

REPORT OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF
The Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS,
DEC. 1 AND 2, 1891.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in the Annex Hall of St. Agatha's School, Springfield, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, December 1 and 2, 1891, at 3 o'clock. The meeting was opened by the missionary collects prepared for the use of the Auxiliary, read by Mrs. M. M. Goodwin, Vice-President, from Decatur, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. W. R. Beall, of Springfield. The roll of membership was called by the Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Candee, of Cairo, and the following officers and delegates from Springfield and other parishes responded:

Mrs. W. R. Beall, President, Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Cadwallader, Treasurer of St. Paul's Branch, and Miss Anna Swan Reynolds, Secretary of the Junior Branch, Springfield; Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Mrs. M. J. Berry, Carlinville; Mrs. M. M. Goodwin, V. P., Mrs. F. M. Catto, Secretary of St. John's Branch, Decatur; Mrs. W. T. Smith, Lincoln; Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, V. P., Mrs. J. Goltra, Jacksonville; Mrs. F. W. Oram, Paris; Mrs. A. C. Watson, Waverly and Mrs. H. H. Candee, Secretary and Treasurer Diocesan Branch, Cairo.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meetings of December 2 and 3, 1890 which were unanimously approved and adopted.

Mrs. W. R. Beall, the President, then read a graceful and earnest address of welcome and a plea for greater zeal for missions; this was followed by the Fourth Annual Report, etc.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIOCESAN SECRETARY TO THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS,
DECEMBER 1, 1891.

Once more we are permitted, through God's gracious goodness, to assemble together in annual session to review the work of the past year and ascertain how far we have been enabled to fulfill the pledges made to Him, and to ourselves, and to each other, to carry on and upbuild the missionary work of the Church.

The flight of time has swept us onward amid our own peculiar joys and sorrows, our own cares and burdens and the responsibilities, which seem to increase with each succeeding year, and we stand again upon the open portal, the last year's work accomplished and done with, behind us; the coming year, should we be permitted to live throughout it, stretching before our pathway.

It is a pleasure and privilege to be permitted to greet each other once more, to take counsel together of our work, and to seek fresh courage and hope for the future. While beloved ones have ceased from their earthly warfare, and folded their hands in peace, their labors ended, their rest won, we still remain in the forefront of the battle, and must gird ourselves to respond to the call that comes to us from every side. The great, round world swings silently and steadily through space in its own appointed orbit; the great Missionary Church moves as steadily and faithfully forward in the line of duty marked out for it by its blessed Founder and Master centuries ago. The woman's missionary host still responds with labor, love and prayers to the crying need for help, gathering as did the crusaders of old, fresh recruits for the ranks, year by year. Each little company falls into line, united under the same banner, *the cross of Christ*, to work and pray. That is one side, the bright side of the picture, which I would we might always behold. But on the other side, there are so many yet, oh, so many who have not joined our ranks, who do not know the happiness they might find for themselves in working with us, and the good they might do to others.

May it not be our own fault, in a measure, if we do not go out and almost compel their interest in such a good and glorious cause. Can it be, that we are some what to blame, if in three-fourths of our parishes the Woman's Auxiliary is hardly known, and that some of our clergy never mention the missionary work of the church, or tell us in stirring words, of the great hand to hand conflicts with evil, that ever go on about us, and upon our frontiers? Are we remiss because the Spirit of Missions, which tell us of all these things, is not taken and read by every church family in the Diocese or in the whole land? Where can the blame be laid, if, after four years ex-

istence as a formal organization, we have less than one hundred members among more than three thousand women who are communicants of our Church?

If I ask these questions so plainly, rest assured that if they assume any short comings, I take my own share and part in them, and equally resolve with you all, to improve in my efforts in the future.

I am led to make these very practical queries, and give you these very gentle hints, by the fact that when I began to make up my report several weeks ago, I was distressed to find that instead of going forward, we had "advanced a step backward," and likely to be over a hundred dollars behind the amount reported for last year. But to my great relief, some unexpected returns came in, notably, a most worthy one from Christ Church, Carlyle, which brought up the total footings to such a sum that I felt able to present it with satisfaction. I regret that I cannot report any new Parochial Branch organized the past year. A fine opportunity was presented for forming one at Chester, during the meeting of the Chester Deanery, in the spring, which was unfortunately lost by the Secretary's inability to be present.

How much I wish we could impress it upon the minds of our clergy that their sympathy and encouragement is of vital importance in the increase of our work, and that all statistics show that those parishes which are possessed of the most fervent missionary spirit, are the parishes that are the most flourishing and abound in the greatest good work at home. If the request I ventured to make in the beginning of our history could be carried out, that every clergyman in this Diocese would preach at least one earnest, missionary sermon during the year, and take up even one offering for the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, I am sure we would be greatly benefited by it. I would not like, however, to have the announcement forgotten for what purpose the offering was to be taken, and so, as in one instance, get only the sermon and not its financial results.

We were very proud and happy last year to have so much money pledged in our annual meeting, as the report showed, for special objects, Diocesan Missions, and the Colored Work of St. Michael's Mission in Cairo. I regret very deeply that of the \$77 pledged for St. Michael's, only \$64.25 has been received and paid over. I am sure we will all feel an interest in making good the deficiency, by increasing our gifts in that direction, since the work is one we should be peculiarly interested in encouraging and helping on.

Is it not a touching coincidence that, through the wise foresight of our good Bishop, the dependent children of the Church are being cared for so well, at the remote end of the Diocese, by the Orphanage here, which furnishes such a tender home for the homeless ones, and by the Industrial and Parochial School of St. Michael's, which is training at the other end of the Diocese the little ones of an outcast race, lifting them up to a higher plane of usefulness and godly, Christian living? And this

leads me to the work of our own beloved children in the Junior Auxiliary. I am happy to report a new Branch to it in Cairo, founded in one of our Sunday School classes by the teacher.

The work of St. Helena's Ward, and also of St. Faith's, still continues successfully.

You will hear with interest the report of the Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, Miss Reynolds, and join with me in the hope that every parish may have strong and hard working branches of both the Woman's and Junior Auxiliary, to do it credit.

If you could read the annual reports of all the Dioceses, and see how much is being accomplished everywhere, you would feel that the Diocese of Springfield cannot afford to be left behind in the work.

I must again urge upon you the necessity of giving full reports of all the work done, and sending them in promptly.

The annual report of the Auxiliary is made up every year upon September first, as each parochial secretary is informed, and all reports should be sent in early enough to be included in that.

Owing to some misunderstanding, a part of our work was not sent to me in time for the annual report this year. I hope it will be borne in mind.

Another unfortunate thing is, that some of the societies which do missionary work are not in connection with the Auxiliary, and do not report their work to it, and so do not get the credit that properly belongs to them. It may be said, perhaps, that they do not work for praise, or to be known of men, yet it is always helpful for us to know what each society is doing, and a source of proper pride to do as well as we can.

I would like to suggest that three more officers be added to our corps—a Librarian, one to take charge of the work for the Enrollment Fund, that we may be officially identified with that great movement, and another to assist in the work of the Church Periodical Club, which is accomplishing so much good.

Finally, dear friends, let us devote ourselves still more faithfully, more earnestly to the work we have undertaken, not discouraged or dismayed by meagre results or small offerings in labor, time and money.

In the November *Spirit of Missions* is a paragraph taken from the Eleventh Annual Report of the California Branch, which we ought all to learn by heart. It is headed, "What is Needed." "In every Parish and Mission we want some one woman who cares. Somebody who cares to know all about the Church Periodical Club, the Junior Auxiliary; what a deaconess may be, and what is going on in the mission field. Somebody who cares for the great issues to which she can lend her little energies, and feel their thrill and power. Somebody who cares, not that things do not just suit her in this Parish or in that Parish, but that anywhere in all the world there is one soul astray, one lamb unfolded. Not necessarily somebody clever, or very good even, only everywhere somebody who really cares."

These are golden words from the Golden State, and bring a message to every woman who ought to care.

Let us ask ourselves the solemn, heart-searching question—each one of us—Am *I* the woman who cares that the world be made better, the fallen uplifted, the hungry fed, the naked clothed?

Let us work while it is day, while we have time and strength, remembering that little by little the seed is sown which scattered broadcast, will yield in time a bounteous harvest.

Let us hearken to the voices that come to us from the sun rising to the sun setting, lifted in pleading tones for help and comfort, or standing under the silent skies at night, feel within our hearts the great wave-beats of the world, the universal rhythm of want and woe which flows like a mighty tide about the ark in which we ride secure, the Church which is founded upon a Rock, Christ Jesus.

The list of donations of Money and Boxes and the Treasurer's Report is herewith respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. H. CANDEE,
Diocesan Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
OF THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY,
FROM DECEMBER 1, 1890, TO DECEMBER 1, 1891.

	<i>Money.</i>	<i>Boxes.</i>
CAIRO—Church of the Redeemer:		
Annual Dues of Membership	\$ 1 50	
Ladies' Parish Society to a Diocesan Missionary....		\$12 00
S. Helena's Ward, Mite Chests, to Missionary in Idaho	8 08	
CARLYLE—Christ Church:		
Ladies' Society, for a Divinity Student	94 35	
Annual Dues for Membership	1 00	
Junior Auxiliary Branch to St. Michael's Mission....		3 32
Junior Auxiliary Branch, to General Missions.....	9 20	
Junior Auxiliary Branch, to Indian and Colored.....	2 55	
Junior Auxiliary Branch, to Springfield Orphanage..	10 00	
CARROLLTON—Trinity Church:		
Golden Rule Branch of Ministering Children's League		
From Mite Chests, for General Missions.....	35 50	
Mission Box to Church Hospital, Wallace, Idaho....		15 00
Box to Orphanage of the Holy Child, Springfield....		
CHAMPAIGN—Emmanuel Church:		
Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.		
Membership Dues	3 70	
Box to Church Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.....		15 00

	<i>Money.</i>	<i>Boxes.</i>
Cloak to Missionary's daughter, Minnesota.....		25 00
Special, from Mrs. D. W. Dresser to St. Michael's Mission	2 00	
DECATUR— <i>St. John's Church:</i>		
Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.		
Special for St. Michael's Mission.....	5 00	
For Home Mission Chapel.....	38 00	
Box to Diocesan Missionary.....		35 00
JACKSONVILLE— <i>Trinity Church:</i>		
Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.		
Annual Dues for Membership.....	4 25	
To Mission Church, Manistee, Mich.....	1 00	
Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, to S. Michael's Mission, Cairo.	2 00	
Box to Rev. A. D. Kuehn, Minn.....		50 00
Paid freight on same.....	1 50	
SPRINGFIELD— <i>S. Paul's Church:</i>		
Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.		
Annual Pledge to Diocesan Missions.....	25 00	
Special Pledge for S. Michael's Missions.....	15 00	
Special Pledge for a Diocesan Missionary	5 00	
To Mission Church, Manistee, Mich.....	1 00	
Mrs. F. W. Taylor, for S. Michael's Mission.....	2 00	
Package for Diocesan Missionary.....		3 00
To Diocesan Missionary and family, clothing.....		35 00
To Diocesan Missionary and family, clothing.....		10 00
St. Elizabeth's Branch of Junior Auxiliary, "The Willing Workers,"	18 00	
St. Margaret's Branch of Junior Auxiliary.....	30 00	
Membership Dues for Diocesan Branch.....	3 75	
Miscellaneous Pledges and Donations:		
Springfield Diocesan Branch to St. Michael's Mission	30 00	
Collection at the Annual Meeting.....	8 25	
Special Collection for St. Michael's Mission.....	8 25	
Personal Pledges for Diocesan Missions:		
Mrs. Chas. Ridgely.....	10 00	
Mrs. Chas. E. Hay.....	5 00	
Mrs. W. R. Beall.....	5 00	
Mrs. E. Thayer.....	5 00	
Mrs. H. H. Candee.....	5 00	
Mrs. Hibbard.....	1 00	
Total.....	\$396 88	\$203 32
Grand Total.....	\$600 20	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
OF SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.
December 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit in Savings Bank per report of Dec. 2, 1890.....	\$ 49 10
Amount received for membership dues.....	13 20
Special Collection, Annual Meeting.....	8 25
Special Collection for S. Michael's Mission.....	8 25
Pledges for S. Michael's Mission.....	26 00
Interest accrued	4 58
Total.....	\$109 38

EXPENDITURES.

Pledges of Diocesan Branch for St. Michael's Mission...	\$ 30 00	
Specials for St. Michael's Mission.....	34 23	\$64 23
Balance		\$45 13

The reports were unanimously accepted. Reports from Parochial Branches were next in order, and very interesting reports were given by Mrs. J. F. Cadwallader, Treasurer, and Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary of St. Paul's Branch, Springfield, and Mrs. F. W. Catto, Secretary and Treasurer of St. John's Branch, Decatur.

Mrs. J. H. Utley presented a very interesting report of work accomplished by the children of the Junior Auxiliary under her charge. The Annual Report of the Secretary for the Junior Auxiliary, Miss Anna Swan Reynolds, was postponed until the following day.

The Secretary read the report of S. Helena's Ward, Cairo, and of the Golden Rule Branch of the Ministering Children's League, Carrollton, sent by its President, Miss Lucy Kennett, who has taken up the work laid down by her noble and devoted sister, Miss Fanny Kennett, who has gone to New York to enter into training for a Deaconess, the first fruits of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Springfield.

A very interesting and comprehensive paper upon "Missions" by Mrs. C. E. Hay, was the next thing in order, and it was listened to with deep attention. At its close the Rev. M. M. Goodwin, of Decatur, entered as a deputy from the Synod, then in session, and addressed the meeting in behalf of Diocesan Missions, asking for personal pledges for that cause from the Auxiliary.

A recess for taking pledges for that purpose, and for payment of membership dues, was announced by the President, who appointed Mrs. Chas E. Ridgely committee upon pledges for Diocesan Missions.

At the close of the recess it was stated that \$86 had been pledged by the ladies present, together with St. Paul's and the Decatur Branches, for Diocesan Missions, with the hope that the sum might reach \$100 by the close of the meeting.

The annual election of officers being next in order, the names of Mrs. W. R. Beall and Mrs. Charles E. Hay were put in nomination for President, the election resulting in the choice of Mrs. Beall. The same Vice Presidents—Mrs. D. W. Dresser, of Champaign, Mrs. J. B. Harrison, of Belleville, Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, of Jacksonville, and Mrs. M. M. Goodwin, of Decatur, and the Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Candee, of Cairo—were re-elected.

The Secretary read the order of business for the following day, which comprised the report of the Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, an appeal for St. Michael's Missions by the Rev. J. B. Massiah, and miscellaneous business, and stated that in accordance with the suggestions in her report, the subject of electing a librarian, a secretary for the Enrollment Fund, and a secretary for the Church Periodical Club, would be brought before the meeting, which then adjourned until 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, 1891.

The meeting commenced at 3 o'clock P. M., and was opened with the Missionary collects, read by Mrs. W. R. Beall, the President, who then called the Vice President, Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, of Jacksonville, to the chair, who presided during the rest of the meeting.

The first business in order was the Report of the Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, Miss Anna Swan Reynolds, which was a very interesting account of the work accomplished during the first year of the five branches of the Junior Auxiliary, as follows: Ministering Children's League, Golden Rule Branch, Carrollton; St. Helena's Ward, Cairo; Junior Auxiliary Branch, Carlyle; St. Margaret's and St. Elizabeth's Branch of Willing Workers, Springfield—all of which had done well, their work footing up to \$143.23 in money and \$13 in boxes, with some other work not reported—a very fine showing for the first year of the organization.

A very important recommendation of the Secretary, and one suggested by the General Secretary, was, that the funds of the Junior Auxiliary Branch, each year, should be devoted to the purchase of two scholarships—one in the Indian work, for \$60, and one in the Foreign Field, for \$40—which would give a definite object for work, and enable the children to see some results from their labor.

A new Branch in Cairo, in the Sunday School of the Church of the Redeemer, had just been formed, and the Secretary hoped that the coming year would see Branches in every parish of any size in the Diocese.

The report was received with interest, and accepted unanimously.

Miss Reynolds was nominated again as Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary; but being obliged to decline the position on account of other cares, Mrs. J. H. Utley was unanimously elected to the position.

The Secretary of the Diocesan Branch then offered a motion that three new officers should be added to the working corps of the Branch—a Libra-

rian, a Secretary for the Enrollment Fund, and a Secretary for the Church Periodical Club. It was seconded and carried, and resulted in the election of Mrs. Anna Swan Reynolds, Librarian, Mrs. E. A. Snively, Secretary for the Enrollment Fund, and Mrs. F. W. Taylor offered her services for the Church Periodical Club, with whom, all persons having newspapers, books or magazines to give away, can correspond.

The subject of Diocesan Missions being taken up next, the committee, Mrs. Charles Ridgely, reported the sum of \$90 thus far pledged, with the expectation of making the sum \$100, and she was requested by the Chair to report the same to the Synod.

The Secretary then read an appeal for help for St. Michael's Mission (colored work), of Cairo, which was responded to by the meeting voting \$35 to St. Michael's from the Diocesan Branch, and personal pledges of \$20 more, making \$55 in all.

A motion was offered by the Secretary that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed, which was carried, and Mrs. M. M. Goodwin and Mrs. Candee were appointed such committee, and presented the following:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this meeting be extended to the Ven. F. W. Taylor, D. D., for his efforts in arranging for the success of this meeting, and to Miss Murdoch, Principal of St. Agatha's School, for her generous hospitality in giving the use of the Annex Hall to the Auxiliary.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 4 o'clock *sine die*.

MRS. H. H. CANDEE, *Secretary*.

At the Missionary meeting held in the Pro-Cathedral Tuesday evening, December 1, 1891, at 7:30 o'clock, the Diocesan Secretary read, by request, her Fourth Annual Report.

