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OF
Nineteenth Annual Meeting
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
Board of Missions
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OF THE

Springfield Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the
Board of Missions, January 9th and 10th, Held at
the Diocesan House, Springfield, Ill.

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MINUTES OF MEETING.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held at the Diocesan House, Springfield, on January 9, 1907, at 3:00 p. m. The President Mrs. E. A. Snively, being in the chair.

After opening service, the roll was called and was responded to by twenty-five delegates, only two parishes outside of Springfield being represented, Alton one, Jacksonville two. Owing to the illness and death of our beloved Bishop Seymour, and the consequent postponment of the meeting till mid-winter, very few from a distance were able to attend.

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

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, JANUARY 9, 1907.

The beginning of a new year finds the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary assembled for its nineteenth annual meeting. God brings us now to the threshold of another year of opportunity.

The advent of 1907 reminds us of the flight of time, and the responsibilities of tomorrow; and we exclaim with Job: "My days are swifter than a post." A feeling of remorse creeps over us as we remember the many things we really meant to do, and, alas, how little has been accomplished.

We are met together this afternoon as a body of Christian women, to confer as to the best methods of increasing our zeal, and for suggestions for practical work that we as an Auxiliary can do to promote the cause of missions.

The first law of missions is the law of self sacrifice for others. It is not until we have put into practice this law that we possess the true missionary spirit. Our Auxiliary is organized to work for missions, domestic and foreign. It is impossible to work for one to the exclusion of the other, for they are of equal importance. Let no one imagine that work for foreign missions is something that is alien to the legitimate work for the Church. "Foreign missions is the work for which the Church was organized. Every book in the Bible bears witness to this."

"The Church itself is the great missionary society of which each baptized person is a member."

You will find in every instance where a live missionary society exists in a Church, that Church is a power for good in the community.

If God required of every Diocesan officer an account of her stewardship, and we were judged accordingly, how few could stand the test; but He is a merciful Father and knows our frailties and shortcomings, and is ever ready to help us and give us another trial.

In reviewing the work of the last year we do not find it prolific in results; neither our membership nor offerings are what they should be, and they utterly fail to be commensurate with our opportunities. On the other hand, we can not read the hearts of our members. God alone knows how many pray daily for missions, how many are making an earnest effort to lead a more consecrated life than ever before, how many are complying with the command, "My son, give me thine heart," which includes all that God asks of His children. As a rule missionary workers are prone to be discouraged because they can not see that their efforts have been crowned with success. Yet seed carefully sown and watered by prayer will in God's own time and way make itself felt. We must be content to give of our best efforts to missions, leaving the results to God; being assured that if we are faithful to our trust God may use us to inspire some soul to do some great work in the future. We must not be discouraged if the membership of the Auxiliary does not increase as rapidly as we would wish, but bear in mind that believers in Christ are not as a rule *en masse*, neither are believers in missions.

Large numbers are not always conducive to great results.

When a century ago, five college students at Williamstown, Massachusetts, during a severe storm, held prayer meeting under the shelter of a hay stack, they little dreamed that in the years to come, their names would be handed down to posterity and their place of meeting be marked by a marble monument. At this hay stack meeting the subject discussed was the duty of American Christians, and particularly the duty of the five men assembled, to "Christianize dark and heathen lands." One of their number thought the undertaking too stupendous, and uttered his protest. The four were united against him and in response to his objection replied: "We can if we will." They then joined in prayer for God's blessing on their undertaking, and the hay stack prayer meeting passed into history.

The Auxiliary may well adopt their motto, "We can if we will."

The Church in her wisdom has provided many ways in which the spirit of self sacrifice can be put into practice. First, we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, that we may join in prayer for those who give themselves as laborers in the mission field. Next, it is important we should know just where our missionaries are located, and the particular kind of work they are doing. This is essential if we would keep in touch with them. We must not only pray for them in a general way but individually, asking God's blessing on their special work. And then we must give of our substance, and in no better way can we do this than through the united offering. I wonder if we appreciate the great privilege of being one in this mighty band of women who circle the earth, bringing their offerings to place on the altar, to be consecrated to God's chosen work. Do we give it in the spirit of the Wise Men who came from the East in search of the Babe of Bethlehem, bearing priceless gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, symbolic of their choicest treasures, as an expression of their love.

God can read our inmost thoughts and is well pleased with our offerings only when they are given in the true spirit, be they small or great. He commended the widow's mite because it was her all, and was given in proof of her love. The united offering had a small beginning, but at each triennial meeting the sum contributed has increased until it has assumed immense proportions. In Chicago in 1886, when the Bishop of the Diocese said he had never administered the Holy Communion to so large a congregation of women, the offering amounted to less than \$90.00; at the last general convention in 1904, the united offering was \$150,000.

There remains one year more to collect the united offering.

The next general convention is to be a memorable one from the fact that it is held in commemoration of the planting of the Church on the American continent three hundred years ago. It will be held in Richmond, in October, 1907, and strenuous efforts are being made to have the thank offering on that occasion exceed any in the history of the Church. This offering is to be used for woman's work in the domestic and foreign fields. I bespeak a liberal offering from the Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield, and trust some of our members may attend this meeting, and a year from this time bring us such interesting reports as will arouse us to a sense of our obligation to the cause of missions and inspire us with renewed fervor.

I wish to emphasize the fact that the Woman's Auxiliary is an adjunct of the Board of Missions, and its chief work is to keep in touch with and aid the Board. Local societies that have no higher aim than their own advancement, are of little value.

In all organizations there must necessarily be a head—a central society, that devotes its time and energies to the upbuilding of the organization—such a head is the Board of Missions of which we are an auxiliary. For example, take the Women's Club, there is a national federation, a state federation and a local federation, each a wheel within a wheel, taken as a whole a force that exerts a power that makes itself felt.

History will bear out the statement that missions in foreign lands have ever been the forerunner, not only of spiritual good, but also of commerce, enterprise and education; in fact the development of every contry has followed only in the wake of the missionary.

Women have been lifted from degradation and taught self respect; the home has been discovered and become honored. Through the efforts of the missionaries the ports of the world have been opened to commerce and trade. China knew no learning except the classics of Confucius until missionaries entered her gates. Today missionary educators are repeatedly proffered places as instructors in Chinese government schools. Not only this, the New York Times in a recent editorial says: "The Viceroy Chang Chitung has issued an edict ordering that the New Testament be taught in all government schools of Hupeh and Hunan provinces."

A writer in one of the recent periodicals in speaking of foreign missions says: "All that the cause of foreign missions has cost, has been returned many fold in profits accruing with trade from the East, growing out of the plan and purpose to evangelize the world."

In this Diocese, extending over such a vast territory, including sixty counties, with its wealth of farming lands, rich mineral resources, extensive business interests, and rapidly increasing population, Church work should at least keep pace with advancement in secular lines. Think what a mighty power for good our Auxiliary might become if we could enlist the sympathy and prayers of the women of every Parish in the Diocese, and they would work heartily for missions. Our place of meeting would have to be enlarged, our sessions would be full of inspiration, the offerings would be an honor to God and a credit to ourselves.

This is not visionary, and can be attained, but only when our hearts are filled so full of the love of God that self is crowded

out. Self sacrifice is the soul of missions. The dearest thing we can offer the Lord is ourselves. One of our foreign missionaries of an early day, who died at his post of work, on his death-bed sent this message: "Tell the Church at home it is useless to give money, unless it gives lives as well." The field is white for the harvest and from every side is heard the cry for more workers. From one of our workers in Japan comes this appeal:

"It seems as if our irons were hot, and not one to strike, in so many, many places. Even a foreign woman missionary could do so much for the work in this place, if she lived here; and the same is true of every other nation in our mission."

This is only one of many. China, Alaska and many of our home missions, are asking that teachers, nurses, physicians and evangelistic workers be sent, telling us of open doors and opportunities awaiting us. Is there not one consecrated woman in this Diocese who will respond to this call? We have one representative, a Bible reader, in Amori, Japan. Are we using our best efforts to aid her in her work?

"If you can not go, will you send?"

For weeks a dark gloom has enveloped the hearts of the Church people of this Diocese; now the clouds have rolled away, and another name is added to the roll of the beloved in Paradise. Bishop Seymour, who had so warm a place in the affections of his flock, has been called to his reward. His great intellect. indomitable energy and lovable nature, endeared him to every one with whom he came in contact. He faced a discouraging field, giving freely of his means and best efforts and was a living example of the heroes of the cross. His unselfish work in God's vineyard should serve as an incentive to those who have for so many years had the privilege of hearing his words of wisdom and seeing the results of his labor, to press forward, and emulate his example.

God spared him to us past the average of human life. When his eyes grew dim and his step faltered, a loving Father claimed His own. The loss is irreparable to the Diocese. The Auxiliary extends most sincere sympathy to our honorary president, and other members of the family.

To one who was ever thoughtful of others, we bring this simple tribute of affection and respect.

Entered into life on Wednesday, December, 1906, at her home in Alton, Charlotte Chittenden, beloved wife of the Rev. H. M. Chittenden.

Mrs. Chittenden was one of the Vice Presidents of this Auxiliary, and a year ago cheered us by her presence and active participation in the exercises. I need not speak of her Christian virtues, a faithful wife, a devoted mother, a loyal Churchwoman. Her death leaves a void in the Auxiliary which it will be hard to fill. Earnest and enthusiastic in forwarding every detail of the work, she could always be depended upon to do more than her proportion. Only a few weeks ago in a personal letter she said: "If I can aid you in Diocesan work, do not fail to call on me."

She was a loyal friend, neither envious of others nor selfish for herself. A woman of unusual intellect, leaving behind her many children of her brain.

God does not always call the ones whom we think could be best spared, to enter into the house of many mansions. He has need of the most lovable natures, the pure in heart. Such an one was our dear lamented Vice President.

Another one of our beloved Vice Presidents, Mrs. C. E. Hay, "has been bowed 'neath heavy weight of woe." Our hearts go out in sympathy to her in this her hour of bereavement. As a thief in the night the angel of death came and claimed for his own, her only daughter, Annie Hay Loyd. God had need of her and has taken her hence.

"Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love
Each pearl that leaves a broken string
Is set in friendship's crown above.

As narrower grows the earthly choir,
The circle widens in the sky.
These are our treasures that remain,
But those are stars that beam on high."

The Secretary's report was then called for.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

As one looks back through the year that is past, there seems very little to tell of actual visible progress. Much work has been done, but not the sort that has very noticeable results. No special effort was made by the Secretary to form branches of the auxiliary in Parishes or Missions which have none, that having been the chief work of the year before. These arid regions will be allowed to lie fallow for a season and then another effort will be made to fertilize and cultivate them, that they may bring forth fruit abundantly. A great many letters have been written, and many leaflets and reports distributed.

A pleasant surprise came to us a few weeks ago. It was a letter from the Vicar of McLeansboro in which he said that he had formed there a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and that they had a barrel of clothing and some Christmas candy ready to send where it was most needed. Oh! fair and fertile soil of McLeansboro may other fields like thee begin to blossom as the rose! The Orphanage was suggested as a place worthy to receive the gift. In our own branch of St. Paul's, a Mission Study Class was formed, which met once a week during Lent, and took a course on Alaska, under the direction of Deaconess Kennett. Leaflets were used from the Church Missions House. The material result was the sending of ten dollars at Easter to Bishop Rowe, five from the Society and five from one member. We hope some good was done which can not be reckoned in dollars and cents. This fall we began a series of monthly meetings, with a short programme, including papers upon the work in our new possessions and readings from the Spirit of Missions. If we only succeed in becoming more familiar with the Spirit of Missions it will be something done.

A lady, well known to many here, now living in South Carolina, mentioned in a recent letter that she was expecting to attend a Missionary Conference, but she said, "I am almost afraid to go. I get so excited just over the "Spirit of Missions." It is this sort of excitement which has sent many young men and women far from home to carry the Gospel to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Now that our hearts are softened by sorrow, and by sympathy for those who mourn, can we not strive more than ever to be filled with missionary enthusiasm, to be thrilled as we read the Spirit of Missions, to feel that heavenly excitement?

The need for women workers is appalling. "Last May ninety Christian Chinese women, gathered at St. Hilda's school in Wuchang. They came from a dozen towns and villages and had met to tell what they were doing, that others might know the Lord."

This is the story of one: "I live in a little house by myself, and every day about two hundred heathen women come about my door and crowd into my house to hear me speak. They bring lanterns, for some of them stay till midnight."

If we can not go ourselves to help these eager waiting throngs, let us, at least, try to advance in the three things which Miss Emery has set before us. 1st, Prayer; 2nd, Knowledge; 3rd, Gifts.

The Secretary of the Juniors' report was as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, FROM DECEMBER 1, 1905, TO DECEMBER 1, 1906.

Another year of our Junior work has closed and I may say that it has been a good year. In point of money and boxes our offerings have not been as large as last year, but I feel that interest has deepened and in Parishes where the work is going on—it has been a splendid work.

Work has been revived in one branch during the year and one *new* branch has been started.

We began the year as usual by writing to all the branches and suggesting the plan of work for the year. Our plan included offerings to Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan Missions.

The Foreign work was the united work of the Juniors throughout the whole Church—that of helping to build the rooms on to St. Paul's College, Tokio. To this object all the branches in the Diocese—with one exception—contributed. The work in the Domestic field was to send Christmas boxes to the Oneida Mission, Wisconsin. To this every branch contributed. To Diocesan Missions every branch gave gifts of money.

Quite early in the year an invitation came to the Secretary to visit the Junior Auxiliary of Alton, and March 30th, she met at the home of their directress the Juniors of St. Paul's branch, consisting of twenty-one bright-faced, interested girls, ranging in ages from twelve to seventeen. Most of them were busy with some work for their Christmas box and all listened attentively while we spoke of some missionaries and their work. The Alton Juniors do splendidly under their interested directress.

The Juniors of St. Paul's and Christ Church, Springfield, unite once a month in a meeting for missionary study. Two of the girls have papers on the subject selected for the day. An article bearing on the subject is read from the Spirit of Missions. A round table talk follows, and after some light refreshments the meeting is brought to a close. These meetings are going to be a great help to both branches and we hope that other branches throughout the Diocese will take up the plan.

The filling of our Christmas boxes has given us great pleasure. Our branch pieced a quilt (which is one of the most acceptable of gifts to the Indians) and sent money to the missionary for candy, as he says that there is never enough candy or too many dolls. All the boxes were well filled with pretty and useful gifts.

Our *new* branch is one started by the wife of the Rector of St. John's, Springfield, and promises to be very successful.

It is of course a part of our work to send gifts of money and boxes to the missionaries, but it is equally important to have well attended meetings, earnest prayers and interest in missionary study. Prayer is the Christian's strongest weapon and the first of the Juniors' three duties. Those of us who had the privilege of being confirmed by our beloved Bishop Seymour will remember that he gave us each at that time three precious messages. He said, "Never rise to a prayerless day or sink to a prayerless sleep; read and become familiar with God's Blessed Word; be useful in God's Church."

Prayer, study, work—these are the Junior's three special duties and we of this Diocese should be particularly faithful to them—as they were made so emphatic by one whom we all so love and revere.

Miss Emery says that the Junior Auxiliary should be a "leaven" in the Sunday School and leaven the whole school missionary. Inspiring the children to ask questions of their teachers about missionaries and their work, asking the rector to have a missionary Sunday once a month, with a missionary programme and a gift to missions, and then the children can tell it all over again at home, and so the influence and inspiration of such a service will go on and on like the ripple on the water caused by the pebble.

Miss Emery suggests that our work for Domestic Missions next year be the sending of help to the Mountain Missions about

Sewanee, under the Rev. Mr. Claiborne, and that our Foreign work be the same as last year—gifts of money to St. Paul's College, Tokio.

May the new year bring rich blessings upon our Junior work.

MAUDE WHITLEY,

Diocese Secretary Junior Auxiliary.

January 4, 1907.

REPORT OF MONEY AND BOXES OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH JUNIOR AUXILIARY, DECEMBER 1, 1905, TO DECEMBER 1, 1906.

ALTON—St. Paul's Branch, Mrs. Hayner, Directress.

To St. Paul's college, Tokio, Japan	\$ 5.00
To Diocesan Missions	5.00
Box to St. Michael's Colored Mission, Cairo, Illinois	11.50

Total in money and boxes \$ 21.50

JACKSONVILLE—Trinity Branch, Mrs. Mitchell, Directress.

To Diocesan Missions	\$ 5.00
Box to Oneida Mission, Wisconsin.....	5.00

Total in boxes and money 10.00

CHAMPAIGN—Miss Salome, Directress.

To St. Paul's college, Tokio, Japan	\$ 1.00
Box to Oneida Mission, Wisconsin	7.50

Total in money and boxes 8.50

DANVILLE—Mrs. Rockstroh, Directress.

Box to Orphanage of Holy Child	\$ 5.00
To American Missionary Society, Cuba and Brazil	5.00
To Biblewoman of China	3.00
United Offering	1.24
Box to Oneida Mission, Wisconsin	

Total in money and boxes 14.24

SPRINGFIELD—Christ Church Branch, Miss Jones and Miss Whitley, Directresses.

To Diocesan Missions	\$ 5.00
To St. Paul's college, Tokio, Japan	5.00
United Offering	1.16
Christmas box to Oneida Mission, Wisconsin	7.50
P. O. order to Rev. F. W. Merrill, Oneida.....	2.50

Total in money and boxes 21.16

SPRINGFIELD—St. Paul's Branch, Miss Bowen, Directress.

To Diocesan Missions	\$ 10.00
For colored work in Cairo Mission	10.00
Mission House, Glen Carbon	10.00
Picture to Osborne Hall, Urbana	10.00
Foreign Missions (through board)	5.00
St. John's college, Tokio, Japan	5.00
General Missions (through board)	2.27

Special to Dr. Glenton, China	1.00
Dolls to Elizabeth Bunn Memorial Hospital, Wuchang, China	2.50
Magazines to Archdeacon Stuck	3.00
Christmas box to Oneida, Wisconsin	12.00
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Total in money and boxes	70.77
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Entire total in money and boxes for all branches of the Diocese	\$146.17
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January 4, 1907.	MAUDE WHITLEY, <i>Diocesan Secretary Junior Auxiliary.</i>

REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH.

Another year is past never to return, and again we are called upon to give an account of our stewardship. Have I been faithful? If not how can I expect the increase from God?

To us who have charge of the Babies' Branch it is given to make the first impression on those lively stones which are to be built up into the spiritual house of God; to teach and to train the children, the youngest lambs of His Fold.

One great drawback to the growth of the work is the isolation of those who have charge of the Society in the different Parishes. Only one Parish Secretary have I ever seen, and such a thing as really taking counsel with one another about the work is rarely done. Letters of inquiry about the different branches usually meet with short and unsatisfactory replies if replied to at all, except from one Secretary, who writes me fully about her work—her difficulties and encouragements. I am sure that every one in charge of a Babies' Branch would find it a very great help to attend the annual meeting of the Auxiliary.

Another difficulty seems to be that those who are enough interested to take up this work are too much occupied with other work. The boxes are given out and little more attention is paid to them until it is time to collect the offerings at the end of the year. A branch so conducted will never bear much fruit. A box is put away, the mother forgets all about it, and no one reminds either her or the child, so that when the offering is called for there is little or none. Perhaps the mother makes it up for the child, and there are no prayers and no instruction. What good is a little money when there is no love in the child's heart, not even understanding? It is positively harmful to ask a child to give money without knowing anything of the purpose for which he is giving it. Let us not have a Babies' Branch unless it can teach the Little Helpers that they are workers together

with Him who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" to be the Saviour of the world. I wish that all the Little Helpers understood as well as the one who when asked, "What is a missionary?" replied: "It is some one who goes around and tells everybody that God loves them."

The branches at Martinsville and Centralia have dropped out, and two others, judging from the decrease in offerings, have gone back instead of forward. This may be partly due to the fact that some of the members have outgrown the society. This is the case in Danville, where, although there are fewer members, both they and the Parish Secretary seem in earnest.

Christ Church, Springfield, branch, that has done so well in the last two years, has lost its Secretary. From Cairo there is no report other than the offering which is less than last year. Jacksonville reports loss of interest and decrease in offerings. The other three branches are about normal, with an increase in in offerings from Alton.

The offerings are as follows:

St. Paul's Branch, Alton	\$ 1.50
Church of the Redeemer, Cairo.....	5.24
Holy Trinity, Danville	5.11
Trinity Church, Jacksonville	2.04
Christ Church, Springfield	6.49
St. Paul's, Springfield....	11.52
Total	\$32.00

After deducting expenses two-thirds of this will be given to the Orphanage of the Holy Child as representing Diocesan and Domestic Missions, and the other third sent to Foreign Missions.

Let us gather up the fragments that remain, and take a fresh start this year. As faithful and wise servants let us go on patiently with the work of our Master. "Happy is that servant whom His Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

CORNELIA BOWEN,

Diocesan Secretary Babies' Branch.

The report of Mrs. Hayner, Treasurer, pro tem:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH
OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, FROM
DECEMBER, 1905, TO DECEMBER, 1906.

ALTON.

United Offering	\$ 19.10
Membership dues	4.75
Extra Diocesan dues	5.00
Apportionment Fund	15.00
Diocesan Mission Pledge	15.00
Diocesan Missions, extra	7.00
Diocesan Missions, Individual pledges	42.00
General Missions, Individual	50.00

Total \$157.85

CHAMPAIGN.

United Offering	\$ 6.00
Membership dues	2.00
Diocesan Mission Pledge	6.00
Diocesan Mission Pledge, Osborne Hall	5.00
Foreign Missions, China	4.35
Domestic Missions, Lamar, Mo.	5.00

Total \$ 28.35

CAIRO.

United Offering	\$ 6.50
Membership dues	4.25
Apportionment	15.00
Diocesan Missions	15.00
Diocesan Missions, Individual	35.00
Domestic Missions, Lamar, Mo.	1.10

Total in money \$ 76.85

Value of box sent to Orphanage, Springfield \$ 28.60

Value of box sent to St. Agnes 3.00

Total value of boxes \$ 31.60

Entire total \$108.45

GREENVILLE.

Membership dues	\$ 1.37
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Total \$ 1.37

JACKSONVILLE.

United Offering	\$ 16.14
Membership dues	5.75
Apportionment Fund	15.00

Total in money \$ 36.89

Value of box to school in North Carolina..... 30.00

Entire total \$ 66.89

MURPHYSBORO.

Membership dues	\$.50
United Offering	2.38
Total	\$ 2.88

SPRINGFIELD—CHRIST CHURCH.

United Offering	\$ 10.00
Apportionment Fund	10.00
Diocesan Mission Pledge	25.00
Diocesan Missions, Individual pladges	21.00
Diocesan Missions, Study class	2.00
Foreign Missions, Study Class, Miss Babcock	10.00
Total	\$ 78.00

SPRINGFIELD—ST. PAUL'S.

Membership dues	\$ 3.00
Apportionment Fund	18.00
Diocesan Mission Pledge	25.00
Diocesan Missions, Individual pladges	52.00
Domestic Missions, Alaska	10.00
Domestic Missions, Kansas	1.00

Total in money	\$109.00
Value of box sent to school at Morganton, N. C.	\$ 60.00

Entire total \$169.00

Total receipts in money \$491.19
 Total receipts in boxes \$121.60

Entire total, money and boxes \$612.79

Total receipts in money \$491.19

DISBURSED.

Diocesan Missions, Parish branches	\$100.00
Diocesan Missions, Springfield Diocesan Board	25.00
Diocesan Missions, individual pledges	150.00
Domestic Missions, Parish branches	17.10
Foreign Missions, Parish branches	14.35
Apportionment Fund (Woman's Auxiliary)	73.00
General Missions, individual	50.00
Rent of hall in Springfield	4.00
Expenses for postage, etc.	5.00

Total \$438.45
 Balance from last year \$ 7.40

Balance on hand December 8, 1906 \$.02
 United Offering 60.12

\$498.59

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER,

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

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER.

Dear friends of the Woman's Auxiliary:

Although Treasurer only for a short time, I trust you will pardon me for speaking to you in regard to sending in your contributions and reports to the Treasurer.

First. Let me make clear to you the various objects to which we are supposed to contribute, for I find many do not understand and, for that reason, are not prompt.

First. The membership dues, twenty-five cents annually for each member, should be handed to the Treasurer of your Parish Branch at the first meeting after the Synod. That money is sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, and from that fund is taken our pledge, as a Diocesan Branch, to Diocesan Missions. If there is any money left in the treasury the Diocesan Branch signifies at the annual meeting for what purpose it shall be used.

Second. The Apportionment Fund. Each Diocesan Branch is assessed a certain amount towards the \$100,000 which the Woman's Auxiliary pledges to the Board of Missions, each year, and of course each Parish Branch wishes to contribute something towards this.

Third. Each Parish Branch is expected to pledge a certain amount to Diocesan Missions, and each member contributes as much or as little as she pleases towards it.

Fourth. The United Offering should be collected each year from the Blue Boxes, and sent to the Diocesan Treasurer by the Parish Treasurer. This money is put at interest until the close of the third year, when it is sent to the General Treasurer or Secretary to be offered at the time of the Triennial Convention.

Fifth. The Monthly dues, whatever amount each Parish may wish to make it, from which fund each Parish Branch draws for other objects, not specified.

We hear some of the ladies say: "But all these different objects call for so much money; we can not afford it." Very well, each one must be her own judge, and if any can not afford to give to all, give at least the membership due, which, alone, makes one a member of the Woman's Auxiliary.

But let us remember to give as we have been blessed. At the end of the year we shall find ourselves not the poorer but the richer for having done so. If we can only once realize that giving is a privilege, *not a duty*, it will never be necessary to ask for contributions.

The money for membership dues, United Offering and Apportionment Fund should be sent together with reports of any other money sent to Missions, also boxes and their values to the Diocesan Treasurer, as early as the first of November.

The Diocesan pledges, Parish or individual, should be sent direct to the Rev. Johannes Rockstroh.

Hoping I have not worried you, and that the coming year may bring to our treasury a much larger offering than this year has brought, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER,

Treasurer Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, pro tem.

After the reading of the reports the subject of changing the time and place of meeting was taken up, it having been left open from last year. It was decided to meet hereafter in May at the call of the President and to come together in any town which should send an invitation. An invitation was immediately given by the wife of the Rector of Jacksonville, to assemble in that city next May, and was gladly accepted.

Pledges for Diocesan Missions were then asked for, and a number received.

The election of officers followed and resulted in the re-election of all now in office. Mrs. Hayner of Alton, who had kindly acted as Treasurer since the resignation of Mrs. Bowman, some weeks before, now asked to be relieved of further duty, and Mrs. I. L. Candee, of Cairo, was elected Treasurer. There being also a vacancy in the number of Vice Presidents owing to the death of our beloved Mrs. Chittenden, Mrs. Weed, of Alton, was appointed to fill the place.

The Auxiliary then adjourned to meet at the same time and place the following day.

SECOND DAY.

The adjourned meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was called to order by the President at 3:00 o'clock on Thursday, January 10. After devotional exercises and roll call a discussion of several interesting questions was begun. The first question was, "Is it desirable for small Parishes to have organized branches of the Woman's Auxiliary?" The second question, "What is the best method of presenting the United Offering so that all women will become interested?" The third question, "How can women be

made to feel a personal responsibility in the work of the Auxiliary?" Leaders had been appointed for the discussion of each question. Others took up the subject and it proved a most interesting and, we trust, beneficial feature of this annual meeting. Following the discussion a Diocesan Treasurer for the United Offering was declared necessary and Mrs. J. E. Hayner, of Alton, was chosen.

Pledges for Diocesan Missions were again asked for and a special collection of small sums to be handed to the Rev. H. H. Mitchell for his work in Granite City. Fifteen dollars were received for this special object, which added to the pledges made for General Diocesan Missions, made the total \$317.00. Many gave small sums who had never contributed before, and so great was the enthusiasm that all joined in singing the Doxology. The meeting was then adjourned till May, approximo.

PLEDGES FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Diocesan Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.....	\$ 25 00
Alton Parochial Branch	25 00
Alton Junior Branch	5 00
Cairo, St. Mary's Branch	10 00
Champaign Parochial Branch	6 00
Jacksonville Parochial Branch	10 00
Springfield Christ Church Branch	15 00
Springfield St. Paul's Branch	25 00
Springfield Christ Church Juniors	5 00
Springfield Christ Church Study Class.....	2 00
Springfield St. Paul's Juniors	10 00
Springfield St. John's Juniors	50

Total from branches\$138 50

PERSONAL PLEDGES.

Mrs. Safford, in memoriam	20 00
Mrs. I. L. Candee, in memoriam.....	10 00
Mrs. Hayner	50 00
Mrs. Snively (5.00 as a Thank Offering).....	10 00
Mrs. Goltra	5 00
Mrs. Gridley	5 00
Mrs. Redick Ridgely	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Jones	5 00
Mrs. Pollard	1 00
Mrs. Hodgson	1 00
Miss Whitley	1 00
Miss Gould	1 00
Miss Lucy Jones	1 00
Mrs. C. A. Starne	5 00
Mrs. Chas. Ridgely	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Smith	5 00
Mrs. D. W. Dresser	3 00
Mrs. Cadwallader	2 00
Miss Hunt	10 00
Miss Dresser	5 00
Miss Bowen	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Clark	1 50
Mrs. Mitchell (Jacksonville, a Thank Offering).....	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Hay	5 00
Mrs. B. Wilson	5 00
A special offering from the women of the Auxiliary for the work in Granite City	15 00
Mrs. W. T. Ingram	1 00

Total from Individuals\$183 50

Total amount pledges for Diocesan Missions\$322 00

