

REPORT OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S RECTORY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

DECEMBER 3, 1901.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF DECEMBER 3 AND 4, 1901.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held at St. Paul's Rectory December 3 and 4, A. D. 1901, at 2:30 P. M.

The President, Mrs. H. H. Candee, of Cairo, in the Chair.

The meeting was opened with a Missionary hymn, after which Bishop Taylor, of Quincy, read the prayers and collects. The Bishop gave a most beautiful and instructive address.

This was followed by the roll call, showing that delegates from Cairo, Champaign, Elkhart and Jacksonville were present; also representatives from Belleville and East St. Louis, together with many from the two branches of St. Paul's and Christ Church, Springfield.

The President, Mrs. Candee, then read her inspiring address, which was as follows:

With very grateful hearts to God for all His mercies in the past year, we come together once more in our Annual Meeting. Sorrow and happiness have blended in our lives, joy and anxiety have alternated, and hope and discouragement walked often hand in hand, but we have been spared for another year of auxiliary effort and achievement. We gladly welcome some new faces in our circle and thank our Heavenly Father that no member of our branch or official family has been called away from this life, although we must mourn the passing of one true friend to the Auxiliary, when our beloved Father in God, good Bishop Hale, went to his reward last Christmas Day. It seems as if we have cause for special gratitude in this General Convention year for our heritage in the glorious Church of Christ, when we return to our own quiet corner of life after witnessing the inspiring gathering together of the great leaders of our own nation of the Church Militant, and hearkening to the tread of processionals, which sounded across the continent in unison with the glad uplifting of voices gathered from every clime. It is a

far cry from Alaska to Africa, from New York to Tokyo, but the Church, the pillar and ground of the truth, embraces them all, and drew by the magic power of her loving service noble men and devoted women, who came over frozen straits and ice fields, through burning sands and fever haunted jungles, across boundless oceans and wide plains to bear witness to the historic faith of the Catholic and Apostolic Church. And for the first time in almost twenty centuries her children met together on the outer edge of the New World, facing the civilization of the elder world and bending there together in indissoluble union in the true faith once delivered to the saints.

“Westward the star of empire takes its way” is not more true of nations than of the Church of God, and the sun sinking in the Pacific Ocean before our raptured eyes was rising in those ancient lands that are beginning to no longer worship it, but the true Sun of Righteousness, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The city of the Golden Gate, set apparently on seventy hills, is nearer the center of the earth now than was once seven-hilled, Rome, whose grandeur has departed, whose glory is vanished, and whose thunders no longer disturb the world, from either the Forum or the Vatican. The flight across the new continent, over the snow-capped Rockies and amid the green domes of the Selkirks, brought us to the hospitable arms of beautiful San Francisco. Abler pens than mine have already described the Convention, its successes and failures, and the services that brought us very near to each other and to God.

To the women of the Auxiliary, after the great special service in Grace Church, when the magnificent united offering of \$104,295.53 was laid upon the altar, and the tremendous general meeting in the Alhambra Theater, where the multitude of delegates seemed under their Diocesan standards like an army with banners, the main feature was the Missionary Exhibit. This was held for almost three weeks, in a beautiful, commodious residence, which was given up entirely to the women of the Auxiliary, and was a most charming headquarters during our stay. The large rooms were transformed into rich and artistic

courts, presided over by gracious and cultured women, who pointed out and explained the products of every country and clime. In "China" and "Japan" magnificent embroideries of gold and silver, hangings of antique satin and cut velvet—a lost art—carvings upon ivory, metal and wood, rare porcelains and jade, teak and sandal wood, showed forth the marvelous resources of the ancient empire of the Dragon, and the flowery Chrysanthemum Kingdom. Bamboo, lacquer and silver repoussé, and quaint idols testified to the wonderful skill of Oriental artizans. From the countries nearer our own borders, which are asking us for a purer and simpler Christianity, Mexico and Brazil, were quaint pottery and artistic weavings, soft rebosas and brilliant zarapes and rugs, carved leather, feather work, filigree silver, opals and turquoise, and earthen ollas. Alaska brought its strange fantastic, totem pole, furs, priceless baskets, moceasins, blankets and garments, household utensils and queer weapons of sinister appearance, typical of its barbarous life. Africa, the Antipodes of the frozen north land, furnished also its peculiar and interesting exhibit, but we cannot linger there, or amid the still more interesting collection of our own North American Indians for want of time. A most attractive feature in that exhibit was the beautiful lace work of the Christian Indian women, taught by our dear Miss Sybil Carter to the poor daughters of the forests and plains, and by which many hundreds have been helped to earn money for themselves, their families and the Church. For it puts to shame the meager sums of some Dioceses to learn that the poor Indian women of Birch Coulee sent \$30 toward the United Offering—their own earnings! Passing attractive booths filled with the literature of the Girl's Friendly Society and the Church Missions Publication Co., and lingering a little in the practical and interesting exhibit of St. Augustine's (North Carolina) school for colored children, so ably conducted by The Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, we found the weaving, sewing, knitting, carpet and rug making most creditable. There were neatly dressed dolls representing costumes of the nurses in St. Augustine's

Hospital, under the same devoted management, worthy of generous support from the Church. Across the hall were the parlors and assembly room where the daily conferences were held on every phase of missions, led by Bishops, prominent Clergy and Laymen, and by the women workers in the foreign fields, as well as those at home. There also noonday prayers were offered, and cordial greetings extended to old and new friends, while the dainty service of afternoon tea by ladies of the different Parishes gave a delightful "at home" feeling to every participant. These rooms contained the wonderful collection of historic objects, pictures of every kind, paintings, photographs, etchings, water-colors, old and rare prints, that gave an almost complete epitome of the hundred years' existence of the Church in America.

Our own small exhibit had a place of honor, and its brief quarter of a century exposition paled before the long, eventful eras pictured forth most admirably by older and more picturesque Dioceses. The familiar face of our first Bishop, Philander Chase, of Illinois, was included in several collections beside our own, and the carved oaken chair of that great Missionary Bishop was loaned by his granddaughter, Mrs. Kellogg, of San Francisco. For the copies of his picture in our collection we are indebted to his aged daughter, still living at Robins Nest, and his grandson, The Rev. H. E. Chase, of Hinsdale, Illinois. The place of meeting and Auxiliary headquarters could not have been more happily chosen. The hospitable mansion was crowded daily and we can never forget the cordial and loving greetings of hearts devoted to the cause of furthering Christ's Kingdom and building up His Church. First among the gracious women to welcome every one was the gentle, presiding genius of the whole work, dear Mrs. Twing, the Honorary Secretary and "Mother of the Auxiliary." Evolved from her active brain and born of her loving heart, for thirty years she had watched and guided this child of her love and faith, and seen it grow from a very small beginning to its present wonderful proportions. Frail in body, but indomitable in spirit, she

traveled three thousand miles across the country to aid in making this Triennial Meeting the greatest ever held, and to welcome the thronging numbers of workers of whom she had been the center and inspiration for almost a generation. How could we dream as we grasped her cordial, helpful hand, and listened to her gentle greeting that it would be the last time she would be among us! Only God knew that her work was accomplished, and her mission well fulfilled. The good seed she had sown long years ago in faith and prayer and self-sacrifice had become a glorious harvest, and we are the sheaves. Through her example and influence thousands of her sisters in the Occident and the Orient have learned to pray and labor for Missions. No other woman perhaps has set in motion such a widespread tide of helpfulness and tender ministration. Although the hearts of all who loved her and revered her saintly life were wrung with sorrow and a feeling of immeasurable loss, when her weary hands were folded and her tired eyes fell in sleep, it was a fitting time perhaps for her brave spirit to leave the work to which she had given almost her whole life. In the midst of a great gathering of those who knew and loved her, amid grand services that she so loved, and the serious business of the Church to which she was so loyal, she ceased her own busy, fruitful labors. It was a glorious ending for a devoted, humble but most useful and lovely career. To no other woman in the Church has been accorded the honor of remembrance in the House of Deputies by a rising vote, and it was well deserved. May her gentle spirit enter into our lives and her precious memory incite us all to nobler effort. The lesson of her faithful life should be a leaven that will permeate the whole life of the Auxiliary and make us pause and ponder and strive to emulate her good works, and follow in her steps.

Compared with that of other Dioceses, it seems as if our work in the past year has been very meager, and I pray that we may be quickened with new zeal and enthusiasm. We were able to aid somewhat the pressing demand for our own Mission work by increased subscriptions, but our contributions to the United Offering fell off twenty-five per cent, to our great regret.

Our greatest discouragement is the slow growth of our membership. The faithful few perform their duty well, but there are many women in every Parish who do not care for these things, and whom we cannot reach. Our numbers are very small, and indifference is very great. Why is it, when we love the Lord Jesus and His Church that we do not more earnestly try to extend His Kingdom? Perhaps it is because we do not fully realize that we are a part of a mighty whole, and that all can help. When we remember that the mite boxes which we so often forget, and do not at all fully appreciate, gathered up in *little*s the glorious offering of over \$104,000, it should encourage us to be more faithful in every duty. Let every meeting be attended, no matter how inconvenient, every due be paid, no matter how small, and above all the faithful prayers be offered which shall bring a blessing promised from the beginning. These things faithfully performed, added to a loving, sympathetic interest, a sisterly recognition that we are all one in Christ, and in the Church of God there are no barriers of caste or station, must be of good effect. If the meetings are cold and dull it must be because the prayers are so, and if the work languishes it is because the workers lack zeal.

For our special effort this year I would suggest that we endeavor to double our membership, and this can only be done by personal loving, encouragement to join in the beautiful work of helping those so much less fortunate than ourselves. Every member of this Diocesan Branch can influence at least one person by earnest prayer and loving entreaty to "Come with us and we will do thee good." Let us try it, dear sisters in faith and humility, for it was by such insistence that the early Church was built up, and unless we emulate the self-sacrifice in a very small degree of those who have gone before us we shall not perform our whole duty. The years are passing swiftly and our time for labor will soon be over. O, let us help while we may to

"Publish glad tidings,
Tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus,
Redemption and release."

This was followed by the Diocesan Secretary's report:

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD.

As we glance back over the twelve months which have elapsed since our last meeting, it is with a feeling of sadness for opportunities lost—lost, perhaps, on account of sorrow, sickness or other circumstances over which we had no control. Let us hope so, at least, rather than lost from lack of interest.

The year's work was started by writing letters to the fourteen Parish Branches that had given in reports the previous year.

In response there was received from some the kindest and most encouraging letters; from others, that the Woman's Auxiliary had ceased to exist in that Parish, or that the women were too busy working along other lines to include the Auxiliary work; and from a few there came no response at all.

If, as a recent writer in "The Churchman" says, "That the great question before the Church to-day is Missions," why have not more of us the Missionary zeal to help solve that question? Some of the Parishes have done well in sending "boxes," increasing their United Offering and doubling their pledges for Diocesan Missions. Other Branches have awakened great interest by the steady and earnest work of "the Mission Study Class," and still others by establishing the Junior Auxiliary to give little ones an opportunity to help in this blessed work.

We sincerely wish that the other Parishes of the Diocese who have not taken up the work, and are therefore not represented here, would join us and by their prayers and presence give us strength and help.

As Miss Emery says, "If some of the aims of by gone years could be renewed, the giving of self is the most important thing

to give—money—important only as a permitted means of measuring a Christian's faith and hope and love."

This is the initial year of the new century. The old one is gone, gone forever, with its failures and lost opportunities. Can we not make a new century resolution, to do better than ever before, to gladly and thankfully keep up the work already begun; and as we ourselves are not able to go to those far off lands to give of our means to send others, so that we might all be helping to fulfill that last command of our blessed Savior. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

MAUDE WHITLEY,
Dio. Sec. W. Aux.

December, 1901.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Hayner, of Alton, the Secretary read the Treasurer's report:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER
FROM DECEMBER, 1900, TO DECEMBER, 1901.

	Money.	Boxes.
Alton—St. Paul's Branch, Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary—		
Membership dues	\$2 75	
Diocesan Mission pledges	5 00	
Diocesan Missions, East St. Louis.....	5 00	
Diocesan Missions, personal	10 00	
Domestic Missions, Angleton, Texas, personal.....	1 00	
Foreign Missions, personal	5 00	
United Offering	17 68	
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	\$46 43	
Box, Industrial School, Columbia, S. C.....	\$16 00	
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Total	\$62 43	
Cairo—St. Mary's Branch, Mrs. W. B. Gilbert, Treasurer—		
Membership dues	\$4 50	
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Anna E. Safford.....	20 00	
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. I. L. Candee, in mem. H. H. C.	20 00	

To a Diocesan Missionary, Mrs. Candee.....	2 50
Domestic Missions, Angleton, Texas, Parish Branch...	5 00
Domestic Missions, Angleton, Texas, Mrs. A. L. Safford	30 00
Domestic Missions, Angleton, Texas, Mrs. I. L. Candee.	9 40
United Offering, St. Mary's Branch.....	11 68
United Thank Offering, Mrs. I. L. Condee.....	5 00
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Total	\$108 08
 Cairo—St. Faith's Branch, Junior—	
Diocesan Missions	\$2 00
To Rev. Johannes Rockstroh, a Missionary.....	2 00
United Offering	2 00
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Total	\$6 00
 Carlyle—Christ Church Branch—	
Orphanage at Springfield	\$5 00
“Urgent Need”	5 00
United Offering	4 65
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Total	\$14 65
 Carrollton—	
United Offering	\$1 00
 Champaign—Emmanuel Branch, Miss Lucy Beers,	
Secretary—	
Diocesan Missions	\$3 00
Membership dues	3 00
United Offering	6 00
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	\$12 00
Box to Orphanage at Springfield.....	\$10 50
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Total	\$22 50
 Decatur—St. John's Branch—	
Membership dues	\$4 00
Domestic Missions, Cripple Creek, Colo.....	5 00
Domestic Missions, South McAlester, I. Ter.....	10 00
United Offering	5 94
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	\$24 94
Box of clothing, Wakpala, S. D.....	\$21 70
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Total	\$46 64

Elkhart—St. John's Branch, Mrs. F. D. Miller Secretary—	
Membership dues	\$2 00
Greenville—	
United Offering	\$2 00
Jacksonville—Trinity Branch, Mrs. F. J. Harlon Secretary—	
Membership dues	6 50
Diocesan Missions	5 00
Domestic Missions, Angleton, Texas	4 60
Diocesan dues, Mrs. C. Dickson	57 20
United Offering	28 85
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Total	\$102 15
Lincoln—	
Mattoon, United Offering	2 28
Springfield—St. Paul's Branch, Miss Virginia Dresser Secretary—	
Membership dues	3 00
Diocesan Missions, Parish Branch	25 00
Diocesan Missions, individual pledges	36 00
United Offering—Junior Branch, \$1.23; Parish Branch, \$32.68	33 91
Domestic Missions, Angleton, Texas	5 00
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	\$102 91
Bedding for Deaconess at Montana	\$6 00
Clothing for Orphanage	5 00
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Total	\$113 91
Springfield—Christ Church Branch, Miss Maude Whitley Secretary—	
Diocesan Missions	\$25 00
Membership dues	10 00
Foreign Missions, Mission Study Class	10 00
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DOMESTIC MISSIONS PLEDGES.	
Mrs. Alexander Allen, Springfield	\$5 00
Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo	2 50
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FOREIGN MISSIONS PLEDGES.	
Mrs. Alexander Allen	\$5 00
Mrs. H. H. Candee	2 50

Foreign (\$2.50) and Domestic (\$2.50) Missions, Mrs.	
A. Allen	5 00
Diocesan Missions—Mission Study Class.....	2 00
" " Altar Guild	2 00
" " Mrs. Snively	5 00
" " Mrs. J. L. Lord	1 00
" " Mrs. A. Allen, in memoriam, B. F.	5 00
" " Junior Branch, Christ Church.....	2 00
" " H. W. A.	1 00
" " Sunday School, Christ Church....	10 00
" " Mrs. J. T. Jones.....	5 00
" " Mrs. I. V. Goltra	5 00
Domestic Missions, Angleton, Texas	5 00
United Offering	25 36

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Box sent to Wakpala, S. D.	\$17 55
Box sent to Mrs. J. I. Necklace, Wakpala, S. D.....	12 50

Total	\$148 41
Baby Branch, Diocese of Springfield—	
United Offering	\$10 18
Total receipts in money	\$552 98
Total receipts in boxes	89 25

Grand total	642 23
Respectfully Submitted,	
MARY CAROLINE HAYNER, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
TREASURER'S SUMMARY.	
Total receipts for the year	\$642 23
Expenses for postage, drafts, etc.....	\$5 00
Disbursed for Diocesan, Domestic, Foreign and General Missions	626 48
Balance from last year	44 40
Nov. 29, 1901, balance remaining	55 15

Totals	\$686 63 \$686 63

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER, *Treasurer.*

EMILY MAUDE WHITLEY, *Secretary.*

An appeal was made by the Secretary for more earnest work among the Juniors. The report showed very few working branches. It was as follows:

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield, St. Paul's Branch, November, 1900, to November, 1901—

To St. Luke's Mission, Springfield	\$8 09
To Treasurer of Dio. Missions	4 00
United Offering	1 00
Church Missions Pub. Co.....	1 00

Total	\$14 45

CEILEEN CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

Springfield, Christ Church—

To Dio. Missions	\$2 00
To Dio. Missions, H. W. A.....	1 00
On organ for Angleton, Teaxs	50

Total	\$3 50

Cairo, St. Luke's Branch—

Diocesan Missions	\$2 00
To Rev. Johannes Rockstroh, a Missionary	2 00
United Offering	2 00

Total	\$6 00

Total receipts in money, \$23.95.

MAUDE WHITLEY, *Secretary pro tem.*

After the adoption of these reports the leaflet telling of the proposed memorial to Mrs. Twing was read. A motion was then made to appropriate \$25.00 of the balance in the treasury to this memorial fund. The motion was carried. A pledge of \$5 was made to the same fund from the Mission Study Class of Christ Church.

Mother Caroline, of the Orphanage, then said a few words to the women of the Auxiliary, followed by a short talk from each of the Vice Presidents.

Dr. Gray, of Mattoon, Committee of the Synod, then addressed the meeting.

PLEDGES FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS FROM WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The pledges for Diocesan Missions was made, amounting to \$223.25, the report of which Dr. Gray took back to the Synod.

Springfield—Diocesan Branch	\$25 00
Alton Parish Branch	5 00
Cairo Branch	5 00
Mrs. Candee	10 00
Carlyle	5 00
Champaign	3 00
Decatur	5 00
Mrs. Peabody, Decatur	5 00
Elkhart—Parish Branch	1 00
Elkhart—Junior Branch	1 00
Elkhart—Mrs. F. W. Miller, In Mem.....	5 00
Elkhart—Mrs. F. W. Miller, In Mem. for Diocesan Junior Branch	5 00
Cairo—Parish Junior Branch	3 00
Jacksonville—Parish Branch	5 00
Jacksonville—Mrs. Tomlins	5 00
Springfield—St. Paul's Branch	25 00
Mrs. George F. Seymour	10 00
Mrs. C. E. Hay, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. E. D. Thayer, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. D. W. Dresser, In Mem., D. W. D.....	5 00
Mother Caroline, Springfield	1 00
Mrs. E. R. Roberts, Springfield	1 00
Miss C. Bowen, Springfield	2 00
Mrs. Charles Ridgely, Springfield	5 00
Miss Jennie Hurst, Springfield	5 00
St. Paul's Junior Branch	4 00
Christ Church Parish Branch	25 00
Mrs. E. A. Snively, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. Alexander Allen, Springfield, In Mem.....	5 00
Mrs. Bluford Wilson, Springfield, In Mem.....	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Jones, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. I. V. Goltra, Springfield	5 00
Christ Church, Junior Branch	5 00
Helen Allen, for Junior Branch	1 00
Mission Study Class, Christ Church	2 00
Mrs. E. S. Hodgson, Springfield	1 00
Mrs. J. W. Pope, East St. Louis	2 00
Mrs. J. C. White, East St. Louis	50
Baby Branch, through Orphanage	25
Baby Branch of Cairo	50
Mrs. Francis Wilson, of Edwardsville	5 00
Total	\$223 25

DOMESTIC MISSIONS PLEDGES.

Mrs. George F. Seymour	\$5 00
Mrs. Alexander Allen, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo	2 50
Total	\$12 50

FOREIGN MISSIONS PLEDGES.

Mrs. George F. Seymour	\$5 00
Mrs. Alexander Allen	5 00
Mrs. H. H. Candee	2 50
Mission Study Class, Christ Church, Springfield	8 00
Mrs. E. A. Snively, Springfield	2 00
Total	\$22 50

Total for Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions—
\$223.25, \$12.50, \$22.50 \$258 25

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 1.

The leaflet telling of the proposed appropriation of the United Offering of 1904 was read by the Secretary.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year the meeting adjourned to Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The meeting on Wednesday was opened by the President, Mrs. Candee, with the appropriate prayers and collects.

As this was just a continuation of Tuesday's meeting, there was no roll call or Secretary's report.

The President called upon the delegates from the different Parishes to tell something of the work of the different branches

and how it was carried on. This proved very interesting and instructive, and many new ideas were given and received.

Mrs. Candee reported the United Offering of the Diocese as sent to the Triennial Convention to have been \$226.52.

Mrs. M. F. Gilbert, of Cairo, Director of the Baby's Branch, reported twenty-four boxes to have been distributed in the Diocese, with collections amounting to \$10.18.

The blue boxes were then given to those who did not have them, and the meeting adjourned to meet Deo Volente in Advent 1902.

MAUDE WHITLEY,

Dio. Sec. W. Aux.

