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of the Woman's Auxiliary
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MINUTES OF MEETING

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, in the Diocese of Springfield, was held in the Odd Fellows' Temple, Springfield, Tuesday afternoon, December 1 1903, the president, Mrs. Candee, of Cairo, in the chair.

The meeting was opened by Rev. Mr. Allen, of Christ Church, Springfield. The opening exercises consisted of a hymn, "Fling Out the Banner," Creed, and Missionary Collects, after which Mr. Allen made a few remarks by way of welcome to the visiting members of the Auxiliary.

At roll call Alton had one delegate, Belleville 2, Cairo 4, Carlyle 2, Mattoon 1, Jacksonville 1, Springfield—St. Paul's 9, Christ Church 11. About 34 delegates present. The secretary, Mrs. Dresser, read minutes of last meeting, and also a letter from Mrs. D. C. Peabody.

The president then gave her report as follows :

Address of the President of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, December 1, 1903.

Another year has slipped its beads along the string of life since last we met—each year is but a rosary, and every day is a bead. Some days are bright and burnished, being well begun with prayer, and polished by kind deeds and loving words and gracious service and sweet thoughtfulness. Others are dull and dark and disappointing, filled with pettiness and duties only half performed or quite neglected. But all help to make up the sum of living, and filled with joy or sorrow, they cannot be recalled. Each year has its triumphs or its own irreparable losses. The one just closed has brought to us another sorrow and a sense of personal loss in the death of one of our earliest, truest and most helpful friends. A year ago to-day, as often before, the organizer of this Branch, the

Right Reverend Frederick W. Taylor opened our meeting with the Missionary Collects and spoke to us afterward his cordial words of sympathy and encouragement which never failed us from him during the first fifteen years of our history. Now the care of him is with the Most High, and he has entered the Church Triumphant to join other loved ones who have been bound up with us in this precious work, and whose memory is sacred. May his rest with theirs be sweet, and safe in Paradise.

Our efforts are cheered and strengthened by the appreciation and sympathy of such men as dear Bishop Taylor, and we are helped in our round of duties by the tender remembrance of those who did not fail us during life and who, we doubt not, do not forget us.

To our faithful and devoted treasurer, Mrs. Caroline E. Hayner of Alton, has lately come the greatest of all sorrows, widowhood, and our deep sympathy is extended to her, and to our beloved friends who mourn with us the loss of a dear sister in Mrs. Elizabeth Dresser Thayer, one of our charter members, who entered into rest last May. Her keen interest in our work was evinced by her faithful payment of all her obligations and a spirit of most helpful sympathy.

The scope of the Woman's Auxiliary is broadening so rapidly with the expansion of Church work and opportunities, that we must ask ourselves annually on the threshold of the new year how we can best prepare ourselves to meet the fresh demands that confront us. There are some practical issues for us to consider to-day, and some prosaic facts that are always to be dealt with. The old methods of raising money for missions, by sewing for the heathen and giving missionary bazaars and teas, are passing, like many other wornout and obsolete ideas. Christian women are learning to apportion their time and means, and to give as God has prospered them, more freely of their abundance, and more cheerfully of their poverty, for the extension of His kingdom. The Woman's Auxiliary has the glorious history of almost a third of a century behind it, with its lengthy roll

of self-sacrificing deeds and countless labors in Domestic, Diocesan and Foreign fields, but I believe its real work has scarcely yet begun. The women in most parishes and Dioceses who understand it, love it sincerely and work with it according to their ability, are but a small fraction of those who do not. They are a mere sprinkling of the women who do belong to it, for it really includes every baptized woman of the Church, and its work is the duty of one as much as another. But many of them have no interest in it, and do not realize the privilege they forego in failing to grasp the opportunities it offers for service. They have a vague idea sometimes that it is a new way of getting more money, and that what is given is not worthily used, and I fear that even after thirty-two years good and faithful work it is still looked upon by some rectors with suspicion and the fear that it makes the parish activities and funds grow less. Surely such cannot help understand that it deepens the spiritual life if rightly followed, as prayer is its first requirement, and the wider the knowledge of Christ's kingdom is spread and the deeper the love for the souls He came to save whether at home or in far distant lands, the more consecrated will be the lives of His servants. We are in the Church of God, born into it, or taken into it by adoption, and we can no more rightfully evade its responsibilities and duties than we can those of the State in which we live or of the national government which defends and protects us, whether we will or no. We cannot then as Christians neglect the command of our blessed Lord, to go or help to send others, into all the world to preach His Gospel. We know the Church is the great missionary society and we love her, and are proud of her achievements, ancient lineage and magnificent history, but it is hard to realize our own duty to help in her work. We have time and money for so many other things, but often so little for the things of the spirit. We are so busy, and sometimes so indifferent about her most important work, that of saving souls, when it requires sacrifice.

There are three points of contact which I ask you to

consider especially to-day. The first is the necessity for more intelligence on the subject of missions, which can best be gained by systematic reading or study about mission fields. Do not fear that it will be wearisome or dull. On the contrary it is fascinating and thrilling; some of the adventures of our devoted missionaries and missionary Bishops in pursuit of their duty, being as full of excitement and danger as those of mediæval knights. I would like to recommend a course or series of mission leaflets to be used simultaneously in the parish branches, either procured from the Church Missions Publishing Company or prepared by our own committee. If this is too much to attempt, the regular reading of the *Spirit of Missions*, now so beautifully illustrated, and filled with interesting reports from all parts of the mission field throughout the world, might be taken up. A reader should be appointed each month in advance to make suitable selection for the next meeting. It has been said that an Auxiliary member without the *Spirit of Missions* is like a Churchwoman without her Prayerbook. She has no chart to guide her in her work. Especially should every officer take and read this magazine and pass it along to the others who may not be able to subscribe for it. No better missionary work could be done for oneself or one's neighbor, nor could the small sum of a dollar be more wisely invested.

The second subject on my list is the success of our own little Apportionment Fund during the year just closed, which was our first trial, and in every way very gratifying. Being requested by the general secretary to double our contribution in money for use of the Board of Missions, in 1901, which was only \$41.50, a plan was devised to divide the sum named, \$85.00 for 1902, among the parochial branches according to their reported, or paid membership. The plan worked admirably and we were able to send the amount of \$112.41, receiving in almost all cases a prompt and generous reply to the letters sent out in behalf of this fund. This was most gratifying to our faithful secretary and myself as it secured for the Springfield Branch cordial commendation from Miss Emery, and the

wish that all Diocesan Branches had done as well. I hope we can do even better this year as most of the branches have signified their approval of the plan and their willingness to adopt it permanently. Lest the apportionment plan may not be fully understood, I will say that the money raised by it goes to the Board of Missions to be used by it for the various appropriation of the Board, wherever it may be most needed, and is a part of the \$100,000 which the Auxiliary has undertaken to raise yearly for missions, since the Triennial Meeting held in San Francisco in 1901. It is hoped that the loyal women of the Church may raise this sum each year, henceforth. With the tremendous demands now made upon the Church, by the opening up of additional mission work in the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hiwail and other new fields, under the protection of the American flag and having a right to the care of the American Church, we see that it is our Christian duty to make special efforts in aid of the vastly enlarged work. The Board of Missions asks for \$100,000 from the children of the Church, and surely the women of the Church can and will give an equal sum. If so much has been given in the past by comparatively few, what a grand amount could be given, if all members of Christ's Church could realize the privilege and joy of giving according to their ability and as God has prospered them. Let us ask ourselves if we have done all we really can to help spread the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. In this connection I ask for your especial interest in the Orphanage of the Holy Child, the colored mission in our own Diocese, St. Michael's at Cairo, where much is needed, and of which you will hear more later, and the work of the Church in Mexico. This Church in our sister republic is at our very doors and worthy of help and encouragement. I wish we might this year give something to lighten the heavy burden of the Rev. Mr. Forrester and his faithful helpers in trying to bring the people who are asking so eagerly, from under the debasing domination of the Roman hierarchy, to the pure faith of the Apostolic Church.

The third and last subject for our consideration is the

United Offering for 1904. There remains but one year now, of the three usually given to collecting the great thankoffering of all the daughters of the Church which at the time of the Triennial Meeting is placed upon the altar of Almighty God, with joy and thanksgiving, from all parts of the earth. The next offering will be made at Boston in October and I hope our Diocese will be well and worthily represented at the Triennial Meeting. The sum now on hand is very small, but I hope it will be largely added to this year. Some members of the Auxiliary give a penny a day to this offering—many give more. This is an extra and special offering, over and above those we make to parochial and Diocesan needs, and it seems to bring an extra blessing of joy and enthusiasm in the giving, and its presentation from the multitude of devout women gathered from every part of the world, is a thrilling and inspiring act of worship never to be forgotten by those privileged to witness it. It is the glorious climax of years of self-sacrifice and careful gathering up of fragments, little sums that are often wasted, into one grand total to be used for the glory of God. The next offering will be devoted to the sending, training and support of women missionaries, and the support of those disabled in their work. What untold blessing may it not carry around the world! God grant it may reach the sum of \$150,000.

But someone may say, it seems that we ought always to be giving, giving, giving, all the time and to many objects. Certainly—next to prayer, that should be our aim, for our Heavenly Father constantly gives all good things to us and the more we share with others the more we shall receive. Of what value is that which is hoarded and selfishly held back from God's little ones or those less favored than ourselves, when we can only hold it for a brief season, for our own enjoyment and pleasure. The years are hastening on, our precious time on earth is fast slipping away, and soon our opportunity for well doing will be past. Let us give cheerfully, gladly of our prayers, our loving ministrations, our faithful service, and of our money when we have it to give. In the

giving we shall find the truest, deepest, holiest happiness, and for which we shall garner a rich harvest of joy in that day when we shall hear the welcome words "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

The secretary then read her report as follows :

Secretary's Report

In the providence of God we are once more permitted to meet under the shadow of the Pro-Cathedral, to exchange friendly greetings, and to discuss ways and means by which the missionary work of the Church may be increased. 'Tis very true, we are but few ; but do not be discouraged. I often think in this connection, of what I once heard a faithful priest of the Church say—"It was the few who were faithful, the multitude said, Away with Him, etc."

It seems as if a dark pall had fallen over our annual meeting. The absence of our dear Bishop Taylor, this afternoon, will be greatly felt by all. It is the first annual meeting without some kindly greeting and words of encouragement from him. His apostleship was soon ended, his full life completed, and an All Wise Father took him to dwell with those "who rest from their labors."

One of the charter members of the Diocesan Branch and one of the first members of St. Paul's Branch, Springfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Dresser Thayer, after years of suffering and weariness so patiently borne, died May 15th. A devoted, generous Christian woman ever ready and willing to do her part in all good works. You would often see in the Spirit of Missions, for special calls, a generous gift from E. D. T. "Forever with the Lord ; Amen, so let it be."

There may be others who have gone from our rank that I know not of. If so, may a kind and loving Father comfort those who are bereaved.

The year's work began by writing to the different parish branches, asking for a part of their Lenten offering, to assist in building the Church in East St. Louis, deeming it would be

better to concentrate our efforts than to scatter the little over so much space. The president approved of this plan, and the treasurer's report, soon to be read, will show how much was realized.

Early in Lent an appeal came from Miss Emery, the general secretary, asking that the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Springfield double its offering for general missions, in order to raise the \$100,000 that the Woman's Auxiliary had promised. Last year the Springfield Diocesan Branch had given \$41.50, and Miss Emery wondered if \$85.00 could be raised. In order to do this, it was suggested that our worthy president make out an apportionment for each parish branch, showing each branch what would be its fair proportion. This she did most kindly and conscientiously. The response was such that instead of sending \$85.00 the amount sent was \$112.41. Miss Emery said: "In 1901-02 the Springfield Branch gave \$41.50 towards the Boards appropriations for General Missions; in 1902-03 it gave \$112.41, a gain of \$70.91. Had all branches done as well, we would have more than the \$100,000."

Last spring a call came from the Ven. Archdeacon Roland of Cairo, asking for aid for the colored work in Cairo. Circulars were sent out and in most cases a liberal response was received.

Miss Emery asked that the annual report from the Diocese be sent in June, or before the branches adjourned for the summer. The report was sent in July.

There have been no calls for boxes from the general secretary the past year. The work, however, seems to be going on. The Spirit of Missions is full of most interesting accounts of brave men and women, who are willing and ready to carry the good news to those who are near as well as to those who are far. The duty of those who are left behind seems very plain. We should pray more earnestly for the true missionary spirit, and inform ourselves about the work that is being done. No one can or will take very much interest in anything one knows nothing about. I am sure if we would all do this,

we would not only do the cause of missions good, but it would bring joy and comfort to each and every one. And perhaps it might be our blessed privilege to hear some day, "She hath done what she could." SARAH C. DRESSER, Secy.

The Junior secretary's report was as follows :

Report of Junior Auxiliary

The Junior Auxiliary work of the Diocese though not as flourishing as it ought to be, is nevertheless growing. I note with great pleasure that our offerings this year are nearly one-half larger than they were last year. We have added to our membership two new branches from both of which splendid reports have come. How truly it has been said that our joys and our sorrows come mingled together, as it is with regret and sorrow that I find one of the oldest if not the oldest branch of the Diocese has this year failed altogether to make any report.

One of our secretaries writes, "Our meetings this year have been the most interesting we have had." Another says, "Our Auxiliary has done well and our full attendance numbers thirty-one." Another branch by its long report shows what has been done there, and so all things considered I feel encouraged.

The children cannot, by themselves begin this missionary work. They must have the help of older persons to guide and direct them, but they soon learn to take the responsibility upon themselves, and delight in the privilege. The Young Christian Soldier is the main source of information and help for us all. By this instructive medium we are kept informed of what is going on in the missionary world. This little paper comes weekly and the open corner on the last page is especially instructive. By means of it the children become familiar with the missionary jurisdictions, the missionary Bishops and other workers, and the names of places where Churches are founded, schools established, and hospitals built.

To pray for missions, to learn about missions and to give to missions are the Juniors' three duties. We soon find that the three are inseparable—they are as one. For when our

hearts are set upon accomplishing something, we always ask God's blessing and divine help in prayer; we read that we may learn concerning places and people and we give of our means to help these places and people.

Few of us, I think, realize what the children of the Church can do, in fact are doing for missions, until facts confront us. The Easter offering from the children last year amounted to \$110,000. Think of it—enough to support all our missionary Bishops! Let us all see to it then that we do our part to help all children to have the privilege of helping to fulfill our blessed Lord's last command.

MAUDE WHITLEY, Secretary Junior Auxiliary.

Report of Money and Boxes of Junior Auxiliary December 1902-1903

Champaign Branch, Mrs. Wilkinson Director.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 5 00
Books for missionary	1 00
Rev. Mr. White for missions	1 00
Materials for Children's Branch	2 65
Missionary entertainment	5 00
Total in money and boxes	\$14 65

Jacksonville Branch, Miss Mabel King Secretary.

Diocesan Missions	\$40 00
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Danville Branch, Mrs. Swarthout Director.

Napkins to missions in Omaha	\$ 1 00
Handkerchief, St. Luke's Guild Detroit	75
Doll to Gallup, New Mexico	2 50
Box to Orphanage	5 00
St. John's mission, Alberquerque	1 00
Rector's Fund, Nebraska	1 00
Brazilian and Cuban missions	2 50
Holy Trinity Guild, Danville	50
Total in money and boxes	\$14 25

Lincoln Branch, Miss Sheffield Secretary and Treasurer.

General Missions	\$ 5 00
Box to Orphanage	10 00

Brass Cross, St. Agnes mission Mt. Pulaski	11 73
Total in money and boxes	\$26 73
St. Paul's Branch, Springfield, Miss Bowen Director.	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 8 00
Miss Babcock's salary	2 00
United Offering	3 75
Materials, expenses, etc.	7 10
Total in money	\$20 85
Box to South Dakota	6 00
Box to Dyersburg, Tenn.	2 00
Scrap book to Shanghai, China	5 00
Box to Oneida mission, Wis.	15 00
Total in money and boxes	\$48 85
Christ Church, Springfield.	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 5 00
Mission work in Cairo	1 00
Small box to Cairo mission	1 50
Mission Church, East St. Louis	2 50
Church Missions House	80
Total in money and boxes	\$10 80
Grand Total in money and boxes	\$155 28

December 4, 1903.

MAUDE WHITLEY.

Directress of Baby Branch reported as follows:

Report of the Babies' Branch.

The "Little Helpers" of Junior Department of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions—a large name for the small band of small members composing the Branch, yet scarcely sufficient to express its great purpose and ideal. The Junior Auxiliary is a school where children are taught the true missionary spirit and are trained to become good members of the Woman's Auxiliary—the Babies' Branch is the kindergarten department of that school. We all agree, in theory at least, with the wise French Cardinal who said, "Give me a child for the first ten years of his life, and I care not who has the rest." The purpose of the Babies' Branch is educational. It stands for the fact that every child who is

baptized into the Church becomes by baptism a member of the missionary society, and is bound to do his part in spreading the Kingdom of God among men. It will not do for the mother to hand to the secretary a sum of money with which the child has had nothing to do. What would you think if a mother worked her child's sums in arithmetic and handed the answer to the teacher. Would the child make a good mathematician?

It is not the money that we want so much as it is the children's prayers and their interest in the work. When we have these the money will come fast enough. With shame and sorrow I must report a decrease both in membership and offerings during the past year. The exact membership is not known—the offerings amount to \$17.19 and I think more will come in later.

A Babies' Branch is comparatively easy to start—the difficulty lies in the nurture. It is a tender twig and needs constant care until it has attained to its full strength.

Let me add a few practical suggestions. First let us faithfully use the prayer written for the use of the secretaries, for without prayer we cannot expect the work to prosper. Let us each invest ten cents in a copy of the new Handbook and lend it to the mothers to read. Finally let us keep as much as possible in personal touch with each "Little Helper" being always ready to use an opportunity for furthering the work.

Is this all too much trouble to do? The offerings are small and the Helpers are small what good can they accomplish?

"Only a little lad
With a morsel of barley bread
And a few small fishes; 'twas all he had,
So the disciples said,
As they placed his gift before
The Blessed Master's feet;
And lo! from out the wondrous store,
Five thousand people eat.

Only a little child
 Obeying the Saviour's call,
 Yielding his young heart undefiled
 With his gifts and graces small;
 Yet firm with a purpose true
 And filled with a faith sublime,
 The good that a little child can do
 May reach to the end of time."

I have great hopes for the Babies' Branch during the coming year.

Faithfully yours,

CORNELIA BOWEN, Diocesan Secretary Babies' Branch.

The treasurer, Mrs. Hayner, being absent Mrs. Dresser, secretary, read her report which is as follows :

Report of the Treasurer of the Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary from December 1902, to December 1903.

Alton, St. Paul's Branch. Mrs. J. E. Hayner, Secretary.

Orphanage of the Holy Child	\$ 5 00
Membership dues	5 50
Diocesan Mission pledge	7 85
Diocesan Missions, East St. Louis	5 00
Domestic Missions, Porto Rico	5 00
Apportionment Fund	10 00
Diocesan Missions, Individual	2 00
Diocesan Missions, Individual	10 00
United Offering	25 10
United Offering, Baby Branch	3 12
Total	\$ 78 57

Belleville, St. George's Branch.

Membership Dues	\$ 1 75
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Cairo, St. Mary's Branch, Mrs. W. B. Gilbert Treasurer.

Membership Dues	\$ 3 50
United Offering	7 60
Rev. J. H. Lornsbury	6 00
Diocesan Missions, East St. Louis	2 00
Apportionment Fund	12 00

Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Candee (In Mem.)	\$ 10 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Anna E. Safford	20 00
Total	<u>\$ 61 10</u>

Books for St. Michael's School	\$ 7 00
Entire Total	<u>\$ 68 10</u>

Carlyle, Christ Church Branch, Miss Truesdail, Secretary.

Membership dues	\$ 1 00
Diocesan Mission pledge	5 00
" " Mrs. A. A. Cairns	1 00
Apportionment Fund	3 00
Total	<u>\$ 10 00</u>

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Apportionment Fund	\$ 5 00
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Champaign, Mrs. Sara Harris, Treasurer.

Membership dues	\$ 2 00
Diocesan Missions	5 00
" " East St. Louis.	5 00
Domestic Missions, Alaska.	5 00
Apportionment Fund	5 00
Total in Money	<u>\$ 22 00</u>
Box and Freight to Cairo	\$ 20 75
Books for Missionry	1 00
Entire total	<u>\$ 43 75</u>

East St. Louis, St. Mary's Branch.

Apportionment Fund	\$ 1 00
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Jacksonville, Trinity Branch, Mrs. Haslow, Secretary.

Membership dues	\$ 6 00
Apportionment Fund	15 00
Diocesan Mission pledge	5 00
Total in Money	<u>\$ 26 00</u>
Box to St. Michael's School	<u>\$ 25 00</u>
Entire Total	<u>\$ 51 00</u>

Lincoln, Junior Auxiliary for

General Missions	\$ 5 00
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Mattoon, St. Andrew's Branch, Mrs. McLean, Secretary.

Membership dues. \$ 2 45

Springfield, St. Paul's Branch, Miss Dresser, Secretary.

Membership dues. \$ 2 50

Diocesan Mission pledge. 25 00

" " personal pledges 53 00

" " East St. Louis for New

Church. 17 00

Apportionment Fund 10 00

United Offering, Junior Auxiliary 3 75

Total \$ 111 25

Box for Missionary in Diocese of Quincy \$ 50 00

Box for St. Michael's School Cairo. 10 00

Entire Total \$171 25

Springfield, Christ Church, Miss Whitley, Secretary.

Membership dues. \$ 10 00

Apportionment Fund. 10 00

Missionary Study Class to Miss Babcock. . 10 00

" " " (In mem. to Mrs. .

Allen) 5 00

Missionary Study Class, Diocesan Missions 2 00

Diocesan Missions, Helen Allen (In mem.

C. G. A.) \$ 7 00

Diocesan Missions, Christ Church pledge . 25 00

" " Cairo 30 00

Orphanage of the Holy Child. 12 00

Diocesan Missions, per small pledges . . 10 00

United Offering 15 41

Total in Money \$136 41

Box to Colored People, Cairo \$ 5 00

Entire Total \$141 41

Total receipts in money \$ 460 53

DISBURSED

Springfield Diocesan Branch Woman's Aux.

Diocesan Missions \$ 25 00

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Foreign Missions, Japan	10 00
Expenses for postage, etc.	5 00
To Miss Bowen for Baby Branch	3 12
For Diocesan, Domestic, Foreign and Gen- eral Missions	370 85
Balance from last year	84 60
	<u>\$ 545 13</u>
1903—December 1, Balance remaining	131 16
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BOXES

Cairo—Books for St. Michael's School	\$ 7 00
Champaign—Box for St. Michael's	20 00
Book for Missionary	1 00
Jacksonville—Box to St. Michael's	25 00
Springfield—St Paul's, Box for Missionary in Diocese of Quincy	50 00
Box for St. Michael's School	10 00
Springfield—Christ Church, Box for St. Michael's	5 00
Total in Boxes	<u>\$118 00</u>

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER,

Treas. Springfield Dio. Br. Wo. Aux.

The president announced that Ven. Archdeacon Roland of Cairo would speak to the Auxiliary on the colored work in that city, which he did; setting forth the great importance of the work and its pressing needs. After the remarks by Ven. Mr. Roland, Mrs. Tomlin, vice-president from Jacksonville, moved that an offering be taken up at once, for the colored work in Cairo, which was done.

Rev. John Chanler White told of his work in East St. Louis, Venice and Granite City, and what a hard struggle he is having to complete his Church in East St. Louis, in order to occupy it for worship.

A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. C. E. Hay and Mrs. Stadden, of Springfield, and Mrs. L. B. Richards, of Belleville, to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Bishop F. W. Taylor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Dresser Thayer,

and also write a letter of Sympathy to Mrs. J. E. Hayner, of Alton. Also a committee consisting of Mrs. E. A. Snively, Springfield, Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Alton, and Mrs. James E. Wilkinson, Champaign, to prepare a leaflet, or program for the Study of Missions. Pledges for missions were then taken, and the meeting adjourned to meet in St. Paul's rectory, Wednesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 2:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Candee. The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Unfinished business next in order. Reports from vice-presidents. A letter from the Treasurer was read, in which she asked that all the parochial Branches would send in their reports to her by the first of November, in order that her report could be ready for the Annual meeting, December 1st.

Mrs. L. B. Richards of Belleville, made a motion that \$20.00 from the Annual dues fund be given to Rev. J. C. White for his Church in East St. Louis. Carried.

Election of officers next in order, resulting as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. George F. Seymour, Springfield; president, Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo; vice presidents, Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, Jacksonville; Mrs. Charles E. Hay, Springfield; Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Alton; Mrs. L. B. Richards, Belleville; Mrs. Wemyss Smith, Bloomington; Mrs. James E. Wilkinson, Champaign; secretary, Mrs. D. W. Dresser, 543 South Glenwood Ave., Springfield; treasurer, Mrs. John E. Hayner, 1418 State Street, Alton; secretary junior branch, Miss Maud Whitley, 1119 South Seventh Street, Springfield; director of the baby branch, Miss Cornelia Bowen, Springfield.

It was requested that the president prepare a circular to be printed with the reports explaining the different objects for which offerings are asked.

Some letters read from Miss Emery. Pledges again taken for missions. After a very interesting and helpful talk from

the president, and the singing of the Doxology, the meeting adjourned.

SARAH C. DRESSER, Secretary.

Pledges for Diocesan Missions from Woman's Auxiliary

Alton Parish Branch	\$ 5 00
Cairo Parish Branch	5 00
Champaign Parish Branch	5 00
Champaign Juniors	5 00
Jacksonville Parish Branch	5 00
Springfield, St. Paul's Branch	25 00
Springfield, Christ Church Branch	25 00
Springfield, St. Paul's Juniors	10 00
Springfield, Christ Church Juniors	5 00
Carlyle Parish Branch	5 00
Mattoon, Parish Branch	\$ 5 00

PERSONAL

Mrs. Geo. F. Seymour	\$20 00
Mrs. Safford, Cairo	20 00
Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo	15 00
Mrs. M. F. Gilbert, Cairo	1 00
Mrs. W. B. Gilbert, Cairo	5 00
Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, Jacksonville	5 00
Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Alton	5 00
Mrs. G. P. Hoster, Centralia	5 00
Mrs. E. A. Snively, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Hay, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Jones, Springfield	5 00
Miss Hurst, Springfield	10 00
Miss Dresser, Springfield	5 00
Miss Bowen, Springfield	1 00
Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. E. R. Roberts, Springfield	1 00
Mrs. C. D. Roberts, Springfield.	5 00
Mrs. Goltra.	3 00
Mrs. J. M. Rossiter, Mattoon	5 00
Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Springfield.	5 00
Mrs Bluford Wilson, Springfield	5 00

Mrs. J. Taylor Smith, Springfield	5 00
Mrs. F. A. DeRosset, Springfield	2 00
Mrs. T. W. Menger, Cairo	1 00

FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Christ Church Mission Study Class—Diocesan Missions \$	2 00
Christ Church Mission Study Class—Miss Babcock in Japan	10 00
Mrs. J. T. Jones—Personal gift to Mr. White, of East St. Louis	10 00

Committee Report

WHEREAS—It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved friend and former rector, the Right Reverend Frederick W. Taylor, Bishop of Quincy, Therefore be it

RESOLVED—By the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary that we one and all deplore his loss and hold in tender memory his ministrations and recall with gratitude his kindly counsel and earliest sympathy. That the Branch has lost in him a wise friend and one whose place, in every respect it will be hard to fill. That we must nevertheless bow our heads in humble submission to that God "who moves in a mysterious way," but "who doeth all things well."

RESOLVED—Also, That we, the members of the Springfield Branch desire to express our heartfelt sympathy, with our treasurer, Mrs. John E. Hayner, in her late bereavement, and that we hereby extend to her the earnest wish that He, who is the God of the widow and the Fatherless, may comfort and sustain her in her great affliction and enable her to say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him," "It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good."

One other sad loss is ours, that of our former co-worker and beloved sister, Mrs. Elizabeth D Thayer, who after much patience and long-suffering, has gone to be with Him, who was her model in all things. What a holy example was hers! Who never forgot her Christian duties, even when laid upon a bed of pain and suffering. Her beautiful life is ended, her course is run, and she has gone to her reward and her works do follow her. May light perpetual shine upon her.

