

Report
OF
Twenty-Second Annual Meeting
OF THE
Springfield Diocesan Branch
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary
TO THE
Board of Missions

May 19th 1909



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in East St. Louis on May eighteenth and nineteenth.

The services on the eighteenth consisted of evening service with a special address by Bishop Osbourne. On May nineteenth at half past nine o'clock was held the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Rector of the Parish, Rev. F. M. S. Taylor, being the celebrant. The Bishop of Springfield was present and assisted in the service.

A collection taken at these two services amounted to fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents; of this seven-fifty was given at once to the Missionaries present—Mrs. Allen, of Glen Carbon; Miss Lusby, of Thayer, and Miss Bloomfield, of St. John's, Springfield,—to defray their traveling expenses.

Bishop Osbourne made a most interesting address at the business meeting of the Auxiliary held in the Guild room of the church immediately after Holy Communion. The address was spiritual, and also most practical and business-like. Among other suggestions, he made the one that the members of each Parish Auxiliary constitute themselves helpers of their Rectors in raising the apportionment fund in their respective Parishes.

At the close of the address, Bishop Osborne appointed Mrs. Candee as Correspondent for the Pan Anglican Committee in London.

A few words of welcome to the guests from other Parishes were spoken by Miss White in place of Mrs. Fairbrother, the President of the auxiliary, who was called out of town to attend a funeral.

The President of the Diocese Auxiliary spoke a few words to the ladies with reference to her change of home since the meeting of last year, after which the roll was called, and responded to by nine members from Alton, two from Christ Church, Springfield; two from St. Paul's, Springfield; one from St. John's, Springfield; one from Jacksonville, one from Cairo and two from Granite City.

The minutes of the meeting in Alton were read and approved, and the Secretary then read her report as follows:

Secretary's Report.

When I asked Mrs. White, our President, for some instructions concerning the secretary's report at this meeting she told me to tell what letters I had written and what replies or reports had been made to me. So you will pardon me if my report sounds somewhat egotistical.

I began the year by sending the printed reports of our last year's meeting to the Parishes of Waverly, Jacksonville, Urbana, Champaign, Bunker Hill, Cairo, Mattoon, Hooperston, Greenville, Martinsville, Cairo, Springfield and E. St. Louis.

Later on I wrote letters to the Rectors of the following Parishes: Lincoln, Mound City, Carrollton, Mount Vernon, Chesterfield, Danville, Bloomington, Paris and Carlinville, asking their aid in interesting their people in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, and especially in the work at Glen Carbon. I have received but two replies to these letters, and both were of a discouraging nature, their Parishes being apparently too poor or weak to take an interest in work.

I also wrote letters to four ladies in different towns, asking their aid and interest, and received answers from two of them, and contributions to the Glen Carbon fund.

I have sent out the blank reports given me by Miss Emery, to all the first-named towns, but have heard from but seven of them, namely: St. Paul's, Springfield; Champaign, Jacksonville, Decatur, Waverly, Cairo and Alton.

Waverly has no organized Auxiliary, but a few faithful ones meet and work together. "In union there is strength," as we all know, and if the little band in Waverly would but consent to formally join our ranks, I feel sure they would soon grow in strength and numbers. We welcome a new Auxiliary in our Diocese, that of Decatur, that begins with twenty members, and a pledge of twenty-five dollars to the Glen Carbon fund. I hope Decatur's good example will be followed by many others, and that next year will find a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in every Parish of our Diocese.

The Treasurer then read her report.

Report of Treasurer Springfield Branch Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions From May 20, 1908, to May 19, 1909.

ST. PAUL'S, Springfield—Miss Maria H. Taylor, Treasurer.	
Diocesan Missions	\$ 25.00
Missions, Individual	44.00
Apportionment	20.00
Glen Carbon	40.00
School, Alaska	5.00
Christmas, St. Luke's Mission	3.00
Lord Child, Orphanage	5.00
United Offering	6.04
Annual Dues	4.00
Printing Report	5.00
Hospital Dues
Wife of Missionary	5.00
Total	\$162.04
Reported by Miss Dresser.	

CHRIST CHURCH—Springfield.	
Diocesan Missions, 1907	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Missions, 1908	15.00
Diocesan Missions, Individual:	
Mrs. Swively	5.00
Mrs. King	2.00
Mrs. Ridgely	5.00
Mrs. Hammond	2.00
Miss Whitley	1.00
Contents of Red Boxes	8.52

Glen Carbon	25.00
Apportionment	10.00
Holy Child, Orphanage	5.00

Total \$ 83.52
Reported by Mrs. Pollard.

ST. PAUL'S—Alton.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Missions, Individual	27.00
Glen Carbon	35.00
Rev. E. P. Newton, Alaska	15.85
Apportionment	15.00
Annual Dues	5.00
United Offering	21.61
Rev. Mr. Duckworth	2.00
Foreign Missions, Individual	50.00

Total \$191.46
Reported by Miss Dolbee.

ST. JOHN'S—Decatur.

Holy Child, Orphanage Box	\$ 47.55
Missions in New Mexico	10.00
Glen Carbon	25.00

Total \$ 82.55
Reported by Mrs. Stevenson.

EMMANUEL—Champaign.

Holy Child, Orphanage	\$ 25.60
Archdeacon Wentworth	1.00
Panama Mission	7.00
Apportionment	5.00
United Offering	8.80
Diocesan Missions	6.05
Annual Dues	1.00
Glen Carbon	5.00

Reported by Mrs. Sherman.

Total \$ 59.45

WAVERLY.

Glen Carbon	\$ 5.00
Glen Carbon Box	5.00
Express on Box75
Barrel of Canned Fruit	10.00
To Rev. J. C. White	1.00

Total \$ 21.75
Reported by Miss Watson.

CAIRO.

Box to Orphanage	\$ 4.50
Box to Glen Carbon	10.00
Money Glen Carbon	20.00
Girls' School, Orlando, Florida	5.00

Archdeacon Wentworth	1.00	
Alaska	10.00	
Apportionment	15.00	
Annual Dues	6.75	
Diocesan Missions	10.00	
Total		\$ 85.25
Reported by Mrs. Jennelle.		

TRINITY—Jacksonville.

Hold Child Orphanage Box	\$ 11.00	
Money to Orphanage	5.50	
Apportionment	15.00	
United Offering, 1908	8.50	
United Offering, 1909	6.50	
Annual Dues	5.00	
G'en Carbon	40.00	
Archdeacon Wentworth	1.20	
Total		\$ 92.70
Reported by Mrs. Harlow.		

CARROLLTON.

Rev. Mr. Tomlins, paid	\$ 1.00	
Mt. Pulaski, paid	1.00	
For G'en Carbon, Reported and Not Otherwise Noted	31.35	
United Offering	65.05	
Reported by Mrs. Hayner.		
For Diocesan Missions, Mrs. J. C. White	5.00	

STATEMENT.

From Parish Branches, Cash and Boxes		\$882.12
Received May 22nd, 1908—		
From Mrs. Candee (Miss Dresser)	\$ 97.01	
For Report (Miss Dresser)	5.00	
Annual Dues, 1909, (Miss Dresser)	4.00	
For Report (Mrs. White)50	
Diocesan Missions (Mrs. White)	5.00	
For Report From Christ Church	2.50	
Pledge, Mrs. Bearsdley	2.00	
Total		\$116.01

PAID OUT.

For Apportionment	\$ 28.00	
Diocesan Missions	54.00	
United Offering	12.83	
Mr. Mizner	5.00	
Printing Report	16.00	
Total		\$115.83
Balance in Bank May 30th, 1908.18
From Offering East St. Louis	\$ 7.25	
Annual Dues	17.50	
Total		\$ 24.75

Balance May 20th, 1909\$ 24.75

The President then asked Mrs. Wead to read the report of the Babies' Branch in the absence of the Secretary, Miss Bowen.

Report of the Babies' Branch.

The youngest branch of the Auxiliary sends love and greetings to the Woman's Auxiliary in their Twenty-second Annual Meeting. I would like to say a few words in explanation of the Babies' Branch.

It is called by this name because children are eligible for membership from the day of their baptism until they reach the age of eight years, or until they can be promoted to a Junior Branch.

No unbaptised child can be a little helper, because it is by baptism we are made members of the church, and that is the Missionary Society.

The object of this Little Helpers' Society is purely educational. It is generally conceded that the strongest and most lasting impressions are received during the formative period, or before the age of six years. We try to profit by this fact and begin as soon as possible to train the children by object lessons, into the habits of praying and giving for the growth of the church.

Children when quite young are taught to offer their morning and evening prayers. Why not teach them also the little Missionary prayer, so that prayer for others becomes as much a matter of course as prayer for oneself?

Of course a child of a few months can not be taught any more than he can take upon himself his baptismal vows, but if the mother can be persuaded to give the weekly offering and say the prayer for the child until he is able to do it himself, she will be much more apt to teach him later on the meaning of it. Children so trained will be the more ready for larger work and interest later on. This is the object of the Babies' Branch and if carried out will be productive of great results. I am happy to be able to report progress for the first time in several years.

The branch in Cairo, so long without a Secretary, is again flourishing with a membership of thirty-two, and a larger offering than any other branch.

The Branches at Alton and Christ Church, Springfield, both have new Secretaries, but owing to a mistake about the boxes in Alton and the absence abroad of the Secretary of Christ Church branch, not much has been done. We hope for better results next year. St. Paul's church, Springfield, has lost four members, but has gained several more, and now numbers 47. About nine of the members are ready for Junior work. The branch in Danville, with eight members, goes steadily on under its faithful Secretary. The financial report is as follows:

1908.

To Orphanage of Holy Child	\$ 5.00
To Foreign Missions, Through Board	8.00
To Diocesan App. for Gen. Missions	5.00
To Little Helpers' Cor. St. Ayres' Hospital, Raleigh.	
N. C.	50
Expenses of Annual Letters, Express, Etc.,	71

Total\$ 19.91

Receipts For 1909.

Alton, Mrs. Sherwood, Secretary	\$.50
Cairo, Miss Kleb, Secretary	12.08
Danville, Miss Forbes	7.01
Springfield, St. Paul's, Miss Bowen	11.15
Paris, Two Members	1.00

Total \$ 31.74
 CORNELIA BOWEN,
 Dio. Secretary.

Miss Whitley was then asked to read her report.

Report of Junior Branch From 1908 to 1909.

The Junior Auxiliary work of the Diocese is not growing, and it is hard to tell just what the reason is, and where the fault lies.

It seems as if there ought to be a Junior Auxiliary in at least every Parish where there is a Woman's Auxiliary.

I have appealed many times at the Annual Meetings to the women of the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary for help in forming Junior Branches in the Parishes they represent.

Letters have brought few results in forming new branches, and I believe that the work must be personal work.

Could the Secretary visit every Parish in the Diocese and have some or all of the children of the Sunday School's gathered together under the direction of a faithful member of the Woman's Auxiliary, to meet at an appointed time and place, I feel pretty sure that branches could be organized and some earnest work started. As this plan is not practicable at this time, would not a Woman from each Parish represented here today come to the Secretary after this meeting and tell her that she would interest herself in forming a Junior Branch in her Parish?

Abundant literature can be furnished and objects for which to work be suggested.

The branches that are active are doing excellent work. One new branch has been organized but it does not increase in members, as it is a Parish where the former branch had entirely dissolved, owing to removals from the city and boarding school work. Only two branches this year have contributed to the United Offering. I hope that this important object is not being lost sight of in our Diocese.

Our Juniors have done splendidly in their contributions toward the support of the Woman Missionary at Glen Carbon, Ill.

More than thirty dollars has been raised by them for this work. In a recent letter from Danville the Rector of Trinity Church says that there has been no work done in the Junior Auxiliary this year, but he hopes to revive it in the autumn.

St. Paul's, Alton, has done its in its regular meetings at the home of its ever interested Dictress. In St. John's, Springfield, the candidates class of the Girls' Friendly Society has been combined with the Juniors and in consequence ten children have been brought to baptism. The St. John's Juniors gave the children of the Orphanage a delightful afternoon in an egg hunt a few weeks ago.

St. Paul's Branch, Springfield, has done good work all through the year. This branch is divided into a Senior and Junior class. The Senior class meets weekly. They have prepared a Missionary box and during the meetings the Spirit of Missions has been read.

The Junior class is being especially taught in its first duty—prayers.

Christ Church, Springfield, has again a branch which was organized only a few weeks ago.

The Junior collects have been given to the members, and the young Christian Soldier is read to them while they sew.

I think more interest would be aroused in our Junior Auxiliary work if we could have a Missionary Sunday once a month in our Sunday Schools, with Missionary hymns, prayers, addresses and an offering for Missions. There is a responsibility resting with us as members of the Woman's Auxiliary to help in the Junior work, and let us all try to do some personal work this year.

Junior Auxiliary Financial Report.

ALTON BRANCH—Mrs. Hayner, Directress.
Dec., 1908, Box to Rev. Mr. Nese, Ivey, Virginia....\$ 6.60
April 6th, 1909, for Support of Woman Missionary
at Glen Carbon 5.00

Total \$ 11.60

ST. PAUL'S BRANCH, Springfield—Miss Bowen, Directress.
April 8th, Box to Mrs. Whitely, Mound City, Ill., ...\$ 20.00
For Support of Missionary at Glen Carbon 17.50
For Miss Lucy, Thayer, Ill., 3.25
Magazines, Miss Babcock, O'Fallon, Ill., 1.00
To Miss Babcock85

Total \$ 42.60

ST. JOHN'S BRANCH, Springfield—Miss Bloomfield, Directress.
To Support of Woman Missionary at Glen Carbon...\$ 10.00
Pledge to Dio. Missions 1.00
United Offering ~~2.16~~

Total \$ 13.16

CHRIST CHURCH, Springfield—Miss Whitley, Directress.
Dio. Missions\$ 3.00

Grand Total \$ 70.36

MISS MAUD WHITLEY,
Dio. Secretary Junior Auxiliary.

A brief pause was made at twelve o'clock, when all joined in the noontide prayer, led by the President, Mrs. White.

The united offering report was then read by Mrs. Hayner and the month of April designated as the month in which the offerings were to be sent.

The Church Periodical Club work was spoken of by Mrs. Dresser, who handed in her resignation owing to ill health.

Mrs. White then read her address to the Auxiliary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

When I began to think of making the President's address, I at first decided I would not take your time from more interesting matters. It was pointed out this would establish a precedent, whether

bad or good, is uncertain in my mind, and that the President ought to have a message, and so I have a number of them: "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." These messages all urge as to perseverance and promise results.

Let us not be discouraged by the smallness of our individual efforts, or the little our Parish Branch seems to do. For was not the Widow's mite especially blessed? And do not we know that "many mickles make a mickle?"

When the Bishop asked, shortly before he went south last January, that the Auxiliary raise \$250.00 toward the support of a woman worker to go to Glen Carbon, the sum seemed impossible, and yet in a few months it has been paid to our Dio. Treasurer.

We have cause to feel thankful that the beginning of a new Auxiliary year finds us ready for new work.

It goes to prove what we can do when we are interested. But are we willing to do and give just because it is our duty? Instead of answering an appeal direct, can we not send our gift through our Dio. Treasurer that we may help pay our Dio. Apportionment? The amount sent in specials each year would just about clear the deficit in our Apportionment. It is less interesting, but more business-like and more honest.

Let us study all we can about our Missionaries and their work; their needs and hardships; let us make our own and then let us give through the appointed channels of our Church, as if we were giving to the individuals. We can do so if we will.

It will lighten if we do, of your Parish Priest, who finds it well nigh impossible to raise his share of the Apportionment; it will gladden our Bishop's heart, and it will help the standing of our own Diocese at headquarters. I do not mean to speak of money, but of methods, Chicago meeting, Church Extension Board. Then another thing, how many men do you know who are really interested in Missions?

Can we not use our influence in interesting the men of our Churches? Every baptised member of the Church is a member of the Church Missionary Society. I wonder how many of them know it?

Who can tell how an idea grows?

Let us plant the ideas, and may God give the increase as He sees fit.

After the President had finished her address the meeting was adjourned to luncheon, which was served at the residence of Mrs. Fairbrother. All the members enjoyed the delightful repast so well served by the ladies of the Parish, and the hour of social intercourse, and were 'cud in their praises of the hospitality shown them. After our return to the church a Missionary Literary was read by the Bishop to all the Auxiliary, after which the business meeting was resumed in the Guild Room. Reports were read from the Secretary and Treasurer of the A'ton Branch, from Cairo, Jacksonville and St. Paul's, Springfield; also Christ Church of that city.

Then followed an interesting talk by our Missionary at Glen Carbon, Mrs. Allen, who spoke most feelingly of the power of prayer, and told of several incidents relative to it, in her experience. Miss

Lusby, the Missionary at Thayer, and Miss Bloomfield, at St. John's Mission, Ridgley, followed with interesting accounts of their work, and the people among whom they do their work. We hope that at each Annual Meeting of our Auxiliary these ladies may be able to be with us, to revive our interest in the work, and to post us on what is being done in Home Missions in our own Diocese.

Mrs. Candee then gave us an account of her impressions of England, and the Pan Anglican Conference, to which she was a delegate.

The election of officers then followed, and it was moved and carried that the present officers be re-elected for another year, this including Miss Bowen and Miss Whitley. It was also decided to have an officer from society, and Mrs. Hayner, Alton! Mrs. Tomlin, Jacksonville, and Mrs. Swively, of Springfield, were made vice-presidents.

Mrs. Candee extended an invitation to the Auxiliary to meet next year in Cairo if it was thought many of the members could attend. The Treasurer then received pledges for Diocesan Missions to be sent to Dr. Rochetrou.

No further business coming before the Auxiliary, it was adjourned to meet in May, 1910, the place to be decided later in the year.

Diocesan Mission Pledges 1909-1910.

St. Paul's, Springfield	\$25.00
Christ, Springfield	15.00
Christ Juniors	2.00
St. John Juniors (paid)	1.00
Cairo, Parish Branch	10.00
St. Paul's, Alton	20.00
St. Paul's Juniors	5.00
Trinity, Jacksonville	5.00
Miss Hurst (paid)	10.00
Mrs. Dresser (paid)	2.00
Mrs. J. C. White	5.00
Mrs. Swively (paid)	5.00
Miss Whitley	1.00
Mrs. Candee	10.00
Mrs. Safford	20.00
Mrs. E. H. Clark	2.00
Miss Bloomfield (paid)	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Ryrie (paid)	2.00
Mrs. H. S. Dorsey (paid)	2.00
Mrs. Hayner (paid)	50.00
Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin	5.00

