

Woman's Auxiliary

Springfield, Illinois

Twenty-Eighth Annual Report, 1915

**TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
REPORT**

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

MAY, 1915.

OFFICERS:

Honorary President:
MRS. H. H. CANDEE,
Cairo.

President:
MRS. H. S. DORSEY,
1109 State Street, Alton, Ill.

First Vice-President:
MRS. E. A. SNIVELY,
1220 South Sixth Street, Springfield.

Second Vice-President:

*Mrs. R. C. Dorsey,
403 E. 4th St. Alton, Ill.*

Third Vice President:

MRS. J. E. HAYNER,
1418 State Street, Alton, Ill.
In charge of Little Helpers.

Fourth Vice-President:

MISS VIRGINIA DRESSER,
818 W. Edwards Street, Springfield.
In charge of United Offerings.

Fifth Vice-President:

MISS ETHEL DEERE,
The Bishop's House, Springfield.
In charge of Educational Work.

Secretary Church Periodical Club:

MRS. W. H. TOMLINS,
2231 G Street, Granite City.

Secretary:

MRS. JACOB WEAD,
1122 State Street, Alton.

Treasurer:

MRS. E. D. HUTCHINS,
1105 S. Busey Ave., Urbana.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY BOARD OF MISSIONS, FROM
MAY, 1914, TO MAY, 1915.**

Owing to an unfortunate combination of circumstances, which will be explained by our President in her address, no annual meeting of the Auxiliary was held this year.

In the fall of 1914, the officers decided to have special letter heads printed with the names and addresses of all the officers and send a certain number to each one for their official correspondence. It has proved a help, and all seem pleased with the plan.

The reports for 1914 were duly printed and distributed, but many are still left, and any one wishing a copy can have it by applying to the Secretary.

Notices have been sent to all Branches requesting their annual reports, but several have failed to respond, and our list is, therefore, rather small. In accordance with the usual custom the officers elected in 1914 hold their positions for two years, so the list remains the same as that of last year.

An invitation has been received and accepted by our President for the Auxiliary to meet next year with St. Paul's Parish in Springfield, and it is hoped a large number will be in attendance.

(Signed)

THEO. D. WEAD,

Diocesan Secretary.

May, 1915.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Women of the Auxiliary:

The history of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Springfield for the year 1914 and 1915 is the record of a series of failures for the most part. The work of the Branches in the different parishes has, as the report from them will show, gone on in about the same way; but the work of the Diocesan organization has not met with success. In December a letter came to me from Mrs. W. D. Stires, of Decatur, resigning the office of Second Vice-President in charge of the Junior Auxiliary. Nervous prostration demanded of Mrs. Stires that she have complete rest. After writing her, I wrote to Mrs. E. A. Snively, of Springfield, First Vice-President, for advice and cooperation in securing some one to take charge of this very important department of our work. We hoped Miss Bowen, who filled

the unexpired term for Mrs. White so very efficiently, could again be secured, but illness prevented her. After consultation with Miss Bowen, Mrs. Snively wrote me that in their judgment it would be wiser to leave the office vacant until the annual meeting in May, when some one could be regularly elected to the office. But, alas! no annual meeting. At my request the Secretary asked Miss Caroline Forbes, of Danville, who has done splendid work in her own parish, to take charge of the Junior work. It was with deep regret that we received her negative reply. The vacancy still exists. Is there not some member of the Auxiliary some place in the diocese who feels she ought to save this department of the work? It will be hailed with joy and thanksgiving by the other diocesan officers if some one will volunteer for this service.

At the close of the annual meeting in 1914, Mrs. W. H. Tomlins asked for suggestions concerning the work of the Church Periodical Club, of which she had just been elected secretary. Our conference resulted in the decision to try carrying on the work by organizations within the diocese, rather than by individual. I secured from the Bishop a list of places where there were clubs or other organizations in need of literature. This list I sent to Mrs. Tomlins, keeping the Men's Club at Glen Carbon for the Alton Branch. Books and periodicals were collected and sent to Mr. John Foster at Glen Carbon, and a very appreciative letter received from him. The other work could be learned through Mrs. Tomlin's report. A great and good work can be done by the members of the Auxiliary to help mission work in the diocese by collecting and sending books and other literature to the different mission stations. We ask that more be done in this line the coming year.

Space was given in the Springfield Churchman for news and notes of the Auxiliary and its branches. Through these columns I tried to reach the women in parishes where there is no Auxiliary and offered help in every possible way I could give it; but no response came. There is a great lack of interest or at least the manifestation of it. If each branch would have its program for the year 1915 and 1916 printed in the Springfield Churchman it would be of interest to every other Branch and perhaps to others. Early in the fall, won't the parish secretary of each Branch please send me a copy of the program for her Branch that I may have them printed in the diocesan paper at the same time?

In May, 1914, a few days after the annual meeting at Alton, Mrs. Tomlins, of Granite City, wrote me that she had received a letter from the Bishop in which he stated

that it would be very unwise for Granite City to entertain the annual meeting in May, 1915. The invitation from Granite City had been unanimously accepted at the meeting just held, consequently Mrs. Tomins was troubled. In my reply, I told her I would communicate with the Bishop, who would appoint another place of meeting. I wrote to him and talked with him personally at Thanksgiving. He bade me wait until arrangements were made for Synod. Soon he was called away on account of ill health. Before his return to the diocese I grew anxious concerning the annual meeting and called a meeting of the diocesan officers who live in Alton to lay before them the plan I had in mind of a one day meeting. We agreed upon this plan and wrote to Granite City for permission to hold the meeting one day only with them. This they hesitated to do on account of the Bishop's disapproval. So we waited until his return when the Secretary took up the question with him and a rapid correspondence followed. But every effort came to naught and the annual meeting had to be abandoned.

It seems wrong to allow the matter of entertainment of delegates to the annual meeting to cancel the meeting. There are but few Branches of the Auxiliary in the diocese that can provide entertainment for twenty or twenty-five delegates, and when they do their time and attention are so given to making their guests comfortable that little is left to give the meeting. The Alton Branch voted to have the delegates furnish their own entertainment. Cairo did likewise. St. Paul's, Springfield, voted to continue the old plan. At the next annual meeting I recommend strongly that this point be taken up, discussed thoroughly and voted upon. St. Paul's, Springfield, have invited the delegates to meet with them at the annual meeting in May, 1916. The exact date will be announced later.

And now, in conclusion, let me assure you that it is no clearer to you than it is to me that I am not fitted to work in this department of the Master's field. The old officers are willing to do all they can this year, since no election could be held in 1915, and ask for your continued cooperation, and may God bless our efforts.

(Signed) EDITH W. DORSEY.

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

Receipts.

Cash on hand, May, 1914.....	\$ 89.79	
Offering at Service	4.65	
Special offering for Missionary.....	32.00	
For General Missions, from—		
Cairo	\$ 15.00	
St. Paul's, Springfield.....	20.00	
Junior Auxiliary, Alton.....	2.33	37.33
For Diocesan Missions, from—		
Alton	130.02	
Anna	1.00	
Cairo	25.00	
Granite City	3.00	
Jacksonville	20.00	
Christ Church, Springfield	20.00	
St. Paul's Church, Springfield.....	55.25	
Urbana	10.00	
Junior Auxiliary, Alton.....	4.00	
Little Helpers, Alton	11.73	
Little Helpers, Danville.....	15.50	
Individuals	9.00	304.50
Annual Dues From—		
Alton,	5.25	
Anna	1.25	
Cairo	8.00	
Granite City	1.75	
Jacksonville	3.75	
St. Paul's, Springfield.....	5.25	
Urbana	2.50	
Miss Watson50	28.25
Total		\$496.52

Expenditures.

Bishop Osborne, for Missionary.....	\$ 82.00
J. H. Holbrook, Treasurer.....	355.91
Printing Reports	31.75
Stationery	4.00
Stamps50
Balance on hand	22.36
Total	\$496.52

BRANCH TREASURERS' REPORTS.

Alton.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 25.00
Individual offerings for Missions	105.02
3 cement blocks to Tennessee...75
Freight and express	3.80
Programs	2.00
Annual dues	5.25
United offering	32.65
Total in cash	\$174.47

Boxes—

Books to Glen Carbon Mission.....	20.00
Christmas box to Wisconsin.....	65.00

Total value boxes.....\$ 85.00

Cairo.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 25.00
General Missions	15.00
Annual dues	8.00
Total	\$ 48.00

Granite City.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 3.00
Cement block to Tennessee.....	.55
Annual dues	1.75
United offering	4.79
Total	\$ 10.09

Jacksonville.

Missions	\$ 20.00
Cement blocks to Tennessee.....	1.00
Annual dues	3.75
United offering	7.65
Total	\$ 32.40
Box of clothing to White Bluff, Tenn.....	\$ 35.00

Christ Church, Springfield.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 15.00
Booklets	2.50
Janitor service Lincoln Library50
Missionary Social Union	1.20
Material for box	13.00
Express on box	2.20

Total	\$ 34.40
Box to Rev. P. H. Barbour, Sissiton, So. D.	\$ 20.00

St. Paul's, Springfield.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 55.25
General Missions	20.00
Emergency Fund	15.00
Belgian Sufferers	5.00
Barrel flour for the Orphanage	7.70
City Missions Work	3.00
Expense Diocesan Synod	15.00
United Offering	5.38
Annual dues	5.25

Total	\$131.58
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Boxes—

To Indian Catechist at Pine Ridge, So. Da.	\$ 30.00
Mountain people at Ivy Depot, Virginia	50.00
Children of Diocesan Clergyman	7.00

Total	\$ 87.00
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Urbana.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 10.00
Annual dues	2.50

Total	\$ 12.50
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Summary.

Total value in money—

Alton	\$174.47
Cairo	48.00
Granite City	10.09
Jacksonville	32.40
Christ Church, Springfield	34.40
St. Paul's, Springfield	131.58
Urbana	12.50
Special for Missionary	82.00

Total	\$525.44
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Total value in boxes—	
Alton	\$ 85.00
Jacksonville	35.00
Christ Church, Springfield.....	20.00
St. Paul's, Springfield.....	87.00
Total	\$277.00
Complete Total	\$752.44

PARISH BRANCHES AND OFFICERS.

St. Paul's, Springfield—

President, Mrs. M. F. Smith.

Vice-President, Mrs. Wesley Tobin, 1822 South Sixth Street.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Driscoll, 807½ South Fourth St.

Secretary, Miss Virginia Dresser, 818 West Edwards Street.

Christ Church, Springfield—

Treasurer, Mrs. Thos. Lowery, 1422 South Eighth St.

Trinity Church, Jacksonville—

President, Mrs. A. J. Ward, 629 South Diamond St.

Vice-President, Mrs. A. W. Cox, 604 Jordan St.

Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Fannie E. Wakely, 321 South Main St.

St. Paul's, Alton—

President, Mrs. John Brenholt, State St.

Vice-President, Mrs. R. E. Dorsey, Fourth St.

Secretary, Miss Armstrong, Court St.

Treasurer, Mrs. T. A. Taylor, Franklin St.

St. Mary's, Cairo—

St. Bartholomew's, Granite City—

St. Anne's, Anna—

Junior Auxiliary.

No report.

DIOCESAN REPORT OF THE LITTLE HELPERS' BRANCH.

Alton—

Miss Cora Pile, Secretary.

Members—

Boys	24
Girls	29

Total number of children.....	53
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The offering from boxes for year.....	\$ 11.73
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Cairo—

Miss Kleb, Secretary.

No report.

Danville—

Miss Forbes, Secretary.

Members—

Girls	11
Boys	8

Total number of children.....	19
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The offering from boxes.....	\$15.50
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Christ Church, Springfield—

Mrs. Patterson, Secretary.

No report.

In Diocese.

Total number of members.....	72
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Total offering for year.....	\$27.23
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MARY CAROLINE HAYNER,

In Charge of Little Helpers' Branch.

Little Helpers' Branch Secretaries.

Miss Cora Pile	Alton
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Miss Kleb	Cairo
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Miss Forbes	Danville
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Mrs. Patterson.....	Springfield (Christ Church)
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REPORT OF TREASURER OF UNITED OFFERINGS.

Balance on hand June, 1914.....	\$ 56.85
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Received during the past year.....	70.31
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Total on hand, 1915.....	\$127.16
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Signed,

VIRGINIA DRESSER,

May, 1915.

Diocesan Treasurer United Offering.

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 Diocese Auxiliary.

ARTICLE XI.

The 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.

