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OUR PLEDGES FOR 1925

The Diocesan Pledges total \$1,725.00 to which every Branch is asked to contribute something. It is your first obligation, and then comes the Central Fund, which is used to carry on the Diocesan expenses, which includes getting speakers to our various meetings and all our printing. The Specials listed below, do not restrict your donations, but solicit your support. Missionaries are dependent upon Specials for the many calls which daily come upon them—and though apparently you receive no acknowledgment, their gratitude and thanks are very great.

The Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund will be offered up at the Triennial Convention meeting in New Orleans in October. Help to reach the goal of \$1,000.00.

Our Church periodical special is a "long desired book" for all our Virginia missionaries. Mrs. Moore will write you about it.

Give out more "Little Blue Boxes" for the United Thank Offering.

DIOCESAN PLEDGES FOR 1925

Dabney House, one-half salary of worker-----	\$ 450.00
Scholarship at Chatham Episcopal Institute-----	150.00
Episcopal Home for Girls (Special)-----	250.00
Colored Industrial School, Lawrenceville (Special)-----	100.00
Phoebe Anne Community House, toward Salary of worker---	150.00
Robert Hunt, Diocesan Summer Camp-----	100.00
Church Periodical Club-----	25.00
Rev. John Bentley, Anvik, Alaska (Special)-----	50.00
Indian Work -----	50.00
St. James Hospital, Anking, China, Dr. Harry Taylor (Special)	100.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, China, Dr. Augustine Tucker (Special) -----	100.00
Training of Native Workers, Kyoto, Japan, Miss Clara Neely (Special) -----	100.00
Liberia, Bishop Gardiner (Special)-----	50.00
Brazil, Bishop Kinsolving (Special)-----	50.00
	\$1,725.00

SPECIALS FOR 1925

DIOCESE:

- Central Fund—Try and average 25 cents a member.
- Dabney House—(Special for Miss Mildred Edmunds, Java, Va.)
- Episcopal Home for Girls, Jarratt, Va.
- Phoebe Anne Community House—(Special for Miss Annie Hankins, Halifax, Va.)
- Clarkton Community House—(Special for Mrs. Margaret Shearer, Clarkton, Va.)

NATION:

- The Industrial School and Farm for Homeless Boys, Covington, Va.
- Bear Mountain Mission—Miss Ella Pier, Amherst, Va.
- Mrs. Margaret Binns, Nora, Va.
- Deaconess Williams, Dante, Va.
- Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund. Donations to be sent to Mrs. T. P. Thompson, Lochhaven, Norfolk.

WORLD:

- Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund (Second \$5,000.00 (\$4,400.00 already in hand). Donations sent to Miss Mary Garrett, Williamsburg, Va.
- Books for our Virginia Missionaries—Donations to be sent to Mrs. C. Wm. Moore, 703 Boissevain Avenue.
- N. B.—Send all donations for every purpose, unless otherwise noted, to Mrs. Shirley Carter, Shirley, Va.

Minutes of Annual Meeting---1924

The members of the Woman's Auxiliary, assembled in Norfolk, were most charmingly entertained at Christ Church rectory on Tuesday evening, October 28. They were received by Dr. and Mrs. Steinmetz and the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia.

The first service was the celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church on Wednesday morning at 9:30, Bishop Tucker and Dr. Steinmetz celebrants. Bishop Tucker made an inspirational missionary address at this service.

The opening session was held in Christ Church Parish House. Bishop Tucker, presiding, presented Dr. Steinmetz, who welcomed the convention to Christ Church. Mrs. Steinmetz extended a welcome from Christ Church Auxiliaries, and Mrs. Darling, Honorary President, gave a welcome, "In the Name of the Diocese."

The convention rose to greet Mrs. Charles Grandy, President, as she appeared on the rostrum to give her splendid message, so fraught with Christian fellowship, and an abiding faith. The President now took the chair. The reports of all other officers were read and accepted, and will appear in full in the annual report. The resignation of the third vice-president, Miss Augusta Yates, Danville, was accepted with regret.

Noonday prayer was conducted by Bishop Tucker. Mrs. William Meade gave the report of educational work, and announced the sale of literature, which could be gotten in the assembly room at any time during the meeting. The report of the United Thank Offering was given by Mrs. Randolph Barksdale. She reminded the branches that \$10,000 is the goal of Southern Virginia for the next triennial, and that only about \$6,000 has been raised.

Rev. C. E. McAllister, of Hampton, gave a splendid and most impressive talk on the "Influence and Importance of Summer School", stressing the fine opportunity offered by the summer school at Sweet Briar to study every phase of the work of the Church.

Mrs. Margaret Shearer told of her work in Clarkton. This community house is the gift of Mrs. Clark to the diocese; the attendance held at the weekly prayer meetings at this house is from 100 to 150 persons. (What a contrast to our town and city Wednesday night congregations!)

The Secretary called the roll with the resulting report:

There were fifty-six branches represented, with 200 delegates and members present. Compare this with the fact that thirty years ago a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary from the entire State of Virginia was held in St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, with nine delegates from four branches.

Miss Mary Garrett, chairman of the Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund, reported the completion of the first \$5,000, which is out at interest, which will be used in 1925 for scholarships at St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan. She also reported \$4,400 on the second \$5,000, and stated if the Fund reached \$4,900 within two years, that Mr. Letcher would give the last \$100 with which to complete the goal of \$10,000.

By vote of this convention, the \$500 pledged toward a memorial endowment fund, College of William and Mary, interest to be used for room rent of student preparing for the Theological Seminary, was changed. Now the principal will be used \$100 a year for room rent as long as it lasts. This change had the hearty approval of both of our Bishops.

Under the direction of Mrs. T. P. Thompson, a Playlet, "Woman's Auxiliary Special," was given splendidly. The Epilogue was especially impressive and the whole thing was further augmented by the report

of the Auxiliary special. "The Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund" was read by Miss Jane Neely. Southern Virginia's quota for three years to this is \$1,000. To date, only twenty-seven out of the sixty-nine branches have responded, and the amount sent to the general treasurer, \$488.95.

The Auxiliary was most fortunate in having as one of the principal speakers of the Convention Mrs. William W. Wishart, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, who gave a most practical as well as comprehensive outline of the Plan for Mission Study on China. Later Mrs. Wishart met the Educational Secretaries of the various branches for a conference, and held a study class for an hour. The following books are recommended by her for the year's study: "China's Real Revolution (which will be used by all denominations for Mission Study this year). For the leaders of classes she recommends Miss Boyer's book, "To Leaders," Tyau's "China Awakened," Dr. Hodgkin's "In the Family of Nations," Lena John's "China and Her People," and "China Today Through Chinese Eyes," Jean Carter Cochran's "Bells of the Blue Pagoda," and "Foreign Magic." All of these books may be secured from the Missions House, New York, N. Y.

One of the outstanding events of this splendid meeting was the address by Rev. T. Cary Montague, of Richmond, on "The Present Opportunity of the Woman's Auxiliary in Social Service." To quote Mr. Montague: "I deal in humanity, and I want your business." He opened such a field for service to his hearers, and reminded them that social service began in the days of Moses, and that it can become a part of the daily life of any Christian woman, who has a heart full of God's love, and an interest in her community. On motion of Mrs. Steinmetz, a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Wishart and Mr. Montague.

The service held at 8 o'clock in Christ Church was inspiring. The magnificent church, the soul-stirring music, the procession of the bishops, ministers and boys' choir will be a precious memory to all of the people present. The wide scope of the wonderful address of Dr. William C. Sturgis, Educational Secretary, Department of Missions, was a rare treat to his hearers. He emphasized that the work in the mission fields at home and abroad was a man's job, needed more service from them.

One of the real values of this Convention was the coming in personal contact with the real workers in the field and being so impressed with the forceful way in which the various messages of the Church were brought to the hearers. We were made to realize that the mission of Christ must always be the churches' mission, and the power to meet present-day conditions proves whether or not we fail. We were told to think of our mission work not in terms of "money to be raised," but "work to be done."

Thursday, after the devotional service by Dr. Steinmetz, the meeting was called to order by the President. Miss Lila Tucker made a splendid address on "The Relation of the Church, School and Missions." She made a strong appeal for children to be given more Christian training, and for leaders, pointing out that true Christian service is the giving of self whenever and wherever one is called.

A most encouraging report of the colored work of the Diocese was made by Mrs. C. E. Smith, of Lawrenceville, a report of which they may well be proud. Mrs. Smith suggested that a woman worker, to overlook and encourage their activities, would be a great help. Good reports of the colored work also came from Grace Church, Norfolk, and St. James, Lynchburg.

Mrs. Frank Darling told in her interesting way of her visit to Pine Ridge Indian Mission at the time of the Convention held at the Church of the Holy Cross. There were about 4,000 Indians present,

with 1,000 tents to hold the families. Five hundred attended the Holy Communion, and at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary seven or eight hundred women gathered together. Mrs. Darling's address was under three heads: First, "The White Man's Responsibility to the Indian"; second, "A Part of a Missionary's Day"; third, "The Part of the Church in the Life of the Indians".

Miss Mary Hunter spoke earnestly on the practical results of the training of the Girls' Friendly Society, reminding us that from these ranks come the future members of the Woman's Auxiliary. She told of the three institutes held in different parts of the Diocese, first at Camp Robert Hunt, at the time of meeting the outdoor altar in memory of the first landing of Robert Hunt was dedicated. The second camp was held at Dabney House and the third at a Y. W. C. A. camp near Petersburg.

In Southern Virginia there are 1,183 members with three new branches of the Girls' Friendly Society. One of the far-reaching plans is to establish branches in all of our Church schools. These girls are helping in every branch of the mission work, besides developing Christian character and working for high ideals, learning the meaning of Christian love and service.

Miss Powell, the efficient principal of Chatham Episcopal Institute, was presented to the Convention by the President. She stated that the course at Chatham had been raised, and two years of advanced work can now be completed.

At this time the following telegram was read: "Greetings from the Woman's Auxiliary of Southwestern Virginia, in session at St. John's Church, Bedford City, to the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, Christ Church, Norfolk, Va."

Mrs. Grandy sent the following reply: "Greetings received with much appreciation. Best wishes for a successful meeting."

Miss Alice Britton delighted her hearers with the sweet and enthusiastic way she told of the increased interest and growth of the work of Dabney House. Miss Britton was a pupil of Chatham and the leader of the Girls' Friendly Society while there, and she is now a teacher at Dabney House School.

Miss Annie Hankins, director of Phoebe Anne Community House, was presented to the Convention. Mr. Mellichampe told the story of the three community houses of Halifax County—Phoebe Anne, The Fork and Clarkton. When asked what the needs were, he told his hearers, a Delco lighting system, if any one had one laid aside, could be most advantageously used, also help towards some means of transportation would be most acceptable to the workers, as a radius of five miles has to be covered.

The report of surgical dressings was given by Mrs. D. Callender, showing the interest taken by many branches who did this work during Lent for hospitals at home and in the foreign field. Twenty-four branches making total number of dressings, 18,568, value \$926.64.

Bishop Thomson spoke on "The Diocese," illustrating his talk with the colored maps he had recently made of the Diocese. These maps emphasized very clearly his interesting report and the statistical data he had so painstakingly gotten together.

These facts were brought to the attention of the Auxiliary: There are about half the congregations in the Diocese with no branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. There are 130 organizations for women and girls, and just 7 organizations for boys in the whole Diocese of Southern Virginia. One organization of boys is known as the "Knights of Sir Galahad."

The Girls' Friendly Society has kindly offered to duplicate some of these colored maps, and as soon as a number of them is available the Secretary will announce it through the Record.

Mrs. C. William Moore, Diocesan Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, reported the following:

Five new branches have formed during the year, 126 additional periodicals given, making a total of 32 branches and about 450 magazines sent regularly, besides a number of paid subscriptions given. Eight hundred volumes have been sent in the past two years to the Virginia State Penitentiary, over 1,300 post cards sent, and \$105.50 in 27 gifts collected from Dr. Harry Taylor's Medical Library.

Mrs. Raymond Parsons gave the following report:

The 1923-24 supply work done by the Auxiliaries of Southern Virginia amounted to \$3,359.28, a gain in money value of over \$2,000 from 1920-21. This bespeaks, of course, a larger and more intense interest in this particular branch of mission work. The allotment of boxes for the coming year is as follows:

Four personal (1 Indian), 1 mission, 1 school, 1 hospital and 4 women missionaries.

Mrs. Shirley Carter, Treasurer, presented the Budget for 1925. A copy of this Budget will be sent to each branch in November, with the request that each branch shall report to her early in January its quota to the fund, also its pledges toward the other specials suggested for donations. The Treasurer also suggested that if each branch would pay 25 cents per member to the Central Fund, the running expenses of the Auxiliary would then be met without difficulty.

Mrs. Grandy named the following Committee on Resolutions to report at the night meeting:

Mrs. Garrett, chairman, Williamsburg; Mrs. John B. Pretlow, Franklin; Mrs. R. H. Pretlow, Suffolk.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Miss Esther Reed, Trinity, Portsmouth; Mrs. Harris, St. Paul's, Newport News; Mrs. Ruffin, St. Andrew's, Norfolk, brought in the following report, which was accepted. As there were no other nominations made, the Secretary cast the vote of the Convention and the following officers were elected for a period of two years:

Mrs. Henry Edmunds, of Halifax, Third Vice-President.

Mrs. R. C. Parsons, of Petersburg, Fourth Vice-President.

Mrs. Frank Holladay, of Suffolk, Secretary.

Mrs. Shirley Carter, of Shirley, Treasurer.

The Woman's Auxiliary has been asked by the Executive Board of the Diocese to nominate four members to be appointed by the Bishop as members of the Committee on Missions. The following nominations were made:

Mrs. C. R. Grandy, Mrs. W. W. Whichard, Mrs. Norman Slack, and Mrs. Walter Ruan.

The delegates appointed to the Synod were as follows:

Mrs. Grandy, Mrs. Whichard, Mrs. Meade. Alternates: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Frank Holladay.

Mrs. Ira Johnson, of Purdy, represented the Episcopal Home for Girls, and made a most telling appeal for an automobile for the use of the members in that community.

Dr. Sturgis again delighted the Convention in an informal talk on "The Church's Mission." A most interesting letter, addressed to the members of the Auxiliary from Miss Clara Neely, was read by the Secretary.

The meeting then adjourned. The delegates were taken on auto rides to Virginia Beach, and through the courtesy of the commandant of the navy yard a launch was put at the disposal of the delegates for a ride around the harbor and a visit to the navy yard.

At the evening session Bishop Tucker opened with prayer, then the President read a letter from Mr. Letcher inviting the members to the dedication of the prayer hall at the Theological Seminary on

November 12 as a memorial to his wife, Loulie Taylor Letcher. A letter was also read asking for two nurses for St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, P. I.

Miss Lindley, Secretary at the Church Mission House, sent a letter urging our co-operation in any plans which the National Council may set before the Church to meet the immediate emergency.

Following these, Mr. Robert Goodwin explained the stereopticon slides on the canvas in an interesting and sympathetic manner, he having been a missionary in China about two years ago.

Resolutions were read by Mrs. Garrett, of Williamsburg, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the delegates. Mrs. Steinmetz and the ladies of Christ Church left nothing undone for the comfort and pleasure of their guests. Their gracious hospitality made the social side of the Convention a great joy to all. The very nice luncheons served at the Southland Hotel, the intercourse with the attractive members of the Motor Corps on our little journeys, the altogether delightful hour spent as the guests of Mrs. George Lewis at afternoon tea, will help to make this assembly of the Woman's Auxiliary one long remembered in the annals of this organization.

MRS. FRANK HOLLADAY, Secretary.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

It is with a mingled feeling of pride and humility that I stand before you today, your leader in the Church's most important organization, the Woman's Auxiliary. Pride, because you have given me so much help and sympathy in the accomplishment of the plans I suggested as your leader. And humility, as I have felt so inadequate for this position of honor and trust to which our Bishop chose me.

I know you all miss my honored and beloved predecessor, and I deeply regret her retirement. Her wise judgment and untiring efforts accomplished wonders for our Auxiliary, and her spiritual leadership made us feel deeply the privilege of service.

But as God hath set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him, so, by the diversities of gifts and diversities of operations, we are to zealously strive to bring all the parts of Christ's family in perfect unison with Him. No member of the Auxiliary is unnecessary and no part of the work unimportant. (1 Cor. 12.) The day of belittling the work of missions is over, and he or she is far behind the times not to appreciate the accomplished facts of Foreign Missions. Travel has brought even the most cynical into contact with the most evident and self-convincing proofs of the mighty works of God, through the agency of so-called missions. The tragedy of millions of lives lost every year for want of knowledge—even the simplest knowledge, and the burden of inefficiency, sorrow and misery are tales the missionaries tell us about all the time. These human beings are being saved not only for the kingdom of heaven, but as assets for civilization, and made into better citizens for the country in which they live.

I could go on indefinitely and relate interesting stories about this great war waged against pride, ignorance, superstition and disease. But this information is easily obtainable, so we must go on to consider the methods and means of the service we can give behind the lines. Service—yes, this is the keynote of our Woman's Auxiliary! We are witnesses of Christ, wherever it has pleased God to place us, and no one is excused. Her work may be in the home, in the Diocese or in the uttermost parts of the earth, but the duty and obligation is the same.

The story of missions from the time Christ told His disciples that as His Father had sent Him, so He sent them, to the present

day has been one of triumph, even though the path was through persecution and trial and disappointment. Some before me now, perhaps, have visited the beautiful St. Albans Church in England, a monument to one of our earliest martyrs in that land. His life and death in the third century was truly that of one of Christ's noblest missionaries. We, who glory in all the blessings of Church and worship, are apt to forget the time when our forefathers were the beneficiaries of the Foreign Missionary Society of England, and just as we are building churches and supporting workers in foreign lands, so the English Church did for us. We are simply passing on what we received. This Diocese bears abundant evidence of the same good work of the English Church for us, as do all the original colonies.

And now this procession has encircled the earth. The cross has preceded the flag in every country of the world from Mt. McKinley, in the frozen regions of Alaska, to the darkest regions of torrid Africa, from the most remote trading posts to the isles of the sea. To all these places, careless of danger or death, the witnesses of Christ have carried His message of love and salvation.

In a land like ours, where we are surrounded with magnificent institutions of every kind for the comfort and relief of those who are suffering in mind, body or estate, it is hard for us to conceive of any country without them. And yet there is not one in any country, separated from the teaching of Christ (Acts 10:38). It was the marvel of even the Japanese themselves that there was such a desire to help the stricken earthquake zone from every part of their country.

It was the first time this universal brotherhood had been experienced. But the answer is plain. Christianity has permeated the very innermost recesses of that country, and unconsciously the people are reflecting the teaching of the missionaries. Even the Buddhist priests are having to make every effort to hold their few followers by practicing social service, and are setting the words of their ceremonies to the tunes of our hymns.

Is the Woman's Auxiliary a vital thing in your life? Do you take it seriously, or are you a member because you feel a sense of duty? Strange our promises to God seem so less vital than to man, and you know at baptism you solemnly vowed to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant until life's end. Do you realize there are 130 white congregations in our Diocese with only 74 auxiliaries in 61 churches. This leaves 56 congregations with women members of a great organization which is not functioning, for every baptized woman is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary by virtue of her baptism. What a work is before us! You say, "I don't want to go out as a missionary." That isn't necessary, for the Church has arranged the scope of work into five great fields of service, so that every one can be useful. In the parish, strengthen the work of its societies by taking part in their activity; try to interest others in becoming members; attend Bible and Mission Study classes; teach in the Church school; visit the sick and give a welcome to strangers. In the community, service for Christian Americanization and bringing people to church. In the Diocese, support the general work, contribute to the Diocesan pledges and Central Fund. Be sympathetic in its activities. Learn of its community centers and aid them by prayer and service. In nation and world, study of missions, prayer for missionaries, service and contributions for their support.

In making a report of my work, its just letters, and letters, and more letters, for my tongue is the pen of a ready writer and this position does not endow one with speech-making, or I would be talking instead of ready my message.

I have visited auxiliaries when invited, and presided at two Executive Board meetings. There have been two convocational meet-

ings, as well as educational institute meetings, all tending to strengthen our devotion to service by greater knowledge of the work and religious education.

The first object which came to our attention after the last meeting was the Japan Reconstruction Fund. Notices were sent to all branches asking them as individuals to justify the belief in Christ's message by helping to rebuild Japan. Bishop Tucker said in his annual message to the Council "he was convinced that if the Church sees the vision as Christ sees it, and will do its full part," Japan will be a Christian country in our generation, but as St. James said, "But even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone."

A circular letter was also sent to all branches asking them to help contribute the first \$5,000 of its Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund, and I rejoice to report it is bearing interest and will soon be used for scholarships in St. Agnes' School, Kyoto, Japan.

Oh! for the power to further endow these Japanese girls with the same spirit of true holiness, so it can also be said of them as of Miss Loulie, "Her Master's service was her highest joy."

The importance of the Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund, which is our Auxiliary special, has been stressed by its able chairman, but with little result, and unless our gifts are larger this year the offering at the Triennial in New Orleans will not be worthy of the heritage of Southern Virginia.

Dabney House is paid for and the Diocese carries the salary of one worker. The Woman's Auxiliary includes one-half the salary of the other worker in its Diocesan pledges, but the other half is not assured. I wonder if we can't find ten people or branches who will go \$50 each for one year.

A wonderful interest has been taken in the Episcopal Home for Girls; ten auxiliaries are either sponsoring the Board at \$150 a year, or clothing of a child, besides \$850 in donations will be given through the Diocesan treasury before the year is over.

If your church has not a branch of the Church Periodical Club, see that one is organized. It is such a wonderful solution to make good use of magazines which have to be discarded so unwillingly and make room for the new.

Many still feel the new system of box work has deprived them of the personal side of giving, and are not willing to share in filling the consignments accepted by our supply Secretary. But we must lay self aside and think of the tremendous improvement, for now every application made by an institution or missionary is met, and not too much sent those who are best known.

During Lent the wartime spirit of making surgical dressings was evidenced in different parts of the Diocese, and many hours of devoted labor made enough for four hospitals.

Urge the attendance upon summer schools and send some one from your branch. Sweet Briar is an ideal spot to reconsecrate oneself to His service. Read the Diocesan Record and the Spirit of Missions. Have a live Educational Secretary in your parish for having the information and the will to do, with the Divine power encompassing us—the work will be done.

Where a church is small and the congregation scattered, the Guild and Auxiliary could be worked jointly, but where very large I echo the thought of Mrs. Darling and urge the forming of the Auxiliary into neighborhood groups, enlisting every baptized woman. These groups meet separately one month and the next all together. St. John's, Hampton, was the first to adopt this system, and in January Trinity, Portsmouth, organized itself into thirteen groups, and the first United Thank Offering collected was greater than the whole

previous year; just one evidence of personally soliciting every woman, already a member by baptism, into active service.

The work among the colored women has made greater strides, and during the summer they held a convocational meeting in Newport News, which was largely attended.

No end of praise is due your most efficient Executive Board and the various chairmen of committees, whose reports will in a feeble way bespeak the hours of devoted work. I take this opportunity to thank them for their courtesy and co-operation, as well as our Bishops, whose ever willingness to advise and assist makes it possible for me to continue my term of office.

In gratitude for the many blessings and special objects of thankfulness we have a way of giving a tangible expression by placing something in our "little blue box." After the great United Thank Offering is made, and we have felt the joy "it is more blessed to give than receive," it is then used to send missionaries to do our part in fulfilling Christ's command. So the keynote of my message to you today is to pray more earnestly, the same prayer Christ gave in His marvelous Sermon on the Mount, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

ELIZABETH NEELY GRANDY.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FOR 1924

In January I began my work at the first Executive Board meeting. I attended a call meeting of this Board in May and another regular one in September.

I was present at a committee meeting on Lay Organization in May, preceding Council, to represent Mrs. Grandy, who was out of the city.

On May 20th I arranged and conducted a Convocational Meeting in St. Luke's Parish House, Norfolk. One hundred and fifty Auxiliary members and those interested in the Auxiliary attended. Reports were given on all branches of our work and a splendid one read from the Colored Convocation. We were fortunate in having both of our Bishops with us. Rev. J. M. B. Gill gave an address on China and Miss Lulie Boyd on Japan. A collection amounting to \$41.00 was given her to use in her work.

During June I was requested by Mrs. Grandy to ask the Auxiliaries in this Convocation for a small contribution towards sending our Convocational Educational Secretary to Summer School. Thirty-three dollars was given for this purpose.

I have assisted our Supply Secretary, Mrs. Parsons, in this Convocation and had occasional conferences with our President.

Although this is a simple report, it has been a great pleasure and privilege to serve the Auxiliary even in a small way.

Respectfully submitted,

PATTIE CARROLL WHICHARD,

First Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1924

The monthly meetings of 5 different parish branches of the Auxiliary were attended by the 2nd Vice-President.

Two Diocesan Board meetings and one Annual meeting were participated in also.

One new Branch was established and two others are headed "hopeful" for the coming year.

Our annual District meeting was arranged for, and held in May in Grace Church, Petersburg. At this meeting there were read re-

CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

LOCATION	NAME OF CHURCH	PRESIDENTS & ADDRESSES	Mem- bers	Diocesan Pledges	Central Fund	Specials	Bishop Tuttle Me. Fund	Loulie T. Letcher Me. Fund	United Thank Offering	Parish or Program	Value of Supply Work	Value of Volunt'y Boxes	TOTAL
Accomac	St. James	Mrs. Anna F. Browne	17	\$ 16.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 20.00			\$ 20.78	\$ 26.50		\$ 15.50	\$ 100.78
Amelia	Christ	Mrs. P. T. Southall	17			14.00			33.75		10.00	22.00	79.75
Bellehaven	St. Michaels	Mrs. Ernest Finney, Craddockville	A										
Blackstone	St. Luke's	Mrs. W. E. Hart	26	50.00	5.00	65.75			42.11			45.00	207.86
Boynton	St. James	Mrs. Belle Park	20	10.85	3.00	4.00	2.00		50.66		3.80	8.10	82.41
Bridgetown	Hungars	Mrs. F. B. Bell, Machipongo	15A						8.50				8.50
Burrowsville	Brandon	Mrs. W. H. Figg, Route 5, Disputanta	5			1.00		2.00	8.00	145.00	5.85	28.08	189.93
Cabin Point	Grace	Mrs. Claude Reeson, Spring Grove	2A										
Callville	Emmanuel	Mrs. C. H. Rollin	3			29.21			13.85			15.00	58.06
Cape Charles	Emmanuel	Mrs. Mallory Taylor	22	44.00	3.70	48.00	5.00	5.00	25.00			141.92	272.62
Chatham	Emmanuel	Mrs. Thos. G. Faulkner	3	25.00	2.50	17.50	5.00	5.00	32.34		9.00	36.00	132.34
Chester	St. John's	Miss Lula Rowlett	17	11.00	2.75				18.72		17.25	31.18	80.90
City Point	St. John's	Mrs. Claiborne Wimbish	18	12.50		3.00		5.00	19.32		45.00	B	84.82
Claremont	Ritchie Memorial	Mrs. R. D. Kimball	9			25.00			16.67				41.67
Clarksville	St. Timothy		6						10.50				10.50
Cockran	St. Mark's	Mrs. Wm. E. Price, Meredithville	15		1.20	9.30			23.35	54.73		29.30	117.88
Craddock	Emmanuel	Mrs. Margaret Hendricks, Emmons St.	10A										
Danville	Epiphany I	Mrs. J. B. Ruffin, 182 Marshall Terrace	54	100.00	8.85	153.28		25.00	89.85		25.80		402.78
Danville	Epiphany II	Mrs. S. C. Cunningham, 401 W. Main St.	49	75.00	25.00	324.85		25.00	82.01	400.00	44.87	48.52	1,025.25
Dinwiddie	Calvary	Mrs. A. E. Sterne	A										
Eastville	Christ	Mrs. E. W. Cowling	18		1.00	50.00			51.91		12.00		114.91
Emporia	Christ	Mrs. W. W. Robertson	21	30.00	5.00		10.00	5.00	25.25		20.00	2.00	97.25
Farmville	John's Memorial	Miss Hattie Gray, High St.	19	30.00	5.00	31.40		5.00	47.00				118.40
Franklin	Emmanuel	Mrs. John Pretlow	25		5.00	20.84			15.00	750.00			790.84
Halifax	St. John's	Miss Ellen Meade Cosby, R.F.D., Halifax	28	10.05	3.00		5.00	5.00	46.60			47.45	117.10
Hampton	St. John's	Mrs. Frank Darling	300	100.00	25.00	270.00	10.00	25.00	201.15		65.00	293.68	989.83
Huguenot Springs	Manakin	Mrs. Samuel Scott, Vinita	12	20.00	5.00	50.00	5.00		38.30			46.03	164.33
Kempsville	Emmanuel	Mrs. Raleigh Conway, R.F.D. 2, Norfolk	22		4.00	34.75		5.00	42.89	10.00	1.00	Bs	97.64
Lawrenceville	St. Andrews	Mrs. E. R. Turnbull	35	50.00	5.00	216.75	10.00	10.00	123.00	262.87	51.46	Bs	729.08
Lynnhaven	Old Donation	Mrs. Rufus Parks	8	3.00	2.00	13.00	4.00		7.94	15.00	47.00		91.94
McKenny	Good Shepherd	Mrs. John D. Rives	20			9.00		2.00	20.00				31.00
Newport News	St. Paul's I	Mrs. Thos. R. Harrison, 111 30th St.	65	10.00	9.20	330.87	20.00	15.00	83.18		91.22		609.47
Newport News	St. Paul's II	Miss Elizabeth Lackey, 327 58th St.	25	20.00	10.00	176.00	5.00		11.84	10.00			232.84
Norfolk	Ascension	Mrs. A. W. Wolfley, 212 W. 29th St.	31			8.36		5.00		200.00	19.08		232.44
Norfolk	Christ Church I	Mrs. Francis Steinmetz, 618 Stockley Gar.	60	46.00	10.00	74.00	17.50	15.00	80.00		97.22		339.72
Norfolk	Christ Church II	Miss Cornelia Truxtun, 812 Stockley Gar.	49	57.50	20.00	240.50		25.00	19.36		155.40	22.00	539.76
Norfolk	Christ Church III	Miss Julia Grandy, 355 W. Freemason St.	20	25.00	10.00	89.00	10.00	10.00	29.37		77.00		250.37
Norfolk	Epiphany	Mrs. C. A. Sykes, 31 Lafayette Blvd	30			1.00					16.78		17.78
Norfolk	Good Shepherd	Mrs. T. P. Thompson, Lochaven, Norfolk	50	20.00	20.00	27.00	15.00		166.32		123.66	50.00	421.98
Norfolk	St. Andrew's I	Mrs. John C. Boynton, 430 Redgate Ave.	68	20.00	5.00	28.40		15.00	49.00		71.00	Bs	188.40
Norfolk	St. Andrew's II	Mrs. M. P. Doyle, 1 West End Apt.	20	20.00	3.00	29.00				6.00	25.50		83.50
Norfolk-Berkley	St. Bride's	Miss Virginia Shivers, 84 Chesapeake Ave.	35	25.00	5.00	21.80	5.00	10.00	72.30		39.20	40.00	218.30
Norfolk	St. Luke's I	Mrs. E. B. Hodges, 703 Graydon Park	65	15.00	10.00	385.00	25.00		91.00		163.20	10.00B	699.20
Norfolk	St. Luke's II	Miss Caroline Kennedy, 338 W. Freemason	32	20.00	5.00	132.02	5.00	15.00			92.90		269.92
Norfolk	St. Paul's I	Mrs. Calvert Dey, 916 Blow St.	75	75.00	25.00	227.65	40.00	25.00	273.65		245.17	B	911.47
Norfolk	St. Paul's II	Miss Alice Webster, 744 Yarmouth	30	20.00	10.00	15.00			64.00		50.00	B	159.00
Norfolk	St. Peter's	Mrs. T. B. Jackson, 713 Westover Ave.	10	30.00		33.00	4.16	2.00	20.00		10.00		99.16
Onancock	Holy Trinity	Mrs. William Parker	13	12.00		17.12	3.00	2.00	15.35			Bs	49.47
Petersburg	Grace I	Mrs. Walter Ruan, Fillmore St.	70	70.00	17.50	182.48	25.00		153.00		104.35		552.33
Petersburg	Grace II	Miss Mattie Prichard, 17 N. Market St.	23	25.00	10.00	63.50	10.00	10.00	22.80		20.86		162.16
Petersburg	Good Shepherd	Mrs. J. W. Wells, 539 Wythe St.	30	20.00	2.50	196.20	1.00		30.60			Bs	250.30
Petersburg	St. John's	Miss Belle Sydnor, 26 Lafayette St.	7	25.00	5.00	1.00		2.00	25.06		17.47	50.00	125.53
Petersburg	St. Paul's I	Mrs. Richard D. Gilliam, 23 Fillmore	45	140.00	5.00	92.00	15.00		125.41		45.00		422.41
Petersburg	St. Paul's II	Mrs. George S. Bernard, Jr., 224 Fillmore	5	75.00	6.50	284.34	25.00	15.00	122.61	50.00	117.75	Bs	696.20
Petersburg	St. Paul's III	Mrs. P. T. Parnell, 319 Clinton St.	8	18.00	1.80	78.91	5.00	5.00	33.28		52.90		194.89
Peytonsburg	St. Paul's	Mrs. Aubrey Yeatts, Ingram	11						8.55				8.55
Pineville	St. James	Mrs. C. E. Stewart	9						7.57	53.50			61.07
Portsmouth	All Saints	Mrs. W. G. Hinton, 735 Riverview Ave.	9	2.50	2.50				7.00		30.00	B	42.00
Portsmouth	St. John's I	Mrs. H. A. Washington, 300 Middle	32	35.00	6.00	41.07		15.00	95.98		32.38	B-4	225.43
Portsmouth	St. John's II	Miss Hillie Hudgins, 505 Webster Ave.	15	8.00				5.00	34.65		13.00	B-4	60.65
Portsmouth	St. Stephen's	Mrs. Shufflebarger, 349 Florida Ave.	18		2.50	20.00			17.97	20.00	28.00		88.47
Portsmouth	St. Stephen's II	Miss Elizabeth Brady, Broad St.	15A									10.00	10.00
Powhatan	Trinity	Miss Loretto Toomer, 510 Craford Place	196	180.00	55.00	415.85	35.00	25.00	357.62		142.46	100.00	1,310.93
Powhatan	Emmanuel	Miss B. M. Baugh, Belona	13	5.00					16.95	10.00			31.95
Purdy	Grace	Mrs. Norman Marshall, Jarratt, R.F.D. 1	25	11.00	5.00			1.00	11.60	12.50			41.10
Rawlings	Trinity	Mrs. J. M. Tucker	14		12.50			1.00	11.20	103.04		B	127.74
Smithfield	Christ	Mrs. William Adams	16	4.35	1.00	22.25	5.00		22.10		10.00	17.39	82.09
South Boston	Trinity	Mrs. Pauline Singleton	21			83.40		5.00	49.88			B	138.28
South Richmond	Good Shepherd	Mrs. R. A. Goodwin, 42nd St., Forest Hill	16	10.00	3.00	24.68			62.26		15.00	B	114.94
South Richmond	Meade Memorial I	Mrs. T. A. Daffron, 1426 Porter St.	25	15.00	6.00	29.00			30.36		5.00		85.36
South Richmond	Meade Memorial II	Mrs. Mary Jones, 1319 Porter St.	15						40.00				40.00
Suffolk	St. Paul's	Miss Anna Riddick, Main St.	40	37.50	6.00	114.50	20.00	3.00	100.00		18.36	40.00	339.36
Victoria	St. Andrew's	Mrs. W. L. Stables	18	30.00	2.00	220.50			8.15			3.00	263.65
Williamsburg	Bruton	Mrs. Ruffin Jones	40	12.00	5.00	115.32	5.00		40.30				177.62
TOTALS			2372	\$1,726.25	\$ 411.00	\$5,281.35	\$ 351.66	\$ 350.00	\$3,524.72	\$2,129.14	\$2,287.89	\$1,152.15	\$17,214.16

A—Recently organized. B—Boxes not valued. Money for Surgical Dressings included in Specials.

ports from 18 Branches, with delegates present from 16 of them.

This District with the exception of the two (2) larger towns is composed entirely of rural churches, where the difficulties of meeting together and of sustaining any other branch of the work, than the parish upkeep are numerous.

The reports in each case attested the loyal and faithful spirit of our women to the work of the church in its many phases.

The influence and enduring help gained from meeting together in His Cause are not to be measured and cannot be estimated.

MRS. JAMES SCOTT,
Second Vice-President.

REPORT OF THE LOULIE TAYLOR LETCHER MEMORIAL FOR 1924

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Norfolk September 26, our President sent me the glorious news that they appropriated from the sinking fund \$71,21, and together with a gift of \$100.00 from Col. Letcher, completed the first \$5,000.00. This amount is invested by the treasurer of the Trust Funds of the Diocese, under the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the funds of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, be and they are hereby authorized to accept and hold any and all funds which may be paid over to them by the Woman's Auxiliary or from any other source, which shall be designated as intended for the Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial, and that the income arising from said funds shall be paid over annually by them to the National Council for St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan, for scholarships.

Resolved, That the Trustees report annually to the Council and the Woman's Auxiliary the amount that has been paid to the National Council.

Resolved, That the Fund be so arranged, that if at any time, the Woman's Auxiliary think it no longer wise to use the interest at St. Agnes School, the Fund may be used by the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, as it may deem wise for missionary work, perpetuating the name of Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial.

Of the second \$5,000.00, through the interest, gifts of friends and branches of the Woman's Auxiliaries, we report in hand \$4,483.40, and Col. Letcher again offers the last \$100.00 if this fund be completed in two years. I want to appeal to all the branches of our Auxiliary to join me heartily in speedily finishing our tribute and memorial to our beloved first president, Loulie Taylor Letcher.

Our tribute chosen is not one of pomp and vain glory, but is one that I am sure would rejoice her heart, to help spread the Gospel of Christ in the Sun-rise Nation—to help our dear Missionaries laboring faithfully there, and a tribute of our love to her blessed memory.

MARY WINDER GARRETT, Chairman
Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Committee.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1924

There have been two regular meetings of the Executive Board held, one in January, one in September; with two called meetings, one in May and one in October; two educational meetings, held in Norfolk and Petersburg, since the Annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, held in Danville.

At the January meeting, which was called at the home of our Honorary President, Mrs. Frank Darling, the newly appointed president, Mrs. Charles R. Grandy, presided and begun her term of office

as President of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia.

The Board, at this time, made the necessary appointments for the furtherance of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year. It was decided that two Executive Board meetings shall be held during the year, one in January and one three weeks prior to the annual meeting, also decided that a committee composed of the President, Secretary and Treasurer may be called at the discretion of the President, to transact Business of Immediate Importance. The Diocesan Pledges having been oversubscribed, \$100.00 was voted for an urgent need at Dabney House.

The Educational Secretary of the Norfolk Convocation, Mrs. B. M. Baker, arranged a most interesting educational meeting in St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, on January 24th. And Mrs. Perkinson, Educational Secretary of the Central Convocation, held the same kind of meeting in Petersburg in St. Paul's Church.

Mrs. James Scott held a Convocational meeting in Grace Church in May, which was attended by delegates from 16 branches. Miss Louisa Boyd of Japan being the speaker.

A splendid and helpful Convocational meeting was held in St. Luke's Church in May, Mrs. W. W. Whichard, 1st Vice-President, presiding. Over one hundred and fifty people were present.

An interesting suggestion was made at this time regarding the collecting of the United Thank Offering: "That there shall be two days set apart for the collecting of this offering: Ascension Day, and St. Michael's and All Angels, with appropriate services held at the time." At this meeting we had the privilege of hearing Rev. Mr. J. B. M. Gill, who talked on his experiences while he was missionary in China, and also Miss Louisa Boyd, missionary in Japan.

On September 28th, the Executive Board held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles R. Grandy, with the following members present: Mrs. Grandy, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Whichard, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Shirley Carter, and Mrs. Frank Holladay. The following recommendation was made by the Board, subject to confirmation by the vote of the delegates at the annual meeting: "That there shall be a Fourth Vice-President, who shall serve as chairman of the Supply Work." The following suggestion was made: "That each Branch shall send to the Treasurer in January the amount of its budget for the year." This is done in order that the Board may have some data in making up the next year's budget from the Auxiliaries as a whole.

It is with a feeling of pride and joy that the Board at this time, was able to complete from the sinking fund, with an additional gift of \$100.00, the first \$5,000.00 for the Loulie Taylor Memorial Fund.

I cannot close this report without mentioning that one of the most interesting features of my work as Secretary is editing the Auxiliary column in the Record, and repeating again what a great pleasure it is to help in a small way this great work of our church.

ELISE URQUHART HOLLADAY, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1924

RECEIPTS

Received for Diocesan Pledges.....	\$1,887.53
Received for Central Fund.....	391.50
Received through Mrs. Chas. Grandy for Episcopal Home for Girls	850.00
Received from Offering, Norfolk Convention.....	41.00
Received from Offerings, Annual Meeting.....	82.77
Received for Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund.....	353.37
Received for all other Specials.....	459.00
	\$4,507.17

Balance January 1, 1925-----	421.48
TOTAL -----	\$4,928.65

DISBURSEMENTS

DIOCESAN PLEDGES:

One-half salary for Teacher, Dabney House----	\$ 450.00	
Scholarship at Chatham Episcopal Institute----	75.00	
Episcopal Home for Girls (Special)-----	250.00	
Colored Industrial School Lawrenceville-----	100.00	
Church Periodical Club-----	25.00	
Food for Rev. John Bentley's Dog Team, Alaska	50.00	
Indian Reservation, Bishop Tyler, N. D.-----	50.00	
Salary, Dr. Harry Taylor, China-----	200.00	
Training of Native Workers, Japan, Miss Neely	100.00	
Liberia, Bishop Overs-----	50.00	\$1,350.00

Central Fund-----	335.31
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EPISCOPAL HOME FOR GIRLS:

Maintenance -----	\$1,166.00	
Typewriter -----	30.00	
To send a girl to Summer School-----	40.70	
For Miss Gage (Special)-----	20.00	1,256.70

Paid to Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund-----	353.37
Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund-----	121.21
Transferred to Mrs. C. Wm. Moore for Library-----	39.50
Dabney House Building Fund-----	26.00
Dabney House for Miss Edmunds-----	24.00
Brazilian Mission-----	27.50
Phoebe Anne Community House-----	18.00
Clarkton Community House-----	6.00
Bear Mountain Mission-----	39.50
Deaconess Williams-----	34.50
Alaskan Dog Team-----	10.00
Mrs. Margaret Binns, Nora-----	29.50
Dr. Claude Lee-----	20.00
Neve Hall-----	5.00
Miss Cotchett for Alaska-----	35.00
Deaconess Adams-----	10.00
Dr. Harry Taylor, Anking, China-----	25.00
Miss Louisa Boyd, Japan-----	41.00
Japan Reconstruction-----	35.25

Balance January 1, 1925-----	\$3,842.34
TOTAL -----	1,026.35

TOTAL -----	\$4,928.65
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Of the balance \$250.00 is the pledge to the College of William and Mary and will be put on interest account until needed, and \$75.00 is due Chatham Institute which completes our Diocesan Pledges; \$100.00 was voted by the Executive Board for an emergency expense at Dabney House, and will be paid. That leaves a net balance of \$661.31.

Please send all contributions for Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund to Mrs. Thomas P. Thompson, Lochaven, Norfolk, Va., and for the Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund to Miss Mary Garrett, Williamsburg, Va.

MRS. SHIRLEY CARTER, Diocesan Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPPLY SECRETARY FOR 1924

In 1920-21, the amount of box work done in the Diocese of Southern Virginia amounted to \$584.70. For the year 1923-24 we are able to send to Headquarters a report of Supply Work done by our auxiliaries amounting to \$3,359.28.

This gain is largely due to two things: Our auxiliaries each year are growing more and more awake to the fact that the best results can only be obtained by organized supply work—and to the wonderfully efficient service of Mrs. Walter Whichard of Norfolk, who has been taking care of the Supply work in that part of our Diocese.

The smaller auxiliaries in the rural parishes have fallen in line with a fine spirit of co-operation and are doing such a good work. They haven't the means to take a minister's whole family to dress and in some instances, not even some one child from the family, the kind of work that has more of the personal touch and that helps wonderfully in keeping interest alive, so they ask for sewing—a dozen dresses for girls to go to some mission station or a half dozen gowns for a hospital. In every case, the work is cheerfully and efficiently done, and it is always with a deep feeling of appreciation that your Secretary receives these assignments—knowing the splendid spirit of loyalty to the Master's work which inspires them.

In apportioning the assignments this Spring for the Good Samaritan Hospital (colored) in Charlotte, N. C., I asked the wife of the rector of St. Stephen's Church (colored), Petersburg, if her Auxiliary did not want to help in this work for their own people. I can assure you that no request of your Supply Secretary has ever been more cordially received, nor work more beautifully done, than the sewing of these good colored women of our Church. These assignments amounted to \$1,978.20.

The constant request that comes from headquarters is that we shall not do supply work—certainly not work outside our own diocese—except that allotted to us. This, you can readily see, is to avoid duplication of supplies. If any school or mission station in our Diocese is being supplied from outside sources, your Secretary is notified.

This year, there are two—St. Paul's School and Chapel at Lawrenceville and Dabney House in Pittsylvania County. This last, I feel sure is due to the untiring efforts of our President, ably supported by our Bishops—for Dabney House is very near to their hearts—and rightly so.

Of course, occasions arise when we feel that this rule of doing assigned work only, must be broken.

A call came to me this Fall from one of our country parishes—a call with a touch of romance, and carrying also our good Bishop's endorsement—so what could one do but heed it.

This is one instance, and of course, others will arise from time to time, but I do beg of you in the name of the Supply Department, that as far as in us lies, we work according to the plan laid down for us, always remembering that the best service we can render our missionaries (they tell us so themselves) is to carry out our orders from the Missions House.

Thanking you for your generous co-operation during the past year and the spirit in which the work has been done, I am

ELLEN SCOTT PARSONS,
Supply Secretary.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS

The assignment of surgical dressings for our Diocese was completely made by the auxiliaries in Petersburg and sent to Good Samaritan Hospital, Charlotte, N. C.—1,656 dressings, value \$129.64.

All the churches in Norfolk worked jointly once a week and those in Portsmouth did the same in making surgical dressings.

Other Auxiliaries which made dressings were in South Boston, Chatham, Farmville, Franklin, Victoria, Suffolk, Newport News, Onancock, Belle Haven, Hampton, and all were sent to Mrs. Charles R. Grandy, then packed and sent to the following institutions:

All Saints Hospital, Fort Worth Texas, 960 dressings; value, \$45.00.

St. John's Mission, Jackson, Wyoming, 2,132 dressings; value, \$100.00.

St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, China, 13,691 dressings; value, \$650.00.

Episcopal Home for Girls, Jarratt, Va., 119 dressings; value, \$5.00.

Total number, 18,558; value, \$929.64.

MRS. DAVID CALLENDER, Jr., Chairman.

REPORT OF DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY FOR 1924

To you, Madam President, and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary, the following report will be interesting, indicating as it does the increased realization amongst the women of the Church that "Without knowledge there can be no real interest and enthusiasm."

As an evidence, The Diocese of Southern Virginia used its proportion (as nearly as I could gather) of the 9,000 copies of "Creative Forces in Japan" distributed from the Church Mission House, to the 79 Dioceses in the United States, beside using a number of other Mission Books.

There were reports from 50 Auxiliaries in regard to Mission Study (an increase of 23 over last year), 20 Auxiliaries failed to respond to the duplex post cards sent them. It was not possible from those reports received to give an exact number of study classes, or members attending as in some instances three Auxiliaries in a Church would combine in one, or some Auxiliaries not having an individual class, its members would attend others. The names of 36 Parish Educational Secretaries were reported, besides two District ones.

The activities were as follows: In January there was a most instructive and interesting Institute held in St. Paul's Parish House, Norfolk, presided over by Mrs. B. M. Baker. District Educational Secretary, 13 Auxiliaries were represented, 150 members present. In February the Petersburg Institute was held in St. Paul's Parish House. Mrs. George Bernard, District Educational Secretary, presiding.

There were present 59 members (a severe storm preventing a larger attendance). Inspirational addresses were made by Mrs. Grandy, Mrs. Ruan D. Carter, and M. Sadtler and much interest was manifest by those present.

In February I attended a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education in Petersburg. Reported the activities of the Woman's Auxiliary along educational lines and assured that body of earnest co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary in promoting Mission Study.

Since the last Annual Meeting, 210 letters and cards have been sent in regard to Missionary educational work of the Diocese; 100 of these were form letters sent to the President of all Auxiliaries and

to the Diocesan Record in September, announcing the Mission Study literature to be used during 1924-1925. Fifty duplex cards were sent to Auxiliaries who had not sent in reports.

Again I would like to remind you that Dr. Sturgis, our Educational Secretary, asks that all orders for Mission Study books be sent in a month before the beginning of the study period, as it will enable him to increase, if necessary, the edition, if by that time all orders are in.

I also wish to remind all Parish Educational Secretaries that ceaseless presentation of the "Spirit of Missions" and the "Diocesan Record" is about the biggest part of their job!

MRS. WILLIAM E. MEADE,
Diocesan Educational Secretary.

REPORT OF BISHOP TUTTLE MEMORIAL FUND FOR 1924

This Fund is our Woman's Auxiliary special. Accepted at the Triennial in Portland to be raised during the three years ending in May and presented at the Triennial in New Orleans in October. It will be used for two houses for Mission workers—one in Norfolk, and the other in Raleigh for our Colored workers.

Every Branch give some amount, even if small, so they can be included in this splendid work.

The amount in hand January 1, 1925, is \$557.07, a little over half the \$1,000.00 we want to raise.

MRS. THOMAS P. THOMPSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF UNITED THANK OFFERING FOR 1924

This is the last year before the Triennial and therefore the one in which we will wish to make our most earnest and devoted efforts for the increase of the United Thank Offering. Generous as was the offering at Portland, we must hope for a greater at this coming Triennial if we are to make use of the opportunities which are constantly opening before us. Can we not hope that during this year every woman and girl in each parish in the Church not already interested may be reached, and that at New Orleans in October we may have not alone the largest offering in our history, but that it may be more truly than ever before a **United Offering** because it is an expression of the love and devotion of all the women of the Church.

Total amount this year from all Auxiliaries.....	\$3,381.23
Amount sent too late in 1923 to be credited.....	291.18
Estimate of accrued interest.....	300.00

\$3,972.41

Expenses	5.88
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Total for 1924.....	\$3,966.53
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Total for 1923.....	3,919.18
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Total	\$7,885.71
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Our President urges there be two collections a year—Spring and Fall—and always have it offered up in the church at a Corporate Communion. Use a Feast Day or a Saint's Day when service is being held, anyway. Of course in smaller parishes where services are less frequent it can't be done, but you, yourself, could offer up a prayer of thankfulness that some missionary is going out to do your work,

and wish her God-speed. Two hundred and twenty-one women are now supported by the U. T. O., seventeen of these noble missionaries are doing service in the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina.

MRS. RANDOLPH BARKSDALE, Custodian, U. T. O.

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB FOR 1924

Branch Number	Parish	Number of magazines regularly sent
1.	St. Paul's Norfolk	27
2.	Trinity, Portsmouth	41
3.	St. Andrew's, Norfolk	40
4.	Emmanuel, Cape Charles	2
5.	Good Shepherd, Forest Hill	19
6.	St. Paul's, Petersburg	104
8.	St. John's Hampton	56
9.	St. James, Accomac	18
10.	St. John's, Halifax	9
11.	St. John's, Chester	6
12.	Good Shepherd, Meadowbrook	18
13.	Christ, Norfolk	51
14.	St. Paul's, Suffolk	12
15.	Trinity, South Boston	9
16.	St. Luke's, Norfolk	8
17.	Meade Memorial, South Richmond	3
18.	Grace, Petersburg	26
19.	Ascension, Norfolk	9
20.	St. Andrew's, Lawrenceville	14
22.	Emmanuel, Phoebus	2
25.	Emmanuel, Franklin	6
26.	St. Bryde's, Norfolk	16
27.	Christ, Smithfield	8
28.	St. Peter's, Norfolk	4
29.	Manakin, Huguenot Springs	4
30.	Christ, Emporia	12
31.	Grace, Palmer Springs	2
32.	Old Bruton, Williamsburg	10
TOTAL		536

32 active Branches.

Those not reporting were:

- 7. St. Paul's, Newport News.
- 21. St. Luke's, Blackstone.
- 23. Epiphany, Danville.
- 24. St. John's, Portsmouth.

Forty branches contributed \$173.00 toward books for Dr. Harry Taylor's library in Anking, China, and many other books, magazines, leaflets, and cards were sent to various stations, including 800 volumes sent in the past two years to the State penitentiary.

MRS. C. WILLIAM MOORE,
Diocesan Correspondent.

REPORT OF DIOCESAN PRESIDENT, GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY, FOR 1924

It is a pleasure as well as privilege to come before my fellow members of the Auxiliary with a message from the Girls' Friendly Society of the Diocese. The girls of the G. F. S. are the future members of the Auxiliary and already the ranks are being filled by our members, bringing with them the love of service and the joy which comes from it—the ideals which we who work with the girls try to instill in them.

This has been a year full of interest and development in the G. F. S. in the Diocese. Beginning with last November—only a few weeks after the Auxiliary meeting in Danville—our National Council was held in Baltimore when 35 women and girls of this Diocese marches in a procession of 600 others on the Cathedral grounds and heard the sermon preached by our own Bishop Thomson. Last May we had our Diocesan Council at Forest Hill with an attendance of about 75 and our delegate from Dabney House made her report from the branch there—the first she had ever made, and made us proud of the work the girls are doing there. This fall we carried out a very successful three-day institute in different parts of the Diocese, having the first one at the Diocesan Camp—the second at Dabney House and the third at the Y. W. C. A. camp near Petersburg. The branches from the towns near by attended these camps with a total registration of 68. Bishop Thomson celebrated the Holy Communion at the Diocesan Camp for the first time at the outdoor altar the Sunday we were there, and dedicated the altar. We have also gotten this year our Diocesan Banner which is exhibited here. We are very proud of it. We have gained three new branches this year, a total of 26 with a membership of 1,183. Our branch at the Diocesan School in Chatham is an outstanding factor in the spiritual life of the school, the members having charge of the devotional meetings of the school on Wednesday and Sunday nights, and much is being done to develop leadership in these lines. Dabney House is their special missionary work and several visits have been interchanged between the two branches. Last Lent a training class was started among the Church girls at the Farmville Normal School and 35 girls voluntarily kept up the class on their own initiative during the six weeks. They wished to fit themselves to be of service in their own Parishes when they left school.

The G. F. S. works, of course, in the Five Fields of Service. This year the special missionary work we were asked to do as a whole was the Day Nursery at Kyoto, Christ Church School at Arden, N. C., and the School for Girls at Bontoc, P. I. Our reports do not come in until December so we cannot give the amount of money given to these objects. In the Diocese, we have our Home for Girls and Dabney House as our special work. Three little girls at the Home are clothed by different branches of the G. F. S. and we gave the new dining room chairs as our contribution this year, besides extra boxes of clothing. Miss Edmunds needs money to run the car, so \$100 was pledged her last May and over half has been paid. We get an allotment from the Auxiliary every year to fill. This past year it was for a girls school in the Philippines. We are immensely interested in the Diocesan Camp and \$50 has already been given by us. We also have distributed 150 little houses to be filled and hope to realize several hundred dollars from them. Each box holds \$10.20. One group of girls filled a box in a week! When it comes to work in the Parish, the activities vary from paying for a ton of coal for the Church, taking shares of Building and Loan on the Parish House Fund, doing Altar and Choir work, and many other things. But best

of all, and most important of all, is to see the development of the girl, taking her part as a teacher in the Church School, as are ten girls in one Parish, singing in the choir and learning the joy of doing her share of work for the Master. Development of Christian character and Church loyalty are the chief aims of the G. F. S., and we ask your help and prayers for the girls of the present who are our future women of the Church, that they may be ready to take upon their shoulders the mantels of those who are trying to carry on the work of the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

INCOMPLETE REPORT, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, COLORED CONVOCATION, FOR 1924

Our women raised and presented, as a unit, at the Convocation, in August last, the sum of \$154.80.

The same was disbursed as follows:

The "Virginia Morgan Russell" scholarship to the Bishop	
Payne Divinity School-----	\$ 75.00
To the new St. James' Mission Church, North Emporia-----	5.00
To the new St. James' Church, Portsmouth-----	5.00
To St. Cyprian's Church, Hampton-----	5.00
To the new St. John's Church, Skelton-----	5.00
To the Piedmont Sanatorium, Burkeville-----	5.00
To Bromley School, near Monrovia, Liberia-----	10.00
To the expenses of the Chairman-----	6.90
To aid the Convocation in meeting its expenses-----	37.90

\$154.80

Apart from the above the women in several of the colored Churches and Missions sent money to other objects outside of their own missions.

St. James, Lunenburg, United Work Offering, \$1.50; Diocese, \$4.80.

St. Stephen's, Petersburg, sent a number of pajama suits to a hospital.

St. Paul's Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville, United Thank Offering, \$10.00; Loulie Letcher Fund, \$10.00; Liberia College, Monrovia, Liberia, \$10.00. From its Junior Auxiliary a Christmas box, valued at \$30.00, was sent to St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.

Grace Norfolk, for various Missions, \$24.45.

In addition to the foregoing, nearly every Mission reports that its women have rallied nobly to the support of their own Churches by helping their vestries to raise their respective budgets, to aid in building, remodeling and otherwise beautifying their Churches. One of these branches raised as much as \$379.64, another \$289.62, another \$173.98, another \$40.00, another \$30.85, another \$171.75, another \$114.45, another \$169.41, and still another \$193.40, and several others raised nearly \$100.00 towards self-help.

We have a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in every church.

CORDELIA SMITH, Chairman.

MESSAGE TO THE COLORED WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE

It was with deep pride I learned you had an organized branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in all your congregations, and you must now pray and work and give with the knowledge you are a member of this great missionary organization, which embraces the Parish, Community, Diocese, Nation, and World.

In talking over your work with Bishop Thomson and your own

beloved leader, Archdeacon Russell, we have decided to let your individual parishes work under the Colored Convocation, and as a unit, affiliate with our Diocesan Branch. We want to help you and lead you, so every year you may elect at your Convocation 5 members as delegates to our Annual meeting, and others may attend the sessions, as well as the Educational Conference meetings in January and Convocational meetings in May.

As you women are expected to work for your parish and do charity work in your community, I would suggest you give just one-tenth of all you make or contribute to the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, and this amount not to be credited on your Diocesan budget. Your parish treasurer could send this amount to your Convocational treasurer and when you meet in Annual session, you could appropriate it to the missions chosen. If you wish to have a part in our offerings, you might contribute some amount to our Diocesan pledges, thereby sharing in the gifts to all these objects.

With the Annual Report in your hands you can use it for a guide for your work, and try to have someone read from the Spirit of Missions at every meeting. If it will be hard to decide on a certain proportion for the Woman's Auxiliary, plan in January that you will give \$5.00, \$10.00, or some definite amount, and then go to work and make it, or contribute it. Besides your own officers, have the following Convocational officers: Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Custodian United Thank Offering.

Faithfully, your President,

MRS. CHARLES R. GRANDY.

CONCERNING YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS

I'm sure when you received the Report Blank you wondered why I asked you so many questions, and some so hard to answer. Well, they serve two purposes: First, I have to make a report of all the work done by all the Branches in our Diocese to send to the Church Mission's House in New York and that Report Blank has all those questions, so when you don't answer them it makes my report incorrect. Second, it serves to show me just what work you are doing, whether much or little, and with this information, I can plan for the future.

Not near all branches have a Corporate Communion even once a year. Nearly all report Mission Study classes—in Lent generally. Missionary information or study is not a part of the program of even half the branches at their regular meetings, and if we don't know, how can we pray or give intelligently?

39 Parishes reported 237 copies of the Spirit of Missions taken.

44 Parishes reported 519 copies of the Diocesan Record taken.

23 Parishes reported 84 members attended Summer Schools.

But what about the other Branches? How can a president lead her work without the Spirit of Missions or Diocesan Record?

And if they cannot subscribe to them, see that it is done from the treasury, and the copies can be passed around among the members. There is a page in every number of the Diocesan Record, published by your secretary, about our Auxiliary. I frequently send you messages in this way, as well as the other officers and chairmen. You could have someone read from the Spirit of Missions at your meetings; it is the only way to hear what our Missionaries are doing for us. Every president should also have the Story of the Program. It reads like fairy stories.

Diocesan Record, 50c a year; Rev. G. Wallace Ribble, Halifax, Va.

The Spirit of Mission, \$1.00 a year; The Story of the Program, \$1.00 a year; Church Mission House, 281 Fourth Ave., New York.

Many of the Branches need a larger vision, and this literature will help them to see the needs outside their own church and community, and will then want to extend it to the Diocese, Nation and World.

You will see that nearly all branches are doing work under the Supply Department, besides many splendid boxes of both new and second-hand clothes sent to mission stations. A few branches do regular sewing. St. Luke's Circle I, Norfolk, reported sewing done one day every week and 290 garments were made last year for institutions in the city. (They did not furnish material.)

When next year's report is made up, I trust there will not be an open space in any column, so make this the goal for your Auxiliary. Always ready to serve you.

Faithfully your President,

ELIZABETH NEELY GRANDY.

P. S.—Our work for 1925 would not be complete if we did not make some effort for Japan reconstruction, so we are going to have a "Gold, Silver and Jewel Sale" to help rebuild St. Margaret's School, Tokio, Japan. You will receive notices very soon about it.

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