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In Loving Remembrance
MRS. ALFRED MAGILL RANDOLPH
Died June 5, 1923.

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DIOCESAN OFFICERS 1924

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Louie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund

MISS MARY GARRETT

Williamsburg, Va.

Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund

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MRS. DAVID CALLENDER, JR.

York Apartment, Norfolk, Va.

OUR PLEDGES FOR 1924

The Diocesan Pledges total \$1,675.00, to which every Circle is asked to contribute something. It is our first obligation, and then comes the Central Fund, which is used to carry on the Diocesan work—and after that—Specials. The ones listed below do not restrict your donations, but enlist your attention, having been selected as both interesting and worthy objects. Missionaries are dependent upon Specials for the many calls which daily come to them, and though you apparently receive no acknowledgment, their gratitude and thanks are very great.

Send all contributions to the Loulie Letcher Memorial Fund, Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund, United Thank Offering, and Library Fund, to their respective Chairmen, and all other donations, even though not listed in the budget, to your Diocesan Treasurer, and she will place them where requested. All money sent for Dabney House will be used for the daily work, unless noted for Building Fund. Bishop Kinsolving has just started a new Mission in Rio Janeiro, and contributions for this cause are most urgent.

The following is the budget adopted for 1924:

DIOCESAN PLEDGES

Diocese—

One-half salary for worker, Dabney House-----	\$ 450.00
Memorial Endowment Fund, Wm. & Mary College, Va.	
(Int. to be used for room rent for students preparing to enter the Theological Seminary-----	250.00
Scholarship at Chatham Female Institute-----	150.00
Episcopal Home for Girls (Special)-----	250.00
Colored Industrial School, Lawrenceville (Special)-----	100.00
Church Periodical Club-----	25.00

Nation—

Food for Rev. John Bentley's Dog Team (Alaska)-----	50.00
Indian Reservation, Bishop John Poyntz, N. D. (Special)	50.00

World—

Salary of Dr. Harry Taylor, China-----	200.00
Training of Native Workers, Kyoto, Japan, Miss Clara Neely (Special)-----	100.00
Liberia, Bishop Overs (Special)-----	50.00

\$1,675.00

SPECIAL PLEDGES FOR 1924

Diocese—

Central Fund	
Dabney House, Java, Va.	
Episcopal Home for Girls, Jarratt, Va.	
Phoebe Anne Community House, Halifax, N. C.	

Nation—

Bear Mountain Mission, Miss Ella Pier, Amherst, Va.	
Mrs. Margaret Binns, Nora, Va.	
Deaconess Williams, Dante, Va.	
Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund.	

World—

Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund	
Medical Library, St. James Hospital, China (Dr. Harry Taylor).	
Brazilian Mission Forwardwork, Rio Janeiro (Bishop Kinsolving).	
The thirty-second annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia will meet in October, 1924, in Christ Church, Norfolk.	

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING, 1923

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Southern Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church opened with an inspiring service held at 8 P. M. Wednesday in Epiphany Church, Danville, conducted by Bishop Tucker, Bishop-Coadjutor A. C. Thomson and Rev. Malcolm Taylor.

A most cordial welcome from the pastor, Rev. Malcolm Taylor, was followed by gracious words of hospitality and good cheer from Mrs. J. D. Crews, First Circle, and Mrs. I. Sweeney, from the Second Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary of Epiphany Church.

Our dearly beloved Bishop B. D. Tucker made a splendid address, telling of the growth of the Woman's Auxiliary since its organization over fifty years ago. He spoke of the feeling of "fellowship in Christ" which is shown by all its members, not only in America, but in all the foreign fields, and emphasized the possibilities that lie before this great organization of women. During the singing of a beautiful anthem by the choir an offering was taken for missions.

At the close of this service the guests spent a pleasant hour in the auditorium of the Sunday school rooms, which had been made lovely with autumn leaves and the lovely flowers of the fall.

Ices and cakes were served by our hostesses.

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The day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion in Epiphany Church at 9 o'clock, Bishop Tucker, Bishop Thomson and Rev. Mr. Taylor officiating.

Immediately following this service all the delegates were taken by automobile to Dabney House, arriving just at 12 o'clock. Bishop Tucker had noon-day prayers.

After going over this perfect little community house, so complete in all its appointment, we went over to the new two-room schoolhouse. In this room, bright with sunshine, blooming plants and God's own little blossoms, who are being trained in His garden by three of the happiest looking young women, namely, Miss Mildred Edmunds, director, Misses Sadie Beamon and Mary Alice Taylor, teachers, it has been my fortune to see for many a day.

Bishop Thomson gave us in a few words the history of Dabney House, and presented to us Mrs. Singleton, known as "the godmother of Dabney House." He further paid a fitting tribute to Mr. Chiswell Dabney, the dearly beloved shepherd of the entire community of Pittsylvania, and to Rev. L. C. Pruden, the two men whose efforts with the work of Mrs. Singleton first conceived this happy thought of a community house in Pittsylvania. Bishop Thomson stated in his mind the ideal community centre is the church, the home, the school. These we have here.

The entire cost of Dabney House was \$5,800; the amount of indebtedness is now \$1,050.00.

The schoolhouse is entirely paid for, and the promised gifts, it is hoped, will pay for the equipment.

We were told this was the birthday of Dabney House. 'Tis one year old today. Surely no one could have planned a more perfect birthday party.

The luncheon served was delicious and the social hour, getting acquainted, was most delightful.

Bishop Tucker appealed to the members of the Auxiliary to take home to others the story of this beautiful work—bringing God's love and human sympathy into the lives and homes of His people.

Driving across the mountains, we find in a perfect setting Chatham Episcopal School for Girls, complete in every detail, to form our girls to appreciate the best things in life, and, we are told, it has a financial value of \$225,000. Here we enjoyed a delicious supper in company with the bright, contented young girls of the institute.

We feel that if the meeting in Danville does nothing else save give the women of Southern Virginia the chance to see what our Church is doing here and at Dabney House, it is well worth while that we have come.

The first business session of the Woman's Auxiliary was opened by singing Hymn No. 143, followed by prayers by Bishop Tucker. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Darling, the president, and she gave a splendid address. This was followed by the roll call.

The following new branches were reported:

Amelia—Christ Church.

Brandon—Burrowsville.

Berkley-Norfolk—St. Bride's.

Claremont—Richie Memorial.

Clarksville—St. Timothy.

North Emporia—St James' (Colored).

Halifax—Emanuel.

Lunenburg—St. James.

Paytonsville—St. Paul's.

Powhatan—Emanuel.

Brunswick—Trinity.

The Secretary was instructed to send a card of greeting to these new branches.

It was voted to send a telegram of love and greetings to Mrs. Tucker. Letters are to be sent to Misses Clara Neely, Etta Ambler and Loulie Boyd, who so miraculously escaped with their lives in the Japanese earthquake.

The report of the First Vice-President and of the Treasurer were read and accepted.

The Second Vice-President and Secretary made verbal reports; accepted.

Mrs. Darling read the report of the "Louie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund."

Mrs. Meade, the Educational Secretary, read both the report of the United Thank Offering in the absence of Mrs. Barksdale; also her own report as Educational Secretary. These reports will be given in full in the Diocesan Journal and the Annual Report.

The President appointed Miss Lila Tucker chairman of the Nominating Committee; also appointed Mrs. Tayloe Gwathmey chairman of Funds for St. Paul's Church, University of Virginia.

Then came the most splendid event of this session of the Auxiliary, a stirring address on the Church's Responsibility to students, by Rev. Noble C. Powell, rector of St. Paul's Church, University of Virginia.

The collection, amounting to \$34.02, taken at this service, will be used for St. Paul's Church, University of Virginia.

Mrs. Darling read a very sweet, sympathetic letter from Mrs. Thompson, expressing the sympathy of the women of Epworth Church, Norfolk, to the Woman's Auxiliary for the great loss the Church has sustained in the recent Japanese disaster. The President was requested to reply to this letter.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th

After a very helpful "quiet hour," conducted by Rev. J. Cleveland Hall, the Woman's Auxiliary opened for a business session.

Mrs. C. W. Moore gave the report of the C. P. C. Accepted. Bishop Thomson then spoke on "Our Diocese." He stated that spiritual motive must be the keynote back of all church enterprise. He told of a map of the Diocese of Southern Virginia supplemented with a hand book of the Diocese which he has prepared. In this hand book will be found statistical and authentic data on all phases of the Diocesan work, and can be had with the map on request from the Diocesan office, address Church Program Committee, 516 Law Building, Norfolk, Va.

Bishop Thomson made very clear the "Budget," expense account for work already established, and "Priorities," advance work or work we hope to accomplish. I wonder if many of us know that in the budget for the missionary work of the Diocese we are assessed \$28,285, and but for help from this fund 93 of our 150 churches would have to close their doors.

For want of a new dormitory last year seventeen men were nec-

essarily turned away from the doors of the Virginia Seminary at Alexandria. We are asked to give to this fund for building \$2,500.

By motion of Bishop Tucker, a rising vote of thanks was given Bishop Thomson for the map and hand book, which is going to be such a help in the work of the Diocese.

Mrs. Raymond Parsons gave the report of supply work. Allotment for this fall is as follows: 4 personal, 1 mission, 1 catechist, 4 women missionaries (Christmas boxes).

Mrs. Parsons further reported that this allotment has been given out, and that the Lenten assignments, hospital work, will be given later. She requested that no value be charged for second-hand clothes, as there is no standard to be governed by, only charge carrying accounts.

Mrs. Theodora K. Wade, Supply Secretary of the Mission House in New York, explained very clearly the method of the allotment—which is made on previous reports made by branches. She further stressed that this supply work should be done by every member of a parish, not only the members of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Deaconess Adams conducted noonday prayers, and spoke in her appealing way of her work in Keokee.

Mrs. C. E. Smith told of the work being done among the colored people of the Diocese. The Executive Council of this Convocation (colored) appropriated \$75 each for scholarships in the Bishop Payne Divinity School and to the St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School, styling both the "Virginia Morgan Russell" Scholarship in memory of the Archdeacon's wife.

A splendid report also came from St. Paul's Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville.

St. James', Lunenburg, colored, tells of supporting for six years an Old Folks' Home connected with the church. There are thirty-two branches of the Colored Woman's Auxiliary.

A vote of \$25 was given from the Central Fund to a Central Fund to be established by the Colored Auxiliary.

Archdeacon Russell was invited to speak to the Auxiliary. He told of the "Louie Taylor Letcher" Memorial Hospital to be built at St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville. Money is in hand and plans have been drawn for this building. He spoke of the value of the School for Religious Education, which was conducted in Lawrenceville this summer. He extended a cordial invitation to the Auxiliary to visit the school.

Miss Hunter gave the report of the G F. S., which report will be printed in detail.

Mrs. Shearer spoke of the Phoebe Ann Community House.

The report of the Bishop Tuttle Memorial was read by Miss Neely in the absence of Mrs. T. P. Thompson.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Archdeacon Ribble.

A motion was made by Mrs. Parsons that a chairman be appointed for Surgical Dressings in Southern Virginia. Mrs. F. C. Steinmetz, of Norfolk, was appointed chairman, by the President, for this work.

The following were elected to the Synod to be held in Washington November 20-23: Mrs. Frank Holladay, Suffolk; Mrs. R. McIlwaine, Norfolk; Mrs. W. E. Meede, Danville. Alternates—Mrs. Homer Ferguson, Newport News; Mrs. F. C. Steinmetz, Norfolk; Mrs. J. D. Crews, Danville.

Miss Jane Neely read a letter from her sister, Miss Clara Neely, telling of her recent distressing experience in the Japanese disaster.

Mrs. Johnson and Miss Gage spoke of the Episcopal Home for Girls, at Jarratt. The adoption of a little girl costs \$150.00 a year and clothes.

The following branches pledged to sponsor one: Hampton, Trinity Church, Portsmouth; Christ Church, Norfolk; St. Paul's, with Grace Church, Petersburg; St. Luke's, First Circle, Norfolk. Clothes for one pledged by Boydton; also by St. Paul's, Norfolk.

Bishop Tucker announced to the Auxiliary with what a deep regret he was obliged to accept Mrs. Darling's resignation as President, and paid a beautiful tribute to her usefulness. The Bishop appointed Mrs. J. Y. S. Mitchell, Jr., Norfolk; Mrs. H. M. Henkel, Danville; Mrs. P. T. Powell, Petersburg, a committee to draft resolutions of regret of the Auxiliary at Mrs. Darling's resignation.

The Bishop, by the authority vested in him, declared Mrs. Darling Honorary President of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Charles R. Grandy, of Norfolk, was appointed by Bishop Tucker to succeed Mrs. Darling as President, and the Secretary was requested to notify Mrs. Grandy of this appointment by telegram.

The Nominating Committee, Miss Lila Tucker, chairman, Miss Vaden and Mrs. Ruan, presented the following ticket:

For First Vice-President—Mrs. Walter Whichard, Norfolk.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. James Scott, Petersburg.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. R. B. James, Danville.

As there were no other nominations, by rising votes these candidates were elected. The other officers were elected for two years at the annual meeting in Newport News.

Miss Neely, chairman on Resolutions, read a resolution on the death of Mrs. Randolph, Honorary Vice-President, and resolutions of thanks to the Auxiliary and members of Epiphany Church, Danville, for their kindness and delightful hospitality. These will appear in full.

Mrs. N. P. Stratton, Newport News, told of the foreign kindergarten in Newport News. This work, developed from study classes, was begun by the Woman's Auxiliary. Now all the churches in Newport News contribute to its maintenance. There is a teacher employed, and during three years she has taught fifteen nationalities.

Mrs. McIlwaine extended an invitation from Christ Church to the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia to hold its next annual meeting in Christ Church, Norfolk. This invitation was accepted.

Mrs. Whichard extended an invitation from St. Paul's, Norfolk. The acceptance was deferred until a future date.

After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the thirty-first annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was declared adjourned.

FRIDAY NIGHT

After a short devotional service conducted by Bishop Tucker, the Bishop-Coadjutor and Rev. Malcolm Taylor, Bishop Tucker requested the Committee on Resolutions to report, and Mrs. J. Y. S. Mitchell, Jr., of Norfolk, read the resolutions on the resignation of Mrs. Darling, which will be found printed on the following page.

Mr. T. M. Mathews, of Portsmouth, gave a very clear, concise talk on the Church's Program for the coming year.

Rev. J. Hubert Lloyd made a splendid address on Japan, after vividly portraying the sufferings of these unfortunate people in the overwhelmingly dreadful earthquake, he said that the Church has now the biggest opportunity it has ever had to help Japan. The Church in America must respond, and respond in haste.

A collection was taken for Japan, amounting to \$279.

In executive session, the Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary decided that the Church School Service League was strong enough and sufficiently well established in the Diocese to exist as a separate organization.

The third annual meeting of this League will convene in Epiphany Church, Danville, October 20.

(Signed)

MRS. FRANK, HOLLADAY,

Secretary W. A. of So. Va.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, our heavenly Father has taken to His home our Honorary President, Mrs. Alfred Randolph;

Be it resolved, that the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, now in session in Epiphany Church, Danville, wish to express their love and sympathy to her family;

That a copy of these resolutions be published in the minutes and sent to those she loved and from whom she will "be lost awhile."

Whereas, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, which has met in Epiphany Church, Danville, Va., has closed its thirty-first annual meeting;

Resolved, that thanks and appreciation be extended to all the members of Epiphany Church for their very kind and most gracious hospitality: to the rector, vestry and choir for services rendered in making the meetings so enjoyable, and to the sexton for his work.

Resolved, further, that thanks be extended to all those who, by use of their autos, made possible the delightful trip to Dabney House and to the Chatham Episcopal Institute, which pleasure can never be forgotten by anyone who was so fortunate as to go. The unique program arranged by the Woman's Auxiliary of Epiphany furnished us all the motive, manner and method of missionary work and the excellent result.

Respectfully,

JANE BOYD NEELY, Chairman.

Resolutions on the resignation of Mrs. Frank Darling as President of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia.

"It was with much regret and deepest feeling that Bishop Tucker announced to the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia his reluctant acceptance of the resignation of our beloved President, Mrs. Darling.

"We, the Woman's Auxiliary, in annual convention assembled, would like to add to the beautiful tribute Bishop Tucker paid our noble leader our own words of love and appreciation.

"We feel that the Auxiliary loses a spiritual adviser, the mission workers a faithful and efficient friend, and each member of the Auxiliary a co-worker, whose personality has so endeared her to us, she will always keep her place in our hearts.

"Resolved, that a copy be spread upon the minutes, and further

"Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the Diocesan Record and Southern Churchman.

"(Signed) MRS. J. Y. S. MITCHELL, Jr., Chairman,
Christ Church, Norfolk.

MRS. H M. HENKEL,
Epiphany, Danville.

MRS. P. T. POWELL,
St. Paul's Church, Petersburg."

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA,
OCTOBER, 1923**

It is a great pleasure that once more we, the women of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, are permitted to gather in this our thirty-first Council of the Woman's Auxiliary. We have seven branches numbering over fifty members, and more than 2,000 members in all. Our little family of workers has grown into a large working body, still clinging to the "vision glorious" as seen by our sainted founder, Mrs. John D. Letcher, and her faithful ally, Miss Sallie Stuart, when "they both dedicated themselves—their lives and their united service—to this noble cause on earth." This emblem of authority which lies on our desk was presented to Mrs. Letcher in loving appreciation of her work in the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia. When Mr. Letcher presented this gavel to the Woman's Auxiliary he said to the President, "Permit me to remind you that it carries with it responsibility and service for the Master—that the reward of faithful service, faithfully performed for Him brings with it a spiritual joy and peace far above and beyond anything this world can give. Such was certainly the experience of the one in whose name I am privileged to present this gavel—for of her it could be truthfully said, 'Her Master's service was her highest joy.'". That should be the experience of every President who should follow of every officer and member. May we not take that as our aim at this meeting, "Our Master's service is our highest joy"?

It is so easy to do what we want to do. We can overcome all sorts of obstacles when we really wish to do certain things. May we make our Master's service our highest joy, and in this conference may we be inspired with a knowledge of the best ways and means of doing our Master's business.

Our last report was finished December 31, 1922. So at this meeting we cannot have complete reports for 1923, as a large share of our work is still incomplete. Our report for 1922 does not total as large amounts, because we do not place a valuation on old clothing and many of our reports were incomplete.

The splendid reports of Epiphany Church, Danville, were not printed, but the work was accomplished just the same and will show in next year's reports. May we say that whenever such an omission occurs in any report, include it in the next year's report and mark it "two years"? It is an inspiration to read what others are doing even if we are too small to do as much in our own branch. We rejoice in our Diocese as a whole and we like to see what our Diocese can do. Even with many branches not reporting, our Diocesan pledges increased in 1922 \$129.45 over 1921, and our Central Fund \$74.86 more than in 1921. We know even without these reports that the scope of the work is broadening and that our report for 1923 will show many new branches. We also know that our Diocesan pledges will be paid by the end of the year. The Treasurer will mail the budget for 1924 to each branch some time in December. It was thought best that the Executive Committee make out the budget after

this meeting. The report blanks for 1923 will be sent at the same time.

We have had the hearty co-operation and inspiration of our Bishops in all of our work. They are always ready to help in every way. The reports of your officers, though not full and complete reports for the year, will, however, tell you what the Auxiliary has accomplished. These reports at this meeting will be more on the order of an address setting forth the work accomplished up to this time and aims for the future. The full report will be printed in January as usual.

Archdeacon Ribble has kindly offered to delay the publication of the November number of the Record that the minutes of this meeting may be printed in its columns. We urge every delegate to see that the Record is in every family and that the members of the Auxiliary read the report of this meeting. May we again urge your making greater use of the Record. Send to the Woman's Auxiliary column interesting and helpful items. The columns will be edited by our Secretary, Mrs. Holladay. Send articles to her by the first of the month.

We have two special funds. The Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial is not only a memorial for our beloved friend and first President of the Woman's Auxiliary, but it gives us an opportunity to help in the education of the girls of poor, stricken Japan. Our other special is the Bishop Tuttle Memorial, which also appeals to every one. What is more needed than a home in New York, where the missionary on a furlough can find rest and refreshment while she is working to be of greater service to "her Master"? Also the home in Raleigh, N. C., for the colored missionary when she is home on a furlough? Then the work in our own Diocese. You will hear of it in detail from our faithful Bishop Coadjutor and from the workers themselves. We would like to speak of each in detail, but time forbids, but we hope every woman here will go home with a more definite grasp of the work of the Auxiliary. That every woman will know what our officers are doing and our chairmen of committees, and be thoroughly familiar with the various activities of our Diocese.

Though we have not the romance and thrills of mountain or mining mission, we have the thrills of putting spiritual life and physical recreation and educational advantages within the reach of our own people—people who did not have these advantages. Our community work in various places is tremendously interesting and our schools and Girls' Home most appealing.

We hope that the reports of December 31, 1923, will show—instead of 1,599 members—a membership of twice that number. How are we going to accomplish this? By every woman in this room doing her part.

We know that in one parish the work of the Woman's Auxiliary has been greatly increased by taking all the women in the parish and dividing them into groups with a neighborhood leader for each group. This Auxiliary has regular officers as usual. They hold four general meetings in the parish house when all the groups meet together and the meetings are planned by the Executive Committee. In the

CONTRIBUTIONS OF W.

LOCATION	NAME OF CHURCH	PRESIDENT
Accomac.....	St. James.....	Mrs. Anna F. Brown.....
Amelia.....	Christ.....	Mrs. P. T. Southall.....
Boydton.....	St. James.....	Mrs. G. H. Finch.....
Berkley.....	St. Brides.....	Mrs. W. W. Robertson, Apt. 2, Pelham Pl., No.
Burrowsville.....	Brandon.....	Mrs. J. J. Hanscom, Savedge, Va., R. F. D.
Calloville.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. C. H. Rollen, Savedge, Va., R. F. D.
Chester.....	St. John's.....	Miss Lula Rowlett.....
Chatham.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. T. G. Faulkner.....
Cape Charles.....	Emmanuel I.....	Mrs. M. Taylor.....
City Point.....	St. John's.....	Mrs. Claiborne Wimbish.....
Cockran.....	St. Mark's.....	Mrs. Wm. E. Price, Meredithville, Va.
Danville.....	Epiphany I.....	Mrs. J. D. Crews, 233 Jefferson Ave.
Danville.....	Epiphany II.....	Mrs. S. C. Cunningham, 401 W. Main St.
Emporia.....	Christ.....	Mrs. W. W. Robertson.....
Eastville.....	Christ I.....	Mrs. E. W. Cowling.....
Farmville.....	John's Memorial.....	Mrs. W. C. Duvall, 808 High St.....
Forest Hill.....	Good Shepherd.....	Mrs. R. A. Goodwin, 42nd St., Forest Hill, Rich.
Franklin.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. John Pretlow.....
Halifax (Houston).....	St. John's.....	Miss Ellen Meade Cosby.....
Hampton.....	St. John's.....	Mrs. Frank Darling.....
Java.....	St. Paul's I.....	Mrs. Sam Terry, Java, Va.
Kempsville.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. James Carraway, Route 2, Norfolk, Va.
Lawrenceville.....	St. Andrews.....	Mrs. E. R. Turnbull.....
McKenney.....	Good Shepherd.....	Mrs. John D. Rives.....
Newport News.....	St. Paul's I.....	Mrs. W. W. Miller, Boulevard.....
Newport News.....	St. Paul's II.....	Miss M. Catharine Harrison, 319 51st St.....
Norfolk.....	Ascension.....	Mrs. F. P. Harriss, 4905 Colonial Ave.....
Norfolk.....	St. Peters.....	Mrs. T. B. Jackson, 1813 Lovitt Ave.....
Norfolk.....	Christ I.....	Mrs. F. C. Steinmetz, 618 Stockley Gardens.....
Norfolk.....	Christ II.....	Miss Cornelia Truxton, 812 Stockley Gardens.....
Norfolk.....	Christ III.....	Mrs. E. B. Tazewell, 524 Pembroke Ave.....
Norfolk.....	Good Shepherd.....	Mrs. T. P. Thompson, Lochaven.....
Norfolk.....	Grace (Colored).....	Mrs. J. E. Casper, 716 A Ave.....
Norfolk.....	St. Andrew's I.....	Mrs. John R. Kilby, 1204 Colonial Ave.....
Norfolk.....	St. Andrew's II.....	Mrs. M. P. Doyle, 1 West End Apt.....
Norfolk.....	St. Luke's II.....	Mrs. James Mann, North Shore Point.....
Norfolk.....	St. Paul's I.....	Mrs. L. C. Shepherd, 803 Colonial Ave.....
Norfolk.....	St. Paul's II.....	Mrs. F. Ballou, 607 Westover Ave.....
Onancock.....	Holy Trinity.....	Mrs. Wm. H. Parker.....
Petersburg.....	Grace I.....	Mrs. Lewis D. Pilcher, 124 Westover Ave.....
Petersburg.....	Grace II.....	Miss M. B. Prichard, 17 N. Market St.....
Petersburg.....	St. John's.....	Miss Bell Sydnor, 26 Lafayette St.....
Petersburg.....	St. Paul's I.....	Mrs. John L. Branch, 136 Marshall St.....
Petersburg.....	St. Paul's II.....	Mrs. T. A. Field, 218 Fillmore St.....
Petersburg.....	St. Paul's III.....	Mrs. P. T. Powell, 303 Webster St.....
Petersburg.....	Good Shepherd I.....	Mrs. James W. Wells, 539 Wythe St.....
Portsmouth.....	St. Stephen's.....	Mrs. Shufflebarger, 349 Florida Ave.....
Portsmouth.....	All Saints.....	Mrs. Cornelia S. North, 1532 A St.....
Portsmouth.....	St. John's I.....	Mrs. H. A. Washington, 300 Middle St.....
Portsmouth.....	St. John's II.....	Miss Hillie Hudgins, 505 Webster Ave.....
Portsmouth.....	Trinity I.....	Mrs. James Darst, Hotel Monroe.....
Portsmouth.....	Trinity II.....	Mrs. Robert Sweeney, 309 Dinwiddie St.....
Portsmouth.....	Trinity III.....	Miss Bessie Hudgins, 11 Hatton St.....
Powhatan.....	Manakin.....	Miss Ethel W. Gorow, Moseley, Va.....
Powhatan.....	Emmanuel.....	Miss B. M. Baugh, Belona, Va.....
Purdy (Near).....	Grace.....	Mrs. Norman F. Marshall, Jarratt, Va., R. F.
Princess Anne Co.....	Old Donation.....	Mrs. Rufus Parks, Lynnhaven.....
Rawlins.....	Trinity.....	Mrs. J. M. Tacker.....
Smithfield.....	Christ I.....	Mrs. F. Cartwright.....
South Boston.....	Trinity.....	Mrs. Pauline G. Singleton.....
So. Richmond.....	Meade Memorial I.....	Miss M. H. Vaden, Buck Hill.....
So. Richmond.....	Meade Memorial II.....	Mrs. Mary E. Jones, 1319 Porter St.....
Suffolk.....	St. Paul's.....	Mrs. A. M. Ridick, 510 N. Main St.....
Williamsburg.....	Old Bruton.....	Mrs. Ruffin Jones.....
		TOTALS.....

A—Box of Clothing. B—Given through Church Fund. C—A very good Circle doing
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S OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Members	Boxes or Work	Diocesan Pledges	Bishop Tuttle	Lulie T. Letcher	Japanese Emer. Fund	Specials	Central Fund	Church Program	TOTAL	
	\$ 3.50	\$ 13.00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 176.00	\$ 2.00	\$.....	\$ 204.55	
14	20.00	9.90							29.90	
20		9.10				3.25	1.90		62.43	
lham Pl., Norfolk.	35	65.00	8.00		A		2.80		86.30	
R. F. D.		12.70			5.00				26.37	
.. F. D.	13	40.00				5.00			54.75	
	18	78.00	20.50		8.00	5.00	2.75		135.25	
	23		44.03				2.50		67.54	
	37	148.19		18.50	5.00	15.00	47.00	3.70	312.75	
18								20.00		
Va.	13	34.75					84.00	1.20	133.20	
ve.	54	28.91	58.00			31.25	142.80	5.80	702.28	
ain St.	46	48.97	90.00			47.25	242.94	10.00	628.00	
	18		10.00					10.00	20.00	
	18						50.00		75.00	
	19		30.00		B	30.00	5.00		102.36	
est Hill, Richmond	19	45.15	10.00			38.00	13.00	3.00	178.83	
	23	50.00				5.00	141.00		196.00	
	24	26.88	12.46		10.00		95.50	3.00	199.96	
	300	346.34	100.00	25.00	10.00	B	198.00	30.00	992.34	
Norfolk, Va.	12								7.11	
	22	13.00			5.00	5.00	10.00	2.50	72.60	
	33	64.00	65.00			5.00	274.50		486.50	
	20					10.00			20.00	
	48	177.45	29.00	20.00		118.07	699.21	3.00	1,115.29	
51st St.	32	71.16	10.00			5.00	90.00	5.00	192.25	
Ave.	24	12.00	20.00					200.00	244.00	
Ave.	20	5.00	5.00		5.00		47.90		77.90	
ley Gardens	69	146.80	74.00			25.00	80.00	10.00	407.80	
ley Gardens	44	218.00	56.25	75.00		55.00	195.00	10.00	646.91	
ke Ave.	20	45.00	20.00	10.00		25.00	59.50	5.00	181.62	
	35	100.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	130.67	105.00	10.00	476.00	
	35		2.00					1.00	4.00	
Ave.	53	44.75	40.00	3.00			121.76	5.00	275.51	
pt.	17	22.50	C						22.50	
oint	38	176.63							176.63	
Ave.	79	199.75	100.00		25.00		170.00	10.00	787.55	
re.	26	275.00					85.00		424.50	
	13	5.00	13.00			B	12.75		51.10	
over Ave.	70	143.93	70.00		35.00		558.42	10.00	990.35	
et St.	15	88.65	50.00	10.00	10.00		37.00	5.00	227.65	
l St.	22	3.00	8.00				29.50	2.00	63.71	
l St.	42	55.85	140.00		15.00		73.44	5.00	388.97	
St.	64	100.01	75.00			25.00	188.96	7.00	517.74	
St.	23	64.36	23.00	5.00		5.00	89.50	2.30	222.46	
St.	29	56.59	10.00		5.00	23.67	53.67		166.03	
re.	19	16.00					52.50	2.50	89.20	
St.	9	24.00	5.00			5.00	18.50		62.50	
re St.	38	51.00	25.00	18.00		25.00	49.00	5.00	276.33	
Ave.	23	13.00	50.00				50.00		150.50	
die St.	40	160.50	61.00				128.25	10.00	426.09	
St.	76	56.50	200.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	460.45	50.00	1,003.76	
St.	8	10.00	20.00				10.00	5.00	62.74	
a.	11		20.00		5.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	76.24	
	17	D							20.00	
, Va., R. F. D. 1.	40	D								
		66.43	4.00			10.00	1.00	50.00	164.88	
		D								
	16	52.26	2.25				25.00	1.30	98.71	
	21	12.74				28.00	154.55		235.81	
	25	38.00	15.00			25.75	23.00	6.00	148.00	
St.	15	25.00	41.50		5.00	34.00	25.75		166.95	
St.	40	78.00	10.00			25.00	68.23		254.37	
							65.00		65.00	
le doing	2038	\$3,640.25	\$1,688.99	\$219.50	\$175.00	\$789.66	\$5,351.83	\$311.25	\$1,293.00	\$16,286.73

D—Recently organized, good beginning.

Original document located in The Archives of the Episcopal Church.

alternate month group meetings are held in the neighborhoods or at the parish house as the leaders plan. Each group raises money in her own little group, which is sent to the General Secretary. One group leader brought every member in her group to the first general meeting in October. Some of these women lived in the country and had never before attended a missionary meeting. Last year they sold chickens and raised money for the Woman's Auxiliary.

We believe every woman can be brought into the Auxiliary if every parish will put the women who do not belong to any circle into some group and send the leader after them. Women who are employed during the day can have their meetings at night. It is a good plan and it works, and not like the successful operation where the patient dies—in this case, if the operation is successful, that is, if you have a live leader, the patient lives every time. It will not interfere with other church societies—let them work through the same grouping if they wish. The leaders can push the Spirit of Missions, the Record, the Study Classes, distribute the Church at Work, arrange for the boxes, each group taking such articles for the box as the members wish. One of the best things about this group method is the visiting. If the rectors only realized the help these Auxiliary leaders' visits are to them they would see these groups were organized in every parish. The sick, new people, infants to be baptized are found and reported to the rector. New interests aroused, members of groups are interested in each other. One lady who had never taken an active part in church work of any kind, not a leader, said, "You know, since we formed our circle I try to look after the sick. I have been to see Mrs. A. every other day for two weeks." A personal interest and personal responsibility. It is a good plan, not a theory, but it is practical.

Our Bishop spoke last night of the valuable spiritual side of our work. We do need money—we spend much time discussing how to raise money, but we also need the spiritual side of the work gained through prayer, study and self-sacrifice. Do not neglect the Corporate Communion—always on Epiphany.

If the rectors only realized the spiritual help a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary can be in the parish, every rector would see that there was one organized in his parish.

One clergyman in charge of several parishes has organized at least two branches within the year. There are many opportunities for service in the Woman's Auxiliary. This year we must work "with a long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether." * * *

"All gone but faith in God." We are almost ashamed of the clothes on our backs, the food on our tables, our beautiful churches, our splendid choirs, our helpful fine sermons, our finely equipped hospitals. God has allowed up to keep so much and Bishop McKim and the missionaries in Tokio and Yokohama have nothing left but "faith."

They have faith in God and faith in us. We know God will not fail them. Will we fail them? We must not take more of your time, but may we, as the leader, express to officers and members of all your faithful and cheerful service during the past year. It is an inspiration to work in such an organization, and you, with whom we have come in contact, have surely made us know that "your Master's service is your highest joy."

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1923

To sum up my year's work on paper seems very little, but my interest was ever present. I attended a meeting of the Executive Board in May, and another in November. Also, in May, I arranged for a Convocational meeting in St. Paul's Parish House, Norfolk. It was largely attended, nineteen Circles being represented. Every branch of the work was presented by a speaker, including "Our Diocese," by Bishop Thomson. Bishop Tucker was also present as well as our President and other officers. Dr. Harry Taylor, of Anking, China, was our special guest and told of his hospital. Rev. Y. T. Chu, of China, gave a brief talk as also did Mr. Gray, of Boone University. The offering (\$44.22) was given to Dr. Taylor.

In October, at the annual meeting, Bishop Tucker appointed me your President, and it was with humble pride I accepted the position, but with the assurance of his help, as well as that of Bishop Thomson, I felt I had no right to decline the honor or position.

I now ask for your indulgence and assistance in every way to further the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, remembering always that it is the only organization entirely missionary in its nature. Read, study, and talk Missions, for them you will pray, work and give, thereby hastening Christ's Command. The Annual Report will soon be out. Read Mrs. Darling's message in your meeting, and other reports, study the objects in the budget, and plan your work, so that your Circle may be able to give abundantly. I stand ready to serve as best I can, so do not hesitate to call on me, especially the Circles recently organized.

Faithfully your Servant,

ELIZABETH NEELY GRANDY.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY FOR 1923**

The first work that came to my hand after my election as Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia was mailing leaflets to each branch of the Auxiliary explaining the "Bishop Bowe Foundation Fund," in addition to this to mail a copy of the Record with marked copy in regard to this same fund.

In March three copies of the Annual Report were mailed to the Branches followed by a post card to each President requesting that the report in the Annual be read at the monthly meetings of Branches. The Executive Board makes this request so that individuals may come in closer touch, and have a more intimate knowledge of the interesting work being done by the Women of the Auxiliary, believing that "to know" would at once make every woman claim her inheritance by baptism: "membership in the Missionary work of the church."

The Annual Report was sent to all Executives of all Societies, and to the clergy in Southern Virginia.

The address of Mr. John Letcher made in Newport News, at the time of his presentation of the gavel to the President of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia; was printed at his expense and sent to each Branch President, with the request that this splendid address be read before the members of each Auxiliary.

Leaflets were sent each Branch at the request of Rev. A. B. Parsons, Assistant Foreign Secretary to the National Council, asking, for women workers in the Missionary field of China and Japan.

A call was sent to the Officers and Secretaries to be present at a meeting of the Executive Committee held in the home of Mrs. Darling, the beloved president. Minutes of this meeting have already appeared in the Record.

A call was sent also to the clergy and Branches in the Norfolk Convocation to be present at a meeting arranged by the Vice President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Grandy, in St. Paul's Parish House. An account of this meeting was also published in the Record.

The Program for the Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was mailed to each Branch President. We have on Roll sixty-four Branches. During the past year one has merged, one reports inactive, 15 Branches sent in no report, 16 new Branches have been formed, making the total 78.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FRANK HOLLADAY, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1923

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1st, 19923-----	\$ 478.96
Received from Diocesan Pledges-----	1,820.60
Received from Central Fund-----	313.80
Received from Offerings, Annual Meeting, Newport News-----	83.62
Received from Offerings, Annual Meeting, Danville, Va.-----	133.89
Received from Offerings, Norfolk Convocation-----	44.22
Received from all other Specials-----	2,427.75
 TOTAL RECEIPTS-----	 \$5,302.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Central Fund.....	\$ 371.88
Dabney House, Salary of Warker and Building Fund and Screening.....	822.50
Episcopal Home for Girls, Jarratt, Va.....	699.50
Colored Industrial School, Lawrenceville.....	125.00
Scholarship, Chatham Female Institute.....	150.00
Bishop Rowe Foundation Fund.....	276.25
General Work in Brazil.....	50.00
Bishop Overs, Liberia.....	50.00
Toward Dr. Harry Taylor's Salary.....	200.00
Dr. Harry Taylor's Hospital, Anking, China.....	234.22
Church Periodical Club.....	10.00
Kindergarten Work, Nippo, Japan.....	505.00
Toward Special Fund, L. T. L., Library, Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund.....	323.58
Japan Emergency Fund.....	517.79
Bear Mt. Mission, Amherst, Va.....	65.00
Phoebe Anne Community House, Halifax, Va.....	64.00
Rev. John Bentley, Alaska (dog food).....	50.00
Deaconess Adams, Keokee, Va.....	38.00
Mrs. Margaret Binns, Nora, Va.....	26.50
Miss Caryetta Davis, Callaway, Va.....	45.00
Woman's Auxiliary (colored), Lunenberg, Va.....	25.00
Deaconess Williams, Dante, Va.....	33.50
Miss Ada Knight.....	23.50
Miss Clara Neely, Education and Relief Work, Kyoto, Japan.....	330.00
Day Nursery, Tokyo.....	24.50
Miss Blacknall, Alaska.....	10.00
Rev. Noble Powell, University Virginia.....	36.02
Bishop St. George Tucker, for Japan.....	36.81
Rev. John Chapman, Japan.....	27.31
Dr. Claud Lee.....	10.00
Miss Etta Ambler, Japan.....	32.50
Heating Plant, Wochang Hospital.....	15.00
Kuling School, China.....	50.00
Boys' Home, Covington, Va.....	43.00
Near East Fund.....	15.00
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	\$4,881.36
Balance January 1st, 1924.....	421.48 \$5,302.84

I take great pleasure in submitting this report, for the full amount pledged for Diocean Pledges was more than received, the first time in

many years, and yet many Circles did not contribute anything. The Central Fund was not large enough to meet the year's expenses, as you will see by the above statement.

(Signed) MRS. SHIRLEY CARTER, Diocean Treasurer.
By MRS. CHARLES R. GRANDY,
Acting Treasurer for 1923.

SUPPLY SECRETARY 1923

I am glad to report a more successful year than shown in figures, as it has been hard for me to get accurate reports from the various branches. \$1,624.73 worth of supply work has been reported. The general report will show that more than that has been done as many branches do special work after finishing their assignments.

Spring 1923 Hospital supplies were sent to St. James Hospital, Ankin, China, value \$1,084.67. Fall 1923, 1 Catechism box, 4 personal boxes, 3 missions, 4 women missionaries, value \$1,422.58.

In 1924 we will make surgical dressings, and the Chairman is Mrs. David Callender, Jr.

(Signed) MRS. RAYMOND PARSONS,
Supply Secretary.

DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM—WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, 1924

At present the Committee on Adult Missionary Education consists of Bishop Thomson, the Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Diocesan Educational Secretary.

The organization planned for the Diocese of Southern Virginia calls for a division of the Diocese into five (5) districts (to be called Woman's Auxiliary Institutes) as follows:

- 1st. Norfolk Institute, comprising the 10 counties in that immediate vicinity.
- 2nd. Petersburg Institute.
- 3rd. Powhatan Institute.
- 4th. Southside Institute.
- 5th. Danville Institute.

Each Institute to have an Educational Secretary who shall be responsible for the distribution of literature, the encouragement of

parish classes and meetings, and the arrangement of Institute meetings. The Educational Secretaries, together with the present committee in Adult Education will comprise the Diocesan Educational Committee. In addition to the above there will be an educational secretary for each parish branch who will promote the plans of the Institute Educational Secretary, as regards the parish and the stimulating of missionary educational work in the parish branch. The Woman's Auxiliary is represented in the Diocesan Board of Religious Education by the Diocesan Educational Secretary, thus solving the problem of co-operation. A fixed program for mission study being unadaptable to all Auxiliaries each year a letter is sent to the Presidents of all branches presenting the text books prepared or selected by the National Council, thereby giving each Auxiliary a choice of study best adapted to local circumstances.

The letter for 1923-1924 was published in the Diocesan Record for September.

The following books may be obtained from the Diocesan Educational Secretary:

"Creative Forces In Japan" -----	\$.50
Suggestions -----	.25
"Missionary Problems and Policies In Japan"-----	.20
Hand Books of the Missions of the Episcopal Church.	
China I. Japan II-----	.40 each
"The Story of the Program."-----	1.00
"Christian Stewardship."-----	.25
"Social Opportunity of the Christian."-----	.25

The attention of the Auxiliaries is particularly called to the fact that our "Diocesan Church Program Committee" puts first Study, (then) Prayer, Work, Give.

The following prayer was written for the Mission Study Classes: O God, we beseech Thee, bless our Mission Study Classes and use them to make known Thy love. Grant us grace to study and understand the message entrusted to us, that we shall hasten with loving zeal to deliver it to Thy honor and glory and the joyful salvation of our fellow men; through the incarnation of Thy Son, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully yours,

K. S. MEADE.

Mrs. Wm. E. Meade, Diocesan Educational Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE LOULIE TAYLOR LETCHER
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

At the meeting of the Auxiliary in Newport News, 1921, your chairman received a gift for \$2,500, conditionally if the Auxiliary would raise the other \$2,500; this from a friend, who desired that the Memorial should be ten thousand dollars. It was enthusiastically received by the Auxiliary—this amount was placed in the hands of your chairman for investment; allowing the interest to accrue to help make up the \$5,000 before it was handed into the Auxiliary.

My report for this year on the second \$5,000 is as follows:

From last year-----	\$3,008.65
From Virginia Auxiliary-----	500.00
From Alexandria Auxiliary-----	37.50
From Hampton Auxiliary-----	10.00
From Accumulated Interest and friends the rest of the amount	50.00
 Total-----	 \$4,078.62

Mrs. Shirley, Treasurer of First \$5,000 reports to date, \$4,293.46.

We are pleased to send in this report and hope that the Auxiliary will take heart and raise the rest of the amounts this year. Would it not be wonderful to send it to suffering Japan at once; and to cheer the heart and encourage our consecrated representative from Virginia, Miss Hattie Williams, whose scholars are going out to carry the gospel to the Sunrise nation who in this, their hour of tribulation, may be more ready to receive the hope and comfort that it brings them.

Yours faithfully,

MARY WINDER GARRETT, Chairman.

REPORT OF BISHOP TUTTLE MEMORIAL, 1923

Total Amount Received-----	\$205.30
Expenses Printing, etc.-----	16.85
Cheque to Mrs. Prince, National Treasurer-----	130.58
Balance on hand December 31st-----	57.87

This amount is not as much as we had hoped to collect during the year, so I urge the Auxiliaries to continue their donations, especially those who have contributed nothing to this fund.

MRS. THOMAS P. THOMPSON, Chairman.

C. P. C. BRANCHES IN 1923
UNITED THANK OFFERING
DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

Mrs. C. Wm. Moore, Correspondent.

Number of Branch	No. of Magazines Sent	No. of Contributors
	Regularly	
1. St. Paul's, Norfolk	19	8
2A. II Circle, Trinity, Portsmouth	19	15
2B. I Circle, Trinity, Portsmouth	9	5
3. St. Andrew's, Norfolk	40	18
4. Emmanuel, Cape Charles	14	12
5. Good Shepherd, Forest Hill, Richmond	No Report.	
6. Stt. Paul's Petersburg	45	10
7. St. Paul's, Newport News	Na Report.	
8. St. John's, Hampton	46	20
9 .St. James', Accomac	12	5
10. St. John's, Halifax	8	4
11. St. John's, Chester	6	3
12. Good Shepherd, Meadowbrook	18	8
13. Christ, Norfolk	12	10
14. St. Paul's, Suffolk	21	10
15. Trinity, South Boston	12	7
16. St. Luke's, Norfolk	9	6
17. Meade Memorial, South Richmond	8	3
18. Grace, Petersburg	15	11
19. Ascension, Norfolk	8	1
20. St. Andrew's, Lawrenceville	1	1
21. St. Luke's, Blackstone	No Report.	
22. Emmanuel, Phœbus	2	1
23. Epiphany, Danville	No Report.	
24. St. John's, Portsmouth	1	1
25. Emmanuel, Franklin	6	3
26. St. Bride's, Norfolk	4	4
27. Christ, Smithfield	7	4
28 Branches	342	170

A letter in the Diocesan Record tells more of the work in detail.

**UNITED THANK OFFERING
DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA**

	Spring	Fall	Total
Accomac C. H., St. James'	\$ 12.05	\$ 10.05	\$ 22.10
Accomac, Holy Trinity, Onancock	-----	20.35	20.35
Amelia C. H., Christ Church	9.90	-----	9.90
Lawrenceville, St. Andrew's	33.00	45.00	78.00
Cochran, St. Mark's	-----	13.08	13.08
Rawlings, Trinity	-----	4.50	4.50
Callaville, Emmanuel	-----	9.65	9.65
South Richmond, Meade Memorial I	28.12	12.13	40.25
South Richmond, Meade Memorial II	35.70	28.00	63.70
South Richmond, Good Shepherd, Forest Hill	37.68	32.00	69.68
Chester, St. John's	9.00	12.00	21.00
McKenney, Good Sheperd	10.00	5.00	15.00
Petersburg, Grace Church, 1st Circle	90.05	82.95	173.00
Petersburg, Grace Church, 2nd Circle	13.25	13.75	27.00
Petersburg, St. Paul's, 1st Circle	62.08	37.60	99.68
Petersburg, St. Paul's, 2nd Circle	49.11	22.66	71.77
Petersburg, St. Paul's, 3rd Circle	17.85	15.45	33.30
Petersburg, St. John's	8.65	12.56	21.21
Petersburg, Good Shepherd Memorial	7.75	9.35	17.10
Petersburg, St. Stephen's (Colored)	11.40	3.65	15.05
Hampton, St. John's	200.00	83.89	283.89
Halifax, St. John's	24.57	27.55	52.12
South Boston, Trinity	23.94	-----	23.94
Smithfield, Christ Church	8.75	9.15	17.90
Williamsburg, Bruton	55.00	-----	55.00
Boydton, St. James'	17.68	30.50	48.18
Clarksville, St. Timothy's	-----	2.00	2.00
Suffolk, St. Paul's	-----	73.14	73.14
Norfolk, St. Paul's I	159.00	125.80	284.80
Norfolk, St. Paul's II	39.50	25.02	64.52
Norfolk, Christ I	50.00	25.00	75.00
Norfolk, Christ II	21.03	19.13	40.16
Norfolk, Christ III	-----	17.12	17.12
Norfolk, St. Luke's	-----	155.01	155.01
Norfolk, St. Andrew's	40.00	28.50	68.50
Norfolk, Ascension	14.00	-----	14.00
Norfolk, St. Peter's	-----	15.00	15.00

	Spring	Fall	Total
Norfolk, St. Mark's-----	-----	-----	-----
Norfolk, Good Shepherd, Meadowbrook-----	95.33	-----	95.33
Norfolk, St. Bride's, Berkley-----	-----	10.50	10.50
Norfolk, Grace (Colored)-----	1.00	-----	1.00
Portsmouth, Trinity I-----	36.11	30.23	66.34
Portsmouth, Trinity II-----	91.78	45.03	136.81
Portsmouth, St. John's I-----	53.32	50.01	103.33
Portsmouth, St. John's II-----	20.15	17.00	37.15
Portsmouth, All Saints-----	-----	5.00	5.00
Portsmouth, St. Stephen's-----	-----	18.20	18.20
Bridgetown, Hungars-----	10.00	15.00	25.00
Eastville, Christ Church-----	20.15	11.15	31.30
Cape Charles, Emmanuel-----	61.02	30.36	91.38
Blackstone, St. Luke's I-----	8.86	15.86	24.72
Blackstone, St. Luke's II-----	3.30	-----	3.30
Danville, Epiphany I-----	53.87	28.50	82.37
Danville, Epiphany II-----	48.29	51.71	100.00
Chatham, Emmanuel-----	-----	21.01	21.01
Pittsylvania, Dabney House-----	-----	7.11	7.11
Powhatan, Manakin-----	23.24	-----	23.24
Farmville, John's Memorial-----	17.36	20.00	37.36
Kempsville, Emmanuel-----	15.40	11.70	27.10
Princess Anne, Old Donation Church-----	23.95	-----	23.95
City Point, St. John's-----	1.00	24.52	25.52
Burrowsville, Brandon-----	5.32	3.35	8.67
Franklin, Emmanuel-----	4.50	-----	4.50
Newport News, St. Paul's I-----	25.00	43.56	68.56
Newport News, St. Paul's II-----	4.22	6.87	11.09
Newport News, Grace-----	6.99	-----	6.99
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	\$1,719.22	\$1,493.21	\$3,212.43
Received too late last year to be sent to convention-----			678.75
Approximate Interest-----			28.00
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TOTAL-----			\$3,919.18

MRS. RANDOLPH BARKSDALE,

Custodian, A. T. O.

REPORT OF THE GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY FOR 1923

Your President, Mrs. Darling, has asked that I have a short report of the work of the Girls' Friendly Society in the report of our Auxiliary, which I appreciate very much, and submit the same.

Number of branches in the Diocese, 24.

Total membership, 1107.

Money contributed to missions during the year, \$270.50.

Work in supplies for boxes, etc., valued at \$249.75.

As usual, the special missions in our Diocese are the Home for Girls and Dabney House. At our Annual Council last May, \$150 was pledged for the Home for Girls and \$112 for Dabney House, and a good deal of this has already been paid, although we have until May of this year to send in our pledges. Money has also been given to Bishop St. George Tucker for the Day Nurseries in Kyoto and St. Agnes School, and for work in the mountain missions of Virginia. Each branch tries to contribute something to the three national objects for mission work during 1923. These were the Cathedral School for Girls, Anking, China; St. Andrew's School, Maguez, P. I., and the Bontoc School for Girls, P. I.

Our Box allotment was for a girls' school at Zamboango, P. I., and all branches have sent their part of this object. Mission talks have been given at the meetings. There was a large and generous response for Japanese relief after the earthquake. The Diocese of Southern Virginia stands fourth in the Provincial report of the G. F. S. for Missions, both in money and gifts, although we are the third youngest organization among the Thirteen Dioceses in the Province.

Miss Nancy L. P. Butt is the head of the Missions Department of the G. F. S. in this Diocese and will be glad to answer any questions in regard to our missionary work and respond to calls for help in mission fields. Her address is 327 Crawford St., Portsmouth, Va.

We could not help but be a missionary-minded organization with the heritage we have, and I hope the Auxiliary will always feel that the Girls' Friendly stands ready to help and co-operate in every way. The spirit of sympathy and understanding between the sister organizations is a very beautiful one and is very much appreciated by the officers of the Auxiliary and the G. F. S.

Yours very sincerely,

MARY H. HUNTER, Diocesan President,

REPORT OF RETIRING PRESIDENT

As you read the reports for 1923 you will be impressed that the Women of Southern Virginia possess the same spirit that inspired the Children of Israel on their return to Jerusalem after the Captivity. The historian writes of them "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for all the people had a mind to work."

So the women of Southern Virginia are building a wall to protect all of God's children, even those who live in the uttermost parts of the earth, from the ravages of the wild beasts of ignorance, superstition, false religions, false doctrines; all that is contrary to the Blessed Gospel of Him "who went about doing good." It is a privilege to be one of His witnesses and messengers working for His cause where and when we find the opportunity.

We are sure the reports will find:

"Every baptized woman, a member;
Every member, a worshiper;
Every worshiper, a giver;
Every giver, a worker;
Every worker, a spiritual force."

We are very sorry that some of the strongest branches did not receive a report blank and so did not send in a report. Often a one-cent letter is thrown aside as an advertisement. Some branches who failed to receive blanks sent the reports any way. We are truly grateful to them.

Our work is getting a little better systematized. We can count on the Annual Meeting in October, a district or convocaional meeting in the Spring reports made out by January 1st.

We are delighted with so many encouraging reports. More Study Classes, more Prayer Groups, more special Auxiliary Days. Watch the Spirit of Missions for these days and observe them.

More Corporate Communions.

More earnest prayer for God's blessing.

We do feel we have had a splendid year and look for greater things in 1924.

Our membership list for 1923 shows an increase of 439 members. This can be increased many fold if you will follow the example of St.

John's, Hampton, and Trinity Church, Portsmouth, and conscript every woman in the Parish and enroll her in a circle of the Woman's Auxiliary. Those who never attended a missionary meeting before will come, and having come, will work.

Our box work column reports a falling off of \$687.23. That does not mean we have not sent as many boxes but that we do not place a money value on second-hand clothing. Our Diocesan Pledges have increased \$324.98. That is most encouraging. If we could have a big surplus it would be wonderful so we could do the extra things that are always coming up. Our Specials this year decreased \$129.39, but we raised in the Auxiliary alone \$789.66 for the Japanese Emergency Fund and \$394.50 for the Bishop Tuttle and the Lulie Taylor Letcher Memorials.

Our United Thank Offering has an increase of \$559.08, which is most encouraging. The faithful consecrated service and prayers of our Custodian are bound to make the United Thank Offering an important factor in the life of the Auxiliary.

There is an increase of \$233.00 in the Church's Program and most encouraging of all is the addition of sixteen new branches. They are an inspiration already. They mean sixteen new study classes, sixteen new prayer groups, sixteen new boxes. We already feel your help and inspiration.

Our budget for 1924 is very definite and we know that we will do more and better work than ever before. Let us all follow the group method in our Branches. Have a live Educational Secretary in every Branch. Have Corporate Communion celebrations from time to time. Send a representative to the summer school at Sweet Briar. May each woman in Southern Virginia have a hand in building the Woman's Auxiliary wall so high that our inspirations will come from above for we surely all have not only a "mind to work" but a heart to love the work. May I take this opportunity to thank our Bishops, our clergy, the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary and all the women in the Diocese for your hearty co-operation in all that the Auxiliary has attempted during the three years that I have been privileged to hold the position as President. It was indeed a privilege and a benediction to try to "carry on" as best we could the work of our beloved founder. She laid the foundation so well that the work must be blessed.

We are also blessed in having Mrs. Charles R. Grandy as our President, one who is thoroughly conversant with every phase of the work and whose heart is consecrated to the work. Let us prove to Mrs. Grandy that the women of Southern Virginia are gladly and enthusiastically taking seriously their individual commissions, "Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel to every creature."

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