

## REPORT OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, DEC. 5TH AND 6TH, 1893.

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The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, was held in the parlors of the Orphanage of the Holy Child, at Springfield, on Tuesday afternoon, December 5th, 1893, at three o'clock.

The President, Mrs. W. R. Beall, of Springfield, being absent on account of illness, the meeting was opened with the Missionary collects read by Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, Vice-President, from Jacksonville, who afterwards called the meeting to order and presided during both sessions.

The roll of membership was called by the Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Candee, of Cairo, the following officers and delegates responding to their names:

Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, Vice-President, Jacksonville; Mrs. E. L. Merritt, President; Mrs. J. F. Cadwallader, Treasurer; Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary, St. Paul's Branch, Springfield; Miss Anna Swan Reynolds, Librarian, Springfield; Mrs. H. W. Cunningham; Mrs. James Jones, Christ Church, Springfield; Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Alton; Mrs. A. C. Watson, Waverly; Mrs. H. H. Candee, Secretary, Cairo. A good attendance of the Springfield membership was also present. After roll-call, the Secretary read the minutes of the last general meeting on December 6th and 7th, 1892, which were unanimously approved and adopted; and then presented her Sixth Annual Report as Secretary and Treasurer, as follows:

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF  
THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF  
MISSIONS, DECEMBER 5, 1893.

It is difficult to realize that only a year has elapsed since the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was in official session. So much of splendor and beauty have been crowded into the twelve months that have glided swiftly over us—so many lessons of wisdom and grandeur have been given to us either by actual participation in, or by hearing of, the triumph of Christian civilization that has filled this eventful year, and enriched our lives with pleasure and knowledge that cannot fade away, but will remain with us as long as life and memory shall endure.

We would be unworthy of the generosity shown toward women in this great commonwealth of Illinois, and our high privileges as members of this branch of the Holy Apostolic Church, did we fail to realize how much has been done, not only for the advancement of education, philanthropy, the arts and sciences, but also for the spread of CHRIST'S Kingdom on earth during this Columbian year.

To behold the gathering of men from all countries, and even from the uttermost parts of the seas and the islands thereof, was a broad education, and has given us an insight into the lives and needs of nations remote from us—not to be gained in any other way—by the masses who are begged to contribute to Foreign Missions. And when we remember that these dwellers in foreign and heathen lands will return with a broader and fuller knowledge of a Christian country—with the remembrance of Christian temples whose spires are countless from the ocean to the Great lakes, and Christian homes that need no armed force for the preservation of their peace and sanctity—that they beheld, for half a year, the spectacle of an immense city without even the semblance of a standing army to guard its prosperity or preserve its integrity, although thronged by millions, we feel they must have been impressed by Christian civilization. And may we not reasonably hope that, remembering all these things, they may have greater respect for such civilization and give a more cordial welcome and more earnest heed to its representative missionaries who go from this land to tell them of the Lord of Life and Prince of Peace Whom we serve.

Even those exponents of the subtle philosophies of the ancient Orient, who expounded their tenets uncontradicted and almost uncriticized in the Parliament of Religions, must have been impressed with the courteous toleration extended to them, and marvelled secretly in their minds to see what this land has produced of the fruits of righteousness in a time which is trivial compared to the ages accorded the evolution of their beliefs—those negative faiths which leave them steeped in moral lethargy and indifference. In contemplating the gain to our

own intellectual life and what we hope will be a gain to the moral life of the world through our example as a Christian nation, we can afford to be patient that so much of our time and strength has been absorbed in study than in actual work. We have been gaining new experience in many directions and cannot but realize more profoundly the wide field of labor opened to the Church of CHRIST, since so many of the unconverted have come to our very doors. Who could look upon the gentle, mild little Javanese and Cingalese people, with their soft eyes and mute appealing faces, and not desire for them the knowledge of GOD and love of CHRIST? The stolid, dark-browed Turks, the wild, barbaric Dahomeyans, or repulsive South-Sea Islanders, pointed out to us most forcibly what heathendom really means. It was a ray of light to find, in the Dahomey village, one Christian, John Cole, black as night in skin, but whose soul was white through regenerating water in Baptism. He came with letters to the Rector of Christ Church, Chicago, and met a hearty welcome; but first introduced himself when, recognizing the cross the clergyman wore, the symbol of Christ the world over, he extended his hands and said with joyful face "How do, Missionary! How do!" What a greeting! In a strange land, amid thousands of curious and mostly unfeeling strangers, the simple, homesick heart went out at once to the bearer of the Cross, knowing by that blessed sign that he had found a friend. And by special arrangement, all through the summer the black man came faithfully to the little church to worship the GOD he had learned to love in Africa, and knelt to receive the Bread of Life at the Altar rail with other Christians from Japan, Ceylon and our own land, all equally blessed. The faithful priest who welcomed him was a "missionary" indeed, not only to us, but to "other sheep" afar in western wilds, one of them dwelling at the foot of the Rockies, bearing with him on a long journey to his home in China a prayer-book from Chicago as his most valued treasure. For it would seem as if the whole world, or its representatives at least, had come to be the Kingdom of Our LORD and His CHRIST, through the ministry of Love in His Holy Church, and our souls are strengthened for the great battle with sin and human want and misery, and we gird ourselves afresh for labour in this Advent season.

At the grand meeting of the Missionary Council, most happily held in Chicago, where all good things seem to have centered this year, the missionary interest and enthusiasm was fully sustained in the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, where the presence of the Honorary and General Secretaries, Mrs. Sioussatt, President of the Maryland Branch, Miss Jarvis, of the Connecticut Junior Auxiliary, Miss Sybil Carter, the devoted worker among the Indians, Mrs. Tilton, of the Canada Auxiliary in the Church of England, and others, was much enjoyed. The meeting was admirably arranged and presided over by Mrs. O. S. V. Ward, President of the Chicago Branch. I had the privilege of being

present, as your Secretary, with Mrs. D. W. Dresser, of Champaign, our first Vice-President, to represent the Springfield Branch. The great pressure of unusual interests, and the stringency in finances this year has caused considerable shrinkage in missionary work, but in spite of these drawbacks, we have not gone backward as much as we feared. It was a serious disappointment in the spring that at the time of the successful meeting of the Archdeaconry of Cairo, held in that city, that it was not possible for any officers or members of the Auxiliary from outside of the city to attend a semi-annual meeting of the Branch, which we had tried to arrange for, at that time. We shall hope for greater success next time an opportunity offers to welcome you to the Assistant See city. I am happy to report the formation of a chapter of the Daughters of the King in the Bishop's Church, in Cairo, where ten lovely girls have lately taken upon themselves the beautiful vows which pledge them still more devotedly to the service of their Master. I hope many other parishes will follow this example, and that the same work may be done for young men in St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

The greatest misfortune we have suffered the past year has been the lack of a Secretary for the Junior Auxiliary, as Mrs. Chittenden who was elected to that position was unable to retain it on account of ill health. I trust the vacancy will be filled at this meeting, and the work carried on more vigorously the coming year. We have now nine branches of the Junior Auxiliary, all doing good work for the Church. It but needs the efficient and enthusiastic aid of a good Secretary to insure one or more in every parish in time. The splendid work done last year for the special contribution to the Enrollment Fund, shows what can be accomplished by combined effort for some particular purpose. Besides the united offering to be presented in 1895, at the next general meeting of the Auxiliary, which will be held in Minneapolis, I have two objects to present to the Springfield Branch for its special work this year. One is, that we may help, if ever so little, in the furnishing of the Church Missions Home in New York. It is now nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy, and become the centre of missionary work in the American Church throughout the world, and especially an inspiration in the Auxiliary. We cannot give much, perhaps, for we are a weak Branch as yet, but we owe very much to New York for her generous gift to us of one of her most brilliant intellects and noble workers, our beloved Bishop; and I wish Springfield might have some little remembrance in the Mission House, if it is only a desk, or a comfortable chair for our indefatigable and devoted General Secretary, Miss Emery. A second object for work nearer home was suggested to me last year by one of our own members, who said: "I wish we could have a 'Bishop Seymour Scholarship' in St. Agatha's School which would provide for the education of a daughter of some hard working Missionary in our own Diocese. What a comfort it would be

to some mother who is anxious to have her daughter properly trained for the work of life, to have a good school open its doors to her daughter and give the best education, such as St. Agatha's affords." "I hope this in time may be a reality." And every mother's heart in this organization will heartily say "Amen"! I feel that the time has come when this seed may be dropped, with the earnest hope that it may ripen and bring forth abundant fruit. Have we not women of wealth in the Diocese who will consecrate some of their means to this most excellent benefaction, thus honoring God and our good Bishop in the training of a noble, Christian woman. I leave the thought with you, and feel that it would be fitting work in the Auxiliary, and will repay any effort we may be able to make toward that end. Universities are being endowed with fabulous sums for secular education—the Church cannot afford to be behind in supporting Her own schools, and training Her own children for God's service.

I have one thing more to commend to your attention, which will bring us back to the subject with which we began, the great Exposition, which has become the keynote of the melodies of the year. As a labor of love for the Church, and for Her honor and dignity before the world, I was enabled to procure from the Church women of Springfield and their friends, the work being done by the ladies of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral and Christ Church,—beautiful and costly sets of Eucharistic vestments,—two complete sets in silk and linen, which were on exhibition during the Fair, with other similar articles, making a very complete display which was highly praised by many. It was a matter of surprise that such work had been accomplished in our own State, and the encomiums passed upon it were cordial and well deserved. Too much credit cannot be given to the ladies who did the work, and the Reverend Dr. Taylor who encouraged it and furnished the designs. It is hoped the success of the exhibit will give an impetus to the art of ecclesiastical embroidery in Illinois and throughout the west.

And now, what of the work for the coming years? "*Laborare est Orare!*" For us there is no resting, but a steady going forward in both work and worship. The trumpet tones of Progress herald in a new era, and the pulse of the world beats time to the new song of the Brotherhood of Man. But it is *not* new—it is the same old chant of nineteen centuries ago, that was heard when the angels sang that "glorious song of old," and the Star of Bethlehem flashed "the light that never was on land and sea" before, but which has ever since been shining with a golden gleam that illuminates every heart that strives to serve Him in meekness and in truth, and which lights us on the royal road of loving service "for His sake."

REPORT of the SECRETARY of the SPRINGFIELD BRANCH of the  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—DECEMBER 1, 1893.

CAIRO—*The Bishop's Church—Church of the Redeemer:*

Membership Dues.....	\$ 2 25
St. Helena's Ward.....	50
St. Faith's Ward—box to Missionary.....	\$25 00
Willing Workers—box to Orphanage.....	8 00
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	\$ 2 75
	\$33 00

CARLYLE—*Christ Church Branch:*

Mrs. Anna M. Frost, President.  
To Theological Student..... \$10 00

*Junior Branch:*

Miss Pearl Fisk, Treasurer.  
To Orphanage of the Holy Child..... 5 72  
To Domestic Missions ..... 10 00 ||  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | \$25 72 |

CARROLLTON—*Trinity Branch:*

Mrs. J. B. Harrison, President.  
Miss Emily F. Doolittle, Sec. and Treas.  
Membership Dues ..... 5 00 || *Junior Branch:* |  |
Lenten Offerings—Domestic Missions.....	22 60
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Christmas Box to Orphanage.....	\$27 60
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	\$30 00

CHAMPAIGN—*Emmanuel Branch:*

Mrs. D. W. Dresser, President.  
Mrs. J. B. Harris, Sec. and Treas.  
For the Orphanage ..... \$7 50 || Box to Orphanage..... | \$4 50 |
Package to Tolono.....	1 00
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	\$5 50

DECATUR—*St. John's Branch:*

Mrs. V. G. Hatch, Secretary.  
For support of Mission..... \$70 00

JACKSONVILLE—*Trinity Branch:*

Mrs. Henry Stryker, President.  
Mrs. Charles Beatley, Sec. and Treas.  
For Membership Dues ..... 3 75 || Cash to St. Michael's Mission..... | 5 00 |
Box .....	\$50 00
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	\$8 75

SPRINGFIELD—*St. Paul's Branch:*

Mrs. E. L. Merritt, President.  
 Mrs. J. F. Cadwallader, Treas.  
 Miss Virginia Dresser, Sec'y.

Membership Dues.....	\$5 00	
Box to Paris.....	\$5 00	
Box to St. John's School, Utah.....	19 00	
To Diocesan Missionary.....	25 00	
To " Missions.....	40 00	
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	\$70 00	\$24 00

Eucharistic vestments made by ladies of S. Paul's  
 Pro-Cathedral and Christ Church—value..... \$150 00

*Diocesan Branch:*

Special pledge for Missions.....	72 50	
Christmas Gift to Orphanage .....	25 00	
" St. Michael's Mission, Cairo....	15 00	

Total donations in money.....	\$324 82	\$112 50
Total donations in boxes.....	292 50	
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	\$617 32	

The beautiful silk and linen vestments mentioned in the report, were  
 made for exhibition at the Columbian Exposition, and presented to  
 the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

## OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

December 1, 1893.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit, per report December 1, 1892.....	\$56 10	
From Membership Dues.....	16 00	
" St. Helena's Ward, Cairo .....	2 95	
" Interest accrued.....	92	
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Total.....	\$75 97	

## EXPENDITURES.

Christmas Gift to Orphanage of the Holy Child. ....	\$25 00	
" to St. Michael's Mission.....	15 00	-\$40 00
Balance on hand.....		\$35 97

MRS. H. H. CANDEE, *Treasurer.*

The report was adopted unanimously.

The reports of other officers and Parish branches being in order, an interesting report of the work of St. Paul's Branch of Springfield was read by the Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Cadwallader. The report of St. John's Branch, Decatur, Mrs. V. G. Hatch, Secretary, of Trinity Branch, Jacksonville, Mrs. Charles Beatley, Secretary, and of Emmanuel Branch, Champaign, Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary, were read by Mrs. Candee. Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, of Alton, formerly Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, read a very witty and entertaining explanation of her reasons for resigning that office.

The suggestions contained in the Secretary's report were then taken up, and both were approved, and such interest manifested in the subject of a Bishop Seymour Scholarship in St. Agatha's, that, on motion, a committee, consisting of Miss Anna Reynolds and Miss Hurst, was appointed by the Chair to hold a conference with Mrs. Smith, Principal of St. Agatha's, upon the matter, inquiring the expense of tuition, etc., for a clergyman's daughter.

The election of officers for the coming year was the next regular business, and resulted in the election of the officers of the previous year—Mrs. W. R. Beall, Springfield, President; Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Champaign, Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, Jacksonville, Mrs. J. B. Harrison, Carrollton, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Anna Reynolds, Librarian; Miss Gertrude Seaman, Secretary of the Church Periodical Club. The vacancy caused by the removal of Mrs. M. M. Goodwin from the Diocese, was filled by the election of Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, of Alton, as Fourth Vice-President. Mrs. John Chanler White, of Springfield, was elected Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary.

A recess was taken for the payment of the annual dues, and the receiving of new names for membership. At its conclusion the meeting was called to order to welcome the Rev. John Chanler White, who came as a deputy from the Diocesan Synod, then in session, to ask the pledge of the women of the Auxiliary to the Diocesan Missions.

The stirring remarks of the Rev. Mr. White were cordially received, and the sum of fifty-one dollars pledged at once. Mrs. C. E. Hay and Mrs. E. A. Snively were requested to act as a committee to increase this sum as far as possible during the year.

The meeting then adjourned till Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock at the Orphanage.

#### SECOND DAY, DEC. 6, 1893.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, from Jacksonville, Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, who read the missionary collects. The roll was called, and minutes of the previous day read by the Secretary, and approved. Reports being in order, Mrs. Tomlin read a very able report upon the subject of the United Offering of 1895, urging the members to procure the special mite-boxes for that purpose, and

referring to the earliest missionary work in the Church as contrasted with the present, showing the great advance in the work and privileges of women. The report of the Librarian, Miss Reynolds, followed, and all persons having books or magazines on missions were requested to send the same to Miss Reynolds; and any one desiring to help the good work of the Church Periodical Club, to send papers, magazines and any good current literature to the Secretary, Miss Gertrude Seaman, No. 609 North Fifth Street, Springfield.

The committee on the Bishop Seymour Scholarship in St. Agatha's School being called on to report, presented Mrs. Smith, the Principal of the school, who stated that the sum of \$200 yearly would cover the cost of boarding, tuition, books and washing for the daughter of a clergyman. Discussion ensued as to whether the whole sum necessary to the endowment of such scholarship, probably \$3500, should be raised before beginning the scholarship, or whether an effort should be made to secure each year, beginning as soon as possible, the amount required for the expense of a beneficiary, at the same time creating a sinking fund toward permanent endowment. On suggestion of Mrs. L. L. Slaughter, of the Orphanage, unanimous consent was given to the latter plan, and Mrs. C. E. Hay offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary endeavor to found and support a scholarship, to be known as the "Bishop Seymour Scholarship," in St. Agatha's School, Springfield, for the education of daughters of the clergy in the Diocese of Springfield.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, and Mrs. C. E. Hay was requested to act as Secretary and Treasurer of the Bishop Seymour Scholarship Fund, and endeavor to secure the sum of \$200 by the first of September of the next year. It was suggested that the beneficiary of the Fund be named by Bishop Seymour, and that the Branches of the Junior Auxiliary be enlisted to work for this most excellent object.

With thanks to Mrs. L. L. Slaughter for her cordial hospitalities, the meeting adjourned to meet December 4, 1894, at Cairo, Illinois.

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

By invitation the Secretary read her Sixth Annual Report at the Missionary Meeting held in Christ Church, Springfield, on Tuesday evening, December 5, 1893.

