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Fifth

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MAINE BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS,

FOR THE YEAR 1883, 1884.

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MAINE BRANCH.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the chapel of S. Luke's cathedral, Portland, Monday, Sept. 3d, at 3 P.M., in accordance with the order of the President, and call of the Secretary. The meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn and prayers by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, and the President then took the chair.

The delegates from parishes answered to their names as follows: S. Luke's Cathedral, Mrs. John M. Mitchell, Mrs. John Green, Miss McCobb; S. Mark's, Augusta, Mrs. Upjohn, Miss Towne; S. Matthew's, Hallowell, Mrs. Fuller; Christ Church, Gardiner, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Grant; S. Paul's, Brunswick, Mrs. Pennell, Miss Woodside; Trinity Church, Saco, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Nickerson, Mrs. Falconer; S. Paul's, Portland, Mrs. York, Miss M. S. McCobb; all the officers were present, and several other members of the Auxiliary; and the meeting was also favored by the presence of Miss Julia A. Emery and Mrs. Twing.

The Treasurer's annual report was read, showing a balance on hand from the previous year, \$2.11, the amount of collection taken at Christ Church, Gardiner, Sept., 1882, \$32.02, and expended for printing, freight, etc., \$28.00; cash to Archdeacon Kirkby, \$6.00; leaving 13 cents balance on hand.

The Secretary's report was read, showing whole amount raised, \$695.30. Value of thirty-eight boxes given through the Maine Branch, being \$514.94; cash, \$180.36.

Next in order was a short address by the President, in which she reviewed the work accomplished by this Branch during the past year, suggested the directions in which aid was most urgently required for the coming year, and to the great regret of all present, resigned her position as presiding officer of the Board, a step strongly advised by her physician and personal friends.

Miss Emery then kindly addressed the ladies, and spoke in a very interesting manner of the general aspects of the work of the Auxiliary, closing with some valuable suggestions in regard to the preparation of the Missionary boxes.

After Miss Emery's address, the meeting proceeded with the election of officers as follows: For President, Miss H. S. McCobb; Vice-president, Mrs. Prindle; Secretary, Mrs. Corning; Treasurer, Mrs. Stevens; Executive Committee, Mrs. Mussey, Mrs. Small, Miss Ballard. Mrs. Neely, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Upjohn, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Corning were elected delegates to the General Meeting of the Auxiliary in Philadelphia, in October.

It was voted, that the next annual meeting be held in connection with the meeting of the Board of Missions for September, 1884, and that due notice be given of the time and place.

A public meeting was held in the cathedral in the evening, when the Bishop made an interesting address, after which Mrs. Twing spoke in her usual clear and happy manner of the missionary work among the Indians.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Ladies :

Unable owing to illness, to be present with you at our annual meeting last year, it gives me great pleasure to meet you all once more, and welcome you to our own Cathedral parish.

I feel that we have much cause for thankfulness, that during the past twelve months the work of the Auxiliary has prospered; new branches have been formed, and in places where it has existed from the beginning of this "labor of love," a warmer interest has been shown than ever before, so that our offerings have increased, and I can but hope that here, in our own almost Missionary Diocese, we may yet count the value of our contributions by the thousands, instead of the hundreds of dollars as we now do. At the last annual meeting, the work prepared for the ensuing year was warmly responded to, and as a result, S. Catharine's Hall received just the aid it then needed, in the way of table linen, towels, etc., so that money received from its own sources of revenue, was sufficient for its needs; and this year our school makes no new demands upon us for anything, save liberal patronage from those who have daughters to educate.

I am glad to tell you that the money for furnishing the Bishop's room in the rectory, at Ashland, was sufficient to purchase a good ash set, with wire spring and hair mattress for the bedstead. This year I hope we may add a carpet* to the room, and perhaps some curtains to the windows, and all will be complete in that apartment at least. From Miss Thompson I received a letter, most loving and grateful in its character, on the reception of the box sent her, but there was so much of a private nature in the communication, I could not have it published, as I would otherwise have done gladly. Most of you have had the opportunity of reading or hearing from time to time the letters received from the various recipients of the boxes sent, but as those from Mrs. Knapp, of Hope School, Dakota, and Mr. Hayward of Manistee, Mich., were of special interest, I have brought them here to be read aloud.

We are again indebted to Holy Trinity, Lewiston, and S. John Baptist Mission at Rockland, for valuable contributions to our boxes for the Indians, and the missionary at Manistee. The new branches at Bar Harbor, Calais, Ft. Fairfield, and S. Paul's, Portland, have all exceeded my expectations in the amount of work done, and money raised, and it shows what can be done where hands and hearts are willing to labor for the Master, for in past years, two of these parishes have themselves received the aid which they are now extending to others.

*Since the meeting a carpet has very kindly been presented.

For the year to come, my friends, our Bishop would be glad to have our help in the matter of furnishing his school at Presque Isle. Sheets and pillow-cases are needed, or will be the first of January, at which time the school is to open. Towels of all sorts, comforters, and spreads for the beds will be required. In fact, nothing will come amiss that will help to furnish the school building as well as the school rooms. Tonight the Bishop will explain more fully what the school is for, and why we are asked to help in any way. Three of our own missionaries should be first on our lists in the matter of making up boxes, and Miss Emery, who is with us, will tell you what she has in mind for Maine to do. Our general convention meets this year, and I hope a large delegation will go from here, for the triennial meeting of the W. A. I know that appeals will be made for missions, both domestic and foreign, that will make my heart burn with eager desire to have our Auxiliary represented in a manner that shall show we heartily feel and believe that the cause and the church is one, whether the call comes from our own missionary, in some Aroostook town, or from those who are preaching to the heathen in China or Africa.

I cannot close my remarks without alluding to the great loss we have all sustained through the decease of Dr. Twing. Ever at the front of the missionary work, he was zealous to the last, and was stricken down at his post, leaving us a bright example, and the memory of a noble, lovely life, indeed, but at the same time, leaving vacant a place that it will be hard to fill, and a sense of our loss that is as great now, at the end of a year, as when the blow first fell upon us.

MARY F. NEELY,

Prest. of M. B. W. A.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

IN making the report of the work done during the past year, the Secretary of this Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary feels that there is decided ground for encouragement to those connected with it, as the amount of work accomplished, and money given, are quite largely in excess of any previous year.

The very touching letters from missionaries, appealing for aid, and the still more touching letters of thanks for the boxes and money sent in re-

sponse to these appeals, showing how urgent are the needs of these devoted men and their families, who suffer such privations for the Master's sake, must make each individual connected with the work of the Auxiliary, feel that however small may be the amount of time or money she is able to give, it will *help* to bring comfort to some missionary's family; and so it is earnestly hoped that each parish connected with this Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will try to do *something* during the coming year, knowing that even the smallest efforts will be an assistance in this most urgent work.

Three new parishes have enlisted in the work; S. Paul's, Portland; S. Anne's, Calais; and S. Paul's, Fort Fairfield; so that although some of the parishes connected with this Branch have felt unable to do anything this year, the labors and offerings of fifteen parishes can be reported against twelve of last year, as follows:

	No. of Boxes.	Value.	Cash.
S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland.....	4	\$109.62	\$35.23
S. Mark's, Augusta.....	2	62.40	40.25
S. John's, Bangor.....			50.00
Holy Trinity Mission, Exeter.....	2	16.00	10.00
S. Matthew's, Hallowell.....	3	10.75	.50
Christ Church, Gardiner.....	4	34.44	17.00
Grace Church, Bath.....	4	22.45	1.70
S. Saviour's, Bar Harbor.....	2	44.20	
S. Paul's, Fort Fairfield.....	1	6.70	1.68
S. James', Old Town.....	4	14.85	
S. Paul's, Brunswick....	4	59.12	21.00
Trinity, Saco.....	3	55.83	1.00
S. Anne's, Calais.....	1	12.00	
S. Paul's, Portland.....	1	27.58	2.00
Damariscotta.....	1	4.00	
Total value.....	36	\$479.94	\$180.36

Given through this Branch by Parishes not belonging to it.

	No. of Boxes.	Value.
S. John Baptist Mission, Thomaston.....	1	\$15.00
Trinity, Lewiston.....	1	20.00
Total value of boxes given.....		\$514.94
Total cash receipts.....		180.36
Making the result of the year's work.....		\$695.30

The principal recipients of the work of the Branch were the following:

S. Catharine's Hall, Augusta, Me., boxes estimated at.....	\$ 97.40
Hope School, Dakota, boxes valued at.....	103.62
Missionary in Michigan, " " ".....	130.78
Missionary at Winn, Me., box " ".....	37.85
Missionary in Houlton, Me.....	10.00
Miss Thompson's School, Utah, boxes valued at.....	48.00
Bishop's room at Ashland, Me.....	75.00

M. K. CORNING,

Secretary M. B. W. A.

September 3d, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JULIA A. STEVENS, *in account with the Maine Branch of Woman's Auxiliary.*

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	To balance on account.....	\$ 2.11
Sept. 19.	Collection in Christ's Church, Gardiner, at annual meeting,	32.02
		<u>\$34.13</u>

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Sept. 20.	Cash to Archdeacon Kirkby.....	\$ 6.00
Dec. 14.	B. Thurston & Co., printing annual report.....	11.50
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Feb. 5.	Check to Mrs. Neely for printing.....	2.25
Feb. 26.	Check to Mrs. Neely for printing and freight.....	10.00
March 9.	Check to same for freight.....	4.25
	Balance on hand.....	.13
	Total.....	<u>\$34.13</u>

JULIA A. STEVENS,

Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

MAINE BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

This organization shall be called the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

Its object is to unite all of the parishes in this Diocese in the two branches of Mission Work, Domestic and Foreign.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of three ladies who shall attend to the different branches of missionary work. This Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur between the annual meetings.

This association shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, hearing reports of the parish secretaries, electing delegates to the general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, appointing time and place of the next annual meeting, and transacting such other business as may come before it. Each parish shall send delegates to the annual meeting, also a written report to the Secretary, of the work done during the year.

The President shall preside at all of the meetings, and have a general knowledge of all the work that is in progress.

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.

The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the association, send notices of the meetings, keep a record of them, keep an account of the work done by the women of the diocese, as reported by the Parish Secretaries, and report this annually to the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in New York.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money sent to her for either branch of missionary work, and for the expenses of the association, and shall present a report at the annual meeting.

Five persons shall form a quorum at all meetings.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the persons present.