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**TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
REPORT**

**SPRINGFIELD BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS**

MAY, 1913

Springfield

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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FROM
MAY, 1912, TO MAY 1, 1913.**

Madam President, Officers and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield:

The confidence you placed in me a year ago when you elected me to the office of Diocesan Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary has been an inspiration and constant source of help in the performance of the duties of the office. Much more efficient service could have been rendered by one of greater experience in the work and more satisfactory results have been obtained; but I am glad that you gave me the opportunity to gain some experience in a new relation in this splendid work. I have been blessed in the doing and have gained from the mistakes I have made, and trust they have not been destructive in their effect. Your President and the other Diocesan officers have been very kind and helpful and have saved confusion in many ways.

The only work done through the summer was collecting the reports of the last annual meeting and having them printed in the usual form. These reports of the twenty-fifth annual meeting were sent out to the different branches in time for their distribution at the first meeting last fall.

At the request of our President, Mrs. Candee, letters were sent in October to the Secretary of each branch in behalf of the Julia C. Emery fund. Later, communications from Miss Emery, concerning the Auxiliary work were distributed.

It was with deep regret that we received word of Mrs. Ruckel's resignation as Second Vice President in charge of the Junior Auxiliary work. Her resignation was occasioned by her moving out of the diocese. It was a real pleasure, though, in the same communication to know that she had herself secured some one to take up this very important line of work. Miss Cornelia Bowen is now in charge of the Junior work.

Another evidence that our women are in earnest and are working faithfully came in the welcome news of a new branch organized at Anna, Ill., with a membership of five. When the floods drove Mrs. Candee from her home she found work in her place of refuge. The result is another

branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Springfield. We welcome most heartily the branch of St. Anne's at Anna.

The first of the present month letters were sent, at the request of the program committee, to the Secretary of each branch, to the Superintendent of each Junior branch and to the Directress of each baby branch asking that full, detailed reports be furnished for this meeting as it was the sense of the program committee that better results would be obtained if each branch knew more of the workings and difficulties of the other branches.

In the same letter to the branch Secretaries I made my only request, and that was that I might have a list of the members in each parish branch who had paid the annual dues. My purpose was to have a complete roll of the women in the diocese who are members of the Woman's Auxiliary; this roll to be called at each annual meeting when it would be corrected and additions made, thus showing the growth of the organization.

I could not carry out my purpose because I only have lists from Anna, Alton, Jacksonville, and from Cairo the number but not the names, and from Urbana the names of six women who have paid the annual dues, but are not organized. The roll can still appear in the annual report if you who haven't sent the list will do so.

From one reply to a request for this list it is evident the branch officers, as printed in the last annual report, are not now in office. This causes delays and confusion. Is it possible to so amend our Constitution as to have the election of officers in each branch occur the same month? If so some confusion could be avoided. It is quite necessary that the diocesan Secretary should have a complete correct list of parish officers.

The book adopted by the Mission Board for our study this past year was "Japan Advancing"—a most delightful book. The branch reports will show how many branches have used this book. If all haven't may I urge that this coming year we do, all of us, study the adopted book upon China and make it the basis of our work another winter—thus uniting us still more closely in this blessed work for the Master.

Yours sincerely,

EDITH W. DORSEY,

Diocesan Secretary of Woman's Auxiliary of Springfield.
May, 1913.

**ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE SPRINGFIELD
DIOCESAN BRANCH MAY 22ND, 1913.**

Another year has passed. Another golden bead upon the rosary of time has been slipped along in our history, and we meet to report its failure or accomplishments for good. It has been an eventful year, and the last quarter of it has been filled with distress, anxiety and horror to many in this Missionary District. The appalling disaster and losses to churches and congregations in our neighboring dioceses of Ohio and Indiana, the terrible danger and threatened loss for nerve-racking days and nights in the southern part of our own Diocese, with the heavy burdens imposed by the defense of our homes, churches, schools and property, which escaped by the narrowest margin, have proven how helpless men are in face of a great calamity. It has taught us that only in God is our refuge, and vain is the help of man, while underneath are the everlasting arms. The pitiful wreck of churches, rectories, parish houses and homes of faithful communicants, in Nebraska, Ohio and Indiana make us long to extend aid and our hearts swell with deep thanksgiving for our own fortunate escape from like disaster and imminent peril. The hope that this might prove a year of great growth and prosperity for the Auxiliary in the Diocese has not been realized and yet in spite of many drawbacks some advance has been made. Sickness, removal and threatened danger has not interfered with some progress in furthering the work. St. Mary's Branch, Cairo, voted to assist a young man to fulfill his expressed desire to study for Holy orders, and stands ready to further his education for the sacred ministry with financial aid. During the high water period while a "refugee" from home, and waiting for the swollen waters to subside for a safe return, your President was privileged to form a new branch of the Auxiliary, that of St. Anne's at Anna. The picturesque little church there, beautiful for location among the hills, to which we fled for refuge from the angry waters, has a few faithful women full of loyalty and devotion to religion like the blessed St. Anne. We welcome this little branch to our ranks and believe their new venture of faith and love will help to build up their parish by the study of missions and the work of the church at large. I hoped also to be able to visit Mound City and reorganize the branch once existing there, but that may come later when the effects of the flood and their brave defense have worn away. At Cairo in the Church of the

Redeemer, the Junior Auxiliary has been reorganized successfully under enthusiastic leaders and gives promise of good work in the future, when we expect a new rector and a revival of church activities. The news of this Junior Branch will gladden the heart of our dear Mrs. Ruckel, former Junior President, in her far Western home at The Dalles, Oregon, who left us last year to her and our deep regret. Like a good soldier of the Cross she is doing splendid work for the Church on the frontier and working as earnestly for the Master there as she did here. The loss of Mrs. Ruckel and our beloved Miss Whitely, also called to another post of duty in the far West, has been a great sorrow, but we rejoice in their opportunities for usefulness in their new fields. Miss Whitely has been made President of the Diocesan Branch of Spokane and is eminently well fitted for the position. We all know how competent and faithful she will be and congratulate her and her co-workers in the diocese. The places of these good workers have been ably filled by Mrs. Dorsey of Alton, our enthusiastic and efficient Secretary, and Miss Bowen, who is not new to the Junior work, but has served it well and faithfully in the past. Our ranks have been strengthened also by the advent of one of Minnesota's best workers, Mrs. Stires of Decatur, who came with a high recommendation from her President, Mrs. Baxter, and whom we welcome joyfully. Beside losing two such efficient officers as Mrs. Ruckel and Miss Whitely, we have regretted the enforced absence and illness of our good Bishop and are glad to welcome him back to the diocese improved in health and strength. The pleasure of meeting again in the See City, at the time of the Synod, which seems like old times, and for the consecration of the beautiful new St. Paul's Church, we owe to the thoughtful suggestion of the Bishop, and the cordial welcome of the Springfield members. The members in Cairo are disappointed that the plans for the meeting to be held there were necessarily changed, but when the matter had to be decided and Springfield was chosen at the Bishop's request, we were not sure that Cairo would be on the map at this date. We are filled with deep thankfulness that it was spared and some of us are able to be here to attend the meeting. Another year it may be our good fortune to welcome you to our city and evince our gratitude for our preservation and protection by Providence. I have received during the past year, as correspondent for our diocese, full and interesting reports of the meetings of the Church Central Committee, from the

Honorable Secretary, Mr. Montgomery, of London. Also a cordial letter and book of forms of introduction to the Hospitality Committee, which we are urged to make use of for any of our members going abroad this year. I am sorry that our officers who went to England last summer could not avail themselves of the opportunity or attend the summer meeting of the Central Committee. Any one who may be going this year will find it an advantage to use the letters of introduction and be brought in touch with the earnest workers in England, who will be glad to serve them in every possible way. I will be happy to fill out the forms for any one going and hope some of you have that pleasure in view. We can learn much from the thorough work done in England.

The three great objects of the Auxiliary work, prayer and giving, are still before us. I wish that our membership might be largely increased in every parish, and that Champaign, Bloomington, Danville, Decatur and Lincoln might have active branches and realize the value of Auxiliary interest and helpfulness in parochial work. Dr. Manning of Trinity Church, New York, says in his splendid address on the Spiritual Value of the United Offering: "It would be impossible to speak too strongly about the evil of parochialism. It is the deadly curse of our branch of the Catholic Church; it is our great weakness, our crying evil. It is the contradiction open and complacent of the essential idea of that Church, of which the New Testament tells us, and in which we declare our belief each time that we repeat the Creed." We all agree with him, for we know that the parishes which work only for and think only of themselves do not prosper and grow as do those which have the broader vision of the whole field and pray and give for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Quoting again he speaks of "the great art of Christian giving—we have to learn it, we have to train ourselves in it, we have to do the giving that hurts, that hurts the selfishness and niggardliness of our souls before we come to the giving that delights. I believe the woman who takes her part in the United Offering will find a truer happiness in her religion, a deeper joy in the Eucharist, a deeper reality in all the sacramental life of the Church. However small the gift may be that goes into the Mite Box it represents a gain to the giver." These are strong words, but true. The time for gathering the United Offering of 1913, on which so much depends for our selves and others, is growing very short and I fear that of our own diocese will be small. I beg you

to make an effort, one of real sacrifice, during the summer months devoted usually to recreation and rest, to increase our fund for the United Offering of 1913. This will be offered in the grand new Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York on October 9. There members of the Auxiliary will gather from all over the world to worship the King in His glorious house and kneel before the magnificent altar erected in loving memory of the Savior of mankind. These gifts of ours will help to send devoted women who for His sake are teaching little children, ministering to the sick, speaking hope and comfort to the sorrowing and sinful all over our land. Others will go by our help to Africa, China, Japan and the islands of the sea to carry good tidings of great joy and take the message in person that we are unable to take. Can we not do more for Him in this way than we have ever done before? At the last Triennial Springfield's offering was \$384.23, more than it had ever been before. Cannot we make it \$500 this year, by an extra effort, and for the dear Christ's sake? Read "Miss Toosey's Mission" and see what one loyal soul tried to do in her poverty, and then let us give lovingly of our abundance to God, who has given so much to us.

The greatest subject placed before us is prayer—without that we can do nothing worthy of acceptance by the Most High. Lo we remember our own United Offering workers, scattered all over the world, enduring many hardships, from Alaska to Arizona, from Duluth to Southern Florida, in Africa, China, Japan, Mexico and Honolulu? Do we know who they are and where they are working and how? Do we pray for the whole Church that it may prosper and increase as God's Kingdom should when His children are loyal and true, and not only for ourselves, our own parish and particular work? Do we remember the aged and infirm clergy, the widows and orphans they leave, who suffer often for bare necessities of life while we have abundance? All these burning questions press upon our souls insistently, as the year's work ends and another begins and we realize how much there is to do and how much more we might have done in the past. God help us to do more, be earnest and faithful, and stretch out helpful hands, so that at the last we may come to His everlasting Kingdom and enter into His joy.

ISABELLA L. CANDEE.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY IN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD.

Receipts.

Amount on hand.....	\$ 32.91	
Offering May 15	11.40	
Offering May 16	9.00	
Personal Pledges	196.75	
Parish Pledges	159.29	
Annual Dues	35.50	
United Offering	2.50	
Junior Auxiliary—		
St. Paul's, Springfield	\$ 5.00	
Holy Trinity, Danville	5.00	
Oaklawn, Danville	6.00	
Alton	9.52	23.52
Babies' Branch—		
Danville	\$16.23	
Alton	9.71	
Christ Church, Springfield	8.75	
Cairo	8.88	43.07
Total		<hr/> \$513.94

Disbursements.

United Offering Treasurer	\$ 2.50	
Reports and postage	26.45	
General Missions	84.81	
Diocesan Missions	359.39	
Balance on hand	40.79	
Total		<hr/> \$513.94
To this may be added from St. Paul's, Springfield, given to Mr. Holbrook:		
General Missions	\$10.00	
Diocesan Missions	12.50	
		<hr/> \$22.50

ELIZABETH D. HUTCHINS,
Diocesan Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF UNITED OFFERING.

St. Paul's, Alton	\$ 39.60
St. Paul's, Springfield	35.79
Trinity, Jacksonville	4.50
St. Mary's, Cairo	8.65
Junior Auxiliary, Danville	3.00
Christ's Church, Waverly	2.50

Personal.

Miss White, Champaign	\$ 5.00
Miss Forbes, Danville	5.00
Mrs. Strech, Urbana	10.00
Mrs. Hutchins, Urbana	1.50
Miss Lusbee, Glen Carbon.....	3.00

Total\$118.54

THEO. D. WEAD,

May, 1913. Diocesan Treasurer of United Offering.

REPORT OF JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD.

Four months ago the Diocesan President of the Junior Auxiliary was obliged to remove to Oregon and she asked me to fill her place until the annual meeting in May. I felt that it was quite impossible to fill her place, but I promised at least to receive the reports from the branches and make a general report to the Auxiliary at its annual meeting.

From the record book I see that many letters have been written in regard to the Junior work.

No new branches have been formed and two branches have ceased working, but the remaining ones have done so well that the financial report is considerably better than last year.

The Alton branch has studied "The Honorable Little Miss Love," and the Oaklawn Branch, Danville, has enjoyed reading "Torchbearers on the King's Highway." Miss Lindley's advice to form study classes seems to me excellent.

The first necessity is a leader who is willing to study Missions herself, and who knows how to talk to young

people. She will seek to interest the children by stories, pictures, and every possible way enlisting their help in looking up bits of information without letting them think that they are studying, and not requiring them to give anything. She will give them first of all a good motive for mission work, and let the request to help come from the children themselves.

I think this is the ideal way to begin, the second best way is to combine study and work. To require children to work without giving them a good reason for it is a very poor way.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Alton—St. Paul's Branch, Members.

Christmas box for Missions at Wakpala, S. D., value.	\$13.25
United Offering	3.00
Apportionment	6.52
Diocesan Missions	3.00
Total	\$25.77

Danville—Holy Trinity and Mission Branches, 14 Members.

Christmas box to Wakpala, S. D., value.....	\$15.00
Apportionment	6.00
Diocesan Missions	3.00
Total	\$24.00

Springfield—St. Paul's Branch.

One box, valued at	\$10.00
Towels to St. Paul's Parish House.....	2.00
Apportionment	2.50
Diocesan Missions	2.50
To Mission at Wakpala.....	5 00
Total	\$22.00

Total from all branches in money and boxes.....\$75.22

.. CORNELIA BOWEN, Pres.

REPORT OF THE BABIES' BRANCH OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY 1912-1913.

In the fall of 1912 I sent out eight appeals to the Rectors of Churches, or Presidents of the Woman's Auxiliary, asking them to interest themselves in the Babies' Branch, sending literature, where I thought the history of the work might not be known, and offering to supply them with boxes, etc.

I asked each Branch to send the money collected to Mrs. Hutchins by the first of May, and the report of their work to me, at the same time. I have received reports from Miss Forbes, Holy Trinity, Danville; Mrs. Patteson, Christ Church, Springfield, and Miss Pile, St. Paul's at Alton.

From the reports of these Secretaries you will see what beautiful and faithful work they have accomplished. This is the encouraging part of my report. The discouraging feature is the apparent indifference in the parishes not reported. Is it due to the fact that the clergy do not appreciate the importance of this work, and therefore, do not present it to their people enthusiastically?

The story of the founding of the Babies' Branch should appeal to every mother, and make them zealous to interest their little ones to consecrate them from the very first to the missionary work.

One of the Branch Secretaries asked the age limit in the Babies' Branch. As the branch is called "Little Helpers" also, it seems the children might retain their boxes, and use the daily prayer till they are nine years of age, when they are eligible to enter the Junior Auxiliary.

You see we get our recruits for the Junior Auxiliary, and the Woman's Auxiliary from the Babies' Branch, or Little Helpers.

Will not the mothers here present resolve, each one, on her return home to do all she can to increase the interest in this work, which is not a difficult one.

The total number of babies and children visited by the three Secretaries who have reported to me, is 83, and money from the same, \$43.07.

We hope all parishes in the diocese will send in reports next year, and so increase the number, and the amount of money.

MARY CAROLINE HAYNER,
May, 1913. Diocesan Pres. of the Babies' Branch.

Parish Branches and Secretaries.

St. Paul's, Springfield—Mrs. J. C. White.

Christ's Church, Springfield—Mrs. Potter, 130 East Charles Street.

St. Mary's, Cairo—Mrs. Walter Warder.

St. Paul's, Alton—Mrs. T. B. Foulds, Bluff Street.

Decatur—

St. Bartholomew's, Granite City—Mrs. W. H. Tomlins.

Trinity, Jacksonville—Miss F. E. Wakely, 321 S. Main Street.

St. Anne's, Anna—Miss Dona Sampson.

Holy Trinity, Danville—

Junior Branch Secretaries.

Mrs. John E. Hayner, 1418 State Street, Alton.

Miss Florence Harrison, 445 N. Walnut Street, Danville.

Mrs. C. F. Galigher, 2710 Walnut Street, Cairo.

Mrs. John Grimsley, St. Paul's, Springfield.

Mrs. Burns, Christ Church, Springfield.

Baby Branch Secretaries.

Miss Caroline Forbes, Danville, Ill.

Miss Emma Kleb, Cairo.

Miss Cora Pile, 827 E. Fifth Street, Alton.

Mrs. Mary W. Patterson, Christ's Church, Springfield.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be "The Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be, by means of union and systematic effort to diffuse Missionary information, to increase Missionary activity among women of the Diocese, to unite previously existing Parochial Branches of the Auxiliary, and to encourage the formation of societies where there are none.

ARTICLE III.

All baptized women belonging to the Diocese, who desire to be members of this Society, shall be so regarded upon the payment of twenty-five cents per annum to the Diocesan Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

The President shall call meetings and preside over them.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. The duties of the Vice-President to be as follows: The first Vice-President to take the place of the President in her absence and to assist her in visiting. The second Vice-President shall be the Diocesan President of the Junior Auxiliary and the third Vice-President shall be the Diocesan President of the Baby's Branch; the fourth Vice-President shall be the Diocesan Treasurer of the United Offering. The fifth Vice-President shall be the Diocesan Educational Secretary.

Sec. 2. The second and third Vice-Presidents shall appoint their own Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. The duties of the Secretary shall be to give notice of meetings and keep a record of them; to conduct the correspondence with Parochial Secretaries, and with the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to keep a record of the "boxes" contributed by Parochial Branches or individual members of the Auxiliary; and to prepare an Annual Report for circulation in the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The Treasurer, under the direction of the President, shall receive and disburse all general funds sent for any branch of Missionary work, or for the expenses of the Society. She shall keep a record of these, and of funds received and disbursed by Parish Branches, accepting receipts therefor, from Parish Secretaries. She shall present a full report at the Annual Meeting, and shall furnish the same to the Secretary to be incorporated in the Annual Report.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every Parish with a Society or Societies working for Missions, shall be entitled to four delegates, who, with the General Officers, shall constitute the Executive Board. The first named of these four shall be the Corresponding Secretary for the Parish Branch.

ARTICLE IX.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, together shall form a council for the purpose of devising means to interest the women of the Diocese not already interested in the purposes of the Auxiliary, and (with the approval of the Clergyman in charge) to encourage the formation of Parochial Branches in Parishes where there are none.

ARTICLE X.

All Parish Guilds and Societies desiring it, shall be considered Branches of the Auxiliary upon the payment of the yearly Diocesan due of 25 cents per capita; and will then send reports of money collected and work done. Delegates from all such societies will be expected at the General Meetings of the Diocesan Auxiliary.

ARTICLE XI.

This Association shall hold its Annual Meeting on the third (3rd) Wednesday and Thursday in May, at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meetings. But for good reason the time and place may be changed by the President with the approval of the Bishop.

ARTICLE XII.

Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of three of the Parochial Branches.

ARTICLE XIII.

This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

AMENDMENTS.

I.

The Parish Branches shall elect officers for the year at the April meeting.

