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The time and place of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting will be appointed later by the Executive Committee and appoved by the Bishop

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

Seventeenth Annual Meeting OF THE Southern Florida Auxiliary

The meeting was held in Orlando on the 27th day of January, 1910.

At 9 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral, the Bishop of the Jurisdiction being celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Perry, of Cambridge, N. Y.

Bishop Gray appointed the diocesan officers for the ensuing year, authorizing them to represent the Southern Florida Auxiliary at the Triennial Meeting in Cincinnati.

The Annual Address was, at Bishop Gray's request, delivered by Dr. Perry.

EXTRACTS EROM ADDRESS OF DR. PERRY.

My Dear Friends: It has required all my loyalty and fealty to your beloved Bishop to respond when asked to speak to you in his stead this morning, though glad indeed to be of any assistance to him. I had no time for preparation, and I felt keenly the disappointment to you, as to myself, not to hear his voice at this time. But it is not a new experience for me to speak to the Woman's Auxiliary. In the work in which I was engaged for many years I depended largely upon the Womans' Auxiliary for support, especially while holding up the work among colored people in Baltimore. Later, working with Bishop Gray, before he became bishop, under Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee, I had charge of similar work there.

I am in close sympathy with the great opportunities in this Missionary Jurisdiction, seeing a fore-shadowing of the work before you. Nowhere else that I know is to be found such a Pentecostal work, such gathering in of all people, nations and languages. It is enough to sap the strength of your bishop, for

he is called to spread out his sympathy in more directions than any other of our bishops. One could seldom see elsewhere, the races meet, the nations meet, as in Florida, where all seem gathered. This church of ours—National, Catholic—alone has the opportunity to bring together, to cement and make one, all nations, kindreds and tongues.

St. Mary's Church, Baltimore, was the first really beautiful church built for work among the colored people. Near it we have All Saints Christian House, for educating colored children. This is now an orphanage. One night many years ago, a knock was heard at the door of All Saints House. Sister Jane (an English Sister who had worked in Africa) opened the door and found a lady, a stranger, but a church woman, with an Indian child whom she wished to save from a life on the streets. This child had been found alone on a battlefield some years before, by a soldier, who took her home to his wife, and she was brought up by them, but the soldier died and she was left to wander without care. Sister Jane declared they had not a single vacant place, and also that to take in one of a different race would be wholly inconsistent with the feeling of the people. "What can we do?" asked the lady. "Must she be left in the streets?" "Come in, child," the sister answered, "we will put you somewhere." And little by little she became built up in the church life there till ready to be baptized. The Negro Sisterhood in Baltimore (the first one founded, and which still has three or four of its members assisting with church work there) was friendly with this girl and helped her progress. Just at this time I heard that the first Indian who was ordained priest by Bishop Whipple, was near Baltimore, being on a trip east with his dear old Indian chief. I went to see him, and that night I assisted him at the Font when he baptized that Indian girl—the old chief standing as her god-father, while Sister Jane, the English-woman, and Sister Elizabeth, of this Negro Sisterhood, stood together as her god-mothers—the whole scene giving witness of our church being of all people, nations and tongues. Soon after his return home, this old chief lost his only daughter and he sent to ask if he might adopt this Indian girl, who, after completing two years of her course at the school, went to become his

daughter. His squaw was bitterly jealous of the girl, persecuting her constantly, but she bore it all with christian courage. Later the chief died, and soon after his wife was mortally ill, her sickness lasting through many weeks, during which this girl was her one devoted attendant—giving her every care till at last the old woman died with her hands on the girl's head, blessing her. This is more than an interesting story; it is an encouragement to all to continue faithful in the work given us; we have God's message, and His Holy Spirit will bless our efforts.

The Auxiliary of Southern Florida is known beyond its borders for its energy and liberality. Therefore take courage, go forward, each member setting the key-note of what the church expects of a consecrated laity. Men have done much, but as at the Nativity, at the Cross, at the Tomb, it has ever been the gift to women, to those of the same sex as the Holy Mother to do the most towards rousing the Church to the duties of its missionary work. One of my greatest pleasures is the joy of meeting with the Auxiliary and taking part in anything they have to do.

On coming to Florida I found a great contrast in its climate, fruit and flowers to the ice and snow of our northern home. The first thing I noted was your wealth of trees with their golden fruit—such oranges, tangerines and grapefruit as I had never seen or tasted before, and often several varieties hanging on one tree—a symbol of unity. The next thing which impressed me most was something your Dean told me as to fruit possibilities. That the peach, if planted here drew too much of bitterness from the soil, making the fruit unpalatable; but if the peach be grafted upon the plum tree the fruit became more perfect in flavor and beauty, the two working together. This seems as a type of the work of the Church and of the Woman's Auxiliary as a part of the church. We have one Vine, one Root to whom we are grafted by baptism; each one made a member of Christ; a child of God. When baptized we are made partakers of the nature of our Lord, to whom we are thus joined; yet not losing our individual character. Each race, each individual has some special grace to serve God with. Let us each endeavor to hang great bunches of fruit before Him, like the beautiful clusters of grape-

fruit; to let our lives glow, like the oranges, with the blessed hope of immortality. We are grafted into Him whose nature alone takes away our bitterness, giving instead, sweetness and holiness. However, the soil differs; souls are bitter save for His power to make all acceptable. Our Lord Jesus Christ, is the Root, the Holy Church the spiritual branches for all nations.

We have a work for the representatives of the Eastern Church, who are now pouring into our land in numbers which very few realize. I know of one of their bishops who now has 120,000 communicants under his charge, and only one or two priests to assist him. They come here strangers to a strange land. They do not know the Church. They do know the Roman Church, and something of the Protestant bodies, but they are not permitted to affiliate with either. It is for us to let them know the Church as neither Roman nor Protestant. We must go forth and possess our opportunity; extend to these our cordial reception and brotherly acts. The bishops of the Anglican and Eastern Churches are uniting; at one point our members and heirs have built a church together; while our Bishop Parker and a Russian Bishop are working together, helping each other in Christ's field. North and south we find some Greek, Syrian, or Russian—perhaps a bootblack; fruit vender or other laborer—on our streets. Other churches are doing little for them. It is for us to seek out single ones; make them feel at home; bring them to church—to help them to seek the Light of Light, to let them kneel with us in our great Sacrament, that great Sacrament of Love. Welcome them as fellow-christians.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The business meeting was held in Bishop Gray Hall at the Cathedral School and was called to order at 10:30 a. m.

The roll-call showed fifteen branches represented by twenty-three delegates, of whom two were Junior representatives. A large number of women, of whom several were visitors from Northern dioceses, were present at the meetings.

The President delivered a short address.

The reports of the Treasurer, Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Department, of the Babies' Branch, of the Custodian of the United Offering, of the Church Periodical Club, and of the Palm Branch Committee were read and received.

Mrs. Gray called for pledges for the Contingent Fund, which were made as follows: Brooksville, \$1.00; DeLand, \$2.00; Eustis, \$3.00; Lakeland, \$7.00; Leesburg, \$5.00; Longwood, \$2.00; Maitland, \$18.00; Ocala, \$5.00; Orlando, \$16.00; Punta Gorda, \$1.00; St. Petersburg, \$5.00; Tampa (St. Andrews), \$15.00; Sanford, \$3.00; Narcoossee, \$1.00; Bradenton, \$5.00; Ormond, \$1.00; Melbourne, \$2.00; Ft. Myers, \$1.00.

Pledges for the Easter Offering were made as follows: DeLand, \$3.00; Eustis, \$3.00; Lakeland, \$3.50; Leesburg, \$5.00; Longwood, \$1.00; Maitland, \$5.00; Ocala, \$5.00; Orlando, \$16.00; Punta Gorda \$2.00; St. Petersburg, \$2.00; Tampa (St. Andrews), \$5.00; Sanford, \$2.00; Narcoossee, \$5.00; Winter Park, \$2.00; Bradenton, \$5.00; Ormond, \$1.00.

The Missionary Boxes for the year were announced by the Secretary, the packing-points for the year to be Maitland and Ocala.

Archdeacon Bowker, rector of the Cathedral School, read the Noonday Prayers and then addressed the meeting in the interest of the School, pointing to the advance made in the past two years and asking for the support and interest of the women of the Auxiliary in the work of the institution.

The President announced that the Auxiliary Medal, which is to be provided annually for the School by the Southern Florida Auxiliary, would again be the gift of Miss Babbitt, a member of the Auxiliary in Tampa.

Deaconess Parkhill told of the organization of the Pan-Anglican Central Committee of Women's Work and of the link which it formed between workers in all parts of the world.

After informal discussion of various subjects the meeting adjourned for luncheon at the Chapter House.

At 3 p. m. the meeting came to order. After the singing of a missionary hymn Dr. Lowry, of Tampa, addressed the meeting on the subject of the raising of a Diocesan Endowment Fund, and appealed to the Auxiliary for help in the undertaking.

After singing another missionary hymn the meeting listened to a stirring address by the Rev. Dr. Lacey, of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, N. Y. At the close of this address an offering was made, which, on motion, was devoted to the Endowment Fund.

A unanimous vote of thanks was offered to the Cathedral branch for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates.

On motion of Deaconess Parkhill, a rising vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. Drs. Perry and Lacey for their addresses to the Auxiliary.

The Doxology was sung and Dr. Lacey pronounced the Benediction, after which the meeting adjourned to meet in Ocala on January 27th, 1911.

MARION CARY-ELWES,

Secretary of Meeting.

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.



ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.

In the name of the officers and members of the Cathedral Branch I extend a cordial welcome to all the delegates assembled here today in our Annual Meeting, which I trust will be a one to give a forward impulse in the work of the Auxiliary.

In looking over the record of the past year, I am glad to be able to state that we have an increase in our Systematic Offering over that of last year, and that notwithstanding the terrible disaster to our sister Branches of Key West, our pledges have all been redeemed. Our Vice-President, Deaconess Parkhill, has made many missionary journeys through the District of Southern Florida, visiting the church people, gathering together the women, organizing, or reorganizing Branches, and strengthening the workers wherever she has been. All this is most encouraging, bidding us go forward in the good work.

We are now entering a new year and a new decade. Our country is rapidly growing and filling up, our Church is coming more and more to the front, is being inquired for and looked into and understood as never before. More than ever, therefore, is still greater increase in missionary giving needed. Right here in Southern Florida are a number of groups of missions where regular services should be held if only there were the money to send men. Golden opportunities of being the first on the field are thus being lost. Our Systematic Offering is the special gift which the women of Southern Florida put directly into the hands of the Bishop for this special thing—to send men to the missions of our own Jurisdiction. Let us then, each one, strive more earnestly to still farther increase this, our annual gift. Let no one feel too small or insignificant to take her part. Every new Branch formed, every new member gained is a step forward. More workers are greatly needed. But while occupied with the material side let us not forget the power of prayer, without which all else is valueless. More workers are needed. Prayer is the

secret of securing them. To our united gifts, then let us add our united prayers, that the Lord of the Harvest send forth more laborers into the harvest, and especially that He put it into the hearts of many earnest workers to give *themselves* to the work.

FANNIE C. GRAY, PRESIDENT.

Orlando, January, 1910.

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 1909.

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

Woman's Auxiliary	\$2,631.00
Junior Department	124.53
Babies' Branch	67.94
Total	\$2,823.47

We report contributions to the Systematic Offering from twenty-six parishes and missions, and an occasional offering to one or more Auxiliary funds from various places which, while not strong enough to organize regular branches, are considered contributing-points of the Auxiliary. The branches at Conway and Thonotosassa have ceased to exist with the end of the year, their several faithful members continuing however, in their work and interest by removal to other branches. The branch at Holy Innocents', Key West, which was reported lapsed last year has recently sent in several offerings which seem a promise of renewed interest at that point. From Clearwater comes the report of a recently organized branch which it is hoped will begin regular work with the new year. A very important feature of the years, work has been the series of visits made by Deaconess Parkhill to numbers of the Auxiliary branches. The great need of personal intercourse with the workers at far-off and scattered points, has been increasingly felt by the members of the executive Committee, and it is a matter for sincere gratitude that the Deaconess has been able in the past year, to accomplish so much along this very necessary line of work.

Missionary boxes were sent, as usual, at Easter and Advent to points outside of the Jurisdiction, and to the box of toys sent at Christmas by the Junior Auxiliary, were again added contributions of oranges and grapefruit which seem to have proved a rare treat to the children of the Tennessee and Kentucky mountains. Several of the Auxiliary branches made valuable donations to the Sisters of St. Mary at Sewanee, Tenn., at the time of the burning of their school for mountain children. The boxes sent to the Church Home and Hospital have been many and generous, and the cash offerings made to this institution through the Auxiliary branches are also considerably larger than formerly. Special commendation should be accorded the plan devised by the Directress of the Ft. Myers branch for the holding of "Thanksgiving Showers," for the benefit of the Hospital. The plan which was first tried a year ago was again urged upon the branches with the result that very material aid in groceries and also cash contributions were sent in from many points. It is strongly urged by those who know the pressing needs of the institution that the plan be carried out annually.

On reviewing the various funds for the year we find a slight general increase. In the Systematic Offering, while the increase is by no means as large as we could wish, yet in connection with the fact that last year also, this fund made a like advance, we find the hope that the forward movement will continue until the importance of the Systematic Offering is fully understood, and more and more women join in these monthly contributions which prove of such real help in the work of the Jurisdiction. By means of the Easter Offering the Southern Florida Auxiliary was able to redeem the pledge of \$75 which it was asked by the Board of Missions to contribute to the general work of the Church. The amount of the United Offering falls considerably behind that of last year, and in connection with this fund we would remind our workers that as the offering is to be made in Cincinnati next October, the time is short, and renewed efforts are necessary if this branch of the Auxiliary is to have a generous part in this great United Offering, which is made once in three years by the women of the whole American Church. The pledges made to the Contingent Fund have all been promptly re-

deemed and thus make possible the meeting of the current expenses of the society. In connection with this fund we would speak of the lack of support given the Palm Branch and the consequent necessity of providing from the Contingent Fund even more largely than in the preceding year, the means for printing some several issues of the paper. In special offerings we find several branches, notably South Lake Weir, Conway and Jupiter, making good contributions to the Bishop's Special Fund. The branch at Ocala, after studying with much interest the work of the Church in Japan, made a special offering to St. Agnes' School, Kyoto.

The work of the Junior Department presents just now a rather serious problem because of the lack of women who are willing to assume charge of this really difficult, but very important branch of the work. The words of the vice-president in charge of the Junior Department of the Chicago branch of the Auxiliary are so applicable to the conditions in Southern Florida that we append them without further comment:—"One of the greatest obstacles to the growth of the Juniors is the difficulty of finding leaders for the children. In many cases branches have lapsed because the Director has been obliged to resign, and no suitable person has been found to take the place. The children cannot continue the work without an older head to guide. Therefore, we implore the aid of the clergy and members of the Woman's Auxiliary in helping to keep leaders in office, and to find new ones when necessary. The Junior Auxiliary is to the Missionary life of the church what West Point is to the United States' Army." In the Babies' Branch the same need is pressing except that the work of this department can be easily done by interested Juniors under the guidance of their leaders. The work of the Church Periodical Club has gone steadily on under the direction of the faithful diocesan correspondent, but she too notes the need of some woman in each parish or mission who may be willing to assume the duties of librarian.

The call for volunteers goes forth! Who will answer the summons and enlist for the various duties, however humble, which must be faithfully performed if we would prove ourselves

true soldiers and servants in the service of the Captain of our Salvation?

Right Rev. Father, at this anniversary of your admission to the office in which you have proved of untold blessing to numberless souls, we, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Florida, extend to you our affectionate and loyal greetings. As our Bishop and guide you have been a constant help and inspiration, ever directing our work with words of counsel and comfort and always receiving our efforts to aid in the work of the jurisdiction, with terms of approval and commendation which have filled our hearts with the desire to do more and better. To our prayers that we may be able to prove ourselves more worthy to follow where you lead us in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, we add the heartfelt petition that you may be granted many years in which to carry on the work so nobly and faithfully undertaken in this missionary district of the Church, and that your labors may be crowned with the Vision of Victory and Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. RAND, Secretary.

Orlando, Florida, January, 1910.



Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

From January 1, 1909, to January 1, 1910.

BRANCHES.	Special.	Systematic Offerings.	Contingent Fund.	United Offering.	Apportionment	Boxes.	Total in Money and Boxes.
Arcadia	1 00	6 10		3 00	2 00	7 00	12 10
Bartow, Holy Trinity		1 80		3 25		53 70	12 05
Bradenton, Christ		12 02	9 80		5 00		80 52
Brooksville, St. John's		4 60				1 00	5 60
Conway, Holy Trinity	35 25	13 25	1 00	70	1 00	14 15	65 35
DeLand, St. Barnabas'	30 07	51 66	3 75	3 00	2 50	185 07	226 05
Eustis, St. Thomas'		7 88	1 00	3 80	2 00	14 00	28 68
Fort Meade, Christ		16 75				12 25	29 00
Fort Myers, St. Luke's		12 50	1 00	1 40		4 00	18 90
Holly Hill, Mrs. Carter		3 00	50			5 00	8 50
Key West, St. Paul's	19 10	85 10	5 00	23 45	5 00	25 00	164 65
Key West, Holy Innocents		5 05	1 00	3 55		8 60	18 20
Lakeland, All Saints'	8 50	30 50	5 00	5 00	2 50	260 07	311 57
Leesburg, St. James'	3 00	30 40		1 00	1 46	6 50	22 74
Longwood, Christ		11 78	2 00	1 00		30 00	114 85
Maitland, Good Shepherd	24 85	35 00	20 00		5 00	15 00	84 35
Melbourne, Holy Trinity		11 85	2 00	5 50			
Miami, Holy Trinity		12 05				4 75	16 80
Ocala, Grace		67 10	5 00		5 00	250 75	327 85
Orlando, St. Luke's Cathedral		115 45	22 00	7 00	10 00	197 90	352 35
Ormond, St. James'	2 00	8 05	2 00	50	1 00	26 70	40 25
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd		3 60			1 00	5 00	9 60
Sanford, Holy Cross		2 85	2 00		3 00	17 55	25 40
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's		24 40	5 00	10 45	5 00	48 40	98 25
Tampa, St. Andrew's	1 25	72 20	15 00	13 20	5 00	147 62	254 27
Tarpon Springs, All Saints		14 05				26 50	40 55
Thonotosassa, Trinity		1 00				1 25	2 25
Titusville, St. Gabriel's	36 50	16 00		5 00		14 30	66 80
South Lake Weir	25 00	12 50				3 00	45 50
Avon Park						1 00	1 00
Sanibel						12 50	12 50
Courtenay					67	1 00	1 67
Daytona						8 00	8 00
Narcoossee				5 00		10 50	15 50
Zeelwood						3 00	3 00
Collection taken at Annual Meeting	10 00						10 00
Collection, St. Andrews, Tampa, during Annual Meeting							
West Jupiter	12 25						12 25
Jacksonville, Mrs. Wetmore	5 00					68 70	83 70
Crystal River, Mrs. Cutler	1 00	10 00					1 00
Mrs. Dwight Jarvis, Colorado	1 00						1 00
Miss Babbitt, Tampa	1 00						1 00
From Woman's Aux. of Southern Fla.	12 00						12 00
	6 00						6 00
Totals	234 77	698 49	103 05	98 47	56 46	1439 76	2631 00
Junior Department							124 53
Babies' Branch							67 94
Grand Total							2828 47

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1st, 1909,	\$ 67.71
Systematic Offerings	698.49
Contingent Fund	103.05
United Offering	98.47
Apportionment	56.46
Specials	234.77
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	\$1,258.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Missionary Work in Jurisdiction	\$ 701.00
Bishop's Special Fund	30.00
Cathedral School	34.25
Church Home and Hospital	121.52
Glade Cross Mission	40.00
To St. Mary's School, Sewanee	3.00
Contribution to Bishop Lloyd's Robes	6.00
Printing Stationery, Etc.	93.98
To Board of Missions for Apportionment	75.00
United Offering	98.47
Balance in Hand	55.73
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	\$1,258.95

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

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

During the past year six branches have contributed to the Systematic Offering; Brooksville, Longwood, DeLand, Sanford, St. Luke's, Orlando, and Bradentown. Of these Sanford and Brooksville are new. We regret that Ocala did not take part with us last year. Tampa is an active branch but has not contributed to the Systematic Offering. There are favorable indications that we will soon have working branches at St. Petersburg, Plant City and Jupiter.

Orlando and DeLand both responded to the call for help from St. Mary's on the Mountain, Sewanee, Tenn.

The Annual Sale for the Church Home and Hospital was held at the Chapter House, Orlando with considerable success.

DeLand held a special sale the proceeds of which were divided between the Church Home and Hospital and Glade Cross Hospital.

The Systematic Offering, according to custom, was divided between our work in the Everglades and General Missions.

Although our report is not quite as good as usual, we hope for progress during 1910.

MARcia PRATT JOHNSON.

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNIOR BRANCHES.

From January, 1909, to January, 1910.

SYSTEMATIC OFFERING.

Brooksville	\$2.20
Longwood	.91
DeLand	4.00
Sanford	3.85
Orlando, St. Luke's	.50
Bradentown	.50
Total	\$11.96
	\$11.96

SPECIALS.

Orlando, for St. Mary's	\$ 3.00
DeLand, for St. Mary's	10.27
DeLand, Sale	22.00
Junior Sale	50.00
Christmas Box	20.00
Oranges	7.30
Total	\$124.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Glade Cross Hospital	\$17.98
General Missions	5.98
Church Home and Hospital	60.00
Christmas Box	20.00
Oranges	7.30
St. Mary's	13.27
Total	\$124.53

MARcia PRATT JOHNSON, Treasurer.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES BRANCH.

This year's receipts are the same as last year. More interest is shown as the list of new names is larger, forty-two new ones being added. 138 names are enrolled on the books now and

118 were heard from this year. The "first gifts" amounted to \$2.10. The systematic offering from the boxes amounted to \$65.84, which less the expenses, has been divided as usual, one third to Diocesan, one third to Domestic and one third to Foreign Missions. The financial report is as follows:

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH

From January 1, 1909, to January 1, 1910.

Members enrolled	138
Members reporting	118
First gifts	\$ 2.10
Systematic offering from boxes	65.84
Total raised	\$67.94
Expenses, postage, etc.	1.50
Total less expenses	\$66.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

First gifts	\$ 2.10
Diocesan to the Bishop	21.45
Domestic Missions	21.45
Foreign Missions	21.44
	\$66.44

Respectfully submitted,
HATTIE HUDSON,
Secretary Treasurer, Babies Branch.

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB, 1909.

The work of the Church Periodical Club has gone steadily on; as regards the faithful few, but there is room and need for the co-operation of others who may not have thought of the good that may be done in this way. Every additional contributor, by the little she can do, could help on the work of extending benefit and brightening the lives of many.

Should any of us be deprived for a few months of our papers and magazines, it might quicken a sense in us of what it is to those who feel a constant lack. When this knowledge, through a temporary residence in the West, came to the founder of the club, it prompted her, on her return to New York, to be-

gin the work which has become as a monument to a useful life.

The growth, which may seem encouraging, is not commensurate with the ever-increasing needs. It takes many drops to fill the bucket, but each drop helps. So in this work, every periodical faithfully sent aids by so much to make up the grand total.

The cheer goes not alone to the clergy and isolated individuals, but to the army and navy; to those sick and in prison; to asylums and homes for the poor; everywhere that need is felt, and wants can be met.

Most periodicals are still further passed on, in one case reported, to sixty families. The need is for a librarian in every parish and mission. May we not hope that the present year will bring many willing hearts to our aid.

L. W. WEDDELL, Correspondent:

REPORT OF THE PALM BRANCH COMMITTEE.

In presenting their statement for the year 1909 the Palm Branch Committee regret to have to report a falling off in the subscription list instead of the hoped for increase, which necessitated drawing a larger sum from the Contingent Fund. Frequent expressions of interest and appreciation are received. One lady, when renewing her subscription, writes: "I enjoy the little paper so much and think the ladies of the Executive Committee of the Southern Florida Auxiliary deserve great credit for editing such an interesting church paper." The subscription price is 25 cents, and should be sent to Mrs. E. F. Sperry, Orlando, Fla.

RECEIPTS:

Balance January 1, 1909	\$ 7.79
Subscriptions	80.97
Advertisements	23.50
From Contingent Fund	48.50
Total	\$160.26

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and postage.....	\$154.74
Wraps.....	2.00
Balance.....	4.02
 Total.....	 \$160.76

MARY W. SPERRY.

MARIA PRATT JOHNSON.





CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Southern Florida Branch
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions

ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be "The Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society is:

FIRST—By means of *prayer and offerings* to spread Christ's Kingdom in the world.

SECONDLY—To diffuse missionary intelligence.

THIRDLY—By a united and systematic effort to increase missionary activity among the women of the Jurisdiction and to encourage the formation of branches where there are none.

ARTICLE III.

The Church itself being the Missionary Society and every person by baptism becoming a member of it, therefore every

baptized woman in the Jurisdiction is regarded as a member of this Branch of the Auxiliary.

ARTICLE IV.

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer appointed by the Bishop, who shall constitute and be known as the Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary Society as aforesaid, and such other officers as may from time to time be required.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

(a) The President shall call all meetings of the Executive Committee and at such times as shall seem advisable to her, and shall preside over the same, and together with the other officers shall make it her special endeavor to arouse interest in places where no branch exists; directing, encouraging and advising all branches.

(b) The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall preside over all meetings and perform all the other duties required of the President.

(c) The Secretary shall prepare an *annual* report for circulation in the Jurisdiction, conduct the correspondence of the society, give notice of meetings, keep the minutes and distribute missionary reading matter.

(d) The Treasurer shall send a receipt promptly to each parochial Treasurer for money received, and pay over monthly all funds for work in this Jurisdiction to its Treasurer; she shall forward all contributions for special objects as designated by the donors, keep a separate account of the same and render an annual report of all moneys received and disbursed, values of boxes, etc., to the Bishop.

(e) The Executive Committee shall meet once in each quarter, or on such other days as the President shall appoint.

ARTICLE VI.

Branches shall be organized in every parish and mission as follows: The Priest in charge shall appoint annually a Direct-

ress, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall constitute and be known as the Parochial Committee, and shall fill all vacancies that may occur.

ARTICLE VII.

The duties of parochial officers are as follows.

(a) The Directress shall preside in all parochial meetings, keep an oversight of the work in her branch, appoint her collectors, aid them in any difficulties and promote the work by all means in her power. She shall procure from the Priest annually a full list of the members of the parish, and shall strive to secure from each member a contribution of one cent a day, or more if possible.

(b) The Secretary shall keep minutes of the parochial branch and inform the Secretary of the Executive Committee of all matters of interest, thus keeping all branches in touch with each other.

(c) The Treasurer shall promptly remit the funds collected to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

(d) The Parochial Committee shall divide the parish into districts of convenient size, assigning each to a committee of collectors, where the work is more than the Parochial Committee can perform.

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

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

*At meetings Data during year ARTICLE VII. will be read and Hads read and
All meetings shall be opened with prayer as appointed by*

the Bishop, followed by readings from the "Spirit of Missions" or other missionary publication, or original papers by members.

ARTICLE IX.

The primary aim of this organization is to aid and promote missionary work in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, but any parochial branch shall be at liberty to do any kind of missionary work for any place, upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of delegates from the branches, the time and place to be appointed by the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Bishop.

ARTICLE XI.

All minor points in the working of this society and means for arousing interest or promoting the cause are left to the judgment of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the delegates present, and upon the approval of the Bishop.

The foregoing Constitution of the Woman's Auxiliary Society for Missions in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida having been submitted to me, is hereby approved, and I cordially commend the movement of which it is the organic law, to the clergy and laity of the Jurisdiction. Praying God's abundant blessing upon the society, and invoking the aid of the Holy Spirit upon all work done for Christ and the Church, I am very faithfully,

Wm. CRANE GRAY,
Bishop Southern Florida.

BY-LAWS.

FIRST: Two of the Jurisdictional officers shall form a quorum for transacting business at committee meetings. Delegates from not less than five parochial branches shall form a quorum in annual meetings.

SECOND: The running expenses of the society shall be paid from the Contingent Fund.

THIRD: All meetings shall be opened with prayer, and shall include the reading or study of some missionary subject.

FOURTH: The order of business in general meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

FIFTH: Simple parliamentary usage shall prevail in even the smallest meetings, for the promoting of order and to expedite business.

SIXTH: These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates present at any annual meeting.



