



THE REPORT

OF

THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH

OF

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS

A. D. 1900.

Report of Thirteenth Annual Meeting

OF THE

Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the
Board of Missions, December 4, 1900.

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

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MRS. FRANK DEFREES MILLER, Elkhart.

Director of the Baby Branch:

MRS. M. F. GILBERT, Cairo.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY FOR 1900.

The earnest hope expressed by your officers one year ago for a vigorous and successful year of labor along Auxiliary lines has not been fully realized, for the hand of God has sent to us in the closing months of the year disappointment, grievous sickness, and unexpected absences. We meet today with broken numbers and in the shadow of a great sorrow, but still with grateful hearts for mercies vouchsafed us in the preservation of precious lives we can ill spare from our circle. Auspiciously begun and well under way early in the year, the work was interrupted when the autumn months rolled around by the almost fatal illness of our beloved President, whose weakness still keeps her away from us. But God mercifully spared her useful life and, we trust, in His good time, she will be restored to her friends and her work in the Auxiliary. The same sincere prayer goes up also for the complete restoration to perfect health and untiring energy of our faithful Secretary, who from her sick room sends to her dear fellow workers in the Springfield Branch, her love and deep regret for her absence. With tenderest sympathy and loving remembrance our hearts turn toward the darkened, widowed home of our devoted First Vice President, who has always been among the first to greet us with her cheery welcome and her helping hand. May the dear Lord comfort her with the precious thought that sustains others in like sorrow, that there is now a double work to do for Him, our own and that left us as a precious legacy by those who have entered Paradise and rest from their labors. Only such blessed occupation can fill up the broken life and comfort the aching heart. One other friend we also miss, our beloved Father in God, upon whom is laid the chastening hand of Our Heavenly Father, and from whose sublime patience and humble submission to the Divine Will comes a lesson that must sink deep into our hearts. It should strengthen our souls for that day which will come to us all, the day when all our cares and duties and pleasures shall be laid aside and the curtain of our own chamber shall be drawn against the world and we shall hearken for the summons to come away to other work. When it comes, how nearly shall we be ready, how much shall we have left undone, how many duties unfulfilled? This part of our life work at least should

speak for us then in approving tones, saying: "She hath done what she could." So while we sadly miss the dear absentees who have been most faithful in our past work and for whose return we pray, we must close up our broken ranks and bravely take up the work they have temporarily relinquished, doing double duty ourselves for the cause that yearly grows more dear. In gratitude for our own ability to still serve, we must not falter, but with the great, widening opportunities for missionary influence, the expansion of the Church in new and distant fields, and its urgent claims in older ones, press forward. It may be a trial to our patience and faith that the past year has shown more meagre results than we planned, or a warning that our hearts have lacked earnestness and our lives self denial. Which ever it is we must accept the lesson humbly and work all the more faithfully now. There is a special reason for it and that we should redouble our exertions and more than redouble our personal and collective contributions to the Missionary work in our own borders, where our first sacred duty lies. It is a painful surprise to find that the reduction made in our missionary appropriation from without, gives us a discouraging outlook for the future in our own Diocese unless we bend strong efforts to discount it. When we gave cheerfully of our little to the Church at Sendai, ten thousand miles away, to Minnesota and the Western fields, and to the Galveston flood sufferers, we did not know that circumstances would compel the cutting down of the stipends of the self denying, heroic workers in our own domain, and that our overworked and hardly driven Diocesan would have to provide four hundred dollars more than the sum required last year to make up this unexpected and badly needed deficit. The thought is appalling, for even heretofore it has been difficult to secure the required sum for our devoted clergy and I have often felt a pang of distress to note in the pledges for Diocesan Missions that the greatest proportion has been given by the hard worked missionaries themselves. What shall we do, even if the Board of Missions is enabled to rescind its action in the future and give back the already too small appropriation? Our Diocese is very poor and weak and as truly "missionary" in its character as the more picturesque and interesting Dioceses of the great West and Foreign Lands. But they receive thousands of "special" contributions, while we have had taken away a part of the little we have had. In an area of about 32,000 square miles with over two million souls needing ministration, our devoted Bishops can only provide for forty-two priests and missionaries who endure hardness for themselves and those they love better than their own lives, by denying themselves often the common comforts of refined existence for the love of God and the spread of His Kingdom. If this meagre subsistence is curtailed what distress may ensue, what withdrawal of

spiritual privileges must follow. Surely this Diocesan Branch of the Auxiliary has a duty to perform in caring for the work nearest home, which must be sustained if our bare and scattered portion of God's vineyard is not to be left untilled, and the scanty harvest produced with such infinite pains and toil left ungarnered. We have endeavored in all the past years to do our feeble part in the whole work, and our efforts should not relax, but with such a crisis upon us we must hold up the hands of our beloved Bishop, whose cares and anxieties are so much increased, and extend more generously than we have ever done, a helping hand to the faithful priests who break the Bread of Life to us and the scattered and wandering sheep at home. There is a personal responsibility laid upon us that we cannot evade. The world presses upon us with its cares and allurements and we listen and linger and yield to its insistent call. But it cannot comfort or sustain us when sickness and sorrow come or death overtakes us. Then we turn to the Church and beseech her ministrations and rely upon her consolation and support. Cannot we build up her waste places and give more of money, time and strength to her service? Let those who have pledged one dollar to our own Missions, pledge two, those who have given five, promise ten, and those who spared ten make it twenty! It is so blessed to give, and feel ourselves one with Him who gave everything for us. His time, His ministrations, His love, His very life for us and all mankind! As a thank offering for the precious lives spared to us, and a reconsecration of ourselves to the Master's service, let this first year of the New Century be one of joyful, unselfish devotion to something far above our own interests, our own pleasure and profit. Let us give our best endeavours prayfully to the only labor that is really worth while; the sweet work of helping to save immortal souls. So another year will find us still farther along on the road that leads to God.

ISABELLA L. CANDEE.

Statistical Report of the Secretary and Treasurer from December
8, 1899, to December 8, 1900.

Alton—St. Paul's Branch.

	Money.	Boxes.
Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary.		
Membership dues.....	\$ 3 25	
Diocesan Missions.....	8 40	
Diocesan Missions, personal.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions, general.....	2 00	
Contingent fund, general.....	5 26	

To Sendai, Japan.....	5 00
United offering	17 87
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	\$46 78
For Freedmen in South Carolina.....	\$16 82
Total.....	\$63 60

Cairo—St. Mary's Branch.

Mrs. W. B. Gilbert, Treasurer.	
Membership dues.....	\$ 4 50
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. A. E. Safford.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions, H. H. Candee, Mem.....	10 00
Diocesan Missions, H. H. Candee, Mem.....	7 50
Foreign Missions, H. H. Candee, Mem.....	2 50
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. M. F. Gilbert	5 00
Special Easter offering, Gen. Miss.....	2 00
Omaha Church building fund	1 25
Montana Missionary.....	4 00
United offering.....	10 50
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	\$ 57 25
Box for Galveston sufferers.....	\$20 00
Total	\$77 25

Carlyle—Christ Church Branch.

Mrs. Clara Truesdall, Secretary.	
Membership dues.....	\$ 1 00
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
For urgent need.....	5 00
Orphanage of Holy Child.....	5 00
United offering.....	4 65
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Total	\$ 20 65

Champaign—Emmanuel Branch.

Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary.	
Membership dues.....	\$ 2 25
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. D. W. Dresser.....	3 00
Foreign Missions, personal	1 00
United offering.....	2 50
Montana clergyman	6 00
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	\$ 14 75

Montana clergyman, surplice.....	\$ 10 00
Total	\$ 24 75

Decatur—St. John's Branch.

Mrs. E. P. Bishop, Secretary.	
Misson at Sendai, Japan.....	\$ 5 00
Hospital in Indian territory	\$ 6 60
Columbia, South Carolina.....	71 70
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	5 00
	\$78 30
Total.....	\$83 30

Elkhart—St. John's Branch.

Mrs. F. D. Miller, Secretary.	
Membership dues.....	\$ 2 50
Diocesan Missions	1 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. F. D. Miller	5 00
Diocesan Missions, special.....	2 50
Diocesan Missionary.....	\$5 00
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	\$11 00
Total.....	\$16 00

Jacksonville—Trinity Branch.

Mrs. F. J. Harlow, Secretary.	
Membership dues	\$ 6 00
Diocesan Missions.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin.....	5 00
Diocesan Missionary.....	3 00
Diocesan Missions, personal.....	5 00
St. Martin's, Omaha	1 50
Easter offering, General Missions.....	2 00
Special fund, General Missions.....	36 55
For Deanery meeting.....	2 45
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Total.....	\$ 66 50

Lincoln—Trinity Branch.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 1 00
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Mattoon—Trinity Branch.

Miss Mary Rice, Secretary.	
Annual dues.....	\$ 2 00

Mt. Carmel—St. John Baptist Branch.

Annual dues.....	\$ 50
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Springfield—St. Paul's Branch.

Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary.	
Annual dues.....	\$ 1 50
Diocesan Missions, Parish Branch.....	25 00

Mrs. G. F. Seymour.....	5 00
Mrs. Chas. E. Hay	5 00
Mrs. E. D. Thayer.....	5 00
Miss Virginia DuBois.....	2 50
Miss Virginia Dresser.	2 00
Mrs. P. H. Seabrook, Mem.....	3 00
Miss Cornelia Bowen	2 00
Mrs. W. R. Beall.....	1 00
Miss Pearson	1 00
Miss Philena Taylor.....	1 25
Domestic Missions, Mrs. Seymour.....	5 00
Foreign Missions, Mrs. Seymour.....	5 00
Diocesan Missionary.....	\$ 30 00
Diocesan Missionary.....	25 00
Minnesota Missionary.....	127 00
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	\$ 66 25
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	\$248 25

Springfield—Christ Church Branch.

Mrs. Alexander Allen, Secretary.

Annual dues.....	\$ 10 00
Diocesan Missions, Parish Branch.....	25 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Alex. Allen, Mem.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. E. A. Snively.....	5 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Goltra.....	5 00
Foreign Missions, Study Class.....	10 00
Foreign Missions, Mrs. Allen, Mem	2 50
Domestic Missions, Mrs. Allen, Mem.....	2 50
Kansas Missionary.....	\$ 78 00
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	\$ 65 00
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Total.....	\$143 00

From the Junior Branch.

Diocesan Auxillary for Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 25 00
For united offering of 1901.....	35 00
Redeemed pledges of last year.....	17 25
Orphanage of Holy Child.....	10 00
From fourteen boxes of the Baby Branch.....	5 94
Annual dues, Mattoon Branch, 1899.....	2 72
Mrs. J. R. McLean, Diocesan Missions, 1899	2 00
Balance remaining from 1900.....	16 18
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Total	\$114 61
Total receipts in money.....	\$471 29
Mrs. C. E. Hay.....	5 00

Total receipts in boxes.....	390 12
Grand total.....	\$861 41

Respectfully submitted,

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

Treasurer's Summary.

Total receipts for the year.....	\$861 41
Expense for postage, drafts, etc.....	\$ 5 00
Disbursed for Diocesan, Domestic, Foreign and Gener- al Missions.....	829 51
Balance remaining.....	26 90
	\$861 41 \$861 41

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER, Treasurer.

The report of Mrs. M. F. Gilbert, Cairo, director of the Baby Branch, showed fourteen boxes to have been distributed in the Diocese the past year, with collections amounting to \$5.94. Ten new boxes were added to the number at the meeting, and increased interest asked for the work of the little ones for missions.

The Report of the United Offering for 1901, made by the custodian of that fund, Mrs. H. H. Candee, of Cairo, showed that \$35.52 had been collected during the past year from the Branches of Alton, Cairo, Carlyle and Champaign, making the whole amount now on hand \$70. The Auxiliary was reminded that it was already well upon the third year for the collection of the offering which will be made at the Triennial Meeting in San Francisco next October, and special efforts were urged for the coming year that Springfield might do her share of the great work accomplished by the mite chests. It is hoped the next United Offering will be \$100,000, which will all be devoted to missionary work.

Pledges made by Parishes and Individuals for A. D., 1901.

Springfield Diocesan Branch.....	\$ 25 00
Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour.....	10 00
Mrs. George F. Seymour	10 00
St. Paul's Parish Branch.....	25 00
St. Paul's Junior Branch	2 00
Christ Church Parish Branch.....	25 00

Mrs. E. D. Thayer.....	5 00
Mrs. E. Snively.....	5 00
Mrs. C. T. Jones.....	5 00
Mrs. C. D. Roberts.....	5 00
Mrs. Henry Ridgley.....	5 00
Mrs. Goltra	5 00
Mrs. Charles Ridgley.....	5 00
Mrs. Alexander Allen, "In Mem. B. F. and H. W. A.".....	6 00
Miss Virginia Dresser.....	3 00
Miss Philena Taylor.....	2 00
Miss Cornelia Bowen.....	1 00
S. A. H., In Memoriam (through Bishop Seymour).....	5 00
Christ Church, Junior Branch.....	2 00
Christ Church, Altar Guild.....	2 00
Christ Church, Missions Study Class	2 00
Alton, Parish Branch.....	5 00
Alton, Junior Branch.....	1 00
Mrs. H. M. Chittenden.....	1 00
Cairo Parish Branch.....	5 00
Cairo, Junior Branch	1 00
Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.....	1 00
Mrs. Candee, "In Mem. H. H. Candee".....	20 00
Carlyle Parish Branch.....	5 00
Champaign Parish Branch	5 00
Elkhart Junior Branch.....	2 50
Mrs. F. D. Miller.....	5 00
Jacksonville Parish Branch	5 00
Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin.....	5 00
Mrs. J. C. White.....	3 00
 Total.....	 \$224 50

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Alexander Allen, "In Mem. E. M. C. and A.".....	\$ 2 50
In Memoriam Helen Windsor Allen.....	1 00
 Total.....	 \$ 3 50

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Allen, "In Mem. E. M. C. and A.".....	\$ 2 50
In Memoriam Helen Windsor Allen.....	1 00

Cairo Church Missions Study Class	10 00
Total...	\$ 13 50
Total for Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions..	\$236 50

NOTE: After careful experiment it has proved less confusing and laborious to have the above pledges sent direct to the Treasurer of the Diocese, the Rev. Johannes Rockstroh, who will receipt directly for the same to the givers. Notification of the same should be made to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Hayner, of Alton, and all reports of monies sent and boxes prepared in the parish branches should be made promptly to the Secretary, Miss Maud Whitley, Springfield, at the time of sending, as well as in the Annual Parish Reports about November 1st.

Reports were received from the Vice Presidents and different parish branches, and after the election of officers for the ensuing year, the meeting adjourned to inspect the large and beautiful collection of Christmas gifts provided by the fourteen branches of the Junior Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. F. D. Miller, Junior Secretary, for the Indian children of Rosebud, South Dakota.

ISABELLA L. CANDEE, Secretary *pro tem.*

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