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OF THE
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OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
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Odd Fellows' Temple, Springfield, Ill.

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MINUTES OF MEETING.

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, was held in Odd Fellows Temple, in the city of Springfield on Tuesday afternoon, December 5th, at 3 o'clock, the President, Mrs. E. A. Snively, being in the chair.

Opening services were conducted by the Ven. H. M. Chittenden, of Alton, who afterwards spoke a few words of encouragement and commendation to the women present. The Roll Call followed, showing that representatives of seven Branches were in attendance. Alton, Cairo, Champaign, Chesterfield, Jacksonville, St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral and Christ Church, Springfield. Twenty-seven in all, which number was increased to forty in the course of an hour.

The minutes of the second day of last year's meeting were read and approved and the President delivered her first annual address, as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH
OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MIS-
SIONS, DECEMBER 6, 1905.

We are pleased to welcome to this, our eighteenth annual meeting, our co-workers from other parts of the Diocese. Your coming speaks more loudly than could words of your sympathy and interest in the great work in the Master's vineyard. It is also gratifying to see before us such a large representation of the home members. To one and all we extend greeting.

Another year is past, and our lists remain unbroken. It has indeed been a year of prosperity and achievement in nation and state. While the daily press teems with dreadful tragedies, and corruption in high places, it is

supplemented by an increase of civic virtue and purification of life. There has never been an age when such a spirit of philanthropy existed. People are becoming more and more desirous of taking some part in this great wave of philanthropy which is sweeping over our land.

Our National Executive is ever ready to take a stand for what is good, pure and uplifting.

America is recognized as the benefactor of the world. The sectarian spirit is fast dying out. It is true that the time has not yet arrived for the union and consolidation of ecclesiastical bodies, but a greater feeling of fellowship exists than ever before in the churches. We realize, as never before, our responsibility towards our wards, the colored race, the red man and the foreigners in our land. Surely when such things arouse our sympathy and best efforts, we can not overlook that greatest of all responsibility, our duty to our Creator, Saviour and King, nor turn a deaf ear to His last command.

It is now thirty-five years since the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions began its work. The name of this organization explains itself—it is designed to aid the Board of Missions. It is divided into the Auxiliary for the women of the Church, the Junior Auxiliary, and the Baby Branch, each working for the same object. The various branches should include every woman and child in the Church. Concerning this work there can be but one adequate motive, and that is love. No other motive will insure faithfulness and loyalty—the love that prompts us to ever proclaim: "God thy Father, Christ thy Brother."

Our General Secretary, Miss Emery, has been untiring in her efforts to organize Auxiliaries in every Parish. These Auxiliaries have proved the means of grace, and growth of Missions, wherever they exist; but alas, how few they are numerically, and how luke-warm are many of the members. The work has been blessed, but think what great things we may expect, when every Church in the land is a Missionary Church, with a flourishing Auxiliary. There is no longer any question as to the work to be done; it is all planned for us; we can not improve upon it, but we can give it our hearty co-operation,

our prayers and our united effort. One writer has compared missionary workers to a vast army, each regiment equipped in its own way, with characteristic banners and distinctive colors, the whole army fighting under one commander, all under marching orders of Emmanuel our King. Our Mission flag waves today from New England to the mining camps of the Pacific; from Point Hope in Northwestern Alaska to Key West, then on to Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Mexico. Our army has planted its banners in China, Japan and Africa, and all look to the home Churches for support and sympathy. When they ask for bread shall we give them a stone? Is it too much for Christ, that we practice a little self denial, that we surrender a portion of our time, forego a few pleasures, to carry light to those in darkness, that we sustain our brave soldiers who are fighting so manfully under His banner?

If Jesus is our Lord, then His commandments must be paramount in our lives. If we are Christians we will strive to be Christ-like and if we are Christ-like our one desire in life will be to emulate our great Exemplar. He sought not his own. He had not where to lay His head. He was nailed to the cross, and the mystery of the Holy Grail and the Sacred Supper was for whosoever would open his heart at his brother's need.

The watchword of the day is progression. We can not stand still—we must press forward. Without growth there can not be life, and this applies to contributions as well as membership, and it should be the aim of every one connected with the Auxiliary so to arouse the interest of their contributors that each year will see a marked increase in the funds at our command, and in consequence, more work accomplished. Christianity means service and progress, and we must not only be faithful but fruitful in good works.

OUR EARLY HISTORY.

If we will consult the record of Church history in the early days of the state we will find that the majority of Churches started as Missions, almost entirely supported by eastern capital. Constantly the cry went forth from our western land, "Come over into Macedonia and

help us," and our cry was heard and such men as Bishop Chase, Kemper and other pioneers of saintly memory, responded to the call, and traversed the lonely prairies, encountering untold discomforts, carrying to the homes of these lonely people messages of a Father's love, not forgetting the oppressed and afflicted. When we recall these lives of self-sacrifice that we might have the glad tidings brought to us, we must realize the debt we owe to others less fortunate than ourselves. When Bishop Whitehouse was consecrated Bishop he warned his Diocese that henceforth it must rely upon its own resources, for he could not make personal appeals for outside aid, as his predecessors had done, by travel and correspondence. Indeed, there are but few Dioceses that have not at some time received help from the General Board, and of these more than one has reason to be grateful to the good foundations laid in colonial days by the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

WORK AT HOME.

Springfield as a Diocese has not grasped the importance, nor awakened to her opportunity in the line of missionary work. The great need of this Diocese is of reaching the individual women throughout the Church who are indifferent to the things for which the Auxiliary primarily stands, and it is only by a gradual increase of information that interest can be aroused and enthusiasm quickened. How shall we begin? It is necessary to be thoroughly equipped with information from every field where men and women are engaged in spreading the Gospel of Christ. Our official record, "The Spirit of Missions," should be read by every woman in the Parish. While the circulation of our local Diocesan organ, "The Diocese of Springfield," should be in every Church home, so that we may keep in touch with the work being done at home.

We are too apt to give the trivial affairs of life precedence in our thoughts, and relegate Missions to a small place in our consideration. I fear there are few in our ranks that follow the scriptural injunction of giving a tenth, and who give from principal and not impulse, and

because they are asked to do so and it seems ungracious to refuse. Better give that way than not at all, but think you a friend would appreciate a gift grudgingly given? Will you dishonor the Lord and giver of all good things by such base treatment? You say there are so many demands made upon you it is impossible to meet them all. Very true, but do not commence retrenching on the Missionary Fund. At a recent meeting of the Laymen's Convention held in Chicago, one of the speakers said in regard to raising money for Missions: "It is only necessary for the laymen to give to the cause of Church extension as much money as the average man spends on the daily papers; this would result in an income three times as large as that for which the Board of Missions is asking at present."

The great argument in favor of missionary work is not, primarily, that millions of heathen souls are passing into perdition, or pity for the degraded and miserable state of the heathen, but our duty and loyalty to Christ, and obedience to His command. An individual must have something outside of self to live for, or he dies. When self stands alone it counts for nought. And what is true of the individual is true of the Church, a collection of individuals. The Missionary Church is always the live Church. Christ has given us something grand and glorious to work for, the establishment of His kingdom. The wealth of the United States is increasing at a marvelous rate—it has been estimated at \$7,000,000 a day. Much of this vast wealth is in the hands of Christians. What proportion is being given to Christ?

It puts to shame our lack of interest in our Auxiliary work when we read in the last "Spirit of Missions" of the enthusiastic meeting held in far-away Cathay in Bishop Roots' Diocese, where one hundred and eighty women gathered from various districts to be present at the second annual meeting of the Hankow Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. At the opening service seventy-eight women received the Holy Communion. Their offerings amounted to \$187.00. This from Chinese women whom many have thought to have no soul. In our own Diocese there was a slight deficiency in the apportion-

ment Fund. I hope this will be raised before adjournment. The United Offering is in excess of last year. We have redeemed our various pledges and start at the beginning of Advent with a fresh record.

In the Springfield Diocese there are some 40 Parishes and Missions, in that number there are only ten organized branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. This ought not so to be. Will you not make an earnest effort to double this number before the annual meeting next year? During the year the Secretary, Miss Dresser, has written a letter to every Parish in the Diocese where no Auxiliary existed, urging them to organize. As a general thing the responses were discouraging. I think one reason for this is the fact that Church women generally do not understand the real meaning of the Auxiliary; they have an idea that it is taking money from the home Parish and sending it they know not where. When the cause is presented, they plead poverty and the needs of the home Church. It is a sad mistake. The truth is, not until the foreign missionary spirit takes hold of a person is he properly equipped to do home mission or any other kind of Christian work. Mr. Jacob Riis says:

"For every dollar you give away to convert the heathen abroad, God gives you ten dollars worth of purpose to deal with your heathen at home."

I would not willingly stand sponsor for any society that was not a working society. Let us have some practical results from this meeting.

One of the pleasant features of the local branch during the year was a visit from Dr. Mary Glenton, a consecrated missionary who has worked single handed for years in Wu Chang, in the Elizabeth Bunn Memorial Hospital. She told of the one hundred and twenty patients treated last year in the wards, and gave a graphic picture of the scourge of the cholera, of the superstition of the natives in regard to death; told how she was often left alone to close the eyes of the dying, and protect their bodies from pests. When we contrast such a life of self sacrifice to our own, how feeble our efforts appear and our little gifts sink into insignificance.

RESULTS.

Today the Gospel is being preached in two hundred and sixty-seven languages. Three centuries after Christ there were ten millions of Christians, now there more than four hundred and fifty millions. Where, a century ago, English speaking Christians had but one foreign missionary, there are now a hundred and fifty separate organizations. From late statistics we learn there are still four hundred million people in China alone that are ignorant of the fact that Christ died to save sinners.

From these statistics we see what an ocean of opportunity is beating upon our shores. Let us not shirk responsibility, but bravely strive to do our part, never ceasing to pray and to work until in the remotest part of the earth can be heard the sound of the Church-going bell.

“The restless millions wait
The light whose dawning
Maketh all things new.
Christ also waits,
But men are slow and late.
Have we done what we could—
Have I? Have you?”

The Secretary's report was then called for.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

If the officers of the Auxiliary instead of reporting dry facts and figures could be endowed with the gift of divination and being able to look into the secret lives of our women, could tell how much was given up by one, that she might be able to attend every meeting of her Branch whether for study or work, or how earnestly another labored, working even with her hands that she might have something to give, how much more interesting it would be. Or, if their lips could be touched with a burning coal from the Altar, kindling a fire of enthusiasm in their own breasts which would leap forth and kindle others, then much good might come from this Annual summing up, this pausing for a moment to see how

far we have gone since we met together one year ago. Let us pray that it may be so.

The first work for the secretary was the mailing of the Annual Reports, of which three hundred were delivered, either through the post office or personally.

Early in February word came from the General Secretary, that a letter should be written to every Clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission where there was no Branch of the Auxiliary, asking them to form one. This could be done either by forming a new society or by appropriating a part of what they made in their Parish Guild, for Missionary uses. They would then have a right to the privileges of the Auxiliary, and would become a part of the great Missionary Army which should inspire them to do more than ever for their home Church. Fifteen of these letters were written and Missionary literature sent to as many places. Only *five* replies were received at all and of these all were discouraging but *two*. When I wrote this to Miss Emery she said the proportion was better than that in a Report which she had recently heard in one of the Eastern Dioceses, which seemed most surprising. The two favorable replies came from Chesterfield and Greenville. In Chesterfield they are working hard to pay the salary of their Priest and the Church's pledge to Diocesan Missions, but they would take one box for the United Offering, would have it on the table at the meeting of their Society and hoped that its mute appeal might draw some pennies into its bosom. In Greenville an earnest worker wrote that she would take twenty of these boxes and distribute them through the Parish and we rejoice to say that the Treasurer has received an offering from both of these places, the work is growing and will not other small places follow these good examples?

The Report which the Diocesan Secretary makes to Miss Emery the General Secretary, dates from September to September, where as our own Annual Report is from December to December, so they may not always be the same. The Report has to be sent to Miss Emery in the Summer that she may have her own ready for the Board of Missions by the 1st of September, and I want

to thank the Secretaries for their promptness in sending me their Parochial Reports. In spite of heat and summer outings, they were all received in good time and I was able to make out my own and send it to New York before the end of July.

Our gifts to Missions as shown in Miss Emery's Report, amounted last year to \$572.70, if we include the Juniors to \$670.24.

In the Diocese of Oregon they have what are called Corresponding Members of the Auxiliary. Church women compelled to live where there is no Church service or Auxiliary, can become members of the Branch in the nearest town, be kept informed by letter of the work being done, pay their annual dues and have the opportunity of helping in every way possible. In one of the small Parishes in Portland the Guild works for the Parish till after Christmas, then forms itself into a Mission Study Class and in Lent prepares a box.

These may be suggestions to some of the smaller towns in our own Diocese.

We, of the Diocese of Springfield are so appalled by the amount of work to be done in our midst, that we are in danger of missing the blessing, which comes from sending something to those more in need than ourselves. We are all one family, whether in Illinois or in the remotest regions of Bontoc, and surely we would not uphold a parent who ministered to his children at home but refused to do anything for the one who was far away and in sore need and distress. "This ought ye to have done and not have left the other undone."

In a talk recently given by a Presbyterian friend, she said that the letters C-h-r-i-s-t-i-a-n spelled "Missions." As a rule the women of the Auxiliary are in this sense truly Christian. They do love to *send* to others the blessings which they themselves, enjoy. May we not try in the year to come to consecrate our lives and our goods to the service of God, more really than we have ever done before? May we not even learn to give up, if necessary, some of those comforts to which we have

grown so accustomed, that they seem necessities. Then we may understand the mind of the poet who said:

“Give as you would if an Angel awaited your gift at the door,

Give as you would if tomorrow found you where waiting
was o'er,

Give as you would to the Master if you met His searching
look,

Give as you would of your substance, if His hand your
offering took.”

The Junior Secretary made her report as follows:

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD,
DEC. 1904 TO DEC. 1905.

The Junior work in the Diocese this year has not been as encouraging as to money and boxes, as in some of the previous years, but I hope that the spiritual work of the Auxiliary has deepened and increased.

Of the Juniors' three duties, of prayer, study, and gifts, the highest duty is prayer. As the clock strikes the hour of noonday, the simple prayer, “Thy Kingdom Come”, is uttered by the Juniors throughout the Church, in earnestness and in the faith of true Missionaries, hoping for fulfillment of the prophesy, “The Earth Shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. If it is not possible to have a working Junior Branch in a Parish, can we not have a Branch which would meet once a week for prayer and thanksgiving?

The two beautiful Junior Collects, together with the Lord's Prayer, said by the children and their leader would certainly be doing some good work, and I feel sure that God would bless such meetings and point out the way to carry out the other two duties.

In our last Annual Report it was stated that we had ten Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in our Diocese. I have this afternoon reports from only five Junior

Branches. Is it possible that there are no children in those other five Parishes to form into Junior Societies?

The Junior Auxiliary is the training school for all children of the Church. They come to us from the Baby's Branch, at about the age of 8 years, and the course of training covers about the same number of years as their school life, graduating from the Junior Auxiliary and becoming members of the Woman's Auxiliary at the close of their school days. If this training has been thorough and the student faithful, how splendidly is she equipped to take her place in the Woman's Auxiliary.

Can I not appeal to every woman here belonging to the Woman's Auxiliary and representing a Parish in which there is no Junior Branch to make a personal effort to have a Junior Branch started before the New Year dawns?

There are so many helps in the Junior work, pamphlets, missionary stories, maps, games, stereoptican slides and the weekly paper, "The Young Christian Soldier," which should be read by every Junior.

Last year for the first time in the history of the work an effort was made for an united gift to some one object from the Juniors throughout the whole Church.

A request for \$5 00 was made by Dr. Woodward of Guan Ni, China, for the children's ward in the St. James' hospital there. The request was met with a response of \$800.00 more than was asked for. The Juniors of this Diocese gave \$5.00.

A most pleasant feature of my work this year was a visit to the Auxiliary at Jacksonville on November 3, 1905. The Junior work there had been somewhat interrupted, but through the earnest effort of the Rector's wife, Mrs. Mitchell, the work has begun again with renewed interest.

I have had no reply to my letters to Lincoln and Champaign and therefore have no report, I am sorry to say, from these two Parishes where in the past there has been some splendid work done.

In Cairo the work has been revived by Miss Sloo, and the Juniors there are at present working on a quilt for the Indians of Oneida.

The filling of the Christmas boxes has been given over almost entirely to the Juniors by the General Secretary. What a pleasure it should give our children to fill their boxes with toys, dolls, books and hair ribbons for these little red and black and forlorn white children who have so little of the joys of other children and so few toys and pretty things.

The pennies for the United Offering must not be forgotten. The Red Box to keep them in is every ready and waiting to finds its way into every littles Junior's home.

On November 25 I attended a most pleasing entertainment given by the Juniors of St. Paul's Parish under their efficient directress, Miss Bowen. A number of the Juniors represented little people of other nations and we listened to their story with much interest. Fifty dollars of the proceeds of this entertainment were given immediately to Diocesan Missions.

I have had very encouraging reports from Alton and Danville and our Branch in Christ Church has done very well.

The call of God at the end of the old year, and as we face a new Christian year is that all be up and doing more and more, going from strength to strength, until He comes at the last great day of His appearing.

REPORT OF MONEY AND BOXES, JUNIOR AUXILIARY, DECEMBER 1, 1904, TO DECEMBER 1, 1905.

Alton, Mrs. Hayner, Directress—

Children's ward St. James' Hospital	\$ 2 00
Diocesan Missions	3 00
To Bishop Van Buren, Puerto Rico	2 00
Box to St. Michael's Mission, Cairo	3 00
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Total	\$10 00

Cairo—No report.

Champaign—No report.

Danville—Mrs. Rockstroh, directress.

To Bishop Van Buren, Puerto Rico	\$5 00
For work in Cuba and Brazil.....	5 00
Toward support of Bible Women, China	3 00
United Offering.....	1 00
Toward Building Fund, Christ Church, Carlyle.....	2 36
Toward Building Fund St. Paul's Church, E. St. Louis.....	1 00
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Total	17 36
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Jacksonville—Mrs. Mitchell, Directress.

To Diocesan Missions.....	\$5 00
To Children's ward, St. James' Hospital	1 00
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Total	6 00

Lincoln—No report.

Springfield—St. Pauls, Miss Bowen, Directress.

To Children's Ward, Hospital, St. James.....	\$1 00
To Diocesan Missions	60 00
Box to Rev. Mr. Lemon, Winslow, Kansas.....	27 00
Scrap Book to Oneida Mission	4 00
Magazines to Archdeacon Stuck, Fairbanks, Alaska	2 50
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Total	94 50
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Springfield—Chrst Church, Miss Jones and Miss Whitley,
Directresses.

United Offering	\$1 81
Children's Ward, St. James' Hospital.....	1 00
To Diocesan Missions	15 00
Orphanage of Holy Child	1 00
Church Building Fund, Salem, Ill.	60
Valentines to Orphanage	1 50
Christmas Box to Oneida	6 00
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Total	26 91
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Entire total in money and boxes for all branches.....	\$154 77
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MAUDE WHITLEY,
Diocesan Secretary, Junior Auxilliary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BABIES' BRANCH.

As Christmas time draws near, childhood seems more than ever sacred and dear to us, as the light of the Holy Child of Bethlehem shines through it.

Fourteen years ago a number of young children in Rochester N. Y., were banded together as "Little Helpers" in the work of making known the love of God to us in the Incarnation. Their duties were to give a penny and say a prayer for missions every Sunday. The first Little Helper was a little boy by the name of Gaylord who remembered each day when the noon bell rang to pray for the little children who did not know about Christmas. He gave the society its name and its prayer, and when soon after, God called him to Paradise, the Babies Branch grew rapidly in memory of him, until now it is filling the land and bearing good fruit in fifty-two dioceses. The branch in this diocese is five years old, and has grown from a small beginning in Cairo to over one hundred members. But this is small compared to the great number of baptized children in the Diocese. Only six parishes and two missions have a Babies Branch, and in some of those only a small proportion of the children are members. We can have a branch in every parish if we will. The first thing is to find some one who is interested in the work and in children. She will find the children's interest easy to enlist, but it will need constant renewing by personal contact with her own, until the penny with the prayer each Sunday becomes a habit. Where new branches are started, the work is best undertaken by a young girl or a young mother who is not too much occupied with other church work.

We have gained something both in membership and offering. Eight children have been advanced to the Junior Auxiliary, during the year. We have one member of the Memorial Circle, Ann Dickerman, who entered Paradise July 4th, 1905, at the age of —. Let us remember her in our prayers for the Babies' Branch.

Following are the statistics:

	No. Members.	Offering.
Alton—St. Pauls	9	\$1 00
Cairo—The Redeemer	6 97
Centralia	2 39
Danville—Holy Trinity	9	5 88
Jacksonville—Trinity	4 00
Martinsville	5	2 62
Springfield—Christ Church	15	6 43
Springfield—St. Pauls	27	11 54
Springfield—St. Johns	1 36
Total		\$38 88 <i>8 42.01</i>

Christ Church branch has doubled its membership during the year, and it has been recently still further increased, until now it is by far the largest in the Diocese, having about forty members. This branch is under the direction of a young girl who knows her Little Helpers and keeps in personal touch with each one. This is the only way to make the Babies' Branch flourish. The personal element is the vital one with the children.

Another thing we must not forget—it is God's work and not our own. We must do it for Him in His own way, in a spirit of self-devotion and prayerfulness. Then we shall not be discouraged by difficulties, but will go steadily on, knowing that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

CORNELIA BOWEN,

Diocesan Secretary, B. B.

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH
OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FROM
DECEMBER, 1904, TO DECEMBER, 1905.

	Money	Boxes.
Alton, United Offering	\$ 25 27	
Annual dues	5 25	
Apportionment Fund of the Woman's Auxiliary.....	15 00	
Diocesan Mission Pledge	10 00	
Diocesan Mission, extra	10 00	
Diocesan Missions, St. Michael's, Cairo	5 00	
Domestic Missions, Alaska	5 00	
Diocesan Missions, individual	27 00	
General Missions, individual	25 00	
Total in money		\$127 52

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Box sent by Juniors to St. Michael's, Cairo.....	3 00
Entire total	\$130 52
Belleville, St. George's Branch, Mrs. Challoner, Treasurer, annual dues	\$0 75
Total	\$0 75
Cairo, St. Mary's Branch, Mrs. Wm. Gilbert, Treasurer, annual dues	\$ 5 75
Apportionment Fund of Woman's Auxiliary	15 00
Diocesan Missions, pledge	10 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. A. E. Safford	20 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. I. L. Candee	16 00
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. C. F. Galligher	50
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Col. Simpson	25
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Engler	25
Diocesan Missions, Mrs. Wm. Gilbert	2 00
Total in money	\$ 69 75
Value of box sent to Indian hospital, Arizona	16 35
Express on box	4 05
Value of box sent to Morganton, N. C	30 00
	\$ 50 40
Entire total	\$120 15
Carlyle, Christ Church Branch, Mrs. E. F. Dean, Treasurer, annual dues	\$1 00
Diocesan Mission, pledge	5 00
Total	\$6 00
Champaign, Emmanuel Branch, Mrs. J. B. Harris, Secretary, United Offering	\$5 00
Annual dues	2 50
Diocesan Missions, pledge	6 00
Diocesan Missions, St. Michael's, Cairo	3 00
Diocesan Missions, expense of delegate to Synod	2 50
Subscription to Spirit of Missions	1 25
Foreign Missions, Dr. Glenton, China	2 00
Total in money	\$22 25
Value of box sent to St. Michael's, Cairo	28 50
Entire total	\$50 75
Chesterfield, St. Peter's Miss May Hall, Secretary, United Offering	\$0 60
Total	\$0 60
Danville, Juniar Branch, United Offering	\$1 00
Total	\$1 00

Greenville, Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. C. K. Denny, Secretary, united offering	\$1 45
Total	\$1 45
Hoopeston, St. Margaret's Mission, Mrs. W. W. Todd, Treasurer, united offering	\$2 34
Total	\$2 34
Jacksonville, Trinity Branch, Mrs. F. J. Harlow, Secretary, annual dues	\$ 6 25
Apportionment Fund of the Woman's Auxiliary.....	15 00
Diocesan Missions, pledge	5 00
Diocesan Missions, individual pledges	20 00
Foreign Missions, Japan	2 00
General Missions	5 00
Total	\$53 25
Mattoon, St. Andrew's Branch, Mrs. J. C. Van Weter, Treasurer, United Offering	\$5 53
Annual dues	1 80
Total	\$7 33
Murphysboro, Trinity Branch, annual dues	\$0 50
Total	\$0 50
Springfield, Christ Church Branch, Miss Georgia E. Gould, Treasurer, United Offering	\$15 00
United offering, Junior Branch	1 81
Annual dues	15 00
Apportionment Fund of Woman's Auxiliary	10 00
Diocesan Missions, pledge	25 00
Diocesan Missions, individual pledges	20 00
Diocesan Missions, Study Class	2 00
Foreign Missions, Missionary Study Class, Miss Babcock	10 00
Total in money	\$98 81
Value of box sent to Students' Hall, Champaign.....	\$17 00
Value of box sent Rev. T. W. Morrill, Oneida	10 00
Total in boxes	\$27 00
Entire total	\$125 81
Springfield, St. Paul's Branch, Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary, annual dues	\$ 4 25
Apportionment Fund of the Woman's Auxiliary.....	15 00
Diocesan Missions, pledge	25 00
Diocesan Missions, individual pledges	64 00
Diocesan Missions, individual, East St. Louis.....	5 00
Domestic Missions, St Matthew's, Portland, Oregon.	2 00
Total in money	\$115 25

Value of box sent to St. Mary's, Mt. Sewanee.....	53 00
Entire total	\$168 25
Total receipts in money	\$506 80
Total receipts in boxes	158 90
Total receipts in money and boxes	\$685 05
Total receipts in money	\$506 80
DISBURSED.	
Diocesan Missions, Parish Branches	\$107 75
Diocesan Missions, Springfield Diocesan Branch.....	25 00
Dioecesan Missions, individual pledges	177 00
Domestic Missions, Parish Branches	7 00
Domestic Missions, Springfield Diocesan Branch, Alaska	25 00
Foreign Missions, Parish Branches	14 00
General Missions	30 00
Apportionment Fund of the Woman's Auxiliary....	70 00
Expenses for postage, etc	5 00
Total	\$460 75
Balance from last year	\$19 35
1905	\$526 15
December 1, balance remaining	\$ 7 40
December 1, United Offering at interest	58 00
	\$526 15

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER,
Treasurer Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The business of the meeting was then set aside for a moment in order to enjoy a sacred solo, beautifully rendered by Mrs. Ridgely Hudson.

By invitation, Mrs. Bangs, of Springfield, addressed the women on the subject, "An Enlarged View of Missions." It was an earnest plea for greater knowledge on the part of both men and women, of the work which is being done in the Missionary Field.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Bangs for her kindness and trouble in behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The next business in order was the receiving of pledges for Diocesan Missions. The largest personal pledge made was \$40.00 showing that the women of the Auxiliary are advancing, and no longer think that \$5.00 is a very large sum to give for Missions. The beloved

Ex-President, Mrs. Candee, though compelled to be absent, sent her usual liberal pledge in memoriam.

Mrs. Mitchell, of Jacksonville, made a report of what she had done as Diocesan Secretary of the Church Periodical Club and asked to be released from the work on account of the pressure of Parish duties. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Mitchell for her conscientious efforts and Miss Parsons of Jacksonville, was elected in her place.

The election of officers being next in order, those already in office were unanimously re-elected, but as the Treasurer, who has given faithful service for ten years, positively refused reappointment, Mrs. Bowman of Alton was elected to fill the vacancy. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. Hayner, for her devoted work.

Owing to the removal of Mrs. Richards from the Diocese, it was necessary to elect a Vice President in her place and Mrs. Todrig, of Carlinville, was chosen to fill the office.

After the singing of a hymn the meeting was adjourned till the following day, at the same hour and place.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was called to order at the usual hour, and was opened with Prayers by the Ven. E. L. Roland of Cairo, who gave a short address to the women upon the influence whch they might have upon the men of their families in bringing them to Church.

The order of business was set aside to listen to Mr. Bluford Wilson of Springfield, who had been asked to tell of the recent convention in Chicago, known as "The Laymen's Forward Movement," and whose time was limited. It was an eloquent and enthusiastic account of the effort now being made by the laymen to emulate the women, in their labors for the Church.

The roll call followed, showing thirty-one women present, representing nine Parishes or Missions.

Pledges to Doicesan Missions were again called for, and several were received.

Deaconess Sloane of Champaign then made a short address, expressing her belief that there was too much said about *doing* and *giving*, and too little about the key note of it all which is *love*. If devotion to our Blessed Lord fills the heart, the other will follow as a matter of course, it can not be kept back.

The subject of changing the time of the meeting was brought up and discussed, also the possibility of meeting in different places, but as the hour was late and many were leaving, there was no vote taken.

The Auxiliary then adjourned to meet in Springfield December 1906.

PLEDGES FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Diocesan Branch	\$25 00
Alton Parochial Branch	15 00
Cairo Parochial Branch	15 00
Champaign Parochial Branch	6 00
Jacksonville Parochial Branch	5 00
Jacksonville Junior Branch	5 00
Springfield Christ Church	25 00
Springfield Juniors, Christ Church	5 00
Springfield, St. Pauls	25 00
Springfield Juniors, St. Paul's	10 00
Alton Juniors	5 00
Osborne Hall, Champaign	5 00
Mission Study Class, Christ Church	2 00
 Total	 \$148 00

PERSONAL PLEDGES FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Mrs. I. L. Candee	\$20 00
Mrs. J. E. Hayner	40 00
Mrs. E. H. Tomlin	8 00
Mrs. M. F. Gilbert	5 00
Mrs. H. M. Chittenden	2 00
Mrs. Ingram	1 00
Mrs. H. H. Mitchell	5 00
Mrs. A. D. Brackett	5 00
Mrs. E. A. Snively	5 00
Mrs. Gridley	5 00
Mrs. Bluford Wilson	5 00
Mrs. Goltra	5 00
Mrs. Whitley	1 00
Mrs. Geo. F. Seymour	10 00
Mrs. C. A. Starne	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Hay	5 00
Mrs. D. W. Dresser	3 00
Mrs. DeRosset	2 00
Mr. E. Roberts	1 50
Mrs. C. D. Roberts	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Smith	5 00
Miss Hurst	10 00
Miss Bowen	1 00
Miss Dresser	5 00
 Total	 \$159 50
Total amount pledged	\$307 50

