

From Mrs. Candace

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[APPENDIX I.]

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIOCESAN SECRETARY TO THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH
OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF
MISSIONS. DECEMBER 3, 1889.

MRS. PRESIDENT AND LADIES :

So long a time has elapsed since we have had the pleasure of meeting together in the interest of the work upon which we cheerfully entered two and a half years ago, that it seems as if we were making a new beginning. But the past eighteen months, although quiet, have been fruitful in many ways and the time has not been lost. We have reason to take courage and go forward when we consider the great opportunities for labor opening before us, and may count ourselves happy in having the blessed privilege of being among those who behold the fields white already to the harvest.

Our great Missionary Church is rousing herself still more earnestly to her high calling, and the missionary idea is in far greater degree than ever before, possessing her members. Would you could have all stood with me a few weeks ago, in the stately and honored temple of God, in the great metropolis of the country, and beheld the gathering of the forces of our beloved Church in Triennial Convention assembled; would you could have witnessed the glorious procession of sixty vested Bishops, many bowed with the weight of venerable years and faithful service, nearing the end of the life work, others in the noble strength of vigorous and devoted manhood at the very beginning of their career, as servants of God and leaders of His people; while the grand music of the Processional hymn, soaring aloft from organ strains and swelling voices of the white-robed choristers, carried up with it the hearts of the great congregation in the majesty of praise.

Would you could have been, twenty-four hours later, in the large gathering of devout women, who listened to the wise and kindly welcome of the Bishop of New York, and his God speed in their Auxiliary work for Missions and his testimony to its worth, and the helpfulness of women in the lay work of the Church. You would have felt, as did those others privileged to be there, the happiness of being permitted to share in such a blessed opportunity.

And when, still a little later, in the beautiful hall secured for the occasion, a thousand earnest women were assembled in council to hear

glad tidings of good done, from other workers who had journeyed even across the seas, to greet those who to meet *them* had come gladly from almost every Diocese in the Union, no responsive heart could have failed to beat more quickly, no earnest soul failed to be proud and thankful.

What matters it if our numbers here are few, our hands weak, our work but limited, if we can reach out to grasp the electric chain that binds us to the great sisterhood of devoted workers throughout the world, we are a part of the great Missionary army which is conquering the earth. The thought that even the little we may do will help to swell the streams of living effort that flow from every quarter, some large and steady, some small and weak like our own, into a wide ocean of devoted service, inspires us to still greater exertion and more faithful labor for the cause.

Not many can give, as did one generous woman at the meeting in New York, the noble gift of \$1,000 for building the little church in Alaska, where, amid snow and ice, a faithful missionary seeks for souls—nor even the smaller sums that made up a second thousand dollars for sending a teacher to Japan; not many of us can leave the sacred ties of home and family, and our own land, to labor for Christ in distant countries, as have the heroic and self-denying women who came from Japan, from Africa, and our own far Western Indian stations, with accounts of their labors and the needs of their different fields. But because our ability is so much less we may not stand idly in our places, but must give of our means and our service the best that we can. God will bless even a little that comes from a loving heart and willing mind.

If time and patience would permit I would gladly describe the Missionary meetings held at different times through the sittings of the Convention, for they were to us by far the most interesting part of the proceedings and full of inspiration. It was a privilege to listen to the interesting statements of the missionary from China, and the needs and work in the Flowery Kingdom, with which we have become more closely allied than any one would have deemed possible a quarter of a century ago—to hear the excellent address of the Missionary from Japan, with its practical suggestions for that wonderful country which is opening to Christ's religion like the morning glory to the sun—and to the stirring appeal of the colored missionary from Africa, whose genial face and picturesque language awakened sympathetic interest in both his people and himself. And when the two venerable silver-haired missionaries of eighty-three and eighty-five years of age were led forth by their Bishops to address the meeting, I think there were many eyes moistened, and many hearts were warmed, by the faithful testimony of their earnest words and sainted presence, to a deeper interest in the spread of Christ's kingdom. Then to hear the ringing voices of the great Missionary Bishops of the West, and to

follow their stern and humorous experiences, made us feel that no work could bring more satisfaction than to be able to help Bishop Walker to get his Bishop's railroad car, with its traveling chapel on wheels for services, and its seven-foot bed for the *rest* of that devoted traveler of mighty stature; or to assist Bishop Brewer and Bishop Talbot to build and furnish the little churches needed among their mountain fastnesses where they minister among the wild and reckless populations of mining camps, or ride through rough and almost trackless wilds to carry the Bread of Life to starving souls. To have been a part of that magnificent assembly in the Academy of Music, where tier after tier of thoughtful and deeply interested men and women, their hearts aglow with the missionary spirit; listening to the thrilling words of great churchmen, or joined in the Creed of the ages of the One Catholic and Apostolic Church, or lifted up their voices in a mighty burst of praise for the glad tidings sent to "every nation, every clime," was the privilege of a life time. The Missionary meeting for the children, the gatherings of the Sunday School Institute, the splendid sermons by the different Bishops and clergy in the city churches, the delightful social reunions and receptions, and elegant courtesies extended by New York hospitality to all the members of the Convention and their families, were pleasures never to be forgotten and not to be repaid. Cheered and strengthened by the remembrance of such kindness and generosity, and the fact that we are all members one of another, we who shared those pleasures return to our different posts of duty, anxious and willing to do our part.

Three subjects of special importance were presented to the Auxiliary meetings for Diocesan officers, at which representatives of fifty-five Dioceses were present, Springfield being represented by one of its Vice-presidents, Mrs. D. W. Dresser of Champaign, and your Secretary: One was the furnishing of the Auxiliary rooms to be occupied in the contemplated Church Missions House to be erected in New York City—another, the Church Training Schools it is hoped to establish in different cities, as centres of Church work—and the other and most important for the future of Missionary work, the organization of a Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, for the children and young people of the Church. We know how difficult it is to interest adults in Missions. Life is crowded so full of stern necessity for many—it has so much of selfish ease and indifferentism for others—but the hearts of little children are tender and full of enthusiasm, and the missionary work of the future must be done by them. It is our duty to see that they are trained for it.

If we have been disappointed in the hope which animated our hearts when this Branch was formed, that by this time all the larger parishes at least might have a Branch to the Auxiliary within their borders and that all our clergy might be able to lend us a helping hand, sore pressed though they are with many cares and burdens of their own, let us not

lose heart, or be satisfied with the little that has been done, but take up the work more earnestly, and broaden it by bringing with us the children God has given us. In every parish Sunday School a little band of Missionary workers can be found and their childish love and zeal for the dear Master quickened by their contributions, and labor for those more needy than themselves. We have already a Junior Branch in our Diocese in the Missionary society recently formed in my own Sunday School class of fourteen dear girls, the first I believe in the Diocese; while S. Faith's Ward formed three years ago, in our parish of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, among the young ladies, can now be classed among the Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, since this younger band of sisters will take its place.

In Carrollton, a year ago, a Branch of The Ministering Children's League was formed and is still in active operation. But one year from now I hope there will be many more, as it has been unanimously decided to form Parochial Branches of this Auxiliary, if possible, during the coming year, in the parishes of Bloomington, Decatur, Champaign, Lincoln, and Belleville, in addition to those already existing in Jacksonville, Springfield, and Cairo, now in connection with the Auxiliary. It is also hoped that there will be increased interest in the work of our own Diocesan Missions, for the field is large and the need very great; and I am happy to be able to report that the personal pledges of the ladies in attendance at this meeting have reached the sum of seventy dollars for Diocesan Missions. Few can realize the weight of anxiety borne by our Bishop, or the faithful and heroic and self-denying labors of our missionaries in their difficult fields of labor, and it rejoices our hearts to be able to give them some aid and to hear their cheerful testimony to the valuable assistance rendered them by the Woman's Auxiliary. I doubt not that there is a good deal of work being done, besides much that has been done in the past, of which no record has been made. That is unfortunate and ought not to be; and therein lies the value of the Auxiliary, that it is a medium of communication between the workers and preserves the record of work accomplished and gives the proper credit where it is due.

I do not believe the aims and scope of the Woman's Auxiliary are fully understood either by many of the clergy, or by those whom we wish to interest in the work of the women of the Church. There seems to be a prejudice against the Auxiliary in some quarters. I assure you it is a very helpful organization and only desires to do good. Almost every parish, no matter how small and feeble, does a *little* Missionary work; does *something* for some object outside of itself. Surely a weak poor parish deserves as much credit for the little it does for others, even more than the wealthy parish which can give without denying itself very much. If a weak parish sends a box to the Orphanage or to a Church Hospital or to some Missionary at home or abroad, it is a pity that it should not receive the proper credit for the work

which the Woman's Auxiliary can give it if the gift is reported to it. Because a parish is in connection with the Auxiliary, it does not pledge itself to do any thing more than it is able to do, but only to report what it does to be entered upon the Auxiliary Report.

Few persons realize the immense amount of work done at the General Office in New York, the great mass of correspondence necessary, and the indefatigable labors of the General Secretary and her assistants. And still less can we realize, even with the figures before us, all the good that has been accomplished by the magnificent work of the past twelve months for Foreign and Domestic Missions, in the donation of \$119,379.98, in money, and the 3,456 boxes, valued at \$184,593.15, making the grand total of \$303,973.13,—\$27,819.03 more than last year.

So much of loving devotion, patient well-doing and self-sacrifice, are represented by these figures, so much of encouragement received, and comforts rendered, that I would like to dwell upon them longer if time permitted.

I have received during the past year Vol. III. of Church Work, for our Reference Library, and many interesting and valuable reports from other Diocesan Branches, which have been carefully preserved and filed for reference; and I would suggest that possibly the time may have come when the Diocesan Branch of Springfield should also have its own printed report, to be circulated in the Diocese among its members and the clergy, and to return the courtesies received in kind. There are sufficient funds now in the treasury to pay for such a report, and by combining the three reports made since our organization was effected, sufficient material to make an interesting and valuable pamphlet containing a complete record of work thus far accomplished.

In conclusion I would again urge the importance of the work, and the necessity of faithful and patient effort to increase the number of parochial branches, and the contributions from each; and trust that the time is not far distant when we who are placed in what is as yet but a little more than a Missionary Diocese itself, may take our place among the older and stronger branches, causing our youth and inexperience to be forgotten, by our zeal and earnestness in helping to supply the wants of the needy, in binding up the wounds of the suffering and bringing light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, thereby deepening our own lives, and sanctifying our own hear's, that we may sometime hear, as we search like the knight of old for the Holy Grail, those blessed words from our most Blessed Lord,—

"The Holy Supper is kept indeed,
In what we share with another's need;
Not what we *give*, but what we *share*.—
For the gift without the *giver* is bare.
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,—
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and *me*."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. H. CANDEE,

Diocesan Secretary.

Dec. 3, 1889.

REPORT of Money and Boxes sent from Springfield Diocesan Branch
of Woman's Auxiliary, from May 1st, 1888, to December, 1889.

MONEY.

S. Paul's Parochial Branch, Springfield:	
To a Missionary, 1888.....	\$ 5 00
To General Missions, 1889	30 00
To Diocesan Missions, 1889	25 00
S. John's, Decatur, 1888:	
Ladies' Aid Society to the Orphanage.....	20 00
Trinity Church, Jacksonville:	
Ladies' Aid Society to a Western Missionary, 1889	10 00
Ward of The Holy Child, Church of the Redeemer, Cairo:	
To the Orphanage, 1889	11 50
Total.....	<u>\$101 50</u>

BOXES.

S. John's, Decatur, 1888:	
Ladies' Aid Society to Church Hospital, Arkansas ..	\$ 35 00
Trinity Church, Jacksonville:	
Ladies' Aid Society to the Orphanage, 1889.....	16 50
Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, S. Faith's Ward:	
Clothing for Missionary's daughter, Dakota, 1888.....	10 00
Clothing for Missionary's daughter, Virginia, 1889.....	10 00
Trinity Church, Carrollton, Golden Rule Branch of The	
Children's Ministering League:	
To Shoshone Indian Agency, 1888	30 00
To Orphanage, 1889.....	15 00
S. Paul's Church, Springfield, Parochial Branch of Woman's	
Auxiliary:	
Package to Pere Vilatte, 1889	8 00
To Church Hospital, Kansas City.....	12 00
To Church Bazaar, Phoenix, Arizona.....	10 00
To Missionary in Texas	25 00
Christ Church, Carlyle:	
To the Orphanage, 1889.....	40 00
S. George's Church, Belleville:	
To the Orphanage, 1889.....	40 00
S. Paul's, Alton, 1889	7 00
Trinity, Lincoln, 1889.....
Total.....	<u>\$258 50</u>

Money \$101 50

Boxes..... 258 50

\$360 00

MRS. H. H. CANDEE,

December 1st, 1889.

Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT of Springfield Diocesan Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit in Savings Bank per report, May 1st, 1889..	\$26 25
Amount since received, for membership dues.....	15 50
Interest accrued since September, 1887.....	2 35
Total	\$44 10

EXPENDITURES.

May, 1888, for Secretary's book.....	75	
For Stationery.....	50	1 25
Balance on hand		\$42 85

MRS. H. H. CANDEE,

December 1st, 1889.

Treasurer.

