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The second Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Presiding Bishop and Council was held in Emmanuel Church, Bristol, on October 26 and 27, 1921.

After an early Communion Service, celebrated by the Bishop, the business meeting was called to order by the President promptly at ten o'clock on Wednesday, October 26. The opening prayers were offered by the Bishop, after which the work of organizing was quickly done, all the officers being present. The roll call showed twenty-seven branches represented. The President announced the committees, as follows:

PLEDGES:

MRS. O. C. BELL, Bedford, *Chairman.*
MISS Leache.
MRS. SCRUGGS.
DEACONESS WILLIAMS.
MRS. GORDON BAKER.

PLACE OF MEETING:

MRS. ECHOLS, *Chairman.*
MRS. MINGEA.
MRS. KEARFOTT.
MRS. SANDIDGE.

PROGRAM:

MISS MARY BELL, *Chairman.*
MRS. T. D. LEWIS.
MRS. HOLMES SMITH.

NOMINATIONS:

MRS. UBIL, *Chairman.*
MRS. TERRY.
MRS. FRY.
MISS ELDER.

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THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

Bishop Jett began by apologizing for the absence of the rector of the parish, who was ill.

He then expressed his pride in meeting with the Woman's Auxiliary, because of the wonderful results shown during the past year. He feels that the work of the new year is begun with a great burden of responsibility on account of the evidence of God's presence as shown in the fact that this Diocese surpassed all other American dioceses in the payment of the Nation-Wide Campaign pledges; and that, in proportion to the number of clergy, two or three times as many persons were confirmed as in any other diocese (629 confirmations). Under God, this latter result is largely due to the splendid work and spirit of the laymen. The women are urged to imitate them in their personal work of winning souls to the Church. They are especially asked to "speak good of His name," and by influence and example to combat the tendency to criticize the clergy which is so strong and so widespread. The clergy are in need of our prayers and our support. We must all stand and work together.

The Woman's Auxiliary has completed fifty years of magnificent work, and the elements which made for that success must be retained:

First, its vision—The mind and heart of the Master, bringing all to His service. The Auxiliary has engaged itself for a work limited only by the heart and outstretched arms of God.

Second, its hopefulness—There is a note of expectancy in all of the Auxiliary's work, the possibility of failure is not considered. Keep this attitude. Put away any thought of pessimism, it is inconsistent with Christianity. There will be moments of sacrifice, which are precious and sacred, but the hopefulness and expectancy must be kept.

Third, its practical note—Thought, prayer and action by the individual and the organization.

Fourth, its spirit of devotion—Wait for His voice in times of meditation. Keep the love and devotion always characteristic of this organization.

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Fifth, its spirit of sacrifice—Never feel the work is irksome. Give all, no matter what is involved.

Such a program of wide vision, hopefulness, practical service, devotion and sacrifice must bring inspiration and success.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

This has been a wonderful year, not only financially, but in the wonderful response of all the branches to every request, a tremendous help to the President.

The box to New Mexico was a beautiful one, very thankfully received. Boxes are a great part of our work, and are very necessary under present conditions. Christmas boxes were sent to the missions and workers in the Diocese.

The pledges were paid in full, with one exception. The amount was large, but seemed easily raised. The individual appropriations were as follows:

\$200.00 for the boy at Covington, Herbert Thornhill.
240.00 for a girl at Chatham.
207.50 for the boy at the Virginia Episcopal School.

No payment has been made, as yet, toward Mr. Lloyd's salary, but we have till January 1st, and there is a good balance in the treasury.

It is urged that special gifts should not be made till the pledges have been paid—it is not good business.

The Southwestern Virginia contribution to the Emery Fund amounted to \$119.00. The whole sum being \$91,000.00, instead of the \$50,000.00 asked.

The Diocesan Expense Fund—twenty-five cents for each member—was not fully paid up, and does not seem to be generally understood. There are absolutely necessary expenses to be met, for printing, stationery, postage, traveling expenses for meetings, for visiting branches, for speakers, etc. These are all met from the Expense Fund.

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The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Auxiliary was very generally observed by the different branches.

The resignation of the Treasurer, Miss Leache, after two years of most efficient service is regretfully announced. (A rising vote of thanks was given Miss Leache.)

The appointment of the present very satisfactory Church Periodical Club Correspondent was announced, and the branches urged to support her, as this work is very important.

Comparatively little work has been done in pageantry, and the President suggests that a pageant be given at the next annual meeting.

There is a gratifying increase in study classes. They should be held every year in each branch.

The branches are asked to help the Woman's Auxiliary Correspondent to the Southwestern Episcopalian, by sending her any news of interest to the whole Branch, and by sending letters on request.

There has been no response to the appeal for the gift of life for work in the mission field. If we are too old to go, we must make a strong appeal to younger women. (The Bishop here emphasized the need for women workers, and asked for prayers and efforts to this end.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1921, to January 1, 1922

Total Amount of Money Received.....	\$2,636.89
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Diocesan Pledges.....	\$1,497.64
Chinese Relief.....	192.02
Emery Fund.....	119.22
Specials.....	543.05
Expense Fund.....	283.04
Total.....	\$2,634.97
Overcheck.....	1.92
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$2,636.89

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Miss Leache asked for a motion to reimburse Mrs. Hobart for the cost of mounting the gavel, which was \$10.00. The motion was carried.

Miss Wagner made a special request for canned vegetables for soup, or for money to buy them. By serving nutritious lunches at the Amherst school they hope to save the children from tuberculosis, and vegetable soup is the most practical form of lunch for them.

The noon prayers were offered by Mr. Williams of Abingdon.

Bishop Jett offered a resolution that the Bishop and Woman's Auxiliary of Southwestern Virginia send a message of love and greeting to their beloved Bishop Tucker. The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Vice Presidents, Mrs. Grandstaff of the New River Convocation, and Mrs. Hanger of the James River Convocation, reported on the isolated church women. Both reported very few replies to letters sent to the clergy, but both had gotten in touch with a few women, to whom copies of the Southwestern Episcopalian and various Woman's Auxiliary pamphlets were sent.

Deaconess Williams and Miss Williamson spoke of their work, and Deaconess Williams emphasized the value and importance of the volunteer workers, who, in this way, are often permanently interested in mission work. In the summer of 1921 she had only two volunteers from this Diocese.

After luncheon the meeting was called to order at half past two, and the Box Secretary, Miss Aurelia Davis, made her report:

1920

Box to Farmington, New Mexico.....	\$ 315.00
Other Boxes and Money Sent During the Year.....	1,816.83
Total Value.....	\$2,131.83

1921

Individual Boxes During the Year.....	\$ 267.00
Diocesan Box to Union, S. C. (Including Carriage).....	390.17
Christmas Boxes (Some from Church School Service Leagues).....	420.05
Money.....	10.00
Total.....	\$1,087.22

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(The difference in the amounts reported for the two years is due to the fact that boxes of secondhand clothing are no longer valued, so that the above amount represents new articles, and much more was sent by the branches than appears in the report.—Secretary.)

Any assistance to missions outside the Diocese must be sent only after consultation with the Supply Department (Mrs. Theodora Wade), 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City; and, to avoid duplication, branches are asked to consult the Box Secretary before sending boxes to Diocesan Missions.

The Church Periodical Club Correspondent reported as follows:

Regular Contributors.....	114
Magazines Sent Regularly.....	213
Odd Magazines and Papers.....	1,618
Money.....	\$43.89

Any one having magazines to send regularly should report them to the Diocesan Correspondent, who will obtain the addresses of persons or libraries requesting those periodicals; and magazines that will be sent no longer should also be reported, so that the Correspondent may have them supplied by someone else. Timely magazines should be sent as soon as possible, and in general back numbers of fiction magazines, only, should be forwarded. Keep the number of odd magazines, as they must be reported.

The Church Periodical Club is also aiding in raising a library for St. Paul's, Tokyo. One of the conditions of its being chartered as a university is that it must have a library of the value of \$15,000.00, and this fund must be completed by August, 1922. Any one wishing to contribute books may obtain a list of those needed from the Church Missions House.

Mrs. Scruggs of St. John's Church, Lynchburg, gave an interesting account of the form of Church Service League they have adopted, which has proved most successful.

The President spoke on the Letcher Memorial Fund. When the committee were looking for an object for an appropriate

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memorial to Mrs. Letcher as the founder of the Woman's Auxiliary in Southern Virginia, they found there was literally no phase of the work to which she had not contributed. They finally decided on a scholarship at St. Agnes School, Kyoto, as a perpetual memorial to Mrs. Letcher. This is to be paid from the interest on \$10,000.00, and the sum is to be raised in the three Virginia Dioceses in one year. We must, of course, have our part in it, and the question is, to what extent. General discussion followed, and finally Miss Leache moved that a contribution to the Letcher Memorial be included in the pledges, the amount to be determined by the Pledge Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned for the day.

Wednesday evening there was a service, with a sermon by the Rev. Devall Gwathmey, of Wytheville, and Thursday morning, an early Communion Service, at which the United Thank Offering was presented.

The business meeting was called to order at ten o'clock on Thursday, October 27th. The opening prayers were read by Mr. Williams of Abingdon. The minutes were read and, with a few minor corrections, approved. The roll call showed thirty branches represented.

The Pledge Committee, Mrs. O. C. Bell, Chairman, presented its report, as follows:

To Educate Boy or Girl From the Archdeaconry.....	\$ 212.50
To Educate Boy at Virginia Episcopal School.....	415.00
Board for Boy at Covington School.....	200.00
Special Gift to Our Own Missionary.....	300.00
Letcher Memorial Fund.....	700.00
Expense Fund.....	300.00
 Total.....	 \$2,127.50

General discussion of the budget followed, especially as to the Letcher Memorial Fund and the gift to Mr. Lloyd, by Deaconess Gibson, Miss Davis, Miss Leache, Mrs. Scruggs, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Gordon Baker. It was explained that Mr. Lloyd's salary is

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paid by the Presiding Bishop and Council, and that this will really be an addition to it. The sum for the Letcher Fund is to be a starting point, and it is hoped that personal gifts will be added to it by Mrs. Letcher's friends.

The report was adopted.

It was announced that Christiansburg has invited the Auxiliary to meet there in 1922. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Educational Secretary made her report, and stated that she had visited nearly all the branches, and some places where no branch exists.

Mr. Hale told something of Fred Hamlett, the boy at the Virginia Episcopal School, who will go into the ministry.

Mrs. Binns and Deaconess Adams spoke of their work.

The Program Committee, Miss Mary Bell, Chairman, presented a most excellent report. It provides a subject for study, with bibliography, for each monthly meeting during the year. The report was accepted with thanks, and it has been printed and distributed to the branches. It is hoped as many as possible will adopt it.

Mrs. Mingea said that it is quite evident that the Constitution and By-Laws are in need of revision. In view of probable changes in the Auxiliary as a whole, it seems best to let the Constitution stand till after the Triennial Meeting in 1922, but certain of the By-Laws should be changed. To avoid the expense of a meeting of the Executive Board, which has not proved very satisfactory, it was suggested that Article IV of the Constitution, which reads, "They (the officers) *shall* meet with the Diocesan Council" shall be amended to read, "*may* meet with the Diocesan Council." In that case, unless the meeting is called, the members would go as individuals, paying their own expenses. A resolution to this effect was offered by Mrs. Grandstaff, and seconded by Mrs. Atkins, of Marion. It cannot be acted on till the next meeting.

The President finds herself much hampered by Articles I and III of the By-Laws, which give her very little power, and make her entirely dependent on the Executive Board. There was discussion

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as to a revision, and finally Mrs. Hanger offered a resolution that, "It is the sense of this body that the President of this Auxiliary, after conference with the Bishop, may settle any question that cannot conveniently be brought before the Executive Board, between the Annual Meetings." The resolution was seconded by Miss Davis and carried.

Mrs. Mingea announced the total of the United Thank Offering as \$3,206.92.

After luncheon the meeting was called to order at half past two, and the first business was the report on the Tri-Diocesan Summer School held at the University of Virginia, in August, in which the Woman's Auxiliary was represented by twenty hours of most helpful and inspiring work and lecture. For next year the Auxiliary is asked to submit a program of its special needs.

The Committee on the Place of Meeting, Mrs. Echols, Chairman, recommended that the annual meetings be held in the various parishes in a permanent order of rotation. Miss Elder moved that the report be accepted, the motion was seconded and carried. (See inside of back cover for the list.)

The Committee on Nomination, Mrs. Ubil, Chairman, brought in the following report:

Honorary President.....	Mrs. R. C. JETT, Roanoke
President.....	Mrs. T. D. HOBART, Roanoke
Vice President.....	Mrs. E. T. JONES, Bristol
Vice President.....	Mrs. O. C. BELL, Bedford
Secretary.....	MISS JANE C. HOWARD, Staunton
Treasurer.....	Mrs. W. H. B. LOVING, Salem
Custodian of the United Thank Offering.....	Mrs. W. E. MINGEA, Abingdon
Box Secretary.....	Mrs. FRANKLIN HANGER, Staunton
Educational Secretary.....	Mrs. J. M. FEATHERSTON, Abingdon
Correspondent Church Periodical Club..... DEACONESS BERTHA RADFORD, Lynchburg
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Mrs. Scruggs moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and the nominees elected. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried by a standing vote.

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A resolution of thanks was passed to the Emmanuel Church Branch of Bristol for its cordial and delightful hospitality; and after the Doxology and Benediction the business session of the Second Annual Meeting of Southwestern Virginia Branch adjourned.

In the evening there was a most inspiring informal missionary meeting which was addressed by Archdeacon Rich of Graham, the Rev. Claudius Smith, Diocesan Missioner, and the Rev. Lloyd Craighill of Nanchang, China.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE C. HOWARD,
Diocesan Secretary.

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PLACES OF MEETING

- 1922—CHRISTIANSBURG
- 1923—MARTINSVILLE
- 1924—BEDFORD
- 1925—LEXINGTON
- 1926—LYNCHBURG
- 1927—ABINGDON
- 1928—COVINGTON
- 1929—BIG STONE GAP
- 1930—PULASKI
- 1931—GRAHAM
- 1932—WYTHEVILLE
- 1933—BUENA VISTA
- 1934—SALEM
- 1935—ROANOKE
- 1936—STAUNTON
- 1937—BRISTOL



