



The Report
of
The Springfield Branch
of
The Women's Auxiliary

to the
Board of Missions,

A. D. 1899.

Report of Twelfth Annual Meeting

OF THE

Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary
to the Board of Missions, December
5 and 6. 1899.

Held in St. Agatha's Hall, Springfield, Ill.

Diocesan Officers.

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MRS. FRANK DEFREES MILLER, Elkhart.

Director of the Baby Branch:

MRS. M. F. GILBERT, Cairo.

President's Address of Welcome.

Dear Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Springfield: I welcome you to another annual meeting of our Association. **We** recall our last year's gathering, at Cairo, with pleasure, and hope that **our** present reunion will prove as agreeable and profitable.

Just now we have little time for words. Expansion is talked of on every hand, and expansion means for us more work. It is said we **cannot** do much. Well, we **cannot**. We have not the material to work with—we have no wealthy Parishes and no millionair laymen. But we can do **our** best, and, if all do as well, the aggregate work this year will equal in increased volume our enlargement by expansion.

I am told that we have larger demands at home in new Missions and more Missionaries. We certainly shall have much more to do for **ourselves** if the cry from the Philippines, Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, and Samoa is heeded.

I trust, judging from the past, we shall be able to advise wisely and **well** for the coming year's work, which will bring in gratifying results if we **are** permitted to meet again in 1900.

It is obvious that our branches can be increased in number. Every Parish and Mission should have a local Woman's Auxiliary, a Junior, and if possible, a Baby Branch. To secure this most desired end cannot **some** ladies, one or two, fix upon a point, or points, where there is no Auxiliary and plant one? It may require an effort, and, no doubt, it will, but success is worth a great many such efforts.

Cannot our present branches be made stronger and more efficient? Cannot they be warmed with more missionary zeal? Might it not be practicable for each member of our Association to make herself responsible for adding at least one member to the Auxiliary. Think what an ingathering there would be and what good results would follow.

Our time is limited and I shall offer no more suggestions. We must work diligently and systematically, putting aside self and thinking only of the cause we serve and of the best way for promoting the desirable results.

Again I bid you welcome to Springfield.

Report of the Honorary Secretary.

Standing upon the threshold of a new Church year, amid the serious and earnest thought that each returning season of Advent brings, and at the close of one of the most eventful periods of history for the world, and the Church which longs to possess the world for its Master, we pause for

a moment reverently to look both backward and forward. For almost thirty years the work of the Woman's Auxiliary has been spreading slowly, quietly, but steadily through the Church, growing from a tiny streamlet of benefaction and prayer, until it has become a mighty current of loving and fruitful helpfulness wherever this Church is planted and its ministering spirits follow.

When its annual reports come to us our hearts are filled with deep and profound thankfulness that so large a body of devoted Christian women are consecrated to God's service, and have been permitted to accomplish so much in aiding the spread of Christ's Kingdom on earth. And then we mourn, on the other hand, with sorrow and amazement, that all Church women are not enrolled in the glorious cause of helping on the redemption of mankind. But each year a gain is made and more strength is given. Loving and grateful thanks come to us for the Christmas gifts sent last year to Miss Carter's Indian women in Minnesota, the sick in the Navajo Hospital in Arizona, and the Japanese orphans, and Japanese student. The formation of a new Branch in Cairo, among the colored women of St. Michael's Church, known as St. Agnes' Branch, numbering sixteen women and girls, is a cause for rejoicing, and it has our warm interest and prayers for its success. Its earnestness and zeal should stimulate us all to better work.

The inspiration of the Missionary Council lifted us up to a high plane of enthusiasm and devotion and it seemed as if the Holy Angels must have rejoiced, to witness the great host of dear children with their waving banners and chanting alleluias, behind the processional crosses that lead a new crusade toward the Holy City. It is hard to turn from such inspiring scenes to face the stern realities of the struggle with the indifference and selfishness of many among whom we live. Our hearts yearn over those who dwell apart in another region of spiritual environment, and we long to show them the beauty and comfort of loving, humble and devoted service.

We cannot cease to pray that they may have a deeper interest in the things of the Spirit, and their eyes be opened to the needs of those who suffer and toil for Christ's sake. Such prayers will bring a blessing to our work, for God's goodness never fails, and He remembers those who truly serve Him. Every faithful prayer, every humble gift, if offered cheerfully and of our best, becomes a power in the enriching and consecrating of our lives and the consoling and helping of those whose needs are so much greater than our own.

The mystery of life has but one solution, the scars of sorrow but one healing grace, it is service, loving, devoted unselfish service and forgetfulness of self. Only when we minister to the pain and need of others can we forget our own, and rise to our best estate; can we touch the hem of His garment and be healed and become fellow workers with Him who has loved us and given Himself for us and for the whole world.

The Woman's Auxiliary has learned the lesson of the ages—it has learned to minister rather than to be ministered unto—it is sending aid, comfort and workers into every mission field. Are we doing our part in its noble work? It is a solemn question, for our time of service is short. The years are passing so rapidly and there is so much to be done. Never was the opportunity so great as now, never the doors so wide open into the dark regions of the earth for the entrance of the Everlasting Light. May we be working to aid in the glorious illumination and be workers together with God.

ISABELLA A. CANDEE.

Report of the Secretary.

In presenting this record of the work done by our branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, I do so with sadness and some fear. Only a year ago in Cairo we joyously sang the Doxology in thankfulness to Him who had enabled us to report the largest work ever done by our united Diocesan Auxiliary. Today, we report barely half the amount. Yet we seem to be working on lines most approved by consecrated experience. The aid we have given Diocesan Missions is greater. The classes for Missionary study are permanently established among us. A little help has been sent to Foreign and Domestic fields. A "Quiet Day for Women" was given by the Rev. Mr. Schultz in St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral; and a special Auxiliary service was held in Christ Church on the Feast of the Purification. We all have our collects for daily use; we all have the blue boxes in our homes for the United Offering; and when the noon-tide bells are ringing, we know Mother Church is calling to her children, to pray for Missions. By the clergy, and from the Church Missions House, we are constantly reminded of blessed opportunities for work.

"Freely as ye have received so give,
He bade Who has given us all."

Women of the Auxiliary, have we so done this past year? What have we received from Him? "His body broken and His Blood shed"—His Perfect Gifts; and then all His good gifts in our daily lives. These I know we all have had, but what have been our proportionate gifts in return? Among them this record of unsent Missionary boxes, that might have brightened homes, and comforted lives of the weary, in all but well doing? Why are we so carelessly preoccupied, so indifferent, so cold! Why are we so willing to be passed in the race? Among us, is there not one who will give herself to

"Heathendom, huge forlorn,
Godless, Christless, with soul unified?"

God grant to us during the coming year, the overshadowing Presence of the Holy Ghost; that kneeling at the feet of Him, who "hath the seven spirits of God" we may pray for the listening attitude, "Speak, Lord, for

Thy servant heareth;" for the surrender of our hearts to His action, "Behold the hand maid of the Lord, be it unto me according to Thy Word;" and for greater and more willing activity for Christ and His Church: "Lord what wilt Thou have me do?"

Knowing that He is the comforter, the Spirit of strength: whatever He tells us to do, He will give us courage and joy and strength to do it.

Affectionately yours, in His service,

CAROLINE GORDON ALLEN.

Advent 1889.

Statistical Report of the Treasurer and Secretary.

ALTON—St. Paul's Branch.

Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary.	Money.	Boxes.
Membership dues	\$3.25	
To Priest in Michigan		\$17.36
For Freedman work in South Carolina		18.50
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Diocesan Missions	5.30	\$35.86
Diocesan Missions—Special	5.00	
United offering	\$14.81	
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Total	\$28.36	\$64.22

BLOOMINGTON—St. Matthew's Branch.

Mrs. Little, Secretary: No report.

BUNKER HILL—Christ Church Branch.

Mrs. Emil Baumann, Secretary: No report.

CAIRO—Church of the Redeemer.

Mrs. W. C. Turner, Secretary.

For debt on Church in Mining Camp	\$10.00
Membership dues	4.00
United offering	6.36
Diocesan Missions	5.00
Diocesan Missions, (special pledges)	26.00
Orphanage of the Holy Child	2.00
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Total

\$53.36

CARLYLE—Christ Church Branch.

Miss Clara E. Truesdail, Secretary.

Annual dues

\$ 1.00

	Money.	Boxes.
Diocesan Missions	5.00	
Orphanage of the Holy Child	5.00	
United offering50	
 Total	\$11.50	

CARROLLTON—Trinity Branch.

Mrs. Emily Doolittle, Secretary.	
Orphanage of the Holy Child	\$10.00

CHAMPAIGN—Emmanuel Branch.

Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary.	
Special individual Diocesan Missions	\$ 3.00

DECATUR—St. John's Branch.

Mrs. E. P. Bishop, Secretary.	
To Sunday School in Logan, Utah	\$11.50
Columbia, South Carolina	17.25
To Christmas Tree, Logan, Utah	\$ 6.00
All Angels' Mission	12.59
House in Kankow	1.50
United offering	6.31
Membership dues	6.25
 Total	\$32.65
	\$28.75
	\$61.40

ELKHART—St. John's Branch.

Mrs. F. D. Miller, Secretary.	
Annual dues	\$ 2.00
Special-Diocesan Missions	5.00
 Total	\$ 7.00

GREENVILLE—Grace Church Branch.

Mrs. Nina Thaner, Secretary.	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 5.00

JACKSONVILLE—Trinity Branch.

Mrs. F. J. Harlow, Secretary.	
To Indian Catechist	\$60.00
The Hankow House	\$ 3.00
Membership dues	6.75
Diocesan Missions	5.00

	Money.	Boxes.
Diocesan Missions, (special pledge)	5.00	
	\$19.75	
Total		\$79.75
 LINCOLN—Trinity Branch.		
Miss Jennie M. Leeds, Secretary.		
Rose Bud Agency	\$ 4.55	
United offering	3.31	
Total		\$ 7.86
 MATTOON—Trinity Branch.		
Miss Mary L. Rice, Secretary.		
Annual dues	\$ 1.25	
United offering	2.70	
Total		\$ 3.95
 MOUNT CARMEL—St. John Baptist Church.		
Mrs. Colton and Mrs. Ramsey, members.		
Membership dues	\$ 1.00	
 MOUND CITY—St. Peter's Branch.		
Mrs. J. F. Hargan, Secretary.		
 SPRINGFIELD—St. Paul's Branch.		
Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary.		
Annual dues	\$ 2.25	
Orphanage Holy Child	\$ 4.50	
Easter sale in Alexander, Indiana	3.00	
House for women workers in Hankow, China.....	5.00	
Diocesan Missions	25.00	
Individual pledges Diocesan Missions	21.00	
	\$53.25	\$ 7.50
Total		\$60.75
 SPRINGFIELD—Christ Church Branch.		
Mrs. Alexander Allen, Secretary.		
To Priest, Oklahoma	\$68.00	
Membership dues	\$15.00	
Diocesan Missions	25.00	
Study class, Foreign Missions.....	10.00	
Special, Foreign Missions	2.50	
Special, Domestic Missions.....	2.50	

	Money.	Boxes.
Specials, Diocesan Missions	21.00	
United offering	15.65	
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Total	\$91.65	\$68.00
		\$159.65
Diocesan Officers Thanksgiving offering.....	\$ 7.00	
Diocesan Auxiliary for Diocesan Missions.....	23.00	
Mr. Osuga's Orphanage, Tokyo	10.00	
Miss Thackara's Hospital, Arizona	10.00	
Miss Sybil Carter's Indian Lace Work.....	10.00	
Miss Isuda's Bryn Maur Sch'p	10.00	
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Total	\$63.00	
Total receipts in money.....	\$358.63	
Total receipts in boxes.....	200.11	
Total amount of united offering.....	48.28	
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Grand total	\$607.02	
The year's expenses	\$7.00	

Respectfully submitted,

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER, Treasurer.
CAROLINE GORDON ALLEN, Secretary.

Lodges Made by Parishes and Individuals for
A. D. 1900.

Diocesan Missions.

Mrs Watson, Waverly	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Seymour	5.00
Mrs. Candee, in memorian H. H. C.....	10.00
Mrs. Hay	5.00
Mrs. Dresser	3.00
Mrs. Beall	1.00
Miss Pearson	1.00
Mrs. Snively	5.00
Miss Bowen	1.00
Miss Billington	1.00
Mrs. Wemyss Smith	2.00
Mrs. Miller	5.00
Mrs. Tomlin	5.00
Mrs. Goltra	5.00

Mrs. Seabrook, in memoriam C. A. H.....	5.00
Mrs. Allen, in memoriam E. M. C.....	5.00
Miss Philena Taylor	1.00
Mrs. M. F. Gilbert	5.00
St. Paul's Parish Branch	25.00
Christ Church Parish Branch	25.00
Elkhart Parish Branch	2.50
Cairo Parish Branch	5.00
Alton Parish Branch	5.00
Jacksonville Parish Branch	5.00
Christ Church Spr. Junior	2.00
Elkhart Junior	2.50
 Total	 \$138.00

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Seymour	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Candee, in memoriam H. H. C.	2.50
Mrs. Allen, in memoriam B. F.	2.50
 Total	 \$10.00

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Seymour	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Candee, in memoriam H. H. C.	2.50
Mrs. Allen, in memoriam B. F.	2.50
Mrs. Dresser	1.00
Christ Church Missionary Study Class.....	10.00
 Total	 \$21.00
Total Diocesan.....	\$138.00
Total Domestic	10.00
Total Foreign	21.00
 Grand Total	 \$169.00

NOTE: In order to do the Diocesan work more smoothly and accurately for you, the Secretary and Treasurer request that all reports from the different Parish Branches be completed and sent in each year to the Secretary by November the first. That all money *except* the contents of the blue boxes for the triennial united offering, be sent *direct* to the Treasurer. That the aforesaid contents of the blue boxes be collected and sent each year, by September 15th, to the custodian of them, Mrs. Candee, of Cairo, Illinois. As Miss Emery's general report is made out by her in October before the Missionary Council convenes, the Parish Branches

are also requested to send in September to the Diocesan Secretary, the complete report of work done, or money given, up to that date, including the amount of money found in the blue boxes, distributed among the women of the Auxiliary. The Secretary of the Junior Branch will also collect and send to the Secretary all her statistics of Junior work by September the first, so that, by Miss Emery's request, they may be incorporated with those of the Senior Branch. **BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT.**

Mrs. O. Van Schaack Ward, of Chicago, on the second day of the annual meeting, made a beautiful address to the Auxiliary, bringing vividly before them "Some Other Women," who, like herself, are devotedly working in foreign and domestic fields.

The Auxiliary adjourned *Deo Volente*, to meet a year hence.

Financial Report of the Junior Department.

Cairo—St. Faith's Branch, one barrel, value.....	\$15.00
Cairo, St. Faith's Branch, money.....	6.50
Elkhart—St. Mary's Branch, money.....	2.00
Springfield—St. John's Branch, money.....	1.00
Springfield—St. Luke's Branch, money.....	1.00
Springfield—Christ Church Branch, money.....	3.60
Springfield—Christ Church Branch, one box.....	10.15
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Total of money and boxes	\$39.25

NOTE: Other branches than those reported above (notably, Trinity Branch of Lincoln), have done good work, and given generously in money, but have not as yet made a formal report of the same.

MRS. FRANK DE FREES MILLER,
Diocesan Secretary of Junior Department.

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 to 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 Snyod 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.

