The H. M. Society of the
Savannah Ga. M. E. church,
South, was organized by
Mrs. Mary Harris Arnold (H. M.)
who was at that time,
District Secretary of the
Athens district.
It was organize in the old
church building which
stood where the present
building now stand,
and during the pastorate
of Rev. J. H. Embry, in
the year 1844-1845,
1846- being the year of
organization.
It was strictly a Foreign
Missionary Society, as home.
or local work included. It did have a Parsonage Aid society for the Keep of the Parsonage, but it had a separate time of meeting and different set of officers.

The dues were $1.00 a month.

All other offering were voluntary. The work was called "extension," not special, as at present. It met once a month at the church.

The charter members of this
Missionary Society, were:
Mrs. Arthur Hair
" John S. Bacon
" J. S. Embry
" Hamilton McPherson
" B. J. Williams
" Ben Williams
Mrs. Mary E. Williams
Mrs. Ellen Williams
" Gussie Reid
" Mark Williams
" Mrs. Howard

From this society developed a large juvenile society, as it was then called, which was made up of children of all denominations.
As this society was the only one for children at Exyngton, the first President of the Exyngton Woman Missionary Society was Mrs. Arthur Hair. The office of Sec. & Treas. was combined & filled by Miss Mary V. Allingham, who held this office until her death many years later.