

Thirty-third
ANNUAL REPORT

of the
Southern Virginia Diocesan Branch of
the Woman's Auxiliary

to the
National Council of the Protestant
Episcopal Church



For the Year Ending December 31, 1925

PLACES OF MEETING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

1926—St. John's	Portsmouth
1927—Emmanuel	Phoebus
St. John's	Hampton
1928—Trinity	South Boston
St. John's	Halifax
1929—St. Luke's	Norfolk
1930—St. Paul's	Suffolk
1931—Trinity	Portsmouth
1932—Meade Memorial.....	South Richmond
1933—St. Paul's	Newport News
1934—St. Paul's	Petersburg
1935—Epiphany	Danville
1936—St. Paul's	Norfolk

The Meeting for 1926 will be held in St. John's Church,
Portsmouth, October 26, 27, 28.



DEDICATION

“To Those Who Bear the Message Glorious”

Missionaries in Field From Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Rt. Rev. L. L. Kinsolving, D. D., Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Rev. C. F. McRae, 49 Rue Moliere, Shanghai, China.

Dr. A. W. Tucker, St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, China.

Dr. H. B. Taylor, St. James Hospital, Anking, China.

Miss Clara J. Neely, Shintera Machi, Gojo Sagaru, Kyoto, Japan.

Miss Marietta Ambler, Karasu Maru, Dori Shimotochi-Uri, Kyoto, Japan.

Miss Louisa H. Boyd, Care Bishop McKim, 48 Minamicho Itchome Aoyama, Tokyo, Japan.

Mrs. Lucille C. Kellam, St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.

Miss Sarah H. Beaman, St. John's School, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Mr. Ellis N. Tucker, St. John's College, Shanghai, China.

DAILY PRAYER

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless, we pray Thee, our work for the extension of Thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift to us of Thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their God and Saviour. We ask this for His dear sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send forth more laborers into Thy Harvest, and to grant them Thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field, and draw us into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly as Thou has given to them. Accept from grateful heads our United Thank Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service, and bless it to the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We yield Thee hearty thanks, O Lord, our God, for Thy great goodness to us. Mercifully assist us in every duty each one of us has to do, especially in our work of the Woman's Auxiliary. Vouchsafe to be our companion every day, from morning to night and from night to morning, that we may love Thy presence and walk in it vigilantly, and being delivered from all error and adversities, may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THIS DIOCESE RT. REV.

**BEVERLY D. TUCKER, D. D., L. L. D., BISHOP OF
SOUTHERN VIRGINIA**

O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose blessed son, Jesus Christ didst call women to be His helpers in building up Thy Kingdom, we humbly beseech Thee to accept the consecration and to bless the labours of Thy servants, the women of this Diocese of Southern Virginia. Give unto them the spirit of compassion for those who are scattered abroad as sheep without a shepherd, grant unto them joy in their work and give unto them in the end the crown of everlasting glory that fadeth not away. Grant this, we pray Thee, O Father, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ to whom with Thee and Thy Holy Ghost, we give all honor and glory, now and evermore. Amen.

INFORMATION

1. In the future the divisions of the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Diocese will be designated by the word District, there being three—Norfolk, Petersburg, Danville, and one colored Convocation, which embraces all the branches of the Colored Congregations.

CONCERNING THE DIOCESAN PLEDGES.

2. There are not 2,000 active members and our pledges are over \$2,000, and it is suggested the Branches try and average \$1.00 a member for this purpose, and 25c for the Central Fund. Many of the weaker branches will not be able, so the strong ones must try and give larger amounts.

ALTAR LINEN.

3. The need for Altar Linen is so great among the Mission churches of our Diocese and elsewhere that the Executive Board has created a department for this purpose.

UNITED THANK OFFERING.

4. Attention Branch Custodians United Thank Offering! Report the amount you send to the Diocesan Custodian, both spring and fall to your treasurer, so she will know the correct amount when making the annual report, as many this year did not tally. Try and have a special service, with corporate communion in order to present your offering before sending it to the Diocesan Custodian.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

5. Apply to Educational Secretary for all information concerning mission study, programs and leaflets.

BOX WORK.

6. Apply to Supply Secretary for all information concerning this department.

DIOCESAN RECORD.

7. Read the Woman's Auxiliary page in the Diocesan Record for special messages and information pertaining to the work.

The Spirit of Missions is replete with missionary information concerning our missions and workers. Have these articles read at your monthly meetings, and urge the taking of this magazine.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS.

In making a summary of the reports other than money and Box Work it is gratifying to find that all Branches report some study of missionary work. Number of corporate communions 92; number of quiet days 9; number of prayer groups 30; 216 subscribe to prayer leaflets; 108 from the parishes attended the Summer School. There were 35 Branches which did not contribute to the Central Fund; 38 did not give to specials; 34 did not contribute to Diocesan Pledges; 15 collected no Thank Offering.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS FOR 1926.

The Bishop

THE RT. REV. BEVERLY D. TUCKER, D. D.

The Bishop Coadjutor

THE RT. REV. ARTHUR C. THOMSON, D. D.

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405 Fillmore Street, Petersburg, Va.

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MISS FLORENCE ROBERTS

406 Armistead Avenue, Hampton, Va.

Supply Secretary

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701 Harrison Street, Petersburg

United Thank Offering Treasurer

MRS. RANDOLPH BARKSDALE

404 West Washington Street, Petersburg

Our Pledges For 1926

The Diocesan Pledges total \$2,055.00 to which every branch is asked to contribute something. It is our first obligation, and then comes the Central Fund, which is used to carry on the Diocesan expenses. All strong branches are urged to support in whole or part a child at the Jackson-Field Episcopal Home at \$180.00 a year.

Remember our Community Houses need our support.

IN THE DIOCESE:

Dabney House, one-half salary of worker.....	\$ 450.00
Dabney House, coal and wood.....	100.00
Jackson Field Episcopal Home, maintenance one child.....	180.00
Phoebe Anne Community House, upkeep of automobile and provisions for sick.....	150.00
Scholarship at Chatham Episcopal Institute.....	250.00
St. Paul's Industrial and Normal School, Lawrenceville.....	100.00
Rural work among the colored people.....	50.00
Church Periodical Club (expenses)	25.00

IN THE NATION:

Church at University of Virginia.....	\$ 100.00
Indian Mission, Altar Furnishings, Bishop Roberts, Sioux Falls, South Dakota	50.00
The Industrial School and Farm for Homeless Boys, Covington	100.00
Alaska, St. Mark's School, Nenana, for Miss Blacknall.....	50.00

IN THE WORLD:

Hooker School, Mexico.....	\$ 50.00
Dr. Augustine Tucker, St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, China...	100.00
Dr. Harry Taylor, St. James Hospital, Anking, China.....	100.00
Kuling School, China	100.00
Honolulu for Bishop John La Mothe.....	50.00
House of Bethany, Liberia.....	50.00

TOTAL \$2,055.00

SPECIALS:

Central Fund—Try and average 25 cents a member.

Dabney House—(Special for Miss Mildred Edmunds, Java, Va.)

Phoebe Anne Community House—(Special for Miss Annie Hankins, Halifax, Va.)

Jackson Field Episcopal Home, Jarratt, Va.

N. B.—Send all donations to Mrs. Shirley Carter, Shirley, Va.

PROGRAM ADVANCE WORK SPECIAL

MRS. L. B. HODGES, Chairman, 708 Graydon Park, Norfolk, Va.
(Information to be sent you.)

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CORPORATE GIFT

MRS. W. E. PRICE, Chairman, Meredithville, Va.
(Information to be sent you.)

GOLD, SILVER AND JEWEL SALE

MRS. RICHARD McILWAINE, Chairman, 830 Raleigh Ave., Norfolk.

ALTAR LINEN

MRS. A. S. ELEY, Chairman, Bosley Ave., Suffolk, Va.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

MRS. J. BILISOLY HUDGINS, Secretary, 911 Westover Ave. Norfolk.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting—1925

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, held in Grace Church, Petersburg, November 3-5, was a splendid and most helpful gathering of this branch of our Church's work. As the annual report will be out by February with all reports in full, we will only mention a few details of general interest. If you have not already done so, don't fail to read the "message" of your president, and Mrs. Darling's report of the General Convention.

Fifty-four branches were represented, with 168 delegates and visitors present. Thirty-three branches sent no representative. The Colored Auxiliaries, thirty in number, were represented by five members. A general report of all their activities was made by Mrs. C. E. Smith, of Lunenburg. They bespeak your interest and financial aid in the rural work among the colored people.

Mrs. Randolph Barksdale, Custodian of the United Thank Offering, reported \$10,952.34 as the amount Southern Virginia contributed to the great offering made at the Triennial.

It was with great pride (and a beautiful tribute to Miss Mary Garrett and Mr. John Letcher) that the president reported the completion of the \$10,000 memorial to Mrs. Loulie Taylor Letcher. The interest on this amount is being used for the education of two girls in St. Agnes' School, Kyoto.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

On Nomination—Mrs. Norton, of Norfolk; Mrs. Herndon, of Portsmouth; Mrs. Kendrick, of Suffolk, and Mrs. Rex, of South Richmond.

On Resolutions—Mrs. Hodges, Norfolk; Mrs. Stewart, Powhatan; Mrs. Turnbull, Lawrenceville.

The budget was accepted by vote of the delegates at the annual meeting, with the addition of \$50 for rural work among the colored people. (See "Our Pledges for 1926" on seventh page.)

The Woman's Auxiliary Special from 1922-25, known as the Bishop Tuttle Memorial, was the raising of \$75,000 to build two houses, for white and colored mission workers. At the General Convention in New Orleans the final report was made that \$101,000 had been raised and the house in Raleigh already open and functioning.

Southern Virginia's share, \$967.07, was a little short of our goal of \$1,000. To this amount forty-two branches of the Auxiliary contributed.

The director of the Church Periodical Club reported 536 magazines regularly sent by 291 people and \$489.99 in money used in various ways during the past year.

The reports of the Girls' Friendly Society, by Miss Mary Hunter, and the Daughters of the King, by Mrs. C. E. Boykin, will appear in the annual report.

The assembled branches in annual meeting heard with deep regret that Mrs. Whichard, First Vice-President, and Mrs. William Meade, Educational Secretary, would not stand for re-election to their respective offices.

The following officers, presented by the Nominating Committee, were elected for a term of two years: First Vice-President, Mrs. Richard McIlwaine, of Norfolk; Second Vice-President, Mrs. James Scott, of Petersburg; Educational Secretary, Mrs. Walter Ruan, of Petersburg.

A new office, that of Extension Secretary, was created, and Mrs. Frank Darling, Honorary President, was appointed by the Executive Board to fill this office.

A beautiful service of installation and reconsecration of the officers was conducted by Bishop Thomson, as the last service of this meeting.

The presence of Bishop Tucker and Bishop Thomson at the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary is always a great help, in explaining the detail of the great work of our Church, and in the spiritual uplift and guidance that their messages always bring to us.

Rt. Rev. John La Mothe, Bishop of Honolulu, gave a most interesting account of his work on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Charles Pancoast, of Philadelphia, made two splendid addresses during this meeting—"The Psychology of Mission Study Classes" and "Missions as Seen by a Lay Woman."

Mrs. Walter Ruan spoke in a short address on the Church School and Rev. Edwin Carter, D. D., on the Summer School.

Mr. Ellis Tucker brought us a first-hand message from St. John's University, Shanghai, and Miss Etta Ambler carried us right into her kindergarten of Japanese children.

Miss Annie Hankins, of Phoebe Ann Community House; Miss Mildred Edmunds, of Dabney House, and Mrs. E. B. Johnson for the Jackson-Field Home, told us of our own mission opportunity in Southern Virginia. This face-to-face communication with those who are our representatives in Christ's mission means so much to each of us, makes us realize what a splendid work it is, and what an opportunity for each one of us to have a part through our help to them.

Every one present was loud in praises of the delightful lunches served each day by the ladies of Trinity Methodist Church. The loan of the spacious assembly rooms in their beautiful church for all afternoon meetings was most keenly appreciated.

An informal reception was given by Grace Church Auxiliary on Tuesday night. Thursday afternoon the visitors were the guests of the local moving picture theatre to see "The Thief of Bagdad." Those who did not avail themselves of this, enjoyed an automobile drive around this interesting city.

There are eighty-eight branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in Southern Virginia, with a membership of over 2,500. Fourteen new branches were formed by the vice-presidents during the year.

Our report shows that twenty-four branches failed to contribute to the Diocesan pledges, twenty-three did not contribute to the Central Fund, nine had no part in the United Thank Offering, and twenty-eight did no supply work during the past year. Let us see, during the coming year, that each branch shall contribute (even if in a small way) to each part of our work, thereby becoming a link in a great chain that encircles the globe.

Take the budget to your meeting and discuss it, so that you may be ready to make your pledge to the Treasurer when you receive the pledge card. Your pledge is the only data by which the Executive Board (with the approval of your delegates at the annual meeting) can plan from year to year the work we do.

You will receive later separate circulars of the Woman's Auxiliary and Advance Work Special, Gold, Silver and Jewel Sale and Christian Social Service.

SECRETARY.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

It is six years since the Woman's Auxiliary was made an Auxiliary to the National Council. During this time the Church's mission has come to be more and more the responsibility of the whole Church; there has been a higher and broader conception of what this mission is; new ways have been suggested by the Field Department for carrying on the work of the Church by men and women together, and new possibilities of service for the Auxiliary have been presented to meet the increasing demands of the expanding life of the Auxiliary. We are understanding in a new sense the meaning of the Church's life; the length and breadth and depth and height of it and of the part women of the Church may have in it.

Let us remember, for our inspiration, that more lasting than money, greater than numbers, more important than work, has been the influence of the Woman's Auxiliary. For fifty-four years it has stood for the fact that the mission of the Church is the Church's supreme obligation, that upon every member of the Church rests this obligation. Because of this power comes our great responsibility. If we insist on a high Christian and moral standard in our homes and in society, Christian inter-racial and international relations, work and pray for Christian unity, we will make America Christian.

As Bishop LaMothe said, "We aid the missionary with our gifts, and when we fail in our lives we kill their work. It is very difficult, almost impossible, for the missionary today to convert people to ways which we profess, but in which we do not walk ourselves. This means that every so-called Christian at home is linked with the success of the Christian adventure in heathen lands. As soon as other nations and peoples can see the power of the living Church, enabling us of the West to meet successfully the powers of evil, they will begin to consider Christianity seriously for their own lives."

There is no way to estimate what we owe the missionary, at home and abroad, and it is to our advantage to know every one we can. They teach us patience, love, endurance, unselfishness, and what we call self-sacrifice, they would reply—"yours in a happy service." Not only the heathen in distant land should engage our attention, but the foreign-born right in our midst, and we are under Christian indictment if we neglect them. Over 1,000 of our parishes are definitely reaching them and their children in forty-four different nationalities. Is your parish among the number? If you have no foreign-born in your midst, how about those in the rural districts? Many are too far from churches to attend regularly, or the roads are too bad, 'but we could send them prayer leaflets—give them an opportunity to share in the great United Thank Offering, and keep in touch with them in other ways.

To make the work of the Woman's Auxiliary more effective, it must embrace Religious Education and Christian Social Service. We see in our land millions of men and women who acknowledge no connection with religion; and, as a result of this, a large proportion of their children growing up without religious influence or teaching of any sort. There is no future for this country unless religion gets into the home. Religious education cannot be obtained by attending church once a Sunday, nor by attendance upon a Mission Study Class once a week during Lent. We rail against no religion in our schools, and 'tis true, we are the only country where religion is not a part of education—but why not teach your own children and send them to Church schools? Have a Church Day as often as practical in your

parish, where the women can come together and sew, and one by one steal into the Church and talk with God, and then listen to His answer: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The words of the old hymn come to my mind—"Take it to the Lord in Prayer." Pray more earnestly; study the Bible more diligently, for in its pages one finds a word of peace in time of peril, a word of comfort in time of sorrow, a word of light for the hour of darkness. Read the Church papers. Have more Corporate Communions and always have your meetings open with a little service. It is a good plan to have a different member conduct this service every time. They will refuse when first asked, but take no excuse. Never fail to have some missionary information at every meeting. The Spirit of Missions can always supply your purpose.

"Let your light so shine"—It's the spirit of the Woman's Auxiliary. In the East, in a large group of people, one can invariably tell who are the Christians by the light that shines in their faces.

Summer time in the cities used to mean rest from any responsibility of the Church's work—but a great change has come, for last summer forty schools of Religious Education were in process in our own communion alone. Send all the young people who will go. They will prove an inspiration in your parish.

The Bishop of London once said: "If up to now you have found no joy in your religion; if your prayers have been cold and your communions indifferent, try service, for service is the God-ordained path to happiness." As an Auxiliary we are asked to think of Christian Social Service, not merely as visiting the sick or prisoners, the sending of flowers or clothes and magazines—but as a constructive plan for making better citizenship through the teachings of Christ, thereby removing the causes leading to crime, poverty, disease and ignorance.

Too long have we neglected our young people. We pass sentence upon them and then resign them to their fate, and on account of our failure to enlist their talents, the Junior League came into being, and they exist "to foster interest among their members in the social, economic, educational and civic conditions of their own community and to make efficient their volunteer service." Every member is required to give so many hours of service every week, and when some of the young mothers asked for exemption it was refused—and they did not leave the League. Here is our great opportunity; they are ready and willing and easy to lead if we will just be sympathetic with their viewpoint. Let them drill if they must, and make the meetings peppy so they can enthuse as much as in other things.

However, many or few are the members of your Auxiliary, have a program—make a program, not of money, but life in action. There is nothing more contagious than activity. Make it appropriate to the group, and have everyone do something as well as belong. We are arranging to standardize our auxiliaries by requiring certain things for greater efficiency, for our purpose should not be to scale the work to the will of our auxiliaries, but to scale our auxiliaries to the will of God.

Our Diocese, comprising thirty counties, is divided into three convocations—Norfolk, Petersburg and Danville—and an Educational Conference was held in all three during January and convocational meetings in May. These are designed for our inspiration and greater attendance than can be present at our annual meeting. We numbered seventy-four branches last year, and fourteen new ones have been organized in 1925.

The Colored Convocation embraces thirty branches and had a

splendid meeting in LaCrosse in August, and is represented by five delegates at this meeting. They solicit our aid whenever we can give it.

In the report of your officers and chairmen you will learn of the splendid work they have done—but as for me—I feel I have failed, not in the heart, but work not accomplished, but I am not discouraged, as failure is just learning how, and we pray to Him who failed on Calvary, and by that failure opened unto us everlasting life.

Following close upon the last annual meeting, I attended the Provincial Synod which met in Charleston, W. Va. The sessions were mostly conferences where every one's problems were solved by somebody else. I prepared a circular letter incorporating our 1925 pledges, at Christmas, sent greetings to every branch president, and in January compiled the annual report for publication. I presided over the Executive Board meetings in January, September and November and attended both an Educational Conference in St. Paul's, Norfolk, and convocational meeting in Trinity, Portsmouth, where I made a few remarks. I gave a report of the Woman's Auxiliary at the meeting of the Diocesan Council in Portsmouth in January. In March I visited the Church Mission Home in New York in the interest of the work, and upon my return gave greetings at the annual meetings of the Girls' Friendly in Trinity Church, Portsmouth.

In correspondence with Rev. Floyd Tomkins on World Conference on Faith and Order, I learned that nineteen branches in our Diocese asked for prayer leaflets and held appropriate services. I sent a message every month through the Diocesan Record, and have written letters beyond my counting. I assisted in organizing branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in five churches, and have spoken in as many more. In June I went to Petersburg to arrange for this meeting, and later in the month visited every Diocesan institution—Camp Robert Hunt, where 130 children received that healthy, wholesome Christian life, for two weeks at a time this summer; the Jackson-Field Episcopal Home, where twenty-six children are being reared in a Christian atmosphere. It was with pride I saw the splendid plant of the Colored Normal and Industrial Institute at Lawrenceville, Va., and while there I spoke before a joint meeting of five auxiliaries in St. Andrew's Church.

Phoebe Ann Community House stands as a moral uplift in Halifax county, as well as the Fork and Clarkton Community Houses not many miles distant. Dabney House and School are a benediction in Pittsylvania county, as well as Chatham Episcopal Institute, our splendid Church school. These are our very own, and they demand our moral and financial support. Attendance upon the Summer School at Sweetbrier, where I spoke before the women of our Diocese, ended an automobile trip which lasted sixteen days.

In October I prepared the program for this meeting and obtained the speakers. I asked all the branches to arrange a service on October 8, the day for the presentation of the United Thank Offering at the Triennial Convention which recently met in New Orleans. Five delegates represented you at this convention, and it was a privilege to be numbered among such a delegation of consecrated women from every Diocese and mission station of the Church throughout the world except three. I sat amazed at the power of expression of the women, and so convincing were they in their convictions and resolutions that I found myself always on both ends of the seesaw.

The deepening of the spiritual life was emphasized in all reports, and I cannot fail to pay tribute to our National Executive Secretary,

Miss Grace Lindley, who possesses the rare powers of spiritual comprehension and discernment which make her a true leader of the women of the Church, as well as to the other members of the National Board who pave the way for all our work.

Whatever I have accomplished it was because of the advice and co-operation of our own efficient Executive Board and chairmen of committees, and the wise guidance of our Bishops, and I take this opportunity to thank them all for their courtesy and support.

This gathering together of those bound by mutual ties of intellect and service to review the work done, and take council for the future, to offer united prayers and praise to Him in whom we live and move and have our being, should bring to us as individuals and branches a broader vision, a new birth of inspiration and consecration and a deeper sense of the obligation and opportunities that are calling to us as Christian women today.

(Signed)

ELIZABETH NEELY GRANDY.

Diocesan President.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1925

Since giving my last report, my first privilege was to attend the Provincial Synod held in Charleston, West Virginia, in February, 1924, as a delegate from the Woman's Auxiliary.

In January I was present at the first Executive Board meeting for this year and also a meeting of the Extension Committee, where plans were made to organize an Auxiliary in every Parish.

During February, I assisted in organizing branches in Epiphany, St. Marks and the Church of the Advent in Norfolk.

In March, I visited Galilee Chapel, Virginia Beach and St. Andrews, Hilton Village, where Auxiliaries were formed. A branch was reorganized at Grace Church, Newport News.

In April I organized another branch in Eastern Shore Chapel, Oceana.

During May I assisted in forming new branches in Glebe Church, Drivers, and Emmanuel, Phoebeus, which placed the Auxiliary in every Church in this Convocation.

Also in May I arranged and conducted a Convocational meeting in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, which was well attended. Both of our Bishops gave an address and Mrs. R. W. Hibbert told, in a most interesting way, of her work in the University Missions, near Red Hill, Va. Short talks were given on all phases of Auxiliary work and a report was read from the colored Convocation. A small charge was made for lunch and after the expenses for it were met, a balance of \$24.00 was sent to Kuling School. A collection was taken for Missions.

In June I visited, with our President and Miss Neely, Jackson-Field Home, St. Paul's Industrial School, Chatham Institute, Dabney House, Phoebe Ann, Clarkton and the Fork Community Houses. While in Lawrenceville we held an Auxiliary District Meeting and we spent several days attending Summer School at Sweet Brier.

In July, I visited Camp Robert Hunt and saw the splendid work done there for our girls and boys.

On August 5th, I addressed the Auxiliary of the colored Convocation at La Crosse. Of the thirty branches in this Convocation, twenty-four were represented by enthusiastic Auxiliary workers. I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that each Auxiliary visit their nearest colored branch during the year and take them a helpful message.

In September I attended the fall Executive Board meeting.

In October I had the great pleasure of being a delegate to the Triennial in New Orleans. I was also the Lay delegate from this Diocese to a conference on Church work arranged by the Field Department and held during the Convention. On my return I visited the Bishop Tuttle Memorial building at St. Augustine School in Raleigh, North Carolina.

On November 3, I was present at a called Executive Board meeting in Petersburg.

During the year I attended two meetings of the Diocesan Board of Missions, being a member from the Woman's Auxiliary. I have spoken on various subjects at Auxiliary meetings in this Convocation, assisted our Supply Secretary and had occasional conferences with our President, and have been before practically every Church in this Convocation.

It has been a real joy to serve as a Diocesan officer for the past two years, and I realize, as a chain is no stronger than its links, so the Diocesan Auxiliary is only as strong as its branches.

Respectfully submitted,

PATTIE CARROLL WHICHARD.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

I have attended all Board meetings; have visited five branches; have corresponded with many more, both those in good running order and prospective ones.

I attended the district educational conference; held the Spring Convocation May 13. Again the weather was against us. It not only rained on the day appointed but the entire preceding day. This did not deter 125 from coming and owing to the new plan of paying a nominal sum for lunch, they stayed through the day. The program was good. Bishop Tucker was here to help "his women." Our missionary speaker this year was from the home field, Mrs. R. W. Hibbert, and she proved not only instructive but most entertaining. The program was good, but the reports were even better. With the faithful assistance of some of the wives of the ministers in outlying districts and others, there have been established in this the second district since the last annual meeting six new branches at Waverly, Burkeville, Holy Innocence; Crewe, Gibon Memorial; Powhatan, Grace Genito; Cartersville, St. James; Pineville, St. James; Moseley. Manakin.

The vice-president would like the announcement of the time and place of one of the regular meetings of every one of these branches in her district so that she might attend.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. G. SCOTT.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

I attended an educational meeting held in Danville in May. I gave a report of the triennial at Auxiliary meetings held at St. John's, Halifax, and at Trinity, South Boston; made addresses twice to the newly formed Auxiliary at Mt. Road Mission.

I have also conducted Bible Study Classes in Emmanuel Church, Halifax, and at Mt. Road Mission.

MRS. HENRY EDMONDS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The past year has been one of growth from every standpoint, many new Auxiliaries formed, several reorganized, more women claiming the privilege which is theirs by reason of Baptism—membership in the Woman's Auxiliary—thereby becoming a link in this great chain, which by prayer, by study, by gift, will some day encircle the globe, spread the Gospel of Christ and hasten His Kingdom on earth.

There is now in this body a membership of over 2,500, 88 branches, 14 new branches formed, one reorganized, 30 branches reported in the colored Convocation. Three Executive Board meetings have been held in the past year. At these meetings the officers discuss all questions for the furtherance of the work, then these problems are brought to the members at the annual meetings in concrete form for their approval.

Educational Conferences and Convocational Meetings are held in May in our three divisional Convocations, Norfolk, Petersburg and Danville. These Convocational Meetings are arranged and presided over by the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents in order. The Educational Conferences are arranged by the Educational Secretaries and are held in January.

These meetings are well attended and are a great help; every phase of the work of the women is discussed and inspirational and spiritual talks are made by our Bishops and others.

The Woman's Auxiliary was represented at the Synod in Charleston, by four members and had its full quota of representation at the Triennial.

The Secretary has sent out about 500 postcards during the year, report blanks, programs, year books, and all calls for meetings, requests to ministers from time to time for special services in regard to this work.

The Secretary edits the Auxiliary Page in the Record and reminds you to send all items of interest to her by the first day of the month in which the article is to appear.

Let her be of service to you, for she is your Secretary. Call on her.

MRS. FRANK HOLLADAY.

CONTRIBUTION'S OF WOMANS AUXILIARY

LOCATION	NAME OF CHURCH	PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Members	Diocesan Pledges	Central Fund	Specials	Bishop Tuttle Me. Fund	Louie T. Letcher Me. Fund	United Thank Offering		Value of Supply Work	Value of Lent	Value of Voluntary Boxes	TOTAL	
									Spring	Fall					
	1. Accomac.....	St. James.....	Mrs. Anna F. Brown.....	16	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 22.00	.....	.....	\$ 13.75	\$.....	\$ 10.00	\$ 51.20	\$ 111.95	
	2. Belle Haven.....	St. Michael's.....	Mrs. Ernest Finney, Craddockville.....	14	12.00	.....	10.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	15.00	42.50	
	3. Bridgetown.....	Hungar's.....	Mrs. Edwin Turlington, Franktown.....	18	20.00	5.00	15.00	.....	.....	12.00	13.50	.....	20.00	85.50	
	4. Cape Charles.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. Mallory Taylor.....	30	22.00	3.70	.....	10.00	5.00	25.00	.....	9.72	7.34	213.45	
	5. Cradock.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. M. Hendrick, 23 Emmons Place	10	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	5.50	10.00	3.50	21.00	
	6. Driver.....	Glebe.....	Miss Annie Lee Jones.....	5N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	2.00	.....	7.00	
	7. Eastville.....	Christ.....	Mrs. E. W. Cowling.....	15	45.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.26	.....	.....	62.26	
	8. Franklin.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. John Pretlow.....	25	.....	7.00	53.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	7.44	53.60	126.04	
	9. Hampton.....	St. John's.....	Mrs. Frank Darling.....	200	100.00	50.00	98.00	25.00	25.00	101.11	78.00	23.40	86.40	227.00	813.91
	10. Hilton Village.....	St. Andrew's.....	Mrs. R. H. Seward.....	10 N	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	10.00	
	11. Jenkin's Bridge.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. P. E. Corbin, Hollwood.....	14N	.....	.....	7.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50	
	12. Kempsville.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. R. Conway, R.F.D. 2, Norfolk.....	16	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	32.83	28.60	.....	9.00	B	72.63
	13. Lynnhaven.....	Old Doration.....	Mrs. Rufus Parks.....	8	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.89	9.01	13.50	.....	37.40
	14. Newport News.....	St. Paul's I.....	Mrs. H. L. Ferguson, 5700 Hunt Ave.	60	158.00	5.00	424.09	10.00	.....	40.50	48.95	47.76	.....	53.94	788.24
	15. Newport News.....	St. Paul's II.....	Miss Elizabeth Lackey, 327 58th St.	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	16. Newport News.....	Grace.....	Mrs. J. J. Jones, 1130 25th St.....	10 R	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.00	.....	.....	13.00	
	17. Norfolk.....	Ascension.....	Mrs. A. W. Wolfrey, 212 W. 29th St.....	24	20.00	.....	38.75	.....	.....	.....	10.00	2.00	4.20	.....	74.95
	18. Norfolk.....	Christ I.....	Mrs. F. C. Steinmetz, 618 Stock'y G'd'n	52	50.00	10.00	116.50	10.00	.....	101.00	22.40	40.00	67.75	12.00	429.65
	19. Norfolk.....	Christ II.....	Mrs. R. B. Spindle, 1112 Westover.....	49	60.00	10.00	329.21	10.00	.....	12.60	.....	45.90	60.00	50.00	577.71
	20. Norfolk.....	Christ III.....	Miss Julia Grandy, 355 W Fre'mas'n.	22	15.00	10.00	85.00	.....	.....	18.91	.....	16.25	30.00	.....	175.16
	21. Norfolk.....	Church of the Advent.....	Mrs. Ernest Wetzer, Bay View.....	N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.35	.....	.....	2.35
	22. Norfolk.....	Epiphany.....	Mrs. A. E. Dickson, 1325 Ashland Cir.	23 N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	23. Norfolk.....	Good Shepherd.....	Mrs. T. P. Thompson, Lochaven.....	53	20.00	20.00	85.00	10.00	.....	61.00	.....	80.00	52.50	75.00	403.50
	24. Norfolk.....	St. Andrew's I.....	Mrs. J. C. Boyton, 430 Redgate.....	30	25.00	5.00	9.28	10.00	.....	127.00	48.00	30.00	42.00	B	296.28
	25. Norfolk.....	St. Andrew's II.....	Mrs. M. P. Doyle, 1 W. End apt.....	16	10.00	2.00	24.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.20	35.00	74.30	165.35
	26. Norfolk-Berkley.....	St. Bride's.....	Miss Va. Shivers, 84 Chesapeake Ave.	29	30.00	10.00	87.30	5.00	.....	20.53	27.35	14.75	41.22	.....	236.15
	33. Norfolk.....	St. Luke's.....	Mrs. E. B. Hodges, 703 Graydon Ave.	71	15.00	10.00	400.00	10.00	.....	176.02	72.62	35.00	121.00	5 G	839.64
	32. Norfolk.....	St. Luke's.....	Miss Caroline Kennedy, York Apt.	31	20.00	5.00	21.51	10.00	.....	.....	.....	50.08	47.80	.....	154.39
	31. Norfolk.....	St. Mark's.....	Mrs. E. N. Herbert, 330 Va. Ave.	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	9.00	S	S	.....	16.00
	30. Norfolk.....	St. Paul's I.....	Mrs. Calvert Dey, 916 Blow St.....	72	75.00	25.00	201.00	10.00	.....	143.80	142.00	48.00	57.90	16.65 B	719.35
	29. Norfolk.....	St. Paul's II.....	Mrs. W. C. Speight, 744 Yarmouth.....	27	20.00	10.00	73.08	10.00	15.00	37.17	32.70	27.00	30.00	B	254.95
	28. Norfolk.....	St. Paul's III.....	Miss Hope Baker, 701 W'stor'r Ave.....	14 N	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	7.80	.....	29.80	
	27. Norfolk.....	St. Peter's.....	Mrs. O. F. Baxter, 719 Park Ave.....	21	.....	.....	20.00	1.00	.....	18.00	.....	6.50	3.00	32.00	80.50
	34. Oceana.....	Eastern Shore Chapel.....	Mrs. J. C. Cornick.....	15N	5.00	2.00	10.80	.....	.....	.....	10.00	2.20	.....	.....	30.00
	35. Onancock.....	Holy Trinity.....	Mrs. Wm. Parker.....	15	13.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	21.00	18.90	.....	34.00 B	98.90
	36. Phoebus.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. C. W. Seymons, 16 Ch'sp'ke Ave.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	37. Portsmouth.....	All Saint's.....	Mrs. W. G. Hinton, 735 Riv'r'w Ave.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.60	.....	.....	.....	3.60	
	38. Portsmouth.....	St. John's.....	Miss Hillie Hudgins, 505 Webst'r Ave	75	42.00	5.00	27.00	.....	.....	52.25	71.31	22.77	34.80	225.00	489.13
	39. Portsmouth.....	St. Stephen's I.....	Mrs. F. Shufflebarger, 349 Fla. Ave.....	16	.....	2.50	5.00	5.00	.....	12.68	.....	15.00	10.00	.....	50.18
	40. Portsmouth.....	St. Stephen's II.....	Miss Va. Outten, 222 Mt. Vernon.....	12	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	4.79	.....	11.00	10.00	.....	40.79
	41. Portsmouth.....	Trinity.....	Miss Janie Neely, 33 Dinwiddie St.....	196	2.00	50.00	675.00	20.00	.....	330.93	20.00	100.00	64.10	B	1,460.03
	42. Smithfield.....	Christ.....	Mrs. W. H. Adams.....	15	5.00	2.95	20.00	.....	.....	15.05	13.10	32.48	.....	10.00	98.58
	43. Suffolk.....	St. Paul's.....	Miss Anna Riddick, Main St.....	40	40.00	10.00	49.20	20.00	5.00	.....	113.00	48.00	60.00	.....	345.20
	44. Virginia Beach.....	Galilee.....	Mrs. S. M. Simpson, Melrose Cottage.....	20N	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.05	4.00	S	.....	13.05
	45. Williamsburg.....	Bruton.....	Miss Mary Goodman.....	44	20.00	.....	99.77	.....	.....	45.00	4.00	52.85	.....	.....	221.62
	1. Amelia.....	Christ.....	Mrs. P. T. Southall.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.08	.....	.....	8.95	.....	21.03
	2. Blackstone.....	St. Luke's.....	Mrs. W. E. Hurt.....	25	50.00	5.00	50.00	10.00	.....	32.73	19.06	.....	13.50	25.00	205.29
	3. Burkeville.....	Holy Innocence.....	Mrs. G. H. Carter, Piedm't Sanat'r'm	8N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.50	.....	10.28	25.00	73.78
	4. Burrowsville.....	Brandon.....	Mrs. W. H. Figg.....	15	15.00	.....	19.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
	5. Cabin Point.....	Grace.....	Mrs. C. W. Reeson, Spring Grove.....	11	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	4.43	.....	8.87	.....	22.52
	6. Callaville.....	Emmanuel.....	Mrs. C. H. Rollin.....	11	.....	.....	9.25	.....	.....	.....	8.88	.....	.....	8.88	
	7. Cartersville.....	St. James.....	Mrs. C. W. Cardwell.....	10N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.88	.....	.....	.....
	8. Chester.....	St. John's.....	Miss Lula Rowlett.....	16	6.00	4.00	.....	5.00	.....	8.50	8.25	.....	22.00	5.00	58.75
	9. City Point.....	St. John's.....	Mrs. Claiborne Wimbish.....	19	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.40	23.36	.....	S	.....	67.76
	10. Claremont.....	Richie Memorial.....	Mrs. R. D. Kimball.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.65					

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1925

Receipts

Received for Diocesan Pledges.....	\$1,864.10
Received for Central Fund.....	431.44
Received from Offering Norfolk Convocation.....	16.30
Received from Offering Annual Meeting.....	58.86
Received through Mrs. Charles R. Grandy for Dabney House..	150.00
Received through Mrs. C. R. Grandy for Jackson-Field Home.	150.00
Received for all other specials.....	1,888.52
Balance January 1, 1925.....	1,026.35
 Total	 \$5,585.57

Disbursements

	Amount of Diocesan Pledges	
Dabney House:		
One-half salary for teacher.....	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Salary for summer worker.....	150.00	
Special donation for salary.....	100.00	
Special for Miss Edmunds	105.00	
		\$ 805.00
Chatham Episcopal Institute:		
Scholarship	150.00	150.00
Scholarship, 1924 Pledge.....	75.00	
Special for scholarship.....	48.00	
		273.00
Jackson-Field Episcopal Home:		
For maintenance	250.00	250.00
For maintenance	743.80	
Special for Miss Gage.....	145.00	
For Lighting Plant	53.00	
Special for automobile	20.00	
		1,121.80
Colored Industrial School:		
For maintenance	100.00	100.00
Lawrenceville, Special Archdeacon Russell.	6.00	
		106.00
Phoebe Anne Community House:		
Salary worker	150.00	150.00
Special for Miss Hankins.....	93.00	
		243.00
Clarkton Community House:		
For Mrs. Shearer.....	17.50	17.50
Robert Hunt Diocesan Summer Camp	100.00	100.00
Church Periodical Club	25.00	25.00
Missions in S. W. Virginia:		
Bear Mt. Mission.....	38.00	
Mrs. Binns	38.00	
Deaconess Williams	49.00	
Mission Near Blacksburg	25.00	
Boys' Home, Covington	50.00	
Miss Caryetta Davis	5.00	
		205.00
Missions in Dio. of Virginia:		
Mrs. E. W. Hibbett.....	53.57	
Miss Sallie Deane	3.50	
Parish House U. Va.....	50.00	
		107.07

Alaska:			
Anvik, Rev. John Bentley.....	50.00	50.00	
Special, Rev. John Bentley.....	50.00		
School of Nenana, Miss Cotchett.....	25.00		
Bishop Rowe, emergency fund	5.00		
			95.00
Indian Work: Bishop Roberts, S. Dakota..	50.00	50.00	50.00
China:			
Hospital, Anking, Dr. Harry Taylor.....	100.00	100.00	
Hospital, Shanghai, Dr. Tucker.....	100.00	100.00	
Hospital, Wuchang	25.00		
Hospital, Dr. Claud Lee.....	5.00		
Kuling School from Norfolk Convocation.	24.26		
			254.26
Cuba: Bishop Hulse	50.00		50.00
Japan:			
Training native workers Kyoto, Miss Neely	100.00	100.00	
Special for Miss Neely.....	60.00		
Special for Miss Boyd.....	25.00		
St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Miss Williams...	100.00		
Rebuilding St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo....	29.83		
			314.83
Liberia: Bishop Gardener.....	50.00	50.00	50.00
Brazil: Bishop Kinsolving.....	50.00	50.00	50.00
Panama: Leper Mission.....	18.40		18.40
General expenses, account of Central Fund	248.88		248.88
Transferred to special fund, College of			
William and Mary	250.00		250.00
Total	\$1,725.00		\$4,474.74
Balance, January 1, 1926.....			1,110.83
Total			\$5,585.57

Additional Disbursements

Paid to Treasurer of Trustees of Funds of Dio-			
cese, Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund,			
Miss Mary Garrett, treasurer.....	\$ 5,000.00		
Interest of L. T. L. Me. Fund, paid to St. Agnes			
School, Kyoto, Japan.....	293.33		
To United Thank Offering, Mrs. Randolph			
Barkedale, treasurer	3,941.70		
To Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund, Mrs. T. P.			
Thompson, treasurer	445.12		
To Kuling School, through Mrs. John Taylor,			
treasurer	500.00		
	\$10,280.15		\$10,280.15
Grand total			\$15,865.72
Special Fund College William and Mary.....	\$ 250.00		
Interest	3.33		
Total	\$ 253.33		
Paid for rent of room for student.....	99.00		
Balance	\$ 154.33		

The amount of unpaid pledges is \$100, leaving a balance of \$1,010.83 and before this report is ready for publication, the Executive Board decided to create a Discretionary Fund, placing in it every year, all money over and above \$300.00.

MRS. SHIRLEY CARTER, Treasurer.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT FOR 1925.

In January a most successful Educational Institute was held in the Parish House of St. Paul's, Petersburg, presided over by Mrs. R. Perkinson, Educational Secretary for that District. A most instructive program had been arranged by Mrs. Perkinson, and Dr. Caley, of Philadelphia, led the Quiet Hour. Following the Institute, Mrs. Perkinson resigned for personal reasons. She felt that she could not give the time necessary to carry on the work. It was with regret that her resignation was accepted. Miss Kate Beckwith was appointed in her stead, and graciously accepted the office.

In Norfolk the same week Mrs. B. M. Baker, Educational Secretary for the Norfolk District, presided over an Educational Institute attended by 92 delegates, who were inspired by the splendid program prepared by Mrs. Baker to the extent of buying 110 copies of "China's Real Revolution."

The Mission Study Class led by Mrs. Ruan as a guide to leaders was so convincing that it aided materially in the sale of so large a number of books. Dr. Caley led the Devotional Hour.

On May 20th there was a combined meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and Church School Institute held in the Church of the Epiphany Danville, presided over by Mrs. Henry Edmunds, third Vice-President, who provided a most attractive program, having our Community Houses, represented by Miss Mildred Edmunds and Mr. Mellichampe, our Missions in Japan by Miss G. Fauntleroy, our missionary there for some years.

Mission Study was presented by your Diocesan Educational Secretary, who at that time announced the subject for Mission Study, "Latin America," and presented the textbook to be used, "That Freedom," by Dr. Arthur Gray.

On May 21st duplex postcards were sent out to the presidents of all the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, asking for reports of Study Classes, and at the same time again announcing the subject for Mission Study, and textbook to be used.

In June Educational notices were sent to the Diocesan Record.

In September a letter was published in the Diocesan Record explaining fully the subject and literature to be used for Mission Study.

During the year 182 communications were sent in regard to the Educational Work, as were many leaflets.

Replies from 52 of the postcards were received, reporting 50 Mission Study Classes, containing 735 members.

Nineteen Presidents of Auxiliaries failed to acknowledge the cards at all.

As you know, there is no Educational Fund, but the commission on books sold has defrayed the cost of textbooks, stationery, leaflets, postage, typewriting and incidental expenses at Annual Meeting, leaving a balance on hand of \$2.15.

MRS. WM. E. MEADE,

Educational Secretary.

REPORT OF UNITED THANK OFFERING FOR 1925

It is encouraging that women of our beloved Diocese have shown in the Triennium just closed a more zealous interest in the United Thank Offering than they did in the three previous years. This leads me to hope that in the new year 1926 and New Triennium, every woman and girl, including the isolated women of the church not already interested, may become awakened. Our offering at New Orleans was \$10,952.34, nearly three thousand dollars more than in 1922, and given in such a fine spirit. Bishop Murray said, "The Whole Offering was the greatest expression of devotion and consecration that the Church has had in all its Triennials."

We hope the ingathering from the Little Blue Boxes will be made twice every year—Spring and Fall—and have it offered at a Corporate Communion. Use a Feast Day or a Saint's Day when service is being held anyway. In smaller parishes where services are less frequent, it can't be done but you could offer a prayer of thankfulness that some missionary is going out to do your work and wish her Godspeed. Two hundred and fourteen women are supported by the United Thank Offering.

Never forget that the contents of the precious Little Blue Boxes go into lives, and the lives go into dark places of the earth to carry light.

Amount from all Auxiliaries for 1925, \$3,941.70.

Buildings to be erected by the U. T. O. of 1925 are St. Pheobe's School, Hankow, China, and St. Agnes' School, Kyoto, Japan. Each of which receives \$15,000.

Policies and plans for the next U. T. O. were considered at New Orleans, and it was agreed that the usual addition to the permanent trust fund, the income of which is used to pension retired or invalid missionaries, be ten per cent, that at least \$25,000 be set aside for buildings.

Training for U. T. O. workers at all training schools or other designated institutions of learning, will also be a charge on the U. T. O. as well as salaries of workers.

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

REPORT OF SUPPLY SECRETARY.

Value of Supply Work: Avent, \$1,342.23; Lent, \$1,347.08.....	\$1,689.31
Value of Voluntary Boxes.....	1,772.71
(As per yearly reports)	

Total \$3,462.02

MRS. R. C. PARSONS,
Supply Secretary.

BISHOP TUTTLE MEMORIAL FUND.

The Woman's Auxiliary Special from 1922-1925 known as the Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund, was the raising of \$75,000 to build two houses for white and colored mission workers.

At the General Convention in New Orleans the final report was made that \$101,000.00 had been raised and the house in Raleigh already open and functioning. Southern Virginia's share amounted to \$969.07, a little short of our goal of \$1,000; \$890.27 was contributed by 42 branches of the Auxiliary; \$2.00 by the Girls' Friendly of Trinity Church, Portsmouth; \$76.80 by six Sunday schools.

HELEN T. THOMPSON, Chairman.

LOULIE TAYLOR LETCHER MEMORIAL

It is with joy that we report the completion of the Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial of \$10,000, the interest to be used for scholarships at St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan. We, the committee, wish to express our appreciation of our first most efficient chairman, Miss Elizabeth Martin, also to express our heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for having blessed our labors in raising this Fund to be a memorial to our beloved first President. I now render an account of my stewardship as chairman of the second \$5,000.

(Signed):

MARY WINDER GARRETT.

Committee. } MRS. FRANK DARLING,
MRS. CHARLES R. GRANDY,
MRS. SHIRLEY CARTER,
MISS PEYTON NELSON
MRS. E. B. HODGES,
MISS MARY HUNTER.

STATEMENT OF SECOND \$5,000

Donations by:

Mr. John D. Letcher	\$2,620.00
Miss Mary V. Garrett.....	157.00
Mrs. Peyton Nelson.....	105.00
Rev. Wm. H. Pettres and Congregation, Washington, D. C.....	57.00
Miss Fannie Letcher.....	25.00
Miss Fanny Sams.....	10.00
Mrs. John Newport Greene.....	20.00
Mrs. Van F. Garrett (Silver Tea).....	56.75
Rev. Jas. S. Russell.....	5.00
Mrs. Frank Darling	100.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Virginia.....	550.00
Miss Urith Greene	25.00
Miss Lottie Garrett.....	25.00
Friends	476.40
Christ Church, Alexandria.....	37.50
Branches Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia.....	143.07
Interest	682.22
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	\$5,094.94

RESOLUTIONS GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Loulie Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund of \$10,000 for scholarships in St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan, is complete in 1925. It was raised by the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia in loving memory of its first president, who served 27 years until her death in 1920. The fund is held by the trustees of the funds of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, and interest sent through the National Council to the Chairman of the committee in charge of the scholarships in Japan.

Resolved 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 Louie Taylor Letcher Memorial.

Resolved, That the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia shall appoint a committee of three in Japan, who shall receive the money annually available for scholarships; who shall select beneficiaries, determine the amount to be given to each girl, and shall make payments to same.

Resolved, That the appointment shall be for three years beginning January 1, 1926. In case of a vacancy the President of the Woman's Auxiliary shall be informed so that a new member may be appointed. Said committee shall make annual report to the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia.

Resolved, That a scholarship shall be given any student of St. Agnes School, whether Christian or non-Christian, whose character is good, and ambition high, but who is unable to enter or continue her studies on account of lack of funds.

Resolved, That one-half the annual income may be used for Christian girls who, after being graduated from St. Agnes school, shall be sent elsewhere to be trained for some specific work in connection with our church.

(Signed) ELIZABETH NEELY GRANDY.
President Woman's Auxiliary Diocese Southern Virginia.

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES AND CONVOCATIONAL MEETINGS.

In January an Educational Conference was held in St. Paul's Church, Norfolk. Mrs. B. M. Baker, Educational Secretary of the Norfolk District, presiding, the day following a like conference, was held in St. Paul's, Petersburg, Mrs. R. Perkinson, Educational Secretary of the Petersburg District, presiding. Dr. Caley of Philadelphia, and local speakers discussed Mission Study Classes and other forms of Missionary Education.

In May Convocational meetings were held in the three districts as follows, in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Mrs. W. C. Whichard, first vice-president, presiding; at St. Paul's, Petersburg, Mrs. James S. Scott, second vice-president, presiding, and in Epiphany Church, Danville, a combined meeting with the Church School Institute. Mrs. Henry Edmunds, of Halifax, third vice-president, presiding. Mrs. Hibbert, of the University Mission, was the chief speaker. The conferences and the convocational meetings lasted the entire day, luncheon is served at 35c per plate. From 125 to 150 people attend these meetings, much information and inspiration is obtained, as all phases of the work of the Auxiliary is discussed by able speakers.

It is hoped for a larger attendance from the smaller branches in the future.

SECRETARY.

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING.

The Daughters of the King is strictly a spiritual order and members are admitted with a solemn service before the altar, invested with

the silver cross and are pledged by a vow to obey the two rules of "Prayer and Service."

(1) To pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and for the spiritual growth of the Parish to which she belongs.

(2) To take some part regularly in the worship, study and work of the Church, to make a constant effort to bring other women within its influence and to render at all times such aid to the Rector as he may deem necessary for the spiritual upbuilding of the Parish.

The work of the Daughters of the King is to visit the sick or those in trouble, their homes or hospitals, relieve the poor and needy whenever possible to do so, and when advisable to hold services. There are only five Senior Chapters and one Junior Chapter in the Diocese of Southern Virginia; four senior chapters and one junior chapter in Norfolk and one senior chapter in Portsmouth. The order is highly indorsed by our Bishops and therefore should appeal to all the churches in the Diocese. All contributions are voluntary. The Daughters contribute twice annually to two funds, the Self-Denial Fund during Epiphany week, the proceeds of which support two missionaries in China, Miss Ridgley and Miss Carr, and also two Bible women. The Master's Fund at Whitsuntide sends some daughter or other young woman for a year's training in a Deaconess School. Five cents (5c) annually from each Daughter defrays the expenses of the Field Secretary.

Five or more women, who are communicants in good standing in the Church, have the privilege of obtaining permission from their Rector to form a Chapter. The "Daughters of the King" is more of

an order than a society, and is distinctly EPISCOPAL. The "Daughters of the King" and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew are analogous. The Daughters do for the women and girls what the Brotherhood aims to do for men.

MRS. CHRISTOPHER C. BOYKIN,

Extension Secretary,

701 Boissevain Ave., Norfolk, Va.

THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

Though fourteen branches did not send in their reports of the work done during the year, the returns showed that 574 magazines were regularly sent every week or month by 215 people—more than ever before—and this in spite of the increased postal rates that make it often cost more to send a periodical than to buy it in the first place. This number includes quite a few paid subscriptions that are sent directly from the published. There were also sent two Bibles, 76 Prayer Books and Hymnals, 365 secular books, one Catechism, 3,061 odd magazines, 601 Christmas and Easter cards, three pieces of music and 27 pictures, calendars, scrap books or games. Twenty-three institutions in the Diocese were aided, as well as several outside of it, missions, etc. The financial report, including the book fund, was \$289.63.

The growth of the Church Periodical Club in Southern Virginia has been due almost entirely to the interest and help of the Woman's Auxiliary, whose officers have been most helpful in allowing us to present the work before their members, whose branches have responded so generously to the yearly C. P. C. Specials, and whose members

have been so faithful in the sending that they consider a part of their missionary work. Not every one is in sympathy with the C. P. C. Its peculiar appeal is to those who not only like good reading themselves, but like to share it with others, and find this a way of doing in a small and direct way a personal work that brings them in closer touch with the missionaries themselves. Friendly letters are often exchanged between the giver and the receiver, and one very enthusiastic donor wrote, "I love the work and receive the greatest compensation through the letters of gratitude which come to me from time to time, and I look forward with pleasure to the time when these missionaries will be in this country and I shall have the opportunity of hearing them and meeting the face to face."

The "C. P. C. Special" for 1925 was to give a book costing not more than \$5 to each missionary who has gone to the field from this Diocese, and twenty-five branches responded, totaling \$96.10. Letters were written to each asking what book they would especially like for their own pleasure or help as a gift from the Woman's Auxiliary, and the replies already received express their appreciation of our interest in them and their work.

Good work has been done by several C. P. C. branches in various lines, magazines (and often flowers and books) taken to shut-ins, institutions, jails, the penitentiary, almshouses, a sanatorium, soldier camp and hospitals, and mountain missions and rural communities—these are some of the C. P. C. activities. Seven gifts of money for paid subscriptions to the *Spirit of Missions* have made it possible to have this interesting magazine on file in every public library in Norfolk and its suburbs. This gives opportunity to those interested in missions who do not subscribe for this themselves to know what is going on in the mission field, and will be especially useful to members of the Woman's Auxiliary and those in the Church School who are studying about missions.

Appreciating all the interest and help which has made possible the work that has been done, we ask your continued sympathy and co-operation in upholding the motto of the C. P. C.—"Personal service from one Christian to another," that we may make this "literary method of missionary endeavor" a real help to those who need it.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE B. MOORE,

C. P. C. Director, Diocese Southern Va.

REPORT OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY TO THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1925.

The Girls' Friendly Society brings greetings to the Woman's Auxiliary in our Diocese and hopes that both organizations are facing a new year full of new opportunities for service. We now have twenty-five branches in the Diocese and four new branches are in prospect. The membership is nearing one thousand, and our gifts to the Church in money and boxes have amounted to \$1,020 this year. At our Diocesan Council held in Portsmouth last May \$100 was pledged to our two Diocesan Institutions—Dabney House and the Jackson-Field Home, and in addition many branches have sent boxes of clothing and gifts. As a Diocese we have pledged \$50 a year for five years toward the salary of a Social Worker in the cotton mills of Wuchang, China, for which the entire Society has become responsible. This past year we

also helped in the rebuilding of a dormitory for the Indian girls at Rosebud, North Dakota, and helped to support the twenty scholarships at All Saints School, Bontoc, P. I. Our mission box assignment from Mrs. Parsons, the Box Secretary of the Auxiliary, was for Miss Evelina Cary, Ivy Depot, Va., and the branches have responded beautifully. Those who have not already sent their boxes are planning to do the work during Lent. Last year our mission study work was for China and this year we will take up Latin America. Many of our branches are doing their Educational work with the Auxiliary. As a girls' organization we are most interested in Camp Robert Hunt and the camp was filled with forty-two girls last August during the two-week period set aside for the G. F. S.

At General Convention the Diocesan President of Southern Virginia, was on the staff at our headquarters and helped in arranging for the five luncheons given the missionaries of the foreign and domestic fields, and everyone felt most thankful for all the missionaries had to say in regard to the work of the Society among girls in foreign lands. Exhibits were sent from St. Agnes School, Kyoto, the Cathedral School, Anking, the Hooker School, Mexico City, and the branch in Porto Rico.

We are very proud of the fact that we are the oldest organization in the world with a program for girls based on character building, and when this is supplemented by service, we feel we have something to offer every girl of every nationality to develop her spiritually, mentally and physically.

Our branch at Chatham Episcopal Institute is developing spiritual leadership among the girls and under the leadership of Miss Stone, the new principal, we hope to send the girls back into their own parishes with a larger knowledge of the missionary work of the Church and a keener desire to know and do more.

We want the Auxiliary to feel that we are trying to train the girls of our Church to take their places as Auxiliary members in the future, and to help them to realize their privileges and responsibilities as members of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. HUNTER,

Diocesan President.

REPORT OF THE COLORED CONVOCATION.

LOCATION	NAME OF CHURCH	PRESIDENTS --- ADDRESSES	Mem-bers	Convo-cation	Specials	United Thank Offering	Boxes Value
Bracey	St. Mark's	Mrs. N. V. Boyd, La Crosse.....	34	.....	\$8.00	\$3.58	\$15.00
Emporia	St. Jame's.....	Mrs. C. E. Green.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Egerton	St. Luke's	Mrs. Pattie Walker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dillard Siding	St. Philip's .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kenbridge	St. Luke's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Crosse	St. Mary's.....	Mrs. H. L. Pettus, South Hill.....	10	.....	98.00	1.00	.....
Lawrenceville	St. Paul's Me. Chapel.	Mrs. Nellie P. Russell.....	37	15.00	10.00	20.00	30.00
Lunenburg	St. Jame's	Mrs. C. E. Smith, Lunenburg.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.25	.....
Lunenburg	St. Philip's.....	Mrs. Bettie S. Byrdie, Blackstone, R.F.D.	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kenbridge .....	.....	Mrs. Pattie Bland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newport News .....	.....	Mrs. M. E. Melvin, 730 20th street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk	Grace	Mrs. G. F. Carrington, 1267 Bolton Street.....	78	15.00	10.00	7.24	.....
Palmer Springs	Ascension	Mrs. J. R. Alexander, Merry Mount, N. C.	7	5.00	7.60	.....	.....
Petersburg	St. Stephen's.....	Mrs. Ida Harris, Farmer Street.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	10.00
Portsmouth	St. Jame's.....	Mrs. W. E. Reid, 834 Glasgow Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Skelton	St. John's.....	Mrs. Jennie Malone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Hill .....	.....	Mrs. Mary E. Summons.....	6	97.00	.....	.....	.....
Suffolk	St. Mark's.....	Mrs. I. M. Rance.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totoro .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Level .....	.....	Mrs. E. P. Macklin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warfield	St. Jame's.....	Mrs. T. R. Graves.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....
			177	\$ 132.00	\$ 135.60	\$ 40.07	\$ 55.00

There are 30 Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Colored Convocation; 5 delegates, one each from the following churches represented the Colored Convocation at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, held in Petersburg, November 3, 4, 5: Grace Church, Norfolk; St. Paul's, Lawrenceville, St. James, Lunenburg; St. Stephen's, Petersburg; St. Mark's, Bracey.

In 1925, \$170.50 was raised, money used to help the work in Southern Virginia. Donations were sent to the Divinity School, Petersburg, to St. Paul's Lawrenceville and to Bromley School, Africa.

Aside from the regular assessment for the Annual meeting, \$3,000 was raised for the work at home during the past year.

The School of Religious Education held at St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, is a great benefit to all those who are able to attend.

We bespeak your continued interest in the Rural work, which is our most important field of service.

MRS. C. E. SMITH,

Chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Colored Convocation.

PREAMBLE

The Church itself is the Missionary Society. The Woman's Auxiliary is an organization for supplementing the Church's work.

The dominant purpose of the Auxiliary is to disseminate knowledge about and awaken interest in the mission which Christ entrusted to His Church; namely, the extension of His Kingdom throughout the whole world.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Southern Virginia Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

The object of the Woman's Auxiliary is to develop spiritual life; to stimulate Christian activity, and to advance the cause of Missions.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

The membership shall consist of all parish and mission branches within the diocese.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be: President, three Vice-Presidents or more; Secretary, Treasurer, Educational Secretary, Christian Social Service Secretary, Supply Secretary, Field Secretary, United Thank Offering Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Board.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The President shall be appointed the second year following the triennial, by the Bishop of the Diocese for a three years' term. Other officers shall be elected by a majority vote for a three years' term at the annual meeting as follows: The Second Vice-President, Secretary, Field Secretary, United Thank Offering Treasurer, in the year following the triennial. The Third Vice-President, Christian Social Service Secretary, Supply Secretary in the second year following the triennial. The First Vice-President, Educational Secretary, Treasurer, the third year following the triennial.

Sec. 2. All officers, including the President, may be subject to re-election for one consecutive term only.

Sec. 3. The President shall appoint, at the annual meeting, a committee of three to receive nominations. From these names the committee shall present the ticket. Other nominations can be made from the floor at this time. When two or more names are nominated for one office, the election shall be by ballot, a plurality vote being necessary for election.

ARTICLE II—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The President shall have general supervision of work throughout the Diocese, and shall preside at the Annual and Executive board meetings.

Sec. 2. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall form a special committee to act in the interim of meetings.

Sec. 3. The First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents shall in order named, act in the absence of the President, and in same order ar-

range a program and preside over a May meeting in the Convocations of Norfolk, Petersburg and Danville. They shall also endeavor to extend the work in their districts.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall take minutes of the Executive Board and Annual Meetings and compile the annual report under the direction of the President. She shall send out all notices.

Sec. 5. The treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the Diocese, and pay all bills and pledges.

Sec. 6. The Educational Secretary shall direct the Educational work of the Diocese, and appoint a chairman in the districts of Norfolk, Petersburg and Danville, who shall hold educational conferences in January of each year.

Sec. 7. The Christian Social Service Secretary shall carry out the methods directed by the National Council in stimulating Christian Social Service in branches.

Sec. 8. The Supply Secretary shall receive all allotments from Headquarters and assign them to the branches.

Sec. 9. The Field Secretary shall direct or assist the Vice-Presidents in the extension of the work throughout the Diocese.

Sec. 10. The United Thank Offering Treasurer shall send out all boxes and receive all monies for this purpose. Collections shall be made in the spring and fall.

Sec. 11. The Secretary of the Church Periodical Club may endeavor to extend the work through the Woman's Auxiliary and make a report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

The Executive Board shall arrange and direct the work of the Diocese and shall have the power to appoint special committees. It shall elect five delegates to the triennial convention, and four delegates to the meetings of the Synod. At its January meeting it shall have power to dispose of or place in the Discretionary Fund all money over and above \$300, this Fund to be used at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. There shall be an annual meeting in the fall.

Sec. 2. There shall be an annual Educational Conference in each of the three districts in January.

Sec. 3. There shall be an annual District meeting in each of the three Districts in May.

Sec. 4. There shall be a meeting of the Executive Board both in January and September. Others may be called by the president if necessary.

Sec. 5. There shall be an annual meeting of the Colored Convocation.

ARTICLE V—REPRESENTATION.

Sec. 1. The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board. Chairmen of Committees, one delegate from every Circle and five delegates of the Colored Convocation. Other members may attend and have the privilege of the floor.

Sec. 2. A large branch of 100 members or more, divided into groups, may be represented by two delegates.

ARTICLE VI—DUES.

Every branch shall contribute to the Diocesan Pledges made at the annual meeting, and shall also contribute to the Central Fund and Specials.

ARTICLE VII—DIVISION.

The Diocese is divided into three Districts, namely—Norfolk, Petersburg, Danville, and one colored convocation. Norfolk embraces the counties of Accomac, Elizabeth City, Isle of Wight, James City, Nansemond, Norfolk, Northampton, Princess Anne, Southampton, Warwick and York.

Petersburg embraces Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Surry, Sussex.

Danville embraces Charlotte, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania.

The Colored Convocation embraces all the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary of the colored congregations in this Diocese.

ARTICLE VIII—OFFICIAL ORGAN.

The official organs of the Diocese are the Diocesan Record and the Spirit of Missions, which should be taken by every Circle and as many members as possible.

AMENDMENT

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided said amendment has been submitted to every branch one month previous to the meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR PARISH BRANCHES

NAME.

Where there is one branch in a church, it is known as the Woman's Auxiliary of that Church, but there may be a First, Second and Third Circle if desired. It is recommended that large branches be subdivided into groups.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership consists of every baptized woman in the Church, who by enrollment, may become an actual member.

ELECTION.

Election of officers shall take place in December. It is suggested that they be elected for a term of two years, subject to re-election for one consecutive term only.

MEETINGS

It is urged that there be at least eight meetings a year and that some time be devoted to information about Missions at every meeting, which should be opened and closed with prayer.

DUES

A Branch shall determine its own dues. They may be voluntary or a fixed amount.

WORK.

It is urged that Branches affiliate with all departments of the work, electing chairmen for same. Also appoint a director of the Church Periodical Club if there is not one in the church.

Use Diocesan Constitution and By-Laws for other information.

Standard Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary

Diocese of Southern Virginia

Points									Points
10	1	At least 8 Meetings a Year—Dates							
10	2	Prayer Service at every meeting	P.S.						
		Missionary Information at every meeting	M.I.						
									D. R.
10	3	Diocesan Record used							S. of M.
		Spirit of Missions used							
10	4	Christian Social Service done							
10	5	Corporate Communion at least once a year—Dates							
10	6	Collection of United Thank Offering twice a year.		Spring		Fall			
10	7	Supply Work twice a year			Lent		Advent		
10	8	Contribution Church Periodical Club							
10	9	Contribution to Diocesan Pledges							D. P.
		Contribution to Central Fund							C. F.
		Contribution to Woman's Aux. Corporate gift							W. A. C. G.
		Contribution to Program Advance Work—Special							P. A. W.
10	10	Attendance upon an Educational Conference							E. C.
		Attendance upon Convocation Meeting							C. M.
		Attendance upon Annual Meeting							A. M.
100	10	Branch Address							TOTAL

In order to make the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary more efficient, the Executive Board has arranged this Chart. Care has been taken to make it elastic to include every Auxiliary—from one of 300 members to another of five. Three copies are being sent you—one each for President, Secretary and Treasurer. Check at every meeting—and return one copy with annual report January 1, 1927.

MRS. CHARLES R. GRANDY, President.

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