

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE
SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS, DEC. 3D, 1894.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Springfield, Ill., December 3, 1895, at St. Agatha's School.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. George F. Seymour, who opened the exercises with the Missionary Collect and made a brief address in which she expressed much regret for the enforced absence of the Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Candee, and appointed Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary, pro tem. The Secretary called the roll which was reported to by the President, by one Vice President, Mrs. Tomlin, of Jacksonville, the Secretary of Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. J. C. White, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Goltra and Mrs. Rawlins, of Jackson. Mrs. Carpenter of Mt. Carmel, the Misses Hounsley and Finch of Chesterfield, and by seven members of Christ Church Branch, Springfield, and seventeen from St. Paul's Church. There was also present as an honored guest Mrs. MacLaren, wife of the Bishop of Chicago, thirty-four ladies in all.

After roll call the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Eighth Annual Report of the Secretary was presented as follows:

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS, DECEMBER 3D, 1895.

In presenting the Annual Report of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, the most important fact of the past year has been our connection with the Triennial Meeting of the Auxiliary, and the great United Offering of 1895. We rejoice that such high privileges have been accorded to this Branch in the representation it was permitted at the Triennial Meeting, held in St. Paul, on October 3d, one of the most inspiring and successful yet convened, where were assembled representatives of seventy Diocesan Branches, as well as those from China and Japan.

Three of your Diocesan officers—the President, First Vice President and Secretary—were present, and enjoyed the privilege of attending the Triennial Meeting, several adjourned, and special meetings of the Diocesan officers, and the large missionary meetings at which the Foreign and Missionary Bishops and other notable men, were heard upon the interesting subject of Missions.

An unusual event, also, was the opportunity of attending a service in Bishop Walker's Cathedral car, "The Church of the Advent," of North Dakota, which was visited by hundreds of appreciative people.

A yet more delightful experience was the grand excursion to Fari-bault, where the members of the General Convention and Woman's Auxiliary were the guests of Bishops Whipple and Gilbert of Minnesota, and visited the Bishop's Cathedral, the colleges and schools, which are a magnificent exposition of a half a century of Church work in the Northwest.

To be a part of such an inspiring and glorious gathering, and to realize that the Springfield Branch of the Auxiliary is taking even a limited part in the Church work, is cause for earnest gratitude, and reason for more faithful work in the future. At the beautiful service for the Auxiliary, when the United Offering was presented from all parts of the world, our own contribution of \$218.61 was placed on the historic alms basin, which literally overflowed with the gifts of love and devotion from every clime, reaching the magnificent sum of over \$54,000, from the loyal and loving women of the great Missionary Church of Christ.

Would that every member of the Springfield Branch could have been present at the Holy Eucharist, when a thousand women knelt before the altar to renew their consecration to the service of our blessed Lord, and could have joined later in the great gathering of members of the Auxiliary from China, Japan, the Indian Reservation of the Northwest, and workers from the humble freedmen of the South, and every Diocese in our own dear land.

Then would our hearts have been stirred and warmed by the vivifying power of the love of Christ and his kingdom on earth, making us forget our own weakness, and feeling ourselves in touch with all mankind.

With the inspiration of the Triennial Meeting yet in our hearts, we urge an early and consecrated beginning of the next United Offering, to be made in 1898, the proceeds to be devoted to the training of women workers in missionary fields at home and abroad, where most needed. Mite chests are ready for distribution here, and it is hoped that every Parish Branch may have, at least, twenty-five boxes distributed among its members and other Churchwomen, which will receive frequent and regular contributions, so that, three years from now, a generous harvest may be reaped from systematic giving.

Our regular work in most of the Parish Branches has gone on as usual, notwithstanding the special effort made in the direction of the United Offering.

We have been disappointed, however, in the number of Branches promised for the past year. Only one has been organized—that in St. Peter's Church, Mound City—but it is full of earnestness and enthusiasm. The Junior work still continues, as the report of the Secretary will prove. The greatest failure, perhaps, in our Diocesan Branch, is the fact that the yearly dues of twenty-five cents per member are so irregularly paid. This is not because the sum is so large, but because of want of thought in the members, and want of care on the part of the Treasurers in collecting and remitting the dues.

This little fund is all we have to depend on for the small expenses of printing, postage and express charges, and any special donations the Branch may desire to make.

At the Triennial Meeting, when liberal sums were being promised to various worthy objects, your officers found themselves embarrassed by the lack of funds in the treasury, and, in most cases, were obliged to keep silence. Feeling, however, that Springfield could not afford to lose entirely the precious privilege of giving, they ventured in faith to pledge \$25 to Bishop Ferguson's School for Girls, in Cape Palmas, Africa, when, in a short time, \$4,000 was raised for that object. We also pledged \$10, for the Junior Auxiliary, to Bishop Hare's Scholarships for Missionaries' Daughters, in All Saints School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If the dues in arrears from the Parish Branches could be made up, there would be ample funds to meet these pledges, and we would suggest that they be forwarded to the Treasurer, that our pledges may be redeemed as early as possible. It was gratifying to have a member of the Branch present in Minneapolis pledge \$25 to Missions in Southern Florida. These gifts, with a resolution of sympathy for the suffering Christian women of Armenia, which your Secretary had the privilege of offering for unanimous endorsement, placed our Branch in line with the wide and sympathetic action of the ministering work of that Church which is spreading Christ's Kingdom, and succoring little ones who are in need. To know of, believe in and help this work, will melt the hardest heart, soften the most selfish spirit, and bid every soul long to echo the Divine Word, "Wist ye not, that I must be about my Father's business."

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, DE-
CEMBER 3, 1895.

ALTON—*St. Paul's Branch:*

MONEY. BOXES.

Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary.

For Orphanage of the Holy Child (value not given).....

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	MONEY.	BOXES.
For Diocesan Missionary.....		\$10 00
For Missionary in Arkansas.....		25 00
For the United Offering.....	\$11 06	
BLOOMINGTON— <i>St. Matthew's Branch:</i>		
Mrs. J. P. Walker, Secretary.....		
CAIRO— <i>The Bishop's Church, Church of the Redeemer:</i>		
Membership dues paid.....	\$2 00	
Package to Texas Missionary—		
Mrs. Candee.....		\$5 00
For United Offering—		
Bishop Hale.....	5 00	
Mrs. A. E. Safford.....	5 00	
Mr. H. H. Candee.....	5 00	
Mrs. H. H. Candee.....	5 00	
Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.....	3 00	
Mrs. Chas. Galigher.....	1 00	
Mrs. Fred Galigher.....	1 00	
Mrs. Chas. Pink.....	50	
Mrs. Chas. Thrupp.....	25	
Missions in Florida—		
Mrs. A. E. Safford.....	25 00	
Diocesan Missions—		
Mrs. H. H. Candee.....	5 00	
	\$57 75	5 00
CHAMPAIGN— <i>Emmanuel Church Branch:</i>		
Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary and Treasurer.....		
For Texas Missionary.....		\$3 00
To Woman's Auxiliary.....	\$2 00	
To Bishop Thompson.....	2 00	
To Mrs. Buford.....	2 00	
Orphanage of Holy Child.....	1 00	
Missionary in Tennessee.....	5 00	
For United Offering.....	5 00	
	\$17 00	\$3 00
CARROLLTON— <i>Trinity Church:</i>		
Miss Emily Doolittle, Secretary.....		
Box for Orphanage.....		\$15 00
CARLYLE— <i>Christ Church Branch:</i>		
Miss E. Maddux, Secretary.....		
From Mrs. Anna M. Frost, Insurance.....	\$10 00	
For Orphanage of the Holy Child.....	10 35	
For the Jews.....	1 00	
To Geo. Bliss, Treas. N. Y.....	8 02	
For Minnesota Missions.....	2 55	
For the Diocesan Fund.....	5 00	
For the United Offering.....	5 00	
	\$41 92	

	MONEY.	BOXES.
DECATUR— <i>St. John's Branch:</i>		
Mrs. V. G. Hatch, Secretary.		
Insurance on Mission Chapel.....	\$13 00	
Box to Nebraska Missionary.....		\$82 12
Aid to St. John's Church.....	23 88	
United Offering.....	11 00	
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	\$47 88	
JACKSONVILLE— <i>Trinity Branch:</i>		
Mrs. Henry Stryker, Secretary.		
For United Offering.....	\$50 00	
From Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, United Offering.....	1 00	
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	\$51 00	
SPRINGFIELD— <i>St. Paul's Branch:</i>		
Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary.		
Box to Diocesan Missionary.....		\$15 00
Box to Texas Missionary.....		5 00
Mrs. Geo. F. Seymour, for Texas Missionary.....		6 00
Pledge for Diocesan Missions.....	\$25 00	
For Nurse at the Orphanage.....	10 75	
For United Offering, (including special).....	32 64	
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	\$68 39	\$26 00
SPRINGFIELD— <i>Christ Church Branch:</i>		
Mrs. Alexander Allen, President.		
For United Offering.....	\$12 11	
MOUND CITY— <i>St. Peter's Branch:</i>		
Mrs. J. F. Hargan, Secretary.		
Membership Dues Paid.....	\$3 00	
For Texas Missionary.....		\$2 50
For Orphanage of the Holy Child.....		4 00
For United Offering.....	4 95	
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	\$7 95	\$6 50
SPRINGFIELD— <i>Diocesan Branch:</i>		
For the United Offering.....	\$15 00	
For the Orphanage of the Holy Child.....	5 00	
Personal Pledges, Diocesan Missions—		
Mrs. Geo. F. Seymour, Springfield.....	5 00	
Mrs. W. R. Beall.....	5 00	
Mrs. C. E. Hay.....	5 00	
Mrs. Chas. Ridgely.....	5 00	
Mrs. W. F. Thayer.....	5 00	
Mrs. J. C. White.....	3 00	
Miss Jennie Hurst.....	1 00	
Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Champaign.....	3 00	
Mrs. J. B. Harrison, Carrollton.....	2 50	
Mrs. F. E. J. Lloyd, Bloomington.....	5 00	

	MONEY.	BOXES.
Miss Clara Truesdail, Carlyle.....	\$5 00	
Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, Jacksonville.....	10 00	
Bishop & Mrs. Seymour, for United Offering.....	10 00	
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	\$84 50	

Amount given for the United Offering outside of Diocesan and Parish Branches.

Mrs. J. D. Gillett, Elkhart	\$15 00	
Miss Amy Gillett, Elkhart	5 00	
Miss Jessie Gillett, Elkhart	5 00	
St. George's Church, Belleville.....	8 50	
Ascension Church, Mason City.....	2 45	
Petersburg Church, by Rev. Joseph Wayne.....	1 00	
Christ Church, Mansfield.....	1 00	
Thomasboro.....	2 50	
Rantoul.....	3 50	
Christ Church, Waverly.....	5 00	
Sent to Geo. Bliss, N. Y.	1 15	
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	\$50 10	
Total receipts in money.....		\$448 66
Total receipts in boxes.....		168 00
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Grand total.....		\$616 66

Mrs. H. H. CANDEE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, DEC. 3, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit, per report of December 1, 1894.....	\$24 68
Deposited for United Offering.....	181 65
Donation for printing and typewriting.....	4 00
Interest accrued.....	92
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Total.....	\$219 25

EXPENDITURES.

Christmas gift to Orphanage of the Holy Child.....	\$5 00
For printing and typewriting.....	4 00
Draft for the United Offering.....	190 90
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	199 90
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Balance on hand.....	\$19 35

Mrs. H. H. CANDEE,
Treasurer.

The report of the Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary was next in order and was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. J. C. White.

REPORT

OF THE SECRETARY OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY IN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD.

The growth of the Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary in this Diocese, is very slow, and not very sure. I would like to call the attention of all whom it may concern to some of the reasons, as they seem to me, after two years as Diocesan Secretary.

In the first place, the Diocesan Secretary often fails of her duty, sometimes through neglect, sometimes through ignorance or uncertainty as to what her duty really is. Next, our busy clergymen are not always as enthusiastic over children's missionary societies as they would be, I am sure, if they realized the results. And again, they are hampered for the want of a suitable person to direct the children's efforts. Where are the mothers, aunts, big sisters, etc., who ought to love children enough to be interested in their interests to help and encourage them, and to direct their efforts, and not only love the children, but love the Lord enough, for it is His work? I wish all those whose Rector asks them to help him in this work, would remember how our Lord said, "Suffer little children," and the look of reproach which he cast on those who would have prevented their coming. Of course such people mean well—think they are not fitted, perhaps; that if it were baptism or confirmation they would suffer them to come. As to their fitness, let me quote St. Paul, that our humility may never stand in our way again: "But God hath chosen the *foolish* things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the *weak* things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and *base* things of the world, and things which are *despised*, hath God chosen, yea and *things which are not*, to bring to naught things that are."—(1 Cor. 1, 27, 28). We can never plead unfitness when we realize "foolish," "weak," "base," "despised" even the talents we have not, God chooses for us.

The results of the Junior Auxiliary work are two-fold. The children who have been Juniors, in a few years grow up. I have received, in reply to several letters of inquiry, some such answer as this: "I am sorry to say our Junior Auxiliary has disbanded. We are all grown up now, and belong to a young ladies guild," or some other grown-up society. You see Juniors keep on working when they are Juniors no longer. The influence and training has its effect. That is the result as regards themselves.

Children can do so little, is often one reason given for not having a Junior Branch. Yes, to be sure they can do very little. It hardly seems to be worth while to do that little. But listen to the figures of

what they accomplished in these United States from Sept. 1, 1894, to Sept. 1, 1895. In money, they have contributed to Missions \$23,529.36; in boxes, \$12,897.87—making a total value of \$36,427.23 for one year's work for the Juniors. That result speaks for itself.

Before I begin my report proper, I want to record my most heartfelt thanks for the almost universal promptness, kindness and courtesy with which my letters to clergymen have been answered. I have appreciated this most highly, and it has done much to lighten my task.

We have at this time eight (8) Junior Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese. Carrollton has the oldest organization. St. Christopher's Branch continued its work last winter until June 1, with 22 members, under the direction of two wardens. It was to have begun winter work October 1.

Cairo has had a Branch since October 19, under the efficient direction of Miss Mercedes Vincent. They have been working very hard to send a nice Christmas box to the Indians at Santee Agency, South Dakota.

Champaign has a Branch of eleven girls, under the care of their Sunday School teacher, Mrs. J. W. Milliken. They are making dresses and aprons for the six and seven-year old girls at the Orphanage of the Holy Child.

Decatur has an unorganized Branch, if I may so term it. The children of St. John's Sunday School, under the direction of their teachers, Miss Maud Burroughs in charge, have promised at least fifty gifts for the Santee Agency Indians, and are preparing to send a box there before Christmas.

Jacksonville has a very encouraging Branch, organized about the first of November, under Mrs. F. M. Doane. They meet every Saturday and sew. They have promised to send fifty Christmas gifts to the Santee Agency. These little girls are making many useful articles with their own hands.

Springfield, St. Paul's Sunday School hopes to help with the gifts for the Indians, but at present the result is very uncertain.

St. Luke's Mission has an enthusiastic Branch composed of about half a dozen girls under the direction of their Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Samuel Wheal. They are working to send a box to St. Michael's Mission, Cairo. They are making a quilt. They gave a Missionary tea, the proceeds, \$5.15, to be devoted to buying mittens, stockings, caps etc., for the colored children.

Waverly, the Willing Workers' Branch, Miss Maud Laycock, Directress, Miss Fannie Hopson, Secretary and Treasurer, has ten members who meet every two weeks to sew. They are preparing a box for St. Michael's Mission, Cairo. They also have a monthly Missionary meeting in the Church on Sunday at which the Rector presides. At this meeting a due of 5 cents is paid, a paper is read by one of the members on a Missionary subject, having been prepared by her, and each mem-

ber reports the Missionary news from one county. The Rector is instructing them on their own Diocese, its divisions, subdivisions, governments, works, etc. They use the Auxiliary prayers and sing Missionary Hymns.

I am unable to give the values of the boxes to be sent. But I think we may be thankful for what is doing. Thanks tempered with a desire to do better next time.

KATHERINE D. WHITE,
Secretary.

At the close of this report, the names of new members were called for and membership dues were paid to the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

A recess was then taken to receive the Rev. H. E. Gilchrist, sent by the Synod to ask for pledges for Diocesan Missions. Mr. Gilchrist made an eloquent address and carried back to the Synod a report of \$115 in pledges from the Auxiliary.

After business was resumed an interesting report was made by Mrs. Seymour, concerning the Church Periodical Club. Reports from delegates and visitors from the different parishes were listened to with pleasure.

The next business in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year. It resulted in the re-election of all the old officers, as follows: President. Mrs. George F. Seymour; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. W. Dresser, of Champaign; Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Alton; Mrs. J. B. Harrison, Carrollton; Mrs. E. J. Tomlin of Jacksonville; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo; Secretary of Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. J. C. White, Springfield.

The Secretary explained briefly the object of the next United Offering in October, 1898, and eighty mite-chests to receive the offerings for this purpose, were distributed among the members present.

The President followed, commending in a few words the Baby Auxiliary recently organized, and asking for it the sympathy and assistance of all present.

The meeting then adjourned till December, 1896.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Secretary was read at the Missionary meeting-Tuesday evening, December 3, held in Christ Church, by the Rector, the Rev. Alexander Allen.

VIRGINIA DRESSER,
Acting Secretary.

