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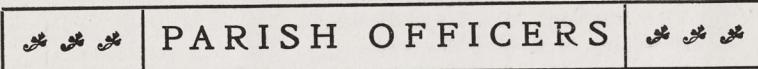
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Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Harrison, 318 Hancock St.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Tennessee Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions will be held (D. V.) in St. John's Church, Knoxville, May, 1905.



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



I extend to you all a cordial and hearty welcome to this, our seventeenth, annual meeting.

We are all links in a chain, weaving and welding to make a perfect whole. These annual meetings are always a pleasure, especially so when we come together to exchange views, give our experiences and gain energy, strength and newness of purpose, in this most important branch of church work.

We are all working for the same purpose, the grand and glorious cause of missions; we who have received so much of the bounty of God can do no nobler work than to do all in our power to help our sisters in foreign lands. Let me ask you, how many are doing anything for missions outside of our own Diocese? Sixteen years have I stood before you and asked for your pledges for the Board of Missions, yet we stand today, as we did then, so far as giving is concerned, with no increase in the amount, although the necessity seems to me to be greater every year.

I know of one branch that several years ago gave \$60 per annum to the Board of Missions, but is now only giving \$25 a year, and many of you are not doing half as well.

I think I hear some one say, well, you are always pleading for Diocesan Missions. That is very true; we must hold up our Bishop's hands and at the same time we must do our duty more faithfully than we have ever done, or we are not an Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

One word on giving: To accomplish anything our giving must be systematic, a stated offering given at a stated time; the coin that falls into the box regularly grows constantly; we must give our dues, our boxes to the poorly-paid Missionary, and our triennial offerings.

The story of the United Offering has been told over and over, so that some of you are as familiar with it as with your alphabet. It seems strange to me that to many of you it still carries no meaning and naturally calls forth no interest. As knowledge must precede zeal, let us gather the sheaves anew and spread the news

once more, trusting willing hearts will read it, and gladly join with us in our thanksgiving, for what we have been able to do for the cause of Missions.

The United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary is a gift that is made, as a whole, once in three years, when the General Convention meets.

The Woman's Auxiliary has its grand thanksgiving service, at which it makes a special offering to be used for the spread of Christ's Kingdom in this world; this offering is a gift of money from the women of the church entirely distinct from all other missionary work and pledges; it ought to be collected during the three years and presented at the triennial service, which is held at the time of the General Convention in October. If every officer in the Woman's Auxiliary will realize that she has a personal responsibility in this united offering, and will make an earnest effort through her branch to bring the subject before every woman in her parish, a great surprise and joy may be ours next October.

Were I asked which event was of the greatest value to the churchwomen in Memphis during the past year I should promptly answer "The Quiet Day," held at the Cathedral by the Rev. F. W. Goodman; the help toward living a consistent Christian life which each individual then received cannot now be estimated, but already its results have been manifested in various ways. If every branch should have for its meetings three "quiet hours," if not a whole day, not only the Auxiliary, but the whole congregation, would be greatly blessed.

The Junior Auxiliary needs our interest and assistance; the Junior officers are doing their best to build up their work in our Diocese; it is most important to train the children in Missionary work, but it cannot be done without material aid from the Woman's Auxiliary.

May our Dear Lord bless us all in the days which are before us, and may the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in our Diocese grow more and more each year.

HESTER L. SHORTRIDGE,
President Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Tennessee.



SECRETARY'S REPORT



It is with heartfelt thanks that I make the statement that since our last annual meeting the Tennessee Branch of the Auxiliary has shown growth in all departments, in number of members and size of gifts in money and boxes, and may we not trust that these indicate a growth in love and zeal for our Saviour and the spread of His Kingdom? Four new branches have worked with us this year, and two more have just been organized. The increase in gifts is encouraging, and yet how much more many of us could do! Could we not interest others in missions? and could we not pray more earnestly for the missionaries? The report of money sent to the Board of Missions shows that more of us are realizing what the Auxiliary means. In San Francisco our representatives promised to give the Board \$100,000 annually, and this means that every branch should share in this pledge, and give what it can to place enough in the hands of those appointed to manage the missionary work to enable them to expend what they deem necessary. All money sent before September 1st for General missions, Domestic or Foreign, will add to the \$100,000 promised for 1904.

Then, besides our regular work, this is our last year of effort for the United Offering, which will be presented in Boston on Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Thanksgiving Service on that day, a day of thanksgiving for all the blessings which we enjoy. It is the opportunity of every branch of the Auxiliary and every woman in every branch and any women besides who feel grateful for their Christian privileges to unite in this corporate expression of praise. If this thankfulness is expressed by the Indian women in South Dakota, the Alaskan women along the Yukon River, and the Chinese women on the outskirts of Shanghai, can any woman in Tennessee refuse to feel the joy of gratitude? In San Francisco in 1901 we in this Diocese presented \$600, nearly twice what we gave three years before in Washington, and our desire is to double the gift again in Boston. In order

to present twelve hundred there we must work twice as hard this one year as we have done during the past two together, for we lack \$800 of the amount. Will not every member here return home resolved to give each woman in her parish an opportunity to make this a real United Offering? It should not represent large gifts from the few, but something from every Christian woman. And above all, let us go home resolved to be better informed about the missionary work of the Church, that the day may come when we shall send not only money, but workers, into the field.

LIST OF BOXES WITH VALUATIONS.

	Domestic.	Diocesan.
Chattanooga, Christ Church (two).....	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Chattanooga, St. Paul (two).....	59.15	10.50
Cleveland, St. Luke's (two).....	.....	18.49
Franklin, St. Paul's (one).....	.....	5.00
Greeneville, St. James (two).....	.....	15.00
Jackson, St. Luke's (one).....	25.00	.....
Knoxville, Epiphany (one) .....	.....	23.00
Memphis, Calvary (two).....	53.00	1.00
Memphis, Cathedral (two)	63.25	.....
Memphis, Good Shepherd (two).....	.....	10.00
Memphis, Grace Church (three).....	159.25	14.00
Nashville, St. Ann's (two).....	60.00	.....
Nashville, Christ Church (one).....	178.75	.....
Newbern, Holy Trinity (one).....	6.00
Tracy City, Christ Church (one).....	3.00
Winchester (one)	5.00
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Total	\$641.40	\$147.99

Respectfully submitted,

DEANE S. DUBOSE,
Secretary.

Money contributions were received by proper custodians and reported to Diocesan Treasurer, as follows:

	Balance, May, 1903.	N. Y. Board of Missions	Diocesan Missions	The Bishop's Emerg'cy Fund	United Offering	Quintard Scholar- ship Fund	St. Paul's School Scholar'p Beaufort, N. C.	Specials.	Amount Expense Account	Totals
Cash Balance, 1903.....	\$84.24				\$201.78					\$286.02
Cleveland, St. Luke's.....		\$2.00	\$25.00		2.44	\$2.00		*\$31.08	\$4.00	66.52
S. Pittsburg, Christ Church.....										
Chattanooga, St. Paul's.....	10.00	80.00	\$10.00	10.50	10.00			*8.00	6.80	135.30
Chattanooga, Christ Church.....	4.28	25.00		21.27					4.55	55.10
Sewanee Branch.....	20.00	35.00	25.00	77.00	5.00	\$10.00		*1.00	4.00	177.00
Memphis, Cathedral.....	25.00	100.00	31.00	17.39		10.00			4.00	187.39
Memphis, Calvary.....	25.00	245.50	30.00	17.74	5.00			24.50	10.00	357.74
Memphis, Grace Church.....	61.00	75.00	10.00	2.30	2.00			*2.00	5.40	157.70
Memphis, Good Shepherd.....	5.00	15.00	2.00	10.00	1.00			*1.00	2.00	36.00
Memphis, Idlewild, St. Luke's.....	10.00	58.00	5.00		2.00				2.10	77.10
Nashville, Christ Church.....	25.00	75.00	25.00	58.21	10.00		50.00	10.00		253.21
Nashville, St. Ann's.....			25.00		5.00				3.00	33.00
Nashville, Church of Advent.....	7.00	10.00	8.00						2.40	27.40
Nashville, St. Peter's.....			5.00	5.00	2.00			*1.00	1.00	14.00
Mason, Trinity.....	5.00	5.00		6.50	2.50					19.00
Brownsville, Christ Church.....	5.00	5.00	1.50	3.00						14.50
Winchester, Trinity.....			10.00					*5.00		15.00
Tracy City, Christ Church.....	1.00	1.00		10.65						12.65
Woodstock, St. Ann's.....	2.00	6.00	4.00		1.00					13.00
Greeneville, St. James'.....	10.00	10.00	5.00		1.00				2.80	28.80
Jackson, St. Luke's.....	10.00	10.00	5.00		2.00					27.00
Bolivar, St. James'.....			10.00		3.50					13.50
Franklin, St. Paul's.....	2.50	10.00	2.50							15.00
LaGrange, Immanuel.....	5.00	5.00	2.00						1.00	13.00
Gallatin, Emmanuel.....	1.00	1.90								2.90
Clarksville, Trinity.....	5.00				10.00					15.00
Newbern, Holy Trinity.....	5.00	2.50								7.50
Knoxville, St. John's.....	3.00			10.00						13.00
Babies' Branch.....	60.00							11.66		71.66
Nashville, Christ Church Jr. Aux'y.....			10.00		5.60					15.60
Nashville, Quiet Day, All Branches.....			18.14					35.00		53.14
Memphis, Quiet Day.....								26.75		26.75
Memphis Annual Meeting.....	18.76									18.76
Miss Josephine Chapman.....	21.37									21.37
Receipt from Mrs. Shortridge.....	15.40									15.40
Memphis, Individual Pledges.....		45.00								45.00
Auxiliaries of Memphis.....				15.45						15.45
Memphis, Individual Gifts.....		77.00								77.00
	\$84.24	\$364.31	\$1000.04	\$181.00	\$465.33	\$58.50	\$20.00	\$196.99	\$63.05	\$2433.46

*Sent directly to destination without passing through custodian's hands.

PLEDGES FOR COMING YEAR.

	Board of Missions	Quintard Scholarship	Diocesan Missions	Bishop's Purse	General Missionary for Tennessee
Bolivar, St. James.....	\$ 5.00	.....	\$ 7.00	.....	.....
Brownsville, Christ Church.....	5.00	.....	5.00	\$ 1.50	.....
Chattanooga, Christ Church.....	25.00	.....	20.00	10.00	*\$12.00
Chattanooga, St. Paul's	25.00	\$10.00	50.00	10.00	.....
Clarksville, Trinity Church.....	15.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	.....
Franklin, St. Paul's	5.00	.....	12.50	2.50	*13.00
Greeneville, St. James'	15.00	1.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Idlewild, St. Luke's.....	15.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	.....
Jackson, St. Luke's.....	12.50	2.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Knoxville, Epiphany.....	5.00	.....	5.00	2.50	5.00
LaGrange, Immanuel.....	5.00	.....	5.00	2.00	.....
Mason, Trinity Church	5.00	2.50	5.00	.....	.....
Memphis, Calvary.....	60.00	5.00	125.00	35.00	†30.00
Memphis, Cathedral.....	41.50	.....	60.00	25.00	*11.00
Memphis, Good Shepherd.....	12.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	5.00
Memphis, Grace Church	30.00	2.00	60.00	10.00	7.00
Mt. Pleasant, Holy Cross	5.00	.....	10.00	5.00	.....
Nashville, Advent.....	7.00	.....	10.00	8.00	9.00
Nashville, Christ Church.....	35.00	10.00	80.00	30.00	*48.00
Nashville, St. Ann's.....	10.00	5.00	25.00	.....	†4.00
Nashville, St. Peter's	2.00	.....	5.00	5.00	*3.00
Nashville, St. Stephen's	20.00	.....	10.00	5.00	.....
Newbern, Holy Trinity.....	5.00	.....	2.50	.....	.....
Sewanee	25.00	5.00	35.00	25.00	3.00
Tracy City, Christ Church.....	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	5.00
Winchester, Trinity Church .....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....
Woodstock, St. Ann's	5.00	1.00	6.00	4.00	.....
Miss Rose, Hoffman Hall .....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	†5.00
Cleveland, St. Luke's.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	25.00
Gallatin .....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....
	\$400.00	\$56.50	\$652.00	\$212.50	\$195.00

†Paid during the meeting.

*Partly paid during the meeting.

 REPORT JUNIOR AUXILIARY 

Mrs. President and Ladies:

Once again it is my privilege to greet the Diocesan and Parish officers of the Tennessee Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and to submit to them my report of the work done in the past year by the Junior Department of their body.

While in some respects the report is not what it should be, yet in comparing it with that of last year we see a gain in the number of branches and in the value of offerings reported. The latter have more than doubled.

We pledged one Christmas box of one hundred gifts, but so liberal were the contributions that we were able to send three more boxes from the overflow. The contributions were liberal, appropriate, and very nice, and represented much care and earnest work on the part of the senders.

In all directions we see a decided gain in a true missionary spirit, and a growing interest in the claims of the mission fields outside our own Diocese.

All of this is most encouraging, and should stimulate us to greater efforts in the future.

There are still many Parishes having vigorous branches of "The Woman's Auxiliary" that are without its most valuable adjunct—the Junior Department.

I most earnestly renew my appeal to you to aid in every way in your power towards the organization of a Junior Department in every Parish and Mission Station in the Diocese of Tennessee. I am sure you believe with me and all those who understand the workings of this Junior Department that the prayers, the study and the systematic giving will have a blessed influence on the spiritual character of our future churchmen and churchwomen.

JOSEPHINE CHAPMAN,
Diocesan Secretary Junior Auxiliary.



Report of the Tennessee Branch of the Junior
Auxiliary for the Year Ending May 3, 1904



Chattanooga—St. Paul's.

Mrs. Jessie Dugger, Director.

Christmas Box, Altamont, Ky.....	\$ 10.00
Candy for the Box to Oklahoma.....	5.00
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	\$15.00

Chattanooga—Christ Church.

Mrs. W. C. Robertson, Mrs. W. B. Royster, Directors.

Board of Missions	\$ 8.61
Christmas Gifts to Skagway, Alaska	2.00
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	\$ 10.61

Greeneville—St. James.

Mrs. C. P. Fox, Director.

For use in Parish.....	\$ 20.00
Gifts for Christmas Box (Oklahoma).....	3.00
Board of Missions.....	1.52
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	\$ 24.52

Jackson—St. Luke's.

Mrs. Kate B. Withers, Director.

Gifts for Christmas Box (Oklahoma).....	\$ 5.00
Board of Missions	5.00
Bible Woman in Japan	5.00
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	\$ 15.00

Knoxville—St. John's.

Miss Dora Wilson, Director.

"Strong Home"	\$ 2.00
Rescue Mission	1.00
Rescue Mission.....	1.75
Books for Christmas Box (Oklahoma).....	2.00
Diocesan Missions	5.00
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	\$ 11.75

Memphis—Church of the Good Shepherd.

Mrs. Kate D. Nicholson, Director.

Box sent to Domestic Missions.....	\$ 3.00
Bible Woman in Japan50
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	\$ 3.50

Memphis—Grace Church.

Mrs. C. W. Richmond, Director.

Recently organized; no report.

New.

Nashville—St. Stephens.

Miss Bessie M. Harrison, Secretary.

Bible Woman in Japan \$ 1.00

Nashville—Christ Church.

Mrs. W. E. Jonnard, Director.

Toys for Christmas Box (Oklahoma).....	\$ 15.80
Dolls and Materials, Church Home, Memphis.....	19.20
Candy Bags, St. Mary's School, Sewanee.....	7.65
Board of Missions	10.00
United Offering	5.60
Diocesan Missionary Work	26.00

	\$ 84.25

Nashville—Church of the Advent.

Reorganized. Miss Anna Polk, Secretary.

Bible Woman in Japan.....	\$ 4.00
Gifts for Christmas Box (Oklahoma).....	1.00

	\$ 5.00

Nashville—St. Ann's.

Reorganized. Mrs. Geo. Marr, Director.

Box Benedict Mission School, Cedartown, Ga.....	\$ 20.00
For Foreign Missions.....	15.00
For Diocesan Missions	27.50

	\$ 62.50

Monteagle—Fairmount School.

Miss May DuBose, Director.

Christmas Box, Eastover, S. C.....	\$ 20.00
Bible Woman in Japan	5.00

	\$ 25.00

Sewanee.

Mrs. John Gass, Director.

Board of Missions (Bible Woman).....	\$ 15.00
Lena Juny Scholarship, Beaufort, N. C.....	10.00
Orphanage, Charleston, S. C.	10.00
St. Mary's on the Mt. Sewanee	5.00

	\$ 40.00

Tracy City—Christ Church.

Miss Agnes Nathurst, Director.

No report.

Woodstock—St. Ann's.

Mrs. J. T. Branch, Director.

Board of Missions	\$ 1.40
Diocesan Missions	2.75
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	\$ 4.15

Summary:

Number of Branches, 15.

Total value of offerings reported, \$302.28.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE CHAPMAN,
Diocesan Secretary, Junior Auxiliary.

REPORT OF BABIES' BRANCHES

MEMORIAL CIRCLE

"Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

MARVIN MCFERRIN

JAS. ROBERT WILSON

WALTER D. YERGER

Parish.	RECEIPTS.	Mem- bers.	Offer- ings.
Christ Church, Nashville	57	\$18.71	
Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Shipp, 2022 West End ave.			
St. Ann's Church, Nashville	11	5.27	
Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Gibson, 801 Woodland street.			
Advent Church, Nashville.....		No Report.	
Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Bazett-Jones, Cor. Broad and McLemore streets.			
Grace Church, Memphis	39	20.00	
Secretary, Mrs. Harry D. Jay, 277 Union street.			
St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis.....	10	9.00	
Secretary, Mrs. Jas. Craik Morris, 402 Adams street.			
St. Peter's, Columbia		No Report.	
Secretary, Miss Louise Woldridge, Columbia.			
St. Paul's Chattanooga.....	25	7.25	
Secretary, Mrs. Mark Morrison, Pine street.			
Christ Church, Chattanooga.....	26	11.47	
Secretary, Miss Fanny M. Ward, Highland Park.			
Otey Memorial, Sewanee.....	8	2.41	
Secretary, Mrs. S. M. Barton, Sewanee.			
Christ Church, Tracy City.....	17	2.83	
Secretary, Mrs. K. A. Bonholzer, Tracy City.			
<hr/> Totals ..	193	\$76.94	
Offering from corresponding member in diocese where there is no branch		\$ 1.00	
Balance on hand from last year.....		1.22	
		\$79.16	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expressage and postage.....	\$ 2.50
Reserved for printing annual letter.....	5.00

DOMESTIC.

Ketchikan, Alaska, Miss Edmond's salary.....	20.00
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FOREIGN.

Hankow, China, Miss Carter's salary.....	20.00
Kyoto, Japan, Miss Peek's salary.....	20.00
Bishop Partridge's "Fresh Air Fund"	11.66 — \$79.16

In my two previous reports I have felt called upon to speak of the measure in which the work of the "Babies' Branch" has been handicapped by the failure of certain of my co-workers to respond as I could have wished to my appeals for their co-operation at points where nothing could be accomplished without it. If I may be pardoned for being personal for a moment, I feel constrained to acknowledge that any lack of growth shown this year must be laid at my own door, yet not because of any indifference or wilful neglect. In spite of a slight increase in the total offering, there are one or two discouraging symptoms—two parishes without a report, and two or three others with offerings a little less than last year. In so far as this is the result of more than mere accident, the Diocesan Secretary wishes to shoulder the responsibility herself, with the earnest prayer that no lack of faithful effort on her part will prevent a vigorous progress in every respect during the coming year.

On the other hand, I must again entreat the local officers of the Woman's Auxiliary in parishes where there is no Babies' Branch to give me their aid if the little helpers are to increase in members and offerings; and surely there is no earnest auxiliary worker who does not ardently desire to see these foundations for our future missionary work laid wisely and well and with power. In last year's report there were seventeen branches of the Woman's Auxiliary heard from in parishes where the Babies' Branch had not been organized, although an effort to do so has been made in most, if not quite all, of them. The officers of these branches will hear from me very soon, and I pray the Christ Child may touch their hearts to do their utmost to help in this work among His tenderly loved little ones.

Once again I have sent the larger portion of the babies' offerings to the Board—this time designated, simply in order that I might be able to give the little helpers some idea of what their pennies are accomplishing, in a way they could understand. We should all bear in mind very carefully the wise suggestions of the Diocesan Secretary of our Woman's Auxiliary in her report last year, and may I add my plea to that of my superior Diocesan officers in urging that we remember that the Auxiliary should be truly and altogether the handmaid of the Board, never considering itself free from debt as long as they are struggling with a deficit.

Finally, to you, my dear fellow-laborers here at this meeting, I would like to say it seems to me as we touch hands year after year through a common interest in this work, we should be increasingly thankful that we are given the privilege to take part in it. May we not have the blessed confidence that in doing what we can to help those who are literally fulfilling our Lord's command to teach "all nations," those of whom He said "As the Father hath sent me, even so I send you," we have our part with these happy and lovely women who followed Him and ministered to Him of their substance?

May we realize more and more that it is one of the very few things that is really worth while, one of the few interests on which we may dare really to set our hearts as being planted quite above all the chances and changes that may come to us—one of the very few causes about which it is not "lost labor" when we "haste to rise up early and so late take rest," knowing that what we accomplish in it will be not for time, but for eternity—will give us a share in that "good part which shall not be taken away from us."

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA L. ROBERTSON,
Diocesan Sec. and Treas. Babies' Branch.

	REPORT ST. MARY'S LEAGUE	
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Annual report of St. Mary's League, for work among the colored people, April, 1903-1904:

November 23, 1903, paid Mrs. Jonnard for Contingent Fund	\$ 2.00
April 14, 1904, paid Rev. E. J. Batty, Nashville, Tenn., towards our pledge	39.90
April 14, 1904, paid Rev. E. J. Batty, Nashville, Tenn., offering through Calvary Church, Memphis.....	10.95
Total	\$52.85

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. E. MITCHELL, Secretary.

