



THE REPORT

OF

THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH

OF

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

A. D. 1898.

THE DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

President Mrs. George F. Seymour

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Secretary of the Junior Department	Mrs. Frank D. Miller

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, DECEMBER
6 AND 7, 1898.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions met at the house of Mrs. M. F. Gilbert in Cairo, on the afternoon of December the sixth and seventh, A. D. 1898. Delegates from parishes in Springfield, Cairo, Mount Carmel, Carlisle and Jacksonville were present; the President, Mrs. George F. Seymour, in the chair.

After devotional office the roll was called, followed by the President's address of welcome:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Ladies of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary:

As your Chief Executive, I welcome you to our annual meeting. This year, following the Synod, we assemble in the

city of Cairo, and the place associates itself with one, whom we have great cause to rejoice comes again into active co-operation with us, after being withdrawn for a season by poignant affliction, which culminated in the decease of her beloved husband, Mr. H. H. Candee.

The Woman's Auxiliary has become, by the blessing of God, a recognized power for good in the Church. It has passed from attempting small things, to the accomplishment of great things. It is to its credit that our organization does not cease to do the little things, supply the needs of missionaries and their families, while it achieves the great things, gathers and gives thousands of dollars to equip women for missionary work and to endow Episcopates.

In the ordering of Providence we are among the weakest, if not the smallest of the Diocesan Branches, but our consolation is, that our value in God's sight is not measured by the amount which we give, but by the proportion which we give and the spirit in which we give it. It was a poor woman, we are happy to remember, whom our Lord presents to the whole world as an example, which He emphatically commends as worthy of the imitation of all. May we also labor and give as to justify us in our consciences in feeling that we, as a Diocesan Branch, are following that good example.

These are eventful times, and all are busy, but perhaps not all who are busy are well employed. It is our privilege to know that in our work for the promotion of the welfare of God's kingdom, we are engaged in the Blessed Master's business and heeding His advice. Our beneficent Father has graciously put it in our power to do more than give a cup of cold water to the needy in the name of Jesus, and we are seeking to labor on this line of befriending the poor, helping the helpless and strengthening the weak.

I welcome you heartily to our annual gathering, and assure you that I esteem it a privilege and honor to be permitted

to preside over so many loyal Christian women, working lovingly in the Blessed Master's service, to prepare the way for His coming.

New duties are pressing upon us, because unexpectedly our field of missionary work has been greatly enlarged by the results of war. These duties have for their object the turning of evil into good, and crowning our nation's victories with the fruits of salvation, borne by our instrumentality to ignorant races from the Prince of Peace. New duties demand from us renewed energy, redoubled exertions, and greater earnestness of spirit and devotion of life.

Let us make this offering freely, gladly and willingly. Let us work heartily ourselves, and induce, as far as we can, others to work with us.

Can I conclude, under the circumstances which now surround us, more appropriately than by making our own the prayer with which we close the Christian year, and express as the deepest desire of our hearts that God would so stir up the wills of our Woman's Auxiliary in this Diocese, that we plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works in our day and generation, may by Him in the end be plenteously rewarded.

MRS. GEO. F. SEYMOUR,

President of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

After this, was read by Mrs. Isabella L. Candee:

"The Honorary Secretary of the Springfield Branch would respectfully state that the total amount of the united offering for this Branch reached the sum of \$3,000. The various contributions from the different parishes have been given in the report of the secretary and need not be repeated. There are several hundred blue boxes already out in the Diocese and it is

hoped many more may be distributed and carefully looked after. Our share of the united offering was placed upon the alms basin at the great Triennial Service held in Washington, by our President, Mrs. Seymour, who, with the First Vice President, Mrs Dresser, and myself, had the privilege of attending that glorious service and the different enthusiastic and inspiring meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary, as your officers and representatives. Mrs. Wright, of Greenville; Mrs. DeRosset, of Cairo, and Mrs. M. F. Gilbert, of Cairo; Miss Taylor, of Springfield, and other members were also in attendance. The magnificent results of the three years' work and offering you already know to have been about \$81,000. This sum will be spent for the training of women workers and teachers in the mission field, and a number have offered their services the past year. The next united offering will be devoted to the twenty-one Missionary Dioceses and the Commission for Colored Work, share and share alike. It is hoped that it will reach over \$100,000 or more. If we give our proportion, we must labor faithfully to increase the offering for 1898. When the various pledges were made by the different Dioceses for different objects, there were several that appealed most strongly to your own officers. One was the hospital for Navajo Indians, in Bishop Kendrick's jurisdiction of Arizona and New Mexico, at Fort Defiance, in charge of Miss Thachara. We pledged \$5 for Springfield and wanted to make it \$10. When Mr. Osuga, the interesting and gentle Japanese philanthropist, who has given his own private fortune and his life to the care of little Japanese orphans, appealed in touching terms for help to save his orphanage and free it from a pressing mortgage, we stretched out a hand to far Japan and the helpless children redeemed from heathenism to the Church, and pledged you for \$10. One of the most charming episodes of my trip was meeting and traveling for a few hours with Miss Ume Tsuda, of the Peeresses School in Tokyo; also with the principal, Madame Watauabe, who addressed

the Auxiliary at the mass meeting in Convention Hall, when four thousand women assembled in the largest general meeting. Miss Tsuda is a fine scholar and speaker, and filled with enthusiasm for her special work, the raising of funds to complete a scholarship for Japanese girls, at Bryn Maur, Philadelphia, so that Japanese women can be trained and taught in Christian truths by their own sex, which is imperatively necessary in Japan. I was so impressed by her faith and earnestness that I ventured to hope that the Springfield Branch would appropriate \$10 to help the Japanese scholarship. The heroic work of Miss Sybil Carter among our own Indian women of the Northwest, who are making delicate lace in rough snow covered huts, or weird shapen tents, to help on this holy cause of spreading the precious gospel of Christ also made my heart long for more money, more faith and more love, and I cannot but recommend another \$10 for them. It would seem that every three years, at least, we should go outside of our own Diocesan bounds and join in the blessedness of giving gladly that little we possess, knowing that we shall receive it back again a hundred fold in the happiness promised to those who love God and who have faithfully endeavor to serve Him by extending His blessed kingdom on earth while we watch for his coming. There are two other suggestions which came to us from the Triennial Meeting, which we should not ignore. One is the encouragement of the Junior Auxiliary Publishing Co., which has for so long been issuing missionary intelligence in printed form, and which now asks for the appointment of an officer and appropriations from Diocesan Branches, agreeing to return one-half of the amount in printed literature for distribution among the poorer parishes and missions. The other is the formation in every Diocese of an organized Altar Department, through which poor missions can be supplied with correct and suitable vestment, chancel furniture, fonts, embroideries, etc., either gratuitously or at a minimum of cost. And finally, I desire to call attention

to the Babies Branch, of 6,000 "Little Helpers," whose triennial offering amounted to \$7,000, and whose membership included those precious little ones who are the lambs of Christ's flock, who are being taught to give for His kingdom as soon as they are able to lisp a prayer and devote a penny to missions. I earnestly pray that our own Diocese will be enrolled very soon in this most beautiful and touching part of the work where "A little child shall lead them."

Then the report of the Diocesan Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In reviewing the work of the past year, reading the correspondence, and carefully arranging the statistical part of the report, we find much which tells of advancement, both temporal and spiritual. Our Auxiliaries seem to do their work more in the spirit of love; and the great fact which once accepted, becomes of such inestimable value, that "Knowledge is power" is at last being realized. It seems as if Miss Emery's message: "Know and you will feel; know and you will work; know and you will pray," has been brooded over by the Holy Spirit of God. "Afternoons for Missionary Study" are being formed in different parochial branches, all attending them testifying to their surprising interest, and showing eagerness, for the so lately ignored, news from the mission fields of the Church. But admirable as all this is, Miss Emery's older message, "Remember, dear women of the Auxiliary, our best work is done on our knees," makes us long that the time may soon come, when as corporate bodies, at stated times in the early morning, we will meet in our several Churches, and in the great Thanksgiving Service be "especially strengthened and refreshed" by that "Heavenly Food." Although our diocese is placed in one of the greatest and strongest states in the Union, yet perhaps nowhere is our Mother Church less wanted and more needed. We who believe that nothing could be better for our beloved country than that the

American Church go forward throughout all her wide borders, and everywhere gather the people into the family of God; and that no nation or any era ever presented an equal field for the spread of "The faith once for all delivered to the Saints," *know* that the victory is sure. Women must help win it. We of the Auxiliary, by our devotion to Her, help show that She is the Household of God, with doors wide open for the inflow of men and women and little children, in this great progressive American nation, to whom the Son has been given. It is our privilege to help those commissioned to hold up "The true Light, which lighteth every man who cometh into the world," in order that they may show the way into the Household, which is also the "Ark of God." Would God all might be gathered in! has ever been the cry of the faithful, but in the present, as in the past, let no definite expectation of results cloud our faith or clog our hopes. The Church has ever been the "Little Flock," even when those glorious cathedrals of the old world were built, by men who gave willingly of their best for the service of the Crucified One, and so "built for glory and for beauty." This is a great mystery. Even though we knew She is the flock of which Jesus is the Shepherd, it tries our faith, and we must wait, but O not in idleness—(for God knows and we don't, what his honour demandeth and what men's souls require)—but in the spirit of love, rising devoutly to God in both private and common prayer and praise, and going out through all that is human, with largest, sweetest, tenderest charity. Let us look not therefore for apparent success. Be not dismayed by apparent failure, but striving "to be faithful in that which is least," never think of the smallness, the poorness of the instrument, when it is the Master's hand that uses it. Don't be kept back by false humility—who so poor but what she has one or more barley loaves of daily life to offer to Him who gave all?—by thinking too much of the insignificance and worthlessness of the gift. Give your best; give your all. "Bring them hither to me saith the Lord." The United

Offering, which our beloved honorary secretary made for us at the great triennial service, was over fifty dollars larger than that offered three years ago; and for A. D. 1901, we have every reason to believe it will be a still worthier one. A week for prayer and self-denial was observed during Whitsuntide. On Maundy Thursday a "Quiet Day for Women" in St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral was conducted by the Bishop and the Feast of St. Matthias was observed as a day of special prayer for guidance and blessing upon the Auxiliary throughout the time of its Triennial. These as helps and inspirations, have made our year's work more fit to offer to "The Giver of all good things." "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thy Own have we given Thee."

THE SECRETARY'S STATISTICAL REPORT.

Alton—St. Paul's Branch—

Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary:

	Money.	Boxes.
Membership dues	\$ 4.00	
To Lower Brule Agency, S. D.		\$ 24.00
Diocesan Missions	6.00	
Diocesan Missions	5.00	
Bishop of Alaska	5.00	
United Offering	17.36	
	\$ 37.36	\$24.00
Total	\$61.36	

Bloomington—St. Matthews' Branch—

Mrs. Little, Secretary:

United Offering	\$ 6.45
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Bunker Hill—Christ Church Branch—

Mrs. Emil Baumann, Secretary:

To the Brierly Memorial	\$ 0.40
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Cairo—Church of the Redeemer—

Mrs. W. C. Turner, Secretary:

	Money.	Boxes.
St. Mary's School, Rose Bud Agency.....	\$ 30.00	
Brierly Memorial, South Africa.....	1.00	
Membership dues	4.00	
United Offering	26.39	

	\$31.39	\$30.00

Total \$61.39

Carlisle—Christ Church Branch—

Mrs. Ellen O. Maddux, Secretary:

Domestic Missions	\$ 5.00	
Domestic Missions (St. Thomas).....	2.00	
Annual dues	1.00	
United Offering	8.55	

Total \$16.55

Carrollton—Trinity Branch—

Mrs. Emily Duliute, Secretary:

Orphanage of Holy Child.....	\$ 15.00	
To Western Missionary	18.00	

Total \$33.00

Champaign—Emmanual Branch—

Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary:

Annual dues	\$ 3.00	
Cassock for Priest	2.50	
Orphanage at Cape Palmas	2.00	
Lecture on Indian Missions.....	3.00	
Theological Student	5.00	
Orphanage of the Holy Child	5.00	\$3.50
United Offerings	13.00	
Diocesan Missions		3.50

	\$33.50	\$3.50

Total \$37.50

Decatur—St. John's Branch—

Miss Mary Fuller Howes, Secretary:

	Money.	Boxes.
Annual dues	\$ 5.00	
Columbia, South Carolina		\$ 25.00
United Offering	5.50	

	\$10.50	\$25.00

Total \$35.50

Elkhart—St. John's Branch—

Miss Edith Hess, Secretary:

Annual dues	\$ 2.75
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Total \$2.75

Jacksonville—Trinity Branch—

Mrs. F. J. Harlow, Secretary:

South Dakota	\$ 80.00	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 5.00	
Membership dues	\$ 6.75	
United Offering	85.64	

	\$97.39	\$80.00

Total \$179.39

Lincoln—Trinity Branch—

Mrs. Clara Talbott Maltby, Secretary:

St. Mary's School, Rose Bud	\$ 6.87	
United Offering	\$ 8.50	
Membership dues	6.50	

	\$15.00	\$6.87

Total \$21.87

Mound City—St. Peter's Branch—

Mrs. J. F. Hargan, Secretary:

United Offering	\$ 4.00
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Total \$4.00

Springfield—St. Paul's Branch—
Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary:

	Money.	Boxes.
Annual dues	\$ 6.25	
United Offering	28.90	
Diocesan Missions	25.00	
Family of deceased clergyman	10.00	
Orphanage at Cape Palmas.....	1.25	
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	\$ 71.43	
Package to missionary.....		\$ 18.00
Rose Bud Agency	27.00	
Rose Bud Agency	27.00	
Money for Missionary	48.00	
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	\$120.00	

Total \$191.43

Springfield—Christ Church Branch—

Mrs. Alexander Allen, Secretary:

To Diocesan Missionary	\$ 71.00
To a Priest's wife	2.00
Diocesan Missions	\$ 25.00
Annual dues	10.00
United offering	15.32
Brierly Memorial25
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	\$50.57 73.00
Total \$123.57	

Personal pledges not credited elsewhere:—

Mrs. Seymour	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Tomlin	5.00
Mrs. Candee	10.00
Mrs. C. D. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. Charles Ridgely	5.00
Mrs Hay	5.00
Mrs. Thayer	5.00
Mrs. James L. James	5.00

	Money.
Mrs. Allen	5.00
Miss Lawrence	3.00
Miss Wilson	3.00
Miss Dresser	3.00
Miss Bowen	1.00
Miss Pierson	1.00
Mrs. Miller	5.00
Mrs. Seabrook	5.00
Mrs. Crittenden	5.00
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	\$76.00
Total receipts in money	361.36
Total receipts in individual pledges	76.00
Total receipts in boxes	395.37
Total amount of United Offering	<hr/> 300.00
Grand total	\$1,132.73
Expenditures for postage, express charges, etc.....	\$6.00
Received from Diocesan Treasurer.....	6.00

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLINE GORDON ALLEN.

These reports being approved, with one accord the women present rose to their feet, and sang in thanksgiving the Doxology to Him Who had enabled them to do better work, than ever before, during the year just past.

Pledges were made by parishes and individuals for missionary work for the coming year:

CAIRO—DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.....	\$ 5.00
Mrs. De Rosset	2.00
Mrs. Anna Safford.....	\$5.00
Mrs. Candee—In Memoriam—H. H. Candee	10.00
Mrs. Perce	2.00
Mrs. W. C. Turner.....	2.00
Mrs. M. F. Gilbert.....	1.00
St. Mary's Branch.....	5.00
Mrs. M. F. Gilbert, for Orphanage of H. C.....	\$ 2.00
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Total	\$34.00

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St. Paul's Springfield Diocesan Missions should read:

ST. PAUL'S SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Parish.....	\$25.00
Mrs. Hay—In Memoriam—“Mrs. Taylor”.....	5.00
Mrs. Seymour.....	5.00
Mrs. Seabrook—In Memoriam—“C. A. H.”.....	3.00
Mrs. Thayer	5.00
Miss Dresser.....	3.00
Original document located in The Archives of the Episcopal Church.	_____
Total	\$46.00

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CARLYLE—DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Parish	\$ 5.00
Mrs. M. A. Seymour	2.00
Total	\$ 7.00

CHAMPAIGN—DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Mrs. Dresser—In Memoriam—“Mother”	\$ 3.00
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JACKSONVILLE—DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Parish	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Tomlin	5.00
Total	\$10.00

ST. PAUL'S SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Mrs. Hay—In Memoriam—“Mrs. Taylor”	5.00
Taylor—In Memoriam—“Mrs. Taylor”	5.00
Mrs. Seymour	5.00
Mrs. Seabrook—In Memoriam—“C. A. H.”	3.00
Mrs. Thayer	5.00
Miss Dresser	3.00
Total	\$46.00

CHRIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD.

Parish—Foreign Missions	\$10.00
Mrs. Allen—In Memoriam—“E. C. and M.”—Foreign	2.50
Parish—Diocesan Missions	25.00
Mrs. Snively—Diocesan Missions	5.00
Mrs. Goltra—Diocesan Missions	5.00
Mrs. Lord—Diocesan Missions	1.00
Miss Lawrence—Diocesan Missions	3.00
Mrs. Allen—In Memoriam—“B. F.”—Diocesan Missions	5.00
Miss Dubois—Diocesan Missions	1.00
Miss Wilson—Diocesan Missions	1.00
Mrs. Allen—In Memoriam—“E. C. and M.”—Domestic Missions	2.50
Total	\$61.00

SPRINGFIELD—DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

St. John's	1.00
St. Luke's	1.00
Mrs. Miller	5.00
Total	\$ 7.00

GREENVILLE—DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Parish	\$ 5.00
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MATTOON—DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Mrs. McLean	\$ 2.00

Grand total of pledges \$180.00

It was unanimously resolved to notify the Treasurer to send immediately to Mrs. Candee the forty dollars necessary to redeem her pledges made at the Triennial. It was also unanimously resolved that from henceforth the Diocesan Auxiliary would make their corporate Communion at the Early Celebration on the second day of the synod.

The Auxiliary then adjourned until the following afternoon.

On the second day after the Collects, the report of the Diocesan Secretary of the Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary, was read. (See (2) of this Appendix.)

Miss Sue Bradford, of Springfield, was appointed "Directress of the Altar Department," a new branch organized in the Diocese.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the officers of the previous year.

Mrs. F. D. Miller presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our sincerest and warmest sympathy is hereby tendered to our Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. Caroline Gordon Allen, in this, her hour of sorrow, for the loss of her honored father, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, so recently entered into rest. May the good Father whom he served in labors so abundant, give

her strength and comfort through the communion of saints to bear a loss which will be felt, not by her alone, but by the whole church militant.

Greetings were sent to the Orphanage of the Holy Child and appreciative words were said of the work done by Mother Caroline and her associates. After this most happy session the Auxiliary adjourned to meet Deo Volente at the time of the Synod in Springfield, A. D. 1899.

CAROLINE GORDON ALLEN,
Diocesan Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE SPRINGFIELD
BRANCH, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS, DECEMBER,
1897-1898.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit per report Dec., 1897.....	\$ 62.95
Balance on deposit united offering Dec., 1897.	72.52
Interest accrued	1.08
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	\$136.95

MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Alton Branch	\$ 3.75
Donation Alton Branch	1.25
Carlyle Branch	1.00
Champaign Branch	3.00
Decatur Branch	5.00
Elkhart Branch	2.75
Jacksonville Branch	6.75
Lincoln Branch	6.50
St. Paul's, Springfield	4.25
Christ Church	10.00
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Total	\$ 44.25
Special pledge to the Rev. Johannes Rockstroh for Diocesan Missions, Alton Branch.	\$ 5.00
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	\$ 5.00

UNITED OFFERING, 1898.

Alton Branch	\$ 17.36
St. Paul's, Springfield.....	10.00
Dorothy Candee, Baby Br. Wo. Aux.....	1.24
Carlyle Branch	8.55
Lincoln Branch	8.50

	\$45.65

Receipts, total, carried over.....	_____
	\$231.45

EXPENDITURES, 1897-1898.

Dec. 14, to Rev. J. Rockstroh, Dis. Mis.....	\$ 56.81
Dec. 14, to Miss Julia Emery	6.14
Mrs. Alexander Allen, for express	6.00
The Rev. J. Rockstroh, from Alton Br. Sp. P.	5.00
To Mrs. Candee, United Offering with interest	119.25

Total	\$193.20

	\$ 38.25

Receipts: received from The Rev. J. Rockstroh
for special pledges, Diocesan Missions—

From Mrs. G. F. Seymour, personal.....	\$ 5.00
From Miss Lawrence	3.00
From Christ Church Branch, Springfield....	25.00
Sept. 6, from Christ Church Branch, Spring- field	3.00
From Springfield Br. Wo. Aux., for Brierly Memorial, Cape Palmas	5.00

Total in receipts	\$ 41.00

MRS. JOHN E. HAYNER,

November 19, 1898.

APPENDIX III.—(2).

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

To the President, Officers and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Springfield:

Another year has passed and Advent again calls us together to make note of what we have been permitted to accomplish as helpers in spreading the gospel of our dear Lord, and to take counsel together for the common cause.

As Diocesan Secretary of the Junior Branch of your body, I am here not alone to make record of the year's successes and failures, but to learn, from your larger experience, better methods of work and of study (for these two things ought to go hand in hand), other, and fresher, and more interesting ways of presenting the subject of Missions to our children of the Church. When we shall find the means of securing the attentive interest of our women and children in this work which fires our own hearts with enthusiasm, then shall follow the Christian zeal which can only find expression in a life of loving and devoted Missionary service.

I believe the key-note of success is now being struck in the formation of "Mission Study Classes" all over our country from Maine to California, and I here beg to urge what I have already suggested to your President and Secretary, viz.: That

we establish in our See City a *Diocesan Class* for the study of mission fields at home and abroad; their present conditions and needs, and the means being used to meet those needs.

While such a class would be open to all persons interested in the work of our various mission fields, its immediate advantages would, of necessity, be limited to parishes lying in, or near to Springfield. And yet from this Diocesan Class there would doubtless spring up, in time, local classes in all the parishes of the Diocese.

I can think of no more beautiful or fitting tribute than this to our beloved Bishop, who has devoted the best years of a vigorous manhood, and an almost matchless intellect, to missionary work in the up-building of Mother Church in this Diocese.

Dear women of the Auxiliary, here is surely the key-note to a grand and glorious triumph song. Might we not make these classes so interesting as studies in travel, geography, race characteristics, history and governmental conditions, that the cultured women of our Diocese and those, alike, who have missed opportunities in the line of study, could not afford to lose the benefits of their instruction? This has been a hope with me ever since I was confronted, on taking charge of the Junior work, with difficulties which I foresaw could only be surmounted by beginning at the foundation stones and working upwards. Will you not think over this suggestion, which I trust I have not been over-bold in bringing before you, and take some action, as a Diocesan body, before we adjourn, looking to the establishment, in every parish of our Diocese, of systematized schools of instruction in our Domestic and Foreign Missionary work, all working under and advised by a "See City Diocesan Class?"

As for progress in the Junior Auxiliary, during the past year, which can be put to the test of a written report, or tabulated in figures, there is not all that we could wish for, apparent; and yet the showing which appears further on indicates growing interest in nearly every old branch, and much enthusiasm in the new ones.

New branches have been formed as follows: At Gillespie, St. John's Church, Miss Etta Love, Directress; at Lincoln, Trinity Church, Miss Florence Foley, Directress, Miss Mary Blair, Secretary; at Cairo (reorganized), Church of the Redeemer, Miss June Jennelle, President, Miss Louise Lippitt, Secreeary; at Springfield, Christ Church, Miss Louise Lawrence, Directress; at St. Luke's Mission, Springfield, Mrs. Frank De Frees Miller, Directress; at St. John's Mission, Springfield, Mrs. Frank De Frees Miller, Directress. Of these six branches only four are what is termed "working branches," the latter two giving of their meagre substance to missionary work on the first Sunday of every month.

At the close of last year four organized working branches were reported by my predecessor, as follows: At Chesterfield, St. Peter's Church, under Miss Lydia Finch; at Springfield, Christ Church, under Miss Maud Whitley; at St. Paul's, Springfield, under Mrs. John Howe Browne; at Bunker Hill, Christ Church, under your present Diocesan Secretary.

As will be seen in the financial statement taken from the report of the Diocesan Treasurer the children of the Diocese have given to Diocesan Missions, either as Junior Auxiliary Branches or as Missionary Sunday Schools, the sum of \$162.39.

According to instructions, no account has been taken, in this report, of the Easter offering to the Board of Missions, made through the "Pyramids," as that is reported and accounted for otherwise. All other missionary money given by our children, whether through the Sunday School, on "Missionary Sunday," or as a Junior Auxiliary Branch, ought to be included in this report, but unfortunately, I have not been able to obtain full data in every case, and considered it advisable only to report, for unorganized branches, the amounts shown to their credit in the Diocesan Treasurer's report. That seemed to be fair to all and out of the line of unjust comparison.

NOTES ON THE VARIOUS BRANCHES.

Christ Church Branch at Bunker Hill has done good work in sending comforts to the Orphanage of the Holy Child and also scrap-books for the children. It has also given \$10 to Diocesan Missions, five as a Junior Branch and five as a Missionary Sunday School. Mrs. Hook is leading His little ones in the way they should go.

Alton—St. Paul's Church. The Girls' Guild have worked like Trojans, and successfully, in beautifying the Church, but we have missed their generous help in Missionary lines. They are about to take up, however, work for the "Play-room Fund" of the Orphanage of the Holy Child, and no doubt will make their power felt next year.

Chesterfield—St. Peter's Church. Under many discouragements Miss Finch writes, "We have never done so good work as during the present year." Her "Faithful Few" have excelled all other branches in the amount of work done in sending a box to a needy clergyman.

Champaign—Emmanuel Church. Dr. Dresser reports the Juniors as "dead," but I should call them very much alive, judging from the Missionary spirit shown in the generous offerings to every Missionary fund.

Decatur Juniors—Disbanded last year and have not yet reorganized.

Jacksonville—Trinity Church. No organization, but generous offerings through Missionary Sunday School to Missionary funds. The Rector is training the children, personally, up to the Missionary spirit, and the work, on their part, must follow sooner or later. We will hope for a return to their former loving Missionary service when the time is ripe.

Springfield—Christ Church. Enough praise can hardly be given to Miss Maud Whitley and her faithful band of workers. To appreciate her manner of training the girls to orderly and quiet work, and business-like methods of conducting their so-

society, one must be present at a regular meeting and follow them through the routine of work and business. This branch has sent a box of clothing to one of our Church School children at the Rosebud Agency, South Dakota.

Springfield—Christ Church. Miss Louise Lawrence has directed the work of the children of her Sunday School during the past year. Like Miss Whitley, Miss Lawrence brings her children close to her in her own home and there trains them to work for and think of those who sit in the shadow of darkness.

Springfield—St. Paul's. The children of St. Paul's Sunday School consider themselves members of the Junior Auxiliary and are well trained in Missionary subjects, but have no working branches. As I look over old records I find two branches in existence in St. Paul's in 1892, and with regret note their disorganization.

Waverly Branch—Christ Church. Under Mrs. Probst, only the dear Lord knows the good work that is being done. They have just answered an emergency call for help, from the South, with \$5 and have \$5 worth of ready-made useful articles for sale.

Cairo—Church of the Redeemer. The re-organized Branch is under Miss Jennelle, with Mrs. Candee, our Honorary Secretary of the Woman's Diocesan Branch, at hand to assist and advise. The girls are now studying and preparing for intelligent work later on.

Lincoln—Trinity Church. When Miss Florence Foley, Miss Mary Blair and a few other young ladies lent themselves, with enthusiastic zeal, to the work of organizing a new Junior Branch, I felt that it would be a success, and it has been. A handsome box for the Rosebud Agency in Dakota and \$10 in money for Diocesan Missions is the result of much work and self-denial.

Gillespie—St. John's. The branch here has done some work, under many interruptions by sickness and death, and now have a quilt on hand which they hope to sell during the winter.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Contributed by Sunday Schools and Junior Auxiliary
Branches.

	Boxes.	To Diocesan Missions.
Alton, St. Paul's Church.....		\$ 10 00
Albion, St. John's Church.....		5 47
Bunker Hill, Christ Church.....	\$ 5 00	10 00
Chesterfield, St. Peter's	13 50	2 00
Cairo, St. Michael's		5 00
Church of the Redeemer		15 00
Champaign, Emmanuel		5 00
Decatur, St. John's.....		5 00
Elkhart, St. John Baptist.....		5 00
Gillespie, St. John's.....		
Havana, St. Barnabas', to Orphanage,\$2 01		
Jacksonville, Trinity		20 00
Lincoln, Trinity		10 00
Mattoon, Trinity		2 00
Petersburg, Trinity		2 32
Springfield, St. Paul's.....		40 00
Springfield, Christ Church		15 00
Springfield, Miss Whitley's Class	1 50	
Springfield Christ Church, Miss Law- rence's Class, value unknown		
Springfield, St. John's General	1 75	
Springfield, St. Luke's General	75	
Waverly Church, Special	5 00	
 Totals	 \$9 51	 \$20 00
		\$146 79

MRS. FRANK De FREES MILLER,
Diocesan Secretary.

Advent, 1898.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be "The Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be, by means of union and systematic effort to diffuse Missionary information, to increase Missionary activity among women of the Diocese, to unite previously existing Parochial Branches of the Auxiliary, and to encourage the formation of Societies where there are none.

ARTICLE III.

All Baptized women belonging to the Diocese, who desire be members of this Society, shall be so regarded upon the payment of twenty-five cents per annum.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

The President shall call meetings and preside over them.

ARTICLE VI.

The Vice-Presidents shall, in turn, preside over meetings in the absence of the President.

ARTICLE VII.

1. The duties of the Secretary shall be to give notice of meetings and keep a record of them; to conduct the correspondence with Parochial Secretaries, and with the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary; to keep a record of the "boxes" contributed by Parochial Branches or individual members of the Auxiliary; and to prepare an Annual Report for circulation in the Diocese.

2. The Treasurer, under direction of the President, shall receive and disburse all general funds sent for any branch of Missionary work, or for the expenses of the Society. She shall keep a record of these, and of funds received and disbursed by Parish Branches, accepting receipts therefor, from Parish Secretaries. She shall present a full report at the Annual Meeting, and shall furnish the same to the Secretary to be incorporated in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every Parish, with a Society or Societies working for Missions, shall be entitled to four delegates, who, with the General Officers, shall constitute the Executive Board. The first named of these four shall be the Corresponding Secretary for the Parish Branch.

ARTICLE IX.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Secretary, Junior Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer, together shall form a council for the purpose of devising means to interest the women of the Diocese not already interested, in the purposes of the Auxiliary, and (with the approval of the Clergyman in charge) to encourage the formation of Parochial Branches in Parishes where there are none.

ARTICLE X.

All the Societies desiring it, shall be considered Branches of the Auxiliary, and will send their reports of money collected and work done, to the Secretary. Delegates from all such societies will be expected at the general meeting of the Diocesan Branch.

ARTICLE XI.

There shall be one general meeting each year at the time and place of the meeting of the Synod of the Diocese, at which meeting the General Officers shall be elected.

ARTICLE XII.

Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of three of the Parochial Branches.

ARTICLE XIII.

This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

