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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 the 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-Presidents 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 con-

stitute 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 dues 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.

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.

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

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Springfield began by joining with the Synod in a Missionary Meeting, Wednesday evening, May 14th, in Emmanuel Memorial Church, Champaign. The Bishop of the Diocese spoke on the Endowment of the Diocese. Dr. Whittaker, sent by the Board of Missions, spoke on the Nation-Wide Campaign. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed in the Parish House.

At 8 o'clock, Thursday morning, the Bishop celebrated the Corporate Communion of the Auxiliary in Moot Hall, Library Building of the U. of I. He was assisted by Fathers Page, Lillard and Firth. Five students of the University were confirmed during this service. Breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. Stoeck in Urbana.

The Business Session began at 10 o'clock in Moot Hall, where all the Auxiliary meetings were held through the kindness of the University authorities.

At roll-call delegates responded from Alton (2), Cairo (3), Champaign (2), others coming later, Danville (1), Decatur (1), East St. Louis (2), Jacksonville (2), Lincoln (4), Mt. Vernon (1), Springfield, Christ Church (1), Springfield, St. Paul's (2), University Chapel (4), and one each from Paris, Carbondale, Albion, Virden, Rantoul and Thomasboro.

The minutes of the last meeting were omitted.

The President appointed the following committees:

Committee on Triennial—Miss Whitley, Urbana, chairman; Mrs. Latham, Lincoln; Mrs. Warder, Cairo.

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. Pease, Chairman; Mrs. Crawford, Decatur; Mrs. Webster, East St. Louis; Mrs. Stevens, Danville; Mrs. Warder, Cairo.

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. Cossitt, Lincoln, chairman; Mrs. Milnor, Alton; Mrs. Swannell, Champaign.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Sherwood, chairman; Mrs. Langton, Jacksonville; Mrs. Jones, Alton.

Reports of Diocesan officers were read and accepted as follows: Secretary's report, Mrs. White; Treasurer's report, Mrs. Hutchins; United Offering report, Miss Dresser; Juniors' report, Mrs. Gullett; Little Helpers' report, Miss Forbes.

Here we paused for the noon prayers led by our beloved senior member, Mrs. H. H. Candee.

Reports continued—Education Secretary, Mrs. Carman; Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Swancutt; Advent Call, Mrs. Lutz; Box Work, Mrs. Stoeck; President's report, Mrs. Dorsey.

Then the reports from Parish Branches were given until interrupted by lunch at the University Club.

Immediately upon reconvening we were addressed by Miss Winston, who gave an interesting account of the beginning and growth of the Auxiliary.

She was followed by Father George Long of Warsaw, Ill., in the interest of the Nation-Wide Campaign.

After his address the unfinished business was taken up: The Parish Branch reports, the report of committees and the election of officers; also election of delegates and alternates to the Triennial.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Resolutions Committee.

Your committee begs to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, first, That we extend our thanks to the women of the Auxiliary of the Chapel of the University for their most gracious hospitality in their homes; for the delightful breakfast and luncheon served to all guests, as well as for the inspiration they have given us through their own branch of the Auxiliary.

Second: That we gratefully acknowledge Mrs. Biller's helpful visits to the parishes of the Diocese which have brought us so closely in touch with the work of our Church's missions.

Third: That we express our grateful recognition of the devoted women of this Diocese who gave their lives in service for their country: Miss Winifred Warder of Cairo and Miss Geneva Castevens of St. Paul's, Springfield.

Fourth: That our sympathy be extended to Mrs. Hoster, in the long illness which prevents her presence with us, and to Rev. Father Butler, the rector of Alton, in his recent accident.

Fifth: That we give to Mrs. Candee, our beloved Honorary President, our appreciation of her continued interest and devotion; to Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Carman for their work in making helpful maps of the Diocese; and to our President and all other officers for their efficient guidance.

LUCY G. SHERWOOD, *Chairman*;

EDITH L. JONES,

MARY BEACH LANGTON.

Nominating Committee.

The officers presented by the Nominating Committee were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. H. S. Dorsey, Alton.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Stoek, Urbana.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Gullett, Lincoln.

Third Vice-President, Miss Forbes, Danville.

Secretary, Mrs. White, Springfield.

Educational Secretary, Mrs. Carman, Urbana.

Secretary Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Swancutt, East St. Louis.

Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Hutchins, Urbana.

United Offering Treasurer, Miss Dresser, Springfield.

Organizing Secretaries.

Rural Deanery of Jacksonville, Mrs. Cossitt, Lincoln.

Rural Deanery of Bloomington, Miss Whitley, Urbana.

Rural Deanery of Litchfield, Mrs. Milnor, Alton.

Rural Deanery of Mattoon, Mrs. Cooper, Champaign.

Rural Deanery of Chester, Mrs. Lightfoot, Carbondale.

Rural Deanery of McLeansboro, Mrs. Bassett, Albion.

Delegates to Triennial.

The delegates to the Triennial presented by the committee were elected as follows:

Mrs. H. S. Dorsey, Alton.

Mrs. Hutchins, Urbana.

Mrs. Langton, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Sherwood, Springfield.

Mrs. White, Springfield.

Alternates.

Mrs. E. H. Beall, Alton.

Mrs. J. J. Rendleman, Cairo.

Mrs. Carman, Urbana.

Mrs. Swancutt, East St. Louis.

Mrs. Cossitt, Lincoln.

Resuming the reading of the Parish Branch reports, Mrs. Dorsey asked if we had one 100 per cent Branch in the Diocese—that is one that had

some part in every kind of Auxiliary work. The delegates from Lincoln rose. A delegate from the University Chapel explained they would be 100 per cent except for the lack of material for a Junior Branch. They would have the Juniors had they the children—so they are a close second to Lincoln.

Mrs. Stoek was called upon to explain the working of one organization. It has been found successful in several of our Parishes—one organization with committees for each branch of Church work. Alton has a very large Woman's Guild which they call the Rector's Dream Come True, with Auxiliary Committees.

The few faithful women of Carmi have this year joined the ranks of the Auxiliary. We welcome them and hope they will send delegates next year.

East St. Louis, though only a year old, makes a good showing with study class, box work, united offering and subscriptions to The Springfield Churchman. This is a new activity for the Auxiliary and much to be desired. The Churchman must have the subscriptions to exist legally and the Auxiliary receives 20 per cent of the subscription price.

Decatur observed the Advent Call. This is another Branch combined with the Church Guild.

Danville Branch has inaugurated a monthly corporate communion. Their work included a box, Church Periodical Club, and subscriptions to The Springfield Churchman.

Cairo has had rather a discouraging year, owing to the epidemic, but the Branch has paid its pledges and responded to the Advent Call.

The Jacksonville Branch is very much alive. A gift of \$100.00 was sent to St. Agnes School, Tokio; two barrels of clothing were sent away.

Christ Church Branch, Springfield, had weekly meetings during Lent, beginning with the Holy Communion, followed by a chapter of "Our Church and Our Country." In the afternoon sewing for a box.

St. Paul's Branch, Springfield, has had weekly meetings for sewing, except once a month when the meeting was for study and sociability.

The invitation to meet in Alton next year was accepted gratefully.

A motion for adjournment was slow in coming. We were loath to part.

KATHERINE D. WHITE.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

To the Women of the Diocese of Springfield, Assembled in Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, May 15, in Urbana:

A little more than a year has elapsed since the Church women of the Diocese of Springfield have come together in any kind of meeting. It is to be regretted that we are seemingly unable to have meetings more frequently, for it handicaps our work. However, let us make the very most of our yearly opportunity. It is the natural thing to do at an annual meeting to look back over the year that is finished and forward to the year that is just opening to us. During the reading of the reports of the Diocesan officers we have been surveying the past year. Let us continue to view the work of the year.

I am not altogether satisfied with the work that has been done the past year and neither are you, I am sure. Neither should we be satisfied. While year by year more Church women are uniting with us and are thus strengthening the Diocesan family, there are many yet who are not federated with us. And for this reason and some other reasons our share of the work of the Church is not being done. We are not filling our quota. We all remember how anxious we were that every quota of Red Cross work be gotten out on time and in good order. That was right—exactly right. The Red Cross work is Christ's work. He is the great Friend of suffering humanity and it is well the insignia of the order is His cross, red with blood shed for humanity. The work of the Church is Christ's work, but we fail for some reason to feel the same responsibility for His work as promoted by the Church, although we know that it has been the Church through these twenty centuries that has faithfully endeavored to spread the principles of living that Jesus taught.

"Suffer little children to come unto me," He said. So the Church has ever made provision for orphans—not always adequate, for here in our own Diocese little babies have no church home if they are bereft of their parents. When they are out of their babyhood and if they are girls, the Church adopts them and takes care of them. So the adoption of orphans is not new work for the Church. No doubt some of you here present have been supporting scholarships in our year-round boarding schools conducted by our Church workers in mountain districts and foreign countries.

Relieving the sick, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, is work that has been promoted by the Church always. But for some reason many people affiliated with the Church haven't been very busy about doing their part.

A National Committee in the Church as well as in the Red Cross plans and apportions the work to be done in each district or Diocese. The plans are specific. Careful explanations are sent out. Now what shall we do to awaken ourselves to a full realization of our individual responsibility? Let this be a time of self-searching as we consider how far short we fell in reaching our quota in the different lines of work given us to do in this Diocese last year. And let us not think of excuses or reasons why we failed, whether they are true or framed up. Let's just become aware of our shortcomings.

First there is an organization that plans for the distribution of literature. We are affiliated with it and one year ago elected Mrs. Swancutt to be the representative of this work in our Diocese. Her report shows that only a few parishes have responded to the call of our representative of the Church Periodical Club elected by us and having, therefore, a right to expect our co-operation with her in this work. Now what is the matter? I leave it with you. Is it fair to ask a woman to conduct certain definite work and then fail her? What effort did you make to fill the

quota of good literature distributed by the Church women of this Diocese? How did you dispose of your literature? Did you read the call of our chaplain over seas to the C. P. C.? Did you send your literature to the camps through this agency of many years standing or through some recently organized source, new in the work? Which was safest and surest, do you think? Which was most loyal to your Church?

Then again—the National Committee planned a specific line of study for the year. At no little expenditure of time and money was a book written, helps prepared, teachers sent out that we might know "Our Church and Our Country." Mission Study Classes are urged. Their value stated and demonstrated. First Aid classes were filled to overflowing and all who took the work were benefited, as were those in surgical dressing classes. Have you given careful consideration to the call of the National Committee of Church Women to organize classes to carry on a definite study of subjects vital to the activities of the Church? Mrs. Carman's report shows only *eight* parishes in which study classes were conducted. Did you, as an individual, do all in your power to have a class meet to study "Our Church and Our Country"? Failing in that, did you read the book? Have you any feeling of personal responsibility in regard to the failure of this Diocese to have its quota of Mission Study Classes? Large numbers are not necessary. Four persons may constitute a class, or three even, for the study of the books sent out by the National Committee.

The Advent Call. What a disappointment! Only eight parishes sent out the messengers and only 352 cards were signed (141 of those in one parish). A simple, specific plan to have all church women everywhere engaged in prayer for the same definite things during a given period of time. No solicitations for money—just a pledge to pray. Not one clergyman in the Synod last year voted against the motion to aid the women in this spiritual drive. Why did it fail? Mrs. Lutz did her part in every way. Did you? Just what did you think about it? Why should the women of Southern Ohio realize so fully their responsibility and privilege in this matter and lay hold upon this opportunity to increase their spiritual life while the women of Southern Illinois fell so far short of filling their quota? This is the report of the work of the Advent Call in the Diocese of S. O. Did Jesus speak more plainly to those women or were they listening?

I do not want to weary you, but I do want these delegates here assembled to do all in their power to help the women in their respective parishes to realize the necessity for our doing the work our Church, through its committees, plans we should do and has a right to expect its members to do. Can we keep our self respect if we fail to do what is expected of us? Do you think any parish is weaker for having Mission Study classes? Or for conducting the work of the Advent Call, or for distributing through a church agency its used literature. Are we taking anything from a parish when we ask the women to unite with the Church women everywhere to carry out definite plans for the extension of God's Kingdom?

Oh, these Parish cries! How foolish they are! How long would any single parish live were it cut off from the Church? The Church is the Body of Christ. The parishes are members of that body. What kind of a member is the parish that lives and works simply for itself? The Diocese is our Church family. What kind of a family can we expect if the individual parishes refuse to be interested in or take any part in the family life? Do you want to belong to any parish that is not an interested member of the Diocesan family?

The report of the United Offering treasurer, while encouraging, does not show that every woman in the Diocese knows of the Blue Boxes and the daily thank offering to be dropped therein with a prayer. Have you done everything in your power to put in the hands of every churchwoman in your parish a Blue Box and into her heart the loving sympathy and interest in the women workers for Christ?

The baptized babies and older children need the interest and guidance of all who are earnestly desirous for the extension of His Kingdom.

Have you a woman or committee of women actively working to instruct the young in the great object and undertaking of the most splendidly organized institution in the land—The American Episcopal Church? The book for Juniors—"His Star in the West," is most fascinating. Were the children of your parish permitted to enjoy it or were they deprived of that pleasure?

Had all of the above agencies been actively carried on in every parish in the Diocese do you think any one need have been concerned about the \$500.00 our faithful, hopeful Bishop asked the women to give as their part toward the Missionary Apportionment of the Diocese which is unquestionably NO.

I am not pleading with the delegates here to go back to their parishes begging for money. Not by any means. I am, however, pleading that we arouse ourselves and have confidence in the Church to which we belong and take pride in co-operating with the agencies the Church has created to do the work committed to the different Dioceses.

And now while we are considering Church plans—what of the Nation-Wide Campaign? That is our new piece of work for next year. Two years ago we had "The Pilgrimage of Prayer," a year ago the "Advent Call." Now for this coming year the Nation-Wide Campaign.

The National Committee has asked that in each Diocese a committee be appointed to carry out the plans made at the Church Mission House.

When such a committee is appointed in this Diocese what will you do in your parish? Will you support the committee and do what is given your parish to do? I believe you will. I believe when reports are made next year at the annual meeting concerning the Nation-Wide Campaign that every one of the fifteen parish branches here represented will have sent in good reports and that the Springfield branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be declared 100 per cent Episcopalian.

But what of the 39 parishes and missions not federated with us? How shall they be reached and united with us? Will an Extension Secretary in each help? Could she, with the help of the Rectors, follow up the work the Bishop does at the time of his visitations to have the women unite with us, and succeed in having a band of 2,000 women to carry on the work given this Diocese to do? Then will we, indeed, be a help to our Bishop in his work for the Extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

EDITH H. DORSEY.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

I had intended merely *telling* about Mrs. Biller's visit. But a request came from Mrs. Dorsey that I write my report. When Miss Lindley suggested Mrs. Biller could visit this Diocese from April 2-10, I wrote each parish branch asking if they would like a visit from her. All but two branches replied in the affirmative. Of those, two had to be denied because of the length of time the trip would take, i. e., Urbana and Cairo. Mrs. Biller was in Jacksonville April 2nd, where a large gathering of women heard her in the Parish House in the afternoon. I met her there with an accumulation of mail. The next day Mrs. Biller addressed the faithful few of St. Paul's and Christ Church Parishes at St. Paul's Parish House. In both of these places an opportunity was given every one to meet Mrs. Biller socially over a cup of tea or coffee. The next day we had an early start for Waverly, the banner branch of the Diocese, where every woman in the Church is a member of the Auxiliary. If only our larger parishes had such a record! However, both Alton and Jacksonville are on the way. We were hospitably received and feted (having five meals that day) and in the afternoon Mrs. Biller spoke to over forty women in the Church, the Methodist minister's wife, being one of many friends from without. And we sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Saturday we went to Lincoln, where Mrs. Biller had an opportunity to meet the members of the Auxiliary at afternoon tea at the home of

Mrs. Purinton. In the evening a goodly number of women listened to her in the Church. Here I parted from her, feeling I had made a personal friend.

Mrs. Biller knows the work of the Church and is earnest and genuine. She wrote of her good meeting at Alton, of the few in Carlinville who are ready to begin, of a splendid gathering in East St. Louis, where she thinks the outlook is most encouraging. Whatever may or may not have been accomplished for the future, I think we were all drawn a little closer by the experience of a messenger direct from headquarters.

KATHERINE D. WHITE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

There have been serious difficulties in carrying out plans which we had hoped to see fulfilled this year, namely, at least one mission study class in each parish where there is an auxiliary. But early in the Fall the Red Cross work was calling us as it had never called us before, and then came the great epidemic, followed by several of less violence, but demanding our constant care.

So visits which we had planned to make had to be abandoned, and all the work carried on by correspondence, which is far from satisfactory in productive results.

This is greatly regretted, especially because the book written for this year's classes, Bishop Burleson's "Our Church and Our Country," was so timely, so appealing, so full of inspiration, so antidotal to parochialism, and carried a stirring message to us all, which if absorbed, would give a new impetus to the life of the Church.

There may be some one here who has never belonged to a Mission Study Class, and for her benefit I would say that for the last ten years or so our Board of Missions has had a book written each year by some one of our ablest men for the men and women and children throughout the land (a junior edition of the older book, for the children, but on the same subject) following a regular, well balanced sequence in the subjects chosen year after year. In addition to this book itself, splendid helps for leaders of the classes are written, resulting in a quite uniform study, and numerous small pamphlets are printed on subjects in the book, these latter free in distribution. It is well worth our while to fall in line, for in addition to the benefit derived from the books we feel that we have so many very good classmates, some in Boston, some in San Francisco, but all belonging to the same class, which, I am sure, is what Bishop Burleson wished us to learn from his book, and one of the things he means by Christian Citizenship.

REPORTS OF BRANCHES.

Alton.

Belleville.

A Mission Study Class, under the leadership of Mrs. Johnson, met every Wednesday and studied Bishop Burleson's "Our Church and Our Country." These meetings were well attended.

Cairo.

Unable to have a class this year. The Church has been without a Rector since last September, and owing to the epidemic has been closed much of the time. Their efficient leader of last year left them, to unite with the Roman Catholics.

Champaign.

At the beginning of Lent Miss White began to read a chapter of "Our Church and Our Country" aloud to the Guild each week, but because of serious illness was obliged to give it up. However, several members obtained the books, and read it alone.

Danville.

Decatur.

Owing to the absence of the Rector in Russia, the absence also of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild, a Study Class seemed impossible.

East St. Louis.

We were made glad last year at Lincoln to have East St. Louis added to our list of branches, but because they have started so many new things this year, Miss Wiggins, in charge of the Auxiliary, writes that it has not been possible to have a Study Class, but they will have one next Lent she is certain.

Granite City.

A class of thirteen met each Friday during Lent and under the leadership of their Rector, Fr. Tomlins, studied "The Gospel in the Church," by the Rev. Walker Gwynne, which is reported as very instructive. Throughout the year there have been monthly meetings, the Rector leading these also.

Jacksonville.

Members of the Branch read "Our Church and Our Country" individually but in their Study Class held during Lent, they read parts of the Bible together, receiving new inspiration, and using the idea of Christian citizenship, as found in Bishop Burleson's book, for discussion. Monthly meetings with a varied program were held, as follows:

October—In-as-Much Mission, Mrs. Archer.

November and December—No meetings because of Flu.

January—Work of the Diocese of Springfield, Mrs. Sherwood.

February—The Cathedral Idea of our Church, Mr. Langton.

March—Our Church's work in the war.

April—Mrs. Biller.

May—Mission work in China, Mrs. Russel.

June—Girls' Schools in Japan, and Report of the Diocesan Annual Meeting.

Lincoln.

Mrs. Latham reports a Study Class.

Mt. Vernon.

No report.

Springfield (Christ).

Each Tuesday morning during Lent the Branch met for corporate Communion, after which their Rector, Rev. L. L. Riley, gave them a digest of a chapter of Our Church and Our Country. He reports that he felt the need of asking more questions.

Springfield (St. Paul's).

The book by Bishop Burleson was read aloud at weekly meetings, and all found it most interesting.

Urbana.

Three Mission Study classes were held at the Chapel of St. John the Divine during Lent, two for adults and one for the little children in the Sunday School. The one for student girls, led by Mrs. Pease, was regularly attended by several interested girls. The one for the members of the Guild was led by the Educational Secretary, both classes using Bishop Burleson's book. Miss Whitley, in her work with the children, used Miss Giles' His Star in the West, and each week told them the story of one chapter. They were greatly interested.

Waverly.

No report.

Work for Next Year.

The book for this coming year, as planned by the Board of Missions, is to be on the Immigrant question. At the present time our immigrant

population is over one-third of our entire population, and before the war it was increasing at the rate of about one million a year. Twenty-four million had arrived at our shores since the Civil War. Before the early 80's they came mostly from the North of Europe, and came to abide with us, and became real Americans. Now some come as before, but a large proportion come from the South of Europe and from the Orient, and come expecting to go back home as soon as the pile of dollars accumulated looks sufficiently large. We must study them if we are to understand them, and it is necessary that we make them Americans if we are to be free from Bolshevism and from I. W. W. bombs. And also if we can send them back to their own countries, true Christian citizens, we shall be giving a great help to our foreign missionaries. Our study of this most important and most perplexing of all our problems should certainly assist us in solving it.

MRS. A. P. CARMAN.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE ADVENT CALL.

To Mrs. H. S. Dorsey, President Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Springfield:

On October 1, 1918, the printed matter relating to the Advent Call, accompanied by a letter from the Secretary of Special War Work, was sent to every parish in the Diocese. This was followed by a letter to each Rector, asking for his approval and co-operation.

The preliminary meetings and conferences which were needed to awaken interest, prepare the messengers, and arrange for intercessions were everywhere almost wholly prevented by the epidemic of influenza, which was at its worst during the months of October and November, and in some parishes the observance of the Call was indefinitely postponed on this account.

Only eight of the fifteen Auxiliaries of the Diocese took up the work. The number of those signing the prayer cards is as follows: St. George's, Belleville, 37; Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, 4; St. John's, Decatur, 41. Here intercessions were continuous through the day of December 2nd. Trinity Church, Lincoln, 37. Every woman communicant was visited by the Messengers. St. Paul's, Springfield, 80; Chapel of St. John the Divine, Urbana, 8; Christ Church, Waverly, 4; St. Paul's, Alton, 141. This Parish substituted a prayer card adapted to its especial needs, which pledged daily prayer from December 1st to 24th for: "First, Thanksgiving for victory and peace; second, Divine guidance for all delegates to the Peace Conference; third, Divine guidance during the period of reconstruction; fourth, Extension of the Kingdom of God; fifth, For the work of the Diocese of Springfield; sixth, For the work of the Woman's Club of St. Paul's Parish." The report says: "The women took to the plan with extraordinary zeal and enthusiasm and the spiritual results more than repaid them for their efforts."

The reports from the other Auxiliaries indicated renewed consecration and a deepening of spiritual life among those who responded to the call.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE C. LUTZ.

Lincoln, Ill., May 9th, 1919.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

1918-1919.

The work in the four branches up to Christmas was mostly devoted to preparation for the boxes to be sent to the St. Barnabas Indian Mission in South Dakota.

The influenza epidemic greatly hindered the work in all the branches.

The Alton Juniors sent fifteen useful and fifteen joyful gifts to the Indian Mission.

In January they elected officers and since that time have met every first and third Saturday of each month. They have nine faithful members. Their study work has been: "His Star in the West." During Lent they made twenty iron holders to be sent to Grace Hospital, Morgan-

ton, N. C. At an Easter sale of candy and Easter eggs they earned two dollars. The following amounts are given for the year: General Missions, \$1.00; United Offering, \$1.00; Mary Caroline Hayner Memorial, \$1.00.

They hope to close their year with a pageant which Miss Dorothy Dorsey has written from Miss Giles' book, "His Star in the West."

St. George Juniors of Belleville, sent a box of jellies and canned fruit to the Orphanage, and a box of twenty gifts to the Indian Mission. In March they gave a party and netted four dollars. During April a Denial Fund gave them two dollars. Their dues added to these made sixteen dollars. One dollar eighty cents was sent to Miss Dresser for United Offering. The remaining fourteen dollars and twenty cents was sent to Mrs. Hutchins, asking her to send it to the Nopala Mexicans. The study work was from "Simon Peter Rock." They now have twelve members.

Danville sent twelve useful gifts and twelve joyful gifts in the Christmas box to the Indians.

Carrollton and Edwardsville have answered my correspondence and I hope they will have branches there soon.

Cairo has junior workers but as they have no Rector things have not been kept up entirely and no report has been sent me.

Urbana has been studying "His Star in the West."

Lincoln has twelve members. The Christmas box, with fourteen useful and fourteen joyful gifts, gave the children much happiness to send to the South Dakota Indians, valued at \$15. The girls are doing very faithful work helping in the Church choir and taking flowers to the sick. Their united offering is \$1.85, and General Missions \$1.50. We are studying "Primary Mission Stories," Japan at present. We are nearly ready to entertain the W. A. with "Princess Merryheart and the Light Fairies."

Respectfully,

MRS. LUCY O. GULLETT.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

For those who do not know just what the Church Periodical Club stands for, I am going to quote from the Annual Report of 1916-1917, page 6, the following: "There are constant calls for every variety of reading matter. For certain classes of periodicals, quarterlies and reviews, technical magazines and those for children, the demand far exceeds the supply. The same is true of children's books, works of reference, standard and recent theological books, and the best in general literature.

Many mission Churches and Sunday Schools apply each year for musical hymnals, lesson books and cards, wall rolls and charts, children's papers and attractive Bibles and Prayer Books for gifts and rewards. Thus far little is offered to meet these needs.

Church papers and secular magazines, such as "Outlook," "Review of Reviews," "Literary Digest," etc., which deal largely with current topics, should be forwarded as soon as possible after reading. A large part of their value is lost to those who care most for them if they are not received while the news is still fresh, and it is practically useless to send them in quantity at the end of six months or a year. On the other hand, general magazines in bulk are acceptable in many places, although the regular forwarding is in all cases more desirable.

It is important that all material sent out should be fully prepaid. Lastly it needs the co-operation of every person able and willing to forward reading matter or other material suggested above."

When I accepted the office of correspondent for the Diocese of Springfield I found the duties far greater than I expected. From Miss Thomas and our General Secretary in New York, I learned that in the whole Diocese only three branches had been established, and they, sad to relate, had become inactive. I immediately set about to revive interest, and establish new branches wherever an Auxiliary had been formed, with the following results:

Alton having the first branch, I proceeded to make life miserable

for our busy President, and she has promised to help me find some one to act as Librarian. It took Champaign No. 2 just seven months to decide, then Mrs. Styan promised to give me what time she could to revive interest. No. 3, Cairo, has been without a Rector and Mrs. Candee has been sending magazines, eight in number, through the East St. Louis branch. No. 4. Former failure might have tended toward discouraging me in my attempt. I turned to our own Parish, East St. Louis, and there found in Mrs. Turpin a most enthusiastic candidate. In a few weeks we were sending 46 periodicals from 26 contributors. Fourteen school books were sent to a Mission school in Oklahoma. The next to join the ranks was Danville, as No. 5, with Miss Eva Sherman as Librarian, who in less than two weeks time sent in the names of 52 magazines from 16 contributors, which were sent in packages of two to a Chaplain of an A. E. F. and the other to the Sheltering Arms Hospital, Hunsford, West Virginia.

Next in line was Urbana, No. 6, with Miss Margaret Williams as Librarian. She is sending seven magazines for the same number of contributors, who, no doubt, are deriving great pleasure sending them where they are greatly appreciated.

Next comes Granite City, No. 7, with Mrs. Ruth Drennan as Librarian, with four contributors, one each.

Lincoln, No. 8, with Mrs. John Lutz as Librarian, who has three contributors each sending one, and hopes to have more.

Mount Vernon, as No. 9, with Mrs. Carol Hoit as Librarian.

Decatur, as No. 10, with Mrs. Jessie M. Pluck as Librarian, and Springfield, as No. 11, with Mrs. L. S. Bacchus as Librarian. The last three mentioned have just recently joined the ranks, and I feel sure will make a record for their various branches.

I hope the coming year will find in every parish where the Woman's Auxiliary is established a branch of the Church Periodical Club.

Respectfully,

MRS. L. T. SWANCUTT.

May 5, 1919.

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

Receipts.

On hand May, 1918.....	\$108.03
Received from Annual Dues	75.50
Received for General Missions	146.50
Received for Diocesan Missions	164.50
Received for Hayner Memorial Fund.....	62.00
Received for St. Agnes' School	100.00
Received for Milwaukee Plan	1.00
Received from Cairo (Last year's balance).....	10.00
Received from Juniors	18.50
Received from Little Helpers	56.04
Received from undesignated	4.21

\$746.28

Expenditures.

Paid Provincial Dues	\$ 5.00
Paid St. Agnes' School.....	100.00
Paid Printing Reports	37.50
Paid Postage on Reports.....	1.25
Paid Stamps	1.75
Paid Stationery	5.00
Paid George Gordon King (Nopala, Mex.).....	14.20
Paid Frances H. Withers (Little Helpers).....	57.50
Paid Dan G. Swannell (General Missions).....	147.50
Paid Dan G. Swannell (Diocesan Missions).....	165.50
Paid Bishop Sherwood (Hayner Memorial Fund).....	57.00

Balance on hand	154.08
	\$746.28

BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Alton.

Annual Dues	\$ 16.25
General Missions	15.00
Diocesan Missions	10.00
Juniors	2.00
Little Helpers	21.08
United Offering .....	.....

Belleville.

Annual Dues	\$ 1.25
General Missions	2.00
Diocesan Missions	2.00
Hayner Memorial Fund	1.00
United Offering	10.36
Juniors	16.50
Little Helpers	8.40

\$ 41.51

Carmi.

Annual Dues	\$ 1.50
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Cairo.

Annual Dues	\$ 3.50
General Missions	15.00
Diocesan Missions	10.00
Individuals	15.00
United Offering .....	.....

Champaign.

Annual Dues	\$ 3.75
Individuals	2.10
United Offering .....	.....

Danville.

Annual Dues	\$ 4.00
General Missions	2.00
Diocesan Missions	2.00
Hayner Memorial Fund	1.00
Milwaukee Plan	1.00
United Offering	14.30
Individuals, 3 W. S. S.
Little Helpers	23.44

\$ 47.74

Box sent to Oneida Mission	17.00
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Decatur.

Annual Dues	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Missions	20.00
Hayner Memorial Fund	10.00
United Offering	23.72
Individuals	10.00

\$ 68.72

Box sent to the Orphanage	56.30
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East St. Louis.

Annual Dues	\$ 7.50
United Offering	57.66
Individuals	10.00

\$ 75.16

Box sent to the Orphanage	15.00
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Granite City.

Annual Dues	\$ 2.25
General Missions	2.11
Diocesan Missions	3.00
Hayner Memorial Fund.....	2.00
United Offering	3.39
Little Helpers	1.12
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	\$ 13.87

Jacksonville.

Annual Dues	\$ 5.00
General Missions	10.00
Diocesan Missions	10.00
Hayner Memorial Fund	5.00
United Offering	43.14
St. Agnes School, bequest from Mrs. Cox.....	100.00
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	\$ 173.14
Box to Elizabeth House, White Bluff, Tenn.....	40.00
One barrel clothing to Miss Lucy Archer, Rossville, Ga.....	40.00

Lincoln.

Annual Dues	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Missions	5.00
United Offering	21.99
Mrs. Biller	7.20
Individuals	20.00
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	\$ 59.19
Box to St. John's School, Corbin, Ky.....	58.78

Christ Church, Springfield.

Annual Dues	\$ 5.50
General Missions	10.00
Diocesan Missions	15.00
Hayner Memorial Fund	2.00
United Offering	18.00
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	\$ 50.50
Box to St. Mark's Mission, Nenana, Alaska.....	40.00

St. Paul's, Springfield.

Annual Dues	\$ 6.00
General Missions	25.00
Diocesan Missions	25.00
Hayner Memorial Fund	10.00
United Offering .....	.....
Mrs. Biller	2.00
Individuals	30.00
Little Helpers	2.00
Box to Rev. Mr. Manley, Danville, Ky.....	72.00

Waverly.

Annual Dues	\$ 3.00
General Missions	2.00
Diocesan Missions	2.00
Hayner Memorial Fund	1.00
United Offering	2.00
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	\$ 10.00
Box to Orphanage	18.13

Chapel St. John the Divine, at the University of Illinois.

Annual Dues	\$ 5.75
General Missions	5.00
Diocesan Missions	5.00
United Offering	40.00
Individuals	60.00

\$ 115.75

Box to the Orphanage	30.00
Box to St. John's School, Corbin, Ky.	50.00

ELIZABETH D. HUTCHINS.

Report of United Offering for Year Ending May, 1919.

On hand 1918 (May)	\$ 576.84
Alton	28.67
Alton Juniors	1.00
Belleville	10.36
Belleville Juniors	2.06
Cairo	11.50
Champaign	14.49
Danville	14.80
Decatur	23.72
Granite City	3.39
Jacksonville	55.79
Lincoln	24.34
Lincoln Juniors	1.85
East St. Louis	57.66
Mt. Vernon	3.00
Springfield, Christ Church	18.00
Springfield, St. Paul's	92.59
University Chapel	40.00
Waverly	8.00
Personal Gifts	104.00
Interest	9.09
Offering	46.20

Total..... \$1,147.35

VIRGINIA DRESSER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LITTLE HELPERS.

Organized.	Place.	Leader.	Boys	Girls	Total	Cash
—	Alton,	Miss Katherine Gratian.....	20	14	34	\$12.38
Apr. 1917—	Belleville,	Mrs. Hamilton Scott.....	4	13	17	8.40
Oct. 1917—	Cairo,	Mrs. J. E. Strong.....	..	..	..	....
Apr. 1902—	Danville,	Miss Caroline C. Forbes.....	22	29	51	23.44
July 1917—	Granite City,	Mrs. Harry Williams....	3	2	5	1.12
Oct. 1917—	Urbana,	Miss May Rizy.....	..	..	..	....

49 58 107 \$45.34

Balance on hand from 1918..... \$56.42

Received from Mite Boxes, 1918-1919..... 45.34

Gift from St. Paul's, Springfield..... 2.00

Total..... \$103.76 \$103.76

Expenditures.

Font for Battle Mountain, Nevada.....	\$ 37.50
Gaylord Hart Mitchell Kindergarten, Akita, Japan.....	5.00
Little Helper's Bed, St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C....	5.00
Angelica Hart Day School, Wuchang, China.....	5.00
Little Helpers' Day School, Shanghai District, China....	5.00

Total..... \$ 57.50 \$57.50

Balance on hand May, 1919..... \$ 46.26

CAROLINE C. FORBES, Diocesan Leader.

REPORT OF BOX WORK.

The filling of boxes with comforts and necessities for our Missionaries, Missions, and schools is one of the practical phases of our Auxiliary work, and the needs are so many and varied that no branch, though small, need despair of finding something for its hands to do.

For the first time this year an attempt has been made to have a Diocesan officer supervise our work in this line.

Early in October letters to thirteen branches were sent, asking to have lists sent from the Church Mission House considered in planning the winter's work. Nine replies were received, and of these only two branches had not already made their plans.

The following have reported work done or contemplated:

Alton—To St. Philips Normal and Industrial School, San Antonio, Texas.

Champaign—Orphanage.

Decatur—Orphanage.

Jacksonville—Elizabeth Home, White Bluff, Tenn; Miss Archer, Rossville, Georgia.

Lincoln—Two boxes to St. John's School, Corbin, Ky., one valued at \$58.78 and one at \$4.00.

Springfield—St. Paul's—Rev. Mr. Channing, Danville, Ky.

Christ Church—Nenana, Alaska.

University of Illinois Chapel St. John the Divine—One to Orphanage, one to St. John's School, Corbin, Ky.

Waverly—Orphanage, valued at \$16.15.

PLEDGES.

Parish Branch.

	Gen.	Dio.	Hayner Mem.
Alton	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Cairo	25.00	10.00	5.00
Carbondale	5.00	5.00	5.00
Champaign	5.00	5.00	5.00
Danville	5.00	5.00	5.00
Decatur .....	....	20.00	10.00
East St. Louis	5.00	5.00	5.00
Granite City .....	....	5.00	2.00
Jacksonville	10.00	10.00	5.00
Lincoln	5.00	5.00	....
Springfield—Christ Church	10.00	15.00	2.00
Springfield—St. Paul's	40.00	15.00	15.00
Chapel at U. of I.	5.00	5.00	5.00

PERSONAL PLEDGES.

Mrs. Candee .....	....	5.00	5.00
Mrs. Rendleman .....	....	5.00	5.00
Mrs. Stoek	5.00	5.00	....
Miss Forbes	10.00	10.00	20.00
Mrs. Carman	5.00	5.00	10.00
Mrs. Sherwood	5.00	5.00	5.00
Miss Dresser	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Moore .....	....	....	10.00
Mrs. Crawford .....	....	....	5.00
Mrs. Whitley	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Dorsey	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Swancutt	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Lightfoot	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Milnor	2.00	2.00	2.00

\$167.00 \$162.00 \$151.00

	Gen.	Dio.	Hayner Mem.
Mrs. Jones	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Hutchins	5.00	3.00	2.00
Mrs. White	5.00	3.00	2.00
Mrs. Stevens	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mrs. Webster	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mrs. Patteson	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mrs. Hamilton	2.50	2.50	....
Mrs. Safford .....	....	5.00	....
Mrs. Warder .....	....	5.00	....
Mrs. Latham .....	....	....	5.00
Mrs. Lutz .....	....	....	5.00
Mrs. Beach .....	....	....	5.00
Miss Latham .....	....	....	5.00
Mrs. Cossitt .....	....	....	5.00
Mrs. Brackett	1.00	1.00	1.00
Brought over	167.00	162.00	151.00
	<hr/> \$185.50	<hr/> \$186.50	<hr/> \$186.00

LIST OF PARISH BRANCHES, ETC.

Place.	Parish.	Members.	Officers.	General.	Diocese.	Hayner Memorial
Alton	St. Paul's.....	65	Pres.—Mrs. R. E. Dorsey..... 611 State St.	\$15 00	\$10 00	\$15 00
Belleville	St. George's.....	5	Sec.—Mrs. Lee Harrison..... 124 High St.			
Cairo	Ch. of the Redeemer..	17	Pres.—Mrs. H. H. Candee..... 406 25th St. Sec.—Mrs. W. F. Vanderburg..... 315 7th St. Treas.—Mrs. Walter Warder..... 2315 Holbrook Ave.	25 00	10 00	
Champaign	Emmanuel Memorial..		Pres.—Mrs. P. W. Wright..... 704 W. Hill St. Sec.—Mrs. Dan C. Morrissey..... 410 W. Church St..... Treas.—Miss Jessie Babb.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Danville	Holy Trinity.....	16	Pres.—Mrs. W. E. Shedd..... 114 Franklin St. Sec.—Miss Eva Sherman..... 421 N. Hazel St. Treas.—Miss Sarah Coe.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Decatur	St. John's.....	20	Pres.—Mrs. C. B. T. Moore..... 1305 W. Main St. Aux. Officer—Mrs. C. E. T. Crawford 442 Wabash Ave.		20 00	10 00
East St. Louis..	St. Paul's.....	30	Pres.—Miss Wiggins	5 00	5 00	5 00
Granite City...	St. Bartholomew's....		Sec.—Treas.—Mrs. L. T. Swancutt... 1315 Pennsylvania Ave. Pres.—Mrs. John Ibbotson..... Sec.—Treas.—Mrs. Harry Williams... 2241 State St.		5 00	2 00
Jacksonville ...	Trinity	20	Pres.—Mrs. J. F. Langton..... 130 S. Church St..... Sec.—Treas.—Miss Fannie Wakely... 321 S. Main St.	10 00	10 00	5 00
Lincoln ..	Trinity	24	Pres.—Mrs. Richard Latham..... 2 Latham Place. Sec.—Treas.—Mrs. M. H. Cossitt.... 407 N. Kickapoo St.	5 00	5 00	
Mt. Vernon....	Trinity		Pres.—Mrs. Carol Hoyt..... Sec.—Treas.—Mrs. Fred Patterson... 500 N. 8th St.			
Springfield	Christ Church.....	12	Pres.—Mrs. J. O. Patterson..... 833 S. Glenwood Ave. Sec.—Mrs. N. M. Naylor..... 619 S. 5th St. Treas.—Mrs. E. H. Hamann..... 516 S. 5th St.	10 00	15 00	2 00
Springfield	St. Paul's.....	24	Pres.—Mrs. P. E. Brady..... 1358 Holmes Ave. Sec.—Miss Virginia Dresser..... 818 W. Edwards St. Treas.—Mrs. H. S. Bekemeyer..... 1400 Holmes Ave.	40 00	15 00	15 00
University	Chapel of St. John the Divine.....		Pres.—Mrs. H. H. Stoek..... 1103 W. Illinois St. Urbana. Sec.—Miss Maude Whitley	5 00	5 00	5 00
Waverly	Christ Church.....	14	Treas.—Mrs. B. H. Dunbar..... 504 E. Chalmers St. Champaign. Miss Sophia Watson.....			
Carbondale	St. Andrew's.....		UNORGANIZED.			
Carmi	St. Mark's.....	6	Mrs. Lightfoot	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00
			Mrs. Frank E. Hay.....			
			Mrs. J. W. Moffett.....			

