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The primary meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia was held in the Parish Hall of St. John's Church, Roanoke, Virginia, on Thursday, December 11th, at 10:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. T. D. Hobart, President of the first circle of the Auxiliary in St. John's Parish.

After a few words of cordial welcome to the delegates, Mrs. Hobart explained the purposes for which the meeting was called, stating that an invitation had been extended to each branch within the boundaries of the new diocese to send a representative to this meeting for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of the Woman's Auxiliary within the new diocese.

Mrs. W. E. Mingea, of Abingdon, was then elected temporary chairman and Miss Julia Leache, of Roanoke, temporary secretary.

The roll was called by the secretary and eighteen branches were represented.

The following delegates were present:

Abingdon—Mrs. Mingea.

Amherst—Mrs. C. L. Scott.

Bedford—Mrs. Pearman.

Bristol—Mrs. H. F. Lewis.

Christiansburg—Mrs. Campbell.

Dante—Deaconess Williams.

Keokee—Deaconess Adams.

Lexington—Miss Mary Gibbs.
Lynchburg—St. John's, Mrs. Harry Shaver; St. Paul's, Miss Aurelia Davis.
Martinsville—(1) Mrs. A. S. Gravely; (2) Miss Whittle.
Pulaski—Mrs. Opie.
Roanoke—Christ, Mrs. Wheelwright; St. John's (1) Mrs. Gemmell, (2) Miss Terry.
Salem—Mrs. Faulkner.
Staunton—Miss S. G. Atkinson.
Wytheville—Mrs. J. W. Boyd.

The first question discussed was whether the president of the organization could be elected by the delegates to this meeting, or should be appointed by the Bishop. After this matter was thoroughly discussed and the views of Miss Lindley, Executive Secretary, were quoted by Mrs. J. J. Lloyd and Mrs. T. D. Hobart, it was moved and carried that the meeting proceed to effect a permanent organization.

The following officers were then elected:

President, Mrs. T. D. Hobart.
Vice President, Miss Aurelia Davis.
Treasurer, Miss Julia P. Leache.
Custodian of United Thank Offering, Mrs. W. E. Mingea.
President Little Helpers, Mrs. Lindsay Patton.
Correspondent Church Periodical Club, Mrs. J. W. Boyd.
Educational Secretary, Deaconess Gibson.
Box Secretary, Miss Aurelia Davis.

Mrs. Hobart, the new President, then took the chair.

During the morning session, Mr. Jett, our newly elected Bishop, addressed the convention. He said it was impossible to express his joy at being present at this meeting. He asked for the active co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary and the help of their wisdom and sympathy.

He expressed himself as deeply interested in the work of the country parishes and especially in the little children. His

message to the children was that their new Bishop already loved them and it would be a joy to know them. His message to the women at home was that he wanted to know them and to touch all lives. His one thought in his ministrations will be to bring back our people to God. First things must come first. There must be constructive work. He begged the members of the Auxiliary to gather around their ministers and to do what they could to advance the kingdom of God. He closed by asking God's blessing upon the convention and praying that its members be made towers of strength in His cause.

The President explained the duties of the Box Secretary and how the matter of sending boxes to the missionaries should be handled, and announced that Miss Aurelia Davis had consented to serve as Box Secretary of the two dioceses.

The instructions were: Send to the Box Secretary to find out where a box is needed. Send box direct to the person needing it. Then notify the Box Secretary that the box has been sent, giving its value.

Rev. J. W. Cantey Johnson read the noonday prayers.

The President then appointed Mrs. J. J. Lloyd and Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson to draft resolutions to be sent to Mrs. John D. Letcher and to Mrs. H. N. Castle in recognition of our love and appreciation of their faithful and efficient work as officers of the Auxiliary of Southern Virginia, our mother diocese.

Mrs. Hobart announced that the Auxiliary, the Educational and Social Service Work, have been merged into one organization to be known as the Auxiliary to the Executive Council of the Church instead of the Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

The Juniors are no longer a part of the Woman's Auxiliary, but has been made the Junior Auxiliary to the Executive Committee of the Church.

The President told that a movement was made in Detroit to form a Church League of Service in which all of the Women's Church Societies are invited to join.

The following extract from the minutes of the Triennial Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary was then read by the President.

"Whereas, The Special Committee on Programme, Conference and Co-operation have been put to great expense in preparing for this Triennial, and in view of the fact that we have created an Executive Committee, and as it and such special committees hereafter created must have funds for their work, the following plan is recommended to furnish the necessary money:

"First. The Diocesan branches of the Woman's Auxiliary shall be divided into five classes.

"Class A—Those pledging \$20 annually (for the next three years).

"Class B—Those pledging \$15 annually.

"Class C—Those pledging \$10 annually.

"Class D—Those pledging \$5 annually.

"Class E—Those pledging \$3 annually.

"Each Diocese shall settle for itself to which class it wishes to belong."

The subject of pledges to be made by the new organization was taken up, but was continued until the afternoon session.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

At 3 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President and the discussion of pledges was continued.

The pledges made by the new Auxiliary were \$330 to the salary of Dr. Harry Taylor of China, our own missionary; \$50 to the salary of Miss Mann of Japan; and one-third of the \$275 pledged at Detroit by the delegates from Southern Virginia.

Miss Aurelia Davis then explained for what purposes this pledge was made. Twenty-five dollars each was pledged to five bishops. These were: Bishop Tyler, North Dakota; Bishop Temple, North Texas; Bishop Howdon, New Mexico; Bishop Paddock, Eastern Oregon, and Bishop Beecher, Western Nebraska. One hundred dollars was pledged to Bishop Capers for his work in Western Texas, the territory devastated by flood last September. Twenty-five dollars each was pledged to two negro suffragan bishops, making our share of this pledge \$92.00.

In order to enlarge the Central Fund it was moved and carried that each Auxiliary member be assessed twenty-five cents per year and this amount be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer.

Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Johnson, the Committee on Resolutions, then made their report. The Resolutions were written in the form of letters and are as follows:

MRS. JOHN D. LETCHER,

President Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Virginia,
Norfolk, Virginia.

MY DEAR MRS. LETCHER: The Woman's Auxiliary of the newly created Diocese of Southwestern Virginia sends greetings to you, our beloved President of so many years.

With feelings of deep regret and appreciation we break this tie of the past, and wish to express to the President of the Auxiliary of our mother Diocese our sorrow that this necessity will separate us in our work for the kingdom.

We beg the prayers and interest of the Auxiliary of Southern Virginia in our new Branch, hoping that although there is a corporate separation, we may be bound together in our common work in love and devotion, looking forward to its ever-growing strength and progress.

Regret has been expressed that you could not be present to aid us in the beginning of our work.

We know that you will be gratified to learn that we have elected Mrs. T. D. Hobart as our President.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. J. J. LLOYD,

MRS. J. W. CANTEY JOHNSON.

MRS. H. N. CASTLE,

Custodian of United Offering of Southern Virginia,
Norfolk, Virginia.

MY DEAR MRS. CASTLE: The Woman's Auxiliary of the newly created Diocese of Southwestern Virginia sends greetings to you, with a deep sense of our obligations for your long and faithful work performed as Custodian of the United Offering.

We shall always hold in loving remembrance the joy of our work together and pray that the new Diocese may take a worthy part in the great United Offering for missions.

You will be pleased to learn that Mrs. W. E. Mingea, of Abingdon, was elected your worthy successor at our first meeting to-day.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. J. J. LLOYD,

MRS. J. W. CANTEY JOHNSON.

The matter of Lenten work was discussed and after several suggestions were offered it was left to be recommended by the President at a later date.

The President then announced a Committee on By-Laws and Constitution: Mrs. H. F. Lewis, Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Mingea and Mrs. Thos. F. Opie; and one on Pledges, Mrs. McHenry Holliday, Chairman, Mrs. Harry Shaner, Mrs. Lindsay Patton, Deaconess Williams and Miss Julia Leache.

It was moved and carried that the Auxiliary meetings be held at a different time from the Council, and an invitation extended by the delegates from Staunton was accepted and the Auxiliary will meet there next October.

Reports from the Workers

Mr. R. B. Nelson, the new Social Secretary of the Province of Washington, explained his work and asked for the prayers and co-operation of the Auxiliary.

Deaconess Williams, of Dante, told of her two branches of the Auxiliary, one branch numbering twenty-one members, and the other six. She also told of the work among her boys and of the work nearest her heart, that of aiding some of her girls to attend such schools as Chatham Institute and the Farmville Normal. She asked for secondhand clothing for destitute families and for Christmas presents. She ended by accentuating her belief in prayer and extending an invitation to the members of the Auxiliary to visit her in her work.

Mr. Rich spoke most highly of the women workers in his archdeaconry and of their joy in serving.

Just at this time a message came from the Council, then in session, asking for the appointment of two women to serve on the Executive Committee. Mrs. T. D. Hobart and Miss Aurelia Davis were elected to serve on this committee.

Miss Virginia Page, of Sandy Ridge, told of her sewing, cooking and manual training classes, her inspections of the personal appearance of her pupils, of her coal "working," of her attempt to reach the people through games, her clothing bureau and the need of more clothing for small boys. She said the Christmas Offering from Sandy Ridge was to be sent to St. John's in the Wilderness, Alaska. Heretofore they have only worked for themselves, now they are working for others.

Deaconess Adams, of Keokee, next told of the miners' wives, who are good-hearted but poor managers. With the assistance of ten helpers she has made Christmas gifts

for the Sunday School children at Crest, a little mission seven miles from Keokee. She needs hymn books and twelve yards of linoleum for her little church. She also needs shoes of all kinds for her clothing bureau. She told of her Thanksgiving service and the offering, which was \$9.30. This amount to be used in cases of sickness.

Mr. Burns of New Jersey, who came to the archdeaconry in the interest of the Nation-wide Campaign, has become so interested in the work that he has consented to remain as assistant to Mr. Rich and will reside at Big Stone Gap.

Deaconess Gibson, of Glasgow, who was the next and last worker to speak, told of her interest in building up a community library and made an appeal for books and chairs.

The meeting then adjourned to meet in Staunton next October.

