

*Thirty-fourth*  
**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, 1926*



## In Memoriam

### ANNA MARIA WASHINGTON TUCKER

Born At Mount Vernon, November 17th, 1851

Passed from This Life January 7th, 1927

In Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Anna Maria Washington Tucker, beloved wife of the Bishop of Southern Virginia, Rt. Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, was the esteemed Honorary First Vice-President of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, and had been a member since the organization of the Auxiliary almost forty years ago.

Mrs. Tucker was born at Mount Vernon November 17th, 1851, and was the daughter of John Augustine Washington, the last of Washington's family to own the historic residence. Although she was closely related to two of the most distinguished families of Virginia, the Washingtons and the Lees, she will be best remembered by her own beautiful Christian character, and by those traits which marked her "a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven." Her daily life was full of that fruitful energy that made gentle deeds bloom along her way.

Of her thirteen children, ten were at her bedside as she passed over, another son arrived the following morning; two sons only, Dr. Augustine Tucker, of St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, and Prof. Ellis Tucker, of St. John's College, Shanghai, were absent.

Though deeply sensible of the great sorrow which comes with the breaking of earthly ties—of the inestimable loss of a devoted wife and mother, we rejoice with those dear ones who are left in her memory, a very precious heritage. She has left enduring monuments in the lives she has influenced and trained to labor for Christ's Kingdom and for generations to come the world will be a better place because she has lived.

Heaven dwelt in her heart, love encompassed her home, and her death was just passing from one room to that other in her Father's House, where dwell the "Saints of God who from their labors rest."

ELSIE U. HOLLADAY,

Secretary Woman's Auxiliary  
of Southern Virginia

## DAILY PRAYER

"Alone in foreign lands, they wondered how  
Their feeble words had power,  
At home the Christians, two or three, had met,  
To pray an hour."

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.

## COLLECT OF THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

O Lord, we beseech Thee, send Thy blessings on the Bishop's Crusade undertaken in Thy Name. Fill all leaders and workers with Thy Holy Spirit that they may speak their message with burning zeal, touching the hearts of all hearers and bringing them to true repentance and the consecration of their lives to Thy service, to the end that Thy Gospel may be spread and Thy Kingdom enlarged, through 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 shee 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 everymore. Amen.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS FOR 1927

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Hampton, Va.

## INFORMATION

The Woman's Auxiliary is divided into three districts—Norfolk, Petersburg, Danville, and one colored Convocation, which embraces all the branches of the colored congregations.

### Concerning the Diocesan Pledges

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

The need for Altar Linen is so great among the Mission churches of our Diocese and elsewhere that we will continue the work again this year.

### Treasurer

Mrs. Charles R. Grandy is acting treasurer. Send all monies to her, unless otherwise designated. Make checks payable to Mrs. Shirley Carter, but mail to Mrs. Charles R. Grandy, 355 W. Free-mason street, Norfolk, Va., until further notified.

### Educational Work

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

### Box Work

Apply to Supply Secretary for all information concerning this department.

### Diocesan Record

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

Study the Annual Report and see if you are satisfied with the work your branch is doing. Read the Secretary's report. Be sure and have a program. Little succeeds without a plan. Try and have your branch attend the district meetings. Read the page of information at your meeting. Keep a more accurate account of your gifts, as many reports did not tally with Treasurer's books, this making great differences.

## OUR PLEDGES FOR 1927

### Diocesan Pledges

#### 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
Clarkton Community House, general expenses.....	50.00
Assembly Room, Bruton Church Parish House, Wil- liamsburg.....	185.00
St. Paul's Industrial and Normal School, Lawrenceville.....	100.00
Rural work among the colored people.....	50.00
Altar Linen and Surplices.....	50.00

#### IN THE NATION:

The Boys' Home, Covington, Va.....	\$ 100.00
Work among Indians.....	50.00
St. Peter's Church Mission for Japanese, Seattle, Wash- ington, Mr. Shoji, rector.....	50.00
St. Mark's School, Nenana, Alaska, for Miss Blacknall.....	50.00
American Church Building Fund.....	50.00

#### IN THE WORLD:

Kuling School, China.....	\$ 100.00
St. Faith's Settlement, Shanghai, China, for Deaconess Henderson.....	100.00
St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, China, for Dr. Augustine Tucker.....	100.00
St. James' Hospital, Anking, China, for Dr. Harry Taylor.....	100.00
Rectory, Porto Alegre, Brazil.....	50.00
The Mestiza School, Philippine Islands.....	50.00

Total.....\$2,140.00

**CENTRAL FUND**—For executive expenses. Try and average 25c a member.

**PROGRAM ADVANCE WORK SPECIAL**—Work among students at William and Mary College. Mrs. E. B. Hodges, chairman, 703 Graydon Park, Norfolk, Va. Send contribution to chairman. Total amount pledged, \$360.00.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CORPORATE GIFT**—Equipment for St. Timothy's Hospital, and house for doctor, Capt Mount, Liberia. New church at Liveramento, Brazil. Mrs. W. E. Price, chairman, Meredithsville, Va. Send contribution to chairman. Total amount pledged, \$350.00.

#### Special Missionary Work in Our Diocese

(Other than Diocesan Pledges)

**JACKSON FIELD EPISCOPAL HOME**—Miss Edith Gage, Jarratt, Va. How you can help: Pay board for a child, \$180 a year. Clothe a child. Gifts of money for incidentals. Provisions for school lunches.

**DABNEY HOUSE**—Miss Mildred Edmonds, Java, Va. How you can help: Gifts of money for support of home, entertainment of community, school supplies, medicine, second-hand clothes.

**PHOEBE ANNE COMMUNITY HOUSE**—Miss Annie Hankins, Halifax, Va. How you can help: Gifts of money and second-hand clothes and other supplies for community work.

**CLARKTON COMMUNITY HOUSE**—Mrs. Pencye Conner, Clarkton, Va. How you can help: Gifts of money, second-hand clothes and other supplies for community work.

**ALTAR LINEN AND SURPLICES**—Mrs. A. S. Eley, chairman, Bosley Avenue, Suffolk, Va. How you can help: Offer to make and embroider altar linen and surplices.

**CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB**—Mrs. J. Bilisoly Hudgins, secretary, 911 Westover Avenue, Norfolk, Va. How you can help: Save your magazines and books and ask the secretary where to send them.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southern Virginia was held in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, November 2, 3 and 4th.

On Tuesday night a devotional service was conducted by Rev. Wm. A. Brown, D. D., rector of St. John's Church, assisted by the choir of the church. "Our Mission," address by Rt. Rev. B. D. Tucker, D. D., and an address, "Our Mission in the District of Shanghai, China," by Rev. Cameron McRae, D. D., finished the evening service. Following this the delegates adjourned to the parish house where a beautiful informal reception was given the visitors by the Woman's Auxiliary and members of the church. The Diocesan officers and officers of St. John's Branch received the guests.

Wednesday morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9:30 o'clock, and the Annual Meeting was formally opened by Bishop Tucker.

In the absence of Miss Hillie Hudgins, the "Welcome" from St. John's was given by Mrs. H. A. Washington, and the response, "In the name of the Diocese," was made by Mrs. Frank Holladay.

Following the splendid address of the President, the other officers of the Diocese made reports of the year's work. These reports appear in full in this annual report, therefore only a few striking terms are reprinted here.

The pledges in money were over-subscribed during the year. Three new departments have been formed and functioning—Christian Social Service, Extension Work, and Altar Linen. St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, received \$1,832.26 as a result of the Gold, Silver and Jewel Sale.

Colonel Letcher, through the Auxiliary, has given \$5,200 endowment to Jackson-Field Home, the interest to be used entirely for the care of one child.

One Branch reported having sent \$1,010 to Dr. Augustine Tucker to endow a cot in St. Luke's Hospital, China, in memory of a deceased member.

The colored convocation was represented by five delegates. Mrs. C. E. Smith, chairman, reported a membership of 177, with a Branch in every parish.

The reports from Jackson-Field Episcopal Home, given by Miss Gage; from Dabney House, by Miss Edmunds, and Phoebe Anne Community House, by Miss Hankins, were received with interest, and an awakened zeal, by this personal touch with the workers, that the delegates may take back to the other members of the branches.

We were most fortunate to have the great privilege of hearing Miss Hallie Williams give first-hand information from St. Agnes school. Not only was her talk of special interest to us for the painstaking detail she gave us, but it is a real blessing to come under the influence of such a sincere spiritual life, and the joy of her work was a beautiful thing to witness.

Rev. Cameron McRae, D. D., gave two instructive addresses of the mission work in Shanghai, China.

Rev. John Bentley told us of his recent work in Alaska, and of new field of service—work among the students of William and Mary College.

One of the outstanding services of the meeting was the one on Wednesday night when Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin, D. D., gave a stirring address on "The Church and the Cavaliers."

On Thursday, the following reports were made, each one full of facts of interest, and replete with the enthusiasm of the particular chairman having the work in charge: The Girls' Friendly, Miss Mary

Hunter; Church Periodical Club, Mrs. J. B. Hudgins; (at this time Bishop Thomson paid a splendid and well deserved tribute to Mrs. W. C. N. Moore, who for the past several years has had this work in charge); "Gold, Silver and Jewel Sale" was given by Mrs. McIlwaine, and "Altar Linen" by Mrs. A. S. Eley.

The report of the United Thank Offering for the past year was \$3,836.34. This report was read by Mrs. Ruan in the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Randolph Barksdale.

"The Woman's Auxiliary Corporate Gift" (497.50) and "Program Advance Work Special" (\$180) were made respectively by Mrs. W. E. Price and Mrs. E. B. Hodges. "Christian Social Service" by Miss Roberts. Two splendid addresses were made by Mrs. C. F. Ruan, Educational Secretary of the Diocese on Mission Study for 1927, and a deep spiritual note was brought out in her presentation of "The Message."

Mrs. Walter Whichard gave "The Message of the Synod" in intimate detail, and brought many helpful and interesting facts to the women present.

At 12 o'clock Thursday, noon-day prayer was conducted by Rev. C. A. Holmeade and "The Scope of Our Work," address by Bishop Arthur C. Thomson, D. D., completed the morning program.

The following committees, having been appointed by the President, reported immediately after lunch:

On Resolutions—Mrs. Hurt, Blackstone; Mrs. Geo. McCann, Franklin; Mrs. Leonard, Hilton Village.

On Nomination—Mrs. Plummer, Petersburg; Mrs. E. H. Mitchell, Danville; Miss Neely, Portsmouth.

Mrs. Raymond Parsons' resignation as Supply Secretary was accepted with regret. The President told of the fine work Mrs. Parsons had done, and commended her faithful performance to duty. Mrs. Cunningham of Danville was elected to her place.

As Mrs. Grandy declined to accept for another term the office of the President, Bishop Tucker appointed Mrs. Walter Whichard of Norfolk to this position. Mrs. Whichard, the newly-appointed President, was presented to the delegates by Rt. Rev. A. C. Thomson, D. D., who, in well chosen words, voiced not only his sentiments, but the feelings of all those present, that no nicer choice could have been made for this high office in our Diocese; with such a conscientious and able leader our work will go on. Mrs. Whichard is endowed with executive ability, and no one can come in touch with her without feeling that she will be guided in all things by the dictates of a spiritual consciousness.

We cannot close the minutes of this most interesting Annual Meeting without recording how very deeply every one felt Mrs. Frank Darling's absence. Mrs. Darling was unavoidably detained at home. The subject of her address on the program was "How Best to Interest Our Members." Not being present in person, she sent the following telegram, as her answer to this problem. To quote her message:

"Give each one something to do—make them interest someone else. If every woman in this convention makes it her business to see that every woman in her parish takes a part in the prayer service, the work service and the money service of the Woman's Auxiliary, this will be the most eloquent speech I ever made."

Faithfully and lovingly,

MARY G. DARLING.

Let us take dear Mrs. Darling's message as the keynote of our work for the coming year. "Every woman in the Diocese given a part in the missionary work of the Diocese." What an awakening—and what things we might accomplish!

Delightful lunches were served each day to the delegates by the ladies of Monumental M. E. Church in the parish house of the church.

During the luncheon hour on Thursday a bunch of very handsome chrysanthemums was presented Mrs. Chas. R. Grandy by Mrs. Frank Holladay, expressing to Mrs. Grandy the love and appreciation of the Executive Board and their very great pleasure in working with her as their leader during the past three years. Resolutions of appreciation, of the Woman's Auxiliary assembled in Annual Meeting, of Mrs. Grandy's untiring devotion to the work, were read by Mrs. C. F. Ruan.

Just before the close of the meeting an inlaid mahogany box of exquisite workmanship was presented to Bishop Tucker by our President in the name of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Mrs. Grandy told Bishop Tucker the box had been made especially as a receptacle for the testimonials he had received on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and on the celebration of the 20th anniversary of his ordination as bishop, both these interesting events having occurred in October of this year.

Mrs. Grandy took this occasion to express her appreciation of the courtesy shown her during her term of office by all the branches, of the co-operation of every member of the Executive Board, and of the interest and guidance of our Bishops.

Wednesday afternoon the guests were carried on a drive around Portsmouth, with a sight-seeing trip to the Navy Yard.

With a reconsecration service and installation of officers, the 34th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia came to an end.

ELSIE URQUHART HOLLADAY, Secretary.

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#### MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

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In my message I shall endeavor to present to you some of the real conditions in the Church today, and the program of the Woman's Auxiliary that is in process to help the situation.

The trend of the day gives us but little time for self examination, and less time to develop a deeper sense of individual responsibility of bringing others to Christ, or desire to combat worldliness by more consistent practice of the Christian life. Two years ago, feeling a grave situation confronted the Church, the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, meeting in New York, spent a whole day in prayer, and the outcome was The Message which was sent to the National Council, expressing willingness to help in the financial crisis, and endeavor to awaken the women of the Church to such a conception of Christ, that they might all become more effective instruments of His power, in the accomplishment of His purpose for the world.

At the Triennial a year ago your representatives accepted The Message as their own, and though feeling the difficult responsibility of being impartial interpreters to the women at home, pledged their willingness to try. Early in the year a copy of The Message was sent every branch, asking that it be made known to every member. Recently a letter was sent you and to our clergymen, asking that you arrange a Day of Intercession to ask: "Do I really want to become an Instrument of Power for Christ; that is, am I willing to pay the price?" There is a call to rededication to Jesus Christ in Life and Service, "not only with our lips, but in our lives." Seek the necessary strength for service through worship and sacrament, and then say "I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth me."

The men of the Church have awakened to the same realization that deeper consecration of self is needed in the whole Church. Every

man, woman and child will be asked to co-operate in the Bishops' Crusade, which is the initial step in the realization of this purpose. Like The Message, the Crusade is a call to personal consecration to Jesus Christ and to active service for His sake. We are asked to take a vital part in the preparation. On St. Andrew's Day, while the Bishops and clergy will be dedicating themselves to this Crusade—pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them in this great movement and that God will give them the message they will afterwards give us from Him.

Every year the work of the Woman's Auxiliary expands its usefulness, and is not to be dealt with lightly—

First let us consider what it can mean to be a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, to the National Council. Going to a meeting now and then, sewing for a missionary box, attending an occasional mission study class? Often it does mean just this; sometimes it means less; but it can mean infinitely more. Are we, as members of the Woman's Auxiliary, vitally conscious that we are sharing in the work of bringing souls out of darkness into life. We send missionaries to the East or darkest Africa because we can't or don't go ourselves, but what about those in our very midst? We have pledged to help our rural and foreign-born, for too long have they been neglected. Do you realize that one-third of our population is foreign-born or of foreign parentage? They attend our public schools, and Roosevelt said: "People educated in intellect, but not educated in morals and religion, will become a menace to the nation." Twenty-seven million persons in the United States under 25 years old, are receiving no sort of religious education. Judge Fawcett of New York made this statement: "In five years I've been sitting on the bench; and of the 2700 boys brought before me for sentence not one has ever attended Sunday School." These are fields for work in the parish, community, diocese and nation. Religious Education prevents crime, so this department doesn't mean just mission study during Lent; it means to know conditions and help better them, but first we must insist on a high Christian and moral standard in our own homes and society.

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 clothing 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.

Good meetings, as a rule, do not just happen, but rather are the result of careful planning and preparation. But however careful a president has planned a meeting, it can't accomplish anything if she feels the constant need of hurrying, because members have made her promise to keep them only one hour. It is in itself discourteous—when being invited to a party, do you exact the same of your hostess? —and imagine her feelings, if one-half the guests came in late and the other half left before refreshments. If we will take our calendars and write upon them our stated Church engagements first, we will make ridiculous our oft repeated excuse that "we haven't time." Of course, it may cost us the anguish of not eating good food we don't need, or drinking tea that we don't want, or wearing clothes we have no business to buy—but out of it will mark the beginning of stewardship of time. What we call time is only a succession of events, and those events largely determined by our own will or desire.

The emancipation of women of the Orient is making a serious problem for the missionaries. The influence of the West over the East is not all Christian and it is most difficult, almost impossible, for the missionary today to convert people to ways which we profess,

but in which we do not walk ourselves. We need greater consecration.

Educational conferences were held in the three districts in January and general meetings in May. These are designed for inspiration and greater attendance than possible at annual meetings, but representation was not general, which means distinct loss to a branch. At two of these I made addresses. The Colored Woman's Auxiliary met in Portsmouth in September and in a resume of its life, showed much work accomplished and almost entirely in rural districts.

Following our annual meeting, I prepared a circular letter, incorporating 1926 pledges, also a chart, which if used would direct your activities to include our whole program. Our constitution and by-laws were also sent you, which include a suggestive one for individual branches.

I presided over Executive Board meetings in January, September and November and gave a report at the Diocesan Council meeting in Suffolk. Assisted by the Secretary, I compiled the Annual Report, have spoken at many Branch meetings, arranged this meeting and program and obtained the speakers and written countless letters—nearly 1000 during my term of office.

At the dedication of the hospital at the Colored Industrial School, in Lawrenceville, you were represented by Mrs. Turnbull. Col. Letcher gave this building in memory of his wife and our first president, Loulie Taylor Letcher, who felt the responsibility of mission work not only as an obligation and duty, but as an opportunity for the enjoyment of the great privilege in life—abundant service. Again the generosity of Col. Letcher has been evidenced in our diocese in the gift of \$5,200 as an endowment of the Jackson-Field Episcopal Home, the interest to be used to entirely support a child. This again is a memorial to Miss Loulie, and was given through the Woman's Auxiliary.

The great concerted effort of our diocese was the gold, silver and jewel sale, and I can not praise enough those who helped to make it so worth while.

You were represented by three members at the Provincial Synod in Bethlehem last week—Mrs. Whichard, Mrs. Ruan and Mrs. Holladay.

New departments, this year, were Christian Social Service, Extension Work and Altar Linen, and together with the two specials, Woman's Auxiliary Corporate Gift and Program Advance Work—our work has extended its usefulness tremendously. Every member of the Executive Board has a specific work, and all these reports will be given for our inspiration and an opportunity to strengthen whatever is weak in our individual lives, in our life as a branch, as a district, and as a Diocese.

After hearing these reports, go to your home and ask yourself, as Christ did in His Sermon on the Mount, "What do ye more than others?

For—

"To every man—there openeth  
A way, and ways, and a way,  
And the high soul climbs the high way,  
And the low soul gropes the low;  
And in between on misty flats  
The rest drift to and fro—  
But to every man there openeth  
A high way and a low,  
And every man decideth  
The way his soul shall go."

(Signed) ELIZABETH NEELY GRANDY,  
Diocesan President.

### REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

This being my first year as your Vice-President, I feel I have much to learn and have accomplished very little. I attended two Executive Board meetings in January and November. I spoke in regard to the gold, silver and jewel fund at St. Bride's Church, Berkley, in April. I arranged the program for the Norfolk District meeting, which was held in Bruton Church, Williamsburg, and presided over same. There was a large attendance, and lunch was served by the Baptist Church. Mrs. Hallie Worsham of Holy Cross Mission, Batesville, Albemarle County, Va., gave an interesting account of her work. Short talks were given on the different phases of Auxiliary work, making the meeting both helpful and interesting. I shall be glad to serve you to the best of my ability whenever you need or care to call on me.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. McILWAINE,  
First Vice-President.

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### REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Your Second Vice-President has had some invitations to visit you of which she has not been able to avail herself, but there are still others she would like to hear from, and may I say the weaker the auxiliary, the more anxious she is to come. I have had most pleasant visits to St. John's, City Point; St. John's, Petersburg; St. John's, Chester, and St. Paul's, Surry. I should like to acknowledge again the assistance of rectors in charge and of other interested workers in the formation of new branches at St. Luke's, Subletts, in Powhatan County, a No. 3 circle in Grace, Petersburg, and another at St. Paul's, Surry.

I have attended all Executive Board meetings, and the Educational Institute. We found it a very happy choice to hold our Spring Conference in Meade Memorial, South Richmond. It was not as accessible to all parts of the district as Petersburg, but I always feel that not a very grave mistake has been made when more attend than we expect. This time, too, they came "bearing gifts," which went far towards making our Diocesan "Gold, Silver and Jewel Offering" the success that it was.

And now a note of warning: Most of us think that we have "conquered the world" when a new branch of the Auxiliary has been formed. But every auxiliary, even after organization, needs visits from outsiders, help, encouragement. There is no need to make a fete of it. But to your regular meeting ask a friend from a neighboring parish, from a city branch, or one of your diocesan officers. It is not yours to carry the burden alone.

And, lastly, let us take advantage of the opportunity of study and our work during Lent, and even now be planning to attend the district meeting in May.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE G. SCOTT,  
Second Vice-President.

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### REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

My report, as last year, is rather a meager one. In January we had an educational conference at South Boston, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. We were all ready for our district meeting in May, which was to have been held in Boydton, when the sudden death of a prominent member of the church at that place necessitated

postponement. Being unable to secure the missionary speaker for a later date, the meeting was never held. We hope for better success this year. I have attended two of the Board meetings—one in Norfolk in January, one in Portsmouth in November. Also visited the branches in Danville and at Dabney House. I have conducted four or five meetings of the auxiliary at Emmanuel Mission, and led a study class in Latin-America in the branch at St. John's, Halifax.

L. G. EDMUNDS,  
Third Vice-President.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The annual report shows a list of 97 branches in the three districts. Two have joined other branches; 2 report inactive; 5 new branches organized, so if those making no report are still active the total number is 93, with a membership of 2,353, plus the membership of five branches making no report.

Total amount of money reported is \$19,231.82, an average of over \$8.00 per member, which includes value of box work, both old and new; 21 of the old branches made no contribution to diocesan pledges. Let every branch do her part toward these pledges. Remember that they are "our" pledges, not "mine," not "your," but "our." Twenty-six gave nothing to the central fund, which is used to meet all the expenses of the Diocese.

The full quota of representation was present at the meeting of the Synod in Bethlehem, Pa.—Mrs. Walter Whichard, Mrs. Ruan and Mrs. Holladay. Your Secretary has attended three Executive Board meetings, an educational conference and district meeting. She has spoken, as your representative, to the colored people of St. Mark's Church, Suffolk; has edited the auxiliary page in the Record, and assisted the President in compiling the annual report of 1925. During the past year she has handled over 2,000 pieces of mail in connection with the work.

The Colored Convocation of the Woman's Auxiliary reports 26 branches, which meet in St. James' Church, Portsmouth, for its annual meeting.

Following is the summary of the reports, other than money:

Prayer—35 prayer groups, 49 branches had corporate communion for its women, 68 devotional meetings, and 41 only used "The Message."

Educational—36 branches have an Educational Secretary, only 716 women attended mission study classes, 31 branches were represented at the Summer Conference at Sweet Briar, 75 reported using the Spirit of Missions, and 67 the Diocesan Record; 57 arranged a program for their meetings; 66 had some missionary information at some or all meetings, but only 30 used the chart.

General—The spirit of the United Thank Offering is felt deeper than any branch of our work. 757 collected twice a year and 21 once; 39 affiliated with the Church Periodical Club, but what becomes of all the magazines the other branches take? Forty-nine branches included Christian social service in their regular work; 55 contributed to the "Gold, Silver and Jewel Fund," and 23 branches will make altar linen and surplices in 1927.

On the whole, the branches reported successful—and I quote from one which I would like as a standard for 1927, "Marked increase in spirituality of active members, efforts towards growth, willingness and co-operation, faithfulness, all pledges met, increased attendance at study classes, social service department started, much more work accomplished."

ELISE URQUHART HOLLADAY,  
Secretary.

## EDUCATIONAL REPORT FOR 1926

This department has been, and still is, in process of organization. Chairmen have been appointed for the three districts. Less than half the branches have yet realized the value of having their own educational secretaries or chairmen. Consequently, the reports of educational work in the branches is very incomplete, and figures available would show a very small part of the real work accomplished. Study classes, led either by a member of the branch or the rector of the parish, were held in about 60% of the branches. Three institutes were held in January, one in each district. Books and leaflets were sold through the department—amounting to \$94.00. The discounts allowed us by the National Department of Education amounted to \$18.50 and financed a large part of the expenses of the department.

The nucleus of a Diocesan Lending Library was formed—by gifts of books used by various study classes. It is hoped this will be greatly increased from year to year.

Secretary visited eight branches during the year, in the interest of educational work; spoke at the three institutes and one spring district meeting, and used "The Message" in the consecration service at the annual meeting. She attended the Provincial Synod at Bethlehem, Pa., in October as a delegate.

The number of letters received and the variety of questions asked has been a most encouraging sign of interest, and shows that the importance of this department is being recognized. Your chairman is at your service, always glad when you call upon her—and willing to respond to any demand within her ability.

### District Chairmen:

Norfolk—  
Mrs. B. M. Baker,  
303 W. Freemason St.

Petersburg—  
Mrs. Percy T. Powell,  
319 Clinton St.

CARRIE FRAZER RUAH.

Danville—  
Mrs. C. J. Heard,  
South Boston, Va.

Secretary.

## REPORT OF SUPPLY SECRETARY

My report this year is saved for its deadly sameness by the fact that I am unable to give you figures, only three facts. The three assignments were filled—school at Valle Crucis, Ragged Mountain District; school in San Juan, Porto Rico; Christmas boxes to U. T. O. workers; other personal boxes and Catechist suits.

In retiring from this position, the best wish I can make for my successor is that she may always have the faithful support and consideration that has been mine.

(Signed) ELLEN SCOTT PARSONS,  
Secretary.

### District Chairmen—

Norfolk: Mrs. Foy Vann, 728 Boissevain Ave.

Petersburg: Mrs. Chas. Romaine, 29 S. Market St.

Danville: Mrs. N. E. Wicker, The Rectory.

# CONTRIBUTIONS OF BRANCHES

LOCATION	NAME OF CHURCH	PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Number Members	Diocesan Pledges	Central Fund	Voluntary Gifts	Program Advance Work	Woman's Auxiliary Corporate Gift	United Thank Offering		Value of Supply Work	Value of Voluntary Boxes	TOTAL	CHART Number Points		
									Spring	Fall						
	1. Accomac.	St. James.	16	\$ 13.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 22.90	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.75	\$ 141.65	84			
	2. Belle Haven.	St. Michael's.	13	11.00		10.00	5.00		8.65	7.05	30.00	80.20	68			
	3. Bridgetown.	Hungar's.	20	20.00	5.00	25.00			13.50	6.00		79.50	N R			
	4. Cape Charles.	Emmanuel.	32	20.00	3.20	21.66	5.00	2.00	10.00	12.72		250.91	N R			
	5. Cradock.	Emmanuel.											N R			
	6. Driver.	Glebe.	5			4.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	2.25	2.25	24.50	N R		
	7. Eastville.	Christ Church.	12	45.00	5.00			.50	10.95	23.05			84.50	N R		
	8. Franklin.	Emmanuel.	23	25.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	25.61	17.00			92.61	80		
	9. Hampton.	St. John's.	175	100.00	50.00	79.84	25.00	25.00	102.00	59.00	56.32	72.86	190.00	760.02	100	
	10. Hilton Village.	St. Andrew's.	14			14.00	2.00	3.00			3.25	3.00	6.00	31.25	N R	
	11. Jenkin's Bridge.	Emmanuel.	1	15.00	3.75	26.00	10.00	10.00		31.85			16.00	112.60	N R	
	12. Kempsville.	Emmanuel.	13	10.00	2.00	15.00		5.00	16.00	16.00	2.28		14 B	66.28	N R	
	13. Lynnhaven.	Old Donation.	9								10.00	11.50		21.50	N R	
	14. Newport News.	St. Paul's I.	38	15.00	7.00	496.03	10.00	5.00	37.51	41.16			58.34	670.04	N R	
	15. Newport News.	St. Paul's II.	20	150.00	5.00	50.00			6.03	9.27				220.30	N R	
	16. Newport News.	Grace.	9			28.00			10.00					38.00	N R	
	17. Norfolk.	Ascension.	25	20.00		108.00		10.00		3.50	5.00	5.00		151.50	70	
	18. Norfolk.	Christ I.	45	50.00	10.00	98.50	20.00	20.00	45.00	27.00	58.00	76.35		404.85	N R	
	19. Norfolk.	Christ II.	44	60.00	10.00	368.70	10.00	10.00	25.09	6.20	59.00	37.08	119.00	705.07	100	
	20. Norfolk.	Christ III.	31	20.00				5.00	31.43	20.18	5.00	5.00		86.61	N R	
	21. Norfolk.	Church of Advent.													N R	
	22. Norfolk.	Epiphany.													N R	
	23. Norfolk.	Good Shepherd.	40			20.00	10.00	10.00	66.63		49.21	30.19		186.03	N R	
	24. Norfolk.	St. Andrew's I.	40	40.00	10.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	52.00	42.00	42.00	56.00	40.00	312.00	80	
	25. Norfolk.	St. Andrew's II.	22	10.00		2.00	5.00		3.00		13.25	24.00	14.00	90.00	161.25	N R
	26. Norfolk-Berkley.	St. Bride's.	30	25.00	10.00	106.07			5.00	25.50	24.04	42.00		54.00	291.61	N R
	27. Norfolk.	St. Luke's I.	PR 71	50.00	15.00		25.00	25.00	45.00				G	160.00	N R	
	28. Norfolk.	St. Luke's II.	28	20.00		5.00	3.00		10.00	44.00		40.31	50.00	44.00	216.31	N R
	29. Norfolk.	St. Luke's III.	N 25											60.00	N R	
	30. Norfolk.	St. Mark's.	12						6.00					6.00	N R	
	31. Norfolk.	St. Paul's I.	64	75.00	25.00	1,200.57	25.00	25.00	172.68	140.92	52.14	75.00	15.24	1,806.55	100	
	32. Norfolk.	St. Paul's II.	20	30.00	10.00	24.00	15.00	15.00	36.00	26.60	18.00	45.00	5.00	224.60	100	
	33. Norfolk.	St. Paul's III.	J 9			55.00									N R	
	34. Norfolk.	St. Peter's.	20							21.25	3.00	5.00	58.00		142.25	N R
	35. Oceana.	Eastern Shore Chapel.	11	9.00	5.00			3.00			9.00	3.00	2.00		31.00	N R
	36. Onancock.	Holy Trinity.	13	13.00	3.25	-10.00	5.00		15.19	18.67				45.00	110.11	67.5
	37. Phoebe.	Emmanuel.	28	8.00	2.00			5.00	45.09	15.40	3.00				78.49	54
	38. Portsmouth.	All Saints'.	J												N R	
	39. Portsmouth.	St. John's.	80	75.00	15.00	185.92	10.00	10.00	85.03	71.25	20.00	27.20	310.10	809.50	N R	
	40. Portsmouth.	St. Stephen's I.	16	10.00	2.50	83.00		5.00	19.93	16.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	171.43	60	
	41. Portsmouth.	St. Stephen's II.	15			9.00			6.00			4.50	3.00	30.00	52.50	N R
	42. Portsmouth.	Trinity.	165	200.00	50.00	341.66	20.00	15.00	272.29	148.95	86.13	27.60	349.05	1,510.68	100	
	43. Smithfield.	Christ.	15	5.25	2.00	33.50	15.00		8.35	11.30	40.00			115.40	61	
	44. Suffolk.	St. Paul's.	45	50.00	10.00	38.00	20.00	5.00	107.00		30.00			260.00	80	
	45. Virginia Beach.	Galilee.	20	20.00				5.00		21.00					46.00	N R
	46. Williamsburg.	Bruton.	4	45.00	5.00	147.67				32.45		15.00			245.12	80
	47. Hopewell.	St. John's.	N												N R	
	1. Amelia.	Christ.	15							21.95	13.67	6.00		20.00	61.62	45
	2. Blackstone.	St. Luke's.	21	50.00	6.25	55.00				14.10	15.55			82.50	223.40	59
	3. Burkeville.	Holy Innocence.	8	50.00	2.00			5.00			2.00				759.00	30
	4. Burrowsville.	Brandon.	15	15.00		30.00				2.55		11.00	11.00		69.55	N R
	5. Cabin Point.	Grace.	N R												N R	
	6. Callaville.	Emmanuel.	11			44.50									44.50	N R
	7. Cartersville.	St. James.	11	6.75	2.25	3.40		1.00	10.84	9.00					33.24	65
	8. Chester.	St. John's.	22	22.00	7.50			2.00	8.50	12.30					52.30	N R
	9. City Point.	St. John's.	19	30.00						20.13	24.85				74.98	N R
	10. Claremont.	Richie Memorial.	9								9.00	5.75			14.75	N R
	11. Cockran.	St. Mark's.	13	12.00	2.50	58.50	5.00	5.50	10.00	10.00	10.00			10.00	123.50	69
	12. Crewe.	Gibson Memorial.	13	10.00	2.50	5.00	2.50	7.50	11.95	6.00				50.00	95.45	60
	13. Dinwiddie.	Calvary.	I 15												N R	
	14. Emporia.	Christ.	18	20.00	2.00	35.00	8.50	8.00	8.50	9.70				45.00	136.	

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1926**

**Receipts**

Received for Diocesan Pledges	\$2,401.70
Received for Central Fund	520.30
Received from offertories	94.58
Received for Anne Henry Memorial Cot (Donor—Woman's Auxiliary, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk)	1,010.00
Received from Gold, Silver and Jewel Sale	1,882.26
Received through Mrs. Charles R. Grandy, for Jackson-Field Home	180.00
Received for all other specials	1,664.10
 Total	 \$7,702.94
Balance January 1, 1926	1,110.83
 Total	 \$8,813.77

**Disbursements**

For Central Fund—general expenses	\$ 475.37
<b>In the Diocese</b>	
<b>Jackson-Field Episcopal Home</b>	
Maintenance one child (Diocesan Pledge)	\$ 180.00
Income Loulie Taylor Letcher Endowment	125.00
Maintenance of children	927.36
Truck	25.00
Special for Miss Gage	227.50
Special for Mr. Marshall	19.00
	\$1,504.36
<b>Dabney House</b>	
One-half salary of worker (Diocesan Pledge)	\$ 450.00
Coal and wood (Diocesan Pledge)	100.00
Specials for Miss Edmunds	122.00
Woodshed	40.00
	\$ 712.00
<b>Phoebe Anne Community House</b>	
Provisions for sick, etc. (Diocesan Pledge)	\$ 150.00
Specials for Miss Hankins	118.00
	\$ 268.00
<b>Clarkton Community House</b>	
Special for Mrs. Pencye Connor	\$ 41.00
Scholarship of Chatham Episcopal Institute (Diocesan Pledge)	250.00
St. Paul's Industrial and Normal School (Diocesan Pledge)	100.00
Rural work among colored people (Diocesan Pledge)	50.00
Church Periodical Club (Diocesan Pledge)	25.00
Donation Church Periodical Club	2.50
Organ, Emmanuel Church, Kempsville	10.00
Linen for communion sets	38.50
<b>Missions in Southwest Virginia</b>	
Mrs. Margaret Binns, Nora, Va.	\$ 11.00
Deaconess Adams, Keokee, Va.	5.00
Deaconess Williams, Dante, Va.	11.00
Bear Mt. Mission—for Miss Ella Pier	16.00
Boys' Home, Covington (Diocesan Pledge)	\$ 100.00
Special for Boys' Home	20.00
	\$ 120.00

**Diocese of Virginia**

Church at U. of Va. (Diocesan Pledge)	\$ 100.00
Special for University of Virginia	8.00
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Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund—balance 1925	30.00
Indian Mission, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (Dio. Pledge)	50.00
Alaska—St. Mark's School, Nenana (Dio. Pledge)	50.00
Brazil—Special	10.00
Mexico—Hooker School (Diocesan Pledge)	50.00
Liberia—House of Bethany (Diocesan Pledge)	50.00
Honolulu—Bishop LeMolte (Diocesan Pledge)	50.00

**Japan**

For Miss Neely, Kyoto, Tuberculosis Hospital	\$ 25.00
For Miss Ambler, kindergarten work	150.00
From Gold, Silver and Jewel Sale, St. Margaret's School	1,832.26
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	\$2,007.26

**China**

Dr. Aug. Tucker—St. Luke's Hospital (Dio. Pl.)	\$ 100.00
Dr. A. Tucker—Anne Henry Mem. Cot, Shanghai	1,010.00
Dr. Harry Taylor—St. James' Hospital, Anking Diocesan Pledge)	100.00
Kuling School (Diocesan Pledge)	100.00
Kuling School—Special	25.00
Dr. Claude Lee	5.00
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Paid to Discretionary Fund	\$1,340.00
	300.00
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Balance January 1, 1927	\$7,684.99
	1,128.78
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	\$8,813.77

**Additional Disbursements  
Louie Taylor Letcher Memorial  
Income**

Paid to St. Agnes School, Kyoto, Japan \$ 587.50

**United Thank Offering**

Mrs. Randolph Barksdale, Treasurer 4,680.00

**Woman's Auxiliary Corporate Gift**

Mrs. W. E. Price, Treasurer, paid to Miss Winston,  
National Treasurer 360.00

**Program Advance Work Special**

Mrs. E. B. Hodges, Treasurer, paid to Dr. Howard,  
Diocesan Treasurer 180.00

To Robt. Hughes, Treasurer Diocesan Trust  
Funds, account Louie Taylor Letcher Endow-  
ment, income to support a child at Jackson-  
Field Episcopal Home (Donor, Mr. John D.  
Letcher) 5,200.00

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11,007.50

Grand Total \$19,821.27

**MRS. SHIRLEY CARTER, Treasurer.**

## REPORT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE

This department, though new in name, is the same kind of work we have always been doing, but its scope can be extended tremendously even in our parishes and communities.

For the year 1927 it will take charge of the voluntary boxes of used clothing, provisions, etc., and asks all branches to consult me before sending boxes in the Diocese.

The Jackson-Field Episcopal Home will be under this department, so kindly notify me if you intend supporting a child, or will you send provisions for school lunches, or clothe a child. You will receive literature relative to this work. Forty-nine branches reported doing Christian social work.

(Signed) FLORENCE ROBERTS, Chairman.

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

It is gratifying that women of our beloved Diocese, especially of the rural sections, are showing increased interest in the United Thank Offering. The fine spirit of all who have had a part has been encouraging. Small groups, with only two or three members, have sent sympathetic letters and generous gifts. A rural member said, "The Little Blue Box has shown a way to our hearts. Every woman in our church owns and uses her Little Blue Box."

Some counties are responding one hundred per cent, and just here may I urge every custodian to see that every woman gets a box, and let us hope that during this year all women and girls throughout the Diocese, not already interested, may be reached and that our offering may be more truly than ever before a united offering because it is an expression of the love and devotion of the women of the church.

Do not fail to have two collections a year—spring and fall, May and November. Have it offered in the church at a corporate communion on a feast day when service is being held and send it to me at once. Let us hope that lives may be offered as well.

In a U. T. O. report just received from the Missions House two hundred and fifteen women are listed. Twenty of these workers are doing all sorts of worth while service in the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia.

Additional gifts other than listed in contributions are:

St. George's Church, Pungoteague	\$ 8.47
Christ Church, Bloxom	2.00
All Saints Church, Cumberland County	15.00
St. Paul's Y. P. S. League, Petersburg	1.00
St. Andrew's Church, Cheriton	4.16
	\$ 30.63
Total amount from auxiliaries (White)	3,767.36
Total amount from auxiliaries (Colored)	38.35
Offerings received late in 1925	843.66
	\$4,680.00

(Signed) MRS. RANDOLPH BARKSDALE,  
Treasurer.

## PROGRAM ADVANCE WORK SPECIAL

For many years our church has felt the need of a special worker for the students of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., this being one object of Advance Work in the Diocese. Dr. John Bentley, who for three years was a missionary in Alaska, has been

secured, and entered upon his duties July 1, 1926.

The Woman's Auxiliary pledged at the Triennial in New Orleans to help this Diocese carry out its program, so we decided on this work and pledged \$360 a year for three years toward the salary of the worker. A letter was sent to every branch explaining the plan and scope of the work, but only 37 responded. They were most generous, but we would like every branch to have a part this year in this splendid work—Religion Among Students.

Amount received from branches	\$348.50
Donation—Mrs. Shirley Carter	25.00
Interest	3.00
	<u>\$376.50</u>
Paid out to Treasurer, Dr. Howard, for one-half year	\$180.00
Printing, stationery, etc.	5.50
Balance in bank	191.00
	<u>\$376.50</u>

(Signed) MRS. E. B. HODGES, Chairman.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CORPORATE GIFT

Total amount received from auxiliaries (White)	\$468.50
Total amount received from auxiliaries (Colored)	29.00
	<u>\$497.50</u>
Total	\$497.50
Sent to National Treasurer, Miss Winston	360.00
	<u>\$137.50</u>

This amount was contributed by 53 white branches and seven colored branches, and is very gratifying. Will not every branch make a special effort and make a contribution to these most worthy objects—St. Timothy's Hospital Cape Mount, Liberia, and church at Livermamento, Brazil in 1927?

MRS. WM. E. PRICE, Chairman.

#### ALTAR LINEN

This new department was added to our work in 1926, after realizing the tremendous need for suitable linen to be used in the service of the Holy Communion. There were six complete sets of linen furnished mission churches in the Diocese, and all were beautifully hemstitched and hand-embroidered. Three other sets, with the exception of the altar cloth, are ready for distribution.

Christ Church, Norfolk, and Trinity Church, Portsmouth, made and gave each a surplice, which was sent to Japanese clergymen in Kyoto, Japan.

Camp Robert Hunt was one to receive a set of linen. The work will continue this year.

Following is a list of branches which did the work: Trinity and St. Stephen's II, Portsmouth; St. Paul's, Suffolk; Epiphany I, Danville; Grace I and St. Paul's II, Petersburg; St. John's, Hampton; St. Paul's, Newport News; St. Andrew's, Lawrenceville; St. Paul's I, St. Luke's II, Christ II, Norfolk.

(Signed) ANNIE LEIGE ELEY Chairman.

## GOLD, SILVER AND JEWEL SALE

The Gold, Silver and Jewel Sale was held the last week in May at two different times at Smith& Welton's store, Norfolk. Mrs. Grandy, your President, prepared the literature and I sent out over 3,000 dodgers together with letters to all presidents and clergy, explaining the sale and begging co-operation. Mrs. Pilcher collected from the Petersburg District, Mrs. Johnson from the Danville, and including Norfolk District contribution, all was sent to Mrs. Grandy's where it was sorted. The broken silver and gold was sent to the mint through the kindness of Gale-Ford Company, and the good pieces priced by a committee and sold by members from the Norfolk branches, under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. W. Spindle, President of Christ Church Circle II.

The sum of \$1,832.26 was realized from the sale of articles of but little value (a few exceptions) to the donors. It will be used to rebuild St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, Japan, which was destroyed by the earthquake in 1923.

(Signed) MRS. RICHARD McILWAINE,  
Clerical Chairman.

## ENDOWMENTS FOR 1926

### The Loulie Taylor Letcher Endowment in the Jackson-Field Episcopal Home, near Jarratt, Va.

On June 15, 1926, Mrs. Charles R. Grandy received from Mr. John D. Letcher certain securities which, upon his suggestion, were sold for the sum of \$5,296.91, \$5,200 of this sum to be known as the Loulie Taylor Letcher Endowment in the Jackson-Field Episcopal Home, is held invested by the Trustees of Funds of the Diocese, and the income is to be paid to the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese. The following resolutions govern the endowment:

I. The income from the Loulie Taylor Letcher Endowment of \$5,200 in the Jackson-Field Episcopal Home for Girls in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, is to be used for the entire support of one child at that institution.

II. Should the Home, for any cause, cease to function for its present purposes, the income shall be used for the Boys' Home (Inc.) near Covington, Va.

III. Should both homes cease to function for any cause, the income shall be used by the Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia for some similar charity.

The residue, from the sale of the securities, of \$96.91, was applied to income, as directed by Mr. Letcher. Such gifts as this bring joy to those interested in the Home, for it means the permanent support of a child. A child has been chosen to be cared for under this endowment, and she is to know the story of the life of our beloved first President, Loulie Taylor Letcher. May the mantel of her righteous life fall upon the child who, though unfortunate in being an orphan, is blessed in the gift of kindness.

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### The Anne Henry Memorial

After the death of Miss Henry, the executor of her estate found less than \$5 in her purse. It was turned over to the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, of which she was a member. The members decided to use the amount to start a fund as a memorial to her and this year it reached the sum of \$1,010, and was sent to Dr. Augustine Tucker to endow a cot in St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, China, to be known as the Anne Henry Memorial Cot.

## RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was offered at the Annual Meeting and unanimously carried by a rising vote:

"I move that we extend to our retiring President, Mrs. Charles R. Grandy, an expression of our appreciation and gratitude for her efficient and devoted service to the work which is so dear to us all. To the members of the Executive Board she has endeared herself, and under her able leadership the work of our Diocesan Branch has grown greatly in extent and efficiency."

(Signed) MRS. C. F. RUAN, Chairman.

Resolutions read at the close of the Annual Meeting:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, now closing its 34th session, desires to extend to the Auxiliary of St. John's Church its thanks for their cordial welcome, the lovely hospitality of their homes and for the use of automobiles at all times.

We wish to extend to Dr. Brown, the Rector, and to the vestry, our thanks for the use of their beautiful church, the organist and the choir for the sweet music which added so much to the service, and the sexton who has made the church so comfortable for us.

We extend our thanks to our two beloved Bishops for their inspiring presence, for the interest they have taken in our work, and for the help they have so willingly given us from time to time.

We wish to thank our retiring President, Mrs. Grandy, the officers of the Auxiliary and the Executive Board for the excellent and helpful program they have arranged for us and so ably carried out.

To our representatives in the mission fields we extend our thanks for the inspiring messages they have brought us, which have filled us with enthusiasm, and we resolve that every member attending this meeting will carry home the inspiration she has received.

We wish to extend to our new President, Mrs. Whichard, our most cordial welcome and a promise to hold up her hands in the arduous work before her, believing the mantle of her predecessor has fallen upon her.

We extend to all the newly-elected officers a welcome and pledge to them our cordial support.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we wish to thank the ladies of Monumental M. E. Church for the delightful luncheons so beautifully served to us.

MRS. GEORGE McCANN,  
MRS. R. H. SEWARD,  
MRS. JOS. M. HURT.

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## THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

"Books are each a world; and books, we know,  
Are a substantial world, both pure and good.  
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,  
Our pastime and our happiness will grow."

Every book-lover should realize how important a place the Church Periodical Club plays in the lives of missionaries, their families, and many other people who are not able to purchase good books and current magazines. It is my earnest prayer that before long there will be a branch of the C. P. C. in every auxiliary in the Diocese of

Southern Virginia. If this were the case, what a power and how far-reaching this wonderful work would be!

Although the increase in postage rates materially hampered the work, nevertheless 257 current magazines were sent regularly by 199 donors. Over 5,000 odd magazines were distributed to various hospitals, homes, jails, etc., in the Diocese. Many children were gladdened by receiving Christmas and Easter cards, while over 100 discarded Victrola records brought joy to others.

One donor writes that she had made many pleasant friends in distant parts of the world through the friendly letters she has written to the people to whom she sends books and magazines.

The C. P. C. is deeply indebted to the Woman's Auxiliary, without whose friendly help and sympathy the work would surely cease.

EMMA STEVENS HUDGINS,  
Diocesan Director C. P. C.

**REPORT OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY TO THE  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—NOVEMBER, 1926**

The Girls' Friendly Society send greetings to the Woman's Auxiliary and wishes to express its appreciation for the opportunity given each year to tell of its work. Three new branches were formed this year—Trinity, South Boston, St. Bride's, Norfolk, and St. John's, Hampton, making a total of twenty-five branches in the Diocese. \$1,232.28 was given to work within the Church, and \$301.57 in work. This, of course, is definite missionary work, and includes within our Diocese the Community Houses, the Jackson Field Home and Camp Robert Hunt. The special mission work assigned us by the National Council is twenty scholarships at All Saints School, Bontoc, P. I., a building at Zamboango, P. I., and the salary of a Social Service worker in the silk mills of Wuchang, China. This is of course for the whole national organization. Our box assignment this year was for Corn Creek Mission, Martin, South Dakota. Gifts of money and clothing amounting to \$245.10 were given to special social service agencies such as the Needlework Guild, S. P. C. A. and local needs. We ask for your prayers and also your own help in carrying on the work of our Church organization for our girls. Only communicants of the Church can be the leaders of the G. F. S. and the women of the Auxiliary have a real responsibility for their younger sisters.



## COLORED CONVOCATION

LOCATION	NAME OF CHURCH	PRESIDENTS	Mem- bers	Amt. Raised	Convo- cation	U. T. O.	W. A. Cor- porate Gift	Speci- als and Boxes
Bracey	St. Mark's	Mrs. L. J. Jiggetts, La Crosse Va.	34	3 140.55	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	
N. Emporia	St. Jame's	Mrs. C. E. Green			3.50			
Edgerton	St. Luke's	Mrs. Pattie Walker						
Chatham	St. Luke's	Mrs. Christopher Lewis						
Diamond Grove	Grace	Mrs. Maggie Davis, Lawrenceville			5.00			
Dillard Siding	St. Philip's	Mrs. Bettie Brydie	17	30.00	3.50			
Hampton	St. Cyprian's		34	100.00	10.00			
Houston	Christ Church							
Kenbridge	St. Luke's	Mrs. Pattie Bland					5.00	
La Crosse	St. Mary's	Mrs. P. A. Pettus			7.00			
Lawrenceville	St. Paul's	Mrs. Mrs. J. A. Russell	36	232.75	15.00	12.00		50.00
Lunenburg	Trinity							
Lunenburg	St. Jame's	Mrs. C. E. Smith	10	40.00	10.00	2.05		
McKenney	All Saints							
Newport News	St. Augustine's	Mrs. M. E. Melvin, 730 20th St.		196.87	5.00		3.00	
Norfolk	Grace	Mrs. G. F. Carrington, 1267 Bolton	85	131.13	15.00	11.36	15.00	30.00
Palmers Springs	Ascension	Mrs. Jennie Alexander	8	12.80	5.00			4.30
Petersburg	St. Stephen's	Mrs. Ida Harris, Farmer St.				2.50		
Portsmouth	St. Jame's	Mrs. W. E. Reid, 836 Glasgow St.	15	471.56		6.44	2.00	
Red Lawn	Christ Church				3.00			
Skelton	St. John's	Mrs. Jennie Malone			3.00			
South Hill	St. Matthew's	Mrs. M. E. Summons			4.00			
Suffolk	St. Mark's	Mrs. E. L. Rance	8	149.40	2.50			
Totaro	St. Thomas'				5.50			
Union Level	St. Paul's	Mrs. Mamie P. Walker		46.45	7.00		2.00	
Warfield	St. James'	Mrs. Hester Graves	35	25.00	10.00			
			282	\$1,576.51	\$123.00	\$38.35	\$29.00	\$84.30

It is most encouraging to note the interest and growth of the work in the rural districts. The people have caught, as never before, the vision of the church and an unusual awakening has been produced, despite the many things that have caused the great move to the North and West. Those that remained have kept the banner afloat, and I am watching with great hopes, for the coming convocational meeting in August at Bracy to be the greatest in the history of the work—not from a financial standpoint, but from the fact that each member is consecrated anew, and making the Master's work felt among others.

Our women have their circles well organized. The Girls' Guild finds a place of work for the younger girls, and we are seeking a way out for the boys in places where the Rector comes only once during the month.

Each member of the Woman's Auxiliary is a missionary, working to save others, knowing as we do that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. With prayer we are bearing up those that are weak. With our 26 branches, more than half reported at the regular meeting and others came in later. That meeting sent us away filled with a vision that shall not depart. "And He will make it plain."

Yours for His Cause,

MRS. C. E. SMITH, Chairman Woman's Auxiliary, 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.

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## C O N S T I T U T I O N

### 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.

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## B Y - L A W S

### ARTICLE I—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 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

Section 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 arrange 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 monies over and above \$300, this fund to be used at the discretion of the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS

Section 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

Section 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 Missionary Information at every meeting	P.S. M.I.						
10	3	Dioecesan Record used Spirit of Missions used						D. R. S. of M.	
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 Contribution to Central Fund Contribution to Woman's Aux. Corporate gift Contribution to Program Advance Work—Special						D. P. C. F. W. A. C. G. P. A. W.	
10	10	Attendance upon an Educational Conference Attendance upon District Meeting Attendance upon Annual Meeting						E. C. D. M. A. M.	
100	10	Branch Address						Total	

This chart includes our special work for 1927, and is designed to direct you in all its activities. Check at every meeting and return with annual report January 1, 1928. Do not write in spaces under "points".

Mrs. WALTER WHICHARD, President.

## *History of Our Presidents*

The Virginia Branch was organized June 18, 1890, in the parlor of Mrs. John D. Letcher (then Miss Loulie Taylor) at her home in Granby Street, Norfolk.

1890—1893	Misses Loulie Taylor and Sallie Stuart, Asso. Presidents
1893—July 1, 1920	Mrs. John D. Letcher
July 1 1920 to 1924	Mrs. Frank Darling
1924—1927	Mrs. Charles R. Grandy
1927	Mrs. Walter Whichard

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

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1927—St. John's	Hampton
Emmanuel	Phoebus
1927—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

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The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese will be entertained by St. John's, Hampton, and Emmanuel, Phoebus, October 25-26-27, 1927. Miss Clara Neely of Kyoto, Japan, will be the visiting missionary.



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