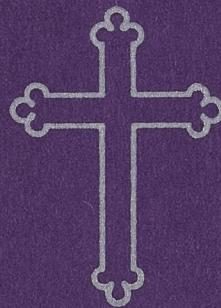


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PRAYERS

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought to pray and not to faint." S. Luke 18: 1.
"Lord, Teach Us to Pray." St. Luke 11 1.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the way, the truth and the life, grant to all members of the Woman's Auxiliary increase in knowledge, obedience and love; give them a clear vision of thy will and purpose for the whole world, and help them to do their part in calling back thy Church to simpler discipleship, readier obedience, and more loving service; for thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

FOR THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send forth more laborers into Thy harvest, and to grant them Thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field, and draw us into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly as Thou hast given to them. Accept from grateful hearts our United Thank Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service, and bless it to the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER PARTNERS

O God, our Father, prosper, we pray Thee, the work of our Prayer Partners, especially (.....). Make them centers of great spiritual life; fill them with the joy of service; support, guide, and comfort them, faithful through the trials and disappointments which come to them, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR DEEPER DEVOTION

Grant to us, O God, a deeper devotion to the sacred task of winning the whole world for thy Son our Saviour. Set our hearts afame with love and longing for the coming of Thy Kingdom and the fulfillment of Thy holy Will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FORWARD

(WORDS BY BISHOP GAILOR)

(Tune: "Long, Long Trail")

The grand old Church is marching
 Into the far-flung battle line,
Where the voice of God is calling us;
 And the task is yours and mine.

And Tennessee must answer well,
 With hearts both brave and true;
Our Southland dear, with vision clear,
 Must learn to think and do.

The short, short days are wending
 Into the long, eternal years;
Our lives are only training times,
 With labor, hopes, and fears.

Let us bless our work with service
 In the Kingdom far and nigh,
And save our souls with peace that rolls,
 Serene from Him on High.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GAILOR

The glory of the Woman's Auxiliary is, that it has from the beginning represented and pleaded for, the forward movement of the Church. And that forward movement is the very heart of the Gospel. Read the record of our Lord's commands, after His Resurrection. St. John tells the story of Mary Magdalene's early visit to the Sepulchre; and the Lord said unto her: "Touch Me not; Go and tell My brethren." Then we read in St. Matthew, that the other women went to the Sepulchre, and the Lord said unto them: "Be not afraid; Go and tell My brethren." Again we read in St. Mark: "He appeared unto the Eleven, as they sat at meat and said, Don't be unbelieving, Go and tell the Gospel" (the Good News). And finally, on the Mount in Galilee, where the whole little Church was assembled, He appeared and said: "All power is given unto Me; Go ye therefore and tell all nations, and Lo, I am with you alway."

Our Lord is with us here and now; and He is saying to us: Don't be satisfied with the gratification of your craving for help and sympathy by worshipping Me here at home; but GO AND TELL; Don't be afraid of making a mistake, of neglecting the work at home, of giving away too much for missions; GO AND TELL. Don't be half-believing, uncertain about the message, unsure about the Truth; GO AND TELL. "For I say unto you, that "All power is Mine, and I am with you always to the end."



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"Remember, O Lord, thy servants who have departed hence in the Lord.
Give them eternal rest and peace in Thy heavenly kingdom." *Amen.*

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

PASSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY, JANUARY 20, 1932

Recognizing the irreparable loss the whole Diocese of Tennessee has sustained, in the departure out of this life of Ellen Douglas Cunningham Gailor, beloved wife of our Bishop; and,

TESTIFYING TO the deep debt of gratitude the whole Diocese is under, for the many years of her steadfast and unfaltering service to the Diocese, and to the members thereof, as a consistent Communicant, as a faithful member of the Auxiliary, as the sympathetic friend of the poor and afflicted, in the establishment of the vacation home for the Clergy of the Diocese at Sewanee, and in her many other evidences of attachment to our Lord and His Church; and,

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION, in these troublous times of upset and confusion in the whole social order, wherein home and family life are being assailed, and in many places disparaged and set at naught, OF THE NOBLE EXAMPLE, which she set of wifely devotion and motherly zeal:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the women of the Auxiliary of the Diocese of Tennessee, do hereby set aside and designate the United Thank Offering for the Triennium ending in 1934, as a MEMORIAL THANK OFFERING TO Ellen Douglas Cunningham Gailor, DEVOTED WIFE AND NOBLE MOTHER.

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MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1932

The forty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and thirteenth Annual Meeting of Church Women in the Diocese of Tennessee, was held in Calvary Church, Memphis.

The Woman's Auxiliary met simultaneously with the Diocesan Convention and their corporate communion and memorial service was held jointly.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor was the celebrant, assisted by the Rt. Rev. James M. Maxon, the Rev. Chas. F. Blaisdell, D.D., the Rev. E. P. Dandridge, D.D., the Rev. Prentice A. Pugh, and the Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D.

Registration for the Auxiliary delegates was held in Calvary Parish House, preceding the opening service. The delegates were given badges and lovely bags, the latter being made by the members of the Service League of St. John's Church, Memphis.

After the opening service, the women assembled in the Parish House. Mrs. Burch called the meeting to order and the Rev. Chas. F. Blaisdell, D.D., Rector of Calvary Church, gave the invocation.

Mrs. W. L. Oates, President of Calvary Church Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, gave a most cordial welcome to all the delegates, and Mrs. Fred G. Ramsey, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's, Knoxville, made a gracious response.

The Secretary then called the roll.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. Joel Hobson, Memphis, Chairman; Mrs. Wm. Goodman, Knoxville; Mrs. W. P. Hamaugh, Nashville.

Committee on Recommendations—Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark, Jackson, Chairman; Mrs. Chas. M. Seymour, Knoxville; Mrs. Sam Ziegler, Nashville; Mrs. W. B. Bayless, Memphis.

Committee on Courtesy—Mrs. Chas. S. Martin, Nashville, Chairman; Mrs. Oliver J. Hart, Chattanooga, Mrs. Thos. R. Smith, Bolivar.

Committee on Credentials—Mrs. Sam Mosby, Memphis, Chairman; Mrs. Wm. Barnes, Memphis; Mrs. T. K. Robinson, Sr., Memphis.

Mrs. Burch requested the delegates to report to their Branches all of the proceedings of this meeting.

Mrs. Burch called attention to the splendid exhibits on the wall, placed there by Mrs. Marsh, and asked all to examine them more carefully during the recess hours.

On the other side of the room were tables containing literature. Mrs. Burch explained that some of this literature was for sale with the privilege of charging the amount. One table contained free literature. Mrs. Davis Taylor and Mrs. Wm. Orgill were in charge of these tables. Mrs. Burch recommended that each branch buy copies of the devotional and study books for their leaders.

Noon-day Prayers were offered by the Rev. Arthur E. Whittle, Trinity Church, Clarksville.

Mrs. Burch then presented Miss Ava Wright of Chattanooga, who gave a most deeply inspirational meditation on "Prayer."

The Annual Message of our President, Mrs. Burch, followed, and will be found printed herein.

Mrs. Wheeler made a motion that the Secretary be instructed to send telegrams to Miss Grace Lindley, Mrs. James M. Maxon, and Mrs. G. W. Coulter. This motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was called to order and the Secretary was requested to give a report of the general activities during the year. A motion was made to accept this report, which was seconded and carried.

Mrs. John R. Wheeler, Treasurer, gave her report. Mrs. Burch thanked the women for their aid in holding the line during the trying financial year. A motion to accept this report was seconded and carried.

Mrs. W. J. Dodge, Vice-President of East Tennessee, gave a report of her work.

Mrs. G. W. Coulter, Vice-President of Middle Tennessee, was unable to be present on account of illness. Her report was given by Mrs. Oliver Hart of Chattanooga.

Mrs. B. F. Witsell, Vice-President of West Tennessee, gave a report of the work done in her Convocation.

Mrs. Burch commended the work done by the Vice-Presidents and said she felt justly proud of them.

The Rev. McVeigh Harrison, O.H.C., of St. Andrew's School, was presented and told most interestingly of his work and of the different types of boys there. Their present great need is the payment of a debt on the building. If this is not done by March 1, the school will be closed under a builder's lien. Envelopes were distributed by the pages, in which gifts could be placed to help meet the debt. Mrs. Burch told Father Harrison that the Auxiliary would take some action towards helping this cause.

Mrs. Marsh, Secretary of Rural Work, explained her exhibits and thanked those who had helped her place them. She requested the women to give her more information when sending in the names of the isolated. She recommended the lantern slides in connection with the study, "Building a Christian Nation," and said information about them could be gotten from Miss Eastwood. Mrs. Marsh's report will be found printed herein.

Mrs. James M. Maxon, Educational Secretary, was unable to be present and her report was read by Mrs. Davis Taylor.

Mrs. Burch urged the delegates to try to interest all of their women in the study classes during the coming year. She said that progress had been made and suggested that the larger parishes try the plan of meeting in small groups for their study classes and not have it at a general meeting. Several Educational Secretaries present gave encouraging reports and told of classes that had grown in numbers and increased interest.

Mrs. John R. Wheeler gave a most comprehensive resume of the findings of the five subjects studied at the Triennial. These subjects are to be studied during the Triennium. Each branch should have a Report of the Committee on Findings.

Mrs. W. R. Coles, President of the Colored Convocation in the Diocese of Tennessee, gave a report of her work. This report will be found in the Annual. Mrs. Burch thanked Mrs. Coles and said she was one of the most prompt in the Diocese in answering correspondence. She assured Mrs. Coles of our continued co-operation.

Mrs. George Hillman, Supply Secretary, told of her work. She said she liked the word "resilience" as typifying the work of the supply department. The word means ability "to bounce back." Mrs. Wade, National Supply Secretary, still

has ten personal and eight mission boxes unassigned, so branches are not to rest satisfied after filling an allotment.

Mrs. Burch commended the work done by Mrs. Jesse Edgington, Custodian of the United Thank Offering. She said that she had served faithfully for three years and that she regretted to give her up. Mrs. Edgington gave a most interesting report, which will be found printed herein.

A memorial resolution to the late Ellen Douglas Cunningham Gailor, written by Mrs. Maxon, was read by Mrs. Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler moved that the resolution be accepted, and it was seconded. Mrs. Snowden asked that this might be done by acclamation. The rules were suspended and it was so ordered. The resolution will be found on page 5 of the Annual.

Mrs. Burch then presented the Rt. Rev. James M. Maxon. Bishop Maxon reported an extraordinarily fine year in the Diocese in all three Convocations. He said that he deeply appreciated the work of the Auxiliary and felt most grateful for their sympathy and understanding. He commended the Memorial Resolution to Mrs. Gailor and said that something more tangible in the form of a memorial to Mrs. Gailor was being planned by the Council in the Diocese—that of placing a memorial window in the Cathedral—and asked Mrs. Burch to name some one in each Convocation to receive voluntary gifts for this Memorial. After asking the women to try to make this a "Banner Year," he closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening service was under the direction of Missions and Church Extension, the Rev. E. P. Dandridge, D.D., Chairman. Short and interesting addresses on the Teaching Mission held in the Diocese last fall were made by the Rev. Prentice A. Pugh, the Rev. Oliver Hart, D.D., and the Rt. Rev. James M. Maxon. After the service, an informal reception was held in Calvary Parish House.

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The meeting was opened with prayer by the Ven. James F. Plummer, Archdeacon of Middle Tennessee. He spoke

most interestingly of his work and warmly praised the constructive rural work being done by Miss Edmundson and Miss Shelton at White Bluffs. Miss Edmundson and Miss Shelton were present, and Mrs. Burch asked them to rise so that all could see them. Miss Edmundson thanked all for their interest and aid and said that the Auxiliary had raised its pledge for this year.

Mrs. Burch, at the request of the Bishop and Council, had appointed Mrs. Shubael Beasley as representative from the Woman's Auxiliary on the Department of Religious Education, and asked Mrs. Beasley for a report. Mrs. Beasley said she had no report, as she had never been notified of any meeting of the Department. Mrs. Burch was very much surprised to learn this and said she would refer the matter to the Committee on Recommendations.

Mrs. Burch told of her plan for a Devotional Program to help deepen the spiritual life. Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark and Miss Ava Wright, two devotional leaders, are to go over the Diocese and conduct Quiet Days. The Auxiliary is to bear the traveling expenses. A book suggested for our use was "Personal Discipleship and the Way of Prayer." This book is being studied by the Daughters of the King this year. This might develop a closer co-operation between the Daughters and the women of the Auxiliary. The Program is to be used at the opening service of small group meetings and will only take about fifteen minutes. Another book suggested was "Talking With God."

Mrs. Wheeler commended the idea of the Devotional Program and said it would be carrying out the idea of the resolution adopted at the Triennial.

Mrs. Burch announced that the meeting of the Daughters of the King would be held Friday, January 22, commencing with a Corporate Communion at 8:45 A.M.

The budget for 1932 was considered. The tentative budget was on a blackboard on the platform and copies were distributed by the pages to every delegation present. Mrs. Wheeler explained each item on the budget and said it had been revised a little after the Executive Board had discussed it and consulted with Bishop Maxon. This is always done. Mrs. Wheeler then made a motion that it be accepted. This was seconded, but Mrs. R. Brinkley Snowden made a protest on the cut of \$100.00 made the Church Mission of Help.

Mrs. Wheeler agreed to postponement of action on her motion and it was decided to give Mrs. Snowden ten minutes to voice her protest after her address on Church Mission of Help.

Mrs. Wm. Goodman, Diocesan President of the Daughters of the King, was presented. She said it was a great pleasure and a privilege to bring greetings from the Daughters of the King. After telling of their work, she closed by asking for the co-operation and prayers of the women of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Burch stressed the importance of knowing about and of supporting our Church papers.

Mrs. R. Brinkley Snowden, President of Church Mission of Help in the Diocese of Tennessee, was presented and gave a splendid report of the work done by this organization during the past year. She thanked the Woman's Auxiliary for their help and co-operation given in the past and expressed the hope that this relationship might continue for many years to come. She brought out the fact that this work is a part of the National Christian Social Service Program of the Church and is work that can only be done by trained spiritual leaders.

When on a visit to Chattanooga, Mrs. Burch learned that The Rev. Reginald Mallett of Christ Church and The Rev. C. Rankin Barnes (our next speaker) were great personal friends. She had requested Mr. Mallett to introduce Mr. Barnes to the women of the Auxiliary. After the introduction, Mr. Barnes made an address on, "The New Social Vision of the Woman's Auxiliary." Mr. Barnes said, "In these troublous times, the thing to do is to think clearly and then do the thing that is close at hand." Again, "We must remember that the work of Missions, Social Service, and Religious Education is all one Program, and part of the building of the Kingdom of God." He said that formerly very little was done by the Auxiliary for social service but now there is a growing appreciation of social values. He spoke of the report of the Committee on Findings and of the help these Findings were at Headquarters. He thought this proved that the Auxiliary wanted to keep up with conditions of modern times and not be antiquated. In all the findings this new social vision is evident.

A pause ensued for noon-day prayers said by The Rev. Reginald Mallett, Rector of Christ Church, Chattanooga.

Mr. Barnes commended the work being done by Mrs. Marsh and said another practical work was that of Church Mission of Help. His plan to do this work is, first survey the community, co-operate with existing agencies, then go ahead.

Mrs. Burch presented Mrs. W. J. Loarding-Clark, who gave a deeply spiritual meditation, "God With Us." Mrs. Clark urged all to practice having the presence of God and said it was something we must strive for and meditate earnestly about. She recommended the budgeting of our time as we do our money and asked us to consider rising a half hour earlier in the morning in order to talk and to listen to God. She closed with a prayer for the presence of God, the Love of God, and assurance of faith in answer to our prayers.

Mrs. Snowden announced that a Quiet Day would be held by the Church Mission of Help in March and invited all the women to be present.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Burch. The first business for consideration was the budget. Mrs. Snowden made a plea that the amount given Church Mission of Help be not cut and told how necessary it was to carry on the work. Mrs. Burch said she knew all this is true, and if we did not have other objects to help, we would not make this cut, and that others had also received cuts. She was willing to replace the amount if the pledges warranted it. The amount was finally raised by pledges from three branches of \$25.00 each, St. Paul's Chattanooga; St. John's, Knoxville, St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, and a personal gift of \$25.00 from Mrs. W. L. Oates of Calvary Church, Memphis. Mrs. Snowden expressed deep gratitude for this appreciation of Church Mission of Help. The motion to accept the budget was then put before the house and carried. The budget for 1932 appears in the Treasurer's report.

Bishop Maxon had requested Mrs. Burch, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Clark, the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary to be presented to the Convention. Mrs. Burch asked the delegates to sign the pledge cards in her absence and requested Mrs. Marsh to take the Chair.

On returning to the meeting, Mrs. Burch presented The Ven. Henry J. Geiger, Archdeacon of East Tennessee, who told us of his work. He said the outlook as a whole never seemed so bright. The hardest places to hold, he said, were the lonely places. "If we just let these people know that we are behind them, the line will not break."

The Ven. Chas. K. Weller, Archdeacon of West Tennessee, was next presented. In giving a summary of his work, he said there was a Woman's Auxiliary in nearly every place, and more money had been turned in than ever before in the past ten years.

Mrs. Marsh related an incident of pioneering Church work which she had read in Dr. Noll's History of the Diocese. This work was done by Mrs. Gloster. A granddaughter of Mrs. Gloster, Mrs. Seymour of St. John's Knoxville, was present, and Mrs. Burch requested her to come to the platform so that all could see her.

Mrs. Burch said that Bishop Gailor had been requested by the Auxiliary to write a history of the Diocese and dedicate the book to Mrs. Gailor. Bishop Gailor had consented to do this. The Auxiliary is to finance the publication of this Memorial.

It was a great disappointment that neither Mrs. Hendrix nor Mrs. Gerhart, Secretaries of the Church Periodical Club, could be present. Mrs. B. F. Witsell was asked to read the report of work done during the past year. The report will be found in the Annual.

The report of the Girls' Friendly Society was given by Mrs. Chas. K. Weller, Diocesan Rural Secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Miss Marjorie Byers, Diocesan Secretary of the Little Helpers, was presented and reported this work. She said that they had a good and workable plan, but the need was for some one who could do the work. They ask for the help and sympathetic interest of the women.

Miss Grace Little, from Good Shepherd Parish, Memphis, one of the representatives from the Woman's Auxiliary, at Camp Gailor-Maxon, was presented and thanked the Auxiliary for the privilege she enjoyed of attending the Camp. She told most interestingly of Camp activities and sang with a sweet, clear voice one of the Camp songs. After hearing this report, who could doubt that our work for our young people is not justified?

Committee reports were then called for. Mrs. Sam Mosby reported for the Committee on Credentials as follows:

We, the Committee on Credentials, find that by registration there are eight Diocesan Officers present and one hundred delegates representing thirty-one branches. There are also seven alternates registered.

The report of the Committee on Courtesy was read by Mrs. Thos. R. Smith, as follows:

Speaking to the delegates of the forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Tennessee, we wish to express to the members of Calvary Church, our grateful appreciation and thanks for their gracious hospitality and many courtesies extended to us. Especially do we wish to thank Mrs. Loaring-Clark and Miss Ava Wright for their inspirational and spiritual meditations on the practice of The Nearness of God. We also wish to thank the members of the Memphis Churches who have so graciously entertained the delegates in their homes.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHAS. S. MARTIN, *Chairman*;

MRS. OLIVER J. HART,

MRS. THOS. R. SMITH.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was read by Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark. These Recommendations were adopted separately upon motion of the Chairman, then finally as a whole. They will be found printed herein.

Mrs. Earl Cook, of Chattanooga, read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the several parishes to entertain the Convention of the Diocese due to the numbers attending;

Be it resolved, by the Woman's Auxiliary in convention assembled, that the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be appropriated from the general funds of the Auxiliary and directed to be paid to the hostess parish entertaining the Convention.

A motion to accept this resolution was seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. Joel Hobson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read her report on election of officers, and it was decided to vote on this report as a whole. Nominations were asked from the floor, and as none were made, on motion of Mrs.

Snowden, the nominations were declared closed and the Secretary asked to cast the ballot. The rules were suspended and the Secretary cast the vote for, Mrs. Oliver J. Hart, Educational Secretary; Mrs. Carl E. Weise, Custodian U.T.O., and Mrs. Wm. Marsh, Secretary of Rural Work. They were declared duly elected.

Mrs. Hobson then read the nominations for delegates to the Synod. It was moved that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be asked to cast the vote. The rules were suspended and the Secretary cast the vote for:

Mrs. Chas. N. Burch, St. John's Church, Memphis. Alternate, Mrs. B. F. Witsell, Grace Church, Memphis.

Mrs. Fred Ramsey, St. John's Church, Knoxville. Alternate, Mrs. S. P. Platt, St. Paul's Church, Kingsport.

Mrs. J. H. Guenther, Grace Memorial Church, Chattanooga. Alternate, Mrs. Wm. Dodge, St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga.

Mrs. Wm. Goodman, St. James', Knoxville. Alternate, Mrs. H. A. Oliver, Church of the Advent, Nashville.

Mrs. H. S. Gillespie, Jr., gave a splendid report of work done by the Social Service Department of Calvary Church. Mrs. Fred Ramsey, of St. John's, Knoxville, gave a most enthusiastic account of the work done by St. John's Branch. Mrs. H. M. Dunscomb, of St. Luke's, Memphis, reported a forward step taken by St. Luke's branch in organizing the women into the central group plan. The limited time forbade the hearing of other reports.

Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark presented the following resolution, which she moved be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS: The Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee representing the Women of the Episcopal Church in Tennessee, in annual meeting assembled, feel the extreme gravity of the present international situation and the profound importance of the American representation at the coming Disarmament Conference assuming leadership in securing a substantial reduction in the armaments of the world;

Be it resolved: That the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Tennessee unanimously go on record as urging the President of the United States to instruct the American delegates to the Disarmament Conference to take a strong and

insistent stand for an agreement for substantial reduction of armaments.

Be it further resolved; That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to the two senators from Tennessee, and to each of the American representatives to the Disarmament Conference.

Mrs. Bliss, of the Cathedral, spoke of the memorial book stand, the gift of the Diocesan Auxiliary, which had been placed in the Cathedral, and invited the women to come and see it.

After other encouraging reports from the branches, the newly-elected officers were asked to come to the platform. The Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Gailor greeted them and said he was glad to have the privilege of installing them into their offices. He congratulated them upon the confidence which had been placed in them and said it was fine for them to assume the responsibility of these respective offices. He then offered a prayer that God would guide and direct them in their work.

Bishop Gailor then greeted the women of the Auxiliary, saying it was always a delight and a privilege to meet them. After a few words of praise and encouragement, he closed the meeting with a prayer and the benediction.

The meeting adjourned to convene on January 18, 1933, in St. John's Church, Knoxville.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. J. BUIST) HATTIE D. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Speaking for the entire Auxiliary, which deeply appreciates the untiring and self-sacrificing labors of our beloved President, Evelyn Peters Burch, your Committee asks this body that each member, through the following recommendations, aid her in carrying out her plans for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom.

I. DEVOTIONAL

1. That each Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary shall have a Devotional Secretary.
2. That a devotional service, including a Meditation, shall be given in each Branch or Chapter at least once a month.

3. That the text-book for the Meditations shall be the second part of "Christian Discipleship and the Way of Prayer," by Canon How.

4. That during the study of "Building a Christian Nation," the prayers to be found at the end of the "Leader's Manual" be used for the devotional service preceding the educational program.

5. That, where possible, Quiet Days, or even Quiet Hours, be held at least twice a year in every Branch.

II. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

1. That the Auxiliary in each Parish and Mission should accept as its major objective for 1932 the duty of securing and giving out such information as will lead to the acceptance and payment of the appropriation of the Church's program in full.

2. That the women in the City Parishes do all in their power to encourage the smaller groups in Missions and rural communities by attending meetings, giving information, providing literature and in otherwise co-operating.

3. That the United Thank Offering, which will be a memorial to our beloved member, Ellen Douglass Gailor, be especially stressed, and that continued effort be made to place the "Little Blue Boxes" in the hands of every Church woman.

III. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. In our study of the findings of the National Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary, this Committee, in view of existing conditions, recommends for the year 1932, the subjects of "Family Life," "Religious Thinking of Today," and "Property and Economics."

(Dr. Adelaide Case and Miss Margaret Marston are writing "Leader's Helps" for these topics.)

2. That each Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary shall make itself responsible for fostering a Church School in some nearby Mission. This is a vital matter for the life of the Church.

3. That every Branch and, wherever possible, each Chapter, have an educational program at least once a month, using the books recommended by the Educational Secretary of the Diocese.

4. That in cities where colleges or universities are located, Auxiliary women extend their personal and Christian friendship to girls away from home.

5. That the Auxiliary Branches do all in their power to promote the placement of a National Church paper in every home. These papers are: "The Spirit of Missions," "The Living Church," "The Churchman," "The Southern Churchman," "The Witness," and "Findings in Religious Education."

IV. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE

1. That our Branches look for opportunities for Christian Social Service in their communities and hold themselves in readiness to cheerfully respond to all calls that may come to them.

2. That all Auxiliary women realize that Christian Social Service includes a ministry, not only to bodily needs, but to starved souls; and that as followers of our Master, we must carry the Bread of Life wherever we go.

3. That Auxiliary Branches should be prepared and ready to give information regarding the Social Service work of the Church, particularly that of the Church Mission of Help and the work in rural communities and among the shut-in and isolated.

4. That we recognize that we are members of God's Great Family, together with those of other races, and that in this Diocese our peculiar obligation is to the negro. As opportunity occurs, we must be ready to serve them in their struggle for the "Abundant Life."

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. We recommend that all work accomplished in and for rural communities be reported directly to the Secretary of Rural Work.

2. Since we have come to realize that the world's adversity is the Church's opportunity, we recommend that, as far as possible:

(a) Time be budgeted in order to give the opportunity for the development of spiritual life and for service in the extension of the Kingdom.

- (b) Family prayer be offered daily in every Auxiliary home.
- (c) A prayer for Missions be offered daily.
- (d) The Bible be read daily and studied prayerfully, always under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. W. J.) ADA LOARING-CLARK, *Chairman*;

(MRS. W. B.) JANET B. BAYLESS,

(MRS. CHAS. M.) FLORA NELL GLOSTER SEYMOUR,

(MRS. S. B.) EDNA H. ZIEGLER.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I greet you, my dear friends and co-workers in the Diocese of Tennessee, and extend to you my sincerest wishes that this year will be rich for you in opportunity and service. We have come together again to take account of our stewardship in 1931 and to plan our work for 1932. May God's blessing rest upon us and may the Holy Spirit guide us in all our deliberations.

It is always a peculiar pleasure and privilege for the Woman's Auxiliary to hold its meeting in Calvary Church, for it was here that the first Auxiliary in this Diocese was organized. You remember the circumstances, as told by Mrs. Loaring-Clark in one of our recent Annuals. Bishop Quintard was the Bishop of the Diocese. He sent for Mrs. John Shortridge and Mrs. Luke Finlay, both members of this parish, and asked them to come to see him on important business. On their arrival he said, "I have sent for you girls to tell you that the Church in Tennessee is dying of a disease called "dry rot," and the only salvation of the situation is to set the women to work. I want to organize a Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in this Diocese. Now get to work and draw me up a constitution and by-laws and let me have it at once." This was done and Bishop Quintard appointed Mrs. Shortridge, President, and Mrs. Finlay, Secretary-Treasurer.

It was hard work to secure the organization of branches in many of the parishes, for the cry of the rectors was, "It will take money from the parish." The first branch was organized in this parish towards the end of the year 1887. In 1888, Mrs. Shortridge organized another branch in St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga, with five members, then a branch

at St. Mary's Cathedral in this city, and a fourth one in Christ Church, Nashville. Today there are over sixty branches in the Diocese, and in Mrs. Shortridge's words, we thank God for the little seed which was planted in 1887 and which has grown to be a beautiful tree of many branches, spreading its influence all over the Diocese of Tennessee and bearing abundant fruit. I was very happy to learn a short time ago that the Auxiliary in this parish had chosen as a name for one of its chapters that of Hester Shortridge. We must never forget the example of her life of consecrated service and devotion to the Woman's Auxiliary.

The past year, the second of my presidency, has been a very happy one and I wish to express my deepest gratitude to each member of the Executive Board for the encouragement and co-operation she has given me, and to you, the officers and members of the parochial branches, my sincere appreciation of your courtesy, consideration, and willingness at all times to help me carry out the program of the Auxiliary and of the Church.

Except for a brief mention of the work of our women in furthering the Teaching Mission in this Diocese, I shall not attempt to enumerate our various Auxiliary accomplishments during the past year—these will be given you in the reports of your other officers. I shall simply try to outline some of our objectives for the coming year.

The Teaching Mission, which was held in this Diocese from October 25th to November 19th, was considered by our Bishop Coadjutor to be, as he expressed it, the biggest thing we had undertaken since he had been Bishop. It was thoroughly spiritual. It represented the very ideals of the Auxiliary. It was, as you know, "an earnest, carefully organized movement in the fifteen Dioceses, comprising the Province of Sewanee, to re-study and re-learn and re-apply the principles of Christian duty and service involved in Christ's last command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The women of the Auxiliary took an active part in the Mission by organizing prayer groups, taking the training with the clergy, and helping "deliver the congregation to the Missioner." We stressed the importance of prayer throughout the Mission, and in many of our parishes days of intercessory prayer were held by the women. In one parish the women took fifteen-minute periods during the day for

several days, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., so that there might be continuous praying. In the Cathedral in Memphis, a Day of Intercessory Prayer was held on November 16th. Leaders from the Auxiliary in the eight Memphis parishes took part. The service was continuous from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with each parish leader having half an hour on the program. The devotional program consisted of Scripture readings on Prayer, appropriate hymns and litanies, silent prayer, and meditations. The Auxiliary further helped in the Mission by sending those of our women who had taken the training (twelve in each of the three Convocations) to "prepare" the people of a Parish or Mission for the Teaching Mission. In many places a city parish "sponsored" a rural church. This "sponsoring" was done by having groups from the Auxiliary, the Y. P. S. L., and others, attend the services, furnish the choir, etc. This created a splendid feeling of fellowship. We feel that the Teaching Mission brought a great blessing into our lives and our work, and we trust that it "made more vital the devotion and service of our church people" throughout the Diocese.

At this time last year we were anticipating the Triennial meeting in Denver. Illness prevented my attendance at the meeting, but you were represented by your full quota of delegates, as well as by many other women in the Diocese. You will be hearing throughout this meeting echoes of the Triennial, so I shall only touch briefly on one or two subjects which were presented and to which we were asked to give our prayerful consideration. You remember the five great vital, constructive, and "all embracive" topics that were presented: Family Life, Property and Economic Conditions, International Relations, Interracial Contacts, and Religious Thinking Today. Mrs. Wheeler in her address this afternoon will give you a resume of these subjects.

The most significant resolution, I think, that was passed at the Triennial was the one on Meditation and Prayer: "Whereas, Only with God are all things possible, and Whereas, the Woman's Auxiliary faces during the coming Triennium tasks of great diversity and magnitude, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That every member of the Woman's Auxiliary be urged to a renewed discipline in the difficult art of prayer that she may become a fit channel for the grace of God in the fulfillment of His redemptive purpose for the world."

"The difficult art of prayer." Prayer is the most difficult thing in the world, writes Bishop Fiske in "The Faith By Which We Live." Prayer is an effort, says Canon How, and it needs constant and determined effort for most of us. And Bishop Cross in his Meditation on the Ministry of Prayer, "Until we can find time to pray there can be no time for work. The hardest work we have to do as Christians is to pray. That is the reason most of us would rather work—at something else. We would rather find some other way than God's way for doing God's work." Most of us are novices in this difficult art of prayer, and very few of us have really learned HOW to pray. "We have not talked to Christ nor given Him a chance to talk to us." Prayer will be the keynote of the devotional program which we are preparing for you this year. We hope you will use this program and that it will deepen in each of you the desire to commune with your Lord in prayer, and that you will be led to grow more and more in the "consciousness of Christ's presence."

May I ask for your co-operation in the use of the educational program which we are presenting this year? The study book is "Building a Christian Nation," and we are recommending, in connection with it, the use of Miss Cording's "Leader's Manual." We have already sent to your parish educational secretaries copies of the Manual. Mrs. Maxon's slogan is: "A Study Book in the hand of every member of the Auxiliary in 1932." We believe the interest of the individual member of a study group will be greatly increased if she has her own copy of the book. So we are asking you to help us carry out this plan as far as possible. We shall persevere in our endeavor to get you to study and to support the Church's Program. After all, adult education (as defined by the 1930 Conference in St. Louis) is only that process by which a parish intelligently and deliberately gathers its members into such group relationships as shall enable every member to grow spiritually. By growing spiritually is meant: growing in knowledge about God, growing nearer to God, growing in capacity to work with God.

One of our principal objectives for the coming year is the further enlisting of our young women in the Church's work and in the Auxiliary program. At our Annual meeting last year, we had a great number of young women present, as we have today. This would indicate, I think, a growing interest on their part, and it must be a source of satisfaction and

pleasure to you as it is to me. You may recall the resolution which was passed at the Triennial meeting: That the enlisting of the young women in the Woman's Auxiliary shall be considered a major obligation of this organization during the Triennium.

"If the Woman's Auxiliary is to arouse the concern of the women of today, especially the young women, and win them to share in working out a Christian answer to the world's need, it must engage in activities of tremendous significance." I believe, writes Miss Beardsley, Assistant Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, that is the thought that lies at the foundation of all our work with young women. I think we should first face our reason for trying to interest them in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Church's Mission. We should be sure of our own motives—not to want to interest them because it is the thing to do, or to help us with our own heavy burdens, or even to assure an Auxiliary in the future, but because we need their youth and joy and fresh viewpoint in working out a Christian answer to the world's need. Miss Beardsley has outlined a very fine plan and program for our young women. She advises that they should be acquainted with certain definite steps in program building and suggests the following:

1. *To Analyze*

Study the situation in the parish and community.

Study the needs of our people in the mission fields.

Study the share the Church must take in meeting these needs.

Study the problems the world is facing.

2. *To Prepare*

Work out a definite schedule of worship, study, and activity for the year or half year.

Enlist the interest of the whole group.

3. *To Carry Through*

This means a careful preparation for each meeting.

A well worked out time schedule.

A careful presiding officer.

A prompt and alive program chairman.

A short, peppy program.

Planned activity for each meeting which fits in with the theme chosen.

4. To Measure Results

- Take stock often.
- Face failures of program or work.
- See what made failure.
- Work together for better results.
- Think always of the future.

I cannot close without saying that I think that we as Christian women must take cognizance of the troublous times through which we are passing, that we must take to heart the seriousness of the present economic depression. This is a time of stress and strain, of extraordinary depression, we are faced with discouragements and difficulties, and with the problem, as some one has said, of maintaining for millions of unemployed a mere semblance of their former standards of living. We Christian women cannot stand idly by. "We must endeavor to bring about a better social order so that His Kingdom may come and His will be done." We know that "Christ is still the one hope for a broken, distracted, and disillusioned world."

(MRS. CHARLES N.) EVELYN P. BURCH,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The outstanding event of the past year was the gathering together of the representatives of the Woman's Auxiliary from all parts of the world at the Triennial Convention held in Denver, Colorado, September 16-30. Tennessee was represented by five delegates and one alternate.

Another outstanding event was the Teaching Mission on the "Great Commission," held in the Diocese in the fall. Many women of the Auxiliary aided this movement by helping in the preparation of their own parishes and also by visiting the smaller parishes and missions, forming prayer groups and doing everything to make the Teaching Mission a success.

There are sixty-three organized branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Tennessee. Several unorganized groups contribute to the United Thank Offering and others try to carry out some part of the Auxiliary Program.

Questionnaires were sent to the presidents of the branches. From these the following report has been made. Fifty-six replies have been received.

There are now nearly three thousand women in the Diocese working in the Five Fields of Service, praying, laboring, and giving for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

The average attendance at meetings is good and the majority of the branches have rotation in office. There are active chapters of the Daughters of the King and the Girls' Friendly Society and other organizations, such as Guilds, Aids, etc.

The work of the Church Periodical Club has been carried on by Secretaries who have distributed books, magazines, and Bibles to hospitals, schools, institutions, jails, etc., also to the isolated and the shut-ins. One branch reported the distribution of reading matter to bus stations, a negro infirmary, fire departments, and jails. Cards are always sent at Christmas and Easter.

Many branches report aid to the Church Mission of Help through gifts and service.

One hundred and ninety-nine corporate communions and twenty-three quiet days were reported. The World Day of Prayer was observed by uniting with other denominations in an all-day service. Twenty seven prayer groups were reported.

An increase was noted in the use of the Calendar of Daily Bible Readings, and there were a few more subscriptions to the Prayer Leaflet.

The Prayer Partners have been remembered at the Auxiliary meetings and also in the daily prayers of the members. Letters have been written them and gifts and greeting cards sent at Christmas and Easter.

Many reported helping the Parish with its quota for the Church's Program.

Special missionary work in the parishes has been helped by bringing others to Baptism, Confirmation, and to Church School. In the Diocese, help has been given with the Diocesan pledge and through the work of the women for the Teaching Mission. Outside the Diocese (exclusive of box work), help has been given through the Diocesan pledge, the Church Periodical Club and the United Thank Offering.

Twenty-eight isolated members, six shut-ins, and eleven blind members were reported. Three of the latter read Braille.

Program meetings and discussion groups have been held and a few pageants given.

Bible classes have been held on Sundays and on week days.

Two hundred and twenty-two Auxiliary women are Church School workers. Four hundred and twenty-one subscribe to the Spirit of Missions, and twelve subscribe to Findings in Religious Education. Sixty-one attended Summer Conferences and sixty-one attended Normal Training Classes.

The following literature was used: The Bible, India Looks to Her Future, The Long Life of the Church, A Harmony of the Gospels, India on the March, The Great Conjecture, Our Expanding Church, Dr. Noll's History of the Diocese of Tennessee, The Spirit of Missions, Christ in the Common Walks of Life, and Christian Nurture Series.

Mrs. Maxon's Educational Program and the meditations for each month were found most helpful. Some of the branches have an Annual Program or Year Book, but the majority use Mrs. Maxon's Program.

More attention is being given the development of devotional and educational leaders.

Social service in the parish and community was done through the Community Chest, Red Cross, Associated Charities, Y.W.C.A., Salvation Army, Milk Fund, and Church Mission of Help. Visits have been made to hospitals, schools, institutions, orphanages, and to Old Woman's Homes. Some study groups on Christian Social Service have been reported and more interest shown in this phase of our work.

The value of boxes sent in the Diocese was \$1,342.27
 The value of boxes sent out of the Diocese was 1,062.34
 The value of clothing sent Supply Closet 84.05

Total \$2,488.66

Mrs. Jesse Edgington, Custodian of the United Thank Offering, reported:

Spring offering, 1931	\$ 1,823.31
Convention offering, Nashville	32.08
Inter-parochial offering, Memphis	30.79
Convocational offering, Athens	22.00
Interest	9.87
 Total	\$ 1,918.05
Fall offering, 1931	1,610.84
Interest	262.25
 Total	3,791.14
Offering for year 1929-1930	8,172.61
 Grand total for three years	\$11,963.75

Corporate communion services have been held by most of the branches, in the spring and fall, at the presentation of the United Thank Offering.

The Treasurer, Mrs. John R. Wheeler, received the following amount in pledges \$ 4,883.20

The value of gifts from all of the women's organizations was \$33,463.80

Some of the greatest problems listed were: Interesting all of the women, better attendance at meetings, lack of leaders, lack of members, ignorance, and finances.

Some objectives given for next year are: Deepening the spiritual life and enrolling every woman in the Auxiliary, to have a self-supporting parish (from a Mission Church), to become more identified with the whole work (from a colored branch), extension of welfare work, more aid given to Church Schools, and better attendance at all meetings.

Most of the branches reported a successful year, with increased interest shown in Church work.

Fifty-two members have entered into the Rest of Paradise.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. J. BUIST) HATTIE D. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1931

EAST TENNESSEE PLEDGES

Athens	\$ 10.00
Chattanooga	
Christ Church	75.00
Grace Memorial	25.00
St. Paul's	600.00
Cleveland	25.00
Elizabethhton	5.00
Greenville	10.00
Harriman	20.00
Johnson City	50.00
Knoxville	
St. James'	125.00
St. John's	450.00
Kingsport	35.00
So. Pittsburg	55.00
St. Elmo	70.00
	\$1,555.00

MIDDLE TENNESSEE PLEDGES

Clarksville	.....	\$ 60.00
Columbia	.....	100.00
Fayetteville	.....	20.00
Franklin	.....	55.00
Monteagle	.....	6.00
Mt. Pleasant	.....	8.00
Nashville		
Advent	.....	127.00
St. Ann's	.....	162.00
St. Andrew's	.....	10.00
Christ Church	.....	660.00
St. Peter's	.....	16.00
Holy Trinity	.....	10.00
Old Hickory	.....	25.00
Sewanee Branch	170.00
Sewanee Lily Green	75.00
Sherwood	5.00
Tracy City	15.00
White Bluffs	4.00
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		\$1,528.50

WEST TENNESSEE PLEDGES

Covington	\$ 2.50
Bolivar	35.00
Jackson	60.00
Mason, Holy Trinity	30.00
Mason, St. Paul's	.....	2.00
Memphis		
Calvary	.....	500.00
Cathedral	.....	400.00
Good Shepherd	.....	18.00
Grace Church	400.00
Holy Trinity	60.00
St. Luke's	200.00
Emanuel	10.00
Ripley	5.00
Woodstock	2.20
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		\$1,799.70

TOTAL RECEIPTS

East Tennessee	\$1,555.00
Middle Tennessee	1,528.50
West Tennessee	1,799.70
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Balance, 1930	\$4,883.20
Daughters of King	218.17
Bishop's Guild	5.00
		5.00
Total	<hr/> \$5,111.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on pledges	\$3,343.00
From Expense Fund	1,498.36
Balance to Emergency Fund	150.00
Balance to Camp Fund	12.00
Balance to Hester S. Fund	25.00
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	\$5,028.36
Balance on hand	\$ 83.01

The promptness with which many of the pledges have been sent in is most gratifying and has helped us to meet our obligations without embarrassment. As our pledges are made for work to be accomplished *during* 1932, please try this year to be even more prompt, so that we may be of greater help, and not in any way hinder the work pledged in the name of our Lord.

Faithfully submitted,

ANNA M. WHEELER, *Treasurer.*

BUDGET FOR 1932

Bishop Quintard Scholarship	\$ 50.00
National Work for Blind	50.00
Provincial Gift	50.00
Deaconess Pension Fund	50.00
Camp Sailor Maxon	125.00
Hoffman-St. Mary's Scholarships	250.00
Hester Shortridge Educational Memorial	350.00
Bishop Maxon Discretionary Fund	500.00
Church Mission of Help	400.00
For Work in East, Middle, and West Tennessee	1,500.00
Emergency Fund	175.00
Extension and Expense Fund	1,500.00
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	\$5,000.00

The Bishop Quintard Scholarship: Used at St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, and applied on the Diocesan quota. A memorial to Bishop Quintard and a help to our Diocese.

The National Work for the Blind: Mrs. Loaring-Clark is Secretary and has often told us of the publication and cards that are provided by this gift.

The Provincial Auxiliary proposes a budget for this year of \$750.00, to be prorated between the departments of Missions, Christian Social Service, and Religious Education, thereby giving greater aid to the program of the Fourth Province.

The Deaconess Pension Fund: Only until recently has a central fund been established that would provide income for

Deaconesses who are obliged from ill health or old age to retire from active service.

Camp Gailor-Maxon not only provides recreation and outing for our young folks, but has a program that will stimulate a desire for training for leadership in the Church and her work.

Hoffman-St. Mary's Scholarships provide help for three students of the negro race at our splendid school at Mason.

The Hester Shortridge Educational Fund prepares a student for work in the Church wherever she may be needed. Miss Janet Morris, now in St. Agnes House, Philadelphia, a Christian Social Service Center, is a product of this fund. We are now helping Miss Phelma Andersen to finish at Peabody so that she may have further training.

Bishop Maxon has charge of all the rural work in the Diocese and has many unexpected calls. He is also helping some young men at Sewanee in training for the ministry and hopes to add others to the list.

The Church Mission of Help has a center in Memphis where help is provided for many young women within a radius of one hundred miles, and is our strongest Christian Social Service Center. There is also a center at Knoxville, which is growing, and needs the support of every Church woman.

We have promised our Bishops to help in every way we can with the new or rural work within the three Convocations. With this in view, we are pledging help which will be directed by the Executive Board according to the wishes of the Bishops.

The Emergency Fund is for any emergency that arises, where designated funds cannot be used.

The Extension and Expense Fund takes care of the necessary expenses and aids in many ways the demands that we cannot now foresee. Last year we helped pay the salary of the assistant worker at White Bluffs, provided vestments for two of Bishop Maxon's young men in training, sent a gift of ten dollars to Bishop Tuttle Training School, and answered many unexpected calls.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF EAST TENNESSEE

It is with great pleasure that I, as Vice-President of East Tennessee, report for the nineteen branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in East Tennessee.

Although in some places there are only a few devoted Church women, yet the Auxiliary work is being carried on through prayers, gifts and service.

I want to pay tribute to the work of our Archdeacon, Rev. H. J. Geiger. He has been untiring in his effort for East Tennessee, covering the distances and encouraging the work in smaller places.

We welcome into our Convocation The Rev. Reginald Mallett, Rector of Christ Church, Chattanooga, and the Rev. Lewis C. Melcher, St. John's Knoxville.

At the Fall Convocation in St. John's, Knoxville, there was no meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, but the women were asked to be present when the budget was presented and also for the instruction of the "Teaching Mission on the Great Commission," conducted so ably by Dr. E. P. Dandridge, Christ Church, Nashville. Fourteen branches were represented at this time.

The spring and fall allotments were filled promptly.

With Mrs. James M. Maxon, a very delightful trip was taken in the fall through East Tennessee, when seven branches of the Auxiliary were visited.

Through the seventeen questionnaires received from the branches, a marked increase in the interest of the Church's work has been noted, but the most gratifying thing is the growth of the spiritual life of the women. My earnest prayer is that this may continue.

May I close with this little verse:

"Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do,
And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it so well as you."

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. W. J.) ETTA T. DODGE,
Vice-President, East Tennessee.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

To you, my friends and co-workers, I greet you with a feeling of comradeship for all, and with best wishes for a successful year to come.

The twenty-seven branches of the Woman's Auxiliary of Middle Tennessee have, this past year, filled both spring and fall allotments promptly and willingly, and have demonstrated in various ways interest in the work in the Five Fields of Service.

It is gratifying to know that more women than ever before are having the pleasure and taking advantage of the privilege of using the Blue Box.

The Spring Convocation was held at the Church of the Advent, in Nashville May 28th. There was a splendid attendance, with representation from fifteen branches. Some of the different phases of the Auxiliary work were most instructively given. Miss Ann Estes, Secretary from the Department of Religious Education, gave interesting plans for her work in the Diocese.

Miss Marjorie Byers, Secretary for the Little Helpers, told of the vital importance of training the child from the Cradle Roll on up. Mrs. Jenkins asked for the co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary for Camp Gailor-Maxon, showed the increased interest, and outlined the program of the Camp. Miss Grabau, of the Church Mission of Help, as usual, held all spellbound with her earnest message of the work for delinquent girls. Dr. Dandridge and Mr. Sharp brought the foreword of the Teaching Mission on the Great Commission. Mrs. Burch was our honored guest.

The response from those chosen to help the clergy during the Teaching Mission was most satisfactory. Gathered together at Christ Church, Nashville, for the Fall Convocation, earnest women missed not one word of the wonderful message presented by Dr. Hart. Keenly sensitive of their duty, they followed the plan as outlined, and I feel sure that much good came from their efforts.

Let's carry on with a will to do the best we can this coming year. Let no request, whether great or small, be neglected.

Let us study so that we may teach others; pray, that blessings may come to all; and give, providing means whereby Christ's work may reach the whole world.

Respectfully,

(MRS. G. W.) GRACE S. COULTER.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF WEST TENNESSEE

As we look back over the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Convocation of West Tennessee for the past year certain facts stand out clearly:

First, that the Social Service program has been the center around which has been planned the activities of the women of this Convocation.

In the larger parishes the hungry have been fed and clothed. One parish alone has served 2,400 meals, at an average cost of \$4.00 a week.

Clothing has been provided; children have been ministered to through kindergartens, clinics, Mothers' Clubs, and by free lunches given them at their schools.

There has been greater co-operation with the work of the Church Mission of Help through memberships, making layettes, and motor corps and office work.

One of our smaller Mission Churches transformed their Church into a parish house and became the center of service for the local Red Cross. Garments valued at \$175.00 were made and distributed to the needy of the community.

In spite of the emphasis on this phase of the work the call for the Supply Department has met with splendid response. The missionaries on the frontier and the boys and girls of our Mission Schools have had their wants supplied. The box work is now shared by all the organized branches, and this, with the United Thank Offering, affords the opportunity for a wider vision of the Church's task. Through it all has been growing a realization of the unity of all Church work.

With this has been developing a feeling of unity among smaller Mission Churches, fostered by united services held in many. During Lent a study class was held by one of our smaller branches, in which the members of several branches joined.

The Spring Convocation, held at Dyersburg, was well attended. The need of Church Schools in West Tennessee was discussed and plans made to start them wherever possible. The fall meeting, with splendid attendance, was devoted entirely to the consideration of the budget. Following the plan of the other Convocations, the women had no separate program. This meeting, held at Calvary, was the culmination of three days' intensive preparation for the Teaching Mis-

sion. At this time representatives of ten branches were present to receive training so as to go out in the smaller places and prepare them for the coming of the Mission. This was done through Prayer Groups and enlisting the co-operation of the members of the Mission in helping making their Mission a success. We trust there was brought about a closer fellowship between the larger parishes and the Mission Churches and an awakened interest in both.

St. Katherine's School, in spite of a small enrollment, is able to keep open. This is made possible by the number of scholarships given and the steady growth of the Patron's Fund. From this fund other scholarships are being created. St. Katherine's is training the future leaders of our Church, and, as such, is worthy of our support.

Through the untiring efforts of Archdeacon Weller the Chapel of Ravenscroft has been restored and greatly improved and beautified by gifts of interested friends. This little Chapel has kept the Church alive in this community for more than one hundred years. It is the only open rural mission in Tennessee. Today the greatest need there is a building to be used as a community center. Recently there was organized there a Girls' Friendly Society, the only one in West Tennessee. Ravenscroft also has a flourishing Church School.

We mark progress by each new organized branch taking over the whole program of Prayer, Study, Gifts. Since the last Annual meeting three branches have been reorganized, making a total of twenty white and three colored.

From the questionnaires come some of the problems of our Auxiliary groups: Lack of leaders; need for spiritual growth; need of educational work and of a greater interest in the work of the Church.

From these problems comes the resolve to carry out more fully the Auxiliary plan of organization; to deepen the spiritual life; to stress the educational and train leaders, and to endeavor to enroll every woman in the organization.

With these objectives in mind, we face the coming year with courage, feeling that such a spirit of earnestness and high resolve will bear fruit in renewed efforts for the advancement of the Kingdom.

Standing in the light of the recent Triennial Meeting, which I was privileged to attend as your representative, we

can look forward and prepare to make new beginnings, asking God's help that we may forge our way straight forward, ourselves poured forth in service to Him and His great Cause.

Faithfully submitted,

RACHEL B. WITSELL, *Vice-President.*

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

Again it is my privilege to bring to you the report of the educational work of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Tennessee. The work this year has been a great pleasure. May I say a greater pleasure than ever before? There are many evidences that the women of the Diocese are showing increasing interest in the Church, particularly in desiring to know more about the Church, the work the Church is doing throughout the world, and even the details of the far-flung missionary enterprise.

The 1930 Program had two divisions: India Looks to Her Future, and The Long Life of the Church. Both have been studied, though, perhaps, I think the study of our Church's life met with the greater response. Many wrote me, "It is just what we need." And, "I am glad to know about the Church, for not having been born an Episcopalian, I have not the background of the Church, and this study has helped me wonderfully."

At the suggestion of Mrs. J. R. Wheeler, two years ago, I added to our educational program a Bible Meditation for each lesson. I tried to arrange as far as possible that the Bible Meditation should fit into the subject for each month. And I asked that each member should use the subject as a meditation for the month. There has been a wonderful response, so wonderful, in fact, that many are asking for more complete suggestions along this line of spiritual development. To help fill this need, Mrs. Burch is having printed a series of Meditations, to be used, month by month, with our Auxiliary Program. For this further evidence of the development of the spiritual life of our women, let us give thanks.

Last October, Mrs. Wm. Dodge, Vice-President for East Tennessee, and I, made a tour through East Tennessee, stopping to visit nearly all the parishes and missions, and also calling on some of our isolated communicants. It was a

wonderful trip, and a source of inspiration to us both. I gave talks in each place visited, along devotional lines, and also a resume of the meeting of the General Convention in Denver. In addition to this trip through East Tennessee, I visited the Branch of Christ Church, Nashville.

Other work done during the year:

During January and February, 1931, sent out 110 Programs, 110 letters, and 110 Outlines on India.

December, 1931, sent out 110 Programs and 110 letters.

During the month of January, 1932, thus far, have sent out 40 study books. Above does not include the many and various other letters written during the year past.

In September, 1931, it was a very great privilege to be one of your delegates to the General Convention in Denver, Colorado. I attended all meetings of the Discussion Groups, to which I was assigned; took one study class on "Building a Christian Nation," the subject we are to study this year, and got in as many other meetings as strength would allow. The Convention was truly wonderful, and I wish I might be able to go to every parish and tell our women about it. For this privilege you gave me of attending as your representative, I thank you.

As we close the fruitful and helpful year of 1931, I do feel that perhaps for the first time in our Diocesan educational life, we are realizing the truth of our Lord's saying, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled."

Let us pray that each one of us may, during the year 1932, have this blessing in larger measure.

Respectfully submitted,

BLANCHE M. MAXON,
Educational Secretary.

REPORT OF SUPPLY SECRETARY

It gives me great pleasure to report that in these hard times all allotments for 1931 were filled completely and promptly.

We receive once a year our spring and fall allotments from our National Supply Secretary in New York. These are then divided and sent to our three Vice-Presidents, and by them

divided again and sent to each branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese.

The fall allotment consists of personal boxes for our missionaries and their families and a Christmas present to be sent to one of our women missionaries in the field. Both boxes are to be sent before Christmas.

This year our boxes were sent to—

Banroft, Nebraska—Personal box from East Tennessee.

Ponce, Porto Rico—Woman missionary, East Tennessee.

Central City, Nebraska—Personal boxes from West Tennessee.

Manilla, Philippine Islands—St. Stephen's Mission, woman missionary, West Tennessee.

Carlinsville, Illinois, and Linville, North Carolina—Personal boxes from Middle Tennessee.

Springfield, South Dakota—St. Mary's School, woman missionary from Middle Tennessee.

The Spring Allotment is always for some one of our Mission Schools. All work in Tennessee in 1931 was sent to Valle Crucis Mission, Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

	New York Allotment	Bureau Supplies	Total
West Tennessee	\$ 616.16	\$44.00	\$ 660.16
Middle Tennessee	225.48	32.55	258.03
East Tennessee	220.70	7.50	228.20
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Cash in Savings Bank	\$1,062.34	\$84.05	\$1,146.39
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			\$ 17.00
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			\$1,163.39

The department of greatest interest to our women of the Woman's Auxiliary is the Bureau of Supplies, or our Supply Closet. The purpose of this department is to offer all Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary a suggested practical outline for the sewing or Supply Work. The usefulness of this Supply Closet depends entirely on the voluntary donations of the various chapters of the Woman's Auxiliary in our three divisions of Tennessee.

Every three months your Supply Secretary sends to the National Supply Secretary a report of all articles received in the store room during the preceding quarter.

The National Secretary at once sends addresses and lists of the articles to be sent to each Mission or person. This

year of 1931 we sent to Missions, schools, persons, University Church houses in the following places: Newport News, Va., Charlotte, N. C., Hawkinsville, Ga., Rutherfordton, N. C., Lexington, Ky., Charleston, S. C., Madison Wisconsin, Montrose, Colorado, Destin, Fla., Dante, Va., Nixon, Nevada, Newton, Kansas.

As your Diocesan Secretary, I particularly wish to thank the women all over the Diocese, who have taken time out of their busy lives to sew for the Supply Closet. I can send you lists of articles needed in the Supply Closet on request. We need even more this year, as the National Secretary still has ten personal boxes and eight boxes for Missions, not filled.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE POLK HILLMAN,
Diocesan Supply Secretary.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY FOR RURAL WORK, 1931

Some one has said that "Together" is the key word of the century; that cultivating the "together" spirit helps all through life. So, when our national leaders began the Rural Work Program for the Church, they knew it could not fail if all departments and organizations worked together in facing and working out the many problems.

The success of this work in Tennessee has been due to the splendid co-operation of our Bishops, Archdeacons, Clergy, Diocesan and Parish officers. After a three years' climb up a very difficult mountain, we can pause and look back over the road below with a feeling of deep thankfulness and gratitude to all who have shared in the work. Had it not been for their prayers and the utter dependence on our Heavenly Father for guidance, we could not have reached the point attained.

The four objectives set in the beginning remain a goal we are striving to reach, and notable progress has been made. Diocesan and Parish officers have done much to help increase subscriptions for The Spirit of Missions to 521; The Church Periodical Club, through remailing, has reached many more, but there is need for greater effort if we would have every family enrolled.

There is increasing interest in the observance of Rogation Sunday Rural Program (fifth Sunday after Easter). In city and smaller parishes and missions we would urge you to

think about it, talk about it, and plan for it with your rector. Invite a rural congregation to your parish on that day or, better yet, take your rector, choir, and congregation to a Rural Mission. The Prayer Book and Hymnal provide for this service, and the young people in many places use one of the several pageants available.

The Rural Messenger (\$1.00 per year) contains practical information of great value, presented in an interesting way by those who are doing work successfully, to bring city and country closer in special ways. The last issue (February) tells how the Diocese of Easton is taking the Church to the rural school centers. At least one copy of this paper should be in every parish and Mission for the use of rector and officers of organizations, to read and file for reference.

Our Scattered Church Family—the isolated—now number 230. This includes those we classify as Parish Isolated (or Shut-Ins), those in various institutions, as well as those living too far distant to permit any regular attendance at services or organization meetings. On our list are 16 blind, 9 deaf, 11 in institutions, and 15 temporarily out of the Diocese. Six have entered into eternal rest.

The Christmas Sermonette, with other inclosures, and the Daily Bible Readings, probably reach at least 250 persons. Response to letters is growing much better and inquiries are being made regarding the Home Study Courses. One adult has completed two courses, and ten children are on the roll for The Correspondence Church School. Three Church School teachers have consented to help in this work and, in co-operation with the Religious Education Department, we hope to get our Home Study Department properly going this year. With Mrs. Weller as The Girls' Friendly Rural Secretary, we hope to reach our isolated girls, and perhaps get some of them to Camp Gailor-Maxon.

The Extension Lending Library is being used by a few persons; four women, living in as many places, form a Prayer Group and, as one expresses it, are "So glad to be used in some way." These same women are giving service in their communities: One as a welfare worker assisting a state agency; one as teacher in the summer Daily Vacation Bible School; one assists in looking after a Rural School Library; one ministers to the county poor farm people; one, a blind person, transcribes Braille; one does clever hand work with paint brush and scissors and will give service in the Church

School work. All act as centers for distribution of reading matter and Church papers sent by the Church Periodical Club. Please remember that all isolated are not scattered over the Diocese. Many are in our parishes, but shut out from attendance at services or fellowship meetings, for various reasons. We are in correspondence with Church leaders who are working out plans for the deaf, of which we have 4,000 in the Province of Sewanee. Things are being done for them that will give them a new vision, new hope, new life. Please find and report your parish isolated to us.

I attended the Triennial meeting in Denver, and was present at all the special meetings of the Rural Department, where I met leaders from many Dioceses. It was most encouraging to see the great progress made in the past three years. The surveys through various questionnaires brought replies from 75 per cent of Dioceses and Missionary Districts, and proved that when social service and rural work are combined and worked out under the new plans, it opens up countless opportunities for the Church. Splendid results are obtained and areas of work extended. Bishop Creighton's report revealed startling facts: 10,000 villages with no church of any kind, 30,000 with no resident pastor, 13,000,000 children under 12 years of age with no religious instruction.

With Mesdames Barnes, Witsell and Richardson, I attended the Church Army dinner, also Rural Fellowship dinner, where we gained more information and were impressed with the importance of sending clergy, laymen and women workers to Summer Schools and Regional Conferences for Rural Work.

As the only representative for Tennessee, I attended the special tea given by Deaconess Newell and field workers of the Eighth Province. Among the Diocesan Rural Secretaries, I met Mrs. Howard Giere, formerly of Lebanon, Tennessee, now doing splendid work in Kansas.

In November I was asked to speak on Rural Work at the Diocesan Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Anniston, Alabama, and learned of the fine things being done in our sister Diocese.

The Religious Education Department has been making a special study of Church School material for Rural Parishes and Missions. I was able to secure a generous quantity of literature which was given out at our Annual meeting in

Memphis. Posters, maps, pictures and other material used by various Diocesan workers was exhibited, as well as work from our own Diocese. The Rev. Rankin Barnes, of The National Office, was much pleased to see this effort made by Tennessee to give publicity to the rural work. We are grateful to all those who sent pictures, etc., for this exhibit.

To those who study "Building a Christian Nation," may I commend the "Report of the Joint Commission on Rural Work," also Miss Eastwood's new book, "The Church's Ministry to the Isolated," also the lecture with slides that Miss Eastwood prepared to use with the study book. As a result of this study, may you see the need for more visits to adjacent groups, more neighborhood meetings of the smaller parishes, such as Archdeacon Weller just had for the Epiphany Service at Mason. Exchange visits with city and country groups, adopt a mission, give volunteer service as Church school leaders to missions. And will you continue your prayers for the work and workers in our Diocese?

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. W.M.) MARY E. MARSH.

REPORT OF UNITED THANK OFFERING CUSTODIAN

The United Thank Offering presentation marked, as it always does, a high point of the whole Convention, and so early on the morning of Thursday, September 17th, at 7:30 o'clock, over 2,000 women, representative of Church women all over the United States and many distant lands, gathered in the Municipal Auditorium, in Denver, to offer thanks to their Heavenly Father for all the blessings of a Christian life. This offering, comprising the thankful gifts of all women of the Church, whether factory girl or wealthy matron, hard-working mother or isolated ranch woman, literally united all women in one great family, women from the remotest outposts in the Philippine Islands, women on the sugar centrales in Cuba, and the Dominican Republic, women in Haitian villages, women of a dozen races in Hawaii, women from Japanese fishing villages and from the centers of Japanese culture, women from Inland China, who live in deadly peril of their lives, Liberia school girls in West Africa, Eskimo women in the far north, Mexican women in remote mountain homes.

All these women, to whom our Church first brought glad tidings of the Gospel, have been gathered through the United Thank Offering into fellowship with God and with other Church women.

The huge Auditorium had been transformed into a great cathedral; there stood the temporary altar, with its cross and candles and vases, all generously loaned by St. Mark's Church, Denver. At this altar the presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. James DeWolf Perry, assisted by sixteen Bishops, celebrated the Triennial Corporate Communion of the Woman's Auxiliary. The gospel was read by the Bishop of Alaska, the Rt. Rev. Peter Trimble Rowe, who has a particularly close association with the United Thank Offering, for in 1889 one-half of the first United Thank Offering was designated for Christ Church, Anvik, Alaska, while six years later a part of the United Thank Offering was set aside for the support of his Secretary.

The presentation of the United Thank Offering was an impressive moment. Sixty girls, all in white, took up the offering, which was placed in the Golden Alms Basin and presented at the altar by the Presiding Bishop. It was my privilege and a joy to present the offering from TENNESSEE of \$11,963.75, of which I am justly proud.

As is customary, on this occasion the Presiding Bishop read in loving remembrance the names of the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, and of the Missionaries supported by the United Thank Offering who had died during the past triennium. Among the names were those of Mrs. John Shortridge, our first Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Otey Walker, our Treasurer for many years.

At nine o'clock after more than 1,500 women had made their communion, the service came to a close.

Then in the evening the Municipal Auditorium was again crowded for the United Thank Offering mass meeting, when women missionaries present at the General Convention were introduced and the amount of the United Thank Offering for 1931 was announced. Some seventy women, representative of the 1,301 women workers at home and abroad, sat on the platform and were present by the Executive Secretary responsible for the type of work each woman represented. Bishop Creighton introduced workers in the United States. Miss Grace Lindley introduced five General Field Missionaries. Workers among college students were introduced by

the Rev. John W. Suter, Jr., and we have two girls from Tennessee among this group, Ruth Loaring-Clark and Hope Baskette. Dr. John W. Wood presented a picturesque group of women from overseas.

Then came the tense moment when the amount of the United Thank Offering was to be announced, and in spite of the economic crisis which has engulfed not only the United States but the whole world for the past two years, the United Thank Offering of the women of the Church for the current Triennium reached the amazing sum of \$1,059,575.27. There are perhaps two thoughts in our hearts as far as the money part of our 1931 United Thank Offering is concerned. We wish it might have been larger, but we are very thankful that it is as large as it is. But, must we think of it in terms of money? Doesn't it mean something more? Does it not suggest, first, last and always, women, trained for service, who are to be found in every land where the Church is represented?

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE H. EDGINGTON.

UNITED THANK OFFERING FOR 1931

	Spring 1931	Fall 1931	Total
Alcoa	\$ 13.45	\$ 12.00	\$ 25.45
Alto .....	.....	.....	2.80
Athens, St. Paul	2.80	.....	2.80
Bolivar, St. James'	11.54	.....	11.54
Bolivar, St. Phillip's .....	.....	.....	.....
Brownsville, Christ Church	9.00	6.30	15.30
Camden	2.50	.....	2.50
Chattanooga			
Grace Memorial	4.33	4.00	8.33
Christ Church	16.05	.....	16.05
Thankful Memorial	18.35	11.16	29.51
St. Paul's	221.80	189.12	410.92
Charlotte .....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville, Trinity	38.13	37.25	75.38
Cleveland, St. Luke's	10.42	7.00	17.42
Collierville, St. Andrew's .....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia, St. Peter's	135.48	126.07	261.55
Copper Hill, St. Mark's .....	.....	.....	.....
Covington, St. Matthew's .....	.....	.....	.....
Dyersburg, St. Mary's	10.00	8.00	18.00
Elizabethton	11.00	.....	11.00
Franklin, St. Paul's	13.71	20.70	34.41
Fayetteville, St. Mary Magdelen	12.35	12.05	24.40
Greeneville, St. James .....	.....	.....	.....
Harriman, St. Andrew's	10.63	15.26	25.89

Jackson				
St. Luke's	25.93	13.00	38.93	
St. Thomas' Mission				
Johnson City, St. John's	50.80		50.80	
Kingsport, St. Paul's	23.01	25.15	48.16	
Knoxville				
St. John's	176.80	110.00	286.80	
St. James'	45.16	31.58	76.74	
La Grange				
Mason				
Trinity	12.00	13.00	25.00	
Hoffman St. Mary's	3.29	2.25	5.54	
St. Paul's Mission		1.25	1.25	
Memphis				
Calvary	105.43	74.45	179.88	
Emmanuel	8.04	10.00	18.04	
Good Shepherd	23.41		23.41	
Grace	88.06	81.29	169.35	
Holy Trinity	19.16	23.74	42.90	
St. Alban's	3.00	2.00	5.00	
St. John's	42.93	82.25	125.18	
St. Luke's	87.05	40.00	127.05	
St. Mary's Cathedral	99.72	96.16	195.88	
Monteagle				
Church of the Holy Comforter	7.96		7.96	
Monterey, St. Raphael's House				
Mount Pleasant, Holy Cross	12.00		12.00	
Murfreesboro				
Nashville				
Church of the Advent	50.00	75.00	125.00	
Christ Church	170.00	171.00	341.00	
Holy Trinity (colored)		10.00	10.00	
St. Ann's	28.10	26.45	54.55	
St. Andrew's	17.35	4.50	21.85	
St. Peter's	28.50		28.50	
Old Hickory	18.00		18.00	
Paris, Grace Church	2.00		2.00	
Pulaski				
Ravenscroft	1.40		1.40	
Ripley	4.25		4.25	
Rugby	3.22	4.01	7.23	
Sewanee				
Sewanee Branch	72.27	168.85	241.12	
Lily Green	11.75		11.75	
Sherwood, Epiphany Mission		5.00	5.00	
Somerville				
South Pittsburg, Christ Church	36.83	38.00	74.83	
Spring Hill, Grace Church		5.18	5.18	
Tate				
Trenton, Holy Innocents'		6.00	6.00	
Tullahoma, St. Barnabas'		12.25	12.25	
Tracy City, Christ Church		18.41	18.41	
Union City, St. James'				
White Bluffs	4.35	5.16	9.51	
Winchester, Holy Trinity				
Woodstock, St. Ann's		6.00	6.00	

Total spring offering, 1931	\$ 1,823.31
Convention offering, Nashville	32.08
Interparochial offering, Memphis	30.79
Convocational offering, Athens	22.00
Interest	9.87
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	\$ 1,918.05
Total fall offering 1931	\$ 1,610.84
Interest	262.25
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Total for year 1931	\$ 3,791.14
Total for year 1929-1930	8,172.61
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Grand total for 3 years	\$11,963.75

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE EDGINGTON,
United Thank Offering Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COLORED BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The unusual economic conditions prevailing find the people of our community with well-filled barns and smokehouses but with empty pockets. This condition is a great improvement over last year, for which we are all deeply grateful. I think I can safely say that the people of the rural districts have been brought, by these adverse conditions, to see the over-ruling providence of the Heavenly Father and to rely more surely on His blessed promises.

The women of St. Paul's Church have been brave and cheerful in the face of adverse conditions, and out of their scanty means have made small contributions to the United Thank Offering and to pledges. The spring allotment of box work was filled. A meeting of the Colored Convocation was held last May at Hoffman-St. Mary's, a meeting of the Auxiliary being held at the same time. The women of St. Paul's Church prepared and served dinner for the delegates and visitors to the number of about seventy-five.

We were indeed glad to have with us Mrs. Witsell and Mrs. Skipwith. Mrs. Witsell made a very inspiring address. We were also very pleased to have present two delegates from Holy Trinity, Nashville. One delegate at this meeting deserves special mention. She was a member of St. Stephen's Mission at Burlison. This Mission has been discontinued for several years; however, this woman has continued to conduct a Church School. On the last Sunday in

July she brought to St. Paul's (a distance of more than twenty miles) seven candidates to be presented for confirmation.

As to the work in the Diocese, the branches at Holy Trinity, Nashville, Emmanuel, Memphis, and at Hoffman-St. Mary's are active. I have kept in touch with these branches, and while I have had no direct reports from them, I am sure they have all done their best.

I acknowledge, with deepest gratitude, the encouragement and co-operation of Mrs. Burch, Mrs. Witsell, Mrs. Maxon, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Skipwith and others. The literature sent has been studied with care and the magazines from the Church Periodical Club of Grace Church have been placed in the hands of deserving and appreciative persons.

The stressing of the importance of prayer and of learning how to pray finds a ready response among my people, who have long since learned the lesson of the importance of prayer. It shall be my purpose during the present year to bring this idea home to those with whom I am privileged to work. May God bless and keep us in all our ways.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. R. COLES.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM

"Discipleship and Prayer must go hand in hand."—CANON HOW.

"I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men."—I. TIM. 2:1.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God."—S. JAMES 1:5.

"I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding heart."—I. COR. 14:15.

"Remember that God waits to hear and answer humble, believing prayer. Remember, also, that He calls us to forward the accomplishment of His purposes by our prayers."

—THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

FOREWORD

At the request of many members of the Woman's Auxiliary throughout the Diocese, we have prepared this simple devo-

tional program. There seems to have been an increasing desire among our Church women, during the past few years, for a program which could be used in their small, intimate group meetings—something, as one member expressed it, “that will help me to develop my own individual life, spiritually, that will teach me *how* to pray and to meditate.” We offer this program as a simple beginning towards this end. The Meditations are taken from Canon How’s book, “Personal Discipleship and the Way of Prayer,” and we have tried to co-ordinate the Bible verses and readings, the hymns, and the prayers with the themes of the Meditations.

As a further help in the development of our prayer life, we suggest the use of J. J. Kensington’s “Talking With God.” Not only will this little book “deepen your desire to pray, but it will do much more: it will meet the question which great numbers of men and women are asking, *how* shall I pray?”

Perhaps the most significant resolution passed at the Triennial Meeting in Denver was the one on Meditation and Prayer. Be It Resolved: That every member of the Woman’s Auxiliary be urged to a renewed discipline in the difficult art of prayer that she may become a fit channel for the grace of God in the fulfillment of His redemptive purpose for the world.

May we hope, then, that during this coming year, the use of this devotional program will deepen in each one of us the desire to commune with our Lord through *prayer*, and will lead us to “grow in the consciousness of Christ’s presence with us”?

MRS. CHAS. N. BURCH,
MRS. WILLIAM MARSH,
MRS. B. F. WITSELL,
Committee.

JANUARY

SUBJECT OF MEDITATIONS “Personal Discipleship.”

Bible Verse: “He first findeth his own Brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, Christ. He brought him unto Jesus.”
—S. JOHN 1:41, 42.

To be memorized and repeated in unison by all present.
Hymn 268 (said or sung together).

The Apostle's Creed.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (page 13).

The Lord's Prayer.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Bible Reading: S. Matthew 4:18-25.

Meditation: Chap. I (Part 1), "Personal Discipleship and the Way of Prayer."

All standing, the leader will use this closing prayer:

O, Eternal Lord God, who art the Light of the minds that know thee, the Life of the souls that love thee, and the Strength of the hearts that serve thee, grant us so to know thee that we may really love thee, so to love thee that we may faithfully serve thee, so to serve thee that we may find in Thy service perfect freedom and perfect joy. *Amen.*

(Gelasian Sacramentary)

494 A.D.

NOTE: Following this are similar programs for the months of February to September, inclusive. On pages 13-16 of the program will be found suggested opening prayers.

Copies of this program may be obtained from Mrs. Chas. N. Burch, 385 Goodwyn Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TENNESSEE BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 1931

ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II—Object

The object of this organization shall be to carry out the three great aims of the Church, viz.: Missions and Church Extension, Religious Education, and Christian Social Service.

ARTICLE III—Membership

This organization shall be composed of those women and girls who, by virtue of their baptism, are eligible to membership in the Woman's Auxiliary. All those who by their prayer, work, and offerings aid in the Mission of the Church through the National Council, may become by enrollment, Associate Members.

ARTICLE IV—Officers

The officers of this organization shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents (one for each Convocation), a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Educational Secretary, a Supply Secretary, a Custodian of the United Thank Offering, and a Secretary for Rural Work.

ARTICLE V—Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Auxiliary by the affirmative vote of a majority of those present, provided due notice has been given, in writing, to all Branches at least one month before the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—Elections

There shall be an annual election of officers. All officers may be elected for a term of three years each. No officer shall serve longer than three years consecutively in any one office except the President, the Treasurer, the Educational Secretary, the Supply Secretary, and the Secretary for Rural Work. These officers shall be eligible to re-election for a second term of three years. The Executive Board shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in these offices within the term of service.

ARTICLE II—Duties of Officers

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and have general supervision of the work throughout the Diocese. She shall be *ex-officio* a member of all committees.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents shall have general supervision of the work in their respective Convocations. They shall stimulate the activities of all Mission and Parochial Branches, form new branches, distribute allotments for the Box Work (which they shall receive from the Diocesan Supply Secretary), preside at all Convocational meetings, and make reports at the annual meeting. When requested by the President, they may act for her.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep full minutes of all meetings, conduct all necessary correspondence, and prepare, with the President, the Annual Report for publication. She shall perform such other duties as may be assigned her by the Executive Board.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds except the United Thank Offering. She shall present quarterly statements of receipts and disbursements to the Executive Board, and at the Annual meeting shall make a general report covering the receipts and expenditures of the year. She shall be a member of the Finance Committee.

SEC. 5. The United Thank Offering Cutodian shall furnish "Blue Boxes" to all baptized girls and women in the various Missions, Parishes, and Rural Communities in the Diocese. She shall provide leaflets and literature pertaining to same and shall bring to their attention, in other ways, the purpose of the United Thank Offering. She shall keep a list of all gifts and take semi-annual offerings. Twice a year she shall report to the Executive Board the progress of the offering and each third year make it ready, with its accumulated interest, for presentation at the Triennial Service of the Woman's Auxiliary.

SEC. 6. The Educational Secretary shall prepare and arrange all educational programs and shall distribute same to the Educational Secretaries in the various Missions and Parishes. She shall prepare herself for the training of leaders of study classes, and shall co-operate with the leaders in every Parish and Mission by seeking out and training, either personally or by correspondence, such leaders for their work.

She shall co-operate with the department of the National Council and the Educational Secretaries of the Woman's Auxiliary in all their plans for education, and each year, shall follow, as far as possible, the study courses presented by them.

SEC. 7. The Supply Secretary shall have charge of all Box Work and gifts for the Supply Closet, receive allotments from the Woman's Auxiliary Supply Secretary at the Church Mission House, and shall re-allot same. She shall make a report at the Annual meeting and shall send a report to National headquarters.

SEC. 8. The Secretary for Rural Work shall devise means for finding and keeping in touch with the isolated church women of the Diocese, she shall plan work and programs for the rural districts, according to recommendations from the Diocesan Council and from the National Council, and shall make a report at the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE III—Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers and the retiring President. It shall be entrusted with the general supervision of the work of the Auxiliary and shall, in consultation with the Bishops in the Diocese, exercise such powers as are necessary to forward its work. It shall bring before the Diocesan Auxiliary all plans of the programs and work of the National Council for its action thereon. It shall meet during the interim of annual meetings and shall be fully authorized to act for the Diocesan Branch.

ARTICLE IV—Meetings and Representation

There shall be an annual meeting of the Diocesan Auxiliary, which meeting shall convene at the same time and place of the Diocesan Convention. Each Mission and Parochial Branch shall have the right to representation by its President (or such a one as she shall designate) and one delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE V—Committees

SECTION 1. Committee on Devotions, Gift of Life, and Prayer Partners: This committee shall consist of three members, appointed by the President.

SEC. 2. Finance Committee: This committee shall consist of the Treasurer and two members appointed by the Executive Board. Its duties shall be to investigate such proposed disbursements as have not already been passed upon by the Executive Board and to authorize same.

SEC. 3. The Executive Board may create such other committees as it may deem necessary to further the work of the Auxiliary.

ARTICLE VI—Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Diocesan Auxiliary by the affirmative vote of a majority of those present, provided due notice has been given, in writing, to all Branches at least one month before the Annual meeting.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATING ORGANIZATIONS

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

DIOCESAN OFFICERS, 1932

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The Twenty-first Diocesan Assembly of the Daughters of the King was held in Calvary Church, Memphis, January 22, 1932.

The Assembly opened with a service of the Holy Communion. The Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor was the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Harry Keller of Johnson City. At this service the names of our members who had been called to God's higher service during the past year were read and a memorial prayer offered for them. Bishop Gailor gave a short inspirational talk.

After the service the women repaired to the Parish house and the meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. M. Goodman, the President, who introduced the Rev. Harry Keller of Johnson City. Mr. Keller opened the meeting with prayer

and gave a most inspiring and helpful meditation on the text, "Finally be Strong." He spoke of three kinds of strength—Physical, Mental and Spiritual—and the fact that in these days the physical strength is emphasized, but that we must remember that the spiritual is the highest form of strength, and the three methods of obtaining it were obedience, prayer and consecration. A high spiritual note was struck by his address, which was maintained throughout the day.

A most cordial welcome was given by Mrs. W. A. Bickford, Memphis, President of the Calvary Chapter, and Mrs. Frank McDonald of Sewanee made a gracious response.

The reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Lynn, followed, and both were accepted as read.

Committees on the Credentials, Recommendations and Courtesy were appointed, and then the report of the Social Service Chairman, Mrs. C. B. Rogers, was given. This, she stated, was far from correct and was due to diffidence on the part of individuals in giving reports. She made a plea for better co-operation during the coming year.

Chapter reports followed, fifteen out of the nineteen chapters giving a report. A discussion of giving signed individual reports followed, and various methods of getting reports were given. It was moved and seconded that slips be used to give reports on but that it be a matter of personal option as to whether the name should be affixed. The motion carried.

A report of the Credential Committee showed twenty-seven accredited delegates. A motion by Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark was seconded that Mrs. C. B. Rogers be re-elected Social Service Chairman, her term having expired, was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot.

A discussion of the advisability of having Convocation Chairman resulted in no action being taken.

At the hour of twelve, noon-day prayers were said, after which Mrs. Goodman gave a report of the Triennial meeting of the Daughters, held in Denver, and Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark spoke of the spiritual side of the meeting. The meeting adjourned for luncheon, served by the hostess chapter.

The Rev. Chas. Stuart Hale, of St. Luke's, Memphis, opened the afternoon session with prayer and spoke of the importance of being witnesses for Christ, and stressed the point of personal consecration.

The report of the Rural Chairman, Mrs. Marsh, followed, and a round-table discussion on the work of the Order proved most inspiring. Mrs. Chas. Seymour, Knoxville, led the discussion on The Object. Mrs. Floyd Scrivener, of Memphis, on the Bible Study, and Mrs. Paul Sloan, of Nashville, on Our Two Obligations. Several personal experiences were told that made us feel the "worth-whileness" of the work.

Mrs. W. J. Loaring-Clark presented the new study book, "Personal Discipleship and the Way of Prayer," with the beautiful helps prepared by her son, the Rev. Alfred Loaring-Clark.

Mrs. Burch, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, was presented and spoke of her great pleasure in that the Auxiliary is to use the same book, and expressed the desire that full co-operation be shown with us in its study.

Bishop Maxon closed the afternoon session with a splendid tribute to the Order, expressing the hope that every parish in the Diocese would soon have a chapter. He said that he believed that the Order had a great contribution to make in creating an atmosphere of prayer in these troublesome times, and a great responsibility in bringing others to God, that Great Physician, and leaving them with Him, for Him to do with as He saw fit.

After the report of the Recommendation Committee and the Courtesy Committee the Assembly went into the Church for the closing service, which consisted of a meditation by the Rev. Alfred Loaring-Clark and a Litany of personal consecration, followed by the hymn of the Order and the Benediction.

MRS. W. N. LYNN, *Secretary*.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

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What is the Church Periodical Club? A club without dues, a democratic club to which all men, women, and children may belong. No one is excluded from having a share in

this joy-bringing organization. The Church Periodical Club is a society through which magazines, books, cards, pictures, and even organs are sent out all over the world to those who need them. The Church Periodical Club is an opportunity for you to serve your neighbor according to his need.

First, YOU—what can you, a single person, do? Have you a magazine that you have read? Are you willing to mail this magazine to some one who, except for your kindness, must be without this joy? Then you can write a friendly letter to him to whom you send your magazine, saying that the periodical will reach him regularly. An opportunity to serve—serve whom? No limit can be placed here. The idea is to serve your neighbor. Where find your neighbor? He may be a shut-in in Maine or California. She may be a nurse in Liberia or Tokyo, or a teacher in Alaska or the Philippines. Each of these far-away places received last year tokens of love from Church Periodical Club workers.

The golden rule of service is to find out what your neighbor needs and then give him that thing. This is the Church Periodical Club rule. Those whom it would serve, tell what they want. Records are kept of requests. Your offers to supply books or magazines are filed. Thus the request and the offer are brought together. Result—joyous service. The field of Church Periodical Club work is world-wide. It extends from the parish through the world.

The Church Periodical Club is one of the co-operating agencies of the National Church. In Tennessee the Auxiliary has placed the Church Periodical Club in its budget and we gratefully acknowledge the debt we owe the Auxiliary, who in this way make our Diocesan work possible. In 1931 we had thirty-two active branches. We can report 550 periodicals sent regularly. About 45,000 odd periodicals distributed. Seven thousand Christmas and Easter cards.

Our objectives—four in number—were completed. The same objectives have been chosen for 1932. First, we are ready to send copies to anyone in the Diocese who needs a Bible, Prayer Book or Hymnal. In 1931 we gave 380. We wish to supply the "Spirit of Missions" to all within the Diocese who desire this publication and have no other way to obtain it. Last year we sent out regularly ninety-nine. At Ravenscroft Mission we replenished their library, adding about 150 books. This year St. Raphael's, Monterey, will receive first attention. The last objective is a most interest-

ing one. It is the sending of a remembrance—books or magazines—to each Prayer Partner of the Auxiliary and to each Missionary in active service who has gone out from Tennessee. These Prayer Partners and Missionaries number twelve. All were remembered last year, and we trust shall be in 1932.

Who serves his neighbor serves God. Let us serve our neighbor by giving him what he needs. It may seem a little thing, not quite as big a thing as we would like to be doing, merely to mail a magazine to some one of whom we know nothing but the name. But let us not despise the day of small things. We may have the privilege of sending the only piece of mail our recipient receives that year. The Church Periodical Club requires little money, not much, for in many instances we use—we conserve—material that would otherwise be wasted. We need some time, but above all we must have an abundance of love and sympathy and ability to put oneself in another's place. Let us give this love, this cup of cold water, in His name and serve our neighbor according to his need.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. H. HENDRIX, *Secretary.*

THE CHURCH MISSION OF HELP IN TENNESSEE, INC.

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As we come before you to report on the work of Church Mission of Help for another twelve months, may we once more thank the Woman's Auxiliary for the splendid co-operation and support you have given us in the past and express the hope that this relationship may continue for many years to come.

The year just ended has been an extremely difficult one, with steadily increasing demands for help and fewer opportunities for the girls under our care to secure employment and support themselves and their babies. As we stop each year to take stock of the work our minds naturally go back to previous years. In the few minutes that I have to talk with you today about our work I want to contrast the work of Church Mission of Help in the first year of its existence and the year 1931. We started 1925 with one office in Memphis and a staff consisting of two social workers and a half-time office secretary. We had under care twelve girls and five babies, and were working under a budget of about \$3,000.00, which was raised by the efforts of the Board of Directors. 1932 finds us with the Diocesan office in Memphis and a branch office in Knoxville, four social workers, and a full-time office secretary in each office. At the present time we have under care 176 girls and 129 babies, and are working under a total budget of \$16,085.00. In 1925 we had seven volunteers who gave service, and in 1931 we had eighty-two.

As we look back over the years we can see a remarkable progress in the girls under our care. Girls for whom the future looked black at that time are today self-respecting members of society, taking their proper places, respected by their friends, carrying their own responsibilities, and still looking to Church Mission of Help for occasional advice when new problems arise. If you could accompany one of our workers on her visits and let her tell you the problems these girls presented seven years ago and then see them today you would indeed be convinced that Church Mission of Help is worth while and is rendering a splendid community service. Let me tell you especially of one girl, Dorothy, who came to us early in 1925 with her six-months-old son. The daughter of a minister, a girl with a good education, and

early training, she was so shocked at the things she had done that she had completely lost her grip. During the early days of our contact with her she deserted her child and left behind her the blackest record one could imagine of unpaid bills for board, worthless checks and prostitution. The child was placed with her family, who adopted him, and for two years nothing was heard from her. For the past two years, at Christmas time, Dorothy has written a letter to Church Mission of Help, telling them that she has made good, has married happily and has a normal home. She said that through all the sorrows and disappointments she had suffered, the fact that the Church Mission of Help worker had told her that she believed in her and in her ability to live a decent life, had furnished the one ray of hope and had brought her back to a life of self-respect.

Last year we reported to you that Church Mission of Help had pledged itself to provide the religious service for the girls at Bethany Training Home, Memphis, the third Sunday in each month. The Church Periodical Club provided prayer books, and the girls were given a simplified form of Even-song with special music, provided by the different Parish Groups. This year we are able to report that we are beginning to see definite results from our efforts. For the first time we have shown the beauty and dignity of our service to a group of girls who have had no contact with the Episcopal Church. The meaning of the service and the teaching of the different seasons of the Church year have been explained to them, and three girls have expressed a desire to receive further instructions about the Church, and to be baptized. During the year three babies were baptized at Bethany Training Home as a definite result of the teachings the girls received.

The great task before us during the coming year is to bring home more forcefully than ever before to our Church people throughout the Diocese the fact that the work of Church Mission of Help is ultimately the responsibility of the Church. In other Dioceses where Church Mission of Help is at work the entire support of the work comes through Diocesan appropriations, memberships, and contributions. We are fortunate that here in Tennessee the Community Funds in Knoxville and Memphis recognize the fact that we are rendering a community service and are willing to include our work in the general solicitation for funds.

The Woman's Auxiliary has notified us that it will be

necessary for it to reduce the amount it will give us in 1933. There has been some misunderstanding about the \$500.00 provided by the Woman's Auxiliary and the \$500.00 from the Bishop and Council. May I remind you once more that this is purely an extension fund and not used for the local work in either Memphis or Knoxville? This fund pays the salary of the Executive Secretary for four months and traveling expenses incurred in connection with the visits of the Executive Secretary to the Branch Office in Knoxville, to the meetings of the Conventions and Convocations of the Church and similar items which are not covered by the local work in either Memphis or Knoxville. We must in some way bring home to the Woman's Auxiliary and the Bishop and Council the fact that they are not helping a struggling organization to establish its work, but they are supporting work which is a part of the National Christian Social Service Program of the Church. If we cannot look to the Diocesan Budgets of the Bishop and Council and the Woman's Auxiliary for our support we have no other course than to solicit funds from the Church people throughout the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. BRINKLEY SNOWDEN,
President of Church Mission of Help in Tennessee, Inc.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

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"Widening Horizons," the word of John Oxenham, used to express the theme of unified thought at the National Council of the Girls' Friendly Society in Boston, Mass., in 1927, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of that organization in America by Miss Elizabeth Mason Edson; for it was in 1877, at Lowell, Mass., the first Branch was organized, an offspring of the Girls' Friendly Society of England. Now the Society numbers about 1,000 Branches in America, and nearly 40,000 members, with nearly one-half million members in the world.

"Widening Horizons!" Down in the valley of the great Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina, I could see the trees, flowers, and surrounding scenery, but as I made the climb up that mountainside, my vision broadened, peak after peak of that seemingly endless mountain range came in view, until at the top I saw sixty miles of mountains in four states, with all the glories of an autumnal sunset. "Widening Horizons" had a new meaning for me.

Today millions of girls in America and all over the world are coming daily, and with intense rapidity, into widening horizons of thought, influence, privilege, opportunity, and social relations, and to keep pace and meet the needs of the growing girl is the aim of Girls' Friendly Society. To unite woman and girls in closer bonds of friendship, understanding, and Christian womanhood; to open the avenues of fine womanly ideals and Christian character, and to quietly close doors of thought and action that should be barred. For this reason our work includes girls from five years to any unmarried woman as members; girls under twelve are in the Candidate group and can be admitted as members at twelve. The Active Associates are Church women who guide, assist, and advise, but should never manage, as our Branches are self-governing and, except for the Branch President, who must be an Active Associate, the officers are elected from the membership. The Branch consists of candidates, and as many groups of girls as can be made up, according to ages and congeniality of work. These groups each have one or more Associates as an advisor or counsellor, each having their own work best suited for their ability.

The organization is very expansive and flexible, the only requirement for membership is purity of character. There is no barrier of nationality, social standing, or church affiliations. I have worked in Branches in five Dioceses which have included in their membership, grammar, junior high, and senior high school girls; girls of extremely poor and ignorant parents, girls of very wealthy and well-educated parents, cotton mill girls, society girls, business girls, teachers, girls of different nationalities, in fact, whole groups of Russians and Syrians. The remarkable thing is that these girls can be brought together at the Altar Rail to kneel and receive their little silver badge with their motto: "Bear ye one another's burdens." They can say their Girls' Friendly Society prayer together with the lovely sentence: "Help us

to bear one another's burdens and live not for ourselves only but for others as members of one family in Christ" and then really live it.

Our girls work in the church, church school, choir, study, and mission work, following the lines of service and study carried out by the Woman's Auxiliary, for the Girls' Friendly Society is a most wonderful training school for Auxiliary work, and we always advise our older girls to take up Auxiliary work. The Girls' Friendly Society is also one of the National Co-operating Agencies of the Church and has representation on the National Council.

You will be interested, I am sure, in the exhibit which was sent from the National Girls' Friendly Society office for this Convention. It is the same one which was exhibited at the Triennial meeting in Denver. The pictures tell of the far-reaching influence of Girls' Friendly Society with girls. The beautiful Washington Center stands as a monument to the principles of the organization in the Nation's Capitol and is a home for all members when there. The Holiday Houses and Lodges and Cafeterias scattered throughout the United States attest the thought for the comfort and recreational side of our girls' lives.

In this Diocese, to quote from the statistical report of our President, Mrs. Killefer, we have eight Branches and our work is entirely self-sustaining. In June of 1931 we had a deficit of \$54.48, but this has been recently reduced to \$36.48. We have branches in the following parishes: Christ Church and the Church of the Advent, Nashville; St. Luke's Community House, Nashville; St. James' Church, Knoxville; Epiphany Mission, Sherwood; Otey Memorial Chapel, Sevanee; St. Raphael's House, Monterey; and Ravenscroft Chapel, Brighton.

The Branch at Ravenscroft is the youngest one in the Diocese, and the only Branch in West Tennessee. It was a beautiful sight to see the girls fill the chancel and kneel at the Altar Rail together in that much beloved, quaint chapel that has served that rural community nearly a hundred years. Grace Church, Memphis, made this organization possible by its sustaining membership of ten dollars, and Miss Hennie Watkins, an ever faithful missionary there at Ravenscroft, is the Branch President. The very great need of that wonderful opportunity in that community is some place other than the Church (for which the people have so much rever-

ence) for their activities—a community or parish house. We ask that you unite your prayers with ours that this blessing may come to this faithful and self-sacrificing people.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. CHARLES K.) MAY C. WELLER,
Diocesan Rural Secretary.

CAMP GAILOR-MAXON

Again it becomes my pleasure to tell you something about our last Camp Gailor-Maxon. I am so glad to say that the high standard set at the beginning of our Camp has been maintained. Never did we work with a more responsive set of young people; they were hearty in their play, in their work, and in their devotions. There is no question that the spiritual loomed large in the background and dominated all we did. The Camp, as usual, was held at Ovoca, June 29-July 7. The officers and faculty were:

Director—Mrs. R. W. Nicolson.

Chaplain—Dr. Chas. T. Wright.

Treasurer—Mr. William Orgill.

Physician—Dr. J. A. Mitchell.

Nurse—Miss Sterling.

Physical Director—Mr. Arthur Crownover.

Mother of the Camp—Mrs. William Orgill.

Faculty—

Dr. Gardiner L. Tucker.

The Bible.

Dr. E. P. Dandridge.

The Prayer Book.

Miss Ann Ruth Estes.

Y. P. S. L. Course.

Mrs. William Orgill.

Life's Problems for Girls.

Rev. Moultrie Guerry.

Life of Christ, and

Life's Problems for Boys.

There were seventy-six young people and ten officers and faculty, making a total of eighty-six persons.

The Diocesan Convention, Y. P. S. L., convened during the Camp and was carried on in a most businesslike manner, Marion Francis, President, in the chair. During the fall, Anderson Brown, the new Diocesan President, volunteered to make the rounds of the Diocese and visit every league. This he did, and the contacts which he formed we believe to be of the greatest value possible for unification of the leagues in the Diocese. All praise must be given to him for his de-

votion and consecration to the work. It is well to note that he himself is a product of Camp Gailor-Maxon. I am so glad to tell you that the girls sent us by the Woman's Auxiliary were lovely in every way and each left her impress upon the life of the Camp.

May I say in closing how very much we appreciate all that the Woman's Auxiliary has done for us, and may we hope, too, for a continuance of their prayers and material aid? We can only go forward as we pray.

Very truly yours,

MRS. R. W. NICOLSON,
Director, Camp Gailor-Maxon.

THE BISHOP'S GUILD FOR COLORED WORK

OFFICERS

MRS. BOLTON SMITH	Honorary President
MRS. W. L. OATES	President
MRS. C. W. BUTLER	Secretary
MRS. R. E. MITCHELL	Treasurer

These officers were elected at a regular meeting of the Guild, which was held in Bishop Gailor's home on January 12, 1932. At this meeting a motion was made that the Guild request the Board of Trustees of Hoffman-St. Mary's School to allow it representation on the Board by its President, Mrs. Oates, so that the Guild might have official representation at the Board meetings. For many years now the Guild has concentrated its interest on this industrial school at Mason, Tennessee.

It is the desire of the officers to stir up greater interest in this work of the Guild, to make this interest Diocesan-wide, having branches in other cities than Memphis, and to assist and to help arouse interest in the Advance Work Program, the specific objective of which is Hoffman-St. Mary's. Twenty thousand dollars is the amount to be raised in this Diocese in order to avail ourselves of the funds promised by the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Institute of Negroes. This is a project very near Bishop Gailor's heart.

Let us, then, in reality make this Guild the Bishop Gailor Guild and try to bring to pass his ideals for this work, so that he can enjoy the sight of new buildings and a more ideal school at Mason, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. W. L.) MATTIE G. OATES,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1931	Cash in bank	\$431.52
	Dues received	24.00
December 4, 1931	Pledge from Woman's Auxiliary...	150.00
Total		<hr/> \$605.52

DISBURSEMENTS

March 3, 1931—Russell Heckle Seed Co.	\$ 6.85
March 13—Rev. George Stams (repairing water tank) ..	50.00
May 19—Rev. George Stams (commencement expenses) ..	30.00
June 9—William R. Moore Co.	9.98
June 25—T. K. Robinson Co. (insurance on auto)....	27.84
July 24—Rev. George Stams (3 scholarships)	150.00
October 13—The National Rose Spring and Mattress Co.	9.00
November 9—Rev. George Stams (for mattresses)	50.00
November 27—Mrs. J. R. Wheeler (contingent fund) ..	5.00
December 1—Stamps	1.00
Total	<hr/> \$339.67
Balance January 1, 1932	<hr/> \$265.85

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. E. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

