

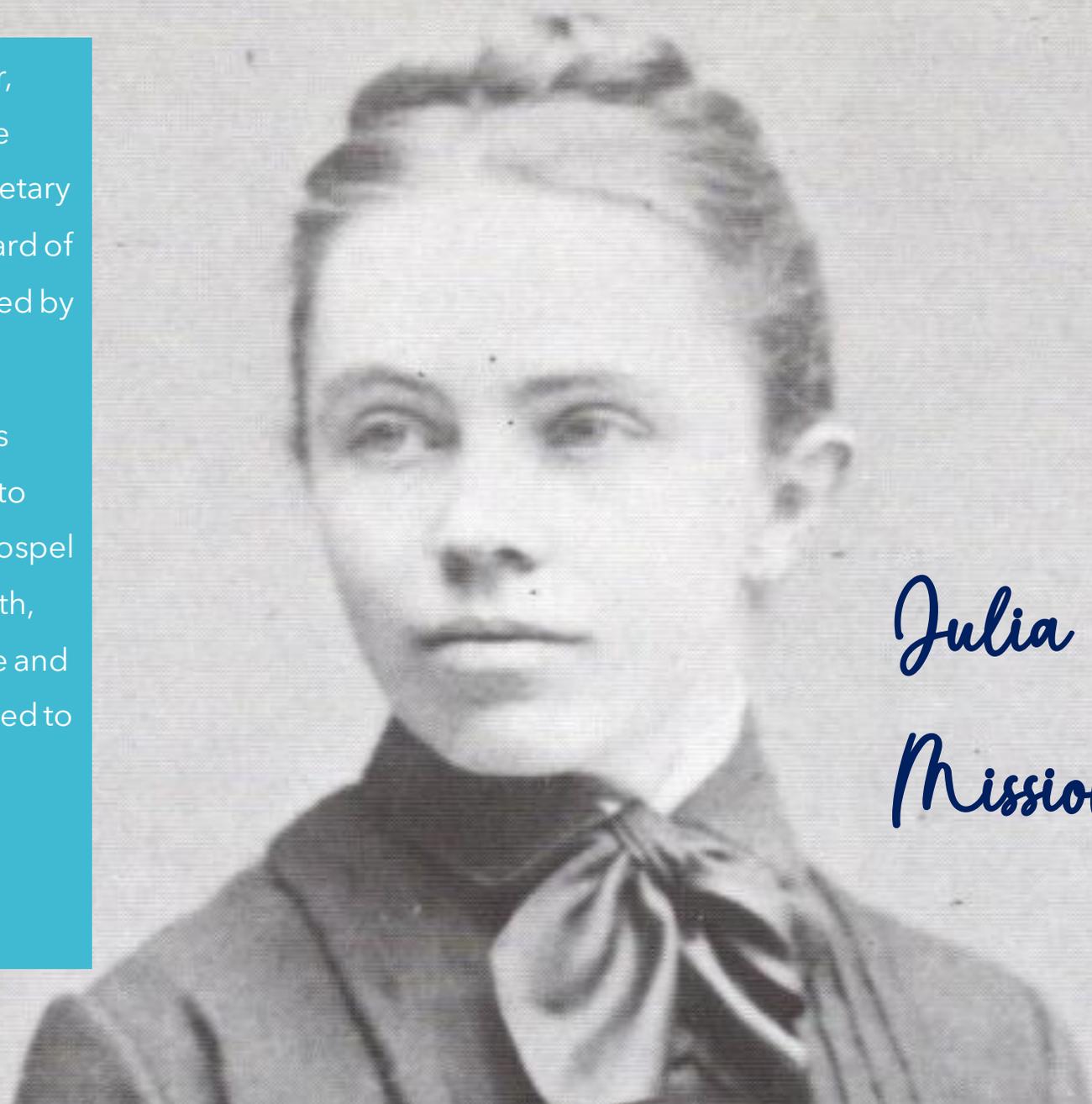
Service of Praise and Thanksgiving
for the life and example of
Saint Julia Chester Emery

Remembrances shared on February 9, 1922, and in the year following
her death in print, from the biography: *Julia Chester Emery: Being the
story of her Life and Work* by Margaret Tomes



Miss Emery was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1852. In 1876 she succeeded her sister, Mary, as Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions which had been established by the General Convention in 1871.

During the forty years she served as Secretary, Julia helped the Church to recognize its call to proclaim the Gospel both at home and overseas. Her faith, her courage, her spirit of adventure and her ability to inspire others combined to make her a leader respected and valued by the whole Church.



*Julia Chester Emery
Missionary. 1922*

Words shared by leaders within the Women's Auxiliary upon hearing of the retirement of Julia Chester Emery:

I learned from her a lesson of faithfulness to the work in hand and of untiring effort to do to the utmost of my ability what has been entrusted to me, which I hope I shall never forget.

UTO Secretary

I shall never forget your kindness to me at the General Convention, when I was a new and inexperienced diocesan president, and you made me feel at home.

Women's Auxiliary
Diocesan President

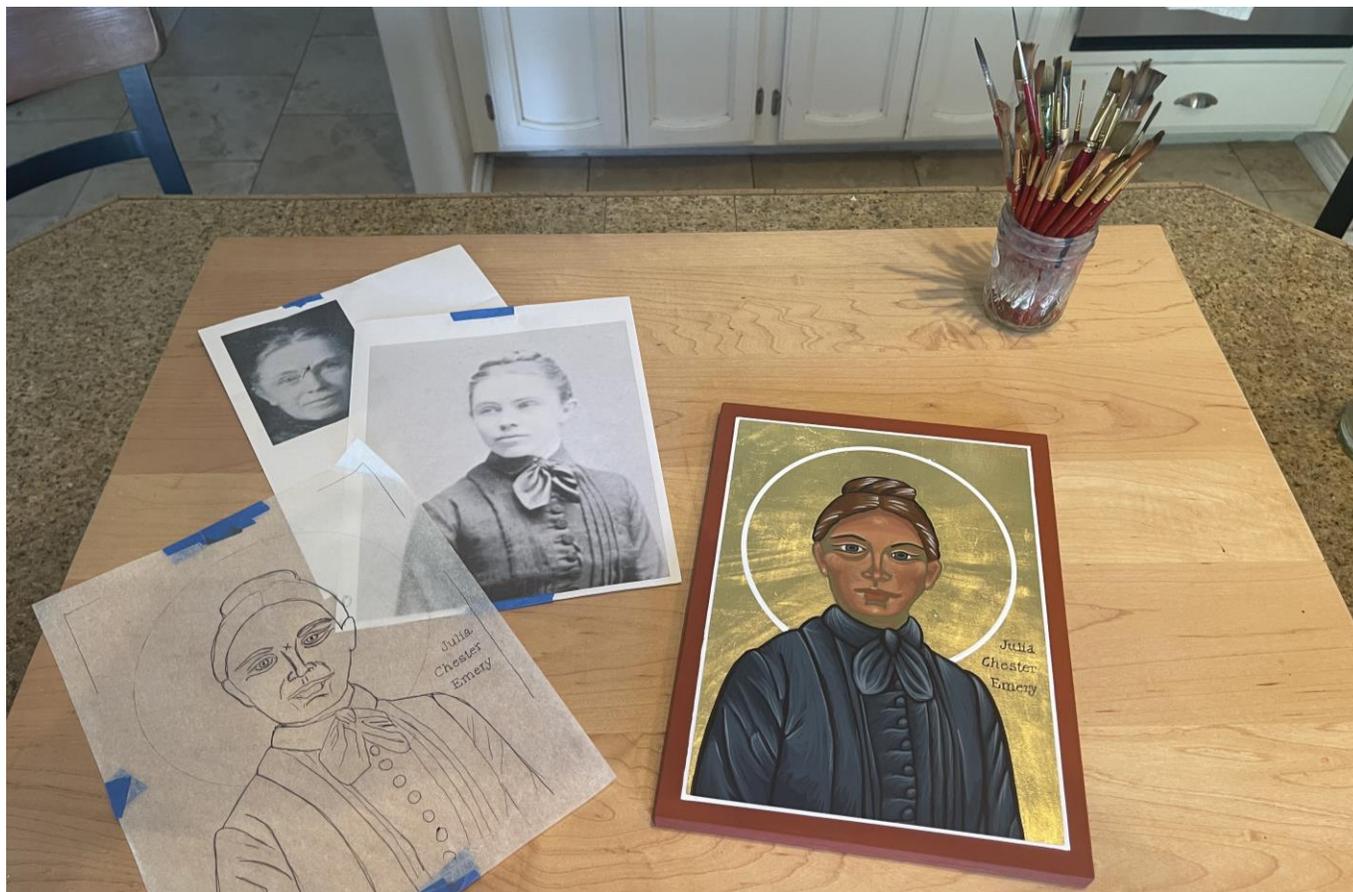


Through all these years Miss Julia C. Emery has been one of my greatest inspirations. Any life touched by hers is enriched.

UTO Treasurer in Southern Virginia

Today, as the National Executive Board faces the many problems of re-adjustment, I find, as a member of that body, that it is Miss Emery who has no fears for the future, but rather a vision and faith that dare to go forward with a true spirit of adventure for God.

Women's Auxiliary
Executive Board Member



No one can measure the influence for good which radiated from her person all the days of her life.

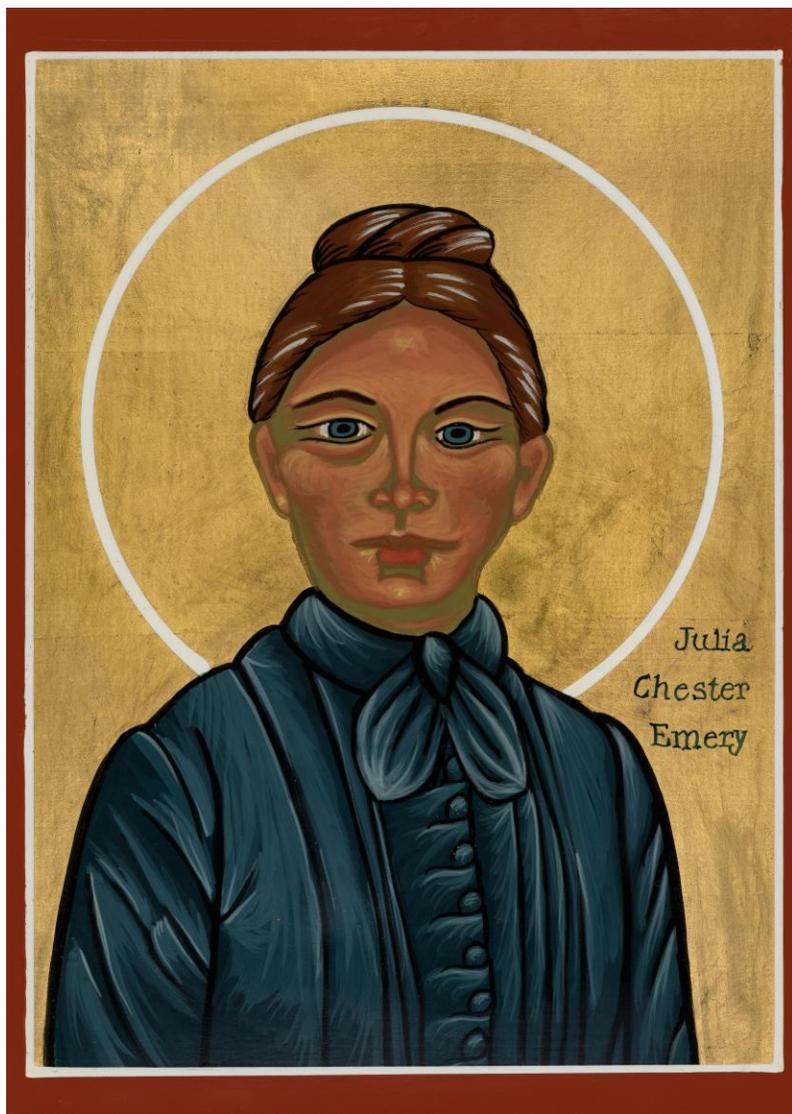
We are each one of us better men and women because we have known her.

From St. James the Less Episcopal Church newsletter announcing her death and memorial service.

I know I encroached upon your time a good deal, but whenever I came into your office, I received a hearty welcome, and you were never too busy to help me in the realization of my plans. It was a great privilege to be a speaker at the same meeting where you made an address, for you always put the missionary cause on a higher level, and made us realize that it was not so much a matter of dollars and cents as it was the inspiration that comes from spiritual vision.

The Rev. Dr. Pott, President of St. John's University, Shanghai





Saint Agnes' Hospital could not have come into existence in 1896, or continued its work, without the generous support which has been given by the Women's Auxiliary...Miss Emery's unfailing interest and encouragement helped the work during all these years, and it was through her suggestion to a donor that the first gift came to begin the work of Saint Agnes' Hospital.

[The Women's Auxiliary] has meant encouragement in my work, with love and a deep personal interest always. An interest and a love that in the dark days of sickness and pain shone with a radiance unsurpassed.

Missionary Physician and Director, St. Agnes' Hospital

Bishop Rowe of Alaska spoke of Miss Emery's letters (for which she was famous for writing), as:
“the letters of a friend who cared for the person to whom she wrote and was deeply interested in that person.”



Bishop Rowe asked the congregation:

“How shall we explain the great spirit of this servant of God? Why was she the most outstanding figure in the American Church?”

The answer he gave, was her faithfulness to God.

Photo: Christ Church, Anvik, Alaska 1921



The only thing that troubled us
[after one of Miss Emery's visits to the nursing
station mission in China]
was the fear that she wouldn't think we worked
hard enough, for we couldn't keep up with her!

UTO Missionary to China

She never lost sight of the purpose of the Christian life, of the goal of the child of God. Where others wondered or hoped, Miss Emery knew and believed in the Church as a Missionary Church; her life was dedicated to that Church.

*Bishop Lloyd,
President of the Board of Missions*



Miss Emery always seemed to keep the end in view, never becoming so engrossed in details as to lose sight of the reason why sharing in the Mission of the Church is the supreme duty and privilege of every member of the church. So, we think not so much of her love of the Auxiliary, but of her deep love of the Church.

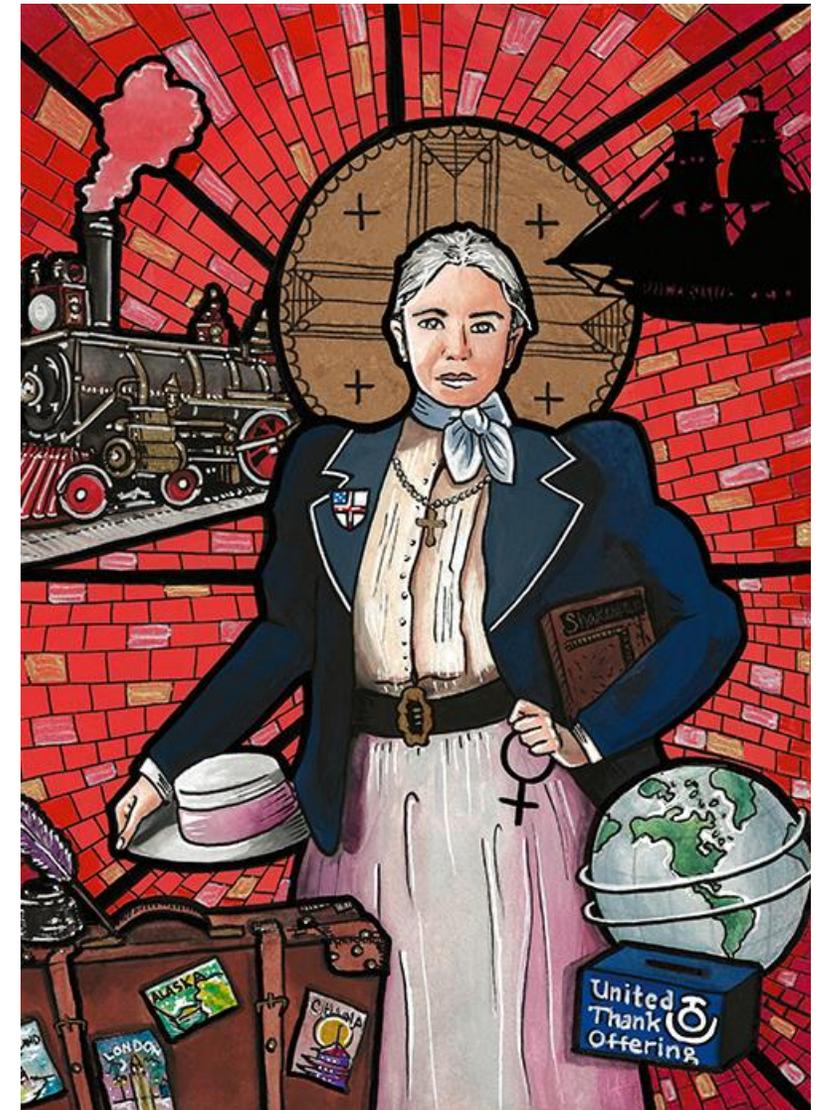
Grace Lindley,
Women's Auxiliary Secretary
after Miss Emery



It is my high privilege to put into words the thought that I know has been uppermost in the mind of everyone assembled here since the beginning of this meeting – **thanksgiving to God for the wonderful example and inspiration and courage she brought to us, of His servant, Julia Chester Emery.**

That name will go down in the annals of the American Church as a rare exhibit, not of what a woman can do, but of what the servant of Jesus Christ, inspired by His Spirit and given of His courage, can lead her fellow servants to undertake.

Bishop Lloyd
President of the Board of Missions, February 9, 1922



*We find great cause for
thankfulness to God.*

Saint Julia Chester Emery

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NOTICE

THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN EACH DAY

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THANKS TO GOD FOR YOUR BLESSINGS

MAKE

AN OFFERING FOR EACH BLESSING

BLESS

YOUR BLESSING BECOMES A BLESSING FOR OTHERS