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The time and place of the Twenty-first 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.

Twentieth Annual Meeting

OF THE

Southern Florida Auxiliary

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Key West on Jan. 30th, 1913. The school house in which St. Paul's congregation has worshipped since their Church was destroyed by a hurricane, was kindly put at the disposal of Holy Innocents' Branch for this meeting.

At Bishop Gray's request, Bishop Weed took charge of the opening service, celebrating the Holy Eucharist, making an earnest address, of which some extracts follow, and announcing the appointment of Diocesan officers.

Extracts From Bishop Weed's Address to the Auxiliary.

Taking the text: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who is an householder, who went out to hire laborers for his vineyard," the Bishop told this parable, saying these laborers represented two classes, the one working as mere hirelings, the other willing to work. One complains their work is not appreciated; the other does not complain, as their work is done for love, not for hire. As we stand here before Lent, we should examine ourselves as to our position with God, should be laborers in His vineyard. The aspect of life was changed entirely by God becoming man. Christ labored throughout His earthly life to lift up mankind; we are expect-

ed to labor in His Kingdom here to uplift the world—to strive to live as He did. If we would live a God-like life, we must be laborers here. The longest part of Christ's life on earth was spent in the workshop, doing there His Father's business as we may each do amid whatever seemingly common duties He assigns, exerting always an influence for good.

If the cross on our foreheads means anything, it means we must be laborers for Christ on earth, not for hire, but for love; not standing idle, but glad to heed the Master's call, and He has work for each willing heart. Christianity has uplifted woman and changed her whole position, while woman brings to her work special endurance, patience, courage, helping to develop God's Kingdom. The Woman's Auxiliary is a most important society, and if its members had not labored so faithfully your beloved Bishop would not have so much to tell of the increase in Southern Florida—20 parishes and missions when he came, 46 now. The Woman's Auxiliary is the backbone and strength of the work every where and I expect to see the day when the Auxiliary will take up the whole question and stop this agonizing life of the Board of Missions caused by the continual shortage of funds. I am a member of that Board and I never come away from a meeting of it without a great big heart-ache. I look for the day when the women will see that the whole apportionment is paid, for whatever the women undertake is done! Woman seems to grasp the truth that it is God's Kingdom and must be cared for. This is her chief power, to hold together God's Kingdom by leading others to the God-life, though busy in work shops; to sustain God's Kingdom, to develop the life of Christ in the world.

Minutes.

The business session was called to order by the President, who appointed Miss Kilmer, secretary of the meeting. The roll call showed seven branches represented by eleven delegates, beside the diocesan officers and a number of other Auxiliary members. A cordial welcome was extended to the Auxiliary by the directresses of St. Paul's and of Holy Innocents' Branches, after which the President read her annual address. The annual reports of the following officers were given and accepted: Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Secretary, Junior Treasurer, Secretary-Treasurer Babies' Branch, United Offering Custodian, Church Periodical Club, Educational Secretary and of the Palm Branch committee.

Rev. S. F. Reade offered noon-day prayers for Missions and made a short address. Mrs. Gray announced that Miss Babbit, of Tampa, had given the medal offered by the Auxiliary for the Cathedral School. Pledges for the Contingent Fund were made as follows: Bradentown, \$5.00; Holy Innocents', Key West, \$2.00; St. Paul's, Key West, \$5.00; Lakeland, \$5.00; Longwood, \$1.00; Orlando, \$10.00; St. Andrew's Tampa, \$15.00; Winter Park, \$2.00. For the Easter Offering the following pledges were made: Bradentown, \$5.00; Holy Innocents', Key West, \$2.00; St. Paul's Key West, \$5.00; Lakeland, \$10.00; Longwood, \$3.00; Orlando, \$75.00; St. Andrew's, Tampa, \$20.00; Winter Park, \$2.00. A recess was then taken until 3 p. m., when business was resumed.

Deaconess Parkhill told of the Advent box, which is to be sent to the Associate Missions, Morgantown, N. C., and said the Junior Christmas box would go to one of these missions, St. Mary's.

Mrs. Gray explained the resolutions accepted in Cincinnati concerning delegates to the tri-ennial meeting, these resolutions being ratified. She also spoke of the pledge made by delegates to Charlotte, N. C., to pay \$7.00 toward the traveling expenses of the secretary of the Auxiliary of the Sewanee Department. Moved and carried that this be paid. Mention was made of the Julia C. Emery fund and of the clergy insurance fund.

Rev. R. W. Patton, secretary of the Sewanee Department, gave an interesting and inspiring address, and explained the China fund (toward which the offerings of the day, amounting to \$20.00 were devoted), then offered closing prayers.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the people of Key West for their kind hospitality. After reading the minutes and singing the doxology, the meeting adjourned.

May Kilmer, Secretary of Meeting.

Harriet R. Parkhill, Secretary.



Address of the President

I am sure I but voice the sentiment of every member of both the Convocation and of the Auxiliary, when I express the great pleasure we all feel on being once more the invited guests of our Island City of Key West, which, though so widely separated by space is yet so closely knit by bonds of sympathy and love. Since our last meeting here, 15 years ago, many vicissitudes have come to us all, both as individuals, and as communities. To you, the citizens of Key West, has come the dire calamity of two severe hurricanes, laying low the mother church of St. Paul's and also St. Peter's, the largest church for colored people in the District of Southern Florida. On the other hand, in His wise providence, the daughter church, Holy Innocents' has by God's grace been preserved, and so has become a real "God send," not only to Key West, but also to the convocation of South Florida, in its necessity of having to seek another place of meeting than the one regularly appointed last year.

Like the calamity of the freeze, which has at last proved a blessing in the growth and development of your state, so we trust, may the destruction wrought by the terrible storm, bring to Key West opportunity for renewed growth and beauty, and may our gathering together here be a new beginning of strength and development to our beloved Zion.

There certainly seems, just now, an awakening to greater life and activity through the whole Christian world, greater zeal for Missions, better methods of work, more zeal among the men, as well as among the women and children.

At the Missions House a newly constituted Board is busy devising new ways to forward the Master's work. The plans tried last year having proved successful will in the main, be used again this coming year, and "apportionment" be made in lump sum to each Bishop and all missionary funds raised in his Diocese or District will be credited to his apportionment.

The Apportionment for South Florida is, as last year \$1,910.00, and we of the Auxiliary, are asked by our Bishop to raise of this amount, as we did last year, \$200, and for the

Foreign Insurance \$100, to insure the lives of the same two missionaries as before, making \$300 our Easter Offering.

Besides this, is our usual pledge for the Contingent Fund, and \$7.00, our share of the expenses of the Fourth or Sewanee Department to which we belong. Of this Department System, Bishop Weed says in his last address to his Auxiliary, of the Diocese of Florida, "Conditions have changed, the Church is drifting into the provincial system. Only the other day in New York City, in the House of Bishops, the first step was taken towards the organization of a Province of the Islands south of the United States. This is being forced upon us. The Church has become so large that it is impossible to have Missionary Meetings for the whole Church each year. The Church therefore has been divided into departments, and these departments hold their meetings once a year, during the off years, between the meetings of the General Convention. The women of our department must take a part in this development, which will go on, whether we take part in it or not. The Church will not stand still." Bishop Nelson, also, has spoken warm words of commendation on this same subject. To sustain this work in our Department, \$7.00 this year is required from each one of the eleven Dioceses and the two Missionary Districts of which it is composed.

Now a few words about the United Offering. I would remind you that this is the last of the three years' gathering for the great Triennial Thank Offering to be made in New York, at the next General Convention. It was the beginning of last year that we pledged ourselves to double the amount of the United Offering of the year before, and I am happy to be able to say that we have more than redeemed ourselves, as you will have in the report of the Custodian of this fund.

It was about this same time that the Executive Committee of our Branch, as a means of stirring our hearts to more love and devotion to the cause, arranged for a semi-annual corporate Communion as far as practicable, on the Sunday immediately preceding the meeting of the Auxiliary in May and November, and at these two meetings, instead of the usual readings, or study class, a short missionary address prepared for the occasion, be given; the United Offering boxes be opened and the contents counted, and at the close of the business, have a "Missionary Tea," or social hour at which time new members might be enrolled from among the visitors and new boxes given out. In the Cathedral Branch, and some others this has

been tried, and has proved both pleasant and helpful. On one of these occasions 13 new members were enrolled and as many new boxes given out. I therefore urge each Branch to try this or some similar way for increasing the interest. Invite all your friends to the meeting and do all in your power to have a good stirring time.

I close my address with a message from Miss Emery. She says: "We want to recall to every branch of the Auxiliary the great gift we long for—some one young person from every Diocese in the Church, offering, training, or starting for service in the Mission field this year. We ask that prayer be made continually for this and that it be mentioned frequently, especially in the presence of our older girls, and younger women." May the Lord grant it in His own good time and way, and may we all help to hasten on the fulfilment of the glorious promise that "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

..... Fannie C. Gray, President.
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Report of the Secretary.

After a lapse of thirteen years I was called last January to resume the office of Secretary, which had been laid down in order to take the required training for the Order of Deaconess. I have rejoiced in the work all the year, but as one "gets ones hand out" by disuse, I have sought to "get it in" by studying reports of secretaries in other and stronger Diocesan Branches and find that in some lines they give more itemized reports than it has been our custom. A little deviation from a beaten track is apt to arouse interest so I will follow their example.

The total value of offerings in money and boxes:

Woman's Auxiliary	\$1,460.91
Junior Department	110.72
In hand for Children's Ward, Church Home and Hospital	332.25
Babies Branch, or Little Helpers	67.41

There are 23 Branches and three Contributing Points. The regular monthly meetings have been held by nearly every Branch, others finding it advisable to suspend work in summer, report fewer, and one or two report only two. The average attendance reported is in almost all cases very small in proportion to the number of women in the Parish or Mission. 17 of the Branches were very much interested in packing the Advent Boxes which were sent this year to St. Mary's Church, Middlesboro, Ky. Several Branches sent material in the spring to the Sewing School carried on by this Church for the mountain girls, as the need was too pressing to wait until the winter. The Branches at St. Petersburg and Melbourne, acting independently, each sent an Advent Box to different places in N. C., not contributing to the pledge made by Southern Florida, for the work at Middlesboro, Ky. 13 Branches report having readings from the Spirit of Missions or the Conquest of the Continent in their monthly meetings. 4 met weekly during Lent and studied the Conquest of the Continent which was sent forth by the Educational Department of the Church Missions House for last year's study.

The Palm Branch is subscribed for in every Branch. The highest number of subscribers in any Branch is 65, the lowest 2. This year the Palm Branch, although doubled in size, which increases the expense, has paid its own way. This has been largely due to the activity of its Committee in procuring advertisements. If every Branch would procure an advertisement for the current year, and every reader a new subscriber, this fine success would be repeated every year. 18 Branches hold United Offering Boxes; the largest number in one Branch being 40, the smallest, 1. 4 report none at all. The Executive Committee held a called meeting in February and quarterly meetings in May, July and November. The members being scattered, the October Meeting was omitted. Your Secretary has written 175 letters, 75 postals and sent out a large quantity of reports and leaflets. She has prepared articles for the Palm Branch concerning the work and striving to arouse interest, in each of the 12 issues. She has made 13 addresses before Auxiliaries and Guilds.

The Branch in Brooksville was reorganized in May last. It seems to have awakened, strengthened and refreshed after its sleep and is enthusiastic in its work. Both there and in Holy Innocents, Key West, while having infrequent services, or none, the Auxiliary has held its meetings in the Church on every Sunday, thus honoring the Lord's Day in their orphanage.

In the Secretary's Report of 1900 I find "32 Branches which have joined in active service", alas! after 13 years we have only 23 Branches and 3 "Contributing Points" i.e. places where one or more contribute irregularly to one or another of our lines of work. She speaks of "so few attending meetings or making offerings" in proportion to the number in each place and the same condition confronts us now, only increased. Besides this I may add that there are so few Branches in proportion to the Churches. In the last Journal of Convocation 51 Parishes and Missions are reported. In 23 of these we have Branches of the Auxiliary: Why is there not one in each of the other 28?

The fact that in very many Missions the support of the services of the Church falls entirely upon the women, owing to the scarcity, or as in some the entire absence of male members, is one reason. The multiplication of secular clubs of all varieties is another, but the chief reason seems to be the want of interest or opposition of many of the Clergy. Our Bishop

appoints us Diocesan Officers with the Commission, go and organize, interest, increase the work of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society in this Missionary Jurisdiction, but we are only women! We are utterly helpless and without power unless the Clergy stand by us and enable us to do the work our Bishop has set us. It is written "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth" and for several years every Church paper is full of "The Men's Forward Movement" and instances of parishes that having been aroused to give to Missions, have paid debts of long standing and done other wonderful things at home. Will it not be so if the women who are supporting the Church in all these Missions—are permitted to give to Missions?

In the same Report of thirteen years ago the Secretary says: "Too much cannot be said of the devotion and faithfulness of those who do accept these responsibilities and privileges and it is when reviewing the results of their labors that we realize how truly grand might be the work if all would do as faithfully their parts." Those who are faithful deserve the very highest admiration and commendation, for they go on year after year without the help of the inspiration and uplift which our more fortunate Sisters living in great cities and near headquarters draw from the living voice of returned Missionaries, from the great numbers of the denser populations, and the object lessons of the Missionary Exhibits. What keeps them up to the monotonous labor but the love of our Master and Saviour, Who said: "Let him that heareth say come," "Go," How far? "To the uttermost parts of the earth," not within our own door sills only. How long? Can we cease "Until He come?" Then it is that He, the Lord of Glory will say to these patient, faithful, persevering daughters, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Randolph Parkhill, Deaconess,
Secretary Southern Florida Auxiliary.

Report of the Treasurer.

From January 1912 to January 1913.

BRANCHES	Special	Systematic Offering	Contingent Fund	Apportionment	Missionary Insurance	Boxes	United Offering	Total in Money and Boxes
Bradentown, Christ		\$ 8.76	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50		\$ 16.31	\$ 37.57
Brooksville, St. John's		9.75		1.66	1.65		1.00	13.06
Cocoa, Mrs. LaRoche		3.00						3.00
Couretnay, St. Luke's		20.35	.25		2.45	27.60	5.43	56.08
DeLand, St. Barnabas	15.90	32.78	2.00	5.90	9.00	45.65	6.40	117.63
Fort Meade, Christ		7.30						7.30
Fort Myers, St. Luke's		13.50	1.00		1.25		.50	16.25
Key West, Holy Innocents		8.84					1.00	4.84
Key West, St. Paul's	16.00	58.25	5.50	5.00	15.00	10.00	13.00	122.75
Lakeland, All Saint's		37.25	4.39	3.50	6.50	138.67	4.50	194.61
Leesburg, St. James'	1.00	23.95			3.00		6.77	34.72
Longwood, Christ		9.45	2.00	5.25		7.25	4.06	28.01
Maitland, Good Shepherd		2.95		5.00		12.00		19.95
Melbourne, Holy Trinity		4.30			3.50	57.00	12.30	87.10
Miami, Holy Trinity		10.00						10.00
Ocala, Grace		47.35	5.00		25.25			77.60
Orange City, St. Timothy		10.00	.50		3.20			14.00
Orlando, St. Luke's Cathedral	18.75	128.20	15.00	75.00		34.25	75.17	346.37
Ormond, St. James	2.00	8.75	2.25	2.00	4.00		2.00	21.00
Sanford, Holy Cross		18.30	5.00	5.00				28.30
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's		20.75	5.00	5.00		84.65	20.06	140.50
Tampa, St. Andrews		59.90	13.45		20.00		19.40	112.75
Tampa, House of Prayer		1.50		5.00			3.33	9.83
Titusville, St. Gabriels	1.00							1.00
West Jupiter		3.00		1.00				4.00
Jensen Waveland, All Saints'		30.00			2.00	16.00		48.00
Winter Park, All Saints		12.00		5.00	5.00	7.00	2.00	31.00
Arcadia, St. Edmund's							2.25	2.25
Buena Vista, Holy Cross							2.00	2.00
Daytona, St. Marys							2.00	2.00
Eustis, St. Thomas'							3.39	3.39
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd							1.00	1.00
Mrs. Massey, Orlando, for Departmental Expenses			5.00					5.00
Narcoossee, Mrs. Cadman			2.00	15.00			15.00	32.00
Mrs. Jouett, Orlando	10.00					5.00		15.00
Fort Pierce, Sunday School	6.00							6.00
Collection taken at Service Jan. '12	26.25							26.25
Collection taken at Meeting of W. A. S., January 1912	11.06							11.06
Miss Babbitt for School Medal	12.00							12.00
Bartow				4.50				4.50
Mrs. Chas. Morse				25.00				25.00
West Palm Beach				20.00				20.00
Avon Park				5.25				5.25
Zellwood, Mrs. Baker					2.00	2.00		4.00
Mrs. E. K. Foster						2.00		2.00
Totals	\$119.96	\$595.48	\$73.34	\$199.06	\$111.30	\$448.87	\$218.87	\$1766.88
Junior Department Total								110.72
Babies' Branch Total								68.41
Grand Total								\$1946.01

Receipts

Balance	\$ 70.51
Systematic Offerings	595.48
Contingent Fund	73.34
Apportionment	199.06
Missionary Insurance	111.30
Special	119.96
United Offering	218.87
Total	<u>\$1383.52</u>

Disbursements

To Missionary work in Jurisdiction	\$ 595.82
To Church Home and Hospital	54.90
To Medal for School	12.00
To Church in China	6.00
To Printing, postage etc.	95.92
To Mrs. Loring for Departmental Expenses	5.00
To Bishop's Special Fund	26.25
To Seminole Mission	13.81
To Apportionment and Insurance	300.00
To Miss Emery Endowment Fund	12.00
United Offering	218.87
Balance in hand	47.95
	<u>\$1383.52</u>

Marion Cary-Elwes, Treasurer.

Junior Auxiliary Report.

From January 1912 to January 1913 the work of the Junior Auxiliary has been both successful and disappointing. Successful in the establishment of two new branches and the reorganization of the branch in Leesburg, which for some years had been discontinued, showing progress. Disappointment that so few branches were established, and that one branch (DeLand) has for the time being suspended work, lacking a leader; but the greatest discouragement is in the seeming hopelessness of interesting the clergy in this most important work of training the future men and women of the church in the three-fold lesson of prayer, service and sacrifice: and I

feel that until interest is kindled in the clergy, progress in the work will be slow and most difficult.

At present we have in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, eight branches of the Junior Auxiliary. Four branches contributed to the annual sale held in Orlando, Dec. 4th, the proceeds amounting to \$68.81, being applied to the fund for the Children's Ward of the Church Home and Hospital, giving us a balance on hand in that fund of \$332.25. A gift of \$5.00 was received from the Babies Branch of Mississippi for the Children's Ward. The Xmas box of gifts sent to the mission school at Middlesboro, Ky., was valued at \$21.00.

Of our new branches, the one at Holy Innocents, Wey West, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Gray, is accomplishing wonderful work, sent most liberal contributions to the sale and has the largest enrollment of any branch. The other new branch, at Cocoanut Grove, is accomplishing well directed work which is sure to bring good results. The Cathedral Branch, at Orlando, has maintained its record of good, earnest work and in faithfulness and untiring zeal is an inspiration to us all. Besides contributing largely to, and conducting the annual sale, they responded to the request for securing materials for the mission school at Middlesboro, Ky., and in April sent twelve work bags supplied with the necessary articles. Total amount in money and box for the year just ended amounted to \$105.72.

Respectfully submitted,

May Kilmer, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report of Junior Auxiliary.

From January, 1912, to January, 1913

Balance, January 1st, 1912	\$251.20
Systematic Offering	14.37
Gifts to Children's Ward	19.54
Receipts from December Sale	68.81
Specials	8.00
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	\$361.92

Disbursements

Gifts for Christmas Box	\$ 5.00
Express on same	2.30
To Bishop's Special Fund	4.79
To General Missions	14.58
To Sewing School Middlesboro, Ken.	2.00
To Seminole Farm Fund	1.00
Balance in Hand for Children's Ward	332.25
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	\$361.92
Value of Boxes sent to Middlesboro, Kentucky	\$ 25.00
Respectfully submitted, L. Marion Cary-Elwes, Treas.	

Meeting of Junior Auxiliary.

The third annual meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of Southern Florida was held in Holy Innocents' Rectory, Key West, on the afternoon of January 29th. After the opening hymn and prayers, Arch-Deacon Rickert gave a helpful address to the children, and told of the need for the children's ward at the Church Home and Hospital, toward which the offerings of the Juniors are given. The annual reports of the officers and of the branches were read, a brief address was given by Deaconess Parkhill and the meeting adjourned after closing prayers and benediction by Arch-Deacon Rickert.



Sixteenth Annual Report of the Babies Branch

The work this year has increased considerably, although not so many new names, but the collections have been better. 130 names are on the roll and reports from 123 were received. No names were received for the memorial circle this year.

The following places have reported: Sanford, Tampa, Key West, Chattahoochee, St. Petersburg, Orlando, Courtenay, St. Augustine, DeLand, Mulberry, Bradentown, Christina, Citra, Ocala, Aurora, N. Y., and Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

The "first gifts" amounting to ninety-five cents have been sent to St. Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai, China. The systematic offering, amounting to \$67.46, less expenses, has been divided as usual, one third to the Bishop, one third undesignated to Domestic Missions, and one-third to Foreign Missions, undesignated.

These, with the "first gifts" have been sent to the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction to be sent to the Missions House.

The financial report is as follows:

Members enrolled.....	130
Members reporting	123
First gifts	\$.95
Systematic offerings	67.46
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Total raised	\$68.41
Expenses, Postage on boxes, etc.....	1.00
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Total, less expenses	\$67.41
Disbursements—	
First gifts to St. Mary Orphanage	\$.95
To the Bishop	22.16
Domestic Missions, undesignated	22.15
Foreign Missions, undesignated	22.15
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	\$67.41

Respectfully submitted,
Hattie Hudson, Secretary-Treasurer.

United Offering Report.

It is with a feeling of encouragement and thankfulness that the Custodian of the United Offering is able to preface the Report for the year just lapsed with the announcement that the hope expressed in the Report for 1911, that during the year 1912 the Southern Florida W. A. S. would double the offering of the previous year, has been more than realized.

One cannot doubt that this result has been accomplished by increased zeal, faithful work and selfsacrifice on the part of our women: it also shows effort put forth to interest and bring to our aid in this distinctively woman's work those who heretofore have had no part in it, not understanding how they could add their mite to help on this wonderfully growing fund, set apart for the support and help to women missionaries wherever the need is greatest.

In 1911 eighteen Parishes and Missions gave \$119.15. In 1912 we have heard from 23 Parishes or Missions and have received \$218.87, to which we add our special Jubilee Thank-offering, bringing our total for the year to \$272.87.

Your executive Committee is encouraged by the success of the plan adopted in 1912 of having a semi-annual Box Opening (May and November) preceded by a Corporate Communion, where possible, at each place, for the W. A. and combining with the meeting an interesting lecture or address followed by a social gathering. The interest has increased, more of our women are coming to our Auxiliary Meetings, and the demand for boxes continues; in this way interest in the subject is not allowed to flag. Many of our Branches have faithfully followed the plan thus marked out by the Executive Committee and it is hoped that in this present year every Branch will do so and that those Branches from whom we have not heard during last year, will make up for that lack, by earnest effort in this the last of our three years before the closing of the Fund for the General Convention, next October. The general demand for boxes has been good, (they are furnished free of expense), and the secret of success is for each woman to determine to interest a friend in this work and for each Branch to follow up the individual box. Collect the small sums half yearly, if they are not brought to the meetings, and pray for a blessing on our smallest efforts to spread the Gospel among the nations.

Clara Haden, Custodian of United Offering.

Church Periodical Club, 1912.

There have been sent out from this branch, during the past year, 81 regular periodicals, and 1696 odd numbers.

Several barrels have been promised and addresses given, but, so far, there has come no report that they have actually been sent.

L. W. Weddell, Correspondent.

Report of the Educational Secretary.

Having been appointed to this office last summer I have done all I could by correspondence. I have urged each Branch to have weekly meetings during Lent and take the whole course in that time as the number of lessons in the "Suggestions to Leaders" coincide with the number of weeks in Lent.

I have sent the leaflet with the list of prices of the set of books prepared by the Educational Department at the Missions House to each Branch and told how interesting this course on Japan is made. I have had encouraging replies from several of the Branches, and one has sent for the books and intends studying.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Randolph Parkhill, Deaconess.

Report of the Palm Branch.

In making this annual report, we are grateful that since last January, four clergymen of Southern Florida, beside the Cathedral clergy, have responded to our requests for items from the field, and in each of two other points a member of the Daughters of the King has kindly undertaken to send regular reports.

We wish now to ask the clergy if they will not mark this Lent as a decided onward step for our diocesan paper by uniting in giving the co-operation it sorely needs from them in two ways: First, by appointing a committee in each parish and mission who will make a definite, systematic effort during Lent to have each Church family subscribe to the Palm Branch. Second, if unable to send items of Church work

themselves, to appoint a lay-worker who will, from each point. Many of our church people do not know there is a diocesan paper, but if the clergy will tell them of it and ask their co-operation, surely few would be unwilling or unable to send the low subscription. We do earnestly want the Palm Branch to be an instrument for furthering the work of the church: to be a medium of information between our scattered congregations: to be interesting and helpful:—but to attain any true measure of success we must have the interest and aid of our clergy and our laity.

For the first time in its history, the Palm Branch has been self-supporting this past year, although its expenses were much more than in previous years, owing to its enlarged size and gradually increasing circulation. Since its cost as it comes from our printer is three cents a copy, besides postal rate, we cannot meet expenses by our low subscription, hence must depend largely upon advertisements, but trust this income may continue.

Receipts.

Balance, Jan. 1st, 1912	\$ 8.65
Subscriptions	145.09
Advertisements	129.00
Donations	18.55
Papers sold	9.61
For cuts and express	5.50
From contingent fund	39.00
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	\$355.40

Disbursements.

Printing	\$283.50
Postage	8.21
Wraps	1.25
Cuts and express	5.50
Rubber stamp and pad35
Balance	56.59
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	\$355.40

Respectfully submitted,
 Corinne Robinson,
 Mary W. Sperry, Committee.

