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The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southern Virginia was held in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Oct. 21 to Oct. 24, 1914, with 48 delegates present.

The Holy Communion was celebrated on Wednesday at 10 A. M., by Rev. A. C. Thomson, Rector of the Parish.

The President called the meeting to order and a cordial welcome was extended the delegates and visitors by the Rector.

Mrs. Letcher was the bearer of a message from Bishop Randolph expressing his regret at being absent from the opening meeting, and his hope to be present before the convention adjourned.

She then made her annual report and the Treasurer's report followed, which showed a balance of \$318.50 in the treasury.

The annual report of the Little Helpers' Branch was given by its President, Miss Garrett, who named as the banner branch St. Paul's, Petersburg, which this year had given \$208.00. The total amount from all branches was about \$680.00.

Following an urgent appeal from St. Paul's Colored School at Lawrenceville, the President warmly commended the work of this institution, which she had recently visited. She asked that each branch would try to send something to Lawrenceville, even though a small amount.

The renewal of the annual pledges was taken up, and on motion, it was decided to renew all of these and in addition, to give \$100.00 to the work at Buena Vista, for this year, \$25.00 of this was by personal gift and \$75.00 to be taken from the balance in the treasury.

The noon-day prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. A. Brown of St. John's, Portsmouth.

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Archdeacon E. A. Rich spoke about his field in southwest Virginia; of its rich natural resources, and of the wonderful opportunity just now for mission work in this territory, which at present has six women workers, and is in great need of six more, and two men.

Mr. Rich said that the \$400.00 given by the Auxiliary last year, as a memorial of Dr. John Lloyd, was used, until about June 1st, for the salary and expenses of a woman worker. When circumstances forced her to give up the work, it had gone towards the work being done in that field by several women.

He earnestly hoped that the Woman's Auxiliary would again send this \$400.00 to be used—not for one worker, but for various ones, as the need demanded.

Deaconess Williams gave an interesting account of her work at Dante, and of the needs there. She said that several volunteer workers had helped her for a month or more at a time, and she suggested that Some Auxiliary branches might undertake the support of one of these volunteers (which is about \$15.00 per month) for a month or more.

The suggestion of Miss Neely that a committee be appointed to place the boxes sent in the Diocese, was favorably received, and Miss Neely, Mrs. Legh Powell and one other to be selected by them, were named on this committee.

At 8 o'clock, a reception was tendered the delegates and visitors, by the Auxiliary of Trinity Church, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Parrish, the President of the First Circle.

THURSDAY.

At 10:30 A. M. the Convention re-assembled, and after prayer, Mrs. John J. Lloyd read the report of the Junior Auxiliary.

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Mrs. Hobart made a short talk on the Mission Study Class, followed by Mrs. Castle who spoke earnestly on the United Offering, and gave a report of the same, which showed this to have been its best year, with \$1,555.28 received.

Rev. J. M. B. Gill then gave an interesting account of his work in China and made an appeal for the school for girls at Nanking.

At the close of his address he held the noon-day prayer service.

A letter of greeting to the Woman's Auxiliary from Miss Clara Neely in Kyoto, was read by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Neely.

Rev. Hubard Lloyd spoke most earnestly for the missions in Japan and Miss Boyd of Tokio told of her work among Japanese women, a valuable part of which is her boarding home for young girls who are alone in that great city.

At one o'clock luncheon was served in the parish house to the delegates and visitors.

At 2:30, a Study class in Missions was conducted by Mrs. Burnley Lankford, Educational Secretary; and a number of those present joined in discussion of the questions.

Miss Saunier was asked to tell of some of her methods in Sunday School work at Flat Top Yards, and among other things she showed a large map—her own handiwork—on which she had demonstrated in an ingenious and very interesting way, the winning of the world by our missionaries.

At eight o'clock evening service was held with the Bishop of the Diocese and several of the clergy in the chancel when the Rev. Mr. Gill delivered an address on his work in China.

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FRIDAY.

After opening prayer, the meeting was called to order by the President and Mrs. Anderson, the correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, gave her report.

Mrs. Darling of St. John's, Hampton, in an original and vivacious paper told how to make missionary meetings successful, and described the methods used in her Auxiliary. A motion was carried that this inspiring paper should be sent to the Southern Churchman, for publication, and also printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

Deaconess Adams of Keokee spoke of her plans for a mission home, and the need of funds for this purpose. She also spoke of the great happiness which the boxes (especially the Xmas boxes) gave her people.

Miss Carietta Davis was unable to be present, but sent a letter describing the wreck of their church by a severe windstorm, and asking for help in rebuilding.

Miss Bloxton gave a short but comprehensive account of the Indian Mission at Amherst and its needs. Her special appeal was for funds to employ an industrial teacher for the school.

Dr. Bratenahl, Missionary Secretary of the Third Province, offered noon-day prayers, and made a short address, in which he explained the aim and purpose of the provincial system.

Miss Whitfield told of the growth of Grace Mission, the Home for Homeless Boys; and Deaconess Gibson, who has recently come into the Diocese, spoke of the work at Schuyler.

All of these faithful workers expressed appreciation of the boxes and other helps which the branches have sent.

The resignation of Mrs. John J. Lloyd was received with deep regret, and a resolution was passed commending her faithful and loving work and asking God's bless-

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ing upon her. The selection of her successor was left to the President and the Bishop.

The old officers were re-elected and Mrs. Holliday of Staunton was chosen to fill the place of Vice-President, left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Mingea.

Miss Fanny Sams, the delegate from St. Paul's Norfolk, gave the convention a cordial invitation to meet at St. Paul's, October, 1915. A rising vote of thanks was given the Rector and the members of Trinity Church for their gracious hospitality.

The Branches then made pledges as follows:

Rev. Mr. Gill's work, China.....	\$ 85 00
Archdeacon Russell's work, Va.....	75 00
Miss Whitfield's work, Va.....	67 00
Miss Carietta Davis' work, Va.....	86 00
Miss Bloxton's work, Va.....	60 00
Rev. Hubard Lloyd's work, Japan.....	65 00
Miss Boyd's work, Japan.....	10 00
Deaconess Williams' work, Va.....	52 50
Deaconess Adams' work, Va.....	120 00
Deaconess Gibson's work, Va.....	12 50
J. J. Lloyd Memorial, Va.....	10 00

The Annual Meeting was then closed with prayer and the benediction and the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c.

At 3:30 P. M. the delegates and visitors enjoyed an automobile ride to points of interest in the city, returning in time for the Quiet Hour in the church at 5 o'clock, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Bratenahl.

The closing service was held in St. John's Church at 8 o'clock, when the Rev. Dr. Bratenahl delivered an able address.

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Report of the President and Secretary.

Twenty-five years ago, in June, 1890, the Diocesan Branch of The Woman's Auxiliary, in the then undivided Diocese of Virginia, was organized in St. Paul's Church, Norfolk. The meeting was called by the Norfolk Branch, and delegates were present from Alexandria, Richmond, Winchester, Portsmouth, Hampton and Norfolk—nine in all. At that time the only Branches within the bounds of the present Diocese of Southern Virginia, were those in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Hampton.

Short views of a great work are always discouraging, so when each year we sent in our report, the advance seemed so small—so little change—it almost seemed as if no progress had been made at all; but today, looking back to this meagre beginning of 25 years ago, to this little circle of nine delegates, and then to our first annual meeting, when we found in the whole undivided Diocese of Virginia only 17 Parish Branches organized and at work and the entire amount given, in money and boxes, to be only \$4,330, and now realize that in the Diocese of Southern Virginia alone we have at this time 93 branches who, this year, gave in money and boxes about \$14,000, with about an equal number of branches, giving about an equal amount in the other half of the old Diocese—over 180 Branches, giving in one year about \$28,000—we feel that we have good reason to thank God and take courage.

During these years, our grand triennial United Offering has been successfully launched, missionary study classes have been organized, and missionary work of various kinds has been undertaken and accomplished; but in reviewing it all, we cannot fail to recognize the influence of those sainted ones, who have passed on before, and whose inspiration was the creative force of this Dio-

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cesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary during the days of its earliest beginnings.

During the year that has passed, our interest in the work and in the workers of our Mountain Missions has not flagged, nor have our Foreign missionaries been forgotten. The Branches have done well; and whilst more could have been done, we trust our growth in the near future may more nearly fulfill the promise of our early years, and that the spiritual life of the Branches may be deepened and strengthened, as well as their efforts towards material progress be increased.

The Junior Auxiliary, bereft of its devoted president—Mrs. John J. Lloyd—who for twenty years has been their inspiration, has been fortunate in securing for their leader Mrs. Frank Darling of Hampton, whose recognized missionary enthusiasm and executive ability, eminently fit her for the position. The Little Helpers (Baby's Branch) still under the loving guidance of Miss Mary Garrett of Williamsburg, successfully continues its beautiful work. Trusting that our growth in the next quarter of a century may be many times greater than in the one just closing, I am,

Sincerely and faithfully yours,

LOULIE TAYLOR LETCHER,
Diocesan President.

The annual pledges for last year were as follows:

DIOCESAN BRANCH PLEDGES.

Dr. Harry Taylor—Our own Missionary-----	\$ 930 00
Miss Mary Packard, Brazil-----	25 00
Bishop Funsten's work, Idaho-----	50 00
Miss Mann, Japan-----	100 00
Miss Sabine, Alaska-----	50 00
General work in Brazil-----	25 00

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DIOCESAN BRANCH PLEDGES—Continued.

Church at Buena Vista-----	100 00
Colored Theological Seminary, Petersburg, Va..	50 00
Colored Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va....	50 00
Church Periodical Club-----	5 00
 Total -----	\$1,385 00

It is hoped that every Branch, in addition to these pledges, will send a small contribution for the Central Fund, which is used for printing, postage, and the expenses of missionaries to our annual and Convocational meetings.

IN MONEY AND BOXES THE AUXILIARY HAS GIVEN THIS
YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

MISSIONS	Woman's	Juniors'	Babies'	Totals
Diocesan—Money -----	\$ 3,077 35	\$ 241 50	\$ 137 50	\$ 3,456 35
Diocesan—Boxes -----	3,631 55	559 20	154 45	4,345 20
Domestic—Money -----	1,162 55	118 15	50 00	1,330 70
Domestic—Boxes -----	742 25	33 00	26 00	801 25
Foreign—Money -----	2,536 05	232 50	206 00	2,974 55
Foreign—Boxes -----	196 00	25 35		221 35
United Offering -----	1,657 35	93 90	75 00	1,826 25
Central Expenses -----	44 10	14 50	34 50	93 10
 TOTALS-----	*\$13,047 20	\$ 1,318 10	\$ 683 45	\$15,048 75

*Of this amount \$41.00 in money and \$186.00 in boxes were sent to the Belgians.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAME OF BRANCH	Mem- bers'	MISSIONS		United Offering	Total
		Boxes	Money		
Abingdon, St. Thomas I	18	12 00	20 50	25 00	57 50
Abingdon, St. Thomas II	10	50 00			50 00
Accomac, St. James	17	67 00	29 10	7 50	103 60
Amherst, Ascension	12		1 50	12 15	13 65
*Bedford, St. John's I	27	42 25	30 10	5 50	77 85
*Bedford, Peaks II	23	66 00	65 00	5 50	136 50
Big Stone Gap, Christ	10		12 00	5 10	17 10
Blackstone, St. Luke's	16		25 00	14 35	39 35
*Boydton, St. James'	17		19 75	46 10	65 85
Bridgetown, Hungars	18	26 00	30 50	7 00	63 50
Bristol, Emmanuel	5	30 00	9 00	5 00	44 00
*Cape Charles, Emmanuel	20	70 00	22 00	13 75	105 75
Chatham, St. Paul's	15		2 50		2 50
Chester, St. John's	12	35 00	23 75		58 75
Christiansburg, St. Thomas'	75	40 25	40 00	41 75	122 00
City Point, St. John's	18	15 00	5 00		20 00
Clifton Forge, St. Andrew's	6		25 00		
Coeburn, Mission	4	15 00	5 75		20 75
Covington, Emmanuel	28	35 00	44 00		79 00
*Covington, Grace Mission	7		7 40	2 00	9 40
*Dante, Mission	11	10 40	92 00	4 30	106 70
*Danville, Epiphany I	76	50 00	67 00	39 55	156 55
Danville, Epiphany II	24		36 00		36 00
*Eastville, Christ	25	99 00	69 40	8 35	176 75
Emporia, Christ	16	5 00	17 00		22 00
*Farmville, Johns' Memorial	24	84 50	14 20	16 40	115 10
Forest Hill, Good Shepherd	11		20 00		20 00
*Franklin, Emmanuel	19	5 00	13 00	7 00	25 00
*Graham, St. Mary's	79	34 25	24 00		58 25
*Hampton, St. John's	80	189 50	189 60	59 45	438 55
Houston, St. John's	20		38 45	22 70	61 15
*Keokee, Mission	8		25 40	7 50	32 90
Lawrenceville, St. Andrew's	31	35 00	33 85	6 00	74 85
Lawrenceville, St. Paul's	35		30 00		30 00
*Lexington, R.E.Lee Memorial	30	55 40	70 00	14 60	140 00
Lovington, Trinity	13	10 00	16 45	20 15	46 60
*Lynnhaven, Emmanuel	14	5 00	15 00	6 00	26 00
Lynchburg, Grace	20	55 15	115 00	25 65	195 80
Lynchburg, Good Shepherd	5				
*Lynchburg, St. John's	22	224 50	61 65	20 65	306 80
*Lynchburg, St. Paul's I	35	116 30	100 00	145 00	361 30
*Lynchburg, St. Paul's II	50	50 00	30 00	35 00	115 00
Marion, Christ	7	23 00	8 00		31 00
*Martinsville, Christ I	8		5 00		5 00
Martinsville, Christ II	10		5 00		5 00
*Newport News	33	65 00	118 25	45 00	228 25
*Norfolk, Ascension	17	5 20	75 00		80 20

*Delegate at Annual Meeting.

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NAME OF BRANCH	Mem- ber	MISSIONS		United Offering	Total
		Boxes	Money		
*Norfolk, Christ I	100	283 50	241 50	60 00	585 00
*Norfolk, Christ II	33	101 50	102 00		203 50
*Norfolk, Grace	30	4 00	4 00	7 50	15 50
*Norfolk, St. Andrew's	37	70 00	55 00	45 00	170 00
*Norfolk, St. Luke's I	16	148 00	143 00	86 50	377 50
*Norfolk, St. Luke's II	55	165 00	33 00		198 00
*Norfolk, St. Paul's I	34	190 00	150 50	226 00	566 50
*Norfolk, St. Paul's II	30	71 85	54 60	3 00	129 45
*Norfolk, St. Peter's	16	50 40	21 65	28 50	100 55
*Norfolk-Berkley, St. Paul's	15	29 00	5 00	15 00	49 00
Norfolk-Berkley, St. Thomas'	30	71 00	50 00	20 00	141 00
Onancock, Holy Trinity	16	30 00	17 50	13 50	61 00
†Pearisburg, Mission	10				
*Petersburg, Grace I	46	66 00	221 20	24 25	311 45
Petersburg, Grace II	20	50 00	52 25	3 00	105 25
Petersburg, St. John's	16	23 85	35 00	5 00	63 85
*Petersburg, St. Paul's I	58	215 75	92 00	50 00	357 75
Petersburg, St. Paul's II	29	107 60	93 00	15 00	215 60
Petersburg, St. Paul's III	18	111 25	18 00	3 80	133 05
*Port Norfolk, St. Stephen's	21	17 00	16 50	5 75	39 25
*Portsmouth, St. John's	25	145 00	54 20	42 60	241 80
*Portsmouth, Trinity I	55	135 00	106 00	25 00	266 00
*Portsmouth, Trinity II	53	103 00	161 40	19 40	283 80
*Portsmouth, Trinity III	28	31 00	40 00		71 00
Pulaski, Magill Memorial	12	42 00	23 15		65 15
Radford, Grace	8	3 10	10 00		13 10
*Roanoke, Christ	20	30 00	61 50	35 00	126 50
*Roanoke, St. John's	28	152 80	120 50	50 00	323 30
*Rocky Mount, Trinity	14		12 50	8 05	20 55
Rocky Mount, St. Peter's	25	8 00		7 00	15 00
*Salem, St. Paul's	14	31 50	42 00	10 00	83 50
Saltville, St. Paul's	14	20 60	10 00		130 60
*Schuyler, Christ	5	5 00	9 50	3 10	17 60
Smithfield, Christ	19	160 65	24 00	5 75	190 40
*South Boston, Trinity	17	35 00	50 00		85 00
*So. Richmond, Meade Mem.	20		20 00	5 50	25 50
Staunton, Emmanuel	28	133 95	46 00	33 00	212 95
Staunton, Stuart Hall	92	20 00	544 50	2 55	567 05
Staunton, Trinity	37	54 50	128 20	38 90	221 60
*Suffolk, St. Paul's	23		62 00	27 00	89 00
Surry, St. Paul's	3	20 00			20 00
Waynesboro, St. John's	9	20 00			20 00
*Williamsburg, Old Bruton	27	5 00	60 00	5 00	70 00
*Wytheville, St. John's	48	50 00	9 00	53 70	112 70
Individual Gifts			2070 00		2070 00
Offertory at Meetings			21 00		21 00
TOTAL		2260 4647 50	6698 25	1657 35	13003 10

*Delegate at Annual Meeting.

†No Report.

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Twentieth Annual Report of the Junior Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, from May, 1914, to May, 1915.

At the Annual Meeting of the Junior Auxiliary in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, last October, we were saddened by the prospect of Mrs. J. J. Lloyd's departure for Japan. Mrs. Lloyd has worked so earnestly and faithfully for the Junior Auxiliary of Southern Virginia that it was indeed a calamity to think of her going so far away. Though distant in body, her spirit, interest and love for the Juniors are ever with us in Southern Virginia. Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Letcher asked me if I would take charge of the Juniors.

It is unnecessary for me to say that it would be impossible for me to take Mrs. Lloyd's place, but I told them I would do what I could after the first of the year. In February, we reorganized, feeling that the real leader of the Juniors was in far away Japan, and we have done our best not to let the work go down.

We continued with Miss Lila Tucker, 610 Court St., Lynchburg, as Vice-President. Miss Roberta Newton, 716 Boissevain St., Norfolk, as Secretary and Treasurer, and Miss Edmina Whittle, 227 Freemason St., Norfolk, as Educational Secretary.

The three-fold mission of the Juniors is to Pray, Work and Give. To study missions and to learn what the missionaries are doing is also most important, as the more we know about them the greater our interest.

Our regular pledges are as follows:

Alaska, School at Anvik.....	\$50.00
Africa, School at Cape Palmas.....	25.00
China, St. Mary's School, Shanghai.....	50.00

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Japan, St. Luke's Hospital, "Children's Cot" Tokyo	50.00
Japan, "Widely Loving Society," Orphanage, Osaka	30.00
Lawrenceville, St. Paul's Industrial School	25.00
Mexico, _____, Work Mexico	25.00
Church Publishing Company	5.00

We have also responded to the appeal made so eloquently by Mrs. Pancoast for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, and to the Emergency Fund. We have pledged 150 joyful and 150 useful Christmas gifts to Mr. Joyner's work in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The details of our work will be given you by the Secretary.

I have not been able to visit many of the branches, but I have heard of the wonderful work that has been done by many. And it has been my pleasure to meet some of the leaders. May I urge the clergymen who see this report to give the Juniors their hearty co-operation. When we write to the Parishes from which we have had no report of the Juniors, it is not that we are begging you for money, but begging for your prayers for missions and for your interest in missions. If Christians are going to prove that religion is not a failure, especially in these times when motherly love seems drowned in the blood of war, we must at least give our prayers and our interest, if we have not the means to give for the support of missions. The future church workers of the world are among the Juniors. Will not the clergy, Sunday School teachers and all church workers help in training the future missionary workers of the Church?

I wish to express my very great appreciation to the officers of the Junior Auxiliary who have worked so earnestly and faithfully during the past year. Whatever good has been accomplished is due to them and the faithful leaders of the Junior branches throughout the Diocese.

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May I take this opportunity to thank both officers and leaders for your faithful service. Your letters show that you have prayed for your Juniors and their work, and that you are consecrated to the work of spreading the Kingdom of Him who went about doing good, and who took little children in His arms, saying, "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me." May the Juniors of Southern Virginia be drawn nearer to the Master, and may they be shown a way by which they may help the little children who have not had the advantages of Christian homes to also draw near the Christ.

MARY GORTON DARLING.
(MRS. FRANK W. DARLING.)

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	Mem- bers	Money	Boxes	U. O.	Totals
Abingdon	20	15 25			15 25
Bedford City I	12	2 00	18 00		20 00
Bedford City II	10				
Big Stone Gap	10	6 60			6 60
Blackstone	14	16 25	15 00	14 33	45 58
Boydton	8	3 00		1 00	4 00
Chatham Episcopal Institute		177 48			177 48
Christiansburg	20	15 00	13 00		28 00
Clifton Forge					
Covington					
Dante	6	81	2 00		2 81
*Eastville					
*Farmville	11	50			50
Forest Hill	14	10 00	20 00	30 00	60 00
Franklin	12	19 10			19 10
Hampton	35	68 00	35 00	10 00	113 00
Houston					
Kempsville	5		10 00		10 00
Lawrenceville					
Lexington	8	23 00		2 00	25 00
Lynchburg, Grace	22	25 00			25 00
Lynchburg, Good Shp'd (col.)	24	1 00			1 00
Lynchburg, St. John's	12	9 00	10 00		19 00
Lynchburg, St. Paul's	22	12 00	9 75		21 75
Norfolk, Christ	13		18 00		18 00
Norfolk, Grace (col.)	25	5 00			5 00
Norfolk, St. Andrew's	15	25		1 25	1 50
Norfolk, St. Luke's	51	6 75	58 30	3 50	68 55
Norfolk, St. Paul's	15	8 00	12 50	2 00	22 50
Norfolk, St. Peter's	24	5 00	10 50		15 50
Newport News				84	84
Petersburg, Grace	37	9 50	147 25	3 00	159 75
Petersburg, St. John's					
Petersburg, St. Paul's	20	54 31	73 00	10 00	137 31
Portsmouth, All Saints'	10		25 00		25 00
Portsmouth, Trinity,	15	4 25	11 00		15 25
Roanoke, Christ	20	5 00	30 00		35 00
Roanoke, St. John's	20	20 75	12 00	3 00	35 75
Rocky Mount					
Radford					
Salem	10	15 50	22 00	12 00	49 50
Schuyler	15	15 00	4 00		19 00
Smithfield	15		13 00		13 00
Staunton, Emmanuel	12	12 85	2 00		14 85
Staunton, Trinity	13	10 00	14 25		24 25
Williamsburg	10	8 00	12 00		20 00
Wytheville	30	8 00	20 00	1 00	29 00
TOTALS	635	592 15	617 55	93 92	1303 62

*Just organized.

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In Money and Boxes, the Junior Auxiliary has given this year as follows

Missions:	
Diocesan, Money	\$ 241 51
Diocesan, Boxes	559 20
Domestic, Money	118 15
Domestic, Boxes	33 00
Foreign, Money	232 49
Foreign, Boxes	25 35
United Offering	93 92
Central Expenses	14 50
TOTAL	\$1,318 12

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The Twentieth Annual Report of the Little Helpers' Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southern Virginia to the Board of Missions.

God's command to Israel was, "Go forward," and he gives this same command to all Christian people today, "Go forward"; make My Kingdom progressive. Go you into all the world, preach, baptize; carry the message of redemption to the world.

In the old days of Israel there were many who were deemed wise and prudent in their day and generation; who declared this a hard command, who thought it unwise to obey the voice of the Lord. So Israel wandered for forty years in the wilderness of sin, disobeying God. They were looking around on the dangers and difficulties and strength of the adversary; not looking above for strength and power. God had promised to lead them, and the land of promise was in sight. God's promise never fails, they could have entered in and possessed the land; but they entered not in, because of unbelief.

Today God is speaking to every Christian of every land. "Go forward." The earth is mine, with the fullness thereof, claim all lands in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Lo, I am with you even to the end. God's arm is not shortened that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear; but the conversion of the world, the saving of precious human souls, is being held back because of our unbelief, because of our disobedience. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people, and each of us should have the answer ready. What are we doing to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord? Millions of souls are passing and have passed away, with no knowledge of redemption and the

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goodness and mercy of God. They knew not God had come on earth to call them to Himself. Have we no responsibility in the matter? Have we fulfilled our duty to God and man? It is a serious question for each man and woman living in a Christian land to ask themselves. God commands the people of this day and generation to carry the glad tidings to the world; and to our own Master we stand or fall; if we fail, we lose our blessing. Others will be raised up, others will be appointed, for the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea; but he that seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion against him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Thanks be to God, there are many faithful men and women standing on the watch towers, praying, giving, laboring, watching for the coming of God's Kingdom, like Simeon of old. Many Christian heralds in the mission field are reaping rich harvests, and many noble laborers in our own land are busy in the vineyard of the Master, who by their lives and example, are uplifting the world, and glorifying their Father in Heaven, by life and earnest service.

I thank God for the many faithful officers and soldiers of Christ that He has raised up to carry forward the work of "The Little Helpers." They and their dear Little Helpers are full of blessing to their community, to the heathen, and to the world. We see their good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. The Banner Branch of The Little Helpers is again St. Paul's, Petersburg. Miss Victoria Dodson, their leader, again leads them on to victory by her untiring energy, in her love and zeal for the Master, showing to us, of all branches, what can be accomplished through these little ones to advance Christ's Kingdom on earth. The Little Helpers of St. Paul's, Petersburg, and their leader have raised this year in money and boxes, for

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the help of humanity and to the glory of God, \$232.35. Truly God is working through and in this branch.

The Banner Child is again from the Banner Branch, St. Paul's, Petersburg, and is again little Alice Brooks Rodgers, well-known to us all by her liberality in giving. She is a beautiful example to each Little Helper in the generosity of her gift. This year she places in God's treasury \$10.75. A gift like this means sacrifice in a child, and means much.

Next to the Banner child, the largest offering comes from dear little Elsie Murill Howard, daughter of Rev. David W. Howard, rector of St. Luke's Norfolk. She gives \$5.50, and this is the second year she has stood next to the Banner child in giving. What a sweet example she is setting to the children of all ministers in remembering her Creator in the days of her youth. Sarah Barnham, of the same branch, generously gives \$4.57. Blackstone, St. Luke's Church, has the third largest offering given through her branch. Little Susan McBryde Gingnard, of South Carolina, has for many years given annually through this branch \$5.00. In Roanoke, St. John's branch, three little members have given over a dollar. Mason Jamerson, Jr., and his brother, James W. Jamerson, gave last year and again this year \$4.00 apiece. This is a very generous offering coming from one family, and little Bruce Hunt, of the same branch, gives \$1.45.

Our next largest gifts come from St. Thomas' Bedford County; \$3.00 from the same dear little giver, Virginia Thomson Foster, who last year stood third in our list of little givers to the Lord, and little Marie Bowman of St. Paul's, Petersburg Banner Branch, gives the same amount, \$3.00.

Next to our Banner Branch stands St. John's, Hampton, our wonderfully active Little Helpers; under that energetic, untiring leader, Mrs. Charles Hinkle, they have raised this year in money and its equivalent, \$92.05.

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The third largest offering this year comes from old St. Paul's, Norfolk, the old church where our Virginia Auxiliary was founded twenty-five years ago, and it stirs our hearts to assemble here today and to report that The Little Helpers of St. Paul's give to Missions today the goodly sum of \$40.00, and in their ranks have sixty little members. Our grateful thanks are due to these Little Helpers, and to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Albert C. Surpell, their successful leader. Next to old St. Paul's, Norfolk, stands old Bruton Parish Branch, of Williamsburg, whose offering is almost equal to that of St. Paul's, Norfolk. Miss Emily Hall and Miss Katherine Geddy, their two leaders, have labored unceasingly with zeal and earnest consecration in this work. They have 25 members, and have raised \$37.50, and we value and appreciate their success. The Little Helpers of St. Luke's, Norfolk, under their inspiring, efficient leader, Miss Alicia Wilkinson, are always in the front in giving. This year they stand almost with Williamsburg, having raised \$36.71 to help the cause of missions. St. John's, Portsmouth, under its new leader, Mrs. E. W. Maupin, Jr., organized very late, but have accomplished a wonderful work. They have raised in a few months \$29.00 to carry the glad tidings. Our beloved little Branch of St. Luke's, Blackstone, sends \$22.25 to carry God's message to the world. Bedford County, St. Thomas', under their faithful leader, Miss Louisa Burks, from fourteen children sends \$15.75, which averages over one dollar apiece for each member. Christ Church, Norfolk, under their leader, Miss Mary E. Roland, have thirty little members, and send \$15.00 to missions this year. Staunton, Trinity, under Mrs. Walter O. Hullihen, ever faithful, never disappointing, raised this year \$14.00. Roanoke, St. John's, under their new officer, Miss Katherine Cook, did a good work. They organized late, but raised \$13.63. Our new branch, South Boston, Trinity, is

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reporting this year for the first time. Their leader, Miss Louise Penick, and her Little Helpers, 15 in number, raised \$12.34, and are entitled to mention as a leading branch, and we feel and believe they will be fruitful. Berkley, St. Thomas' and Farmville, Johns' Memorial, re-organized too late to report this year, as did our new branch, Lexington, R. E. Lee Memorial.

God has blessed us with this encouragement that each year the Little Helpers Branch grows larger and stronger. This year we report four new branches: Bedford City, St. John's; Big Stone Gap, Christ; Lexington, R. E. Lee Memorial; and South Boston, Trinity. The offering this year comes from 34 branches, one memorial box of non-contributing parishes and 21 cents sent by dear little John Lloyd, Jr., of Catawba. It is the largest offering ever raised by The Little Helpers of the Southern Virginia Diocese, amounting to \$700.27, more than ever before raised.

In reading the reports and letters of many of my dear officers, not mentioned in the list of those privileged in raising the largest offering for God, I read between the lines a consecrated spirit of dedicated service, a desire to labor to train the little ones in the way of the Lord, to serve and to pray. Our God alone has the wisdom and the all-discerning spirit to fathom and to judge who is rendering the most acceptable service in His sight.

With loving appreciation to each officer, and trusting God will bless and keep you each and all, and with loving thanks to every Little Helper, and the prayer that as you grow in stature that you may grow in grace and godliness,

Respectfully submitted,

MARY WINDER GARRETT,
*President Little Helpers, Auxiliary
of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.*

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MEMORIAL BOXES.

Ethel Lacy, in memory of the founder of the Little Helpers'	
Auxiliary in Virginia-----	\$ 14 75
Florence H. Lee, by St. Thomas', Abingdon, Va.-----	52
Margaret Martin Adams, St. John's, Lynchburg, Va.-----	5 00
Richard Fitzgerald Jeffery, Newport News, Va.-----	2 00
William M. Roberts, by St. Stephen's, Port Norfolk, Va.-----	1 08
Herbert E. Roberts, by St. Stephen's, Port Norfolk, Va.-----	52
Gwendolin Roberts, by St. Stephen's, Port Norfolk, Va.-----	52
Carol Nicholls Young, by Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, Va.-----	1 00
Hoggard Memorial, by Emmanuel's, Kemptsville, Va.-----	1 00
Tushington Memorial, Good Shepherd, Lynchburg, Va.-----	1 56
Robert Rush Sayres, by St. John's, Wytheville, Va.-----	50

	\$ 28 45
Number of Branches -----	39
Number of Members -----	751

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THE LITTLE HELPERS' AUXILIARY.

NAME OF BRANCH	Members	Money	Memorial Boxes	Boxes	Donations, Scrap- Books, Easter Cards	Total
Abingdon, St. Thomas' -----	10	4 40	52	-----	-----	4 92
Accomac, St. James, -----	2	4 00	-----	-----	-----	4 00
Bedford City, St. John's -----	18	3 52	-----	-----	-----	3 52
Bedford County, St. Thomas' -----	14	15 75	-----	-----	-----	15 75
Blackstone, St. Luke's -----	5	2 50	14 75	5 00	-----	22 25
Big Stone Gap, Christ -----	25	4 25	-----	-----	-----	4 25
Boydton, St. James' -----	3	1 37	-----	-----	-----	1 37
Cartersville, St. James' -----	9	5 00	-----	-----	-----	5 00
Charlotte Co., Grace -----	14	12 31	-----	-----	-----	12 31
Eastville, Christ -----	6	2 14	-----	-----	-----	2 14
Farmville, Johns' Memorial -----	25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Greenville Co., Grace -----	20	9 69	-----	-----	-----	9 69
Glasgow -----	3	1 00	-----	-----	-----	1 00
Hampton, St. John's -----	52	49 60	-----	19 45	23 00	92 05
Houston, St. John's -----	8	3 02	-----	-----	-----	3 02
Kempsville, Emmanuel -----	13	4 00	1 00	-----	-----	5 00
Lynchburg, Grace -----	14	8 28	-----	-----	-----	8 28
Lynchburg, Good Shepherd-----	3	1 10	1 56	-----	-----	2 66
Lynchburg, St. John's -----	7	5 44	5 00	-----	-----	10 44
Lynchburg, St. Paul's -----	-----	10 00	-----	-----	-----	10 00
Martinsville, Christ -----	10	2 00	-----	-----	-----	2 00
Nelson Co., Trinity -----	5	1 75	-----	-----	-----	1 75
Newport News -----	-----	2 00	-----	-----	-----	2 00
Norfolk, Ascension -----	5	1 33	-----	-----	-----	1 33
Norfolk, Christ -----	30	15 00	-----	-----	-----	15 00
Norfolk, St. Andrew's -----	10	4 00	-----	-----	-----	4 00
Norfolk, St. Luke's -----	55	36 71	-----	-----	-----	36 71
Norfolk, St. Paul's -----	60	40 08	-----	-----	-----	40 08
Petersburg, St. Paul's -----	41	91 36	-----	140 99	-----	232 35
Petersburg, St. John's -----	43	8 50	-----	-----	-----	8 50
Portsmouth, St. John's -----	23	9 10	-----	20 00	-----	29 10
Portsmouth, Trinity -----	50	2 50	-----	-----	-----	2 50
Port Norfolk, St. Stephen's-----	19	8 35	2 12	-----	-----	10 47
Roanoke, St. John's -----	36	13 63	-----	-----	-----	13 63
Salem, St. Paul's -----	20	5 00	-----	-----	-----	5 00
Staunton, Emmanuel -----	16	7 42	-----	-----	-----	7 42
Staunton, Trinity -----	25	14 00	-----	-----	-----	14 00
South Boston, Trinity -----	12	12 34	-----	-----	-----	12 34
Williamsburg, Bruton Parish	25	37 50	1 00	-----	-----	38 50
Wytheville, St. John's -----	15	1 75	50	-----	-----	2 25
Catawba -----	-----	-----	-----	21	-----	21
TOTALS -----	751	459 69	28 45	180 44	28 21	696 79

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SUMMARY FOR MISSIONS—Expended.

Diocesan:

For Bishop Randolph's work in the Diocese	\$100 00
To Home for Homeless Boys, Covington, Va.	25 00
Box to Home for Homeless Boys, valued	3 45
Box to Miss Davis, School, Franklin County	28 95
Box to Phoebe Ann Home, Houston, Halifax County	79 34
Box to Miss Whitfield, Covington, valued	16 50
Box to St. John's Guild, Waynesboro, valued	6 20
Sent by Alice B. Rogers to St. John's Guild	1 00
Box to Miss Fannie Ham, Boydton, Va., val.	20 00
Box to Miss Bloxton, for Amherst Indians	16 00
To Belgium Sufferers	3 00
To Charity in Petersburg	6 50
To Memorial room of Margaret Martin Ad- ams in Home for Homeless Boys	5 00
Colored Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va.	10 00
	\$320 94

Domestic:

Alaska	\$ 25 00
Box of fancy articles to St. Matthews, Halifax Co.	10 00
To Archdeacon F. W. Neve for education of boys	15 00
	50 00

Foreign:

China	\$ 25 00
Dr. Harry Taylor's Salary, Ankin, China	50 00
Little Helpers' Day School	25 00
For enlargement of Kindergarten at Akita	25 00
To Mr. Ishi's Holy Trinity Orphanage	25 00
Mr. Ishi's Hospital	25 00
Miss Mann, Niko, Japan, 230 Easter Cards	23 00
Miss Irun, Niko, Japan	5 00
	203 00
To United Offering	75 00
Total given to Missions	573 94
Expenses	34 51
Balance on hand from last year	8 48
Balance on hand	8 34
Sum Total	\$700 27

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ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN, CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB
OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA, APRIL 1, 1914, TO APRIL 1, 1915.

Current Periodicals sent regularly-----	197
Contributors of Current Periodicals-----	99
Prayer Books and Hymnals-----	5
Books—Theological and Secular-----	45
Tracts and Catechisms-----	40
Odd Magazines and Papers-----	4,895
Christmas and Easter Cards-----	165
Picture Cards and Calendars-----	40
Carols and Music in Books or Sheets-----	40
Boxes, etc., contents not noted-----	13
Expenditures-----	\$42 00

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