

REPORT OF THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, DECEMBER 8, 1896.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Hall of St. Agatha's School, December 8, 1896, at three o'clock.

After the singing of a hymn, and opening prayers, conducted by the Rev. J. C. White, the President, Mrs. G. F. Seymour, called for the reading of the roll of members, to which the following ladies responded: Mrs. G. F. Seymour, President; Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Champaign, First Vice President; Mrs. Tomlin, Vice President; Mesdames Goltra, Rawlings and Richards, all of Jacksonville; Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Haynor, Alton; Miss Truesdail, Carlyle; Mrs. J. C. White, Secretary Junior Auxiliary. The officers, and others, of Christ Church, Springfield, and the officers, and others, of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

There were also present: Mrs. H. W. Cunningham of Elkhart, Mrs. Cabaniss of Lincoln, Mrs. Burrell of Arcola, Mrs. Starbuck of Chicago, and to the delight of all, Mrs. Tuttle, wife of the Bishop of Missouri, was seated upon the platform. About fifty ladies in all present.

The President waived the privilege of an opening address, and called upon Mrs. Tuttle, President of the Missouri Branch, to speak in her place, who very gracefully complied, and gave a most interesting account of the work in her Diocese, with many suggestions helpful to all.

A sacred song, given by Miss Hull, followed.

The Report of Mrs. Candee (Secretary and Treasurer for nine years), was read as follows:

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This year of our Lord, 1896, marks two important epochs in the history of the Mission Work of the women of the Church in the Diocese of Springfield. It is the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the great Missionary Society of Church women, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, of which we are a component part. In it we also begin our tenth year of loving service in connection with a work that has such a glorious record for devotion in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth. Both of these facts deserve especial emphasis, and should be an inspiration for the broadening of our activities, and the deepening of our spiritual life, and service for the future.

To this end, it has been deemed wise policy to increase our working force, by dividing the now onerous duties of Secretary and Treasurer, which for nine and a half years have been carried by one person, and by revising the constitution, provide for two separate officers, as well as for a Diocesan Secretary. The latter office was created fourteen years ago by the Bishop, and for four years the Auxiliary work was conducted entirely by that officer, who, on the formation of the Diocesan Branch, added to her duties those of Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch.

The specific work of a Diocesan Secretary can still include the formation of new Parish Branches, a more intimate acquaintance with the needs of Diocesan Missions and Diocesan institutions, which can be aided by the Auxiliary, and the enlarging of the regular Triennial United Offering, together with any other work assigned to her by the President. It can be readily seen, if one woman has performed all these duties in the past fourteen years, with a moderate measure of success, how much more may be accomplished by three women, under God's blessing, in the years to come, who will work faithfully together with the other members.

For the purpose of enlarging our work, and to plan for this Annual Meeting, a Special Meeting of Diocesan and Parish officers was called on October tenth by the President. This conference of officers was well attended and productive of increased interest and much good, as will be shown by the attractive programme prepared. Such special meetings might be held oftener, and if convened in the different parishes, cause an awakening of missionary interest and zeal, and a wider knowledge of the Auxiliary's work that would be most beneficial.

We have had the great encouragement the past year of the formation of two new Parish Branches. The first, of Christ Church, Springfield, came into existence and into affiliation with the Diocesan Branch at our last Annual Meeting, with the splendid record of sixty paid members. Such zeal and energy should prove a shining example to other parishes, showing what can be accomplished, when the hearts of those in authority are deeply imbued with true missionary spirit. It is to the new Christ Church Branch, that the Auxiliary owes a debt of gratitude for the first Quiet Day that it has been permitted to participate in and enjoy. It was held on Friday, Ember Day, February 28, in Christ Church, and conducted by the Rev. Gustavus Tuckerman. The services were deeply spiritual, and brought a blessing indeed upon those who were privileged to engage in them. A more frequent observance of such a means of grace, would build up our hearts in the most holy faith, and bring inexpressible peace and comfort.

The second Parochial Branch was formed in October, at Elkhart, in the Parish of St. John Baptist in the Woods. We welcome this little Branch most cordially, because of its connection with the exquisite Memorial Church, which stands amid the beautiful forests and leafy glades of a wide domain, bearing always loving witness of wifely and filial devotion, to one whose peaceful grave lies under its quiet shadow, testifying that love and the Church are eternal, and bring help and comfort to sorrowing hearts, whether in the bustling city or the quiet country village, where life seems restful and ideal.

The past year has also been signalized by the reception of the Auxiliary Year Book, compiled with greatest care by the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Twing, and it furnishes just such knowledge as is most desirable and practical for our work. The Branch purchased twenty copies, and they have been placed in every parish branch, and in the hands of our officers, and members are urged to consult and profit by them.

Our special pledges of \$25 to the Mrs. Brierly Memorial School, at Cape Palmas, Africa, from the Branch, and to Missions in Southern Florida, of \$25, by Mrs. Safford, of Cairo, have been paid and duly acknowledged in *The Spirit of Missions*. A part of the Junior pledge for Bishop Hare's Scholarships has been raised, and it is recommended that it be completed, if necessary, by this Branch. The work among the children, as will be seen by the report of the Secretary of the Junior Branch, is full of hope and promise. The returns for this first year from the Mite Chests for the United Offering for 1898, have been small, and the holders of the Chests are reminded of their duty, and begged to practice

faithfully systematic giving. The power of the "Mighty Cent" cannot be estimated, if it is truly consecrated to God.

The detailed report of donations from parish branches, shows that in spite of political excitement, depression of business and financial stringency almost unparalleled, many faithful hearts have remembered their duty toward Christ's little ones, and the joy of giving has not been done away with, but kept steadfastly before us.

In conclusion, dear friends, let us take heart of grace, even from the feebleness of past efforts, since they have been richly blessed by the happiness they have brought us, and redouble them for the next ten years.

Some very true and noble workers have been added to us lately, and our hands have been strengthened, and our hearts comforted by their cordial co-operation and zeal.

To all my fellow officers, and our dear President, I extend my hearty thanks for the aid given me in my own duties, and for the pleasure we have found in working together in the first decade of our history.

May our Blessed Lord accept our labors, and strengthen, invigorate and multiply the Springfield Branch in its earnest service for our Dear Mother Church, her devoted, faithful Missionaries, and the glory of God.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY,
DECEMBER 8, 1896.

	MONEY.	BOXES.
ALTON— <i>St. Paul's Branch.</i>		
Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary.		
Membership Dues.....	\$6 00	
United Offering of 1898.....	11 40	
Orphanage of the Holy Child.....		\$17 00
	17 40	17 00
BLOOMINGTON— <i>St. Matthew's Branch:</i>		
Mrs. J. P. Walker, Secretary.		
CAIRO— <i>Church of the Redeemer, The Bishop's Church:</i>		
For Mission in South Florida, Mrs. Anna Safford	\$25. 00	
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Safford	5 00	
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. H. H. Candee.....	5 00	
United Offering of 1898.....	9 96	
	44 96	
CARLYLE— <i>Christ Church Branch:</i>		
Mrs. Ellen O. Maddux, Secretary.		
For Membership Dues.....	\$1 00	
Bishop Seymour Scholarship at St. Agatha's.....	12 00	

	MONEY.	BOXES
Mission at El Paso, Illinois.....	\$4 35	
Same, from Christ Church Sunday School.....	2 00	
To Theological Student, from Mrs. Bacon.....	5 00	
For Orphanage, from Mrs. Van Hoerbeke & Mrs. Junkin,	<hr/>	\$4 00
	\$24 35	<hr/>
CARROLLTON—Trinity Branch:		\$4 00
Mrs. Emily Doolittle, Secretary.		
CHAMPAIGN—Emmanuel Branch:		
Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary.		
For Membership Dues	\$2 00	
To Theological Student.....	5 00	
Prayer Book and Hymnal to colored man	<hr/>	\$2 50
	\$7 00	<hr/>
DECATUR—St. John's Branch:		\$2 50
Mrs. E. P. Bishop, Secretary.		
For All Souls' Mission	\$61 36	
To Orphanage of the Holy Child.....	<hr/>	5 00
	\$66 36	
ELKHART—St. John Baptist Branch, Organized October 13, 1896:		
Mrs. H. W. Cunningham, President.		
Miss Minnie Gard, Secretary.		
JACKSONVILLE—Trinity Branch:		
Mrs. Henry Stryker, Secretary.		
Membership Dues.....	\$6 25	
For Diocesan Missions.....	5 00	
To Missionary in Louisiana.....	<hr/>	5 00
	\$16 25	
MOUND CITY—St. Peter's Branch:		
Mrs. J. F. Hegan, Secretary.		
Membership Dues.....	\$2 50	
Orphanage of the Holy Child.....	<hr/>	\$5 50
Same, from St. Peter's Sunday School.....	<hr/>	3 00
	\$2 50	<hr/>
	\$8 50	
SPRINGFIELD—Christ Church Branch:		
Mrs. Alexander Allen, President.		
Membership Dues.....	\$15 00	
Diocesan Mission.....	25 00	
For United Offering of 1896	<hr/>	9 76
Missionary in Iowa.....	<hr/>	\$63 00
	\$49 76	<hr/>
	\$63 00	

MONEY. BOXES.

SPRINGFIELD—*St. Paul's Branch:*

Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary.	
Membership Dues.....	\$10 00
Diocesan Missions, Annual Pledge.....	25 00
Diocesan Missionary.....	15 00
Missionary in Colorado.....	5 00
Divinity Student in Chicago.....	10 00
United Offering of 1898, Mrs. W. P. Thayer.....	3 00
Miss Virginia Dresser.....	2 00
Missionary in Colorado.....	\$40 00
Missionary in Iowa.....	87 00
	\$70 00
	\$127 00

DIOCESAN BRANCH :

To Mrs. Brierly Memorial School, Cape Palmas, Africa.....	\$25 00
To Auxiliary Thank Offering, Missionary Council, from Mrs. G. F. Seymour.....	5 00
	\$30 00

PERSONAL PLEDGES NOT CREDITED ELSEWHERE :

For Diocesan Missions—

Mrs. C. E. Hay.....	\$5 00
Mrs. E. Hayer	5 00
Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin.....	11 00
Mrs. W. R. Beall.....	1 00
Mrs. G. F. Seymour.....	5 00
Mrs. J. C. White.....	3 00
Mrs. H. D. Moss.....	5 00
Miss Hurst.....	3 00
Miss Dresser.....	1 00
	\$39 00

Total Receipts in Money.....	\$357 58
Total Receipts in Boxes.....	\$222 00

Grand Total	\$579 58
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MRS. H. H. CANDEE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, DECEMBER 8, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit, per report of December 3, 1895	\$19 35
Membership Dues, for 1895-1896	43 25
From Mite Chests, for United Offering of 1898	36 12
Special for Missions in South Florida.....	25 00
Interest accrued.....	32
Total.....	\$124 04

EXPENDITURES.

Special for Mission in South Florida	\$25 00
Special for Mission in Cape Palmas, Africa	25 00
For twenty copies Auxiliary Year Book	5 00
Postage refunded to General Office	2 18
Postage, express charges, printing, etc.	6 34
For United Offering of 1898, drawing interest	36 12
Balance on hand, December 8, 1896	\$99 64
	\$24 40

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

A letter from the above, asking for relief from her burden of the double office, was read by the Acting Secretary. The letter also suggested a revision of the Constitution, in order that there may be the two distinct offices of a Secretary and a Treasurer.

At this point Mrs. Alexander Allen submitted the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has received with sorrow Mrs. Candee's resignation of the posts of Secretary and Treasurer, which she has so long held with credit to herself and signal advantage to the Association.

Resolved, That we accept her resignation with sincere regret, and desire to place on record our high appreciation of the value of her services and our gratitude to her for the same, and her courtesy and kindness in the discharge of her many and laborious duties.

Resolved, That we rejoice that Mrs. Candee still retains the office to which the Bishop called her fourteen years ago, prior to our organization as a Diocesan Branch, namely, that of Honorary Diocesan Secretary, and we indulge the hope that this tie of connection will still hold her in close communion with us, and that in the future she may be able to be with us in person at our meetings, since her presence is sure to prove a great addition to the interest and value of our deliberations.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be spread in full upon our Minutes, and that a copy be transmitted to Mrs. Candee, and to the Bishop, to be added to our late Secretary's Report for the current year, and published in the Proceedings of the Synod in our Diocesan Journal.

The same were heartily endorsed by all, and adopted.

A committee was appointed to take charge of the revision of the Constitution, and to report the next day.

After a song by Mr. Walter Dale, the President called upon Mrs. Starbuck to tell of the work done by the "Church Periodical Club." She spoke earnestly of the comfort brought by the work of this Society to the families of missionaries, cut off from all opportunities of culture and social recreation, and suggested that some one be appointed in each town as a medium of communication, and that all would consider the possibility of sending each month some magazine, which they have read, to an address procured from the agent or librarian in their city.

After the payment of annual dues, the meeting was adjourned till the following afternoon, December 9, at the same time and place.

SECOND DAY—DECEMBER 9.

The meeting was called to order at three o'clock P.M., December 9, by the First Vice President, Mrs. D. W. Dresser of Champaign, the President being unable to attend.

There was a large attendance. After the singing of a hymn and the opening collects, by the Rev. J. C. White, the Report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution was called for. The articles as revised were read and adopted one by one; also the Constitution as a whole.

It was now necessary to elect a Treasurer and a Secretary, and the number of Vice Presidents could be increased.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. Seymour, President; Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Champaign, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Tomlin, Jacksonville, Mrs. Chittenden, Alton, Mrs. Junkens, Carlyle, and Mrs. Hay, Springfield, Vice Presidents; Mrs. Alexander Allen, Secretary; and Mrs. Haynor, Alton, Treasurer.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Tuttle for her kind assistance in revising the old Constitution.

The Report of the Junior Auxiliary was read by the Secretary as follows:

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY OF THE JUNIOR
BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, 1896.

Perhaps the dreadfully discouraged feeling, which comes over me when I think of trying to report from the Junior Auxiliaries of this Diocese, is wrong. But I am discouraged and disappointed—yet not altogether hopeless.

Perhaps we would better consider the disappointments first, that we may have the hopeful part last, to encourage us for the future. In the first place then, Springfield—the See City—with its two beautiful Churches and capable parishes, has held out the most elusive hopes. “I think we can,” or “I think we will,” or “I am sure we could, I am so much interested,” have been the replies (when any replies have come), regarding the Junior Work. There *ought* to be a Junior Branch, and there *could* be one in each of these parishes, but so far as I can learn, the children are looking forward to Christmas entirely on their own accounts. Now, this is not the children’s fault, though their characters will suffer through the neglect of those who should teach them to do for others.

Then Bloomington and Lincoln have no Junior Branches. But both these parishes have been long without Rectors. They are now in good hands, and promise in the near future to take up Junior Work.

The two Branches in Cairo, one under Miss Vincent, and a later one under Miss Jennelle, took up, after Christmas, work for their own parish. All the children of the parish were working for a Sunday School room when I last heard from them.

In Champaign, the Juniors are working to put a furnace in the Rectory. These two objects are excellent, but they are not Auxiliary work in the least. Auxiliaries are *helps*, whether in armies, verbs or missions. “Auxiliary to the Board of Missions” means “HELPS” to the Board of Missions, “Junior Branches of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Board of Missions,” means younger Branches of the Woman’s helps to the Board of Missions. Would it not be well to do a little for others, besides these parish works? They are all for self and not Missionary in spirit.

Jacksonville Branch has about twenty-five members. After last Christmas, they made aprons for the Orphanage, and also sent the children Easter Eggs. They have not been meeting regularly lately, but they promise Lenten work. I do not wish to be personal, but right here in this Branch is one of the disadvantages under which the Juniors work. The same good, earnest woman, who has charge of the Juniors, is President of the Woman’s Branch. It is too much to expect of any one woman, no matter

how willing and self-sacrificing she may be. It is the same old story of most parishes: a few trying to do the work of many. I appeal to each of you, dear friends, to do your share of work in The Lord's Vineyard. Do not allow yourself to be one of the Idlers.

Decatur now has a Branch of about thirty members, fully organized, and equipped with Mite-Boxes and Prayer-Cards. They are working for a Christmas box. They meet twice a month, once on Sunday and once to sew.

Waverly's Branch is still enthusiastic. They are now studying under their Rector's guidance, at their Sunday meetings, The Domestic Mission Field. They are working for a Christmas box to be sent to the Oneida Indians in Wisconsin.

The brightest spot in this year's work has been the formation of a Branch in Chesterfield, of thirteen members, last February. They now number eighteen. They have earned the money for their share of the pledge for the Bishop Hare Scholarship. They held a Children's Fair, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Orphanage.

Their summer sales netted.....	\$4 00
Bishop Hare Scholarship.....	1 00
Children's Fair.....	8 00
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Total	\$13 00

Received for Bishop Hare's Scholarship :

From Champaign Juniors.....	\$1 00
From Waverly Juniors.....	1 00
From Decatur Juniors	1 00
From Jacksonville Juniors.....	1 00
From Chesterfield Juniors.....	1 00
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Total.....	\$5 00

This, with the \$12 00 for the Orphanage from Chesterfield, makes a total of \$17.00 in money, raised by the Juniors of this Diocese during the past year.

KATHERINE D. WHITE.

After an inspiring vocal selection from Springfield's great singer, Mrs. Henkle, Rev. W. J. W. Bedford-Jones made a touching address in the interest of the Baby Auxiliary; also, an appeal for the support of the Diocesan paper.

Rev. J. C. White was sent by the Synod to secure the pledges for Diocesan Missions, and returned with a pledge of \$106, and a