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OFFICERS.

Rt. Rev. F. M. Whittle,

Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph,

Richmond Virginia.

Miss S. Stuart, *President*,

Alexandria, Virginia.

Miss L. L. Taylor, *Secretary*,

Norfolk Virginia.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be "The Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions."

ARTICLE II.

1. *Without changing* either objects, or methods of existing Missionary Societies, to bring them in touch, by uniting them in a Diocesan Branch, that they may thus provoke one another to fresh zeal.

2. To form *parochial* branches, where none exist to stir up Missionary interest, and diffuse Missionary intelligence.

3. To report all work accomplished annually, to the

Bishop, also to the general Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE III

All women belonging to the Diocese, who desire to be members of this Society, will be so regarded.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President two Secretaries and a Treasurer, who, with a Delegate from each Branch shall form an Executive Committee to be chosen at the annually meeting and approved by the Bishop.

ARTICLE V.

The President shall call meetings, and preside over them. The Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence with the Parish Branches, with the General Secretary and prepare the annual report.

The Delegates shall represent their respective Parish Branches at the General Meetings of the Diocesan Branch shall report work already done and take back with them from such Meetings, suggestions as to new work and methods to circulate and increase in their parishes Missionary intelligence and interest.

ARTICLE VI.

All Societies who desire it, will be considered members of this Auxiliary and will send *their Report* of money collected and work done to the *Diocesan Secretary*, by May

1st, Delegates from all the Societies will be expected at the General Meetings.

ARTICLE VII.

There shall be one General Meeting of the Society in each year, at the Council.

ARTICLE VIII.

All parish officers present, shall be entitled to vote with the Delegates.

ARTICLE IX.

Every parochial branch shall make an annual pledge, to current expenses of the Diocesan Branch, the amount to be voluntary, which, with the collections at the Annual Meeting, shall form a fund out of which shall be paid all Diocesan expenses.

ARTICLE X.

This constitution may be altered, or amended, by a two-thirds vote, at a General Meeting.

REPORT OF THE
Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In presenting the Second Annual Report of the Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, the Diocesan Secretaries feel that they have cause for much encouragement in the steady growth of the work throughout the Diocese. At the last annual meeting the Auxiliary was organized in only 17 parishes, while now, we have 43 parish branches to report and we believe that the interest in Missions is steadily increasing through the influence of these parish branches, and we are encouraged to hope that our aim of organizing the Auxiliary in every parish of the Diocese will soon be accomplished.

The contributions last year amounted to \$4331.00, this year they amounted to \$5300.00, and this, although 12 branches have failed to send in any report to the Treasurer. Of this amount, the Junior Auxiliary contributed in money and boxes \$482.41, 32 boxes have been sent by the Auxiliary, principally to Clergymen in the Diocese, but we are glad to say that our aid has been extended be-

yond the bounds of our own Diocese, and that several boxes have been sent to Brazil and to our Indian Schools, one to a Clergyman in the Diocese of Georgia and one has gone as far as Point Hope, Alaska. The value of these boxes amounted to \$1890.25. Our Diocesan Missions have been much aided by our Diocesan Branch of the Auxiliary and have received contributions from it to the amount of \$1314.00, and the contributions to Domestic Missions outside of the Diocese have amounted to \$431.00.

Nor have we been behind-hand in our work for the Foreign fields, and Japan, China, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba have all been remembered by us, our contributions for Foreign Missions amounting to \$1584.00.

But the work done by the Auxiliary, must not be computed alone in dollars and cents, for its most important work has been in increasing the knowledge of and interest in the Mission work of the Church and not the least valuable of our reports was one which said, "Our principal work has been that of collecting and spreading missionary intelligence." In many Branches meetings have been held monthly for the purpose of offering united prayer for Missions and where articles upon various portions of the Mission field, have been read and discussed.

In closing our report, while, congratulating the members of our Diocesan Auxiliary, upon what has been accomplished during the past year, we bespeak their earnest

efforts, toward the accomplishment of the desire of our General Secretary, that there may be a parish branch of the Auxiliary in every parish, and that every woman of the parish may be a member of it.

Respectfully submitted,

S. STUART,

L. L. TAYLOR,

Associate Diocesan Secretaries.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Again has the privilege of meeting together as a Diocesan Branch, been granted to us. We are glad to extend a cordial welcome, to the delegates from Parish Branches and their officers, and all other friends, who have been drawn here, by a common interest in *Missions*, and the *success* of our organization, as the "Virginia Branch," to hear what has been already accomplished. We felt last May, that the *initial steps*, then taken, was the important and responsible one—it meant, *success* or *failure*. If the work was in the Spirit of the Master, and the extension of His Kingdom our motive-power, He was pledged, for our success. We respectfully submit our report, believing its written record, good as it is, is only a faint outline of what has been accomplished, only He, "to whom all hearts are open" knows the inner spiritual life, that has been

deepened—the prayers, self denials and “cups of loving service,” which have been the outcome of this Auxiliary work. Another year, therefore of active service, is closed, but it is well to take a review of its work, and see “what spirit we are of;” what we have done—and where we lack, and even now and here, gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost, but multiplied by God’s grace, may help us to gain *wisdom*, to aid us, in the coming year of service; *humility*, that we have done so little; and a *truer self consecration* to *Him*, “whose we are and whom we serve,” that we may accomplish more and more, remembering the time is short, we have but *one* life, and to make *that* worth living, it must “be filled, with all the fulness of the God head bodily” The second Annual report shows in most cases an increased knowledge and interest in Missions, in those in touch’ with the Virginia Branch, but *these* are few in comparison, to those parishes, *still* unaroused, *still working* and *giving* only for themselves, or spasmodically, by some special appeal. We reported 17 Parish Branches last May, we now number 43, with some, still considering the plan. Thro’ the Secretaries and officers of the Parish Branches we have been kept informed of their work and labors of love, and the increasing interest in Auxiliary work. In the two years of our organization, we have lost none of our officers by death. The President has had the privilege of attending 16 meetings

of Parish Branches, in different parts of the Diocese, and the *greater one* of being present and organizing, 9 others all of which are alive and doing goodly service, while adding much to the efficiency of the whole. Articles of clothing etc., from 5 country Branches were received for the Indians, repacked and sent to Mr. Gilfillan, White Earth Reservation, a check of \$35.00 was sent to Dr. Cook, S. D., 386 *letters* and *postals* written, 26 new branches, formed. We owe *much* of our success, to the cordial co-operation of the Rectors. The Bishop has often expressed his desire, that a Branch of the Auxiliary, be organized in every Parish, or Mission. The Secretaries are all ready to give all help in *their power*; also *no* parish so small or weak, that it cannot do something, *and as it gives*, it *receives*; in *union*, comes strength. If I speak a few plain words to you, my co-workers, listen with patience and indulgence, and believe me, when I point to short comings, I mean the lesson for myself, more than for you. First let me express the gratitude, the officers feel, for the noble, generous work, the Parish Branches have done the past year, and the promptness with which they have responded to every appeal. My dear friends, you have all done *marvellously well*, and I congratulate you, not so much for what you have done for others, as for the reflex influence that brings into your hearts the blessed consciousness of trying to fulfil the last command of our Risen Lord, for by *praying* and *giving*,

we help them, who are doing ^{our} work; ~~our~~ "facit per alium, facit per se," But while we recognize and gratefully acknowledge, what the Virginia Branch has done, we must look at it *honestly*. True, we are the youngest Diocesan Branch, yet in our infancy, but if "the child is father to the man." we must see to it, that our child, is of steady growth, of sturdy frame, that into it, has been breathed the breath, of the new life, ("Holiness to the Lord,") or else, this youngest child of Virginia Churchmanship, will languish, or die. The Auxiliary is certainly learning the "power of littles" (small money offerings) but this is a time when we meet as a body of workers in a common cause, face to face to get at the meaning of our work; our individual responsibility that we may carry back to our home and our Parish Branches, the inspiration of Auxiliary day, which will make us work, more prayerfully, more faithfully, and ask for a more consecrated life of service. "Let us examine ourselves individually to see if we are giving conscientiously, because of our *obedience* and love to God. We hear each year the same story, of needs at home and abroad, the cause of Christ languishes, for lack of men, women, and money. What we want is *faith*, that comes by prayer and is to spiritual things, what the telescope is to the eye, next we need *enthusiasm*, that comes from intelligent knowledge of facts, which should result in a more marked manner. "I gave my life for thee, what has thou given

me?" What are we giving thro' *obedience*? Are we earnestly, unceasingly, *believingly*, giving our prayers? All can do that. "Ask and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance. "Pray ye the Lord of Harvest, to send laborers." Let us not dare to neglect, or omit our *obedience*, or *undervalue* this *power* of *prayer*. What are we giving thro' love to God. Here comes in *personal* service, we cannot judge for others, how much, or little, but surely He has bestowed on every one, special gifts and abilities, and it is our duty to find out what these are, and train and use them; devotion, energy, intellectual power, sympathy, money, so as to carry out, our part of the Risen Lord's last command, to prove our *love*. To excite us to greater efforts for Missions, is the fact, that there is *hidden* in the heart of every gift of God to us—a meaning and sweetness, which is only revealed, when that gift is shared. It was only when the Alabaster box was broken in loving service upon the Christ, that its sweetness was fully known, and *then*, "its odor, filled the house." We cannot know the joy of the Gospel Message, till we carry it to others. To us who cannot, or do not, offer ourselves to go, there remains the privilege of helping to send others, and then aid them by our prayers and gifts; such the work of the Auxiliary. I ask *you*, who are here to represent your Parish Branches, to undertake a little more *personal* service, each by herself, and appeal to as many as you can, to give, tho' you may not

persuade them, to be regular, contributing members. It will be *hard* no doubt, it may be *unpleasant*, well, here in lies the service. While all must do the duty that lies nearest to us, we must not confine our work, or influence at home, "these ought ye to do" but "not leave others undone." We have no sympathy with the repeated cry of "needed home work" "living water cannot be stayed, unless it freeze", "the pond that has no outlet, will stagnate". Are we willing for our hands, and the sympathies of our hearts, to be *ice bound*, because, chilled by a selfish forgetfulness, they have never been exercised in loving service, for others; or, seeking no outlet, are we willing to stagnate? No! the Parish *most* flourishing, is the *most* outgoing. Let us then begin our 3rd Auxiliary year, with new impulses, and offer more prayerful, obedient and loving service, remembering that all our gifts and opportunities, are responsibilities, that we *may* neglect, or *wilfully* put aside, but some day they will meet us, and must be accounted for. Miss Emery will stir you up, as I cannot hope to do, but we know what the Auxiliary is, now to Virginia. We thank the Giver of all good gifts, that He has made us, *even for a little while*, instruments in His Hand, to establish the "Virginia Branch", but the honor and glory of its success, lies with *you*, Parish Branches, as co-workers with Him; live up to your privilege and responsibility, work more and more faithfully, get at the *spirit* of our first great Mission-

ary Christ Jesus, and never let this work thro' *failure*, on *your* part be hindered, but as it strikes its roots down deeper, in all hearts, may it spread out its branches, all over our old Diocese, and bear fruit upward, to gladden the heart of our beloved Bishop, who was the originator of the work in Virginia, (providentially detained at home) but beyond this, bear fruit to the honor and glory of His Name, who is with us to day, we trust, in the power and presence of His Holy Spirit, to guide and bless us.

S. STUART,

President.

AUXILIARY DAY 1892.

The second annual meeting of the Virginia Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Epiphany Church, Danville, May 19. It proved a great success, and the *Southern Churchman* says, "has become a feature of the Council." *As such* it deserves a notice, for the benefit of those interested in the organization, yet unable to attend. The day began with the celebration of the holy communion at 7. a. m. At 9:30 the business meeting was opened with hymn 315, and prayer by the venerable rector, Dr. Dame.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, when the president made a statement of the growth and outlook of the Virginia Branch from its start; the great encouragement in the increased numbers of parish branches; the interest felt in organizing and working on this line; thanking the rectors for their cordial co-operation.

The secretary then read her admirably prepared report; showing an increase of more than \$1,000 though many branches failed to send a report.

The delegates in turn gave most interesting accounts of work and methods and many valuable suggestions were given.

The election of officers was next in order, which resulted in unanimous re-election of old officers.

After some routine business, the subject of increasing the effectiveness of the Auxiliary in each parish was discussed, while the delegates were urged to carry to their respective branches, new zeal and interest, to rouse them to greater effort.

A vote of thanks was given to the citizens of Danville for their hospitality, to the Presbyterians for the use of their Sunday school room and other courtesies and a telegram of sympathy and regret was sent to Bishop Whittle.

Miss Emery, general secretary, was present, and gave her cordial sympathy in every way, by advice and approval, and closed "Auxiliary Day" with one of her most earnest and inspiring talks, long to be gratefully remembered.

The Junior Auxiliary is now so important a factor in the work, and has grown so rapidly in these two years, it was proposed to appoint an officer specially in its interest.

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND. 1892.

Balance in treasury May 1891,	-	-	\$1.05
From Christ Church, Winchester	-	-	5.00
From St. Paul's Church, Richmond	-	-	5.00
From Moore Memorial Church, Richmond	-	-	5.00
From Calvary Church, Culpeper	-	-	3.00
From Christ Church, Alexandria	-	-	5.00
From Norfolk Branch	-	-	9.00
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PAYMENTS FROM CURRENT EXPENSE FUND.

Traveling expenses to Council 1891,	-	-	\$8.00
Travelling expenses to Hampton etc.	-	-	7.00
Travelling expenses to Petersburg	-	-	1.40
Travelling expenses to Charlottesville	-	-	.50
Telegrams	-	-	.75

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Postage 218 letters	-	-	-	4.36
Postal Cards 168	-	-	-	1.68
Stationery	-	-	-	1.30
40 packages Leaflets	-	-	-	1.90

27.39

Balance in treasury, - 5.66

\$33.05

S. STUART,

Treasurer.

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