

APPENDIX C.

Reports and Proceedings

OF THE

Southern Virginia Branch

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 1898.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OF THE

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS, HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 1898.

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The Annual Meeting of the Southern Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, was held in the Chapel of Trinity Church, Staunton, on Wednesday, June 8th, 1898, at 10 a. m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a.m. by the Rev. Dr. Hullihen, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Jett, who gave the address.

Upon calling the vote, delegates from the Woman's Auxiliary were found to be present from the following branches:

Ascension, Amherst,
St. James, Boynton,
Epiphany, Danville,
Grace, Lexington,
Nelson Parish, Lovingston,
Grace, Lynchburg,
St. Paul's, Lynchburg,
Christ, Martinsville,

Christ, Norfolk,
Grace, Petersburg,
Macgill Memorial, Pulaski,
Trinity, Portsmouth,
Trinity, Staunton,
Emmanuel, Staunton,
Bruton Church, Williamsburg.

And from the Junior Auxiliary, from

St. Paul's, Norfolk,

Grace, Lynchburg.

The Annual Reports of the Diocesan Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, and of the Babies' Branch, were read, and showed that the contributions of this year were \$350.00 above what was reported last year. Miss Stuart, of Virginia, gave a most inspiring talk upon the Tri-ennial service to be held in Washington next October, and of the great benefits that would follow an attendance upon it, and invited all present to join the other women of the Auxiliary at an especial service to be held in old Christ Church, Alexandria, during the first week of the General Convention.

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Mrs. Hubbard, Custodian of the United Offering, gave the report of this fund, urging most earnestly upon the Auxiliary to use every effort, in the few months that remain, to make up the hoped for amount of \$2,000, as Southern Virginia's gift to this noble object. A resolution was passed that \$1,000 of our offering be specified for the purpose of sending out a worker for the school at Wuchang, China, where Miss Lily Ward laboured until her death last July.

The hour of twelve having come, Noon-day prayers were offered by the Rev. Mr. Alfried, of Pulaski, after which he gave a most graphic and inspiring account of the way in which his people, undaunted by the loss by fire of their Church, have heroically raised over \$1,000, and presented it as their Easter offering; and that without resorting to any such expedients, as fairs, suppers, or entertainments. Pulaski City and its rector have given a noble object lesson to the Church at large on this point.

The Diocesan Secretary then called especial attention to the Prayer Cards, which have been issued for especial use among the members of the Southern Virginia Branch of the Auxiliary, and urge their faithful use.

The Report of the Prayer Book Society was read, and a resolution adopted that the Diocesan Branch give annually \$25.00 to that Society.

The Gold Dollar Fund Report was read, showing not quite \$300 in hand, and a leaflet telling its history, and asking for contributions towards it, was shown, and copies distributed.

The Report of the Church Periodical Club was read, which showed that, while its Correspondent had worked faithfully, only nine parishes had undertaken the work and responded to her efforts.

We next had the great pleasure of hearing from our Southern Virginia Missionary among the Ute Indians, Miss Garrett, an account of her work in that isolated field, and it could not fail to be an inspiration to all of us, to note the unswerving faith and confidence in the over-ruling guidance

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and protection of her Heavenly Father, that had sustained her in her work.

At the conclusion of her talk, Rev. Dr. Hullihen came forward and read the following telegram from the Wytheville branch of the Auxiliary to the Diocesan branch, then in session "Greeting, we are with you in spirit, Heb. vi. 10.", Dr. Hullihen then announced that Lunch was ready to be served, and the meeting adjourned for an hour. Upon re-assembling, the first order of business was the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of the old officers. The Annual pledges of \$100.00 for Miss Mann of Japan, \$100.00 for Miss Imboden, of Damascus, Va., \$50.00 for Life Insurance of Rev. Mr. Morris, of Brazil, and \$25.00 for Miss Sabine, of Alaska, were renewed. The delegates were urged to make their monthly meetings more interesting, and their annual reports to the Diocesan Secretary more exact. Mrs. A. T. Twing, of New York, gave a most delightful talk on "Mission work at home and abroad," after which letters were read from Misses Mann and Babcock of Japan, and from Miss Dodson of China.

Resolutions of most hearty thanks were passed to the Auxiliary in Staunton for their hospitality, and the meeting was closed by the Rev. J. Cleveland Hall, of Danville, who had extended a cordial welcome to the Auxiliary to hold their next meeting in his parish-

At other meetings held during the week, the Auxiliary had the pleasure of being addressed by Rev. H. D. Page of Japan, and Rev. W. C. Brown of Brazil.

L. L. TAYLOR,

Diocesan Secretary Woman's Auxiliary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS,
IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA.

In presenting the Report of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year ending, May, 1898, the Diocesan Secretary feels that she can, year by year, as she gathers together and compiles the reports of the parish branches, see the broadening and deepening of true Missionary interest on the part of the women of our church, as their attention is drawn, by means of the Auxiliary, to a more systematic study of the Mission field, and of the needs which God has put in their power to supply.

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When a Missionary comes home from the isolation and the burdens of his distant field, he now feels certain of at least one sympathetic audience to whom he may tell the story of his labours, and of the need of those darkened souls to whom the church has sent him. And, when in our own diocese, a time of unusual stress and financial struggle comes to any parish, its Rector knows instinctively to what body of church workers he may turn at least for sympathy, and also for such material aid as may be in their power to give; and I think the Bishop of our Diocese also realizes that in the Woman's Auxiliary he has a band of faithful, loyal workers, ever ready to respond to any call he may make upon them.

In our diocese, Pulaski and Damascus can testify to the ready sympathy and helpful aid given by the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia.

The contributions for the year, in money and boxes, have been \$5522.71, of which \$1372.48 were for Diocesan Missions, \$579.00 were for Domestic Missions, \$1104.40 were for Foreign Missions, \$662.00 were for the United Offering, and \$63.00 were for the fund for Central Expenses.

The value of the boxes sent was \$1741.83. Of this amount the Junior Auxiliary gave \$505.88, and the Babies' Branch \$200.00.

We have branches now in 42 parishes, two of which have been added in the past year, and the initial steps toward the formation of branches have been taken in several other points. We count 1325 women of our diocese members of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Junior Auxiliary has 31 branches with 807 members, and is steadily increasing in intelligence and efficiency under the wise leadership of its Secretary. The Babies' Branch, under its consecrated President, is sowing the seed of missionary interest among the very youngest of Christ's flock, and doing a work which will bear a rich harvest in the years to come.

The claims of the United Offering have been faithfully kept before us by its energetic and deeply interested custodian, to whose untiring efforts not a little of the success of the offering of 1898 will be due.

Besides the very pleasant, and, we trust, profitable meetings of the Auxiliary held in Portsmouth last June, two convocation meetings were held, one in Lexington and one in Norfolk, in October, the beginning of the working year, and it is hoped to have these annual meetings in each Convocation of the Diocese. The Diocesan Secretary visited the branches of the Auxiliary in Lynchburg, Amherst, Lexington, and Staunton.

One gratifying feature noted in reviewing the work of the year, is that the smaller and weaker parishes are becoming more impressed with

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the idea of their being able to take part in our work, even though their money contributions must necessarily be small, and that prayer and sympathy are no small part of the help, the Auxiliary stands pledged for, and from these so-called weaker parishes, women are offering themselves to the mission work of the Church, and some only waiting for the liberal out-pouring into God's treasury, which we are hoping the United Offering of next October will bring, to have their offer accepted by the Church and to be sent to their chosen field of labor. May the day never come when Virginia is not foremost, as she has ever been in the past, in this offering of men and women to the mission field.

Recognizing the spiritual needs of the men and women sent out as our substitutes to the mission fields, and noting their repeated requests for the prayers of those whom they consider to be behind them in their work, and realizing that "any time" is apt to become "no time," the Southern Virginia Branch of the Auxiliary has issued a Prayer Card, on which different missionaries and their field are commended to the united prayers of its members each day, and it is hoped that by the faithful use of these cards, many spiritual blessings may come down upon these various fields of our Church work.

Another feature of the year's work has been the establishment of a branch of the Church Periodical Club, which organization does as much good, and perhaps more, for a similar expenditure of time and money, as any we have ever known, and it is hoped that every Branch of the Auxiliary will try to take part in this most helpful work.

In closing this record of the faithful work of the women of the Auxiliary during the past year, we must not fail to express our sense of deep loss, by the taking from us to a yet higher and more perfect service, of the first Secretary of our Prayer Book Society, Mrs. Conway Sams, of Norfolk, and of the President of the Smithfield Branch of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Charles Hayden, and of Mrs. Thos. Cook, Secretary of the Auxiliary of St. Paul's, Norfolk.

To the President, ex-officio, of our Diocesan Branch, our Bishop, and to the clergy, to whose counsel and sympathetic interest in our work we feel we owe much of its success, we give our grateful appreciation, trusting that they may continue their interest and support, that so we may be co-workers in the up-building of the kingdom of our Lord and Master, Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. TAYLOR,

June, 1898.

Diocesan Secretary.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAME OF BRANCH.	No. Mem- bers.	Money.	Boxes.	Total.
St. Thomas, Abingdon,.....	17	37 00	3 25	40 25
Ascension, Amherst,.....	20	8 46	.....	8 46
St. John's, Bedford City,.....	17	14 35	.....	14 35
St. Luke's, Blackstone,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emmanuel, Bristol,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas, Berkley,.....	8	2 50	.....	2 50
St. Peter's, Brambleton,.....	26	32 00	.....	32 00
St. James, Boydton,.....	18	32 07	.....	32 07
Epiphany, Danville,.....	35	56 50	.....	56 50
Christ, Eastville,.....	16	24 04	36 00	60 04
Centurion, Fortress Monroe,.....	16	17 00	37 00	54 00
Emmanuel, Franklin,.....	15	8 00	.....	8 00
St. John's, Hampton,.....	25	6 00	.....	6 00
Emmanuel, Kempsville,.....	11	1 00	.....	1 00
Grace, Lexington,.....	24	26 03	25 00	51 03
Nelson Parish, Lovington,.....	15	11 15	.....	11 15
Grace, Lynchburg,.....	60	84 00	111 45	195 45
St. Paul's, Lynchburg,.....	53	54 00	175 00	229 00
Eastern Shore Chapel, Lynnhaven,.....	7	7 00	.....	7 00
Christ, Martinsville,.....	9	6 00	.....	6 00
St. Paul's, Newport News,.....	20	33 50	.....	33 50
Norfolk Branch,.....	.....	365 00	317 50	682 50
Christ, Norfolk,.....	118	868 60	289 00	1157 60
St. Paul's, Norfolk,.....	67	110 00	85 00	195 00
St. Luke's, Norfolk,.....	118	146 80	55 00	201 80
Grace, Norfolk,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holy Trinity, Onancock,.....	22	17 00	30 00	47 00
Grace, Petersburg,.....	40	419 96	52 75	472 71
St. Paul's, Petersburg,.....	112	68 15	.....	68 15
Macgill Memorial, Pulaski City,.....	15	22 00	.....	22 00
Trinity, Portsmouth,.....	60	34 74	45 00	79 74
St. John's, Portsmouth,.....	19	20 50	.....	20 50
St. James, Radford,.....	20	24 50	.....	24 50
St. John's, Roanoke,.....	22	53 00	98 00	151 00
Trinity, Staunton,.....	68	128 00	20 00	148 00
Emmanuel, Staunton,.....	27	37 60	46 80	84 40
Virginia Female Institute, Staunton,.....	62	217 55	63 50	281 05
St. Paul's, Salem,.....	28	78 00	10 00	88 00
St. Paul's, Suffolk,.....	33	62 90	15 00	77 90
Christ, Smithfield,.....	20	38 00	.....	38 00
Bruton Church, Williamsburg,.....	25	30 31	83 35	113 66
St. John's, Wytheville,.....	21	93 42	.....	93 42
JUNIOR AUXILIARY.				
*Abingdon, St. Thomas',.....	40	8 25	12 50	20 75
*Amherst, Ascension,.....	20	.....	.....	.....
Bedford City, St. John's,.....	16	24 50	.....	24 50
*Buena Vista, St. John's,.....	15	17 00	.....	17 00
Boydton, St. James',.....	18	7 65	9 00	16 65
*Brambleton, St. Peter's,.....	31	1 00	19 75	20 75

*Junior Auxiliary Sunday Schools.

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NAME.	No. Mem- bers.	Money.	Boxes.	Total.
City Point, Christ, (colored).....	16	6 15	8 00	14 15
Christiansburg, St. Thomas',.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danville, Epiphany,.....	25	5 00	.....	5 00
*Damascus, St. Paul's,.....	25	10 00	6 80	16 80
Eastville, Christ,.....	.....	33 31	6 00	39 31
Evington, Good Shepherd,.....	13	11 00	.....	11 00
*Franklin, Emmanuel,.....	21	7 97	14 00	21 97
*Forest, Bedford,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hampton, St. John's,.....	60	.....	.....	.....
Lexington, Grace Memorial,.....	25	5 00	7 25	12 25
*Lynchburg, Grace Memorial,.....	160	53 77	31 00	84 77
Martinsville, Christ,.....	15	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk, St. Paul's,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ St. Luke's,.....	45	6 50	43 00	49 50
“ Christ,.....	64	4 90	7 75	12 65
“ Grace, (colored).....	20	2 00	.....	2 00
Portsmouth, Trinity,.....	30	18 65	3 70	22 35
“ St. John's,.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Petersburg, Grace,.....	15	10 70	.....	10 70
Roanoke, St. John's,.....	6	.....	21 50	21 50
Salem, St. Paul's,.....	20	13 50	.....	13 50
Smithfield, Christ,.....	20	13 50	.....	13 50
Staunton, Trinity,.....	20	1 54	1 80	3 34
*Staunton, Emmanuel,.....	25	.....	.....	.....
Suffolk, St. Paul's,.....	12	4 00	6 50	10 50
Williamsburg, Bruton,.....	24	1 90	15 50	17 40
Wytheville, St. John's,.....	6	5 50	.....	5 50
*Junior Auxiliary Sunday Schools.				

BABIES' BRANCH.

Branches, 30. Numbers, 527. Contributions, \$175.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year.....\$28.48
 Received during past year..... 66.00 \$94.48

EXPENDITURES.

Printing Annual Reports.....\$ 3.50
 Copying circular letter..... 1.75
 Postage for Diocesan Secretary..... 13.19
 Stationery for Diocesan Secretary..... 1.68
 Expenses Junior Auxiliary Secretary..... 25.80
 Travelling expenses President Babies' Branch..... 3.95
 Expenses annual meeting..... 11.40
 Typewriting annual report..... 50 \$61.77
 Balance in hand \$32.71
 Total,.....\$94.48