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CHRISTIANSBURG, *St. Thomas*—Pres. Mrs. Jas. Rigby; Sec. and Treas. Mrs. Ora Rowzie; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. P. W. Reynolds; Box Sec. Mrs. Goldsmith. 20 members.

CLIFFORD, *St. Mark's*—Pres. Mrs. Thos. D. Lewis, Amherst; Sec. Mrs. Dallas Hudson; Treas. Miss Ethel Hudson; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. Chas. Beasley; Ed. Sec. Mrs. Cyrus Hudson. 10 members.

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MARTINSVILLE, *Christ, First Circle*—Mrs. J. C. Kearfott, Church St.; Sec. Mrs. A. S. Gravely, Church St.; Treas. Mrs. W. H. Gravely, Mulberry St.; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. W. L. Fernald, Church St.; Ed. Sec. Mrs. F. G. Burch, Church St.; C. P. C. Sec. Mrs. J. R. Gregory, Starling Ave. 15 members.

MARTINSVILLE, *Christ, Second Circle*—Mrs. Rives S. Brown, Church St.; Sec. Mrs. H. D. Whittle, Starling St.; Treas. Mr. W. H. Barr, 808 Starling St.; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. Blanch Parrish, Starling St.; Ed. Sec. Mrs. Edward Whitener, Church St. 18 members.

MONTVALE, *St. Mark's*—Pres. Mrs. W. H. Buford; Sec. Mrs. A. H. Gemmell, Villamont; Treas. and U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. A. M. Parker.

NORTON, *All Saint's*—Pres. and Ed. Sec. Mrs. Guido Heuser; Sec. Mrs. Fred McDonald; Treas. and U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. John Horseman. 10 members.

PULASKI, *Christ*—Pres. Mrs. C. A. Duncan; Sec. and U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. C. P. Maegill; Treas. Miss Fredericka Pobst. 22 members.

RADFORD, *Grace*—Pres. U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. Custis Peter; Sec. and Treas. Mrs. J. G. Osborne. 22 members.

RICHLANDS, *Trinity*—Pres. Mrs. W. J. Elgin; Sec. Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Jr.; Treas. and U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. M. C. Peters.

ROANOKE, *Christ*—Pres. Mrs. Jos. W. Ridout, 375 Washington, Ave.; Sec. and Treas. Mrs. F. F. Heller, 522 Camilla Ave., S. E.; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. M. A. Carpenter, 1107 S. Jefferson St.; Ed. Sec. Mrs. R. F. Taylor, 504 Greenwood Road; C. P. C. Sec. Mrs. Martha F. Smith, 365 Highland Ave. 65 members.

ROANOKE, *St. John's*—Pres. Mrs. W. G. Macdowell, 738 Wellington Ave.; Sec. Mrs. W. N. Morgan, 1323 3rd St., S. W.; Treas. Miss Janie Figgat, 1118 1st St., S. W.; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. John L. Bladon, Windsor Apts.; Ed. Sec. Miss Julia P. Leache, 113 Elm Ave., S. W.; C. P. C. Sec. Miss Sue Figgat, 1118 1st St., S. W. 60 members.

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ROCKY MOUNT, *Trinity*—Pres. Mrs. Douglas I. Hobbs; Vice-Pres. Mrs. E. W. Skinnell; Sec. Miss Mary A. Dillard; Treas. Miss Alice Saunders. 20 members.

SAINT PETERS-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS, Franklin Co.; Pres. and Treas. Miss Caryetta Davis.

SALEM, *St. Paul's*—Pres. Mrs. Gordon Wells, Broad St.; Sec. Mrs. T. A. Foster, 130 High St.; Treas. and U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. J. C. Terry, Pennsylvania Ave.; Ed. Sec. and C. P. C. Sec. Mrs. H. I. Johnson. 33 members.

SALTVILLE, *St. Paul's*—Mrs. A. F. Crowell; Sec. and Treas. Mrs. R. D. Campbell. 9 members.

STAUNTON, *Emmanuel*—Pres. Mrs. Franklin Hanger, 362 Sherwood Ave.; Sec. Mrs. Clarke Worthington, 411 W. Frederick St.; Treas. Mrs. J. L. Templeton, 209 N. Market St.; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. W. Murray Hilleary, 214 E. Beverley St.; Ed. Sec. Mrs. W. B. Miller, 317 Berkley Place. 25 members.

STAUNTON, *Trinity*—Pres. Mrs. J. H. Woodward, East Beverley St.; Sec. Mrs. Roy W. Wonson, 214 N. Market St.; Treas. Miss Belle Brooke, 202 Thompson St.; Ed. Sec. Miss J. May Elder, E. Beverley St.; C. P. C. Sec. Mrs. Donald Allen, 212 Fayette St. 48 members.

WYTHEVILLE, *St. John's, First Circle*—Pres. Miss Helen Otey; Sec. Miss Ella R. Goodwin; Treas. Miss Angela Bourne; U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. J. W. Boyd; Ed. Sec. Miss Jane Byrd Pendleton; C. P. C. Sec. Mrs. F. H. Terry. 38 members.

WYTHEVILLE, *St. John's, Second Circle*—Pres. Mrs. Jos. E. Caldwell; Sec. and Ed. Sec. Mrs. O. M. Johnson; Treas. and U. T. O. Cus. Mrs. Towson Moore. 12 members.

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DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

Tuesday, October 4, 1927

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, met at Emmanuel Church, Covington, October 4th.

**Quiet Hour**

At 5:00 p. m. a Quiet Hour Service was conducted by the Rev. Dennis Whittle, the rector of the Emmanuel Church. His theme was the spiritual life of the individual and of the Woman's Auxiliary as an organization. He dwelt upon the importance of prayer and of the encouragement that the Auxiliary should give to the study of the Bible. This service was closed with the playing of "Abide with me" on the chimes of the Church.

**Evening Service**

During the evening service, the delegates were given an opportunity to hear the missionary workers in the Diocese. The workers present were: Deaconess Adams of Keokee; Deaconess Williams of Dante; Miss Caryetta Davis of St. Peter's on-the-Mountain, Franklin County; Miss Mabel Mansfield, Grace House on-the-Mountain, St. Paul; Mrs. William Wilkins, St. Barnabas' Mission, Wythe County; Miss Sally Logan, Splash Dam, Dickenson County; Miss Ella Pier, Bear Mountain Mission, Amherst; Mr. John A. Wilson, Richlands; Miss Ora Harrison, St. John's in-the-Mountains, Franklin County.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Morning Service**

The Corporate Communion was celebrated at 9:00 o'clock on Wednesday morning by Bishop Robert C. Jett, assisted by the Rev. Dennis Whittle.

**Business Session**

The business session convened at 10:00 o'clock, October 5th. It was opened with prayer by the Rev. H. H. Young. An address of welcome was given by Mrs. Dennis Whittle and responded to by

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Miss Aurelia Davis of Lynchburg. On calling the roll, it was found that 31 out of the 42 branches were represented.

### Bishop's Address

Bishop Jett in his address spoke of the vision, work, motive and joy of the Woman's Auxiliary. He reported on the educational fund which is a gift from the Woman's Auxiliary and told of the industrial school which he hopes to found for mountain children near Wise Courthouse.

### President's Address

In the President's address she gratefully acknowledged the co-operation of officers and members of the Woman's Auxiliary during the past year. She emphasized the devotional part of each meeting of the branches and asked for continued prayers for workers and gifts of lives. She closed by asking the Woman's Auxiliary to avail themselves of the impression made by the Bishops' Crusade.

Following the address of the President the other officers of the Diocese made reports of their year's work. These reports appear in full in the back of this Annual Report, therefore only a few striking things are mentioned here.

### Noonday Prayer

The noonday prayer was offered by the Rev. Amos Goddard, a returned missionary from Kiukiang, China.

### Reports of Officers

The reports of the educational secretary, Mrs. Thomas D. Lewis of the James River Convocation and Mrs. K. A. Grandstaff of the New River Convocation, showed signs of increased interest in educational work, thirty-two branches reporting mission study. At the suggestion of Mrs. Grandstaff it was decided to offer prizes to Sunday School pupils for the best essays on Bible subjects.

Mrs. Philip Pendleton, first vice-president in charge of education, talked on educational work in the diocese and requested each branch to try to be a standard branch and gave the requirements for it. She announced that another Institute for Study Class Leaders will be held in Roanoke on January 11 and 12.

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The director of the C. P. C., Miss Mary Bell of Lynchburg, not being present, her report was read by Mrs. A. A. Onthank, delegate from Lynchburg. It told of books sent to missions and magazines and books sent to orphanages, hospitals and jails. This is a work which can be carried on locally as well as by mail, so every branch should send in a report of work done.

On Wednesday afternoon the special pledges were made by the Branches to the Missionary workers of the Diocese. As usual this interesting part of the program was entered into with much enthusiasm and \$415.00, besides clothing, books etc., were pledged to the needs of those faithful Soldiers of the Cross.

### **Evening Service**

A feature of the Wednesday evening service was the address given by the Rev. Amos Goddard of St. John's School, Kiukiang, Diocese of Anking, China. Mr. Goddard, for twenty-five years a missionary, is one of the heroes of our Chinese Missions, he having stayed until ordered by the American Commander to leave on a gun-boat.

### **THURSDAY**

The Thursday morning Corporate Communion Service was conducted by Rev. Dennis Whittle, assisted by the Rev. H. H. Young.

Business sessions were continued at 9:30 and opened with prayer by the Rev. H. H. Young. After roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous days meeting, Miss Julia P. Leache, the representative of the Alaskan Churchman in the Diocese, reported fifteen subscribers.

Dr. E. Reinhold Rogers gave a graphic account of the work at the Boys' Home to the Auxiliary. On motion of Mrs. Custis Peter, delegate from Radford, an especial offering was taken for a treat of candy and sweets for the Boys' Home. This was taken to the boys on Thursday afternoon by a committee appointed from the Auxiliary.

### **Election of Delegates**

The following delegates were elected to attend the Triennial Convention in Washington in 1928: Mrs. Franklin Hanger, Staunton; Mrs. Thomas D. Lewis, Amherst; Miss Aurelia Davis, Lynchburg;

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alternates, Miss Anzolette Gadsden, Lexington; Miss Mary Bell, Lynchburg; Deaconess Williams, Dante.

The noonday prayer was conducted by the Rev. Dennis Whittle, a feature of which was the playing of the chimes and the individual prayers.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report:

*"Resolved:* That appreciating our inspiration from these annual meetings, we regret that all branches are not represented.

*Resolved:* That we urge all branches to send representatives to Sweet Briar in preparation for leadership.

*Resolved:* That special attention be given to the devotional part of our Auxiliary Programs.

*Resolved:* That we wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Loving and other executives of the Woman's Auxiliary for the manner in which they have performed their duties.

*Resolved:* That we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Emmanuel Church at Covington, its rector, members of the Auxiliary, Dr. and Mrs. Rogers at the Boys' Home, and our hostesses, for charming hospitality extended us while in your town.

Mrs. C. A. Duncan, Pulaski, Va.

Mrs. W. G. Jones, Roanoke

Mrs. James W. Ridout, Roanoke

Mrs. J. Custis Peter, Radford

Mrs. Landon Lowry, *Chairman*

*Committee on Resolutions."*

After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the meeting adjourned to meet next year at St. Paul's, Lynchburg.

Delicious luncheons were served both days in the Parish House by the ladies of Emmanuel Church.

On Wednesday afternoon the delegates were taken to the Boys' Home and given a reception by Mrs. Reinhold Rogers. The bright-faced boys as they were assembled to meet their guests and the splendid condition of everything there was viewed with great pleasure and interest.

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This visit of our Auxiliary to this lovely part of the country will be long remembered by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNETTE TYLER GEMMELL.

*Diocesan Secretary.*

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS 1927

In submitting her annual report, your president desires to make grateful acknowledgment of the hearty co-operation of all the Diocesan officers and the unfailing help they have given to all efforts for carrying on the work.

She desires to put on record her appreciation for the loyal support given by the parish branches as evidenced by their increased gifts both for United Thank Offering, Diocesan Pledges, Boxes and Supply Room and Specials. Also in the great increase in the number participating in the Corporate Gift this year as well as in the interested and well attended meetings she has been privileged to attend.

She also desires to express her appreciation for the letters written to our Prayer Partner, Miss Hildreth Cronshay, and she hopes every member of the Auxiliary in this Diocese is remembering her daily in our prayers.

She wishes to express her deep sense of her own inadequacy to the task before her and to assure you that if work has not been done, or not been done as promptly as it should have been, it has been due to no lack of interest on her part, but to the fact that all her time cannot be given to Auxiliary work although the office needs it.

During the past year new branches have been formed at Grace Church, Radford, and at Trinity Church, Boonesboro. They are operating for the present as Guild Auxiliaries in conformity with the provisions of the National organization for some small parishes; —that is, they agree to set aside a definite part of the time of each meeting for missionary program and to contribute to the pledges and obligations of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Your president has visited eighteen parish branches and has had the privilege of speaking at three of the Diocesan Days—Bedford, Madison Heights and Lexington—in behalf of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

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At one of these meetings she had the opportunity of speaking to three groups of women in whose parishes there was no Auxiliary work.

Their questions and evident interest after the meeting was over lead us to hope branches may be organized before our next annual meeting.

She has written more than 150 letters and has distributed quite a good deal of literature.

She had the privilege of attending the Study Class and conferences of the Woman's Auxiliary at Sweet Briar and urges that more branches send delegates next year.

The Sunday School delegates cannot get the Auxiliary classes, as they are held at the same time that their own classes are in session, and the inspiration gained in Miss Louisa Davis' conferences is well worth the trip to Sweet Briar.

We wish to call your attention especially at this time to two specific pieces of work which each branch is asked to do.

1st: Appoint one woman in *your* branch to solicit subscriptions to the Southwestern Episcopalian and send her name to the Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, Box 522, Staunton, Virginia, and *help her by subscribing.*

2nd: Appoint one woman in your branch to solicit subscriptions to the Spirit of Missions and send her name to Mr. John W. Irvin, 281 Fourth Ave., New York, and *help her by subscribing.*

These are two of the best ways we know in which you can disseminate knowledge of the work being done by the Church in our own Diocese and to the ends of the earth, and it is not possible that people who really *know* can remain indifferent to the call of the world's need.

Then let your president urge that time and thought be given to the devotional part of our meeting. Some branches have a chaplain whose work is just this.

Too often our prayers at meetings are hurried or haphazard. *Prayer is power*, whether it be personal prayer or public prayer, and we cannot place too much emphasis upon its importance. See that our prayers and our Scripture readings are correlated to the subject matter of our informing program at each meeting.

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Which brings us to speak of the vital importance of that program of information at each meeting. Increased information of the missionary enterprise invariably means increased interest. Let us pray for workers and for the gift of lives for the work from our own diocese.

Our Study Class subject for next Lent is "A Church Awake." It is our earnest hope that each branch will study the book. Its intention is to capture every ounce of impression made by the Bishops' Crusade and so direct it into usefulness that many who were not touched by that magnificent movement may be reached and quickened by the torch passed from life to life.

Let us avail ourselves of this means of deepening our own spiritual life that we may be instrumental in bringing others to walk with us in the footsteps of our Blessed Lord.

### REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. John Wyatt Davis, Second Vice-President not being present her report on the Corporate Gift was given by the President. This report showed the splendid work Mrs. Davis did in sending out information about this advance work undertaken by the Auxiliary. Mrs. Loving made a special appeal for every branch to have a part in the Corporate Gift.

### REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA FROM OCTOBER 1, 1926, To OCTOBER 1, 1927

Number of branches reported to Secretary.....	40
Number of members reported to Secretary.....	874
Three branches did not report on membership.	

The "Minutes" or Annual Report, was prepared and sent out in March, being mailed to every branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese, to Diocesan and Provincial officers and to all the women workers in the Diocese.

Number of Annual Reports mailed.....	193
Number of Prayer Partnership letters written.....	43
Number of other notices, letters, etc.....	130
Expense account of Secretary for Postage and Stationery for year .....	\$9.70

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In bank December 31st, 1926.....	\$3,206.12
Abingdon .....	13.22
Altavista .....	8.30
Amherst .....	74.45
Indian Mission .....	9.00
Arrington .....	26.00
Bedford .....	22.20
Big Stone Gap .....	36.15
Blacksburg .....	104.90
Bluefield, Va. .....	12.42
Bristol .....	73.35
Callaway .....	20.00
Christiansburg .....	108.50
Clifford .....	12.05
Clifton Forge .....	27.82
Covington .....	29.90
Dante .....	99.75
Evington .....	18.66
Lexington .....	262.86
Lynchburg, St. Paul's .....	585.96
Lynchburg, St. John's .....	430.20
Marion .....	16.30
Martinsville, 1st .....	50.00
Martinsville, 2nd .....	32.70
Montvale .....	28.00
Pulaski .....	76.08
Roanoke, St. Peter's .....	18.00
Roanoke, St. John's .....	365.90
Roanoke, Christ .....	180.39
Rocky Mount .....	41.60
Salem .....	113.12
Staunton, Trinity .....	151.10
Staunton, Emmanuel .....	74.90
Wytheville, 1st .....	132.00
Wytheville, 2nd .....	28.00
Isabella Mason .....	5.00
Corporate Communion .....	17.50
Annual meeting at Covington .....	
Interest 1927 .....	180.60
 Total second year Triennial .....	 \$6,693.00

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**SUPPLY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The work of the Supply Department of this Diocese has grown until it now has a definite place in our yearly program, many of us have now realized the joy of intelligent giving and the spiritual value of sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves—"I was naked and ye clothed me."

The "Personal" Boxes assigned this Diocese by the Missions House have been of great educational value. Since the assignment of our Box to Porto Rico, I find myself carefully reading every item concerning this Island and its people. I never fear for I know every garment given our ministers and workers in the Mission Fields will be received with pleasure and gratitude, if they are made to realize the thought and care and real joy it has given us to render this humble service.

As the yearly report of this department is quite a long one, it has been thought best to publish same in full in the Southwestern Episcopalian. Thus giving to the entire Diocese the record of this work of love.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. FRANKLIN HANGER  
*Supply Secretary*

The Educational Secretary for James River Convocation begs leave to submit the following report:

Letters and cards sent to branches during the year....	111
Number of replies.....	60
Number of pamphlets.....	about 150

The following questionnaire was sent in September to the sixteen branches in James River Convocation. Fourteen of these were filled out and returned.

Eleven out of 16 branches reported some form of educational work done during the year.

Only four branches sent representatives to Sweet Briar Summer School. Your secretary desires to call attention to the fact that only three of the fourteen reported any plan for developing and training leaders.

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Three of the questionnaires gave no reply to the question regarding the programs; the other eleven commended it with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

As far as has been possible to gain information, it seems that the printed program has served a useful purpose in the Woman's Auxiliary generally and has been especially valuable in the guidance of smaller and rural branches where no regular program had heretofore been followed.

Requests have already been made for 256 copies for 1928. This would indicate that it fills a need in the work of the Auxiliary in the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE K. LEWIS

*Educational Secretary for James River Convocation.*

REPORT OF BRANCHES IN NEW RIVER CONVOCATION

The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works. Ps. 145:9.

It has been a sweet privilege to work with the dear women in this part of our Master's vineyard and to know that hundreds are working harmoniously for the extension and upbuilding of the Church, both at home and in foreign lands. The cordial letters I received and their rich contents have afforded me one of the deepest and happiest experiences of my entire life, and this report is made in praise and thanksgiving for the lives and joyful service of the women in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

This Convocation has 27 branches enrolled, 18 of which made excellent reports: All used the Diocesan program as a guide for their monthly meetings and studied the official text book, "Beyond City Limits," in weekly meetings during Lent. Some preferred the book presented in lectures, while others used the discussion method, supplementing with good current articles bearing on the subject.

Much good will surely come to our rural communities as a result of the study; as the secretaries reported great enthusiasm and a broader vision of our obligation to our neighbors, the rural folk.

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The branches in this convocation are to be congratulated for the excellent work of their mission study leaders and educational secretaries.

One educational secretary wrote five letters to me and gave me a cordial invitation to visit them.

To those branches having stated that they disbanded for the summer, I wrote and urged them to call a meeting in August and have a program on The World Conference on Faith and Order, suggesting literature to use or an address by their rectors.

Five of the branches listed have not functioned this year and four have made no report.

Total number of letters sent.....	88
Total number of letters received.....	42
Total number of pamphlets and leaflets sent.....	175
Total number of talks.....	2

Mrs. K. A. GRANDSTAFF  
*Educational Secretary New River Convocation*

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN  
EPISCOPALIAN

*Madam President and Fellow Members of the Woman's Auxiliary:*

Your Correspondent has a very short report to make. She has tried to be an intermediary for bits of Auxiliary news, and has most thankfully welcomed the few bits she has received. She feels that there is something wrong with the present system, and she hopes that the correspondent for next year will bring about closer contact with the Branch Secretaries.

Material has been sent in for each number of the Southwestern Episcopalian, sometimes more, sometimes less, and sometimes with a woeful amount from the pen of your correspondent. She is not vain enough to think you welcome her writing, and she knows you want ideas from other branches. So please help her out.

She also pleads with all Branch Secretaries and Diocesan officers to remember that all material must be in her hands by the first

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of each month. Mr. Gibbs has set the day when it must reach him, and your correspondent has to put it in form and typewrite it and send it on to him.

Your Correspondent wants right here to express her gratitude to Mr. Gibbs for his great kindness and co-operation. He has been most forgiving when material has been a day or so late after your correspondent had sent on to him some notes sent to her with a pleading note that they be inserted in that issue. She has dared to do such a thing only once or twice, and then only when they reached her on her last day, and there was an unusual reason why they should be inserted then. So, in the name of the Woman's Auxiliary, she wishes to thank him.

She regrets exceedingly that she is unable to present her report in person and receive the great inspiration from the meeting together of the representatives of the Branches of the Auxiliary in our beloved Diocese, but she sends her best wishes and will be with you in spirit and in her prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH JOHNSTON SNEED

Pulaski, Virginia.

October 2, 1927.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB, DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

Report of the Diocesan Director

From March 15th to October 1st, 1927

For the year 1927 the Church Periodical Club has been somewhat handicapped, having as it were "to change horses in the middle of the stream," your present Director taking charge of the work in March. However, this report must necessarily be brief, and as there is so much for which to render thanks, the woes will have to be eliminated.

First, my thanks are due to the former Director, Mrs. Robert Tucker, for helpful suggestions.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, the Executive Secretary of the Church

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Periodical Club, has promptly replied to any inquiry for information. There have been many and I have wondered how this promptness and patience have been possible with so many tangles to straighten. A wonderful system is in force at the Central Office in New York.

Now for the Secretaries, your Director wishes to thank you for the co-operation given. I feel that I have grown to know you through correspondence. Many of the Annual Reports have been a source of joy and delight. All were not sent in but, unfortunately, there was a delay in sending the requests, and perhaps a mistaken idea that because there was not much to report it would not be necessary.

Sometimes there has been no response from books and magazines sent, but the Church Periodical Club has carried on and continued to fill the need.

On account of the high postal rates many magazines have been discontinued. The Secretary of Emmanuel Church, Bristol, solved this problem by having the Auxiliary furnish postage and members send the magazines. Another parish forwards magazines direct from the publishers.

Books have been sent to "Church of Good Shepherd," Brookwood, Va., a new mission near Staunton, to furnish a much needed library.

The Parish Branches have given aid to Diocesan institutions and have also rendered neighborly services to orphanages, hospitals and jails.

Functioning as the Church Periodical Club does in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia under the Woman's Auxiliary, little organization is necessary. Realizing, though, that the work requires constant attention and systematic effort at all times, I have requested the following members of the Auxiliary to serve on the Church Periodical Club Committee:

Mrs. K. A. Grandstaff, Bristol, Va.

Mrs. T. D. Lewis, Amherst, Va.

Mrs. A. A. Onthank, Lynchburg, Va.

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With this Committee in case of the illness of your director, the work will not suffer.

To bring attention to all that the Church Periodical Club is "A Service for Everybody," Offer Cards have been printed and will be distributed to every Auxiliary Branch.

For the future of the Church Periodical Club I can say only this—I have faith in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY S. BELL

*Div. 74*

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1927.

1. Current Periodicals Sent Regularly.....	148
2. Donors of Above Periodicals.....	97
3. Books .....	172
4. Odd Magazines and Papers.....	5634
5. Christmas and Easter Cards.....	1274
6. Records .....	15
7. Number of Institutions in Diocese aided.....	11

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

*Receipts*

Received from Woman's Auxiliary.....	\$62.49
Received from other Sources.....	2.00

*Expenditures*

Expended by Correspondent .....	\$ 2.49
Sent to Treasurer for Boone University.....	60.00

Total Expenditures .....	\$62.49
Balance on hand .....	2.00

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BUDGET for 1928

Expense .....	\$ 500.00
President's Emergency Fund .....	120.00
Support of Boy at Covington .....	300.00
Bishop's Educational Fund .....	450.00
Education of Mountain Boy (Miss Davis) .....	150.00
Education of Mountain Girl (Deaconess Williams) .....	100.00
Mrs. Wilkins' Educational Work .....	50.00
New Diocesan School .....	150.00
Support of Kuling School .....	100.00
Our Own Missionary (Rev. Hubert Lloyd) .....	300.00
Care of Tubercular Child in Alaska .....	60.00
Our Prayer Partner (Miss Hildreth Cronshey) .....	25.00
Church Periodical Club .....	60.00
Supply Department .....	50.00
Araki San .....	100.00
Rev. Amos Goddard .....	85.00
Total .....	\$2,600.00

TREASURER'S REPORT  
Woman's Auxiliary Diocese Southwestern Virginia  
January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928

Receipts

	Pledges	Specials
Abingdon .....	\$ 36.00	
Altavista .....	35.00	
Amherst .....	5.00	
Amherst—Christ Mission .....	25.00	
Arrington .....	75.00	5.00
Bedford .....	25.00	
Big Stone Gap .....	35.00	15.00
Blacksburg .....	15.00	
Bluefield .....	10.00	
Boonesboro .....	60.00	
Bristol .....	20.00	
Callaway—St. Peters .....	35.00	5.00
Christiansburg .....	16.40	
Clifford .....	20.00	
Clifton Forge .....		

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Covington .....	\$ 81.25	\$ 265.00
Dante .....	90.00	135.00
Evington .....	1.75	5.00
Lexington—Section A .....	80.00	10.00
Lexington—Section B .....	50.00	47.75
Lynchburg—St. Johns .....	350.00	770.00
Lynchburg—St. Pauls .....	600.00	960.70
Lynchburg—Good Shepherd .....		
Marion .....	14.80	
Martinsville—1st Circle .....	51.00	
Martinsville—2nd Circle .....	40.00	5.00
Montvale .....	10.00	1.00
Norton .....		
Pulaski .....	75.00	
Roanoke—Christ Church .....	200.00	310.00
Roanoke—St. Johns .....	200.00	50.00
Roanoke—St. Peters .....	10.00	10.00
Rocky Mount .....	50.00	5.00
Salem .....	90.00	
Saltville .....		
Staunton—Emmanuel .....	60.00	5.00
Staunton—Trinity .....	150.00	75.00
St. Paul—Grace House .....	5.00	
Wytheville—1st Circle .....	75.00	15.00
Wytheville—2nd Circle .....	15.00	
Total from Branches .....	\$2,711.20	\$2,694.45
Balance from 1926 .....	414.40	
Corporate Gift .....		195.55
Cash from Sale of Gold and Silver .....		53.75
	<u>\$3,125.60</u>	<u>\$2,943.75</u>

*Disbursements*

	1927	<i>Pledges</i>	<i>Specials</i>
*Expenses .....		\$ 458.14	
President's Emergency Fund .....		120.00	
Support of Boy at Covington .....		300.00	
Bishop's Educational Fund .....		450.00	
Education of Mountain Boy .....		150.00	
Education of Mountain Girl .....		100.00	
Mrs. Wilkins' Educational Fund .....		50.00	
Miss Ella Pier—Bear Mountain Mission .....		50.00	
Diocesan School Building Fund .....		150.00	
Kuling School, China .....		100.00	
Rev. Franklin Osborn—Brazil .....		100.00	
Misses Cook—Shanghai, China .....		100.00	

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Rev. Hubard Lloyd, Japan .....	\$ 300.00
Care of Child at Fort Yukon, Alaska .....	60.00
Miss Hildreth Cronshay, Porto Rico .....	50.00
Miss Hallie Williams, Japan .....	60.00
Church Periodical Club .....	60.00
Specials as directed by Parish Branches.....	\$2,694.45
Corporate Gift .....	195.55
Sale of old Gold and Silver for St. Margaret's School, Tokio .....	53.75
Total .....	\$2,658.14
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1927 .....	467.46

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GORDON H. BAKER,

*Treasurer.*

*Expenses	Officers .....	\$105.41
	Expense Speakers at Covington.....	119.91
	Printing .....	176.25
	Central Fund .....	10.00
	Synodical Dues .....	5.00
	Expense of Educational Institute.....	41.57
		\$458.14

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Lexington—Section A .....	\$29.50
Wytheville—1st Circle .....	5.00
Clifton Forge .....	2.00
Roanoke—St. Johns .....	35.00
Montvale .....	2.50
Dante .....	25.00
Martinsville—2nd Circle .....	5.00
St. Paul—Grace House .....	5.00
Bedford .....	15.00
Covington .....	5.00
Evington .....	5.00
Roanoke—St. Peters .....	5.00
Bluefield .....	6.50
Christiansburg .....	5.00
Wytheville—2nd Circle .....	10.00
Roanoke—Christ Church .....	25.00
Bristol .....	5.05
Staunton—Trinity .....	5.00
Total .....	\$195.55

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

1927

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

Diocesan Offices

P. O. Box 1068

Roanoke, Virginia

Mrs. W. H. B. Loving,  
President of The Woman's Auxiliary  
in The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia,  
Roanoke, Virginia.

January 23, 1928

*My dear Mrs. Loving:—*

Complying with a provision in the By-Laws of your organization, I have made an audit of the accounts of Mrs. Gordon H. Baker, Diocesan Treasurer of the Auxiliary, covering the calendar year 1927.

I find that:

1. The records have been kept with the utmost care and accuracy.
2. Stubs indicate that all funds received have been properly acknowledged.
3. Disbursements from Pledges Account appear to have been entirely in accord with pledges made by the Diocesan Auxiliary and with its customs in such matters as general expenses, etc.
4. Disbursements from Specials Account were in all instances made in accordance with the receipts for this account.
5. The bank account (in the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke) is in exact balance as of December 31st, 1927.

A brief summary of the records for the year is as follows:

	<i>Balances</i> <i>Jan. 1, 1927</i>	<i>Receipts</i> <i>in 1927</i>	<i>Disburse-</i> <i>ments</i> <i>in 1927</i>	<i>Balances</i> <i>Dec. 31, 1927</i>
Pledges Account.....	\$ 414.40	\$2,711.20	\$2,658.14	\$ 467.46
Specials—Regular .....		2,677.87	2,677.87	
Sales of Gold and Silver....		70.33	70.33	
Corporate Gift .....		195.55	195.55	
 Totals .....	\$ 414.00	\$5,654.95	\$5,601.89	\$ 467.46

Faithfully yours,

THOS. A. SCOTT,

*Treasurer.*

**STANDARD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**  
**Diocese of Southern Virginia**

Points									Points
10	1	At least 8 Meetings a Year—Dates							
10	2	Prayer Service at every meeting	P. S.						
		Missionary Information at every meeting	M. I.						
10	3	Southwestern Episcopalian							S. E.
		Spirit of Missions used							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 once a year—Date							
10	8	Contribution Church Periodical Club	Magazines Monthly		Magazines Bulk		Cards		
									D. P.
10	9	Contribution to Diocesan Pledges							
		Contribution to Woman's Aux. Corporate gift							W. A. C. G.
		Contribution to Specials					Specials		
10	10	Attendance upon an Educational Conference							E. C.
		Attendance upon Annual Meeting							A. M.
100	10	Branch Address							Total

Check your Branch by this standard and send by your delegate to annual meeting.  
 Do not write in spaces under "Points."

