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The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Branch of the
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions will be held (D. V.)
in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday, May 4, 1898.

TENNESSEE BRANCH, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

THE annual meeting of the Diocese was held in the Otey Memorial Church, Sewanee, May 6, 1897.

At 11 A.M. a helpful meditation, preceding the administration of the Holy Eucharist, was given by Rev. R. H. Starr, D.D.; and at 3 P.M. the business meeting was called to order, the President, Mrs. John Shortridge, presiding.

An address on Missions was made by Rev. Dr. Clare.

The roll was called, and the following delegates answered to their names:

St. Paul's, Chattanooga, Mrs. Pettis.
St. Luke's, Cleveland, Mrs. Blacklock.
Calvary, Memphis, Mrs. Yates.
Cathedral, Memphis, Mrs. Hook.
Nashville Branch, Mrs. Winchester.
Sewanee Branch, Mrs. Smedes.
Christ Church, South Pittsburg, Mrs. Lodge.
Pulaski Branch, Mrs. Dobree.

There are eleven active Branches of the Auxiliary in the Diocese, and two Junior Branches, making thirteen in all.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting, and the reports of the Branches in alphabetical order as follows:

1. CHATTANOOGA.—ST. PAUL'S.

Members, 30.

The Bishop Quintard Scholarship in China	\$ 10 00	
Diocesan Missions	25 00	
Special (Diocesan Missions)	2 50	
Domestic (for Bishop Hare)	25 00	
Contingent	1 00—\$	63 50

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2. CLEVELAND.—ST. LUKE'S.

Members, —.

The Bishop Quintard Scholarship in China.....	\$ 6 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	40 00	
Special (Diocesan Missions)	25 00	
Theological Department, Sewanee	10 00	
Contingent.....	1 00—	\$ 82 00

3. COLUMBIA.—ST. PETER'S.

Members, —.

The Bishop Quintard Scholarship in China	\$ 15 00	
Diocesan Missions.....	25 00—	40 00

4. COVINGTON.

Members, 7.

Domestic Missions, through Miss Emery, for Alaska	5 00	
One Missionary Box, Church Home; no value given.		

5. JACKSON.—ST. LUKE'S.

Diocesan Missions	\$ 14 80	
Domestic and Foreign	21 30	
One Missionary Box (Diocesan)	25 00—	61 10

6. KNOXVILLE.—ST. JOHN'S.

Members, 39.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 10 00	
Special (Diocesan).....	40 00—	50 00

7. MEMPHIS.—CALVARY BRANCH.

Members, 57.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$158 00	
Domestic Missions.....	5 00	
One Missionary Box (Domestic).....	50 00	
One Missionary Box (Domestic).....	40 00	
One-Missionary Box (Domestic).....	38 15—	291 15

8. MEMPHIS.—CATHEDRAL BRANCH.

Members, 36.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 10 00	
Special.....	10 00	
Subscription to <i>Spirit of Missions</i>	2 00	
One Missionary Box (Domestic).....	30 00	
One Missionary Box (Domestic).....	12 00	
One Missionary Box (Domestic).....	25 00—	89 00

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9. NASHVILLE BRANCH.

Members, 75.

Bishop Quintard Scholarship in China.....	\$ 10-00—	
Diocesan Missions	100 00	
Domestic Missions (Bishop Gray).....	4 00	←
Missionary Publications.....	3 00	
One Missionary Box (Domestic).....	50 00—	\$ 167 00

10. SEWANEE BRANCH.

Members, 45.

Bishop Quintard Scholarship in China.....	\$ 5-00—	
Special (Domestic).....	47 00—	30 = 17.
Diocesan Missions.....	25 00	
Contingent.....	1 00—	78 00

11. SOUTH PITTSBURG.—CHRIST CHURCH.

Diocesan Missions.....	\$ 35 00	
Contingent.....	1 00	
One Missionary Box (Domestic)	54 50—	90 50

IDLEWILD MISSION.

Bishop Quintard Scholarship in China.....	2-00
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SPRING HILL.

Bishop Quintard Scholarship in China.....	2-00
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JUNIOR BRANCHES.

COVINGTON.

Members, 15.

Through Miss Emery, for Alaska.....	10.00
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NASHVILLE.—CHRIST CHURCH.

Members, 20.

Special	10 00
Total.....	\$1,042 25

On motion of Mrs. Smedes, seconded by Mrs. Tanner, the above report was approved.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Gale, read her report as follows:

TENNESSEE BRANCH, WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

RECEIPTS.

	Diocean Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	United Offering.	Special.	Contingent.	Total.
St. John's, Knoxville.....	\$ 10 00						\$ 10 00
Cleveland Branch Woman's Auxiliary...	50 00		\$ 6 00		\$25 00	\$1 00	82 00
South Pittsburg.....	30 00	\$1 00				6 00	37 00
St. Paul's, Chattanooga.....	25 00		10 00				35 00
Sewanee.....	25 00	5 00	5 00	\$46 75	7 00	4 20	92 95
Nashville.....	102 00		10 00	12 75	4 00		128 25
Columbia.....	25 00		15 00				40 00
Cathedral, Memphis.....	10 00		3 28				13 28
Calvary, Memphis.....	110 00				50 00		160 00
Pulaski.....	15 00						15 00
Idlewild Mission.....			2 00				2 00
Grace Church, Spring Hill.....			2 00				2 00
Nashville Junior Auxiliary.....					10 00		10 00
For St. Katharine's School, from fr'nds.					27 50		27 50
General Account.....							175 52
Total.....							\$830 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

St. John's, Knoxville.....	\$ 10 00	Idlewild Mission	\$ 2 00
Cleveland	81 00	Grace Church, Spring Hill	2 00
South Pittsburg	31 00	Nashville Junior Auxiliary.....	10 00
St. Paul's, Chattanooga.....	35 00	Bishop Gailor, for St. Katharine's	
Sewanee.....	42 00	School	27 50
Nashville.....	114 00	General Account.....	56 00
Columbia.....	40 00	Expense.....	12 40
Cathedral.....	10 00	Cash Balance.....	182 60
Calvary.....	160 00		
Pulaski.....	15 00	Total	\$830 50

H. P. GALE, *Treasurer.*

On motion of Mrs. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. J. Smedes, the above report was approved.

The bills for stamps, etc., of the Treasurer and Secretary were rendered. Mrs. Yates moved that the bills of the Treasurer and Secretary, amounting to \$12.40, be paid. Mrs. Blacklock seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Mrs. Gale spoke of the Scholarship at St. Katharine's School, Bolivar, for which \$60 was pledged last year, only \$37 of which had been paid. After a discussion as to what Branches had pledged themselves for this scholarship, Mrs. Shortridge earnestly appealed to the Auxiliary to raise \$150 for a scholarship in St. Katharine's School. Mrs. Yates moved that the same should be named the "Bishop Gailor Scholarship," after

our beloved Bishop Coadjutor. Mrs. Hodgson seconded the motion, and it was carried. Pledges to the amount of \$120 were made.

Bishop Gailor then addressed the Auxiliary on the subject of St. Katharine's School.

Mrs. Pettis moved that a letter of thanks be written to the former Secretary, Mrs. Finlay, in recognition of her very faithful and efficient work as Secretary of this Auxiliary from its founding, in 1888. Mrs. Gailor seconded the motion, and it was carried. The President appointed Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Tanner a committee to write Mrs. Finlay, also to write thanking Dr. Starr for the "Quiet Hour," and Dr. Clare for his address.

The following pledges were made for the Diocesan fund:

Calvary, Memphis	\$100 00
Cathedral, Memphis.....	25 00
Nashville Branch.....	100 00
South Pittsburg.....	30 00
St. Paul's, Chattanooga.....	25 00
Pulaski.....	10 00
Cleveland	30 00
Sewanee	25 00
St. Peter's, Columbia	25 00
Total.....	\$370 00

FOR BISHOP QUINTARD SCHOLARSHIP IN CHINA.

Columbia, St. Peter's	\$15 00
Nashville Branch	10 00
Sewanee Branch.....	5 00
Cleveland, St. Luke's.....	6 00
Chattanooga, St. Paul's.....	10 00
Idlewild Mission.....	2 00
Spring Hill.....	2 00
Cleveland, St. Luke's, for Knoxville Convocation.....	10 00
Theological Department, Sewanee.....	10 00
Total.....	\$70 00

A letter from Bishop Gailor, giving an interesting account

of his Missions in Tennessee, was read by Mrs. Tanner; and a most delightful paper of her own experiences in Indian mission work was read by Mrs. Smedes.

After prayer, said by the President, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY G. HODGSON,

Secretary of Tennessee Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

IN the name of the dear Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and who has made it possible for us to meet again in annual session, I greet you. May our coming together be a season of joy and Christian experience that will cause each one of us to thank God for having been present!

If we would make our meeting one of profit to the Master, we should take up the duties of this hour with great earnestness, and endeavor to make this the very best meeting we have ever had; to even send forth from it influences that will make the next annual meeting better than this. It is not my purpose in this greeting to occupy your time in listening to a general scope of the year's work. The Secretary will do that. I anticipate your delight as you listen to her as she unfolds the truths of vital importances that have been realized, and with gleamings of the year's harvest your prayers will multiply and your strength will increase in efforts for the promotion of Woman's Auxiliary work in the Church. If we have been instant in every service and faithful to every duty, our lives have been enriched by working in obedience to our Master's commands, and the good has been one with God and for humanity.

The sum total of all work will be made up of little duties well performed, when all great principles will find their proper issue. It is not a special work, but one in which each interested Church-member should help. Perhaps some can do more than others; but in order that real success may be attained, each member must lay hold upon God and resolve to do her whole duty.

To know that we have aided, even in little deeds, our rev-

erend bishops in furthering the cause of Christ, in giving to this people the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints," we accept it as a blessed privilege, and, because of it, let us renew our obligations in the Master's service and pray for strength to do better work in the future.

We have reached the ninth mile-stone of Woman's Auxiliary work in Tennessee, and it is with great hope that we enter upon the threshold of our tenth year.

The little flame kindled in 1888 by our promoted organizer, Rev. Spruille Burford, at Memphis, in organizing the Woman's Auxiliary of Calvary Church, has been kept steadily burning by faith, love, and diligence, until its influence, guided by the Holy Spirit, has assumed proportions scarcely dreamed of at its inception.

Truly may it be said of our sainted brother "that he builded wiser than he knew." In happy contrast with a solitary Woman's Auxiliary nine years ago will be the report at this meeting from twelve active Auxiliaries in the Diocese. In these days of multiplied charities and women's societies, in and out of the Church, the wonder is that results are so encouraging with such demands upon our time, strength, and means. May we be pardoned if, in reasonable pride, we rejoice in the success accomplished? I think so, and rejoice with you, and bid you Godspeed in the hope of even greater results. The duties of each Auxiliary are easy of accomplishment, notwithstanding the field is large. In no other Church work is there more to encourage the worker, or better returns from invested interests, than in Woman's Auxiliaries.

The dues are small, and should be paid monthly. The meetings are held at intervals that do not encroach upon other Church duties, and should be made up from the entire membership of the Church. Those not having time to attend to meetings, or to conform to other required duties, should feel it their duty to help by becoming subscribers, thereby enlisting every communicant in aiding our bishops to send the Word of God to every village in our State.

I regret very much not being able to have arranged for a visit to each Auxiliary during the past year. Personal contact affords better opportunity for interchange of thought, and lessons learned by older Auxiliaries could have been made easier for those of less experience.

The best knowledge I have of the work has been gained by experience in the Memphis Auxiliaries. Very few communications have reached me from those in other portions of the Diocese—a confession I regret to make. I do hope that in future you will acquaint your President with the work of your Auxiliaries by monthly or weekly letters. I do not mean a written report, but simply a letter of the general interest of the work, thereby keeping her in closer touch with you. The Secretary will give a statistical report and other important items that will greatly interest you, but many acts of Christian love and kindness have been done that are unwritten save in the “book of life.”

The hours of pleasure and mutual interest spent with each other in weekly meetings will linger with us while memory lasts. The sweet communion with God in prayer, the sisterly recognition, the warmth of hand-clasps on coming together in meetings in each others' homes, and the tender words of sympathy to the sick and encouragement to the unfortunate, are numbered among the good results of work “in His name.”

Spiritual and temporal aid has also been given, of which no published report will be made. To rescue missions not under our supervision, but meriting our endorsement, have been given monthly aid. Comfort has been given to the destitute poor in gifts of clothing, the sick have been visited and ministered unto, and darkened homes made brighter by prayer and spiritual advice. The results of such work tend to strengthen the mystical tie that binds our hearts in Christian love and sympathy in that touch of true charity that knows no creed in relief work for humanity. To love God is to love our neighbor as well, and if each Auxiliary member will yield

to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in doing good, golden grain will enrich the harvest-fields of our work.

To our honored and beloved Bishop Coadjutor the women of Memphis are bound by ties of inexpressible gratitude for the meditations of a "Quiet Day," March 25. It was a day of sweet communion with God, and on his altar saddened hearts laid burdens grievously borne. It was a day of "coming to ourselves," and, realizing our sins, were led to seek forgiveness, and in joy were brought back to our "Father's house." "Thus saith the Lord thy God, . . . In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." So, dear co-workers, let us seek for greater strength in quietness and prayer to God. To every earnest worker, soon or late, comes the knowledge of her own limitations, and that brings with it the temptation to become discouraged and to lose interest. Remember, God calls for no greater standard than "she hath done what she could." All that he asks of us is to be faithful in the use of the little power we have. We can not all attain to the greatness of accomplishment, but we can all attain to the more acceptable greatness of being faithful.

In looking to the future let us never drag and complain; instead, let us grasp our possibilities. We must not be satisfied until we have tilled the field we now occupy to our satisfaction and the approbation of our honored bishops. If we succeed, every victory must be the result of fervent prayer, friendly counsel, and harmonious work. Let our armor be burnished with the faith that hopeth all things, forgiveth all things, endureth all things, and purified in the crucible of Christ's all-embracing love.

