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LIST OF OFFICERS, AUXILIARY, 1923

Abingdon, ST. THOMAS: Pres. Miss Annie White; Sec. Mrs. W. E. Mingea; Treas. Mrs. W. E. Mingea. 20 members.

Altavista, ST. PETER'S—No report.

Amherst, ASCENSION: Pres. Mrs. Edward Sandidge; Sec. Mrs. W. W. Brodin; Treas. Mrs. Edward Sandidge. 30 members.

Bedford, ST. JOHN'S: Pres. Mrs. O. C. Bell; Sec. Mrs. James Collins; Treas. Mrs. James Collins.

Big Stone Gap, CHRIST—No report.

Blacksburg, CHRIST: Pres. Mrs. W. P. Moore; Sec. Mrs. O. C. Burkhardt; Treas. Mrs. F. L. Robeson. 20 members.

Bristol, EMMANUEL—No report.

Buchanan, TRINITY—No report.

Christiansburg, ST. THOMAS': Pres. Mrs. E. J. Richardson; Sec. Mrs. J. C. Miller; Treas. Mrs. O. S. Rowzie. 12 members.

Coeburn, MISSION—No report.

Covington, EMMANUEL—No report.

Clifton Forge, ST. ANDREW'S—No report.

Dante, ST. MARK'S: Pres. Mrs. R. E. Bayloe; Sec. Mrs. J. L. Ubil; Treas. Mrs. J. L. Ubil. 20 members.

Evington, GOOD SHEPHERD: Pres. Mrs. Mary Saunders; Sec. Mrs. Fleming Saunders; Treas. Mrs. F. Saunders. 9 members.

Graham, ST. MARY'S—No report.

Keokee, ST. ANDREW'S MISSION: Pres. Deaconess Adams. 1 member.

The Knobs, (P. O. address, Abingdon): Pres. Mrs. James Henry; Sec. Mrs. L. G. H. Williams; Treas. Mrs. L. G. H. Williams.

Lexington, R. E. LEE MEMORIAL: Pres. Mrs. Frank Meade; Sec. Mrs. John Ecker; Treas. Miss Mary Gibbs.

Lovingston, TRINITY—No report.

Lynchburg, ST. JOHN'S: Pres. Mrs. R. G. Taylor; Sec. Mrs. E. F. Haley; Treas. Miss Nancy Spencer. 100 members.

Lynchburg, ST. PAUL'S, First Circle: Pres. Mrs. Jehu Williams; Sec. Mrs. E. Schaefer; Treas. Mrs. J. Holmes Smith. 35 members.

Lynchburg, ST. PAUL'S, Second Circle: Pres. Miss Elsie Johnston; Sec. Mrs. W. F. Farrell; Treas. Miss Lessie Fenwick. 50 members.

Lynchburg, GRACE: Pres. Mrs. Cora Mosby; Sec. Mrs. Claiborne; Treas. Mrs. Belle Goodwin. 18 members.

Marion, CHRIST—No report.

Martinsville, CHRIST, First Circle: Pres. Mrs. J. C. Kefratt; Sec. Mrs. A. S. Gravely; Treas. Mrs. W. H. Gravely. 20 members.

Martinsville, CHRIST, Second Circle: Pres. Miss Flora Whittle; Sec. Mrs. W. M. Whittle; Treas. Mrs. W. A. Barr. 17 members.

Norton, ALL SAINTS—No report.

Pulaski, CHRIST—No report.

Roanoke, CHRIST: Pres. Mrs. G. H. Baker; Sec. Mrs. J. W. Ridout; Treas. Mrs. J. W. Ridout. 30 members.

Roanoke, ST. JOHN'S: Pres. Miss Julia Leache; Sec. Mrs. E. C. Ambler; Treas. Miss Figgat. 68 members.

Rocky Mount, TRINITY—No report.

Salem, ST. PAUL'S: Pres. Mrs. H. I. Johnson; Sec. Mrs. G. S. Stevens; Treas. Mrs. J. C. Terry. 35 members.

Saltville, ST. PAUL'S—No report.

Staunton, TRINITY: Pres. Mrs. Jas. R. Taylor; Sec. Mrs. Roy W. Woodson; Treas. Miss Belle Brooke.

Staunton, EMMANUEL—No report.

Staunton, STUART HALL—No report.

Tazewell, STRAS MEMORIAL: Pres. Mrs. B. W. Stras, Jr.; Sec. Mrs. S. K. Dey; Treas. Mrs. S. K. Dey. 6 members.

Wytheville, ST. JOHN'S—No report.

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Bedford, ST. PHILLIP'S—No report.

Lynchburg, GOOD SHEPHERD: Pres. Mrs. A. N. Lushington; Sec. Mrs. V. J. Reid; Treas. Mrs. Ella Moore. 7 members.

Total Number of members reported, 452.

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The Southwestern Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council held its first business meeting promptly at ten o'clock Wednesday, October 25th.

The President appointed the following committees:

PLEDGES:

MRS. O. C. BELL, *Chairman*, Bedford.
MRS. HANGER, Staunton.
MRS. SCRUGGS, Lynchburg.
MISS LEACHE, Roanoke.

RESOLUTION:

MRS. MINGEA, *Chairman*, Abingdon.
MRS. KEARFOTT, Martinsville.
MRS. JEHU WILLIAMS, Lynchburg.
MRS. R. C. JETT, Roanoke.

NOMINATING:

MRS. BAKER, *Chairman*, Roanoke.
MRS. SANDIDGE, Amherst.
MRS. PHILIP PENDLETON, Clifton Forge.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT:

MISS EMERY
MRS. STEVENS, Salem.
MRS. BURKHARDT, Blacksburg.
MRS. PAYNE, Roanoke.

PROGRAM:

MISS M. S. BELL, *Chairman*, Lynchburg.
MRS. FEATHERSTON, Abingdon.
MRS. MEAD, Lexington.
MRS. T. D. LEWIS, Amherst.

The warmest of greetings was given by Mrs. Kearnott, of Martinsville. Response by Mrs. Hanger, of Staunton.

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ADDRESS BY BISHOP JETT

He spoke of the enlargement and growth of the Auxiliary, giving many words of encouragement. The message he gave for this meeting and for the Auxiliary to take home was this: "Loving the world that Christ loved and with the love with which He loved it."

1. Loving the world in fact.
2. Loving the world in life.
3. Manifestation of that love.
4. Action—Love put into practice, working for the world Christ loved.
5. Fruitage—Money only as means to glorify God.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

After a gracious greeting to the members of the Auxiliary, she told of her trip to Portland and of the Triennial Convention. Giving an outline of Bishop Lloyd's sermon for the Quiet Hour; also of the thrilling experience of the Opening Session of the Convention and of the presentation of the United Thank Offering.

Although, as she said, there were naturally differences of opinion in the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary in Portland, still the spirit of love pervaded the whole.

The Diocesan Branch was reminded that it was not doing as well as it should do. Not a single new branch reported for this year. Seven hundred and fifty members reported.

In closing her talk she urged that the Diocesan Branch of Southwestern Virginia stand on record as supporting the Church's Mission (Nationwide Campaign).

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TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1922—October 21, 1922

Total Receipts to date	\$1,962.83
Disbursements	1,446.88
	\$ 515.95

OBLIGATIONS TO MEET:

Synodical Dues	\$ 5.00
Present to O. O. M.....	300.00
Letcher Memorial	700.00
Expenses (probably)	150.00
	\$1,155.00

To be raised by January 1, 1923..... \$ 639.05

Immediately following the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Mrs. O. C. Bell and seconded by Miss Caryetta Davis that the gift of \$300.00 be sent to Mr. Hubard Lloyd, O. O. M., at once. The expenses be paid for the Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made and carried that the Auxiliary should concentrate upon raising the \$700.00 promised for the Letcher Memorial by January 1, 1923.

Deaconess Mills, of Richlands, was requested to tell of her work and needs. The character of her work is social, revealing Christ to men in community work. She has a building, needs chairs, beds, household utensils.

Noonday Devotions followed.

A report of the Woman's Auxiliary Meeting of the Triennial held in Portland, Oregon, was made by Miss Mary Bell.

The President announced with regret the extreme illness of the First Vice-President, Mrs. E. T. Jones.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Jett, and accepted: *Resolved*, That the Woman's Auxiliary assembled in Martinsville hears with deep regret of the illness of its Vice-President, Mrs. Jones, of Bristol, and offers earnest prayer for her recovery.

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The Secretary was instructed to record the resolution and to send a telegram of sympathy.

After luncheon the meeting was called to order at 2:30.

Mrs. Williams, the wife of our Missionary to The Knobs, told of this interesting work in the mountains, bringing light to those who sit in darkness.

REPORT OF THE SUPPLY SECRETARY

Mrs. Hanger, the Supply Secretary, showed great advance in the Supply Department of the Diocese. This Department has a supply room and is ready to furnish ammunition for workers.

During the year—

150	Letters written.	
159	Pieces of literature sent out.	
Money received		\$81.30
Expenditures		76.24

The Triennial Report of the United Thank Offering Custodian followed. Copies of this report were placed by Mrs. Mingea in the hands of all the delegates present and every branch will receive a copy.

Deaconess Radford, Church Periodical Club Secretary, reported :

Periodicals regularly sent	224
Donors	134
Odd periodicals	2,418
Money	\$49.44

Following Deaconess Radford's report, Mr. Roach, the Rector of Christ Church, Martinsville, read an editorial from the county paper on the meeting and the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

An invitation was given by our hostess for a ride immediately upon the adjournment.

Meeting adjourned for the day.

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The devotional service Wednesday evening was conducted by Rev. Karl M. Block, of St. John's Church, Roanoke. The sermon an eloquent one, was based on the scene with the Samaritan woman and Christ's reply to the woman: "If thou knewst the gift of God."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th.

The business meeting was called to order Thursday, the 26th, at ten o'clock. The opening prayer was made by Mr. Roach, the Rector of Christ Church, Martinsville.

The Minutes were read and with a few corrections approved. The Roll Call showed twenty-nine branches represented.

THE PLEDGE COMMITTEE

Mrs. O. C. Bell, Chairman, presented the report as follows:

To educate a girl from the Archdeaconry.....	\$ 425.00
To educate a boy, Virginia Episcopal School.....	455.00
Board for a boy, Home for Homeless Boys, Covington.....	220.00
Special gift to Rev. Lloyd Craighill, China.....	700.00
Special gift to Rev. Hubard Lloyd, Japan.....	300.00
Expense fund	300.00
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	\$2,400.00

The report was adopted.

An interesting talk, giving an account of one day in her Mission work, was made by Miss Margaretha Williamson. Her need was for a barn for her cow; in a short while pledges were made fulfilling this need. The milk is furnished free to the undernourished children in the schools.

Following this address noonday devotions were lead by the President of the Auxiliary.

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REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Miss Mary Bell, Chairman, presented the report. The plan was recommended and adopted that the basis of study for the year shall be "The Program Presented—What shall we do with it?" Issued by Presiding Bishop and Council.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Stevens, Chairman of Resolution of Respect—Miss Emery, read the following resolution, which was accepted:

"The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia in its third convention assembled, wish to give some expression of its sorrow in the death of its great leader, Miss Julia C. Emery. Her gentleness and modesty and her devout zeal was an inspiration to all workers; and her clear judgment of the right thing to be done, made her the wonderful leader that our women delighted to follow.

"The Living Church reminds us that Miss Emery leaves three monuments to her memory. The first is the Woman's Auxiliary, the second is The History of the Missionary Society, the book called 'The Century of Endeavor,' the establishment of the Emery Fund, named in honor of the three Emery sisters, designed to be used for missionaries. These monuments may well make her memory immortal.

"Then let us resolve to show our true appreciation of her beautiful life by endeavoring to carry out her last bidding to us, which was to make every effort, with one end in view that each day we live, each work we do, each word we say, may give our Lord and Saviour, the Master of us all, Joy and Light."

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The following resolutions were adopted by the Auxiliary:

1. *"Resolved,* That the Woman's Auxiliary assembled at Martinsville hears with deep regret of the illness of its First Vice-President, Mrs. Jones, of Bristol, and offers earnest prayer for her recovery."
2. *"Resolved,* That the Secretary be requested to write to Rev. J. Hubbard Lloyd, 'our own missionary,' assuring him of our sympathy in his continued illness and our earnest prayers for his recovery to health."
3. *"Resolved,* That circulars explaining fully pledges made at Annual Convention, and amounts expected from each branch to fulfil pledges, be sent to Treasurer of each branch in the Diocese."
4. *"The Woman's Auxiliary of Southwestern Virginia assembled in Annual Convention go on record as requesting every branch of the Diocese to purchase at least one copy of Miss Emery's book, 'A Century of Endeavor,' for the permanent library and urge its use by all members, that Miss Emery's object in writing this book be not defeated."*
5. *"Whereas we have heard with deep interest the appeal for coöperation in the movement of inter-racial work among colored people as presented at this meeting by Mrs. Yancey, of Bedford;*
"Be it Resolved: We, the Woman's Auxiliary, go on record as accepting the facts of God's program for work and commend it to their several branches."
6. *"Whereas we realize the inspiration and encouragement resulting from discussing our mutual problems face to face, and the opportunities for development of our missionary work by this means: Resolved, That it be the policy of our organization that its branches request a visit from the President or the other officers at least once a year."*

"Whereas Mr. A. S. Gravely and the Henry Bulletin have been so graciously liberal to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia;

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"Be it Resolved: We, the Woman's Auxiliary of this Diocese, herewith express our deep appreciation to Mr. Gravely and the Henry Bulletin;

"Be it further Resolved: That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Gravely stating our gratitude for his interest, coöperation, and generosity."

7. *"Resolved,* That the Woman's Auxiliary of Southwestern Virginia pledge its enthusiastic support in behalf of the Church's Mission; that we commend to our individual branches prayer services at special times and places during the interval of the special effort now in this Diocese."

8. *"Resolved,* That we express our warm appreciation of the gracious hospitality extended to us by the Rector and congregation of Christ Church, Martinsville, and our gratitude for all who had part in the delightful reception on Tuesday evening."

9. *Resolved,* That we desire to express our appreciation of the cordiality of the other denominations who have opened their homes for our entertainment; we assure them of our prayers for God's blessing on their work."

Mrs. W. T. Yancey, of Bedford, made an address on the subject of Inter-racial Coöperation.

Vote of thanks was made and the Woman's Auxiliary pledged themselves to go on record as supporting the movement.

Mrs. Russell Winfree, St. John's, Lynchburg, spoke on the method of work among the women of St. John's Church. Every member of the League of St. John's is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary. All addresses made to the organization are on one of three subjects—Missions, Religious Education, or Social Service.

St. John's, Lynchburg, gave a most cordial invitation to the Auxiliary to meet in St. John's, 1923. Invitation accepted.

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The President announced that Report Blanks would be sent to each branch in December and that the Minutes will be sent to every officer in every branch in January.

Miss Binns told of her work, and of her needs. All her needs were supplied.

After luncheon the meeting was called to order at 2:30, and the first business was the Report of the Educational Secretary.

Twenty-six Mission Study Classes were reported. Subject for study, 1922: "The Task of the Church and its various Mission Fields."

200 Letters written.
75 Letters received.
80 Pamphlets received.
1,100 Prayer cards distributed.

REPORT OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Mrs. Binns told of the Summer School held in the Virginia Episcopal School for Church School teachers and workers. She expressed the hope that in 1923 every branch of the Woman's Auxiliary would have a representative in the school.

REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS

Receipts	\$ 35.54
DISBURSEMENTS:	
To Mrs. Mingea, U. T. O.....	10.00
To Mrs. Loving, Home for Homeless Boys.....	25.00
Stamps and Stationery54

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

Honorary President.....	MRS. R. C. JETT, Roanoke
President.....	MRS. T. D. HOBART, Roanoke
First Vice-President.....	MRS. O. C. BELL, Bedford
Second Vice-President.....	MRS. J. C. KEARFOTT, Martinsville
Secretary.....	MISS MARY S. BELL, Lynchburg
Treasurer.....	MRS. W. H. B. LOVING, Salem
Box Secretary.....	MRS. F. HANGER, Staunton
Educational Secretary, New River Convocation.....	MRS. J. C. FEATHERSTON
Educational Secretary, James River Convocation.....	MRS. PHIL. PENDLETON
Secretary of Little Helpers.....	MRS. PATTON, Lexington
Correspondent of S. W. <i>Episcopalian</i>	MRS. STEVENS

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and the nominees elected. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned.

The closing service was on Thursday evening, a lecture with lantern slides of the work of the Church in the mountains of Southwest Virginia, by Rev. Claudius Smith, Missioner for the Diocese.

In Memoriam

On December 20, 1922, Mrs. E. T. Jones, after months of suffering, was called to the peace and rest of the Home Beyond.

Mrs. Jones, before her illness, was an active and earnest worker for the Woman's Auxiliary and the spread of the Gospel of Christ—President of the Bristol Emmanuel Church branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and Vice-President of the Diocesan branch. Her work has been faithfully and well done, and her influence as a Christian enriched the lives of those with whom she came in contact.

All suffering is ended and so, for her—

“The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won,
The song of triumph has begun,
Alleluiah!”

