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The time and place of the Seventeenth 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.

Sixteenth Annual Meeting OF THE Southern Florida Auxiliary.

The meeting was held in Tampa on the 14th day of January, 1909.

At 9 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Andrew's Church, the Bishop of the jurisdiction being celebrant, assisted by Archdeacon Weddell.

Bishop Gray appointed the diocesan officers for the ensuing year, and delivered the Annual Address to the women.

EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In beginning his address, Bishop Gray said that he should speak shortly, and that the general purport of his words to the women of the Auxiliary would be to ask for their continued assistance in his work. The Woman's Auxiliary represents, the Bishop said, the *true missionary* character, and it has been of untold aid to him in this missionary jurisdiction.

Last year the Bishop made special appeal for help in his mission to the Seminole Indians. The prayers sent up in behalf of this mission have been unmistakably answered by Almighty God. The devotion of Dr. Godden in nursing and caring for the sick at Glade Cross Hospital has had its effect and the Indian Council has given its consent to the work of the Church. After their consent was given, Hotulcahatsie, a sub-chief and leading man among the Seminoles, came to the missionaries asking for baptism, and on the 26th of October he was admitted into the kingdom of God. The Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Florida

had in answer to the appeal made to it last year, taken part in contributing to the help of the Seminole Mission, and the Bishop now proceeded to ask for special help for another object.

The year 1910 will, the Bishop said, mark the fiftieth year of his service in the priesthood, and he expressed his desire to mark that date by some special act at the time of Convocation. He asked the help of the Auxiliary in making possible a sort of jubilee by the raising of a burden of debt from the Cathedral School in Orlando. No more truly missionary work could be found, declared the Bishop, than that of training under religious influences, the future mothers of our country. The most effective men in the missionary field today owe much that they are and do to their training by devoted and saintly mothers. In St. Katharine's Hall, Bolivar, Tenn., the Bishop sees a school which he himself founded and nourished for many years, and in the Cathedral School at Orlando, he hopes to see a like successful institution. This school has had its ups and downs, but does at last show signs of very real progress, and there is now at its head the man for the place, who, with his devoted wife, is working constantly for the good and advancement of the school and its pupils.

While away, taking much needed rest from all work, the Bishop received in England, the notification of the urgent, the *vital* need of funds with which to put the Cathedral School in order for the coming year; the installing of a heating plant, the finishing of additional dormitory space, etc. Recoiling from the thought of debt, but perceiving the real and present necessity of filling the needs, Bishop Gray laid the matter with earnest prayer before the Lord, and finally accepted the great responsibility, authorizing the borrowing of the sum of \$3,000. The great object is at present to reduce this debt in order to do away with the payment of the large interest of 8 per cent., and the Bishop appealed to the women of the Southern Florida Auxiliary to help in this reduction. The prospects of the school are more promising than ever before, the rector and his wife are consecrating their lives to the work, and with the able staff of teachers now attached, and with the improvement recently made in the plant, with God's help the institution must prove a success. It

is the prayer of the Bishop that the year 1910 may find the Cathedral School free from debt.

The Bishop urged the increase and spread of interest in Auxiliary work in all parts of the jurisdiction, and said that in cases where the workers failed to succeed in obtaining to co-operation of the clergy, they might consider themselves as supplied with *authority from the Bishop*, to call attention to the work. It is often easier to go on without attracting attention and making an effort, but *God's way is forward*, and we must follow that way to a new condition of things for 1910.

"May God bless us," said Bishop Gray in closing, "that we may all work together, heart to heart, and shoulder to shoulder; and He *will* bless our work together, for Jesus' sake."



MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Presbyterian Sunday School room, kindly loaned for the purpose, and was called to order at 10 a. m.

The roll call showed twelve Branches represented by twenty delegates besides many other interested women. Of those acting as delegates, three also represented the Junior work.

Mrs. Gillette, directress of the Tampa Branch, spoke words of welcome to the visitors.

Mrs. Gray spoke of the illness of Deaconess Parkhill, Mrs. Weddell and Mrs. Haden, whose absence, with that of three additional diocesan officers, was greatly regretted.

The President then made her Annual Address.

The report of the Treasurer was read and received.

The Secretary made her yearly report, and in the absence of the other officers, read the reports of the Sec.-Treas. of the Junior Department, of the Sec.-Treas. of the Babies' Branch, that of the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club and also of the Palm Branch Committee.

The Secretary made an explanation of the various funds contributed to by the Southern Florida Auxiliary.

Mrs. Gray called for pledges for the Contingent Fund, which were made as follows: Bradenton \$5.00; Conway \$1.00; Eustis \$1.00; DeLand \$3.50; Ft. Myers \$1.00; Lakeland \$5.00; Longwood \$2.00; Ocala \$5.00; Orlando \$15.00; Sanford \$2.00; St. Petersburg \$5.00; Tampa \$15.00.

Mrs. L. C. Massey, directress of the Orlando Branch, gave the sum of \$7.00 to be used in paying for a new issue of the Auxiliary Service leaflets.

Pledges for the Easter Offering were made: Bradenton \$5.00; Conway \$1.00; Eustis \$2.00; DeLand \$2.50; Ft. Myers \$1.00; Lakeland \$2.50; Longwood \$1.00; Ocala \$5.00; Orlando \$10.00; Sanford \$3.00; St. Petersburg \$5.00; Tampa \$5.00.

The President explained the request of Dean Spencer that the Southern Florida Auxiliary give annually to the Preparatory Department of the Cathedral School, a medal to be awarded for

general excellence. A motion was made and carried in favor of this suggestion. Mrs. Gray moved that the offering which had been taken at the 9 o'clock Auxiliary service be used for the purchase of the medal for the current year. Miss Jennie Babbitt, a member of the Tampa Branch, offered to meet this expense and her offer being most gratefully accepted, the motion was then made and carried, that the offering be turned over to the Bishop, as a "first fruits" towards the raising of the debt on the Cathedral School.

At 12, noon, Midday Prayers were read by the Rev. W. P. Browne, of Tarpon Springs and Brooksville.

The Secretary announced the missionary boxes for the year. Those sent at Advent are to go to St. John's Academy, Corbin, Ky. Lakeland and Orlando had offered to be packing-points for the two Easter boxes.

Mrs. Gillette made a few suggestions concerning plans for the receiving of an Annual Meeting, the notices to be sent by visiting delegates, etc.

Mrs. Gray urged the re-organizing of the Tampa Junior and Babies' Branches.

The meeting then adjourned to 3 p. m.

Upon re-assembling, Mrs. Gray expressed to the meeting the thanks of the Bishop for the offering of the morning.

Mrs. Bittinger, of Ocala, offered the following, which was unanimously carried. Resolved: That we spread upon the minutes of the meeting our resolution of sympathy and regret at the illness and absence of Deaconess Parkhill, Mrs. Weddell, Mrs. Haden and other diocesan officers.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Tampa Branch for its unbounded hospitality and kindness.

After the singing of a missionary hymn the meeting listened to a most interesting address from the Rev. Iraneaus Trout, missionary to the Seminole Indians. At the close, an offering was taken for this work.

A member of the Tampa Branch announced that the Junior work would be immediately re-organized in the parish.

The minutes of the meeting were read and a motion for ad-

Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the

journment having been made and carried, the meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

MARION CARY-ELWES,

Secretary of the Meeting.

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.



ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Many hundreds of miles have stretched between us, dear friends, since I last addressed you in our annual meeting. I have seen many different lands, and peoples, with, to us, their strange manners and customs, and above all I have had the great privilege of visiting the Holy Land, of treading the same hills, of seeing the same skies, and of breathing the same air, as did our blessed Saviour when here upon earth.

You can well imagine how our souls thrilled when first our feet stood within the gates of Jerusalem—although the city of today is by no means the royal city of King David—or even what it was in the time of Christ. The site of the ancient Holy City lies buried from fifty to a hundred feet below the present one—which stands on the ruins of seven of its predecessors. Every where the prediction—Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles—is plainly manifest. The streets are narrow and dirty, men stagger under heavy burdens bound upon their backs, untidy women and neglected children roam the streets; poor, jaded, heavily laden donkeys, urged on at the sharp point of the goad, jostle the motley crowd regardless of the pedestrian. The filth and misery of the Orient make sights and sounds almost unendurable, one of the most distressing sights being the swarms of flies which settle in the eyes of the little children, which superstition prevents from being brushed away. In consequence a large proportion of the people are blind in at least one eye, if not in both. The road between Jerusalem and Bethany is deep with limestone dust flying like powder. The first walk or drive fully illustrates the necessity of the Eastern custom of frequent ablutions.

Never before did I so fully realize the amazing love of the Saviour of mankind for us His sinful creatures, or the depths of His self-sacrifice in leaving His home of Glory to come to live and die in this barren hill country of Judea, or of what this world would be without the Christian Religion.

On the other hand, in London at the great meetings of the Pan-Anglican Congress, was wonderfully exemplified what Christianity is accomplishing for mankind, for their souls and bodies, through the efforts of devoted men and women, who in imitation of the Great Exemplar, are giving not only of their substance but their very selves to spread the glad tidings of salvation.

I traveled with the son of a schoolmate of mine, a young man not yet twenty-four, who for the last four or five years has been living in India, in a leper settlement, caring for the souls and bodies of these sufferers.

In response to an appeal at these meetings, not only did the Bishop of Dorking offer himself to go anywhere he might be sent, but persons by the hundreds were coming forward ready to go, should they be found fit for missionary work.

One of our Bishops, in an address at the Missionary Conference recently held in Jackson, Miss., said: "If we believe Christianity is a good thing for ourselves we are forced to believe it must be a good thing for others." And another Bishop, speaking on this same occasion, declared that we cannot so well measure a man's religion by what it does for himself, as by what it does for others, through him, for man is but a fellow saviour with God. He goes on to say: "A man who says he don't believe in missions may as well say that he don't believe in Jesus Christ, for that is the effect of his utterance. If man is converted to christianity he must be converted to missions, for that is the most important phase of work in the Christian church. If our religion is a holy reality we are bound to believe in missions. Christianity, in its elemental analysis, is the desire to do something for somebody else, to carry on the good work, to extend the salvation of our own soul to other souls. God must save the world through individuals. There are many things He wants done that He cannot do himself, and must do through us. Our measure of success or failure as an aid to God will be determined by our opportunity and the extent of our individual effort."

Now a few words as to the part we, each one, should take in this clarion call to work for the Master. First, we can be more diligent and earnest in our prayers for missions. Who can

tell the glorious results which would follow should each woman here, at each noon-day hour lift up her soul to God in earnest supplication for the conversion of the world.

Some months ago we, as an Auxiliary Missionary Society, began using in all our meetings the prayer the Bishop set forth by request for the conversion of the Seminoles, and before the year is over we are rejoicing in permission from the Indian Council that any Indians who wish to do so may embrace the white man's religion, and a prominent brave—Hotul-ca-hat-see—arraying himself in his chief's war coat, has presented himself and been baptized in the presence of five chosen witnesses.

Second, as Auxiliary Workers, we have the opportunity of giving to missions through our own special channels. Our systematic offering of a cent a day or less if necessary, is used right here in our own Jurisdiction for missionary work, where so much could be done if only there was the money to send men. Our Easter offering goes direct to the Church Missions House to help the work in our own and other lands. Let us see to it then, that we lose not the blessed opportunity, striving to do what we can ourselves, by our own prayers and gifts and also trying to interest others in this glorious work of hastening on the time when "the Redeemer shall come to Zion," "till He makes Jerusalem a praise in all the earth."

FANNIE C. GRAY, President.

Orlando, January, 1909.



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 1908. The total offerings in money and boxes from the three departments is as follows:

Woman's Auxiliary	\$1,900.78
Junior Department	150.95
Babies' Branch	68.26
Total	\$2,119.99

We report contributions to the Systematic Offering from twenty-seven parishes and missions. Contributions to boxes, the United Offering and Easter Offering have from time to time been received from various contributing-points. The branches at Holy Innocents, Key West, and at Wauchula have lapsed during the past year, and no word has been received from several missions which were last year reported as contributing points. We are able to report three new branches, one at Jupiter, one at South Lake Weir, and one at Arcadia. We urged in our last report, the carrying out of the requirement of our Constitution, by which each branch of the Auxiliary shall have its regularly appointed collectors, whose duty it is to collect each month from the women of the parish or mission their contributions to the monthly Systematic Offering. As a result of this system which was put into operation early in the year, the Cathedral branch has nearly doubled the amount of its Systematic Offering for the year, and leads the branches in this offering.

Valuable boxes were sent at Easter-time to missionaries outside of the jurisdiction and at Advent, large contributions of clothes for distribution among the poor were sent to the priest in charge of the Associate-Missions of Morganton, N. C. In addition to these, boxes have been sent to Saluda, N. C., and to our

own Seminole Mission, and the Auxiliary branches of Ft. Myers and Tampa sent boxes to the relief of the fire-sufferers at Ybor City, in the early spring. The aid sent to the Church Home and Hospital has greatly increased during the past year, and through the efforts of the devoted directress of the Ft. Myers branch, a plan for "Thanksgiving Showers" was instituted which proved of such aid to the Hospital that it is hoped that it may be annually repeated.

The Systematic Offering for the past twelve months shows a very good increase over that for the preceding year. This is the most important fund of the Southern Florida Auxiliary, and unless contributing to it, the organization of women in a parish or mission cannot be considered a fully organized branch. Article IX of our Constitution says in part: "The primary aim of this organization is to aid and promote missionary work in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida." It is by means of the Systematic Offering given monthly by the women of the various branches, that we are able to carry out this aim, for the pennies, nickles, and dimes so collected are given monthly to the Bishop to be used in his work in Southern Florida. For the United Offering, which enables us to join with women all over the world in doing missionary work, we have collected and placed at interest a larger sum than that usually collected during the twelve months. By means of our Easter Offering we have paid to the Board of Missions the sum of \$75.00 which it asked in 1908 from the Southern Florida Auxiliary for the general work of the Church. As is found in all organizations, the need of a Contingent Fund for meeting the current expenses of the Society continues, and the various branches are thanked for their generous contributions made to it in the past year.

The Junior Department reports two new branches, and one reorganized, the former the result of visits made by Deaconess Parkhill. As a result of the Junior Sale, a very generous Christmas offering was sent to the Hospital; the Juniors of Orlando and the new branch at Maitland deserving special mention in this connection. Boxes of oranges and one of toys were also sent, at Christmas time by the Southern Florida Juniors, to the Sisters of St. Mary at Sewanee, Tenn. The monthly offerings

of the Juniors were divided equally between the Glade Cross Hospital and the General Missions of the Church.

The Babies' Branch has done its usual work, but does not show the desired advance, the great need being for women who are willing to take charge of this work in the various parishes and missions.

The Church Periodical Club has done its usual work in sending out books and periodicals, but there is great need of persons willing to act as librarians.

With its November issue The Palm Branch rounded out the fourteenth year of its existence. This is said to be quite an unusual record for a diocesan publication, and the Executive Committee feels deep gratitude that its venture of faith has been so blessed with success, for the little paper has proved itself of importance and help in many ways. An increased circulation is still greatly desired, that this messenger of the Church in Southern Florida may be enabled to become self-supporting.

Article II of our Constitution, declares one of the chief objects of the Southern Florida Auxiliary to be as follows: "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." Here is the present need; an increase of interest and missionary activity among the women of the Church. Wherever we hear of the work, it is the same story; wherever Deaconess Parkhill has gone in her visitations of the past year, the conditions have been found to be the same; a few faithful women continue the work of the Auxiliary, but the majority, whether small or great, whether in struggling missions, or in the largest parishes, pay no heed to the opportunities offered by the Woman's Auxiliary to join in the missionary work of the Church. We repeat the appeal which was made last year for the support and interest of the clergy in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. In a few instances they have made themselves the real leaders and advisors of the branches in the parishes and missions under their charge, and in these, the result is seen in continued interest and active work, but in the majority of cases the importance of this branch of the work to our own jurisdiction, as well as to the Church-at-large, seems not to be considered by

the Southern Florida clergy, and without their help and counsel it seems impossible to advance.

The Woman's Auxiliary is *not a voluntary* organization. It was created by the Bishops of the Church assembled in General Convention in 1871, and by endeavoring to carry on this work, we are but following out the commands laid upon the women by the highest authority.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.

Orlando, Florida, Dec. 31st, 1908.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

From January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909.

BRANCHES.	Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	Offering.		Apportionment	Boxes.	Total in Money and Boxes.
				United	Offering.			
Avon Park, Redeemer.....		2 00					5 00	2 00
Bartow, Holy Trinity.....		4 00	1 00					10 00
Bradenton, Christ.....	10 25	14 15	10 00		5 00	53 50		92 90
Cocoa, St. Mark's.....		1 00			6 00			7 00
Conway, Holy Trinity.....	36 50	7 30	1 00	75	2 00			47 55
Courtenay, St. Luke's.....					1 00		1 00	2 00
DeLand, St. Barnabas'.....	31 40	58 79	2 50			1 66	66 36	160 71
Eustis, St. Thomas'.....					5 69	2 00	3 00	10 69
Fort Meade, Christ.....		9 00					10 00	19 00
Fort Myers, St. Luke's.....		12 80	1 00	1 15	60	21 50		37 05
Holly Hill, Mrs. Carter.....		4 00	50					4 50
Key West, St. Paul's.....	60 15	104 15	5 00	34 65	5 00	50 00		258 95
Lakeland, All Saints'.....	16 00	38 00	5 00			2 50	24 75	86 25
Leesburg, St. James'.....	6 00	19 85						25 85
Longwood, Christ.....		10 98	1 76	1 00	1 00		7 50	22 19
Maitland, Good Shepherd.....	10 00	20 50	18 00	13 00	10 00	39 86		111 36
Melbourne, Holy Trinity.....		3 95	2 00	10 78		8 00		24 73
Miami, Holy Trinity.....		11 30						11 30
Ocala, Grace.....		45 30	5 00	10 40	5 00	115 55		181 25
Orlando, St. Luke's Cathedral.....	10 00	135 60	15 00	12 25	10 00	58 75		241 60
Ormond, St. James'.....	5 56	9 10	2 00	1 30	1 00	17 20		36 16
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd.....		1 30				10 50		11 80
Sanford, Holy Cross.....		14 25	3 25	4 10	1 00	4 75		27 35
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's.....	3 00	24 90	5 00	9 30	2 00	60 18		104 38
South Lake Weir.....	18 00	7 50				3 00		25 50
Tampa, St. Andrew's.....		76 03	10 00	17 52	5 00	81 14		189 69
Thonotosassa, Trinity.....		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00
Titusville, St. Gabriel's.....		6 37						6 37
Wauchula, Epiphany.....			1 00					1 00
West Jupiter.....		7 00					4 00	11 00
West Palm Beach, Trinity.....					1 00		15 00	16 00
Narcoossee, Mrs. Cadman.....				6 00		8 00		14 00
Zellwood, St. James'.....					5 00	5 00		10 00
Collection taken at Service in Convocation, January, 1908.....			9 35					9 35
Collection taken at Meeting of W. A. S., January, 1908.....	20 25			75				20 25
Apopka.....					1 00			1 00
A Friend.....					71			71
Interest on United Offering.....								1 31
Surplus from Boxes.....	1 31							49 28
Balance January 1, 1908.....								
Totals.....	228 42	650 07	99 36	132 35	66 76	674 54		1900 78
Junior Department.....								150 95
Babies' Branch.....								68 26
Grand Total.....								2119 99

RECEIPTS:

Balance January 1st, 1908	\$ 49 28
Systematic Offerings	650 07
Contingent Fund	99 36
Apportionment	66 76
Specials	228 42
United Offering	132 35

Total	\$1226 24
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Missionary Work in Jurisdiction	\$ 647 10
To Endowment Fund	1 31
To Bishop's Special Fund	35 00
To Church Home and Hospital	157 11
To Glade Cross Mission	35 00
Printing, Postage, etc.	75 66
Apportionment	75 00
United Offering	132 35
Balance January 1st, 1909	67 71

Total	\$1226 24
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Respectfully submitted,

L. MARION CARY-ELWES, Treasurer.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.**Sixteenth Annual Report of the Junior Branch of Southern
Florida Auxiliary.**

The report for the past year has been an encouraging one. There are eight branches: Longwood, Ocala, Orlando, DeLand, Sanford, Maitland, Bradentown and Punta Gorda. Of these, Sanford and Maitland are new, organized by Deaconess Parkhill, and Punta Gorda has been reorganized. It is to be regretted that Key West has lapsed, but we hope their enthusiasm will return. Although all these Branches have not sent in their Systematic Offering they all contributed to the Junior Sale.

Bradentown reports boxes sent to the Church Home and Hospital. This seems to be a point where most of the branches are weak. Let us do better this year. Surely the cause is worthy.

The Christmas Sale was more than successful. The proceeds were larger than ever. Consequently the offering to the Hospital was a liberal one. One thing of especial interest connected with the sale was that Maitland and Orlando had separate tables at which they were very successful.

DeLand sent a special offering to Deaconess Lawerance in Virginia.

A Christmas box and oranges were sent to St. Mary's on the Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn., while two Christmas packages were sent to worthy parties in Florida.

By vote of the Executive Board our Systematic Offering has been divided, half going to Glade Cross Hospital and half to General Missions.

Let our course be onward and our motto "No Steps Backward."

MARCIAN PRATT JOHNSON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

From January, 1908 to January, 1909.

SYSTEMATIC OFFERING.

Longwood	\$ 2 19	
Orlando	1 70	
DeLand	7 50	
Ocala	12 00	
Bradentown	3 16	
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	\$26 55	\$ 26 55

SPECIALS.

DeLand—Deaconess Bertha Lawerance	6 00	
Junior Sale—Orlando	\$24 05	
Maitland	15 75	
Five other Branches and Friends	46 60	
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	\$86 40	86 40
Oranges to Sewannee	10 00	
Christmas Box to Sewannee	14 00	
Christmas Bundles in Florida	8 00	
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	\$150 95	\$150 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Glade Cross Hospital	\$ 13 30	
General Missions	13 25	
Church Home and Hospital	86 40	
Christmas Boxes	32 00	
Deaconess Bertha Lawerance	6 00	
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	\$150 95	\$150 95

MARCIA PRATT JOHNSON, Treasurer.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.

This year shows a decrease from last year. There are several reasons for this:

First: A lack of some one in the large parishes to see that each baby baptized is given a box. This could easily be done by going to the rector and asking about the names on the parish register.

Second: Change of address in larger places and failure to notify the local secretary.

Third: Moving away from the jurisdiction.

I can see results from the work of Deaconess Parkhill, as after her visits I generally have had a call for boxes, leaflets, etc. It is hoped that during this coming year there will be an improvement in the Babies' Branch.

One little child has been called to his Maker this year, and his parents will continue a memorial box. This is Joseph Yates Porter, of Key West.

Responses from twelve places in the jurisdiction have been received and from several outside. This represents one hundred and ten boxes.

The "first gifts" amounts to fifty cents, and has been sent to the Mission House to use as Miss Emery directs.

The Systematic Offering amounts to \$67.76, which, less the expenses, has been divided as usual, one-third to Diocesan, one-third to Domestic, and one-third to Foreign Missions, the last two sent "undesignated," at Miss Emery's request.

HATTIE HUDSON, Secretary.



TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.

From January 1, 1908 to January, 1, 1909.

Members enrolled	123
Members reporting	110
First Gifts	\$.50
Systematic Offering from boxes	67.76
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Total raised	\$68.26

EXPENSES.

Postage and Printing	\$ 5.00
Total, less expenses	\$63.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

First Gifts	\$.50
Diocesan, to the Bishop	20.92
Domestic, undesignated	20.92
Foreign, undesignated	20.92
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Total	\$63.26

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE HUDSON,

Sec-Treas. Babies' Branch.



*Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the***CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB, 1908.**

There is little to record of the work of the Church Periodical Club in this Jurisdiction for the past year. The faithful few have continued to send regularly what was promised, thus brightening the lives of others less favored. The opportunity is open for many more to do likewise in helping to further a work that gives much pleasure and benefit for very little cost. Let us hope the current year will mark an improvement in interest and results.

L. W. WEDDELL, Correspondent.

REPORT OF PALM BRANCH COMMITTEE.

In presenting their statement for the year 1908 the Palm Branch Committee are pleased to be able to report a somewhat larger circulation, but earnestly desire that it may be still further increased and the paper made entirely self-supporting. Many expressions of interest and good will have been received during the past year. A reader in one of the northern states wrote recently: "I have enjoyed the Bishop's Diary very much and wish our own Bishop would write for our diocesan paper more frequently." The subscription price is 25c and should be sent to Mrs. E. F. Sperry, Orlando, Fla.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1908	\$ 9.62
Subscriptions	91.64
Ads	32.88
From Contingent Fund.	30.75
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Total	\$164.89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing and Postage	\$157.10
Balance	7.79
Total	\$164.89

Committee: { MARY W. SPERRY,
 { MARCIA PRATT JOHNSON.

