

EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MAINE BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS,
FOR THE YEAR 1886-7.

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1886.

No. of delegates
1887.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT, MRS. H. A. NEELY, *Portland.*
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SECRETARIES OF PARISH BRANCHES.

1 PORTLAND — *S. Luke's Cathedral* — MRS. JOHN M. MITCHELL.

6 PORTLAND — *S. Paul's* — MISS M. S. MCCOBB.

6 AUGUSTA — *S. Mark's* — MISS H. P. WEBSTER.

1 BANGOR — *S. John's* — MRS. P. M. BLAKE.

1 BAR HARBOR — *S. Saviour's* — MISS M. M. LEFFINGWELL.

1 BATH — *Grace* — MISS H. A. HATCH.

BRUNSWICK — *S. Paul's* — ~~MISS S. J. BALLARD.~~

DAMARISCOTTA — ~~MRS. R. G. DIXON.~~

EASTPORT — *Christ.*

EXETER — *Holy Trinity Mission* — MRS. GEO. S. HILL.

GARBINER — *Christ* — MISS H. WILLIAMSON.

HALLOWELL — *S. Matthew's* — MISS J. A. SMITH.

OLDTOWN — *S. James'* — MISS H. V. SEWALL.

SAGO — *Trinity* — MISS L. M. CHADWICK.

WISCASSET — *S. Philip's* — ~~MISS INGALLS.~~

FORT FAIRFIELD — *S. Paul's* — MRS. F. H. ROWSE.

CAËAIS — *S. Anne's* — ~~MRS. HENRY HATHEWAY.~~

HOULTON — *S. John's* — MRS. HENRY HATHEWAY.

WATERTVILLE — *S. Mark's* — MISS EMILIE S. PHILLIPS.

North East Harbor. Mrs Ida Smallidge.

Exeter - Mrs. Colton.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

THE Eighth Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at S. Luke's Church, Portland, on Wednesday, September 8th, Morning Prayer was said at 10.30 A.M., with a sermon from Bishop Boone, and the celebration of the Holy Communion. After the service, Bishop Boone met the delegates and officers of the parish branches at lunch, at the house of one of the members of S. Luke's parish, and was ready to give any desired information concerning his work in China, kindly bringing a large and interesting collection of photographs to illustrate the scene of his labors.

A business meeting of ladies was held at the Cathedral chapel at 2.30 P.M. Delegates were present from S. Mark's Church, Augusta, Christ Church, Gardiner, Trinity Church, Saco, Grace Church, Bath, S. Matthew's Church, Hallowell, S. Paul's Church, Portland, and S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted by vote; a letter was read from Miss Emery with regard to the work for the coming year; and an address from the President followed, presenting more fully various plans for labor, for the consideration of the ladies present.

It was voted that the sum of twenty-five dollars be given Bishop Boone, to be appropriated to his work, after deducting necessary traveling expenses.

The President mentioned the need of funds for the Washburn scholarship, and suggested an annual subscription for the purpose from each parish. The matter was discussed, and subscriptions made by six of the societies, through their delegates. Pledges were given in addition from each parish for a sum to be sent the Treasurer, Mrs. Stevens, for general expenses.

Mrs. Neely then spoke of the pleasure and interest of packing the boxes containing the united Lenten work of the branches of the Auxiliary, and strongly urged each branch to send a delegate to some central place, Portland, or any other place that might be selected, both to give help and to carry back the report of what was done.

The election of officers and executive committee followed, and the meeting adjourned to reassemble in Gardiner the following autumn.

HARRIET S. McCOBB,

Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

I HAVE no intention of detaining you long, my friends, as it seems to me quite unnecessary to make an elaborate address on the occasion of our annual meeting. Our one aim should be, when we meet, to seek in every way to advance the cause of missions, to renew and increase our interest in the work, and endeavor to kindle in the hearts of others fresh zeal, and an earnest desire to do more than ever before in the Master's service.

For these objects we come together once a year. You have heard our reports read, and you must have noticed that we have fallen behind instead of gaining ground. One reason of that, however, is, that outside aid, sent by friends in New York and Boston, last year, was not renewed during the last twelve months. Then, too, some of the parishes that have always given largely in the past, have been more or less crippled for a time, and could not give in money or boxes as they have done hitherto. Knowing this we need not feel discouraged, or apprehend a falling off that shall be permanent. On the contrary, I trust that the coming winter will find us ready to advance once more, and to that end I would suggest that some of our stronger societies (or branches) should adopt a system that works admirably here in Portland. It is this: Let the members of the Auxiliary who can do so, contribute \$12.00 in quarterly payments of \$3.00 each, and let this amount be given equally — \$4.00 to the Domestic Board at home, \$4.00 to the General Board (through our General Treasurer, Mrs. Stevens), and \$4.00 to the Parish Branch for its work. It saves the necessity of spasmodic appeals for money when an extra amount is needed for making up a box. It swells the sum given for the Home Missions, as well as that sent to Miss Emery. The same idea may be carried out even where the subscription is much less, and I am sure will be found very satisfactory. We have had today, for the first time, an appeal for Foreign Missions, and I hope we may be able to show our sympathy for those laboring in the far-off lands of which Bishop Boone has told us, by doing at least a little for them.

Miss Emery writes us about the general lack of interest in the work among the Negroes, and seems anxious that more should be accomplished for them. If you feel so disposed, we would agree at this time to make them the object of our Lenten work, and we will discuss the question later.

Before Christmas I am very desirous of receiving an average sum of \$2.00 from each Parish Branch, to continue the "Washburn Scholarship" for another year at S. John's School, Presque Isle. We have a very bright and promising boy there, who depends upon some such aid to supplement his own payments toward his schooling. I succeeded in raising \$100 for him last year, and must renew my efforts now, so I turn to the Auxiliary, believing I shall not be disappointed in so doing.

I am requested to ask the Auxiliary for table-cloths and sheets, etc., for S. John's School. We furnished table linen before, and now more is needed. I hope some Branch will see that it is procured and sent, all hemmed and ready for use.

I have not yet received the lists of our own missionaries who may require boxes, but hope to have them by the time the various Branches are ready to begin work. They are requested to notify the Secretary when such is the case.

We are today to elect delegates to go to the Triennial Meeting of the Auxiliary, which takes place in Chicago at the same time that the General Convention meets. It is a most inspiring thing, my friends, to be at these great meetings, and hear from the lips of those who are really doing the work, what it is, what they need, and how *we* can help them by prayers, and well-filled boxes, and money, all which seem little indeed when offered, but yet go far to strengthen and uphold the missionaries and their families in their hours of loneliness and discouragement.

I wish that every member of the Auxiliary could be present at one of the great missionary meetings held during the sessions of the General Convention. They are composed of all the Bishops, and the Clerical and Lay delegates, and before this august assemblage each Missionary Bishop makes an address, telling of the needs of his particular jurisdiction. I assure you it is most inspiring, and in like manner at our large Auxiliary meeting, the wives of these Bishops sometimes tell what special gifts *we* can make to help along the good work, and I have never known them to ask in vain.

I earnestly hope that we may elect a larger number of delegates than have yet gone to represent the M. B. W. A., at our Triennial meetings, and that they, on their return, will take advantage of the corner given us in the "North East" to report to their less favored sisters what they have seen and heard.

In closing, let me thank you all, my dear friends, for the willingness you have shown to carry out and further every suggestion of mine. I feel most deeply my own short-comings, caused partly by continued ill health, and partly by the weakness of human nature common to each one of us, but

you are always generous and lenient, and I appreciate your forbearance, and will endeavor to do better in the future. I trust we may all meet again at the close of another year with a better record than we have to show for this, and to that end would urge that most constant and earnest prayer be offered by each member of the Auxiliary for greater zeal for herself in particular, and for a special blessing on all our efforts.

MARY F. NEELY,

President M. B. W. A.

September 8, 1886.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

THE report of the work accomplished by the Woman's Auxiliary for 1885-6 does not differ materially from that of the preceding year. The number of branch associations is eighteen, as in 1884-5, while four parishes which have not yet joined this organization, have still, as heretofore, sent their contributions through its channels. The Lenten labor, in which almost every parish heartily joined, was that of preparing garments, etc., for an Indian school in Oneida, Wisconsin. The value of these united contributions was \$319.29, which exceeded that of all other boxes sent during the year by \$154.25.

BOX ACCOUNT OF W. A. 1885-6.

	Boxes.	Value.	
Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral..	6	\$128.41	
" S. Paul's.....	1	28.98	
Augusta, S. Mark's.....	3	70.00	
Bangor, S. John's.....	5	106.29	
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour.....	2	21.26	
Bath, Grace Church.....	3	22.00	
Brunswick, S. Paul's.....	1	11.50	
Damariscotta Mission.....	1	4.79	
Eastport, Christ Church.....	1	20.00	
Exeter, Holy Trinity Mission.....	1	18.00	
Gardiner, Christ Church.....	2	35.01	
Hallowell, S. Matthew's.....	1	17.00	
Oldtown, S. James'.....	1	6.00	
Saco, Trinity.....	1	12.80	
Houlton, S. John's.....	1	8.50	
Wiscasset, S. Philip's.....			
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's.....			
Calais, S. Anne's.....			
Total.....	30	\$510.54	\$510.54

GIVEN THROUGH MAINE BRANCH BY PARISHES NOT BELONGING TO IT.

	Boxes.	Value.	
Dresden, S. John's.....	1	\$21.00	
Lewiston, Trinity.....	1	20.00	
Richmond Mission.....	1	14.50	
Waterville, S. Mark's.....	1	7.50	63.00
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Total.....	4	\$63.00	\$573.54

RECIPIENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Hobart Church, Indian Mission, Oneida, Wisconsin, in charge of	
Rev. Mr. Goodenough.....	\$319.29
Missionary at Ashland.....	58.75
“ “ Woodford's.....	49.87
“ “ Wiscasset.....	8.00
“ “ Thomaston.....	85.29
“ “ North East Harbor.....	6.00
Missions in general.....	26.26
Rev. Mr. Kramer, Louisiana.....	20.08
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	\$573.54

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

1885

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Annual Meeting at S Mark's, Augusta.	
Sept. 23.	Cash on hand.....\$ 5.40
	Collection.....20.27
24.	S. Matthew's, Hallowell.....5.00
Oct. 1.	Damariscotta......50
2.	S. James', Oldtown......50
4.	S. Philip's, Wiscasset......50
8.	Christ Church, Eastport......50
Nov. 4.	Holy Trinity, Exeter.....5.00
5.	S. John's, Bangor.....10.00
11.	S. Saviour's, Bar Harbor.....3.00
Dec. 1.	Christ Church, Gardiner.....20.00
24.	S. Luke's, Portland.....20.00

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Jan. 12.	S. Paul's, Brunswick.....6.00
May 18.	S. Saviour's, Bar Harbor......50
	S. Luke's, Portland.....23.00
25.	S. Mark's, Augusta.....25.00
June 10.	Grace Church, Bath.....3.00
	S. Luke's, Portland.....5.00
Aug. 11.	St. John's, Houlton.....4.00
Sept. 23.	Trinity, Saco.....3.00
	Donation.....1.25

For Overcoat for Missionary:—

Bangor.....	2.00
Exeter.....	2.00
Gardiner.....	5.00
Saco.....	2.00
Biddeford.....	5.00

\$189.42

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Sept. 24.	Paid Mrs. Twing.....	5.00
Oct. 8.	B. Thurston & Co., printing reports.....	15.59
Dec.	Mr. Gardiner for Diocesan Missions.....	8.00
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Jan. 13.	Miss Emery for Bible House fund.....	50.00
Mch. 2.	Mrs. Neely for printing letters.....	2.07
May 21.	Miss Emery for Bible House fund.....	10.50
26.	" " " " " " " ".....	10.00
27.	" " " Oneida Mission.....	10.00
	" " " Bible House fund.....	5.00
31.	Freight on four barrels to Oneida Mission.....	5.21
June 15.	Mr. Gardiner for Diocesan Missions.....	6.00
	Overcoat for Missionary.....	16.00
	Freight.....	1.25
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		\$152.62
	Cash on hand.....	36.80
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		\$189.42

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Boxes.....	\$573.54
Money.....	189.42
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	\$762.96

JULIA A. STEVENS,
Treasurer M. B. W. A.

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.

