

R E P O R T

Of the meeting held in the Guild Room of S.Paul's Church, to
Organize a Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board
of Missions. Springfield, Ills; May 4th.1887.

The meeting was called to order by the Rector of S.Paul's, who
after a short Office of Devotion, introduced the General Secretary,
Miss Julia C. Emory of New York, and Mrs. H.H. Gandeo of Cairo, Ills.
who for several years has been the sole representative of the
Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Miss Emory first asked how many parishes and missions of the
Diocese are represented here to-day, reported as follows:

Bolleville, ----- Mrs. J. B. Harrison.

Cairo, ----- Mrs. H. H. Gandeo, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Safford.

Champaign, ----- Mrs. D. W. Dresser.

Carlinville, ----- Mrs. Berry.

Danville, ----- Miss Forbes.

Edwardsville, ----- Mrs. Bump, Mrs. Burgess and Miss Whitbird.

Jacksonville, ----- Miss Tomlins.

Springfield, ----- Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Dresser and Miss
Reynolds. Mrs. Ridgley, Vice-President of the Springfield Branch
was absent from the city.

Miss Emory then asked Miss Reynolds to make a list of all the
ladies present who were not members of S.Paul's Parochial Branch,
as they would all wish to be members of the Diocesan Branch.

Miss Emory, after expressing her pleasure at being present to
organize a Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, spoke of the
work, its methods and needs. We want first to find out what is
already being done in the Diocese in the way of mission work; as all

such work, whether done in the name of the Auxiliary or not, shall be reported in the next Annual Report.

The ladies reported as follows; there is no regular branch of the Auxiliary in any parish except S. Paul's, Springfield. But there are some parishes that work for the Orphanage or other outside objects.

Mrs. Harrison reports boxes sent to the Orphanage from Belleville.

Mrs. Candee reports a society of young ladies called S. Faith's Ward, which was organized in 1886. This society is really a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and is to assist in the missionary work of the Church, especially the education of young Churchwomen who are in need of assistance and encouragement. We have sent clothing to a young girl in Topeka, who is at school; she obtained a scholarship and her parents were too poor to clothe her, all they could afford was the necessary traveling expenses, so S. Faith's Ward has furnished all her clothing. I thought it would be a good lesson to teach the young ladies, that when they are through with a garment, they could send it to some one to whom it would be of value, instead of casting it carelessly aside. We have meetings every two weeks, but through the summer we shall meet every month.

Champaign reports a missionary society which works for the Orphanage; a box is sent each year at Christmas and another at Easter; and the Lenten and Easter offerings are sent, half to the Orphanage and half to the Domestic Missions. We meet once in two weeks and make garments for the Orphanage. 12 boxes have been sent since 1879.

Danville reports boxes for the Orphanage every year, but no organized society.

Miss Reynold's Report.

The Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized Jan. 4th. 1887.

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Ten persons were present at the first meeting, all of whom were enrolled as members, and our present executive committee made up from those present. We have now twenty members. Since January we have made up a box sent to S. Mary's Mission, East St. Louis, Ills., containing clothing, muslin, bedding &c., also \$12.00 in cash; value on box, \$75.00. April 5th. 1887, a box containing old and new garments was sent to S. Chrysostom's, Philadelphia, Pa., and we have now in progress a box for Pere Vilatte; value on box to S. Chrysostom's Mission, \$10.00. One of the articles desired by Pere Vilatte is a "strip" of carpet, which we have not yet been able to obtain, cannot some one help us? We have done some little work in our own parish and hope to do a great deal more.

The members of the executive committee are exceedingly desirous of adding to our membership, and thus find workers and encouragement to go on with the work so well begun.

Miss Virginia Dresser, Secy. of the General Mission work has had charge of the correspondence and boxes sent to the Rev. Father Daniels, S. Chrysostom's, Philadelphia, and correspondence and making up of box for Pere Vilatte.

(Signed) Anne Swan Reynolds, Secy. of the Diocesan work of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, S. Paul's Branch, Springfield, Ills. May 4th. 1887.

Report of Mrs. J. C. Hughes.

Since the organization of the Auxiliary, but little has been done in my department that can be detailed in a report. I have not been advised of the necessity for correspondence, and there has been none. It was deemed essential by the House Mother, that two rooms in the Orphanage of the Holy Child should be papered, and the work has been done at a cost of \$16.50. I canvassed among Church people and secured money and pledges amounting to \$22.90.

Provisions for the Orphanage were also solicited, and a

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quantity of meat, flour, potatoes, apples &c., promised. The foregoing is all the work that has been done of which I have official knowledge.

(Signed) Mrs. J. C. Hughes,

Provincial Socy.

Treasurer's Report of money received and expended by "The Woman's Auxiliary" since its organization, January 4th. 1887.

Money received.

Jan. Amount transferred from "Relief Committee" to "Woman's Auxiliary", ----- \$16.70

For work done, ----- \$ 2.50

From Mrs. Haynie, ----- \$ 3.00

^{ti} Initiation fees from members, ----- \$ 4.25

Feb. Towards mission box for Fr. Tomlins, ----- \$15.25

Cash for Fr. Tomlins, ----- \$12.00

Apr. Weekly dues from members, ----- \$ 5.45

From Mrs. Smiley, ----- \$ 3.00

For repairing Orphanage, ----- \$22.90

May. Weekly dues from members, ----- \$ 3.00

Total, \$37.95.

Amount paid out.

Jan. Material to work up, ----- \$ 4.10

Coal for Welsh women, ----- \$ 1.00

To Mrs. Walkley, ----- \$ 3.00

Feb. Missionary box for Fr. Tomlins, ----- \$26.00

Cash for Fr. Tomlins, ----- \$12.00

Mar. For printing constitution, ----- \$ 3.00

Linen for Cotta's &c., ----- \$ 5.79

Apr. Towards box for Pere Vilatte, ----- \$ 1.00

For repairing Orphanage, ----- \$22.90

Total, \$64.39

(Signed) Mrs. W. P. Thayer, Treas. G. Paul's Parochial Branch
of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of
Missions.

Springfield, Ills., May 2nd. 1887.

Miss Emery says, if you organize you must have a few more officers, who must look over the Diocese and see what parishes and missions there are, and what societies; and enter into correspondence with them; and establish a branch in every mission station and parish in the Diocese. Then there are Church women, living here and there where there are no missions; interest them and let each one take part in the missionary work of the Church.

Another very important thing is the prayers for the mission work. Have you all the prayers of the Auxiliary? Let each one take home a copy of the prayers, and use them at least once a week.

Now what can isolated individuals do in the way of work. We ought to have missionary boxes or mite chests, so many of you say "we used to have them, but we don't use them any longer", every one can give a cent a week, and one has no idea how much such small sums amount to in a year. The faithful use of the prayers, and the systematic giving of the members, does more good than we can know. This work can be done by all, even those who are isolated and away ~~from~~ from any regular branch, besides they can do some work to be sent to the Diocesan officers, to be sent by them in a general box to some mission field.

One fault of our work is, that we do not realize when we have officers, that officers have duties, and we don't remember what these duties involve. There should be regular meetings, weekly, monthly or quarterly, how ever often or seldom it may be, these meetings should always begin with prayer that God would further our poor efforts, and bless them to His Glory. About missions; we want to know more about the work, what we are doing, and what the object is; so that at the end we may not say, "What is the Orphanage, anyway, I have heard of it, but I don't know what it really is". We are so taken up with what we are making, or the material we are going to buy; what kind of garments shall be made, whether they will fit ~~us~~, ~~us~~,

that we forget the real work. I would suggest that each meeting some one should read aloud, something from the Spirit of Missions, or should prepare a paper on the mission work; any way, something should be read every time. The Spirit of Missions costs only \$1.00 per year, and it ought to be taken in every Parochial Branch; keep it for reference, let the Socy., look it through, pick out the best parts, lend it about; don't give it away for if you do, people will think if it is of no use to you, it can't be worth the reading; but say, "I want it back day after to-morrow," then when you go for it say, "was not that an interesting article?" and the person will not dare say, "I have not read it".

Then there is the Young Christian Soldier, our missionary paper for children, and children's societies. You can do so much with the children; I know one lady in New York who has an infant class of about 100 children; she has them meet with her every Saturday and work for missions, the younger children are divided into classes, the older ones she calls her little Bishops, and each one has charge of one of the small classes; every month they learn about some particular mission field, and the little Bishop, whose turn it is to give the information, writes to the Bishop for whom she is called, for the accounts of the mission work in his Diocese. The little Bishop of Oregon, wrote to the Bishop of that Diocese, "Please tell us all you do out there." The teacher always writes too, of course, to explain the children's letters; but the little ones are not likely to forget the lessons they learn in this way. And the children of to-day are the future missionaries and workers.

You will find much discouragement, you will find so few who will co-operate with you; and when you are ready to read some interesting bit from the Spirit of Missions, you will find two or three ladies sitting in a corner, who do not want to listen, who have some very interesting matter of their own to talk over. For the regular

meetings, have a definite way of conducting the business; call the roll and then you know who are absent, who owe fines, &c. Let the Secy. and Treas. make their reports, and make every body listen for fifteen minutes, to something in the way of reading; don't confine yourselves to the missionary magazine. We have a lending library at the Rooms in New York; books that you can read that will give you a sketch of the lives of missionaries in other lands, and of work in other places. It is one of the greatest pleasures in this work to hear a missionary say, "we could never have stayed at our post if it had not been for the missionary boxes."

When you begin to work for a missionary, write at once to him and tell him, "your letter has been received, and we are going to help you", for often a letter is a long time on the way, and the poor missionary waits until he can hardly do without the things asked for, and then buys them, perhaps the very day before the box comes. So write to him and ask him if there is any thing else, or anything different that he would like. Often very warm friendships grow out of the missionary boxes; it is not the gift alone, that is appreciated, but the interest of the giver.

Now I want you to try and form, with the consent of your Rectors, a Branch of the Auxiliary in every parish and mission, to work as long as you live; we ought to grow more and more interested in missions each year, not less so, as we grow older; and yet how many we hear say "we used to have mitechests and missionary societies, but we don't have one now." This Diocese is so far behind many of the Dioceses now, but we can do a great deal of work yet, if we try. The work of the Woman's Auxiliary is divided into three parts, Diocesan, Foreign and Domestic, and the Colored work. If you form a branch you will want to do something for all three.

You must have annual meetings for all the Dioceses, where you can discuss the work &c., and go home with fresh courage to work in your

own particular parish.

After some discussion about the membership fee, the Constitution was adopted as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be, by means of union and systematic effort, to diffuse Missionary information, to increase Missionary activity among women of the Diocese, to unite previously existing societies and to encourage the formation of societies where there are none.

ARTICLE III.

All baptized women belonging to the Diocese, who desire to be members of this Society, shall be so regarded upon the payment of twenty five cents per annum.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents and a Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

The President shall call meetings and preside over them.

ARTICLE VI.

The Vice Presidents shall, in turn, preside over meetings in the absence of the President.

ARTICLE VII.

The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be to give notice of meetings and keep a record of them, to conduct the correspondence with Parochial Secretaries and with the Secretary of the Auxiliary, to keep an account of all money and goods contributed by Parochial Branches or individual members of the Auxiliary, and to prepare an annual report.

ARTICLE VIII.

The President, Vice Presidents and Secretary and Treasurer together shall form a council for the purpose of devising means to interest the women of the Diocese, not already interested, in the purposes of the Auxiliary, and to encourage the formation of Parochial Branches in Parishes where there are none.

ARTICLE IX.

All societies desiring it shall be considered Branches of the Auxiliary, and will send their reports of money collected and work done, to the Secretary and Treasurer, also delegates from all such societies will be expected at the general meetings.

ARTICLE X.

There shall be one general meeting each year at the time and place of the meeting of the Synod of the Diocese.

ARTICLE XI.

Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of three of the Parochial Secretaries.

The following officers of the Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions were elected:

President. Mrs. Wm. R. Beall Springfield.

1st. Vice President, Mrs. D. W. Presser, Champaign.

2nd. Vice President, Mrs. J. B. Harrison, Belleville.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo.

Springfield