

REPORT OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, DECEMBER 8, 1897.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held at St. Agatha's School, December the 8th, A. D. 1897, at three o'clock, the President, Mrs. George Franklin Seymour, in the chair. After opening with the Creed, "Our Father," and the Collects, the Roll was called, showing that delegates were present from Alton, Jacksonville, Lincoln, Bunker Hill, Elkhart, the two Springfield Branches, and Waverly. Mrs. Wright, from Greenville, Mrs. Antrim, from Rantoul, and Mrs. Probst, from Chesterfield, were also in attendance.

The President waived the privilege of an opening address, and called for the Report of the Diocesan Secretary, which was as follows:

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Again the call of the Church, throughout all the world, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him," echoes in our souls, and we women of the Auxiliary are gathered from different Parochial Branches, in this, our Annual Diocesan Meeting. We have come to review our year of service and, Deo Volente, to equip ourselves "to fight the good fight of faith" more valiantly in the future.

This is not the record of an ideal year, such as we may dream about in ecstasy, when we realize the blessedness of being children of the American Branch of the Church Catholic, placed in this new part of the world, with every opportunity

offered us to further the Kingdom; but the year 1897, marked by listlessness indifference, failures, yet marked by sufficient success to move us to thank God and take courage in this our "day of small things."

In the following reports, the details of work will be shown. Where in some places the Auxiliary seemed to languish, it has become comparatively strong. Our report today shows St. Paul's Branch, Alton, leading the list; Trinity, Jacksonville, close behind it; and Champaign presenting an improved report. In Bunker Hill a new Branch has been started, with a weekly meeting to read, sew and pray, and a Christmas box sent to some of the Red children of the West. May the work so well begun bring forth fruit with patience.

The Parishes of our See City, St. John's, Decatur, and the Redeemer, Cairo, have gone backward. From two or three distant branches are no reports, while a few more have done well, and others interested promise future work.

A "Quiet Day," conducted by the Very Rev. Carroll M. Davis, ~~has~~ been held for the Diocesan Auxiliaries.

One faithful member* has entered into her eternal rest. "May light perpetual shine upon her."

This, in brief, seems to be our record. Much to encourage us—yet much to fill us with regret for that which has been left undone.

Now,

"The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's,
Is—not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be, but, finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to our means. A very different thing."

But this problem has been solved in our neighboring Diocese of Missouri. There "The Woman's Auxiliary" exists in every Parish and Mission, however weak or struggling, and every Parish and Mission is richer and stronger for its presence.

Miss Emery from the Missionary Council, in Milwaukee, where some of us spent four days in an atmosphere of inspiration, has sent to all her co-workers this message:

"Know, and you will feel;
Know, and you will work;
Know, and you will pray."

* Mrs. Louis Morgan "fell on sleep" in Alton, April, 1897.

Sympathy, love and service—a trinity only to be obtained from increasing knowledge, by reading regularly “The Spirit of Missions,” other lesser sources of Missionary information, and when possible, learning from the living voice of the Missionary.

We cannot too highly esteem the importance of definite and intelligent ideas of what it is we are ~~asking~~ for, and at the beginning of this new year, let us remember our oneness in this Missionary work that before being members of any Parish or Diocese, we are members of the Catholic Church, and that her “good estate” should be foremost in our hearts. Only thus can we sympathetically work together, though widely scattered—work by daily prayer, work by daily effort—for that for which the Woman’s Auxiliary was formed, namely, to win an ever increasing number to help our General Board of Missions to rise to the measure of the Church’s opportunity.

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The “United Offering” (and this calls up those little oblong blue boxes, that should be opened every September and the contents sent to our Diocesan Treasurer who places them at interest) will be made at the time of the General Convention in Washington, next year. Its object is the training and support of women Missionaries. We may not be able to give ourselves, but we can surely help by our gifts those who, as our substitutes, consecrate their lives to service in the Mission field, and as the noontide bell daily falls upon our ear, may we not lift up our hearts in prayer for them, among all other laborers in God’s harvest?

No organization can progress without an ideal towards which it moves, and a society which exists for a practical purpose must have a theory from which it proceeds. What, then, is the Woman’s Auxiliary, and what motive lies back of this eminently practical organization? One word embraces the goal as well as the principle—Love.

“It is not the deed we do
 Though the deed be never so fair;
 But the love that the dear Lord looketh for
 Hidden with lowly care
 In the heart of the deed so fair.

“The love is the priceless thing
 The treasure our treasures must hold;
 Or ever the Lord will take the gift

Or tell the worth of the gold,
By the love that cannot be told.

"Behold us, the rich and the poor,
Dear Lord, in Thy service draw near;
One consecrateth a precious coin,
One dropt only a tear.
Look, Master, the love is here."

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

	Money.	Boxes.
Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary.		
Dues	\$ 3.25	
Orphanage of the Holy Child (2)		\$13.00
Hospital, North Carolina	2.00	
Bishop Hare		68.00
Special object	4.00	
Special pledge	4.50	
United offering	14.44	
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Total.....	\$108.19	\$27.19 \$81.00

BLOOMINGTON—St. Matthew's Branch.

Mrs. J. P. Walker, Secretary

FUNKER HILL—Christ Church Branch.

Mrs. Frank D. Miller, Secretary.

Dues	\$3.00	\$7.40
Pine Ridge Agency		29.60
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Total.....	\$40.00	\$3 00 \$37 00

CAIRO—Church of the Redeemer Branch.

Dues for Auxiliary	\$ 2.00
United offering	11.72
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Total.....	\$13.72

CARLYLE—Christ Church Branch.

United offering	\$3.65
Orphanage of the Holy Child	3.50
Building Fund	1.00
Pledge, Diocesan Missions	5.00
Dues	1.00
Pine Ridge Agency	2.00
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Total	\$16.15

CARROLLTON—Trinity Church Branch.

Mrs. Emily Doolittle, Secretary.

CHAMPAIGN—Emmanuel Church Branch.

Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary.

Dues	\$2.00
For a Priest's use	10.00
For a Deacon's use	5.00
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Total	\$17.00

DECATUR—St. John's Branch.

Mrs. E. P. Bishop, Secretary.

Diocesan Missions	\$31.51
Orphanage of the Holy Child	\$1.75
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Total	\$33.26
	\$31.51
	\$1.75

ELKHART—St. John's Branch.

Miss Minnie Gard, Secretary.

Tampa, Florida	\$4.00
Bishop Rowe, Alaska	\$10.00
Membership Dues	3.30
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Total	\$17.30
	\$13.30
	\$4.00

JACKSONVILLE—Trinity Branch.

Mrs. F. J. Harlen, Secretary.

Dues and Missionary Pledge	\$6.25
Bishop Talbot	\$92.25
Dr. Langford's Memorial	5.00
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Total	\$103.50
	\$11.25
	\$92.25

LINCOLN—Trinity Branch.

Miss Clara Talbott Maltby, Secretary.

Membership Dues	\$6.00
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Total	\$6.00

MOUND CITY—St. Peter's Branch.

Mrs. J. F. Hegan, Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD—St. Paul's Branch.

Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary.

Dakota	\$30.00
Diocesan Missions	\$25.00
Mission Church, Kansas	10.00

United offering	4.37
Membership Dues	5.50
Total.....	\$74.87 \$44.87 \$30.00

SPRINGFIELD—Christ Church Branch.

Mrs. Alexander Allen, Secretary.

Dues	\$15.00
St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia.....	\$12.00
Bishop Hare	16.00
To a Priest	2.00
Diocesan Missions	25.00
Foreign Missions	3.00
United offering	1.65
Total.....	\$74.65 \$44.65 \$30.00

WAVERLY—Christ Church.

Mrs. M. C. Brown	\$0.50
Mrs. Addie Watson50
Total	\$1.00

PERSONAL PLEDGES—Not credited elsewhere.

For Diocesan Missions.

Mrs. Holcomb	\$5.00
Mrs. Tomlins	6.00
Mrs. Cunningham	3.00
Mrs. Hay	5.00
Mrs. Thayer	5.00
Mrs. C. D. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. Dresser	3.00
Mrs. Beall	2.00
Mrs. J. C. White	3.00
Miss Hurst	3.00
Miss Dresser	3.00
Total	\$43.00
Total receipts in money.....	\$272.64
Total receipts in boxes	276.00
Grand Total	\$548.64

EXPENDITURES.

Reprinting constitution, postage, express charges, etc.....	\$8.75
Received from Diocesan Treasurer	10.00
Balance on hand	1.25

CAROLINE GORDON ALLEN,

Diocesan Secretary.

The Report of the Secretary of the Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was next read by Mrs. J. C. White, who has since removed to another Diocese, much to the deep regret of those she has served so faithfully in the past few years.

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

It is with mingled feelings that I begin to prepare this report.

I am truly sorry that the relationships which I have enjoyed are to be severed. At the same time, almost a sigh of relief escapes me that the responsibility is to be transferred to others, I hope to broader shoulders.

Many of my correspondents have become warm friends, and I am sorry that we will not take sweet counsel together in the future. To all who have been so kind during these past four years, I wish to express my sincere thanks and best wishes for their future, both personal and in the Auxiliary. One of the pleasures of the last year has been to visits, one to the Woman's Auxiliary, early in January, in Elkhart, and one to the Juniors in Chesterfield, after the warm weather had come. In each case the meeting was a happy one, and in Elkhart, at least, seemed to be followed by good results. At all events, it is worth trying. Where it is possible for Junior Branches to do so, I would urge that they invite their Diocesan Secretary to visit them. She can talk to them about our Missions, and perhaps imbue them with a little new life, and certainly she will better understand their needs and opportunities when she has been among them. Since my visit to Chesterfield I am more pleased than ever with the success of the Juniors there. Now I understand how hampered they are by country roads. They are certainly to be commended for their faithfulness and courage. Although Alton does not report an organized Junior Auxiliary, the Sunday School class of Mrs. C. S. Sparks have been faithful Missionaries during the whole of the past year. They have sent each week a packet of their last week's Sunday School papers to St. Luke's Mission, Springfield. You would not imagine, unless you had been there, as I have, how disappointed some of the children are if they do not receive their papers. During an illness of her mother, Mrs. Sparks' little daughter, Mary, collected the

papers. But one Sunday has been missed during the whole year, and that was unavoidable. Such faithfulness on the part of children is, to my mind, remarkable. What may we not expect of them in the future?

In Jacksonville, the Sunday School send their papers to Marble, Colorado. They have a talk once a month from their Rector about Missions. During the past year they have sent some aprons and handkerchiefs to the Orphanage. At present they are not having regular Auxiliary meetings. But when the right person offers herself to take charge, they will again be capable of great things.

Emmanuel Branch, Champaign, has relinquished the name of "Auxiliary," for the members are still raising money for a furnace at the Rectory. They sent some napkins to the Orphanage.

The Juniors in Chesterfield have prepared a Christmas box for the Indians under Archdeacon Gilfillan, of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Duluth. The box is estimated to be worth \$9. They have made and sold articles amounting to \$2.75, but I suppose that was used for articles for their box and for express charges.

The Decatur Juniors disbanded in the summer, and have not resumed their meetings.

The See City has at last redeemed herself. St. Paul's Church has a Junior Branch, recently started by Mrs. John Howe Brown. The little girls are very enthusiastic, and much interested in the Indians, to whom they hope to send a Christmas box. Christ Church has a Junior Branch, under Miss Maud Whitley, whose members meet once a week to read Missionary leaflets and tales and prepare Christmas gifts for a Pine Ridge Agency Christmas tree. The offerings once a month of the Sunday School are set aside for Missions. This year \$21 has been given to Diocesan Missions by the Sunday School as a Junior Auxiliary.

Of the new Junior Auxiliary Branch of Christ Church, Bunker Hill, under the efficient care of Mrs. Frank De Frees Miller, I hardly know what to tell. There is so much that is interesting. On the reorganization of the Sunday School under the new Rector, Rev. Frank De Frees Miller, February 21, 1897, steps were taken to organize the same into a Junior Branch. On the visitation of Bishop Seymour, April 22, the Juniors, numbering thirty-one marched into the Church, carrying the Processional Cross and singing "Onward Chris-

tian Soldiers." At the close of the sermon the Bishop addressed them and their officers. During Lent, the Juniors prepared an Easter box to send to the Orphanage valued at \$5. They also sent an Easter offering of \$4 to the Board of Missions. Their Christmas box for Indians is valued at \$7. Total \$16. Besides this real Auxiliary work, they have furnished Hymnals for the Church Choir, \$7; papers to the Sunday School \$13; bought materials for Woman's Branch, \$1.35. (Generally the Woman's Branch helps the Juniors). Paid freight on Woman's box, \$2.50; paid freight on Junior box, \$1; making a total of \$40.85 raised by this Missionary Sunday School. They have made their money in various ways, a dinner and sale, serving refreshments at an open air concert, and by monthly kettle drums, or children's Missionary socials. At these latter, the children entertain their friends in various ways. But the idea of Missions is constantly kept in their minds.

The Waverly Juniors are holding regular meetings, but have sent no report.

In closing this, my last report as Diocesan Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, my heart echoes the Christmas greeting of "Tiny Tim," "God bless us every one."

Mrs. Chittenden, in the absence of the most efficient Diocesan Treasurer, Mrs. John E. Hayner, of Alton, read the following report:

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, DECEMBER 5, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit, per report of December, 1896.....	\$29.40
Amount received for Membership Dues	41.55
Special Pledges	28.50
United Offerings	18.09
Orphanage Holy Child	6.50

Total	124.04

EXPENDITURES.

Gift to Orphanage Holy Child	\$6.50
Special Pledge	25.00
Reports, Postage, etc.	13.00

Total	\$44.50
Balance on hand December 6, 1897.....	\$79.54

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	Money.	Boxes.
Alton, value unknown.		
Bunker Hill	\$4.00	\$12.00
Champaign, value unknown.		
Chesterfield		9.00
Jacksonville, value unknown.		
Springfield—St. Paul's	24.17	
Springfield—Christ Church	21.00	
Totals	\$49.17	\$21.00

After the adoption of these reports, the President requested that the whole Auxiliary should vote upon the disposition of the balance of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer. A lively discussion ensued, until the motion of Mrs. John S. Lord, "That one-tenth of the balance should be given to General (Foreign and Domestic) Missions, and the rest devoted to the work in the Diocese," which was carried.

The payment of dues was next in order, and the receipts handed to the Treasurer pro tem.

The following resolution was presented by Miss Lawrence, and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary send to their beloved Honorary Diocesan Secretary loving prayerful sympathy in her great sorrow, which keeps her bright inspiring presence from being among them in this, their annual meeting.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and that a copy be transmitted to Mrs. Candee.

The election of officers followed, resulting in the re-election of the old officers, with the exception of Mrs. White. Mrs. Miller of Bunker Hill, assisted by Miss Taylor, of Springfield, being put in her place as Diocesan Secretary of the Junior Branch.

Special pledges for Diocesan Missions were made, as follows:

Mrs. C. D. Roberts	\$5.00
Mrs. James T. Jones	5.00
Mrs. Antrim	5.00
Mrs. Miller	5.00
Mrs. Charles Ridgley	5.00
Mrs. Seymour	5.00

Mrs. Hay	5.00
Mrs. Tomlins	5.00
Mrs. Thayer	5.00
*Mrs. Candee	10.00
Mrs. Chittenden	5.00
Mrs. Reddick Ridgley	5.00
Mrs. Allen	5.00
Mrs. Cunningham	3.00
Miss Lawrence	3.00
Miss Dresser	3.00
Miss Wilson	3.00
Miss Bowen	1.00
Miss Pierson	1.00
St. Paul's Branch, Springfield	25.00
Christ Church Branch, Springfield	25.00
St. Paul's Branch, Alton	5.00
Trinity Branch, Jacksonville	5.00
Christ Church, Bunker Hill	5.00
 Total	 \$149.00

After the singing of the Doxology the meeting adjourned,
to meet Deo Volente at Cairo in Advent, 1898.

* Mrs. Candee's pledge is a perpetual one, made in memory of her husband, "Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end."

resolution from the Auxiliary, that each member would make a special effort to interest every communicant in the work of Diocesan Missions.

Mrs. Sparks, of Alton, asked for a small thank-offering from each lady present, to Mother Caroline, for her use in making the Orphanage more comfortable. The sum of \$6.25 was received and presented.

Mrs. Starbuck said a few parting words in regard to Church Periodical Club, and an interesting paper upon "Mission Work" was read by Miss Truesdail, of Carlyle. As night had come on, it was necessary to adjourn before a vote could be formulated, expressing the thankfulness felt by all to Mrs. Seabrook, for the use of her school-hall, and to the musicians who had contributed so greatly to the pleasure of all in attendance.

The next annual meeting will be held at the same place, December, 1897.

