointed that the little paper which has proved itself such a real necessity, should not receive a more generous and general support. The subscription charged is very small, but even so, with an enlarged circulation throughout the Jurisdiction, the paper might soon become self-supporting. The work of the Auxiliary for the Church Home and Hospital shows an increase during the past twelve months, DeLand and St. Paul's, Key West, having been particularly generous in their contributions, while helpful boxes and offerings have been received from Ft. Myers and a number of other points. The branch at Leesburg has also given aid to the Cathedral School.

The report of the Junior Department shows an increase over that of last year, the greatest improvement being in the Systematic Offerings of the children. In the Babies' Branch a number of names have been added and the treasurer's report shows the sums sent from their little boxes to the mission-field. In both of these departments there is GREAT need of women who are willing to assume the direction of the Juniors and their meetings, work, etc., and to look after the distribution of the boxes among

the babies. In the Church Periodical Club faithful work has been done, but in this branch of the work also, is the great need for "the woman who cares," and the Correspondent appeals for women in all parishes and missions to assume the duties of sending out with regularity books and periodicals to those who really need them and to whom they come, as a kindly message from oft-times unknown friends.

To one reviewing the accomplishments of the past twelve months and looking forward to the possibilities of those to come, two very apparent needs present themselves in connection with the work of the Southern Florida branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. The first is the great need of the deepening of the *spiritual* side of the work of the Auxiliary. Our offerings show an increase and for this we may indeed be grateful, but there is need for far larger attendance at the monthly meetings for study and prayer; for an intelligent and prayerful interest in the work. It lies in the power of each individual member of the Auxiliary to make the next year's work that more perfect offering of combined *alms and prayers*. The second great need is that of the support of the clergy. In every case where a branch of the Auxiliary does efficient work, we find that the members are aided and encouraged by the rector or priest-in-charge. In almost every case where the work of the Auxiliary is feeble and lacking in interest, we find that that the guild, with its all-engrossing *self-interest*, is pushed forward to the exclusion of real missionary work, or that the priest visiting the mission fails to realize the place and power of the Woman's Auxiliary as a part of the work of the Church. To the clergy of Southern Florida we earnestly appeal, that by their sympathy and counsel they will lead us to the accomplishment of more and better things, in the work which it is our privilege to do, for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted,
ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

From January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908.

BRANCHES.		Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Apportionment	Boxes.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Avon Park, Redeemer.....			6 25		1 50	2 50	7 00	15 75
Bartow, Holy Trinity.....			5 00		2 00	19 00		22 50
Cocoa, Emily Johnston Memorial.....			21 00	5 05	1 00	79	1 00	30 34
Conway, Holy Trinity.....				3 00		2 55	5 00	10 30
Courtenay, St. Luke's.....						5 00	4 25	9 25
DeLand, St. Barnabas'.....		33 27	70 64	1 25		2 00	105 03	212 19
Eustis, St. Thomas'.....				4 90	1 00	2 17	2 00	22 62
Fort Meade, Christ.....				12 80	2 00	5 00		42 30
Fort Myers, St. Luke's.....				4 00	12 60	1 00		56 50
Holly Hill, Mrs. Carter.....				4 00		1 00		7 00
Key West, St. Paul's.....		19 05	101 70	5 00	34 50	5 00	50 00	215 85
Key West, Holy Innocents'.....				3 00		2 50	1 25	32 25
Lakeland, All Saints'.....			2 00	12 25		5 00	7 00	35 75
Leesburg, St. James'.....		14 00	19 15	3 20		2 00	4 00	42 35
Longwood, Christ.....				12 37	1 70	1 10	1 10	31 02
Maitland, Good Shepherd.....				13 00	15 00		5 00	67 00
Manatee River, Christ.....				10 00	2 50		2 00	40 03
Melbourne, Holy Trinity.....				11 90		10 28		22 25
Miami, Holy Trinity.....				8 40				44 48
Ocala, Grace.....				61 90	6 00	23 05	6 00	179 47
Orlando, St. Luke's Cathedral.....				75 50	15 00	15 16	11 75	276 42
Ormond, St. James'.....				9 80	4 00	3 65	5 00	246 41
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd.....				1 70				10 20
Sanford, Holy Cross.....				23 55	75		1 25	31 25
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's.....				22 25	10 00	3 60	2 00	42 40
Tampa, St. Andrew's.....				64 07	10 00	7 80		80 25
Thonotosassa, Trinity.....						1 45	1 00	2 00
Titusville, St. Gabriel's.....				15 30		1 60		18 20
Wauchula, Epiphany.....				12 25			3 00	17 25
West Palm Beach, Trinity.....							1 00	2 00
Apopka.....							75	4 75
Arcadia, St. Edmund's.....							6 50	6 50
Brooksville.....								2 00
Cocoa, Mrs. Milledge Walker.....							14 15	14 15
Dunedin, Good Shepherd Guild.....							3 00	3 00
Daytona, St. Mary's Guild.....							20 34	20 34
Fruitland Park, Frances Louise, and Alfred Bosanquet.....		2 34						2 34
Jupiter.....								
Narcossee, Mrs. Cadman.....				3 50	6 34	10 10	3 00	38 55
Orange City, St. Timothy.....							3 50	20 10
Zellwood, St. James'.....							2 05	8 39
The Bailey Family.....						1 00	5 00	7 00
Mrs. F. M. Bielby.....						10 26		11 26
Mrs. N. B. Fuller and daughter.....						2 00		2 00
Mrs. S. E. Julian.....						5 00		5 00
Rev. Walter Marvin.....						1 00		1 00
Mrs. E. K. Foster.....				8 00		12 06		5 00
Cash.....								5 00
Collection Grace Church, Ocala at Annual Meeting.....							6 20	6 20
Collection taken at Woman's Auxil. meeting.....							7 01	7 01
Cash.....							2 55	2 55
Palm Branch Receipts.....							87 89	87 89
Balance Jan. 1907.....								72 15
Totals.....		96 26	618 83	151 30	181 71	96 25	997 27	2223 77
Junior Department.....								256 06
Grand Total.....								2479 83

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1st, 1900.....	\$ 72.15
Surplus from Boxes.....	20.00
Systematic Offerings.....	618.83
Contingent Fund.....	173.80
United Offering.....	181.71
Apportionment.....	96.25
Specials.....	96.26
 Total.....	\$ 1259.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Missionary Work in Jurisdiction.....	\$ 649.65
To Endowment Fund.....	20.00
Bishop's Special Fund.....	20.00
Cathedral School.....	14.00
Church Home and Hospital.....	62.26
Printing, etc.....	197.48
To Board of Missions Apportionment.....	55.00
United Offering.....	181.71
Bal. Jan. 1st, 1908.....	58.90
 Total.....	\$ 1259.00

Respectfully Submitted,

L. MARION CARY-ELWES,
Treasurer.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

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

At the present time we have six active Branches: De Land, Longwood, Ocala, Orlando, (St. Luke's,) Bradenton, and Key West. The treasurer's report shows also Punta Gorda and Zellwood. It is to be regreted that since Mrs. W. P. Brown left Punta Gorda, no one has been found to take up her work with the children. The amount from Zellwood was a Lenten offering from a single child.

Some of the Branches have sent boxes to the Church Home and Hospital. If others would do likewise it would be greatly appreciated.

The Annual Christmas Sale at Bishopstead, was as usual, a success. The proceeds went to the Church Home and Hospital. The amount was increased by an offering from Ocala.

The Christmas Box was sent to Scranton, Miss., to be used at a mission of poor fisher-folk. I think it was as much, if not more appreciated, than any box we ever sent. Ocala also sent a box of clothing to Balsam, North Carolina.

Under spécials, should be noted a liberal donation sent from DeLand for the Glade Cross Hospital.

The Systematic Offering was larger than usual this year. During Lent it was sent to the fund that was being raised by the Juniors of the United States for St. Paul's College, Tokyo. An amount was also sent to Miss Emery for General and Foreign Missions.

On the whole the work has been good and the outlook seems encouraging.

MARcia PRATT JOHNSON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

FROM JANUARY, 1907 TO JANUARY, 1908.

Systematic Offering.

De Land	\$ 4.31
Longwood	2.50
Ocala	12.00
Orlando, St. Luke's	4.32
Punta Gorda	1.00
Bradentown	4.63
Zellwood	1.00
Key West	5.75
Total	\$35.51

Specials.

Ocala, Glade Cross Hospital	\$ 3.00
De Land, Glade Cross Hospital	41.05
Ocala, Hospital	12.00
Ocala, Box to Balsam	5.00
Junior Sale	66.00
Christmas Box	28.00
Total—Systimatic and Specials	\$190.56

Disbursements.

Glade Cross Hospital	\$ 54.71
St. Paul's College, Tokyo	14.85
Offering to Hospital	78.00
Christmas Box	28.00
Box to Balsam	5 00
General and Foreign Missions	10.00
Total	\$190.56

MARCIA PRATT JOHNSON, Treas.

Eleventh Annual Report of the Babies' Branch.

This year, for some reason, shows a marked decrease in the amounts collected. The number of new names is not so great, as it was last year. The first gifts amounting to \$1.20 have been sent to the Missions house, undesignated. At the general Con-

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vention in Richmond, Va., this year, Mrs. Gray made two pledges for the babies of Southern Florida. Three dollars were pledged to the Hospital annex for Chinese Children at San Francisco under the charge of Deaconess Drant, and three dollars to Bishop Wells for his work in Spokane. Two little children were taken to their Master this year, both being in the same family. We have enrolled one hundred and twenty-five names this year, and reporting were one hundred. The systematic offerings from the boxes this year amounted to sixty-four dollars and thirty cents, which less the expenses has been divided as usual, one third to Diocesan, one third to Domestic, partially designated, and one third to Foreign, undesignated by Miss Emery's special request.

The financial report is as follows:

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.
From January, 1907, to January, 1908.

Members enrolled	125
" reporting	100
First gifts	1.20
Systematic offering from Boxes	64.30
 Total raised	 \$65.50
EXPENSES.	
Postage and Printing	3.50
Total, less expense	\$62.00
DISBURSEMENTS.	
First gifts	1.20
Diocesan, to the Bishop	20.28
Domestic, Chinese Annex }	6.00
" Bishop Wells }	14.26
" Undesignated	20.26
Foreign Undesignated	
Total	\$62.00

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE HUDSON,

Sec.-Treas. Babies' Branch.

Report of Church Periodical Club, 1908

Another year has passed, marked with less success than our opportunities would seem to warrant, less, I feel sure, than it

would be, could those who are able to send on their periodicals, realize the boon they are to hungry minds. One needs only to read what Archdeacon Stuck tells us of the miners in Alaska who take what they can carry, in addition to the rest of their packs, for reading in the long dark days of winter, to realize the value placed upon them: emphasized by the fact that these same miners add the parcel to their return burdens that the good may be passed on to others. Could this be brought home to those who revel in plentiful mental food, I think that instead of seven librarians, as now, there would be "one woman who cares" in every place where the church is established; and instead of the 91 regular periodicals now sent out from the Jurisdiction, there would be many times that number. The correspondent is always ready and glad to furnish addresses to any individuals desiring to help in the work, where there is no Librarian, and still hopes to hear from more who are willing to act as Librarians.

In the words of our Recording Secretary, "Be not weary in well doing," might be the motto of the Club. It is so easy to forget to send a periodical, and it seems such a little thing, and to do it over and over again is so monotonous! But it is longed for in many lonely places as a link with the outside world—a token that the isolated worker is not forgotten by his fellow-Christians, who only read of his labors. Shall we not try to be faithful, and to encourage others to be the same, that the work may be carried on, and that it may spread and increase, to the glory of God?

L. W. WEDDELL,

Correspondent.

Report of Palm Branch Committee.

In presenting the following statement for the year 1907, the Palm Branch Committee would call attention to the great need of an increased circulation for the periodical. The committee found it necessary to call for more help from the Contingent Fund than in the preceeding year, and they would appeal for an increased interest in the matter, that the paper may be made self-supporting. The subscription price is 25c and should be sent to Mrs. E. F. Sperry, Orlando, Fla.

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Subscriptions	\$ 81.89
Ads	6.00
From Contingent Fund	79.61
Total	\$167.50

Disbursements.

Printing	\$157.88
Balance	9.62
Total	\$167.50

Prayer For Seminole Mission.

Bishop Gray requests that the following prayer be frequently used by the clergy in the churches, and at all meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary throughout the Jurisdiction:

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of the friendless and the Helper of the helpless, Have pity we beseech Thee, upon the Indian tribes who dwell in this our land, especially the Seminoles in Southern Florida. Send to them the light and comfort of Thy Holy Gospel. Bless all the means used to bring them to the knowledge of Thy dear Son, who died for the salvation of all men. Guide with Thy Spirit, guard with Thy power, sustain with Thy love, all those who minister to them in spiritual things, and bear to them the tidings of Redemption. Stir up the hearts of all who profess and call themselves Christians to prayer and deeds of mercy in behalf of this perishing race. Give to our rulers a sense of honor, truth and justice in all their dealings with them, and fill this whole nation with compassion for this poor and scattered people; and so fetch them home Blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

