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The time and place of the twenty-second annual meeting will be appointed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Bishop.

Annual meetings of Parochial Branches on the Feast of the Epiphany, with offering for the Contingent Fund.

Twenty-First Annual Meeting

OF THE

Southern Florida Auxiliary

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Southern Florida Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in Orlando on Jan. 15th, 1914.

Bishop Mann celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 9 a. m., assisted by Bishop Gray, and announced the appointment of diocesan officers. Brief addresses were given by both Bishops, some extracts therefrom being added.

Extracts From Bishop Mann's Address to the Auxiliary

Bishop Mann took as his text St. Luke, 10:38-42, the brief account of Mary and Martha in their respective methods of honoring our Lord when their guest.

The Bishop first spoke of his pleasure in meeting the Auxiliary; of the great work accomplished for missions by this organization; of its purpose being not merely or primarily to aid in its own parish or diocese; but to aid in far wider, fuller sense, fulfilling its name—Auxiliary to the General Board of Missions—and furthering Christ's command that His Gospel be carried unto all nations. Mentioning his close interest in the Auxiliary through the past, he expressed the hope that its members in this his new field of service would work together with him for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom.

Referring briefly to his text—of its being the classic passage of the New Testament upon Christian work—the

Bishop spoke of its representing the two great lines of woman's capacity, active service and contemplative devotion. Neither is fully complete without the other; our duty to strive earnestly in all our daily life to combine these two. We can not render our active service acceptably unto Him nor expect the full success His blessing would bestow unless we first issue forth from some inner chamber—have sought as the "one thing needful" His grace and guidance—have consecrated ourselves and our labors anew unto Him.

"Let the Auxiliary workers ever remember that whatever sewing or sending of boxes or aught else they undertake, back of all they must constantly seek the inspiration which comes from sitting at the feet of Jesus; which comes from the Sacrament of the Altar."

At Bishop Mann's request, Bishop Gray added a few words of encouragement and exhortation; of hearty appreciation of the help given by the Auxiliary in his labors here; the great purpose of the Auxiliary being not to help self, but for others; not alone for home missions, but aiding the fulfilment of Christ's prayer for all the world; God's blessing evidenced by the large work accomplished through the labors of the Auxiliary.



Minutes

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, Jurisdiction of Southern Florida.

Orlando, Florida, January 15th, 1914.

The meeting was called to order in the Assembly room of the Cathedral School, by Mrs. Wm. Crane Gray, at the close of the corporate Communion service held at the Cathedral.

Roll-call of the Branches in Southern Florida showed representation present of eleven, as follows:

Branches	No. of Delegates	Members Present
Deland -----	1	1
Ft. Myers -----	2	2
Lakeland -----	1	3
Longwood -----	2	5
Ocala -----	1	2
Orlando -----	2	26
Sanford -----	1	2
St. Petersburg -----	2	2
Tampa, St. Andrew's -----	2	2
Winter Park -----	2	6
Leesburg -----	1	1

The annual report and address of the President, Mrs. Gray, was then given, followed by reports from the Secretary, Deaconess Parkhill; Treasurer, Miss Marion Cary-Elwes; Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, Miss Kilmer; Secretary-Treasurer of The Little Helpers, Miss Hattie Hudson; Church Periodical Club, Mrs. L. W. Weddell; Custodian of the United Offering, Mrs. Haden; Treasurer of the Junior Auxiliary, Miss Cary-Elwes; Educational Secretary, Deaconess Parkhill; The Palm Branch Committee, Miss Corinne Robinson, Editor and Mrs. E. F. Sperry, Business Manager.

These reports will be found in full in the Palm Branch. The necessity for the recent increase in the subscription price of The Palm Branch was discussed and all agreed that the action was proving successful.

The new officers appointed by Bishop Cameron Mann then took their places. Honorary President, Mrs. Wm. Crane Gray; Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. Cameron Mann; President,

Deaconess Harriet Randolph Parkhill; Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Mallory Thayer; Educational Secretary, Mrs. E. LaRue Bliss; Treasurer, Miss Marion Cary-Elwes; Secretary Junior Auxiliary, Miss Bertha Dawson; Secretary-Treasurer The Little Helpers, Mrs. H. A. Vivian; Custodian of the United Offering, Mrs. A. Haden; Palm Branch Committee, Mrs. E. F. Sperry, Miss Corinne Robinson; Correspondent C. P. C., Mrs. J. H. Weddell. At the request of Deaconess Parkhill, Mrs. Gray continued to preside until the close of the sessions of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Gray then introduced Mrs. Cameron Mann, the wife of the incoming Bishop of Southern Florida, who gave a very earnest and cordial greeting to the delegates and members present and urged them to make themselves known to her at all times as it would require a little time for her to become familiar with the faces of so many new friends and also begged them to continue to give the same loyal support and devotion to the work which they had always manifested during Bishop and Mrs. Gray's leadership. Mrs. Mann presented the kindly greetings of the Woman's Auxiliary of North Dakota to the members of Southern Florida.

Mrs. Cobb, wife of the Principal of the Cathedral School, Rev'd. R. P. Cobb, made an address, inviting all the delegates and members present to visit the school buildings and urging them to inform themselves as to the merits and efficiency of the school and also its needs, and asking them to carry home with them copies of the report of its present condition as prepared by Mr. Cobb for the Convocation.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Babbitt, of Tampa, who annually gives the money for an Auxiliary medal to be presented to a student of the Cathedral School.

Deaconess Parkhill spoke of the great value of the Departmental work begun two years ago by the Auxiliary in the Missionary Department.

A letter from the Secretary of the Province of Sewanee, Mrs. Loaring Clark of Tennessee, was read, in which she asked for a contribution of five dollars from each Diocesan Branch for the current expenses of the Provincial work.

The noon hour having arrived, prayers were said, led by the Rev'd. R. H. Remsen, the "Priest in Charge," of the Cathedral, who is to take up the work after the departure of Dean Campbell Gray, Feb. 1st.

After prayers, Mr. Remsen made an address on the general work of the Woman's Auxiliary, showing himself to be thoroughly in sympathy with it.

Business was again resumed and the subject of Departmental expenses again discussed. Motion carried that we appropriate five dollars for this work. Mrs. Massey volunteered to pay three dollars of this amount and Mrs. Gillett of Tampa and Mrs. Sperry of Orlando gave the remainder.

Pledges for the Contingent Fund were then taken. Roll was called by Branches and the following pledges made:

DeLand -----	\$ 2.00	St. Petersburg -----	5.00
Lakeland -----	5.00	Tampa, St. Andrew's -----	20.00
Longwood -----	1.00	Winter Park -----	5.00
Leesburg -----	5.00	Mrs. Wm. F. Gwynne, Ft.	
Ocala -----	5.00	Myers -----	5.00
Orlando -----	15.00		
Sanford -----	5.00		\$73.00

The Pledges for the Easter Offering Fund were then taken, as follows:

Lakeland -----	\$10.00	St. Petersburg -----	10.00
Longwood -----	2.00	Tampa, St. Andrew's -----	15.00
Leesburg -----	5.00	Winter Park -----	10.00
Ocala -----	30.00	Mrs. C. H. Morse -----	20.00
Orlando -----	80.00	Mrs. Wm. F. Gwynne -----	5.00
Sanford -----	5.00		
		Total -----	\$197.00

On motion, the meeting adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

2:30 P. M., Jan. 15th, 1914.

After the meeting was formally called to order, Deaconess Parkhill announced to Mrs. Gray that a gift from the Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in Southern Florida and from several of her personal friends outside the organization was to be presented to her in the near future. The intention was to make the presentation formally at this session but it had been decided to defer the occasion, giving simply the announcement of the gift at this time.

Letters from Miss M. T. Emery and Rev'd. W. B. Allen regarding the disposition of the next Advent boxes were read. It has been decided by the Executive Board to send these boxes to Waynesville, N. C., for the benefit of the Mountain Missions of that district.

A letter of thanks from Rev. Mr. Prentiss of Morganton, N. C., for the last Advent boxes, was read.

Two letters from Miss Julia C. Emery were read, telling of the wonderful meeting at the recent Triennial in New York, when the United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary was presented and of the coming of Miss Tillotsen of Southern Ohio to fill the position of Assistant Secretary at the Church Missions Headquarters, with special charge of the Educational work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

An address was made by the Rev'd. Arthur Peck of Sanford.

Motion carried that the offering to be made at this session be given to Bishop Gray to be applied on the debt now standing against the Holy Innocents Mission at Key West.

The offering was taken and amounted to fifteen dollars.

A rising vote of thanks was given by the delegates and visiting members to the Orlando Branch and Parish for entertainment and hospitality received.

The following resolution, offered by Miss Rand, was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the women of the Southern Florida Auxiliary assembled in our annual meeting, express to Mrs. Gray, our retiring President, our deep and sincere appreciation of her long years of service and of her wise and loving leadership in the work of the Auxiliary;

That we ask her to try to imagine, for we are unable to express, our regret at her departure from Southern Florida;

And we assure her that our warm affection and earnest prayers for God's richest blessings upon her and hers will follow her always wherever she may be.

The President, Deaconess Parkhill, made an earnest plea to the members to pray feverently that more workers might give themselves for active service in the Mission Field and especially that some one should be consecrated to this work from Southern Florida.

The President stated that there is serious need for more workers in the great field of Missions.

The Minutes of the day's meetings were read, corrected and approved. The meeting closed with a splendid address by

the Rev'd. T. J. Lacey, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in which he spoke of the great field for work in this State, including as it does the special mission to the Indians and the colored people and also our unique position of contact with the Greek Church, so strongly represented at Tarpon Springs. Mr. Lacey closed his address with a wonderful tribute to Bishop Wm. Crane Gray and his work in Southern Florida during the 21 years just ending, after which the closing prayers were said, the Doxology sung and the meeting adjourned.

JESSIE MALLORY THAYER,
Secretary.



Address of the President

Thirteen years ago, at a meeting of Convocation in Orlando, on the retiring of Mrs. E. K. Foster, the beloved and efficient first President of the Auxiliary of Southern Florida, I was appointed to assume the duties of office, and now in the providence of God the time has come for me to retire, and give up the work, which among my many duties has always stood nearest my heart.

It affords me deep thankfulness to be able to say that through all these years the members of the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary have always stood heart to heart and shoulder to shoulder together in this great work of helping to spread the Gospel in all lands. It has grown from four members to ten, and never since its organization, in May 1893, although there have been many changes in its membership, has anything but the utmost harmony prevailed. Also among the various branches throughout the whole District, among the officers and members there has ever been the same disposition to work together for the good of the whole. I can ask for nothing better for my successor than the continuance of this same spirit with the constant pressing forward in ever increasing earnestness and zeal in this glorious work for the Master.

This year, as in all the others, we must still strive for the same needs which love for Christ and the Church make ever new, and which under new leadership I trust will go forward with new zeal and each year to better results. To our new Bishop and Mrs. Mann the Auxiliary of Southern Florida extends a most cordial welcome, trusting that to them our beloved Florida may indeed prove a veritable land of sunshine and flowers and that their sojourn among us be a great blessing to all. For myself, I bid you all an affectionate adieu, with grateful thanks for the many kindnesses we have received, proving to us the many good friends we have here and making us feel all the more keenly the deep regret that we must part. May God bless and keep you all. May you ever be more faithful and earnest to do His will in the work of the Auxiliary, and may we all meet at last where partings will be no more.

Affectionately yours,

Fannie C. Gray.

Report of the Secretary

The total values of offerings in money and boxes:

Woman's Auxiliary -----	\$1,954.19
Junior Department -----	101.22
Little Helpers -----	36.21

Total -----	\$2,101.62
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We number twenty-four Branches; of these fourteen have reported to me; the majority have held only eight regular monthly meetings; three had weekly meetings during Lent; one reports twenty-four meetings during the year. The average attendance at the meetings seems to be greater in proportion in the small missions than in larger places.

The interest in making up the Advent Boxes has been very general and very great, one lapsed Branch joining in this work. This year they were sent to the Associated Missions at Morganton, N. C. A most thankful letter from Rev. S. E. Prentiss expresses the great assistance they have been to his work among the mountaineers.

The Easter Offering, from which we pay the insurance dues of two foreign missionaries—Rev. A. A. Gilman, Hankow, and Rev. I. F. Staunton, of Sagada, Philippines—were pledged and paid. This is done in lieu of boxes for domestic missionaries, by request of Miss Emery. The rest of the Easter Offering was paid into the apportionment of Southern Florida.

There was an increase in the amount of the United Offering. The spiritual side of our work has been observed, although not with the regularity or so generally as we wish.

We have tried to have Junior Branches more generally organized but have not succeeded.

The Little Helpers Department has been faithfully cared for, but ought to have more general response.

It seems impossible to get a general and working interest in the G. P. C., in spite of the constant efforts of its faithful and efficient correspondent.

The Woman's Auxiliary has had an addition of two new Branches, St. John's-by-the-Sea, Tampa, which is doing good work, and St. Stephen's, Cocoanut Grove, which hopes to do more work next year.

The Palm Branch has been well cared for by its efficient Business Manager and Editor.

The reports of the heads of each of these lines of work will give more itemized information.

The same difficulty faces us this year as the last—the lack of the support of many of the Clergy. In Miss Julia C. Emery's forty-second report she speaks at large of the same thing as coming to her from extreme parts of the United States. She says:

"Forty-two years ago, when the Board of Missions created its Woman's Auxiliary, its officers sent out to the parish clergy of the Church the report of its formation, asking the appointment of a secretary in every parish. Perhaps the time has come for some word to go again to the Church at large, to the bishops and clergy in charge of parishes and missions, expressing not so much what the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions is, but what it might become, were the force which it presents today, its interests and capabilities, fostered and developed in all cases by the episcopal and parochial authorities under which it exists, as they are in many of our dioceses, parishes and missions where bishops and parish clergy are our best and most powerful guides and helpers. What that force is, the tables (of this report) in a measure indicate. There is not a diocese or missionary district in the Church where the bishop has not allowed the formation of a diocesan branch through the appointment or election of diocesan officers, now numbering 1,379. These officers are the correspondents between the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Church Missions House and the parish secretaries who are the successors of those appointed forty-two years ago. But at the end of these forty-two years, among the 8,164 parishes and missions which our Church Almanacs report, we are able to record but 5,312 parish branches of the Woman's Auxiliary and its Junior Department. Where every bishop has been ready to see the Auxiliary established in his diocese, there seems some warrant here to believe that in all cases the parish clergy have not been equally ready."

We are but subordinates and can only do what and where we are allowed. May all of us be always as faithful as she of whom our Lord said, "She hath done what she could."

Respectfully submitted, Harriet R. Parkhill, Deaconess,

Secretary Southern Florida Auxiliary.

Report of the Treasurer

From January 1913 to January 1914.

BRANCHES	Special	Systematic Offering	Contingent Fund	United Offering	Apportionment	Missionary Insurance Fund	Boxes	Total in Money and Boxes
Cocoa		3.00	.....	1.50	6.50	.....		11.00
Bradentown, Christ	3.00	7.55	12.00	2.00	5.00	.....		29.55
Brooksville, St. Johns		2.70	.....	2.77	1.50	.....		6.97
Courtenay, St. Luke's		15.60	.65	4.90	.....	2.25		23.40
DeLand, St. Barnabas'	11.75	34.62	1.50	3.75	4.00	.....		55.62
Fort Myers, St. Luke's		11.15	1.00	.60	1.50	.....		14.25
Key West, St. Paul's	9.55	60.75	5.00	14.10	10.00	.....	10.00	109.40
Key West, Holy Innocents'		7.95	2.00	4.50	2.00	.....		16.45
Lakeland, All Saints'		61.50	5.00	5.29	6.50	3.50	190.30	272.09
Leesburg, St. James'		11.15	.55	4.00	.....	3.00		18.70
Longwood, Christ		10.72	1.00	3.91	3.05	.....		18.68
Melbourne, Holy Trinity		15.35	2.00	6.91	.....	7.00	7.00	38.26
Ocala, Grace		42.25	5.00	11.00	5.00	26.15	175.00	264.40
Orange City, St. Timothy's	6.00	9.70	3.00	4.78	.....	.....	40.60	64.08
Orlando, St. Luke's Cathedral		193.27	15.00	79.73	60.03	15.97	53.00	417.00
Sanford, Holy Cross		26.90	5.00	.....	5.00	.....		36.90
St. Petersburg, St. Peter's		37.52	5.00	30.81	.....	15.00	.....	88.33
Tampa, St. Andrew's	2.00	59.25	3.55	22.86	35.00	.....	96.00	218.66
Waveland-Jensen, All Saints'		25.20	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	29.20
Winter Park, All Saints'		19.00	.....	8.85	2.00	2.00	.....	31.85
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd		1.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	3.00
Eau Gallie, Ladies' Guild .....		.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	5.00
Maitland, Good Shepherd .....		.....	.....	.....	7.15	.....	8.00	15.15
Merritt, Grace Church Guild .....		.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	5.00
Mrs. Plaisted .....		.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	2.00
Tampa, St. Johns-By-The-Sea .....		.....	.....	7.00	5.00	.....	.....	12.00
Narcoossee, Mrs. Cadman	3.00	.....	2.00	12.00	.....	15.00	.....	32.00
Daytona, St. Mary's .....		.....	.....	11.20	.....	.....	.....	11.20
Dunedin .....		.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Avon, New York .....		.....	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	6.50
Loughman .....		.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Ormond, St. James' .....		.....	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	3.50
Sanibel .....		.....	.....	11.00	.....	.....	.....	11.00
Sorento, Miss Findley .....		.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Zellwood, Mrs. C. H. Baker .....		.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Eustis .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	6.00
A Friend .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Miss Babbitt, Cathedral School Medal	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Mrs. Hy. Palmer	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Collection taken at Service in Convocation, 1912	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Collection taken at Annual Meeting of W. A. S., 1912	10.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.05
Miss Maude Alexander .....		.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Mrs. Boyden, New Market, M. D.	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Miss Fannie Coe, Daytona	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Rev. Mercer .....		.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	2.50
Tampa, House of Prayer .....		.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	2.50
Orlando, L. S. Schoen .....		.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	5.00
Miami, Trinity Church Guild .....		.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	10.00
TOTALS	83.35	656.13	70.25	271.46	193.23	93.87	595.90	1964.19
Junior Auxiliary—Total								101.22
Little Helpers—Total								36.21
GRAND TOTAL								2101.62

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1st, 1913 -----	\$ 47.95
Systematic Offerings -----	656.13
Contingent Fund -----	70.25
Apportionment -----	193.23
Foreign Missionary Insurance Fund -----	93.87
United Offering -----	271.46
Special -----	77.35
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	\$1,410.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Missionary Work in Jurisdiction -----	\$ 656.13
To Medal for School -----	12.00
To Church in China -----	20.05
To Bishop's Special Fund -----	13.00
To Miss Emery Fund -----	3.00
To Church Home and Hospital -----	30.30
To Mrs. Loring Clarke for Departmental Expenses -----	7.00
Printing, postage, etc. -----	90.50
To Apportionment and Insurance -----	300.00
United Offering -----	271.46
Balance in hand -----	6.80
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	\$1,410.24

Marion Cary-Elwes, Treasurer.

Junior Auxiliary Report

The work of the Junior Auxiliary for the year 1913 has not been encouraging.

At present in the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida there are six branches of the Junior Auxiliary, the branches at Tampa and Key West having been discontinued during the year. A branch has been organized at Sanford and is accomplishing good work. The greatest encouragement is the earnest and faithful labor of this small band of workers which is demonstrated in the greatly increased systematic offering, nearly double that of last year; also in sending two Advent Boxes in place of one as heretofore, the total value amounting to \$48.50.

The proceeds of the annual sale held in Orlando last December, amounting to \$36.47, were sent to the Seminole Mission in Southern Florida. Systematic offering for the year, \$25.00; specials, \$13.60, of which \$3.60 was designated for the building fund for the children's ward, making a balance on hand in that fund of \$335.85. Five dollars was sent to the flood sufferers of Ohio, and five dollars to the Church

Home and Hospital. Total amount in money and boxes for the year just ended, \$101.22.

Respectfully submitted,

May Kilmer, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Junior Auxiliary.

Balance Jan. 1st, 1913	\$332.25
Systematic Offerings	25.00
Gift to Childrens' Ward for Key West	3.60
Receipts from December sale	34.47
From Sanford sale	2.00
Special	10.00
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	\$407.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Gifts to Christmas Box	\$ 2.00
Express for same	2.47
To Bishop's Special Fund	8.35
To General Missions	16.65
To Church Home and Hospital	5.00
To Ohio Flood Sufferers	5.00
To Seminole Hospital	32.00
Balance in hand	335.85
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	\$407.32
Value of box sent to Legerwood, N. C.	\$ 22.25
Notice of box sent too late for report valued at	\$ 26.25
Amount received in 1913 with box sent from Cocoanut Grove	101.22

Marion Cary-Elwes, Treas.

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Little Helpers

This year the collections have not been so good owing to Convocation's meeting earlier. There have been seventeen new names added to the list. I have had returns from Tampa, Aurora, N. Y., Orlando, St. Petersburg, Citra, Courteney, St. Augustine, Sanford, Key West, Jensen, Bowling Green and Ocala. The total amount collected for the year is \$36.21, and less the expenses, has been divided as follows: Eighty-five cents to St. Mary's Orphanage at Shanghai, China; one-third to the Bishop for work in the Jurisdiction; one-third to foreign missions, undesignated; one-third to domestic missions, undesignated.

The total amount less the expenses has been sent to the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction to be forwarded to the Church Missions House.

One little baby, Dorothy Kemp, St. Petersburg, joined her Heavenly Father, and a memorial box was taken for her.

The financial report is as follows:

Members enrolled	100
Members reporting	58
First gifts	\$.85
Systematic offerings	35.36
Total raised	\$36.21
Postage on boxes, etc. ....	.77
Total less expenses	\$35.44

DISBURSEMENTS

First gifts	\$.85
To the Bishop	11.53
Domestic Missions undesignated	11.53
Foreign Missions undesignated	11.53
Total disbursements	\$35.44

Respectfully submitted, Hattie Hudson, Secretary Treasurer.

Report of the Church Periodical Club

There have been sent out regularly through the Church Periodical Club during the past year, 92 periodicals and 2 books, 30 Christmas cards, 343 odd numbers and 4 barrels, contents not noted.

Notwithstanding all efforts on the part of its officers, the interest in the Church Periodical Club seems to be waning in this part of the field. It is more and more difficult to find any one willing to assume the office and duty of librarian, without whom the work is at a standstill.

As ever, wherever there are those willing to send out literature, the correspondent will gladly furnish addresses, that the good work may go on, to the comfort and pleasure of those to whom so much is denied. Magazines and weeklies are always welcome, if promptly sent after being read by the subscribers.

Can you who are so well provided, think what it would mean to you to have nothing to read? Ponder the matter, and make a good response to the appeal.

L. W. Weddell, Correspondent.

United Offering Report for 1913

The interest in the United Offering continues steadily to increase and all those who have the matter of this great woman's missionary work at heart were rejoiced to hear that we sent to the Triennial Convention held in New York last October \$657.50, which was \$257.50 more than we sent to the Triennial of 1910.

During the year 1911 only 18 parishes and missions sent contributions to this fund. In 1912 we heard from 23, and in 1913 from 30 points. We hope that during this year there will not be a single parish or mission station that will not resolve to have some part, however small, in the United Offering of 1916, every penny of which is to be spent on the training, sending and support of women missionaries wherever they are most needed in mission work both at home and abroad.

Then, while sending our donation for this good purpose, let us never lose sight of the hope that some young woman from our midst in Southern Florida may be led to consecrate herself and her talents to this great object—the enlightenment of our heathen sisters.

The receipts for 1913 amounted to \$271.46, which is almost the same sum raised in 1912 when we made an earnest and successful effort to double the offering of 1911.

The semi-annual social box openings have been observed in many places with great success and added interest. May and November are the appointed months and we have when possible the Corporate Communion of the W. A. S. on the Sunday before the meetings.

The Executive Committee hopes that this year all branches will follow this plan as far as practicable and that the United Offering of 1916 to be given at St. Louis will show that Southern Florida is neither standing still nor lagging behind, but is pressing forward each year towards greater usefulness and earnestness in our Master's service.

Clara Haden, Custodian of United Offering.

Report of Educational Secretary

An extract from a letter from the educational office at the Missions House in response to my report last summer, will best introduce what I have to say:

"We shall in our statement credit Southern Florida with sixteen mission study leaders of all kinds—three regular mission study classes, eleven reading circles, and two lectures. The lectures apparently were those given in Holy Innocents', Key West, and in St. Andrew's, Tampa. May I venture to say that the report is a good one, and speaks well for the zeal and energy of the diocesan educational secretary? It is a splendid beginning and we all know that greater results will come after the work is better established."

The three regular study classes were held in Orlando, Ocala, and DeLand, by the Auxiliary Branches in those places. The lecture class in Tampa was in connection with St. Andrew's Sunday School; and in Key West the priest was the lecturer to the branch.

In every branch there is a reading in each monthly meeting, generally from the Spirit of Missions and the Palm Branch; but in some cases from the "Conquest of the Continent," or "Japan Advancing Whither?"

The plan I have urged as having been most feasible in these intensely occupied days, overflowing with all manner of occupations and interests, is to read the given text-book of the year in the monthly meetings through the winter and study the prescribed course weekly through Lent.

In spite of the praise from the Missions House the success in carrying out this program has fallen far short of what was hoped for. The Palm Branch is taken in every branch, being supplied to the clergymen and Auxiliary officers; the Spirit of Missions is in each branch, but not in the numbers it ought to be.

I have contributed to the Missionary Calendar, published in Philadelphia, articles filling several day-spaces on the subject of the colored work in Southern Florida, and have been instrumental in selling nearly 200 Calendars. The widespread use of this calendar must be educational in regard to missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet R. Parkhill, Deaconess,
Educational Secretary So. Florida Auxiliary.

Report of the Palm Branch

The Palm Branch has been issued each month, and we are glad to hope there is an increase of interest shown therein, as attested by words of encouragement and by more response than in preceding years, as to items from the field.

There is but small increase in our subscription list, and we especially urge afresh the aid of clergy and laity in this, since the recent increase of our subscription price may tend to reduce somewhat our present number, though we are glad to state that thus far this needful advance has been warmly approved.

When the size of the Palm Branch was doubled over two years ago, doubling its cost, the subscription was left at the same low rate. Since then there has been further increase in our printer's bill, due to general advance in cost of labor and materials.

Our few paying advertisements only partially supplied the deficit, hence it has been impossible to meet our bills without some aid from the contingent fund of the Auxiliary; but now at the 50c. rate we hope this coming year to be self-supporting, especially if our circulation be increased.

In two definite ways we beg the hearty interest and co-operation of our clergy and of the Auxiliary: First, that a committee of one or more active workers be appointed in each parish and mission who will make systematic canvass of all Church families who are not now on our lists, in effort to have our little diocesan paper taken in each home; second, that brief items of interest regarding Church work be sent regularly from the field of each of our clergy—for we hope through such items to increase mutual interest and information between our workers in all our scattered points.

Our financial report is appended:

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1st, 1913	\$ 56.59
Subscriptions	152.65
Advertisements	111.60
Donations	12.68
Papers sold	5.30
From Contingent Fund	43.25
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	\$382.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing -----	\$356.50
Postage -----	11.56
Wraps -----	2.55
Stamp pad -----	.15
Balance -----	11.31
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	\$382.07

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Sperry.

Meeting of the Junior Auxiliary

The fourth annual meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of Southern Florida was held in the Cathedral Chapter House, Orlando, on the afternoon of January 14th.

The secretary's and the treasurer's reports were received, also reports from the branches, and the welcome news given of probable new branches at Ocoee and Fort Pierce.

Rev. W. J. Godden gave an interesting address regarding his work among the Seminoles, thanking the Juniors for their recent offering, sent to help in the mission for these Indians. The children decided to send a box of toys for the Indian children.

Announcement was made that the Junior boxes next Christmas are to be sent to missions at Waynesville, N. C. After closing prayers the meeting adjourned.

