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Noon-day Prayers for Missions

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms, grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; through Thy mercy and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, who didst come to seek and to save the lost, and to whom all power is given in Heaven and on earth, hear, we beseech Thee, the prayers of Thy Church for those who, at Thy command, go forth to preach the Gospel to every creature. Preserve them from all dangers to which they may be exposed; from perils by land and perils by water; from the deadly pestilence; from the violence of the persecutor; from doubt and impatience; from discouragement and discord; and from all the devices of the powers of darkness. And while they plant and water, send Thou, O Lord, the increase; gather in the multitude of the heathen; convert in Christian lands such as neglect so great salvation; so that Thy name may be glorified and Thy Kingdom come, O gracious Saviour of the world; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, who in the days of Thy flesh didst accept the services of faithful women who ministered unto Thee of their substance; be pleased, we humbly ask, to bless our endeavors to aid and encourage missionaries. Put into our hearts the things we should do and say to promote Thy Glory. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not; on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land; visit them with Thy salvation, and grant that all may be speedily brought to acknowledge Thee as their Lord and Master. Christ, hear us, and answer this our prayer, for Thine own Name's sake. Amen.

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- 26—To Portsmouth. Address to Woman's Auxiliary. P. M., presided at Woman's Auxiliary annual service.
- 27—Portsmouth: presided at Fortieth Annual Diocesan Convention. Address and celebrated Holy Communion. Business sessions. P. M., at Missionary meeting.
- 28—Business session of Convention.
- 29—Pittsburgh: P. M., preached at Consecration of Calvary Church, the great and glorious church building in what was once a very old parish. A consummation long devoutly wished.
- 30—To New York and Bristol, R. I., for my nephew's wedding.

The Bishop's Appointments.

JUNE.

- 7—(Trinity)—A. M., Cathedral: sermon. St. An-

- drew's, Cincinnati: baptism of infant son of Rev. Mr. Oxley. Afternoon: Madisonville.
- 8—P. M., Cathedral Trustees.
- 11—Cathedral House: meeting of the Corporation of Society of the Transfiguration.
- 12—Gambier: meeting of Joint Education Committee; meeting of Board of Trustees of Kenyon College.
- 13—Meeting of Trustees.
- 14—Gambier: Ordination; Baccalaureate sermon.
- 15—Commencement of Kenyon College.
- 17-18—Gambier: Summer School.
- 20—Examination of candidates.
- 21—(2d Sunday after Trinity)—Cathedral: Ordination to priesthood.
- 25-26—Milwaukee: Bishops' Conference.
- 28—(3d Sunday after Trinity)—St. Andrew's, Dayton: sermon.



Woman's Auxiliary

Editor, Mrs. Wm. H. Allison, Piqua.



The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in All Saints' Church, Portsmouth, on May 26th, 1914, opening with a service of the Holy Communion. The Rector of All Saints' Church and the president of the Portsmouth Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary gave the Convention a very cordial welcome. After some routine business, Miss Elizabeth Mathews gave a short talk on the educational work, emphasizing the necessity for more trained workers. A resolution was passed requesting the appointment of an Educational Secretary or Committee in each branch, whose duty it shall be to promote missionary education. A report of our Diocesan Hospital at Cincinnati, and St. Hilda's Hall at the Ohio State University, Columbus, were read. Letters from Miss Julia C. Emery on the provincial organization and other matters were read; also from Miss Leach and Miss Flory, giving interesting accounts of their training for the mission field. A motion was offered requesting the Missionary Committee to make the apportionment to the parishes without reference to the Woman's Auxiliary. The president urged that every branch help to raise the parish apportionment in full, recommending the duplex envelope system and the every-member canvass.

Resolutions of regret at the removal of our former Educational Secretary, Miss Tillotson, from the diocese, were passed, but also rejoicing that she is filling so important a place in the Church's work.

A memorial of Mrs. John L. Brown, former Diocesan Secretary, was read by Mrs. James H. Perkins, of Cincinnati, and a resolution of sympathy for Bishop Vincent was passed.

At the Officers' Conference at 2:30 in the afternoon many valuable suggestions were made.

Motions of approval and thanks were made for the manner in which our retiring president, Mrs. Scarlett, has conducted the work the past three years, and for her faithfulness in seeking first the Kingdom of God.

Mrs. W. A. Allison, of Piqua, was elected president for the coming three years.

Professor and Mrs. Vivian, of Ohio State University, gave a beautiful illustrated lecture on Palestine, after which Bishop Vincent gave the Convention his usual word of encouragement and inspiration.

At 7:45 a missionary mass meeting was held, Rev. Mr. Symons, of Christ's Church, Glendale, being the preacher.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE E. WOODRUFF,
Diocesan Secretary.

A FOREWORD.

Every one knows and will forever remember, that Mrs. Mary H. Rochester was the first "Directress" of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio.

Her initiative work was not so much the implanting of an embryo slip, as it was a free, immeasurable strewing of missionary seed throughout the diocese. It was not, immediately, the organization of a mighty power—that came later—but the persuading forth of little upspringing growths, here and there, wherever they might appear and catch root, and an unrelenting watchful urgency of them, forward.

Her spirit-ardor, ceaselessly on the quest anywhere and everywhere, for the responsive woman-heart and acquiescent will, gave the call which summoned together our Church womanhood to united missionary service.

The earnest spirit within her had for twin-presence a frolic-sprite, of incidental spontaneous outburst, which was innocent of irreverent intention, and simply the escape of the radiant buoyancy in a nature as quickly sensitive to the "light comedy" of human life as to its most piteous tender appeal. It might "appear" as but a momentary interlude of involuntary easement in the strain of a business session—or come in the shape of a peal of laughing rhymes, always seemingly at the tip of her pen and apt to slip off it, into any business-friendly letter, even if to the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee!

This Woman's Auxiliary had its true beginning—its well-spring source—in Mrs. Rochester's "enthusiasm of being really alive" unto Christ. Her inciting spirit-vitality was its resistless motive-power—the "spirit within the wheels" which having started them, remindfully kept them turning.

And ever since has not this energy of spirit-devotion been permeating and astir throughout our

General Pension Fund. The main features of the plan are an assessment by the Fund upon each diocese, which in turn assesses each parish about seven and one-half per cent on the salary it pays. Each parish, in short, pays for its own pensions. Existing diocesan Pension funds will, of course, help to reduce such assessments. Present clergy, however, will not benefit from the fund so fully as will the future clergy, because the Fund has not been calculated and operative from the beginning of the older ministries. Indeed, to provide for what are called "the accrued liabilities" in the case of the present clergy, an additional sum of three or four millions will have to be raised by private subscription. But when the new system is fully operative, it can promise to every clergyman who wants it a *retiring* pension at seventy years of age, of about one-half of his average annual salary; with a minimum pension of \$600, and about half that amount for his widow and less for his minor children. There will also be a *disability* pension, available at a much earlier age than seventy years. The General Convention in itself adopting the system in principle temporarily, asks each diocesan Convention in turn to pass a resolution adopting at least the principles of this Church Pension Fund and also appointing a Committee to report a Canon to the next Convention, assessing on the parishes the seven and one-half per cent of stipends necessary to carry such a pension system. I offer you the recommendation of the General Convention on this point.

(6) The Provincial System in this Church has hitherto been provided for by our General Constitution only in principle. Our recent General Convention has now by Canon provided for it also in practice. In other words, the System has now been authoritatively and actually established and the formation of Provinces among us is now mandatory, saving always the constitutional right of any individual diocese to refuse to go into the System. I have long favored the adoption of this system among us, but only when the need of it had plainly arisen. I believe that that time has now come. No great nation-wide organization, such as this Church has now become, can long administer its affairs, without some such sectional division and subordination of responsibility and work. Even our Federal government needs our State systems. Great manufacturing and mercantile establishments must have their departments; insurance companies their districts; banks their branches; railway systems their contributory roads and management. The Church already has its Departments, and we have delegated to them subordinate responsibility and action in our Missionary work—in our educational work and social service work, and in the work of our ecclesiastical courts. But each of these lines of work has been practically independent of each other, even in the same Department; until the whole arrangement has proved itself unbusiness-like, inefficient, and almost chaotic. What is needed now is just the Provincial System to correlate and concentrate all this more authoritatively, but with no power in the Province of interference with the independent rights and powers of each diocese to manage its own affairs. To be sure, as a mere matter of language, we could still go on calling all this a "department" system; with its secular and almost commercial sound and associations. But why not adopt frankly now, the age-old organization, and universal terminology, of the historic Church, in the Provincial System? Indeed, as a matter of fact, the Church in General Convention has actually established the Provincial System formally and definitely. All that is necessary for us, then, is that you should by resolution instruct your Committee on Canons to report back, today if possible, a simple canon or amendment providing for the *method* of election, so

that you can proceed at once today to nominate, and tomorrow to elect four clerical and four lay-deputies to the Primary Synod of our Fifth Province. I so *recommend*.

The subject of Religious Education comes before us again today in a very concrete shape. I am satisfied that, with the possible exception of the proposed World-Conference on Faith and Order, there is no more important subject we have to deal with. The great majority—literally millions of children—of our non-Catholic population are growing up today without any or with only defective religious training. Our public school system is practically God-less, even if it were its duty to teach religion, which I do not believe. The great majority of parents, themselves now untrained religiously, are contentedly abdicating their privilege and duty of training their own children religiously and turning this over to any one else. What a menace all this is to our civilization and good citizenship, to say nothing of the salvation of souls, we can see at a glance. In our own Church even the conscientious but imperfect home and Sunday School training of fifty years ago, if it is done at all today, is still only imperfectly done. There is either no system or else all kinds of systems among us, with none of the authority, thoroughness, comprehensiveness and uniformity which the work demands. It is high time that this Church, at any rate, so far as her own children are concerned, should do what she can to face and deal with this tremendous problem. She now proposes to do it. At our recent General Convention a General Church Board of Religious Education was created, expressly for the purpose of "unifying and developing the educational work of this Church."

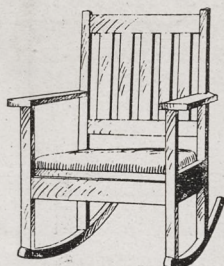
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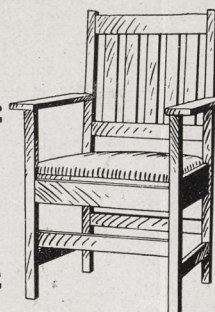
- 3—(3d Sunday after Easter)—Fernbank: sermon and confirmed 1. Addyston: sermon and confirmed 9.
- 4—interview with a clergyman seeking our ministry. P. M., Cathedral Corporation meeting.
- 6—P. M., Wyoming: sermon and confirmed 4.
- 7-9—Convention work.
- 10—(4th Sunday after Easter)—A. M., Advent, Cincinnati: sermon and confirmed 19. St. John's, Cincinnati: sermon and confirmed 4. Carthage, Cincinnati: sermon and confirmed 1.
- 11—P. M., met with Cathedral Trustees.
- 12—Convention work. Children's Hospital: dedicated bed in memoriam of Morris M. White.
- 13—Interview with candidate for Orders. Committee from Westwood. Committee from Winton Place. P. M., Emmanuel Church, Cincinnati: Parish meeting reorganization; Rev. F. E. Cooley received and accepted. Parish unable to elect a Vestry. The Bishop requested to appoint three Trustees to act as a Vestry.
- 14—Convention work.
- 15—New York: Chapel of General Theological Seminary. Mr. Stanley Matthews Cleveland, Mr. Robert Williams and Mr. Frank Garvin made Deacons by the Bishop of Indianapolis acting for me.
- 17—(5th Sunday after Easter)—Norwood: sermon and confirmed 35. Terrace Park: sermon and confirmed 6. St. Andrew's, Cincinnati: sermon and confirmed 19.
- 19—Cathedral Chapter meeting.
- 21—(Ascension)—Cathedral: sermon and Holy Communion.
- 25—Received from Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Benedict, of Sevrance, Tenn., for the Procter Memorial Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate, \$1,000.

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Africa, was undertaken in memory of the Bishop's young daughter, for whom I was also successful in obtaining the memorial endowment of a bed in our Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. Other scholarships have from time to time become responsibilities of our Auxiliary: the Rev. J. F. Ohl Scholarship, supported by St. James Church, Zanesville; Jeannette Platt Scholarship, St. Peter's Church, Delaware; Walter Halsted Scholarship, Grace Church, Avondale; and the Mary H. Rochester Scholarship in Montgomery Institute, San Antonio, Texas. This last was located and named by Bishop Elliott, of Western Texas.

Bishop Bocne made an appeal to us for a Church in or near Shanghai. The land could be procured for a low price, provided the money could be obtained at once. The Auxiliary bought the land, and built the Chapel of the Redeemer, in loving memory of the Rev. Charles H. Young, the late Rector of St. John's Church, Worthington.

All this, apparently—as I look back upon it—must have been a drain upon our treasury, but I was your Secretary, as well as Treasurer, and I cannot remember our ever having been without money. I believe that our Auxiliary branch had grown into a sturdy tree that bore golden fruit which we could gather whenever we wished to give. I really do not think that we ever turned a deaf ear to any appeal.

I have mentioned the Children's Hospital. Wasn't it lovely that after I left Ohio, the Bishop and Board of Managers wished me to continue in its service. It has been such a joy to feel that I am still connected with the diocese I love so well. Each time that the annual report comes, I look to see my name, and smile a happy smile to find myself still there, with you. Blessed be the memory of Old Times!

And now, on the 26th, you will meet in All Saints' Church, Portsmouth.

It seems but yesterday that I went with Bishop Jaggar up the river to our annual meeting—and in such lovely May weather! I remember every hour of that happy time. Dr. Burr and Mr. Badger—Rectors present there, then—are now "away," but I feel that their influence must still be lingering among the worshippers in All Saints Church.

The next day we crossed the river, and on the Kentucky hills we gathered the mountain laurel. I bought three large market baskets and filled them. How did I bring them home? The Diocesan Convention closed, and there were many of the clergy coming down the beautiful river to Cincinnati! Now you can see how I brought it all home. The following Sunday the dear Church of the Advent was more beautiful than ever, with its wreathing mountain laurel. Of course, this incident is not the asked-for "reminiscences of my work-days in Southern Ohio," but only a sunshine-ray let fall from one of the many happy times there, which I can never forget. Make use of any part of this letter that may be of interest to the Auxiliary—but when cutting out the "things of no account," please do not cut out the love that goes with my story.

Tuesday Morning, May 17th, 1914.

In one of her intimate letters to a friend, we find the fitting final words of Mrs. Rochester's wistful "hail and farewell" to the Auxiliary, this afternoon:

"I feel like a grandmother in Israel, as I look back upon the Old Times.

"O, but I should like to be with you on the 26th!

"Give my dear love to the Auxiliary. I do wish I could meet with you all once more, but—

There is another country!"

On account of the lengthy but very interesting extracts from the Bishop's Address, and Mrs. Rochester's soul-stirring reminiscences, a large amount of matter will lie over for the July issue.

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me well, and had overlooked my failures, believing that I had done my best. I really gave the best part of my life to you, but I was paid full scripture measure, "running over," every day and hour. Your love and trust made everything bright and happy, and made, indeed, a joy of the service. I wish you might all have known those I then knew, but now they may be to many among you but honored names. In every Parish they were my friends in the truest sense of the word.

[Here follows a list which names fourteen of the Rector-friends of Mrs. Rochester's treasuring recollection—and her comment is: "Had you known them as I knew them, you would not wonder that I classed them with my Auxiliary friendships of blessed memory."]

Her letter continues: I have not said what I did with your parting gift. I bought a very beautiful writing desk. My work with you had been chiefly through correspondence, and I felt that this desk would be an "outward and visible sign" which would seem to be forever bringing me close to you, in the long accustomed way. I had it marked by a brass plate, engraved "Mary H. Rochester from the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio—1876-1901." I wish this letter might have been written at that desk, but I am away from my home, and writing from Saratoga. I have not been quite as well, and my doctor thought best to send me here for a time.

Let me speak again of my friends in the Auxiliary who are as dear, and held as near to me, as in the days of the Long-Ago. [She names eighteen, and then adds:] You can skip them as you read, but I can never drop them from my memory. Some of them are with you still. When you see them, tell them there are tears in my heart as I write their names.

You all know of the stroke that came to me six years ago, which almost made me helpless. I have my brain, and partial use of my right hand—but I can still trust, and I want to work as long as I can.

Such joy came to me last fall! Miss Julia Emery secured rooms for me in the hotel with herself, and many of my old-time Auxiliary friends. I shall never forget all that was done to make me happy. The Southern Ohio delegation welcomed me as one of them, and placed their badge upon me, and gave a luncheon for me. Some were at first quite strangers to me, but I knew them all before we parted.

[Bishop McKim has rendered to Mrs. Rochester a tribute which is her tender pride and deep joy—in naming for her a Mary H. Rochester Room in the Hospital at Shanghai. He will himself place upon the wall a tablet of brass, inscribed with her name.

Many of her personal friends are joyously pressing forward with souvenir offerings for this room. In the midst of the tender overflow of her acknowledgments of them, there came a characteristic outburst of gay verses—an effervescence of the thrill stirring the depths within her—to a discovered dear Someone who had sent her gift for the Hospital room in fancied secrecy.]

Mrs. Rochester's letter to the annual meeting held in Portsmouth closes thus:

An Auxiliary story would not be complete without mention of Mrs. Mary Emery Twing, the founder of the Woman's Auxiliary, and of her sister and successor in its leadership, Miss Julia C. Emery—both of them my dear friends from the very beginning of my undertaken responsibilities. We ought to give thanks every day for the example of those two sisters. Did ever woman have better friends than God has given me? I ought to be most grateful—and always "I shall thank God for every remembrance of you all."

MARY H. ROCHESTER,

of Southern Ohio—as designated by her own significant underscoring, for emphasis. The Adirondack Lodge,

Franklin Square, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

May 11th, 1914.

A week later, May 17th, Mrs. Rochester wrote a second letter, believing that some things had been omitted from her first one to the Auxiliary, which might have been found of interest. Therein, the story continues its sweet natural onflow.

Soon after the pioneer diocese of Ohio had changed from its singleness of extended organization into the fuller branching growth of the present two dioceses—Ohio, and Southern Ohio—the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Jaggar became, as you know, the Bishop of Southern Ohio.

Among his earliest undertakings was that of the establishment of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio.

The foundation of a Scholarship in St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, was perhaps its first missionary outreach, and was soon followed by the undertaking also of one in St. John's College, Shanghai—the maintenance of both being still continued by our Auxiliary, and each Parish-Branch sharing in the support of the Bishop Vincent Scholarship in St. John's College, and the Bishop Jaggar Scholarship in St. Mary's Hall.

Today it seems strange to find the attention of the entire Church called to these two institutions of our long-perpetuated Auxiliary interest.

The May Jaggar Scholarship, in Cuttington, West

auxiliary? Is not the same "old story" still repeating itself?—becoming, as it goes on, the continuing history of the Woman's Auxiliary, Christ himself its All! and His imparted life fulfilling itself in, and through, successive personalities.

The president of this Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio has claimed in its behalf, from Mrs. Rochester, her story of its beginning—for presentation here, at this annual meeting.

To those who recall that Long-Ago, her two letters of response to this appeal will seem an apparition of her vivid personality.

Mrs. Rochester's Reminiscences.

To the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio:

All that I was able to do in Southern Ohio should be credited to the Bishops, the clergy, and the dear women who never failed me. I am frightened even now, as I look back to the winter of 1876—and wonder how I ever dared to take up a work of which I knew absolutely nothing. You must remember that I had only the Bishop to advise me, and he was just beginning, and was very busy—so I tried not to bother him. We had not even a Secretary at our annual meetings; the Secretary of the Parish-Branch that entertained the Auxiliary took the minutes of the meeting and gave them to me to keep until they should be read the following year. I literally did not know any one outside of Cincinnati, in Ohio, and I had been there but a few years. The absorptions from which I had come, were those of family life and kindred intimacies, and society gayeties of the time—its dances, charades and Old Folks' concerns. When it became known in Rochester that I had been appointed to the Auxiliary leadership in the new Diocese of Southern Ohio, by the Bishop, letters came from old friends who wrote that they could not think of me in this new role, so different!

The first Missionary-box sent from the Auxiliary, went from St. James Church, Piqua; the first money came from Grace Church, Pomeroy, and was for Diocesan Missions. I think it was about \$16.00.

I cannot recall the year, and I have no data at hand to guide my memory, but it was at a Diocesan Convention held in Christ Church, Cincinnati, that dear Bishop Jaggar, who was in failing health, asked at the Missionary Meeting for a Diocesan Missionary. Several of the clergy spoke on the subject, but no offer of real help was made. I said: "I wish I was a man!" Mr. Wm. P. Anderson heard me, and asked what I would do in that case. I said: "I'd offer to raise the money." Mr. Anderson asked: "Do you authorize me to make that statement?" I replied: "Yes; ask what amount will be necessary?" The answer was \$1,200. I was all excitement and said: "Tell the Bishop that the Woman's Auxiliary will be responsible for it." I shall never forget the Bishop's face; he looked ten years younger. The Rev. Mr. Webster, of Dayton, rose and said:

"I have not thought it expedient to organize an Auxiliary-Branch, just yet, in my Parish, but before the week is ended, Christ Church, Dayton, will report one."

The first check which came to me for the salary of the Rev. John Mills Kendrick, Diocesan Missionary, was from the Woman's Auxiliary-Branch of Christ Church, Dayton.

Our first annual meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Chillicothe, the Rev. Charles Fischer, Rector. I had my report ready, and gave it to the Bishop. Mrs. Burnham, of Central New York, was with us that day, and her lovely consecrated face and manner overcame me, I felt so little fitted for the work the Bishop had entrusted to me. When Bishop Jaggar called me up to him to read my report, I shook my head. His second call led me to feel that I must obey, and therefore I read it. I have been crippled a long time, but I have never felt more disabled than I did that day. As soon as the reading

was over, I flew to the vestry room. There the Bishop found me with my head on the table crying as though my heart would break. I can feel now the touch of his hand on my shoulder, and hear his voice saying: "My poor child, I did not realize that you were not used to reading in church." Between my sobs, I told him that if I had to do this every year, I wanted to have him understand that I could not go on with the work. That was the first and only time that I ever read even my own report, at an annual Auxiliary meeting.

My twentieth anniversary in this service was thus observed by the annual meeting of the Auxiliary, in St. Peter's Church, Delaware. A twenty-dollar gold piece was presented to me, with the request that I expend it "for something they could see me wear." I had a ring made with which I sealed my letters. It never leaves my finger, and I shall always wear it until it has passed on to a Southern Ohio friend.

I wonder how many of you remember Bishop Hare's coming to our Auxiliary—I think it was in the year that Christ Church, Dayton, opened its new Parish House. Bishop Hare had been my guest in Cincinnati, and went with me to Dayton. I chanced to know that the next day, May 17th, would be his sixtieth birthday.

As soon as the Early Service was over, and our Auxiliary meeting had assembled in the Parish House, I made the inquiry: "Cannot we give \$60.00 to Bishop Hare today?" It must then have been 10:00 o'clock, and before noon we had the \$60.00 in gold eagerly paid in, and presented to the Bishop.

Is it any wonder that I loved you all? I never in all of those years suggested anything that it was not cheerfully and quickly carried out.

Bishop Hare used that money to have a window opened, in his room in South Dakota, to let the cool breezes float in, which made a hitherto stuffy room most comfortable. He never forgot that from Southern Ohio had come to him this pleasure. I saw him last, in Richmond, in 1907. He was almost sightless, and his eyes were covered. I crossed the room to him, and said: "Bishop, you will not know me, but I want to take your hand." He said: "My dear, I know your voice; I spent my sixtieth birthday with you." Such pleasant memories I have!—and now that I am crippled, I can look back and recall so many, many lovely things! Do you wonder that I love you all?—but why, oh why, did you care for me?

I believe we were practically without a Bishop for many years, and in health was Bishop Jaggar, our Diocesan Missionary, incentive to me: "You must and I will take care of the glad to do all in my power ndrick, but also our dear Bishop Vincent came to his station awaiting him. I had the Auxiliaries in other dioceses, and each its own believed that such a change efficiency might be desired When I received the message, his office, I went with all ecting to leave them with into charge at his earnest that he had already sent to Chronicle, the notice of my left Southern Ohio some -Branch in the diocese sent a gift for me. These were which they had come to or check. I brought them s possible I wrote to each ould write would ever tell and felt your love for me. y were many, I had known ere had never befallen a between us. You all knew

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Annual Report of the Secretary

The Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Southern Ohio Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

This report begins with the close of the Annual Convention last May, a full report of the same having been given in the printed report.

There have been four general meetings. Two in the Cincinnati; one in the Columbus, and one in the Dayton Convocation.

Five Executive Board meetings were held. In order to save time, a synopsis of the report of the Box Secretary, United Offering Treasurer, Educational Secretary, Church Periodical Club Secretary, and Junior Work is here given.

The Box Secretary reports as follows:

From the Cincinnati Convocation, 30 boxes, value....	\$1795.66
From the Columbus Convocation, 20 boxes, value....	1115.07
From the Dayton Convocation, 7 boxes, value....	225.85

Total	57	\$3136.58
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The United Offering Treasurer, Mrs. A. N. Whiting,	
reports received from Fifty-five Parishes and	
Missions	3532.48
Interest on Deposits	229.60

Total amount of offering	\$3762.08
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Amount received since October, 1913, after the Triennial in New York and now in bank for 1916	\$1215.83
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At the meeting in New York it was decided that no money be taken from the offering of 1916, that it be used exclusively for the support and training of women. So we have the incentive for generous giving that to the 156 women now supported by this offering more may be added to the list.

The Educational Secretary reports 1 Normal, 16 Lenten and 2 pre-Lenten classes in the Cincinnati Convocation; 5 Lenten classes in the Dayton Convocation and 17 in the Columbus, making a total of 41; 2 less than last year, when Miss Tillotson had more normal classes; before the latter's departure in February she held an Institute in Springfield and visited Marietta, Bellaire and Martin's Ferry and conducted the Interdenominational School of Mission Study in Columbus. The present Secretary feels that it is something to have held our own this year as the loss of Miss Tillotson necessarily handicapped the work. The normal classes have fallen off but Mr. Millikin's Interdenominational work in Cincinnati and Miss Tillotson's in Columbus have helped to provide leaders.

The greatest need of the future is more leaders, which necessitates many more training classes.

The Church Periodical Club reports the following periodicals sent the past year:

1. Current periodicals sent regularly.....	213
2. Contributors of current periodicals.....	118
3. Bibles, Testaments, etc.....	4
4. Books, theological and secular.....	129
5. Tracts and catechisms.....	4
6. Odd magazines and papers.....	10220
7. Christmas and Easter Cards.....	711
8. Picture cards and calendars.....	70
9. Pictures, games, scrap books and miscellaneous.....	10

And \$25.00 was sent to New York for central expenses.

With so broad a field before us that which has been done seems small in proportion. But individual instances in which heights and depths have been reached are very encouraging. If we value our Church papers and good literature so highly what must they mean to those who are unable to secure them except for our efforts?

The Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary reports an exceptionally fine year. The Diocesan Pledge for the year being \$400.00. It was divided on the same basis of other years. The receipts from pledges amounted to \$517.62. Of this amount \$100.00 was given to the Bishop for Diocesan Missions; \$250.00 went to General Missions; \$25.00 was given as a special to Miss Gridus' work in Alaska; \$36.53, which represents the offering taken at the Annual Meeting of the Juniors was given to Sister Edith Constance for her work in China. The receipts from the "Little Helpers," which amounted to \$49.21, was also given to General Missions.

The receipts from the United Offering was \$23.32, this is small in comparison with other years, but is due to the natural let down after the Triennial, and also to the change in the office of Treasurer. Miss Matthews, who has done such excellent work, resigned her office at the close of the Triennial. After some delay Mrs. Fritz Lichtenberg was elected. She was prevented by illness from doing much active work.

The Box Work has been done with the usual success. Boxes were sent to three colored missions, also a mission in Alaska, Virginia and Morgantown, North Carolina. The valuation of the year being \$252.95. The educational work has been about the same. Two normal classes, and 16 mission study classes were held during the winter.

Ten new branches have been added, 4 in the Juniors, and six in that of the "Little Helpers." The "Little Helpers" doubled their number. The first "Older Girls'" branch under the plan adopted at the Triennial, was formed at the Church

of the Advent, Cincinnati; the first Young Woman's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is also at the Advent; this branch has made a fine beginning.

Convocational meetings have been held for the first time in the three centers, with unusual success.

The Annual Meeting held on April 25th at Christ Church, Glendale, was wonderfully successful. It poured rain all day but the Church was crowded with interested young people. A fine program was carried out and all reports showed a marked progress. The whole day was one of inspiration and help and will long be remembered by those who were present. Our most encouraging feature of the day was the large attendance of members of the Woman's Auxiliary. At the Missionary Meeting the mystery play, "The Sunset Hour," was given by the Juniors of Glendale. This made a very fitting and happy close to the sixth Annual Meeting.

The speakers in the Diocese have been Mr. Ely and Miss Bonnell, of Shanghai, China, and Bishop Tuttle, of St. Louis.

In the Cincinnati Convocation two meetings were held; at the Church of the Advent, Walnut Hills, November 14th, and at St. Stephen's Church, Winton Place, April 7th. At the Church of the Advent the recommendation of the General Convention of last October was carried out and the Church was organized into five groups. There were no new Auxiliaries formed this year, but those organized the previous year are in flourishing condition.

In the Columbus Convocation one meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Chillicothe. The delegates to the Triennial in New York had just returned and gave most interesting and instructive reports of the Triennial, imparting much of the inspiration they received, thus making it a very enthusiastic meeting. Two new branches were organized, one at Lancaster and one at Martin's Ferry. Three branches were visited by the Vice President. More money pledged than ever before; and all pledges paid.

In the Dayton Convocation one meeting was held at Trinity Church, London, March 13, which was largely attended and most enthusiastic. Several attempts to organize new branches were made but without success. An unexpected surprise and pleasure came from the fact that the pledge was more than paid.

The Bishop has requested that \$300.00 of the Building Fund be given for a Parish House for St. James, North Broadway, Columbus, but has not placed the remainder.

There are now in Southern Ohio 66 branches of the Woman's Auxiliary and some places that give, but are not organized.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE E. WOODRUFF,
Diocesan Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

THE SOUTHERN OHIO BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 1913-1914

RECEIPTS

Cincinnati Convocation	\$2,311.15	
Columbus Convocation	1,243.05	
Dayton Convocation	623.16	
		\$4,177.36
Offering at Annual Meeting for General Missions....	89.20	
Offering at Columbus Convocation Meeting for General Missions	13.50	
Offering at Dayton Convocation Meeting for General Missions	12.50	
Offering at Cincinnati Convocation Meeting for General Missions	8.50	
Support of Bible Reader in China.....	24.00	
St. Hilda's Hall.....	110.00	
J. F. Ohl Scholarship.....	25.00	
St. Mary's Land and Building Fund.....	3.75	
Charlotte Elizabeth Proctor Memorial Bed.....	50.00	
St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, Japan.....	25.00	
Helen I. Moore Scholarship.....	12.00	
Oneida Mission	25.00	
		\$398.45
Total Receipts		\$4,575.81

DISBURSEMENTS

George Gordon King, Treasurer, General Missions....	\$1,749.25	
E. Worthington, Treasurer, Diocesan Missions.....	1,751.31	
Julia C. Emery, Specials	136.00	
Julia C. Emery, Offerings for General Missions.....	123.70	
Bishop Reese for St. Hilda's Hall.....	110.00	
Wm. B. Thorn for Oneida Mission.....	25.00	
Mrs. Hoffman Miller for St. Mary's Land and Building Fund	3.75	
Total Disbursements		\$3,899.01
Balance to Central Expense and Discretionary Fund		676.80
		\$4,575.81

CENTRAL EXPENSE AND DISCRETIONARY FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, as per last report.....	\$ 517.32	
One-sixth of Diocesan Pledges.....	676.80	
Interest on Certificates of Deposit.....	6.00	
Total		\$1,200.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing Annual Reports	\$75.00
Express and Postage	10.68
Emily Tillotson, Educational Secretary, Silver Bay	50.00
Missionary Insurance	50.00
Delegates to Triennial Convention	150.00
Church Periodical Club	10.00
Ah Lam Scholarship	100.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio	75.00
St. Mary's Hall, China	75.00
Junior Auxiliary Educational Work	50.00
Charles W. Harper, Stationery	12.55
Expenses of John A. Ely, Speaker	6.00
Postage, Printing and Traveling Expenses of Executive Board	121.73

785.96

Balance on Hand 414.16

DISPOSITION

Certificates of Deposit, Ohio National Bank	\$200.00
Hayden-Clinton National Bank	214.16
	\$414.16
Respectfully submitted,	
MAY HEDGES TALLMADGE,	
Treasurer Woman's Auxiliary,	
Southern Diocese of Ohio.	

Examined and found correct,

LERROY PARKER,
Certified Public Accountant.

Columbus, Ohio, May 25th, 1914.

George Gordon King, Treasurer, General Missions	\$1,743.25
E. Worthington, Treasurer, Diocesan Missions	1,743.25
Julia C. Emery, Specials	183.00
Julia C. Emery, Offerings for General Missions	123.70
Bishop Reese for St. Hilary's Hall	110.00
Wm. R. Thorn for Oneida Mission	25.00
Mrs. Hoffman Miller for St. Mary's Land and Building Fund	3.75
Total Disbursements	\$3,898.01
Balance to Central Expense and Discretionary Fund	676.80
	\$4,574.81

CENTRAL EXPENSE AND DISCRETIONARY FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand as per last report	\$ 217.32
One-sixth of Diocesan Pledges	676.80
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	6.00
Total	\$1,200.12

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

CINCINNATI CONVOCATION						
Cincinnati	Diocesan Pledges	Specials	United Offering	Total Money	Value Boxes	Total of Year's Work
The Advent	\$ 283.00		\$ 347.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 332.00	\$1002.00
St. Lukes Hospital, Tokio		25.00				
St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai		*15.00				
Advent—"Our Girls"	60.00		16.50	76.50	70.00	146.50
Young Women's Branch	10.00		34.50	44.50		44.50
Calvary—(Clifton)	257.00		37.50	319.50	170.00	489.50
St. Hilda's Hall		10.00				
St. Mary's, Shanghai		*15.00				
Christ Church	364.00		434.40	798.40	239.73	1038.13
Epiphany (Walnut Hills)	75.00		92.50	172.50	75.00	247.50
St. Hilda's Hall		5.00				
Grace Church—(Avondale)	110.00		64.25	174.25	84.50	258.75
St. Mary's Sisterhood (Avondale)	27.00			27.00	103.22	130.22
St. Luke's	55.00		11.00	66.00	40.00	106.00
The Nativity—(Price Hill)	34.00		18.53	52.53		52.53
Our Savior—(Mt. Auburn)	118.45		71.00	195.45		195.45
St. Hilda's Hall		5.00				
Leper Mission		*1.00				
St. Paul's Cathedral	250.00		95.25	345.25	124.39	469.64
St. Paul's Mothers' Club	100.50		11.61	112.11		112.11
Grace—(College Hill)	30.00		20.80	68.10	28.55	96.65
Parishes in flooded district—(College Hill)		*15.00				
Alaska Churchman (College Hill)		*1.00				
Lepers (College Hill)		*1.30				
St. Philip's—(Northside)	20.00		27.00	57.00	10.75	67.75
St. Hilda's Hall		5.00				
Fruit and Flowers to Children's Hospital		*5.00				
Resurrection—Fern Bank	22.00		36.30	58.30	24.00	82.30
Christ Church—Glendale	205.00		315.39	595.39	210.87	806.26
St. Hilda's Hall		25.00				
Charlotte E. Proctor—Memorial Bed		50.00				
Holy Trinity—Hartwell	30.00		12.60	47.60	25.00	72.60
St. Hilda's Hall		5.00				
St. Mary's—Hillsboro	30.00		6.50	36.50	15.00	51.50
Holy Trinity—Madisonville	30.00		29.46	59.46	45.00	104.46
Good Shepherd—Norwood	80.00		19.58	109.58	75.00	184.58
St. Hilda's Hall		10.00				
St. Mark's—Oakley	10.00		8.25	23.25	17.65	40.90
St. Hilda's Hall		5.00				
St. Stephen's—Winton Place	53.25		23.50	76.75		76.75
St. James'—Westwood	10.00		10.17	20.17		20.17
Ascension—Wyoming	30.00		14.48	85.48	30.00	115.48
St. Hilda's Hall		5.00				
City Mission Work		*25.00				
Aged & Infirm Clergyman		*5.00				
Widows & Orphans of Clergy		*5.00				
St. Andrew's Tennessee		*1.00				
Trinity Missionary Guild	3.00		3.70	18.70		18.70
Helen I. Moore Scholarship		12.00				
Emmanuel Church			10.45	10.45		10.45
St. Stephen's—(Winton Place) offering in Apr...	13.95			13.95		13.95

\$2311.15 \$ 251.30 \$1772.22 \$4334.67 \$1720.66 \$6055.33

*Money did not pass through hands of Diocesan Treasurer.

COLUMBUS CONVOCATION

	Diocesan Pledges	Specials	United Offering	Total Money	Value Boxes	Total of Year's Work
Athens—Good Shepherd ..	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$.....	\$ 3.50
Bellaire—Trinity.....	15.05		42.01	57.06	90.00	147.06
Cambridge—St. John's.....	10.00			10.00	16.00	26.00
Chillicothe—St. Paul's.....	65.00		58.36	123.36	90.50	213.86
Circleville—St. Philip's.....	10.00		31.06	41.06	31.00	72.06
Columbus—Good Shepherd	67.00		22.75	89.75	266.50	356.25
Columbus—Helping Hand	20.00		2.00	22.00		22.00
St. James, (North Broadway)	10.00		3.82	13.82	44.35	58.17
St. Paul's	250.00		167.16	417.16	150.50	567.66
St. Philip's	13.00		12.60	30.60	5.00	35.60
Trinity	325.00		566.55	891.55	60.00	951.55
Delaware—St. Peter's.....	50.00		40.25	90.25	55.22	145.47
Galena—Our Savior	5.00		3.00	8.00		8.00
Gallipolis—St. Peter's.....	10.00		4.60	14.60		14.60
Ironton—Christ Church.....	15.00		17.54	32.54	15.00	47.54
Marietta—St. Luke's.....	60.00		35.03	120.03	50.00	170.03
Support of Bible Reader Organ Fund High Pt. N. C.		24.00				
Newark—Trinity	130.00	*1.00	51.60	181.60	76.00	257.60
Pomeroy—Grace	10.00		7.00	17.00		17.00
Portsmouth—All Saints'..	65.00		40.05	140.05	140.00	280.05
St. Hilda's Hall.....		35.00				
Francis Badger Guild.....	40.00			100.00	43.00	143.00
Furnishing Room, St. Hilda's		*60.00				
Worthington—St. John's..	18.00		70.71	88.71		88.71
Zanesville—St. James'...	50.00		4.00	79.00	25.00	104.00
J. F. Ohl Scholarship....		25.00				
Total	\$1243.05	\$ 145.00	\$1183.59	\$2571.64	\$1158.07	\$3729.71

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DAYTON CONVOCATION

Dayton—Christ Church....	\$ 216.00	\$	\$ 232.00	\$ 448.00	\$ 110.85	\$ 558.85
St. Agnes' Guild.....	75.00		31.84	106.84	53.00	159.84
St. Andrews'	25.00		21.00	46.00	20.00	66.00
St. John's Chapel.....			4.25	4.25		4.25
Greenville—St. Paul's.....	30.00		5.50	35.50		35.50
Hamilton—Trinity	33.00		23.55	56.55		56.55
London—Trinity	11.00		26.70	37.70		37.70
Middletown—Ascension ..	13.16		15.97	29.13		29.13
Oxford—Holy Trinity.....	10.00		7.00	17.00	2.00	19.00
Fiqua—St. James'	70.00		68.79	138.79	35.00	173.79
Springfield—Christ Ch....	60.00		46.50	162.00		162.00
St. Hilda's Hall.....		*55.50				
Heavenly Rest	45.00		34.23	79.23		79.23
Troy—Trinity	10.00		5.00	15.00		15.00
Waynesville—St. Mary's..	15.00		25.02	41.02		41.02
Rev. Hughson		*1.00				
Xenia—Christ Church.....	10.00		5.00	23.50	5.00	28.50
Children's Hospital		*8.50				
Total	\$ 623.16	\$ 65.00	\$ 552.35	\$1240.51	\$ 225.85	\$1466.36

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Report of Box Secretary

CINCINNATI CONVOCATION

	Diocesan	Domestic	Colored	Indian	Foreign	Total
Cincinnati—Advent	\$	\$ 304.40	\$	\$	\$ 27.60	\$ 332.00
Our Girls		65.00		5.00		70.00
Calvary		110.00	60.00			170.00
Christ		134.62			105.11	239.73
Epiphany				75.00		75.00
Grace		84.50				84.50
St. Mary's Sisterhood		103.22				103.22
St. Luke's		40.00				40.00
St. Paul's				124.39		124.39
College Hill—Grace		28.55				28.55
Glendale—Christ		145.99		64.88		210.87
St. Philip's				10.75		10.75
Fern Bank—Church of the Resurrection		24.00				24.00
Hartwell—Holy Trinity		25.00				25.00
Hillsboro—St. Mary's		15.00				15.00
Oakley—St. Mark's		17.65				17.65
Norwood—Good Shepherd		75.00				75.00
Madisonville—Holy Trin- ity		45.00				45.00
Mt. Auburn—Our Savior		75.00				75.00
Wyoming—Ascension		30.00				30.00
Total	\$	\$1322.93	\$60.00	\$280.02	\$132.71	\$1795.66

COLUMBUS CONVOCATION

	Diocesan	Domestic	Colored	Indian	Foreign	Total
Bellaire—Trinity		30.00	60.00			90.00
Cambridge—St. John's	16.00					16.00
Chillicothe—St. Paul's		90.50				90.50
Circleville—St. Philip's	6.00	25.00				31.00
Columbus—Good Shep- herd		149.50	117.00			266.50
St. Paul's		150.50				150.50
Trinity		60.00				60.00
St. Philip's		5.00				5.00
St. James'		44.35				44.35
Delaware—St. Peter's		55.22				55.22
Ironton—Christ		15.00				15.00
Marietta—St. Luke's		50.00				50.00
Newark—Trinity	11.00	65.00				76.00
Portsmouth—All Saints		110.00	30.00			140.00
Zanesville—St. James'		25.00				25.00
Total	\$ 33.00	\$ 875.07	\$ 207.00	\$	\$	\$1115.07

DAYTON CONVOCATION

	Diocesan	Domestic	Colored	Indian	Foreign	Total
Dayton—Christ		110.85				110.85
St. Andrews				20.00		20.00
St. Agnes Guild		50.00			3.00	53.00
Piqua—St. James		35.00				35.00
Oxford—Holy Trinity	2.00					2.00
Xenia—Christ					5.00	5.00
Total	\$ 2.00	\$ 195.85	\$	\$ 20.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 225.85

SUMMARY BY CONVOCATIONS

	Cincinnati		Columbus		Dayton	
	No.	Boxes Val.	No.	Boxes Value	No.	Boxes Value
Diocesan			2	33.00	1	2.00
Domestic	22	1322.93	14	875.07	3	195.85
Colored	1	60.00	3	207.00		
Indian	5	280.02			1	20.00
Foreign	2	132.71			2	8.00
	30	1795.66	19	1115.07	7	225.85

SUMMARY OF BOXES FROM EACH CONVOCATION

	Diocesan	Domes- tic	Colored	Indian	Foreign	Total
Cincinnati	3	22	1	5	2	30
Columbus		14	3			20
Dayton	1	3		1	2	7
	35.00	2393.85	267.00	300.02	140.71	3136.58

LULU K. SOHL, Box Secretary.

United Offering—Treasurer's Report

Including Interest

From May 20, 1913, to May 26, 1914—From 55 Parishes and Missions.....	\$3532.48
Interest on deposits.....	229.60
Total amount of offering.....	\$3762.08

Amount received since October, 1913, after Triennial in New York, now on deposit for offering of 1916, \$1215.83.

ELLEN G. WHITING,

Treasurer United Offering.

Audited and found correct,

LUCY K. MATTHEWS.

In making this, my last report as Treasurer of the United Offering, I want to urge a renewed interest on the part of the women of the Diocese. In spite of the flood of last year when we expected a falling off in the offering, the amount given for the Triennial Offering was a little in advance of that of 1910. The greater part of the increase came from the Junior Branch, who more than doubled their offering. For a number of years, as you all know, a designated amount has been set aside from the Triennial Offering for the erection of a building or buildings for the use of women missionaries. From the offering of 1913, \$20,000 was appropriated, \$5000 being given to St. Augustine's Raleigh and \$15,000 to the Mary J. Hooker Memorial School, Mexico. At the meeting in New York it was decided that no money be taken from the offering of 1916, that it be used exclusively for the support and training of women. So we have the incentive for generous giving that to the 156 women now supported by this offering more may be added to the list, and that we may be able to relieve the Board who have taken care of all those sent out after the funds of the United Offering had been exhausted. The large offering of 1913 has enabled the Board already to add to the number. After deducting the \$20,000 the Board estimates that with the interest earned on this fund they can expend \$100,000 each year. I want to urge every Parish Treasurer to familiarize herself with the history and motive of this Thank Offering and present it personally to the women of her parish. Leaflets are good, but personal work is better. Already six months have gone, two years and six months are not any too much time.

This Thank Offering is so different from other giving. It stands on a higher plane. It is individual. We give for the apportionment through the duplex envelopes—that is our

duty. We give for the support of our parish. We have a return for that in our well-appointed services. In giving to philanthropic work we see results. But to give for the extension of Christ's Kingdom is the highest act of faith. On this high plane we put our United Offering gifts. It is a great privilege—a continual thanksgiving. And then the most important thing for everyone taking part in this Thank Offering is prayer—to pray daily, weekly or monthly as the coin is dropped into the box—to pray privately as individuals and at our Communions.

ELLEN G. WHITING,
Treasurer United Offering.

President's Address

The three years that loomed so large, have quickly passed away, and today the time has come for the present Executive Board to retire.

Responsibility at times has rested heavily, nevertheless the strong help, which is sure to come in this work of His, has lifted the burden and left the joy of privilege, so that relief and regret express our feelings today.

The past year began with the uplift of the General Convention in New York. The larger vision, the vital contact with those who are giving their lives to the work, the inspiration of numbers, and the general enthusiasm, sent us home with an earnest desire and determination to do our part with zeal and self-sacrifice in bringing about the establishment of His Kingdom upon earth.

Three large Convocation meetings in St. Paul's, Chillocothe; Trinity, London; and the Church of the Advent, Cincinnati, quickly followed our return, and gave us the opportunity we craved of giving vent to our increased knowledge and enthusiasm. Later twelve Parish Branches were also told the story of the Triennial.

The promotion and attendance at an Interdenominational School of Missions in Columbus in January, conducted by Miss Emily Tillotson, was the next project undertaken, and can be heartily recommended in the interest of **Unity**. This was followed by a call to Miss Tillotson from the Church Missions House, to go into the larger field, thus depriving us of our beloved Educational Secretary, whose excellent work had laid a sure foundation for Missionary Education in Southern Ohio, and made it possible for the Executive Board to successfully carry out their desire to emphasize **Missionary Education** during their regime. In this deserved recognition of her ability we rejoiced, in spite of our reluctance to part with her. To suddenly realize that one of our very own Southern Ohio girls, Miss Elizabeth Matthews, was fully trained to fill the place was a profound satisfaction, and we predict great things for the work under her supervision. The adoption of the same subject for Mission Study this year by all the Protestant Churches is a great step toward unity and a cause for rejoicing.

A call to the Church of the Advent, Cincinnati, to take part in a meeting for the reorganization of their work on a **Missionary basis**, was a most interesting experience. The alert leaders believing that a readjustment was necessary to meet

present day conditions, made a canvass to secure the interest of every member for active service,—a truly ideal church, and that ideal—the Masters, for we know, “The direct pathway into fellowship with God is in service.” Many are watching with interest the working out of this plan, in anticipation of following in the footsteps of the Church of the Advent, should it prove the success which is predicted.

During the Lenten Season, Mission Study Classes were numerous, educating and inspiring many who had never before been interested.

In April, the Junior Convention in Christ Church, Glendale, was the largest ever held, and a truly inspiring sight. The **Gift of Life** was strongly emphasized, and all reports gave evidence of increased interest and accomplishment. A Parish without such an organization is certainly without vision. The proposition to hold the Annual Meetings of the Woman's and Junior Auxiliaries on consecutive days, we hope will be put into operation in order that each may realize more fully the strength and value of the other. The formation of the three sections of the Junior Department as advised, is most desirable; and section three, graduating into section B of the Woman's Auxiliary in 1916, should be encouraged in every branch. The wisdom of having the leader of the Juniors, second vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary Branch, to report the Junior work at each monthly meeting is a fine suggestion, and there are many others in a new Constitution sent out from the Church Missions House, which we can recommend heartily to those branches that wish to keep abreast of the times.

In the reports of the officers today none is ever of more interest to the majority than that of the Treasurer. The Annual April cry of “The Wolf!” was again heard, but owing to the splendid loyalty of our workers has been overcome, so far as the amount determined on as a basis of the year's work in the Auxiliary. But as the Diocesan Apportionment for General and Diocesan Missions for the parishes has not been redeemed, can we not, as suggested by Miss Emery, help to avert the deficit, by each Auxiliary Branch assisting the Rector in a definite way to secure the amount needed?

No one who has read in our Church papers and magazines the pathetic appeals for help to redeem, “**not the greatest but the least**” appropriation that has been made for the vital and growing work on the Mission Field, can conscientiously refrain from doing their best to overcome the deficit before September first.

The United Offering report is as usual most satisfactory, due to the untiring zeal of the Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. Whiting, as well as to the grateful hearts of those participating in this blessed privilege.

The Box work, so welcome to our needy missionaries with their small stipends, and to the Mission Schools and Hospitals, shows a decided decrease, on the whole, causing great uneasiness at headquarters, which must be overcome by every Branch doing its part in this most important work. As the number of boxes sent have increased in Southern Ohio this year, the fault does not rest with us.

In our Mission Study Classes we have been deeply impressed, not only with the Emergency in China, but with the fact that there is an Emergency in the **Home Church**, and that is **"The indifference of the disciples of Christ in the face of a great call."** We each feel the truth of this accusation and must look for the cause. Can you not see the Christ waiting patiently for the needed response? His Spirit has stirred His cause into greater activity than ever before, in response to our own prayers for His "Kingdom to come, His will to be done," and is He not waiting to see what His professed followers will do with their privilege of co-operation? Do you not suffer with the Missionary in the field, because of the indifference of the many who should be alert and doing? We do not believe the indifference is caused by hardness of heart, so much as by a lack of a knowledge of conditions, and a definite call to do some one thing. **We need more members in active service**, which will mean more prayers, more gifts, and a greater work. Do we as members of the Woman's Auxiliary realize strongly our duty in this regard? One of the most pertinent assertions made at an Auxiliary meeting this year was the following: After our conference a year ago upon the question of what was our "Greatest Encouragement" in the work, which brought the answer from so many officers, "The Faithful Few!" a member said: "It sent me away thinking if they were so faithful, why so few!" Is there not a whole sermon in that thought? To bring in, perhaps one by one, the indifferent disciples to catch the vision, is it not a vital undertaking and worthy any member of the Woman's Auxiliary?

Mission Study classes and program meetings head the list in arousing interest. We strongly advise the appointment of an Educational Secretary in each branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, as well as a Parish Missionary Committee composed of men and women. To make the Vice-President chairman of a committee on membership, is a great help in solving this question. One of the greatest problems of each parish at present is how to interest the men and boys in the mission of the Church. If through some means the men could be aroused and organized they will gladly claim the privilege of training the future men—our boys. This difficulty, we are sure, can be solved if the officers of each Branch in consultation with the Rector and in prayerful consideration of the subject, will

adopt definite plans for it, and if each individual member does her part in her own home, and among her friends to carry out these plans and to especially emphasize the **Gift of Life**. Monthly conferences of officers will accomplish many things that heretofore have seemed hard because done in a haphazard way. The Every Member Canvass for workers as well as for gifts, is another excellent way to overcome indifference as has been proven in every parish where it has been conducted in an intelligent manner.

Perhaps you remember in the Fall Convocation Meetings the following thought which we tried to impress upon you. That primarily, the **Woman's Auxiliary should be the educational and inspirational missionary force in a parish**. The officers and members, intelligent, consecrated women, with a realization of the true mission of the Church in the world. They should through prayer and a study of conditions, create within themselves an enthusiasm that will go out in ever widening circles to those with whom they come in contact, until the whole parish will be permeated with a spirit of zeal for the establishment of the Kingdom of God upon earth. And it is our earnest hope that the day is not far distant, when the apportionment to General and Diocesan Missions will go through the hands of the parish treasurer, each woman doing her utmost toward this pledge of duty, and that only the overflowing **Thank Offering**, of grateful love to our Father for all His mercies, and the **Central Expense and Discretionary Fund** pass through the hands of the Diocesan Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary.

This may seem revolutionary, but we must remember we are first members of the Parish; and also that this method will solve several of the problems of the Every Member Canvass and Duplex Envelope system which are proving such powerful agents in the practical work of the church. And at the same time it places the Woman's Auxiliary on the very highest plane.

In closing let us thank you all for the help and inspiration you have been during the past three years. To the incoming officers, we give the assurance that our experience and training is at their service in every way possible; and we pray that the realization of His never failing support in this work, given in the comforting Ascensiontide message, "Lo, I am with you always," may be theirs as it has been ours.

MYRA B. SCARLETT,
President Woman's Auxiliary, Southern Ohio.

May 26, 1914.

The Annual Report of the Junior Department

The Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary has had a most satisfactory and successful year. After the awful calamity of the previous year, when every branch did its utmost to assist in the great need caused by the flood, we naturally looked forward to a year full of difficulties. It is therefore with considerable pleasure that we report to you a year of growth and prosperity. We have added to our enrollment ten new branches—four in the Junior, and six in the "Little Helpers" section. This seems a goodly increase in one year, and I suppose we should be satisfied, but we are not for we feel that we should have had twice this number of new branches to report. And we are convinced that with just a little more interest on the part of those who are responsible for this work we could have doubled the number. It does seem as if in this age, when the whole church is making such giant strides along the line of Missions and there is such a rapidly increasing consciousness on the part of the individuals as to the importance of this work, there should be no question as to the real significance of this department of the Woman's Auxiliary work. A training school for the education of those who will take up the work when we lay it down. This fact amply justifies the support of a branch in every parish. The day is not far distant when those Parish Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary which are not fostering a Junior Branch, will be classed among the unprogressive—with those who care only for the present and very little for the future of this great cause. Once more I beg your interest and support and ask you to advance this part of your work in every way that you can.

Our educational work lags a little. This is not in any sense the fault of the Educational Secretary. She has made a brave fight as you will see if you compare the work of the past year with that which was accomplished five years ago. The difficulties in the way are almost unsurmountable. The great diversity of interest which the children of today have, makes an additional study of any kind a burden. Then, there are comparatively few women prepared to teach these subjects. However, with these and many other obstacles in the way, much excellent work has been accomplished. Two special normal classes have been held. One in the Cincinnati Convocation and one in Dayton. The Juniors of the Columbus Con-

vocation entered the class of the Woman's Auxiliary under Miss Tillotson's leadership. Sixteen mission study classes have been held in the three centers, and all but five branches report some work along this line. We frequently hear it said today, that the greatest hindrance to the cause of Missions and perhaps the only hindrance, is the almost unbelievable ignorance on the part of the people as to the work of missions. Does this not also emphasize the work of this department and reveal to each one of us the great need for education?

The Box-work, under its interested and efficient Secretary, has done its usually successful work. This year the work has been confined to three Indian Missions in the South, one Mission in Alaska and one in Morgantown, North Carolina. The total valuation of the year has been \$252.95.

The United Offering is not as large as usual. This is due, possibly, to two causes—first, the natural "let-down" after the triennial, and second, to the change of officers. Miss Matthews, who has been the efficient Treasurer for many years, resigned at the close of the Triennial Convention to undertake the educational work of the Woman's Auxiliary. Difficulty in securing another officer until late in the year made the early campaign work an impossibility. Mrs. Fritz Lichtenberg of Columbus was elected to the office in November. Serious illness in her family soon after prevented her doing anything toward working up the interest. Consequently our report falls far below that of the past two years. The total for the year being \$23.32.

Our Diocesan pledge for this year was \$400.06 and was divided on the same basis as in previous years. Every branch paid its pledge in full and several gave in excess of pledge. The total money value of the year has been \$679.48.

The Little Helpers have almost doubled their enrollment. While we have done some good work, this department has many undeveloped possibilities. This work I feel has not had the attention it deserves. This has been due in part to the frequent change in the Secretary. Our present Secretary has struggled to fan into flame the tiny spark of life. That she succeeded is shown by the good results of the year's work. The changing of the name from "Baby Branch" to that of the Little Helpers will do much toward broadening the activity of this section.

The crowning feature of our year's work and possibly the greatest contribution which the Juniors have made to the cause of Missions is the gift of life.

Sister Edith Constance, the Junior Leader of Bethany Home, Glendale, will go with Sister Helen to China to work under Bishop Huntington. It is our sincere hope that the example set by these two women may be the inspiration

which will lead many of our young women to give themselves as messengers to carry the glad tidings.

In closing this report I wish to acknowledge my deep appreciation of the help and support which Mrs. Scarlett and her associate workers—members of the board—have given at all times to the work of this section. They have all taken the deepest interest in all which concerned the department and have advanced its interest in every possible way. If we have advanced during these past three years it is due in no small part to their support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSIE F. TUIITE,
President of the Junior Department.

Report of the Educational Secretary

The report for the third year of organized Mission Study in the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio under the direction of an Educational Secretary is encouraging. There would have been cause for thankfulness had the work merely held its own (whereas it has made some progress) for this winter Mission Study has been put to the test of losing Miss Tillotson, to whom Southern Ohio owes so great a debt; perhaps none of us knew how great till we found that her services had been given so wisely and in such a spirit that on her departure to a larger field, her work could bear the strain of self-support and self-development. Those, and possibly only those, who in the future will be privileged to build on her foundations will fully realize the gratitude due her.

Miss Tillotson reports that besides work done outside the diocese last fall, she held an Institute at Springfield, and visited Marietta, Bellaire and Martin's Ferry; in the summer she and four members of the Auxiliary attended the Summer Conference at Silver Bay, two of the number holding scholarships given by one Auxiliary woman. All have led one or more classes during the winter. It is to be hoped that even a larger delegation there and at Lake Geneva will increase our leaders' inspiration and efficiency for the coming year.

In January Miss Tillotson led Normal classes in Columbus in the Interdenominational School of Mission Study which owed its existence to our own Woman's Auxiliary President and was largely attended by members of our own Church.

At its close, Miss Tillotson took up her present position of Assistant Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Church Missions House. Her successor's attention has been confined almost exclusively to the Cincinnati Convocation. In January she had led a Normal Class of six members, with one exception new material, four of whom led classes in Lent. This with the two Interdenominational classes led by Mr. Millikin in Cincinnati in November, and largely attended by our own Church members, constitute all the Normal work in Cincinnati this winter and produced twelve leaders available for the Lenten classes, of which there were sixteen. More classes could have been formed had leaders been plentiful. The Normal Class, the sixteen Lenten and two pre-Lenten classes make nineteen in the Cincinnati Convocation as against twenty-two last year; the enrollment being approximately two hundred and thirty-five.

The Educational Secretary made a number of visits to parishes in this Convocation and was once privileged to speak at a joint meeting of the Auxiliaries of Columbus. Besides the Normal work in the Interdenominational School under Miss Tillotson the Columbus Convocation report seventeen Lenten Classes, nine within Columbus itself; under eighteen leaders (some classes having joint leaders) with an enrollment of two hundred and forty-five members. Last year Columbus Convocation had but twelve classes.

The Dayton Convocation reports five classes, the same as last year with an enrollment of over forty. Hence we have had forty-one classes with something over five hundred women in attendance. Last year forty-three classes were reported, but the loss, which is in Normal work, has been equalized by the two Interdenominational Schools.

In Cincinnati we have held our own; in Columbus we have advanced. What do we need to advance all along the line? More leaders—it is fine that I need not ask for better!—but more, many more; that we may have not merely one class in each parish; but one or more in each parish activity, till every one, girl and boy, man and woman, has been reached by the Missionary Message in this peculiarly intensive way. Furthermore, not quite thirty of our parishes have had classes. How are we to grow to the measure of our opportunities? By more Normal Work. Training classes should be held in convenient centers throughout the Autumn and early winter. Good material is not lacking but training is necessary. Given Leaders, we will need Missionary Committees in each parish or where that is not feasible an Educational Secretary in each branch of the Auxiliary. The appointment of such an officer is suggested by the Church Missions House, and would undoubtedly prove a most useful link and could serve as starting point for the broader Committee.

Missionary Education is a far wider thing than the Study Class of which alone we have spoken. Undoubtedly in some branches that do not report a Class there is given some form of Missionary Information. Only three Societies report lectures or talks on China given by the President of the branch or the Rector of the parish, yet many Societies have program meetings, perhaps exclusively or as well as the Lenten Class. It would be helpful to all if any work of the kind was reported to the Secretary; for the strict Study Class after all will not always be advisable and we must learn to adopt methods and perfect programs till in Southern Ohio no Churchwoman exists "who does not believe in Missions!"

As to the question of time; we should not confine ourselves to Lenten Classes. I wish Advent Classes were popular, but at least let us make a place in the year for a Bible Course. Miss Lindley has prepared three that would be a help as a

preparation for the Lenten Courses, and would be of inestimable value in themselves, for how often do we find ourselves handicapped in our work, sometimes powerless, because we have neglected to go to the sources of our strength, the Bible, the Holy Communion and Prayer?

If we in Southern Ohio are to be efficient helpers in His Kingdom, if the Educational Work is to grow and the Missionary Spirit is to fill every heart, we must lay hold of God's gifts and in giving them to others, win the joy of them ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH MATTHEWS,
Educational Secretary Woman's
Auxiliary, Southern Ohio.

Report of the Church Periodical Club

Just figures seem a meagre record and the close of my first year as correspondent of the Periodical Club work is far from satisfying me. With so broad a field before us that which has been done seems small in proportion. But individual instances in which heights and depths have been reached are very encouraging. It has seemed best, while becoming acquainted with this work to consider first the needs of our own diocese and vicinity—though papers and magazines are sent to Alaska and Canada, China and Japan, as well as to the Kentucky mountains and West Virginia camps.

Four more churches have appointed librarians and entered enthusiastically into our work. There could be no sweeter reassurance that a spirit of Christ-like self-sacrifice permeates everyday life than the record of the Church Periodical Club, in its work of sharing with others that which we have enjoyed. Less is done of sending barrels of old magazines, more the regular sending of church papers and magazines of good rank. We are told that in many parts of Alaska people almost lose their mental balance from loneliness. If we value our church papers and good literature so highly, what must their influence be to these far-away neighbors? Sometimes packages of pictures selected from old magazines carry our messages of cheer to them.

Our corporate community service at the biennial convention in New York last October, and the testimony of Western Bishops and Missionaries as to the value of this work, their sense of companionship and growth, deepened and refreshed our interest in this work.

Reverence for Miss Phillips' devotion to this work grows with our knowledge of all that she undertook and accomplished.

The recent death of Mrs. Chapin, who gave twenty-one years of her life to this club work, is an incentive to do more and better work hereafter, as the memorial she would like best.

It is a delight to acknowledge the value of the work done by our librarians, for their zeal and efficiency have been invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY F. MERRILL,
Secretary.

Report of Annual Meeting

The Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in All Saints Church, Portsmouth, on May 26th, 1914. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. Powell assisted by Archdeacons J. H. Dodshon and C. G. Reade of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. At this service there were about eighty-five communicants.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:40 by the President, Mrs. William Scarlett. The program began with a few cordial words of welcome by the Rector of All Saints and a few words from the President of the All Saints Branch of the Auxiliary, at the close of which the roll was called, sixty-five delegates responding.

The Secretary's Annual Report was read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and gave great satisfaction to the members, being the largest amount ever given by the Auxiliary branches. The amount last year seemed larger because of the special gift of \$1000.00.

The President read some extracts from Bishop Loyd's letter on "Specials" in which he emphasized the advantage of giving to General Missions through the Board of Missions, instead of to "specials," illustrating with these words, "It is just the difference between a company of people working together to accomplish a task, and the individuals of the company working to accomplish the task each in his own way, without regard to what others are doing and how it is done."

A letter from Miss Tillotson in regard to the \$25.00 which she returned was read. Miss Elizabeth Mathews gave a short talk on the necessity for more normal classes in order to train leaders. Also emphasized the attendance at the summer conferences as being a very important matter.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Theodore Kemper, seconded by Mrs. Jones: Resolved, that the President of each branch be requested to appoint an Educational Secretary, or a Committee on Education, whose duty shall be to promote missionary education in the Auxiliary and the Parish, unless there is already in the Parish an adequate agency.

Miss Julia C. Emry's helpful letter was read and the suggestions will be acted upon later by the Branches.

Mrs. Herron of Cincinnati read an excellent report of our Diocesan Children's Hospital, giving a very clear idea of the work accomplished.

Miss Josephine Mathews, House Mother at St. Hilda's Hall at the Ohio State University, Columbus, gave an interesting report of this much needed home for girl students.

Noon Day prayers were said by the Rev. Mr. Yates of Middletown.

A few moments were given to the consideration of Provincial Organization of the Woman's Auxiliary, a question to be settled this coming year in consultation with the Bishop of the Diocese.

Letters from Miss Leach and Miss Flory were read telling of their training for the Mission Field. These letters were full of the spirit most desired in those who are going out to do the work of the Master.

A little time was spent in consideration of the apportionment and delegates were urged to spend their energies to assist the Parish in the payment thereof before September first.

Mrs. Mortimer Mathews moved that the Missionary Committee be requested to make the apportionment to the Parishes without reference to the Woman's Auxiliary pledge. Seconded and carried.

The President referred to the increase in the amount given, but said a greater amount is needed which can be secured by a larger membership and advised every Parish to increase its membership the coming year.

Mrs. C. G. Reade offered the following resolution which was duly seconded: "Be it resolved, that the Southern Ohio Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in convention assembled desires to express its deep regret at losing the valuable services of Miss Emily Tillotson, Educational Secretary of this Diocese, combining in her person that devotion to her work, that strong mental ability and those graces of manner which endeared her to all and made her work so efficient and successful. This Diocesan Branch takes a pride however, in having furnished to the Church in this country so capable a Secretary and will continue to take a lively interest in her future, larger work." Motion carried.

Miss Elizabeth Mathews offered the following resolution: "That we continue to meet the expenses of Len Lam for two years, the time she will be in Normal School." Motion carried.

In concluding the business session of the morning the President made a few suggestions for the coming year, i. e.: Every Branch help to raise the Parish apportionment in full;

recommending the duplex envelope system and the every member canvass wherever possible; a missionary committee in every Parish; arouse a missionary spirit in the men and then let them educate the boys; have mission study classes for Sunday School teachers, Girls' Friendly Society and other Parish organizations; also study classes for women outside these organizations and for men; encourage speakers from mission fields, prayer circles, etc.; an honor roll should be kept of parishes who have paid their parish apportionment in full, to be read at the Annual Meeting.

The following Memorial to Mrs. John L. Brown, the former Diocesan Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, was read by Mrs. James H. Perkins, of Cincinnati:

In Memoriam

In the death of Mrs. John L. Brown, which occurred September 27th, 1913, the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Southern Ohio lost one of its most faithful as well as most efficient members.

As Diocesan Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary for seven years she gave herself unreservedly to the work and by her thorough knowledge of even the smallest detail became an authority to be consulted in any emergency. When the General Convention met in Cincinnati in 1911 she was one of those who spent the preceding summer perfecting the plans which made that Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary such a successful one.

It is doubtless true that we but intensify our grief by allowing memory to recall the beauty and worth of such a life, but we can comfort ourselves with the thought that she has gone to her reward, that she is at rest and peace and has left us a noble example to follow.

Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest! May light perpetual shine upon her!

ALICE D. IRWIN
GRACE SHELOCK PROBASCO
MARY L. S. PERKINS
MARIANNA MATTHEWS

A motion was made and carried to send a copy of the Memorial to the family of Mrs. Brown and also spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Mrs. Nicholas Monsarrat read reminiscence of Mrs. Mary H. Rochester, of Albany, New York, who founded the work in Southern Ohio and was its president for years.

The President read her Annual Address which was most beautiful and so characteristic of her interest, love and zeal for the work in this Diocese.

The nominations being closed for the election of the Diocesan President, Mrs. Scarlett appointed Mrs. Kuhn of Clifton, Cincinnati; Mrs. Singleton Outhwaite, Columbus, and Miss Lucy Matthews, Dayton, the tellers to count the votes in nomination.

At 1:15 the Convention adjourned to partake of a very enjoyable luncheon.

2:20 an Official Conference was held. Many valuable suggestions were made by officers from various branches.

Mrs. Stimson gave a few interesting words about the time spent at Silver Bay as being full of enthusiasm and spiritual uplift and advocated mission study as the solution for many of our difficulties.

2:45, assembled in the Parish room and opened the meeting by singing hymn 584.

The report of the tellers on nominations for President was read, Mrs. W. A. Allison of Piqua and Mrs. B. F. Davis of Cincinnati being nominated. The election was then held.

Mrs. B. F. Davis of Cincinnati offered the following resolution:

Whereby, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst Mrs. Strong Vincent, be it resolved, "That we the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio in Convention assembled hereby tender our beloved Bishop our deep and sincere sympathy in the loss of this devoted sister. Mrs. Vincent's magnetic personality, unfailing courtesy, brilliant mind and above all her lovely Christian traits were felt and recognized by friend and acquaintance alike, and we who remain can not but be the better for having had the example of this true Christian."

Mrs. Theodore I. Reese moved, "A rising vote of thanks to our retiring President for her wise conduct of our temporal affairs and for her faithfulness in seeking first the Kingdom of God." Motion carried.

Mrs. Mortimer Mathews offered a resolution of thanks to the Executive Board for their work the past three years.

Mrs. Reade moved that \$50.00 be given to the Junior Work. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jones moved that \$50.00 be given to the Educational Secretary for her work and training. Motion carried.

Mrs. Davis moved that a vote of thanks be given to the Portsmouth Branch for their generous hospitality.

Mrs. Talmadge moved that a message be sent to Mrs. Rochester including thanks for her reminiscence.

The President announced that Mrs. W. H. Allison was elected President, having received a majority on the first ballot.

All retired to the Church where Professor and Mrs. Vivian gave a most interesting illustrated lecture on Palestine.

Bishop Vincent concluded the afternoon program with a few remarks.

Mrs. Davis moved that we send a vote of thanks to Professor and Mrs. Vivian for their interesting and instructive lecture.

Mrs. Woodruff moved that the expenses of Professor and Mrs. Vivian be paid. Motion carried.

At 7:45 a Missionary Mass Meeting was held with a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Symons of Glendale.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE E. WOODRUFF,

Diocesan Secretary.

A Foreword

Every one knows and will forever remember, that Mrs. Mary H. Rochester was the first "Directress" of The Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio.

Her initiative work was not so much the implanting of an embryo slip, as it was a free immeasurable strewing of Missionary seed throughout the Diocese. It was not, immediately, the organization of a mighty power—that came later—but, the persuading-forth of little up-springing growths, here and there, wherever they might appear and catch root—and an unremitting watchful urgency of them, forward.

Her spirit-ardor, ceaselessly on the quest anywhere and everywhere, for the responsive women-heart and acquiescent will, gave the Call which summoned together our Church womanhood to **united** Missionary service.

The earnest spirit within her, had for twin-presence a frolic-sprite, of incidental spontaneous outburst, which was innocent of irreverent intention, and simply the escape of the radiant buoyancy in a nature as quickly sensitive to the "light comedy" of human life as to its most piteous tender appeal. It might "appear" as but a momentary interlude of involuntary easement in the strain of a business session—or come in the shape of a peal of laughing rhymes, always seemingly at the tip of her pen and apt to slip off it, into any business—friendly letter, even if to the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee!

This Woman's Auxiliary had its true beginning—its well-spring source—in Mrs. Rochester's "enthusiasm of being really alive" unto Christ. Her inciting spirit-vitality was its resistless motive power—the "spirit within the wheels" which having started them, remindfully kept them turning.

And ever since has not this energy of spirit devotion been permeating and astir throughout our Auxiliary? Is not the same "old story" still repeating itself?—becoming, as it goes on, the continuing history of the Woman's Auxiliary, Christ himself its All! and His imparted Life **fulfilling itself** in, and through, successive personalities.

The President of this Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio, has claimed in its behalf, from Mrs. Rochester, her story of its Beginning—for presentation here, at this Annual Meeting.

To those who recall that Long-Ago, her two letters of response to this appeal will seem an apparition of her vivid personality.

Mrs. Rochester's Reminiscences

To the Woman's Auxiliary, of Southern Ohio.

All that I was able to do in Southern Ohio should be credited to the Bishops, the Clergy, and the dear women who never failed me. I am frightened even now, as I look back to the winter of 1876—and wonder how I ever dared to take up a work of which I knew absolutely nothing. You must remember that I had only the Bishop to advise me, and he was just beginning, and was very busy—so I tried not to bother him. We had not even a Secretary at our Annual Meetings; the Secretary of the Parish-branch that entertained the Auxiliary took the minutes of the meeting and gave them to me to keep until they should be read the following year. I literally did not know anyone outside of Cincinnati, in Ohio, and I had been there but a few years. The absorptions from which I had come, were those of family life and kindred intimacies, and Society gayeties of the time—its dances, charades and old folks' concerts. When it became known in Rochester that I had been appointed to the Auxiliary leadership in the new diocese of Southern Ohio, by the Bishop, letters came from old friends who wrote that they could not think of me in this new role, so different!

The first Missionary-box sent from the Auxiliary, went from St. James Church, Piqua; the first money came from Grace Church, Pomeroy, and was for Diocesan Missions. I think it was about \$16.00.

I cannot recall the year, and I have no data at hand to guide my memory, but it was at a Diocesan Convention held in Christ Church, Cincinnati, that dear Bishop Jaggard, who was in failing health, asked at the Missionary Meeting for a Diocesan Missionary. Several of the clergy spoke on the subject but no offer of real help was made. I said "I wish I was a man!" Mr. Wm. P. Anderson heard me, and asked what I would do in that case. I said, "I'd offer to raise the money." Mr. Anderson asked: "Do you authorize me to make that statement?" I replied "Yes; ask what amount will be necessary." The answer was \$1,200.00. I was all excitement and said: "Tell the Bishop that the Woman's Auxiliary will be responsible for it." I shall never forget the Bishop's face; he looked ten years younger. The Rev. Mr. Webster, of Dayton, rose and said:

"I have not thought it expedient to organize an Auxiliary Branch, just yet, in my parish, but before the week is ended, Christ Church, Dayton, will report one."

The first cheque which came to me for the salary of the Rev. John Mills Kendrick, Diocesan Missionary, was from the Woman's Auxiliary Branch of Christ Church, Dayton.

Our first Annual Meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Chillicothe, the Rev. Charles Fischer, Rector. I had my report ready, and gave it to the Bishop. Mrs. Burnham of Central New York, was with us that day, and her lovely consecrated face and manner overcame me, I felt so little fitted for the work the Bishop had entrusted to me. When Bishop Jaggar called me up to him to read my report, I shook my head. His second call led me to feel that I must obey, and therefore I read it. I have been crippled a long time, but I have never felt more disabled than I did that day. As soon as the reading was over, I flew to the vestry-room. There, the Bishop found me with my head on the table crying as though my heart would break. I can feel now the touch of his hand on my shoulder, and hear his voice saying, "My poor child, I did not realize that you were not used to reading in church." Between my sobs, I told him that if I had to do this every year, I wanted to have him understand that I could not go on with the work. That was the first and only time that I ever read even my own report, at an Annual Auxiliary Meeting.

My twentieth anniversary in this service was thus observed by the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary, in St. Peters Church, Delaware. A twenty-dollar gold piece was presented to me, with the request that I expend it "for something they could see me wear." I had a ring made with which I sealed my letters. It never leaves my finger, and I shall always wear it until it has passed on to a Southern Ohio friend.

I wonder how many of you remember Bishop Hare's coming to our Auxiliary—I think it was in the year that Christ Church, Dayton, opened its new Parish House. Bishop Hare had been my guest in Cincinnati, and went with me to Dayton. I chanced to know that the next day, May 17th, would be his sixtieth birthday.

As soon as the early service was over, and our Auxiliary Meeting had assembled in the Parish House, I made the inquiry, "Cannot we give \$60.00 to Bishop Hare to-day?" It must then have been 10:00 o'clock, and before noon we had the \$60.00 in gold eagerly paid in, and presented to the Bishop.

Is it any wonder that I loved you all? I never in all of those years suggested anything that it was not cheerfully and quickly carried out.

Bishop Hare used that money to have a window opened in his room in South Dakota, to let the cool breezes float in, which made a hitherto stuffy room most comfortable. He

never forgot that from Southern Ohio had come to him this pleasure. I saw him last, in Richmond, in 1907. He was almost sightless, and his eyes were covered. I crossed the room to him, and said "Bishop, you will not know me, but I want to take your hand." He said, "My dear, I know your voice; I spent my sixtieth birthday with you." Such pleasant memories I have!—and now that I am crippled, I can look back and recall so many, many lovely things! Do you wonder that I love you all?—but why, oh why did you care for me?

I believe we were practically without a Bishop for four years, so broken in health was Bishop Jaggar. Rev. Mr. Kendrick, our Diocesan Missionary, used to say for cheering incentive to me: "You must hold the women together, and I will take care of the Missions." I was only too glad to do all in my power to help, not only Mr. Kendrick, but also our dear Bishop Jaggar. When Bishop Vincent came to his relief, he found my resignation awaiting him. I had then learned that Woman's Auxiliaries in other Dioceses had a completer organization, and each, its own Board of Officers, and I believed that such a change for a more systematized efficiency might be desired by the arriving Bishop. When I received the message asking me to call at his office, I went with all my books and papers, expecting to leave them with him, but took them again into charge at his earnest request, when he told me that he had already sent to his Diocesan paper, *The Chronicle*, the notice of my re-appointment. When I left Southern Ohio some years later, each Auxiliary Branch in the Diocese sent to Bishop Vincent's care, a gift for me. These were given me in the shape in which they had come to him—whether gold, silver or cheque. I brought them to Albany, and as soon as possible I wrote to each Branch; but nothing I could write would ever tell you how I loved you all, and felt your love for me. In all those years, and they were many, I had known only loving kindness; there had never befallen a shadow of unpleasantness between us. You all knew me well, and had overlooked my failures, believing that I had done my best. I really gave the best part of my life to you, but I was paid full scripture measure, "running over," every day and hour. Your love and trust made everything bright and happy, and made, indeed, a joy of the service. I wish you might all have known those I then knew, but now they may be to many among you, but honored names. In every Parish, they were my friends in the truest sense of the word.

(Here follows a list which names fourteen of the Rector friends of Mrs. Rochester's treasuring recollection—and her comment is: "Had you known them as I knew them, you would not wonder that I class them with my Auxiliary friendships of blessed memory.")

Her letter continues: I have not said what I did with your parting gift. I bought a very beautiful writing desk. My work with you had been chiefly through correspondence, and I felt that this desk would be an "outward and visible sign" which would seem to be forever bringing me close to you, in the long accustomed way. I had it marked by a brass plate, engraved "Mary H. Rochester, from the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio, 1876-1901." I wish this letter might have been written at that desk, but I am away from my home, and writing from Saratoga. I have not been quite as well, and my Doctor thought best to send me here for a time.

Let me speak again of my friends in the Auxiliary who are as dear, and held as near to me, as in the days of the Long Ago.

(She names eighteen, and then adds): "You can skip them as you read, but I can never drop them from my memory. Some of them are with you still. When you see them, tell them there are tears in my heart as I write their names.

You all know of the stroke that came to me six years ago—which almost made me helpless. I have my brain, and partial use of my right hand—but I can still **trust**, and I want to **work** as long as I can.

Such joy came to me last Fall! Miss Julia Emery secured rooms for me in the hotel with herself, and many of my old time Auxiliary friends. I shall never forget all that was done to make me happy. The Southern Ohio delegation welcomed me as one of them, and placed their badge upon me, and gave a luncheon for me. Some were at first quite strangers to me, but I knew them **all** before we parted.

(Bishop McKim has rendered to Mrs. Rochester a tribute which is her tender pride and deep joy—in naming for her a Mary H. Rochester room in the Hospital at Tokyo. He will himself place upon the wall a tablet of brass, inscribed with her name. Many of her personal friends are joyously pressing forward with souvenir offerings for this room. In the midst of the tender overflow of her acknowledgments of them, there came a characteristic outburst of gay verses—an effervescence of the thrill stirring the depths within her—to a discovered dear some one who had sent her gift for the Hospital-Room in fancied secrecy.)

Mrs. Rochester's letter to the Annual Meeting held in Portsmouth, closes thus:

An Auxiliary story would not be complete without mention of Mrs. Mary Emery Twing, the founder of the Woman's Auxiliary, and of her sister and successor in its leadership, Miss Julia C. Emery—both of them my dear friends from the very beginning of my undertaken responsibilities. We ought to give thanks every day for the example of those two sisters.

Did ever woman have better friends than God has given me? I ought to be most grateful—and always “I shall thank my God for every remembrance of you all.”

MARY H. ROCHESTER,

Of Southern Ohio—Italicized as designated by her own significant underscoring, for emphasis.

The Adirondack Lodge,
Franklin Square, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
May 11th, 1914.

A week later, May 17th, Mrs. Rochester wrote a second letter, believing that some things had been omitted from her first one to the Auxiliary, which might have been found of interest. Therein, the story continues its sweet natural on-flow.

Soon after the pioneer Diocese of Ohio had changed, from its singleness of extended organization, into the fuller branching growth of the present two Dioceses—Ohio, and Southern Ohio—the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Jaggar became, as you know, the Bishop of Southern Ohio.

Among his earliest undertakings, was that of the establishment of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Ohio.

The foundation of a scholarship in St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, was perhaps its first Missionary out-reach, and was soon followed by the undertaking also, of one in St. John's College, Shanghai—the maintenance of both being still continued by our Auxiliary, and each Parish Branch sharing in the support of the Bishop Vincent Scholarship in St. John's College, and the Bishop Jaggar Scholarship in St. Mary's Hall.

To-day, it seems strange to find the attention of the entire church called to these two institutions of our long-perpetuated Auxiliary interest.

The May Jaggar Scholarship, in Cuttington, West Africa, was undertaken in memory of the Bishop's young daughter, for whom I was also successful in obtaining the memorial endowment of a bed in our Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. Other Scholarships have from time to time become responsibilities of our Auxiliary; the Rev. J. F. Ohl Scholarship, supported by St. James Church, Zanesville; Jeannette Platt Scholarship, St. Peters Church, Delaware; Walter Halsted Scholarship, Grace Church, Avondale; and the Mary H. Rochester Scholarship in Montgomery Institute, San Antonio, Texas. This last was located and named by Bishop Elliott of Western Texas.

Bishop Boone made an appeal to us for a church in or near Shanghai. The land could be procured for a low price, provided the money could be obtained at once. The Auxiliary bought the land, and built the Chapel of the Redeemer, in loving memory of the Rev. Charles H. Young, the late Rector of St. John's Church, Worthington.

All this, apparently—as I look back upon it—must have been a drain upon our treasury, but I was your Secretary, as well as Treasurer, and I cannot remember our ever having been without money. I believe that our Auxiliary branch had grown into a sturdy tree that bore golden fruit which we could gather whenever we wished to give. I really do not think that we ever turned a deaf ear to any appeal.

I have mentioned the Children's Hospital. Wasn't it lovely that after I left Ohio, the Bishop and Board of Managers wished me to continue in its service? It has been such a joy to feel that I am still connected with the Diocese I love so well. Each time that the Annual Report comes, I look to see my name, and smile a happy smile to find myself still there, with you. Blessed be the memory of Old Times!

And now, on the 26th, you will meet in All Saints Church, Portsmouth.

It seems but yesterday that I went with Bishop Jaggard up the River to our Annual Meeting—and in such lovely May weather! I remember every hour of that happy time. Dr. Burr and Mr. Badger, Rectors present there, then—are now “away,” but I feel that their influence must still be lingering among the worshipers in All-Saint Church.

The next day we crossed the river and on the Kentucky hills we gathered the Mountain Laurel. I bought three large market baskets and filled them. **How** did I bring them home? The Diocesan Convention closed, and there were many of the Clergy coming down the beautiful river to Cincinnati! Now you can see how I brought it all home. The following Sunday the dear Church of the Advent was more beautiful than ever, with its wreathing Mountain Laurel. Of course, this incident is not the asked-for “reminiscence of my work-days in Southern Ohio,” but only a sunshine-ray let fall from one of the many happy times there, which I can never forget. Make use of any part of this letter that may be of interest to the Auxiliary—but when cutting out the “things of no account” please do **not** cut out the love that goes with my story.

Tuesday Morning, May 17th, 1914.

An Afterword

In one of her intimate letters to a friend, we find the fitting final words of Mrs. Rochester's wistful “hail and farewell” to the Auxiliary, this afternoon:

“I feel like a grandmother in Israel, as I look back upon the Old Times.

“O, but I should like to be with you on the 26th!

“Give my dear love to the Auxiliary—I do wish I could meet with you all, once more, but——

“There is another Country!”

Constitution and By-Laws

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name.—The name of this Association shall be "The Southern Ohio Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

ARTICLE II

Object.—The object of this Association is to carry out in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, by united and systematic efforts, the three great aims of the Woman's Auxiliary, viz.: Daily Prayer for Missions, the Study of Missions, and Systematic Giving for Missions.

ARTICLE III

Membership.—The Church itself is the Missionary Society. Every baptized person is a member of that Society. All women and all parish societies of women, in this Diocese, willing to carry out the purpose of this Association, shall be considered members of it.

ARTICLE IV

Officers.—The officers of this Association shall be the Bishop, a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Box Secretary, a Treasurer, a Treasurer of the United Offering, and an Educational Secretary.

These officers, with the President of the Junior Auxiliary, shall also constitute the Executive Board of the Association.

ARTICLE V

Duties.—Sec. 1. The Executive Board shall—subject to the Association—direct the active work of the Association, and have power to adopt by-laws for the Association.

Sec. 2. The Bishop, when present, shall preside at meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board.

Sec. 3. The President shall be elected at the Annual Meeting next after the General Triennial Meeting, to serve for three years, but shall not be eligible for two consecutive full terms. She shall, with the Bishop's approval, appoint all other Diocesan officers, except the Vice Presidents, to serve for three years. She shall call meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and shall, in the Bishop's absence, preside at them. She shall exercise a general supervision of the work and further it in every way by her interest and advice, and especially by an address at the Annual Meeting.

In case of a vacancy in the office of President, such vacancy shall be filled until the next Annual Meeting, by appointment made by the Bishop and a committee of two selected by the Executive Board.

Sec. 4. Each Vice President shall be elected as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting at which the President is elected, by the members of her own Convocation, to serve for three years, but shall not be eligible for two consecutive full terms. An election, either for a full or unexpired term, shall be held at a Convocation meeting called for the purpose by the retiring Vice President or by the President. A Vice President, with the approval of the President, may appoint any other Convocation officer in her own Convocation, and prescribe their duties. She shall preside at all meetings in her own Convocation.

She shall co-operate with the President in promoting local intelligence and interest, and in directing local organization and work in her own Convocation.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Executive Board and of the Annual Meeting. She shall conduct all correspondence of the Association and of the Board, except as provided for in Sec. 6 of this article. She shall also make an annual report of the work done from data furnished by the other officers.

Sec. 6. The Box Secretary shall receive and distribute all information relating to missionary boxes, and shall report annually to the Secretary the work done.

Sec. 7. The President of the Junior Auxiliary, shall direct the work of that Association, and shall report in full at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Sec. 8. The Treasurer shall record, receive, disburse, and keep account of all money distributed, except that from the United Offering; and shall also make an annual report of the same.

Sec. 9. The Treasurer of the United Offering shall, under the direction of the Executive Board, promote this interest locally by correspondence or visitation, and shall report annually the amount in hand, and forward the triennial offering.

Sec. 10. The duties of the Educational Secretary to be a general supervision of all Missionary Educational work of the Diocese, carried on under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings.—Sec. 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of this Association. Every parish branch may send three delegates, including an executive officer; and every mission branch one delegate. Except in the election of a President, executive officers, when not delegates, may vote on all questions before the house.

Sec. 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least twice a year. Five officers shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. Convocation meetings may be held on the call of the Convocation Officers.

Sec. 4. Delegates to the Triennial shall be elected from the active membership of the Auxiliary, by a majority vote of the delegates at the Annual Meeting next before the Triennial meeting. Nomination of delegates to the Triennial may be made by any delegate to the Annual Meeting and must be sent in, in writing not later than the morning session of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Mode of Election.—Sec. 1. In the election of a President any delegate may nominate; all nominations must be written; all elections must be by ballot, and each Parish or Mission shall cast but one vote.

Sec. 2. Unless there be an election by a clear majority on the first ballot, the chair shall declare the two names having the largest number of votes, and subsequent ballots shall be upon these two names until a majority vote is reached.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendment.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the whole number of delegates at any Annual Meeting, notice of such proposed amendment having been given at the previous meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The Annual Meeting shall be held, if practicable, on the day before and at the same place as the Annual Convention of the Diocese.

2. The Order of Business at any Annual Meeting shall be:

1. A service of Holy Communion.
2. Roll Call.
3. The Annual report of the Secretary.
4. Annual report of Treasurer.
5. Report of the President of the Junior and Baby Branches.
6. Report of Box Secretary.
7. Report of the Treasurer of the United Offering.
8. Report of Educational Secretary.
9. Report of the Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club.
10. The President's address.
11. Pledges for the new year.
12. New business.
13. The election of President.
14. Minutes.

3. Parish election of delegates shall take place during the month preceding the Annual Meeting, and be immediately reported by the local Secretary to the Diocesan Secretary.

4. A Central Expense Fund of \$300 should be provided for printing, postage, stationery, and traveling expenses of officers and speakers.

5. Local receipts for the United Offering shall be remitted to its Treasurer in April and October, except triennially in September.

6. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Treasurer of the United Offering shall be audited and certified in the printed annual report of the Association.

7. The annual report of the Diocesan correspondent of the Church Periodical Club may be printed in the annual report of this Association.

8. An Intelligence Committee of three persons, one for each department of Missions—diocesan, domestic, and foreign—may be appointed by the Executive Board when necessary.

9. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Executive Board.

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