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Seventeenth Annual Meeting  
OF THE  
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OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
TO THE  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING.**

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, was held in Odd Fellows' Temple, in the city of Springfield, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6, the President, Mrs. Candee, present and presiding.

Bishop Osborne, Coadjutor of the Diocese, opened the meeting with the usual Missionary collects, after which he made a very interesting and helpful address, telling of personal experience in India, Africa and Japan, as well as in Boston.

**ROLL CALL.**

The following Parochial branches were represented: Alton 4 delegates, Cairo 1, Champaign 1, Carlyle 1, Jacksonville 3, Murphysboro 1, St. Paul's Church, Springfield, 10, Christ Church, Springfield, 15. The Secretary Mrs. Dresser, read minutes of second day's meeting last year. The President's address next in order and is as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF  
THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF  
MISSIONS, DECEMBER 6TH, 1904.

Greetings once more, dear friends, of the Springfield Branch, and grateful thanks to God that we are permitted to clasp hands again this year with our circle unbroken. We are thankful also that the work of the past year has gone steadily forward, showing a gain in strength and the steadfast pursuit of the duty that has been laid upon us and willingly accepted. We have more than met our proportion of the Apportionment Fund, and our contribution to the United Offering was a considerable gain over that of 1901. While quietly pursuing the even

tenor of our way in our own Diocese, we have not failed to note how eventful has been the history of the year without. The far east, where much of our missionary work is going on, has been filled with the storm and stress of a terrible conflict, the end of which no one can fully foresee, or its effects upon the missions so well planted in the Orient. By contrast, the peace and prosperity of our own country has never been greater, and it has been set farther on in the path of righteousness by the meeting of the World's Peace Congress and the General Convention of the American Church, held near together in the noble city of Boston. To all thoughtful people the first notable gathering has a deep significance, for our own nation, although the youngest among those represented, may be called upon by the wisdom of the God of nations to exercise an influence of vast importance in international affairs. There was great significance in the fact that before the echoes of the opening of the Peace Congress had died away and its sessions, so full of importance to the civilized world, had ended, the grand opening services of the General Convention had commenced a series of meetings unequalled in the history of the Church. The meeting of the Convention and Woman's Auxiliary in the city of Boston this year was ordered without doubt by that Divine Providence which rules all things for the best. No other city could have offered so much as the great metropolis which has long stood as the exponent of the highest intellectual culture of the new world—the city justly called the Athens of America, which combines within its borders the old and the new, historical interest and high modern achievement. All the land marks of past greatness spoke to us, and the beautiful and stately building of Trinity, the Church of the Advent, the Public Library and Museum, with the Public Garden and Boston Common gave us gracious welcome. Could the spirits of those rigid haters of Episcopacy, the Reverends Increase and Cotton Mather, whose stern fatalism of two hundred years ago brought terror and cruel death to hundreds in Massachusetts, innocent of the crimes of witchcraft and diabolism charged against them by those

sinister men, have been permitted to look down upon Copley Square on the 5th of October, what would their feelings, if such spirits can feel, have been? On that glorious day in the brilliant autumnal light, there passed amid thronging crowds of respectful spectators, nearly one hundred Bishops, in robes of their sacred office, exponents of Episcopacy, from all parts of the Christian world. Africa, China, Japan, Honolulu and the Philippines, had all sent their Bishops of the Church to meet the Bishops of this land and those from England, chief among them the head of the Anglican Communion and successor to St. Augustine. The Archbishop of the See of Canterbury, Primate of all England, whom all delighted to honor, for his own genial and personal worth, as well as his high office, is a successor to the English Bishops whom the Mathers detested and abhorred. His presence in Boston was a most happy and significant event for our own Church and we hope for the Church of England, our mother in the faith, cementing still closer the bonds of fellowship and good will of the two great Anglican branches. When the long line of Bishops, Priests and Deputies to the General Convention passed under the richly carved portals of the noble edifice of Trinity, amid a great congregation, to the swelling notes of the organ, and the chanting of Eucharistic hymns filled the magnificent edifice, while the "jubilant thunder of the Nicene creed" rang out like a battle cry, those austere spirits must have fled away in amazement at the mighty change wrought in only two centuries! We could have wished but one thing more for their enlightenment—that they might have lingered above the great fane until the second day to behold another multitude of devout worshippers, equal in number to the first. But the second great congregation with reverent enthusiasm came bearing gifts in their hands from all parts of the Christian world, gifts of self-denial and sacrifice, given in faith and enwrapped by loving deeds and devout prayers. One of the beautiful new stained glass windows in Trinity Church by La Farge, is a detail taken from Titian's celebrated painting in *Academia Belli Arti* in Venice, of the Presentation

of the Virgin. As the soft light streamed through the exquisite glass, showing the blue robed figure of the youthful Mary going softly up the temple steps alone, in her childish grace and tender humility, she seemed an emblem of the reverent Christian womanhood there, lifting grateful hearts and presenting sanctified offerings in that later temple raised to the King of all the earth. The offering itself was so abundant that strong men could hardly handle and place it upon the altar, and joyful hearts swelled with thanksgiving, while sweet voices rang out in the strains of supplication, "Christ present them, God receive them." Since this noble sum of \$150,000 has been given by the women of the Church it has led to the suggestion that the men be not left behind in the matter of a special thank-offering to Almighty God at the time of the great triennial gathering in Richmond in 1907. If the Holy Spirit prompts them to give in proportion to what the women and children have given, it is impossible to estimate the results. Already we have begun to plan for our next United Offering and the Massachusetts Branch has set before its members the hope that the United Offering to be made in 1907 at Richmond, on the 300th anniversary of the beginning of the Church in America, shall reach the sum of \$175,000. When we compute the self-denial, the prayers and faith that accompany the gift of many and consider the sources from which most of it comes, its whole illimitable purpose and value seems beyond finite grasp. It takes the eye of the soul to see the outcome of a Church's life that is filled with united service—that helps the great, busy, selfish, cruel world to be better, and seek to save its perishing souls and win them for Christ. This is the work we are called to do, to be helpers with Him who saved us, in spreading His kingdom which shall save others. The keynote of all the interesting missionary meetings which were crowded, no matter how large the hall or church, was the same—salvation through Christ for those in the uttermost parts of the earth and the islands of the sea. All were brethren in fulfilling the great command. Whether it was the dignified, earnest, aged Bishop of Cape Palmas, born and trained in his own land, and pleading to the Anglo-Saxon

for help for dark Africa, or some younger Bishop just taking up the work in China, or in the far West here, or in Honolulu, it was the same expression of gratitude for what the Woman's Auxiliary has already done to help them and the need for more help. Message after message came to us from them daily at the meetings of the Auxiliary, which for three weeks were packed with intensely interested women from all parts of the Missionary field.

Next to the Archbishop and Mrs. Davidson, at the elegant reception given in the Art Museum, perhaps the most interesting people were Mr. and Mrs. Luke Aseu of Hawaii, natives of China, but now Christians of Hawaii and teachers in the Mission's schools of Honolulu. They are a most interesting couple, intelligent, refined and highly educated, and possessing considerable means, having made the long journey from Hawaii to Boston at their own expense to be present at the Convention and take part in the meetings, which they attended with the greatest enthusiasm.

I need not touch further upon the social side, or the abounding hospitality of the Boston Churchmen, women and citizens, for you have all read of it again and again in the splendid reports and grateful acknowledgments of those who were privileged to be there. I wish to emphasize more especially the spiritual and sacramental education which must have resulted to those in attendance, and all who felt the influence of such a gathering in that city, which the Bishop of Hereford called the heart and home of American independence, culture and patriotism. I believe many eyes were opened to the power and dignity of the Church as they never had been before, and the presence of so many notable men and women of our own land and others, with their devotion and gifts in honor of the King of kings, made a profound impression throughout the East. And Boston gave to us as much as she received. We seemed to grasp more fully in the surcharged atmosphere the true meaning of the one everlasting and undying sacrifice constantly perpetuated by our branch of the One Holy Catholic Church. Standing in the Hall of the Prophets

of the Public Library, before Sargent's great lunette, which typifies the evolution of Religion from dim antiquity, and realizing the total inadequacy of the old religions from that of the sombre Neith, brooding mother of them all, through the horrors of the worship of Moloch and Ashtaroth and Horus, one turns with inexpressible relief to the opposite wall. There Sargent expresses the Apotheosis of the religion of the blessed Trinity, and the salvation of mankind through the Son. It is a brave conception, placed in the very centre of Unitarianism, of the Triune God, and we are carried by the magnificent frieze of the angels, on to the heart and core of American sacred art in Abbey's pictures of the Holy Grail. This greatest series of paintings in America portrays in marvellous illumination the legend that typifies the most profound mystery of the Christian faith, the sustenance of soul and body, by the Sacred Blood, and the restoration of the Divine Wisdom to suffering humanity by the great sacrifice. Like the temple scene in Parsifal when the Grail is lifted up before the Knights of the Round Table, who worship and adore, both are faint types of the transcendent majesty of the Eucharistic worship in which adoring angels join when pardon and peace descend on the true believer's heart. Such services were many during the Convention, but the climax of all the exaltation and uplift of soul came to us upon the last Sunday, when occurred the solemn service of the setting apart for our spiritual oversight, a true successor of the Holy Apostles, who comes to us from his lowly, yet exalted labors, in that city of our dreams, as Bishop and Shepherd of our souls. To none other perhaps could we so gladly yield a part of the veneration and love always borne to our chief Diocesan. When the solemn words were said that consecrated him a Bishop in the Church of God, and he received the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands of so many godly and apostolic fathers in God, one of whom he became at that moment, it seemed as if Heaven indeed opened above him. We could almost see the vision, denied to mortal eyes, of the Holy Ghost descending in the form of a dove, and

behold the shining choirs of angels and archangels marshalled about the Throne, looking down upon the touching and beautiful sight below. Such a service and such worship as followed brings us nearer to the New Jerusalem than anything else can ever do until the vision bursts upon our enraptured sight, and we behold the King in His beauty.

With this feeble suggestion of what the convention meant to some of us, I must give you my valedictory. For thirty years I have pursued the work of the Auxiliary as Diocesan Secretary, Secretary, Honorary Secretary, and President. The time has come when ill health compels me to give up active labor in the field I have loved so well, and put the work into abler and stronger hands. I realize how much I have failed to accomplish, and how much more may be done. The work will always be very near to my heart, and will have my sympathy and prayers. Under new guidance I feel you will continue in well doing and have great success. It is a glorious privilege to be a worker with God, to help forward the Kingdom for which we daily pray, and to strive to earn the plaudit of "well done, good and faithful servant." Every Christian should be like that pure and stainless knight who fitted himself by prayer and vigil for the succoring of the distressed and defenseless. All that God has generously given us we should be willing to share, and like Galahad, let us ever seek the Divine Presence in the Grail, until our own golden tree of life shall blossom into perfect deeds, and the work given us to do is over; when we shall attain the Divine Wisdom and behold at last the Vision of splendor, as we enter into the joy of our crucified Lord.

The Secretary then read her report as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The year's work seems to have been a silent one, almost, as far as your Secretary knows. Very few reports

have been made to her. I find, however, on looking over the Treasurer's report that more money has been raised this year than last, but not as many missionary boxes sent out. I sent out at Miss Emery's request the usual amount of blank forms, in May, to be filled out, in order to make my report to Miss Emery in August. I sent a blank form to every Parish, where there is a branch, and to some Parishes where there used to be members, asking for reports of any work done by the women of the Church. Eight branches responded, viz: Alton, Cairo, Carlyle, Champaign, Jacksonville, Mattoon, St. Paul's, Springfield, and Christ Church, Springfield.

The total amount reported in money and boxes was \$537.67. I do not suppose that is all, for some had already been reported through the "Spirit of Missions."

There were sent out about 200 copies of the last annual report, and many have been received from other Diocesan Branches, many of which I wish you could read, particularly of the Western Missionary Dioceses. They are so full of hope and courage for the future.

There have been no calls for missionary boxes from Miss Emery during the past year, and I wonder if that is not a mistake? The object of the Woman's Auxiliary has turned aside from its original idea, for you know when originated in Baltimore in 1871 some of the good women hearing the great needs of the Missionary Bishops and others, said, "If we have not the money at our disposal to give, we can work with our fingers and prepare boxes of clothing." And so they did, and it seems to me more women could be interested in this way. Money seems to be the thing asked for as a rule, and we must do the best we can to give of our little. But I know full well how hard it is to get the money to support our own little Missions, and if the Missionary is a married man with a family he does not indulge in many luxuries.

There have been three appeals for help; one in September, and two in October, Rev. Mr. Burke, from Nor-

ristown, Pa., asking for help to build a Washington Memorial Church at Valley Forge. He stated that he was trying to enlist the interest of the Woman's Auxiliary throughout the country. The second call was from Rev. Mr. Perry, asking aid for the poor white people in Georgia, and the other from St. Augustine's School for colored children in Georgia.

Our "little band" is unbroken this year, I believe. Sorrow may have come to some we know not of. If so there is a balm for such wounds, and though the healing may be slow, it will surely come, we are assured.

I shall not give the reports from the different branches, as the Treasurer does that in her report.

The usual number of letters have been written, and it is with pleasure to note the increased interest in missions throughout the whole world.

SARAH C. DRESSER,  
*Secretary.*

The Junior secretary's report was as follows:

#### REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Once more we have gathered together the reports from the different Junior Branches of the Diocese, and once more regret that their number has not doubled itself during the year. But regret is not the only feeling that we have by any means, for a careful reckoning shows that two branches have been added to our list, and that our offerings are more than they were last year.

After our annual meeting last December, letters were written to all Junior Secretaries and mention made of three objects to which we hoped all Junior Branches of the Diocese would unite in contributing. This was responded to by most of the Branches, and I found that the object to which the heartiest response was made was the one in the foreign field. I had hoped that the branches in this united effort could raise a sufficient fund to support a Biblewoman of China. Though most of the

Branches contributed, we were able to raise only half the amount asked for.

This uniting of the Branches to work for one object was something new and perhaps not thoroughly understood. I trust that interest has been awakened in such a work and that during the coming year we shall be able to raise the amount of the full support of a Biblewoman or its equivalent towards some other object.

Since the General Convention in Boston I have received a letter from Miss Knight, one of a committee, suggesting that all the Junior Auxiliaries throughout the whole Church unite in giving towards the equipment of the children's ward in the new St. James' hospital in Ngankin, China. I trust that a pledge towards this worthy object will be made by all the juniors of the Diocese of Springfield.

A fact that gives me the greatest pleasure to note is that more of the Juniors have contributed towards the United Offering this year than ever before. If our three duties of prayer, offering and study do not form a part of each meeting, then we have not fulfilled the requirements of the organization.

The Blue Box should find a conspicuous place by the side of the treasurer. We find that a penny apiece at each weekly amounts to quite a sum by the end of the year, but the benefit of the habit of systematic prayerful giving to the child herself can not be estimated.

Neither can we estimate the blessings and benefits which come through the prayers of these dear children who make the two beautiful collects a part of their daily devotions.

Then as to study, some one has said, "Of the three objects in our auxiliary work study is the first, for we are not very likely either to pray or work for a thing which we know little about."

The Archbishop of Canterbury said that "he hoped the time would come when it would be considered as much

of a disgrace to be ignorant of the work of the Church's missions as to be ignorant of current events or the history of one's own country."

As I have said several times before, give the children a chance to work for the Church, they are anxious and ready to follow if we will only lead them. The pleasure of working with children is a sufficient incentive in itself for anyone to take up the work among the Juniors. It is the privilege and responsibility of the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to train these younger ones in the auxiliary work, that in the years to come they may take up our work and carry it on intelligently. I speak from six years' experience among the Juniors of our parish, and say that no more ennobling or beautiful work can be found anywhere than the work of the Junior Auxiliary of the Church of Christ.

Why there is not a Junior Auxiliary in every parish where there is a Sunday school I can not understand, perhaps some Sunday school teacher can tell me.

You see my appeal is for more Branches—those already formed have done well, as my report presently will show.

The reports from the Branches at Alton, Danville, Jacksonville, Lincoln and St. Paul's, Springfield, are most encouraging and reflect the faithful, earnest work of their interested directors. Christ Church, Springfield, has done well, too, and the girls have just recently given an entertainment which netted them over twenty dollars for missionary work.

Though truly great the harvest,  
The laborers are few.  
Within our hearts, dear Jesus,  
Thy love for souls renew.  
Then at Thy sure returning  
We'll raise the Harvest Home.  
Every place and city ready  
When He, Himself, shall come.

**REPORT OF MONEY AND BOXES OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY**  
**DECEMBER 1903-1904.**

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| Champaign Branch, Mrs. Wilkinson, Director—                                                                   |          |         |  |
| For Diocesan Missions .....                                                                                   | \$5 00   | \$5 00  |  |
| Danville, Mrs. Swarthout, Director—                                                                           |          |         |  |
| Cassock to Rev. H. F. Rockstroh .....                                                                         | \$12 50  |         |  |
| Quilt for Orphanage of Holy Child.....                                                                        | 3 35     |         |  |
| Altar vases for St. Mary's, E. St. Louis.....                                                                 | 9 15     |         |  |
| For work in Cuba and Brazil .....                                                                             | 5 00     |         |  |
| Towards support of Biblewoman of China.....                                                                   | 3 00     |         |  |
| Towards building fund of St. John's, Springfield.....                                                         | 3 00     |         |  |
| Total in money and boxes .....                                                                                | \$36 00  | \$36 00 |  |
| Jacksonville, Miss Stryker, President—                                                                        |          |         |  |
| Box of clothing for Industrial School, Cairo, Ill.....                                                        | \$10 00  |         |  |
| Towards support of Biblewoman of China.....                                                                   | 5 00     |         |  |
| United offering .....                                                                                         | 10 00    |         |  |
| Total in money and boxes .....                                                                                | \$25 00  | \$25 00 |  |
| Alton, Mrs. Hayner, Director—                                                                                 |          |         |  |
| Towards support of Biblewoman of China.....                                                                   | \$5 50   | \$5 50  |  |
| Lincoln, Miss Marvine, President—                                                                             |          |         |  |
| For seats for the Mission of St. Agnes, Mt. Pulaski.....                                                      | \$25 00  | \$25 00 |  |
| Cairo—                                                                                                        |          |         |  |
| Towards support of Biblewoman of China.....                                                                   | \$3 00   | \$3 00  |  |
| St. Paul's Branch, Springfield, Miss Bowen, Director—                                                         |          |         |  |
| To Diocesan Missions .....                                                                                    | \$10 00  |         |  |
| Towards Miss Babcock's salary .....                                                                           | 10 00    |         |  |
| To building fund of new Church, E. St. Louis.....                                                             | 15 00    |         |  |
| United offering .....                                                                                         | 3 00     |         |  |
| Special offering to Miss Babcock .....                                                                        | 1 00     |         |  |
| Pictures to Miss Babcock .....                                                                                | 2 00     |         |  |
| Paper dolls to hospital, Raleigh, N. C.....                                                                   | 1 00     |         |  |
| Total in money and boxes .....                                                                                | \$42 00  | \$42 00 |  |
| Christ Church, Springfield, Miss Jones and Miss Whitley,<br>Directors—                                        |          |         |  |
| Articles to Orphanage of Holy Child, consisting of towels,<br>napkins, wash cloths, candy and valentines..... | \$6 00   |         |  |
| Box to Industrial School, Cairo, Ill.....                                                                     | 6 00     |         |  |
| Towards support of Biblewoman of China .....                                                                  | 8 50     |         |  |
| United offering .....                                                                                         | 1 18     |         |  |
| To Diocesan Missions .....                                                                                    | 5 00     |         |  |
| In Woman's Auxiliary pledge to Diocesan Missions .....                                                        | 5 00     |         |  |
| Total in money and boxes .....                                                                                | \$31 68  | \$31 68 |  |
| Grand total from all branches in money and boxes.....                                                         | \$173 18 |         |  |

MAUD WHITLEY,  
*Diocesan Secretary Junior Auxiliary.*

Report of Secretary of Babies' Branch as follows:

**REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.**

As a little child with pleasure in the accomplishment of her task turns to the grown up sisters for approval, so the Babies' Auxiliary asks you to hear what her small efforts have accomplished during the past year.

Last December it was decided to use the offerings of 1903 for a font to be placed in the new Church in East St. Louis. The worthiness of this object was alone sufficient reason for the choice, but there was another reason. By choosing so appropriate a gift from little children, and by giving it here in our own Diocese where every one must know something of the good that is being done, we hoped to interest the parents as well as the children in the Babies' Branch, for it is largely through the parents that we must work. As the amount of the offerings, \$18.63, was too small for the purpose, we decided to add to it the offerings of 1904. A notice of this was printed in the Diocesan paper asking all who had children under their care to send for boxes, that all young children might take part in the work. There was only one response, but it was a generous one. Mrs. Delashmutt, secretary of the Sunday school in Martinsville, through whose efforts the little mission church in Martinsville was built, wrote asking for boxes. She said that the remembrance of their own struggles in building their church had given her much sympathy with all such missionary efforts, and she thought that she could gather a little sum for the font. The result was one of the largest offerings from any one parish, \$7.11, and this from a poor mission church.

From Cairo comes a generous offering, \$8.59, from 21 little helpers. This branch has a devoted secretary. The seven little helpers in Danville sent \$5.50. This branch also has a new secretary who is doing earnest and good work. Christ Church branch, Springfield, has a secretary for the first time this year, and shows much

improvement. The offering is \$4.38 from eight members.

Jacksonville sends \$3.00 from twelve members.

Alton sent their offering of \$1.27 to the United Offering in Boston, so I am glad to say we were not unrepresented in the general thanksgiving of the whole Auxiliary.

The offering from 17 little helpers of St. Paul's Parish, Springfield, is \$6.55, making a total of \$36.40 from about 75 little helpers. Deducting from this amount the \$1.27 sent to the United Offering, and \$1.35 for express charges on the boxes, we have left \$33.78. Adding to this the offering of the previous year, with interest, and a special gift to the Babies' Branch, we have \$53.46, with which to buy the font. If any one cares to make a special offering for this object it will be gladly received.

We must not forget that the general rule of the Babies' Branch is that the offerings shall be divided between Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions, teaching the children that they are members of the Church all over the world. I shall be glad of suggestions in regard to the use of the offerings for the ensuing year. It is proposed to devote at least a part of them to the Orphanage of the Holy Child.

One word more. I wish that I could say that each gift in the red boxes means a prayer from the child who gave it, but I know that many who are old enough do not use the prayer. If we could know how much God loves the prayers of little children, whose angels always behold His face in heaven, we would be more ready to teach them the prayer. One baby listened attentively while the prayer was said for her and then she said "I don't know that; only 'for Jesus' sake,' that's all I can say." We might teach them to say that even before they are old enough to say the whole prayer.

Finally, dear sisters of the Auxiliary, will you not speak a good word for the Babies' Branch whenever you can. And we will help you all we can in your work for the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

CORNELIA BOWEN,  
Diocesan Secretary.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Hayner, made her report, and it is as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN  
BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FROM  
DECEMBER, 1903, TO DECEMBER, 1904.

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| Alton, St. Paul's Branch, Mrs. John E. Hayner, Secretary. |          |
| United offering .....                                     | \$22 50  |
| Orphanage of the Holy Child .....                         | 5 00     |
| Membership dues .....                                     | 5 75     |
| Diocesan Mission pledge .....                             | 12 00    |
| Domestic Missions, Alaska .....                           | 5 00     |
| Foreign Missions, Bishop Ingle memorial .....             | 5 00     |
| Apportionment fund .....                                  | 15 00    |
| Diocesan Missions, individual .....                       | 15 00    |
| Diocesan Missions, individuals .....                      | 2 00     |
| General Missions, individual .....                        | 20 00    |
| Junior Auxiliary, Foreign Missions .....                  | 5 50     |
| United offering, Baby Branch .....                        | 1 27     |
| <br>Total in money .....                                  | \$114 02 |
| Box to St. Michael's Colored Mission, Cairo .....         | \$4 50   |
| <br>Entire total .....                                    | \$118 52 |
| Belleville, St. George's Branch—                          |          |
| United offering .....                                     | \$6 00   |
| <br>Total .....                                           | 6 00     |
| Cairo, St. Mary's Branch, Mrs. Wm. Gilbert, Treasurer—    |          |
| United offering .....                                     | \$12 00  |
| Membership dues .....                                     | 3 50     |
| Apportionment fund .....                                  | 15 00    |
| Domestic Missions, Mrs. W. G. Delashmutt .....            | 3 00     |
| Domestic Missions, Mrs. A. N. Molesworth .....            | 2 00     |
| Domestic Missions, Mrs. A. E. Safford .....               | 25 00    |
| Diocesan Missions, Mrs. A. E. Safford .....               | 20 00    |
| Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Isabella Candee .....             | 15 00    |
| United offering, Baby Branch .....                        | 7 24     |
| <br>Total in money .....                                  | 102 74   |

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| Carlyle, Christ Church Branch, Mrs. Dean, Secretary—                            |          |
| United offering .....                                                           | \$3 32   |
| Membership dues .....                                                           | 1 00     |
| Diocesan Mission pledge .....                                                   | 5 00     |
| -----                                                                           | -----    |
| Total in money .....                                                            | \$9 32   |
| Box for Girls' School, Sewanee, Tennessee .....                                 | 20 00    |
| -----                                                                           | -----    |
| Entire total .....                                                              | 29 32    |
| Champaign, Emmanuel Branch, Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary—                       |          |
| Orphanage of the Holy Child .....                                               | \$10 00  |
| Foreign Missions, Madras, India .....                                           | 24 00    |
| United offering .....                                                           | 11 85    |
| Diocesan Missions .....                                                         | 5 00     |
| Apportionment fund .....                                                        | 5 00     |
| Membership dues .....                                                           | 2 00     |
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| Total in money .....                                                            | \$57 85  |
| Box to St. Michael's Colored Mission, Cairo .....                               | 15 00    |
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| Entire total .....                                                              | \$72 85  |
| Jacksonville, Trinity Branch, Mrs. F. J. Harlow, Secretary—                     |          |
| United offering .....                                                           | \$30 60  |
| Membership dues .....                                                           | 6 00     |
| Diocesan Mission pledge .....                                                   | 5 00     |
| Orphanage of the Holy Child .....                                               | 5 00     |
| Diocesan Missions .....                                                         | 5 00     |
| Insurance of Foreign Missionaries .....                                         | 10 00    |
| Apportionment fund .....                                                        | 15 00    |
| St. Michael's Colored Mission, Cairo .....                                      | 5 00     |
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| Total in money .....                                                            | 81 60    |
| Mattoon, St. Andrew's Branch, Mrs. J. R. McLean, Secretary—                     |          |
| United offering .....                                                           | \$7 12   |
| Diocesan Mission pledge .....                                                   | 5 00     |
| Diocesan Missions, Mrs. J. M. Rossiter .....                                    | 5 00     |
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| Total in money .....                                                            | \$17 12  |
| Boxes to Orphanage of Holy Child and St. Michael's Colored Mission, Cairo ..... | 8 50     |
| -----                                                                           | -----    |
| Entire total .....                                                              | \$25 62  |
| Springfield, St. Paul's Branch, Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary—               |          |
| Diocesan Mission pledge .....                                                   | \$25 00  |
| Apportionment fund .....                                                        | 15 00    |
| United offering .....                                                           | 56 35    |
| Membership dues .....                                                           | 2 50     |
| Junior Auxiliary, united offering .....                                         | 3 00     |
| Diocesan Missions, individual .....                                             | 64 00    |
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| Total in money .....                                                            | \$165 85 |

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| Springfield, Christ Church Branch, Miss Maud Whitley, Secretary— |          |
| United offering .....                                            | \$14 07  |
| Foreign Missions, Mission Study Class .....                      | 10 00    |
| Apportionment fund .....                                         | 10 00    |
| Diocesan Missions, East St. Louis .....                          | 40 00    |
| Diocesan Missions, Mission Study Class .....                     | 2 00     |
| Diocesan Missions, Parish pledge .....                           | 25 00    |
| Orphanage of the Holy Child .....                                | 6 10     |
| Diocesan Missions, individual .....                              | 18 00    |
|                                                                  | -----    |
| Total in money .....                                             | \$125 17 |
| Total receipts in money .....                                    | \$679 67 |
| Total receipts in boxes .....                                    | 48 00    |
|                                                                  | -----    |
| Entire total .....                                               | \$727 67 |

## DISBURSED.

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| Springfield Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary for Diocesan |          |
| Missions, East St. Louis .....                             | \$20 00  |
| Expenses for postage, etc .....                            | 5 00     |
| Apportionment fund from general fund .....                 | 5 00     |
| For Foreign, Domestic, Diocesan and General Missions.....  | 761 48   |
|                                                            | -----    |
| Total .....                                                | \$791 48 |
| Balance from last year .....                               | \$131 16 |
| 1904 .....                                                 | 810 83   |
| December 1, Balance remaining .....                        | 19 35    |
|                                                            | -----    |
|                                                            | \$810 83 |

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER,

*Treasurer Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.*

The Secretary read an appeal from Dr. Jefferys for aid in building a Gate School, just outside St. John's College, Shanghai, China. The President reported that she had pledged for Bishop Rowe, while at the General Meeting in Boston, \$25.00 from the Diocesan Branch. Also Mrs. Safford of Cairo had given \$25.00 for Miss Thackera's Hospital in Arizona. A letter from Miss Emery was read, asking for larger offerings from the Woman's Auxiliary. Pledges for Missions were then made. A committee consisting of Rev. Mr. Allen and Rev. Mr. DeRosset, came over from the Synod to the meeting, to ascertain the amount the women had pledged, each in their turn, saying a few words of good cheer, and encouragement.

Reports of Vice Presidents next in order. Mrs. Tomlin, Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Wilkinson told of work in their own parochial branches.

The election of officers was the next order of business.

Mrs. Candee, who had served for nearly 30 years, found it impossible to serve any longer, and nominated Mrs. E. A. Snively to fill that position. There were several seconds to the nomination of Mrs. Snively and she was duly elected.

Mrs. Dresser also resigned on account of failing health and moved that Mrs. Snively select her own Secretary. The motion was carried, and Mrs. Snively chose Miss Virginia Dresser.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. George F. Seymour, Springfield; President, Mrs. E. A. Snively, Springfield; Vice Presidents, Mrs. E. I. H. Tomlin, Jacksonville, Mrs. Charles E. Hay, Springfield, Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Alton, Mrs. Leonard B. Richards, Belleville, Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo, Mrs. James E. Wilkinson, Champaign; Secretary, Miss Virginia Dresser, 818 West Edwards street, Springfield; Treasurer, Mrs. John E. Hayner, 1418 State street, Alton; Secretary Junior Branch, Miss Maud Whitley, 1119 South Seventh street, Springfield; Director of Babies' Branch, Miss Cornelia Bowen, South State street, Springfield.

Mrs. Stadden moved that Mrs. Dresser be placed on the list as Honorary Vice President. Carried.

The resignation of Mrs. Candee was accepted, with much regret, and a motion was made that a committee be appointed, with Mrs. Hayner as chairman, with power to select two other ladies, to serve with her to draft suitable resolutions on the resignation of Mrs. Candee and Mrs. Dresser. The motion was carried. The committee consisted of Mrs. Hayner, Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Wilkin-

son. Mrs. Tomlin moved that the resolutions be incorporated in the records.

The meeting adjourned to meet in the Orphanage Wednesday afternoon, right after lunch, the new officers presiding.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

An adjourned meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the Orphanage on Dec. 7. The newly elected President, Mrs. Snively, was in the chair. After prayer she made a brief address in regard to the work of the coming year. The minutes of the previous day's meeting were read, and after some discussion of the Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Mitchell of Jacksonville was appointed to superintend the work of this club among the women of the Diocese, with power to select a librarian in each Parish.

Mrs. Tomlin of Jacksonville gave an account of the meeting of the officers of the Babies' Branch in Boston. Twenty-five Dioceses were represented, and nearly \$1,000 raised by the babies.

Mrs. Candee reported that \$25 had been sent by a member of St. Michael's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in Cairo for Miss Thackera's Hospital at Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Miss Eassie, a native of Scotland, told of good work which had been done in the West Indies by the Daughters of the King.

The Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, introduced the Rev. Mr. Willett, the colored Priest in charge of St. Michael's Mission, Cairo, who in a simple, earnest way made an appeal for the work among the people of his race in the city of Cairo, after which the meeting adjourned.

SARAH C. DRESSER,  
Secretary.

PLEDGES FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS FROM WOMAN'S  
AUXILIARY.

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|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| The Diocesan Branch .....                    | \$25 00  |
| Alton Parochial Branch .....                 | 10 00    |
| Cairo Parochial Branch .....                 | 10 00    |
| Carlyle Parochial Branch .....               | 5 00     |
| Champaign Parochial Branch .....             | 6 00     |
| Jacksonville Parochial Branch .....          | 5 00     |
| Springfield St. Paul's Parochial Branch..... | 25 00    |
| Springfield Christ's Parochial Branch.....   | 25 00    |
| Springfield, St. Paul's Juniors .....        | 10 00    |
| Springfield Christ's Juniors .....           | 5 00     |
| Christ's Mission Study Class .....           | 2 00     |
| Jacksonville Daughters of The King .....     | 5 00     |
|                                              | -----    |
| Total .....                                  | \$133 00 |

## PERSONAL.

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| Mrs. J. T. Smith, Springfield .....     | \$5 00   |
| Mrs. J. E. Hayner, Alton .....          | 20 00    |
| Miss Hurst, Springfield .....           | 10 00    |
| Mrs. Charles Ridgely, Springfield.....  | 10 00    |
| A friend, Springfield .....             | 5 00     |
| Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Springfield .....   | 3 00     |
| Miss Dresser, Springfield .....         | 5 00     |
| Mrs. Charles Starne, Springfield.....   | 5 00     |
| Mrs. E. A. Snively, Springfield .....   | 5 00     |
| Mrs. Bluford Wilson, Springfield .....  | 5 00     |
| Mrs. J. T. Jones, Springfield .....     | 5 00     |
| Mrs. G. F. Seymour, Springfield .....   | 20 00    |
| Mrs. I. Goltra, Springfield .....       | 5 00     |
| Mrs. H. H. Candee, Cairo .....          | 15 00    |
| Mrs. Anna Safford, Cairo .....          | 20 00    |
| Mrs. Wm. B. Gilbert, Cairo .....        | 5 00     |
| Mrs. G. P. Hostet, Centralia.....       | 5 00     |
| Mrs. H. M. Chittenden, Alton.....       | 2 00     |
| Mrs. E. I. H. Tomlin, Jacksonville..... | 5 00     |
| Mrs. Ingram, Murphysboro .....          | 1 00     |
| Miss Bowen, Springfield .....           | 1 00     |
|                                         | -----    |
| Total .....                             | \$157 00 |

## COMMITTEE REPORT.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Isabella L. Candee, by reason of ill health and in accordance with the physician's orders, feels that she must resign her office as president of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That her resignation is received with deep regret by her co-workers in the Springfield Branch, who pray that the coming year may find her restored to her normal state of health; and

*Resolved*, That it is a matter of thankfulness that Mrs. Candee consents to take the office of first vice-president, and that she will therefore, by her valuable experience and prayerful zeal, aid those who are still in active work.

WHEREAS, Mrs. David Walker Dresser has served the Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield many years, as President of the Champaign Branch, as Vice-President of the Diocesan Branch, and lately as Secretary of the Diocesan Branch; and

WHEREAS, By reason of failing health she feels called upon to resign the Secretaryship of said Diocesan Branch; be it

*Resolved*, That the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield does hereby express its sincere regret at the loss of so faithful and diligent an officer; and further be it

*Resolved*, That the said expression of regret be spread upon the records of the society.

MRS. JOHN E. HAYNER,  
MRS. H. M. CHITTENDEN,  
MRS. JAMES E. WILKINSON,



