

TENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MAINE BRANCH

OF THE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS,

FOR THE YEAR, 1888.

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— DAMARISCOTTA.

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GARDINER — *Christ* — MISS MARY W. COOPER.

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

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WISCASSET — *S. Philip's* — MISS E. Y. BOWMAN.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

THE Tenth Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in S. John's Church, Bangor, on October 30th, in connection with the Board of Missions. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 A.M., and the usual business meeting followed, at which delegates were present from S. Mark's, Augusta, S. John's, Bangor, S. Saviour's, Bar Harbor, Christ, Gardiner, S. Matthew's, Hallowell, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea, North East Harbor, S. James', Oldtown, and S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland. The annual reports of the Secretary were read, and the latter accepted by vote.

The President, after expressing her pleasure at meeting her friends on her return from her long and delightful journey, proceeded to state the various objects which she wished to suggest for work during the coming year. She first directed attention to certain much-needed repairs at S. John's School, Presque Isle, and asked if the ladies would furnish the funds for papering two of the rooms. A subscription was immediately started, and the greater part of the required amount obtained.

The subject of a mileage ticket to be used for missionary visits was brought forward, and a vote passed that it should be furnished by the Auxiliary on this, as it had been on the preceding year.

The opinion of the Board was asked as to the advisability of continuing the Quarterly Meetings. The President reminded the delegates that these meetings were begun as an experiment, and that the time had now arrived to determine whether the measure had been successful. Discussion on this point was invited, but the approval of the plan was so general that the question was at once decided in the affirmative. In order to add to the interest of the meetings each parish branch is in turn to furnish a paper to be read, on some subject connected with Auxiliary work.

The claims of S. Catherine's School for assistance seem this year stronger than those of S. John's School, Presque Isle, to which, for several years, the societies have contributed, and a proposal was made

to furnish one hundred dollars toward a scholarship at the former place. In this connection Mrs. Ogden spoke in favor of S. Catherine's with much force, and with an enthusiasm which was communicated to her audience, so that at the close of her remarks it was voted that the necessary sum be raised. Pledges were given for this purpose to the amount of seventy-five dollars, with great promptness, both by delegates and private individuals.

An informal address on the subject of the Church in Hayti was next delivered by Dr. Holly, the son of the Bishop of Hayti, enumerating the evils with which the missionaries are obliged to contend, in a simple and graphic manner.

It was voted that the next Annual Meeting be held in connection with the Board of Missions, at a time and place to be hereafter appointed.

After the adjournment of the Auxiliary the delegates and officers were kindly entertained at lunch at the house of a member of the Bangor Branch. At 4 o'clock P.M. Dr. Holly again spoke upon the affairs of Hayti before both the Auxiliary and the Board of Missions, and a reception given in the evening by the kind hospitality of two of the ladies of S. John's parish, made a pleasant ending to a day which had been full of unusual interest.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB,
Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

THE autumn of 1888 closes the tenth year of the Woman's Auxiliary. The number of parish branches is twenty-one, and as the whole number of churches in Maine is but twenty-nine, inclusive of several very small and feeble missions, the Auxiliary may well be said to be following faithfully in the way marked out by the clergy, with the prospect of having eventually an organization of its own in every parish.

The object of the efforts of the past year has been, first, to aid a number of missionaries in this Diocese, and afterward to help the Indian Mission School in charge of the Rev. Mr. Goodnough, at Oneida, Wisconsin; to maintain two of the pupils at S. John's School, Presque Isle; and to support the Washburn scholarship in the same school. One advantage has been gained over the preceding year — that the attention of the several associations has been concentrated on fewer objects, resulting in a decided gain in the amount given to missions, both within and without the Diocese. The Lenten boxes for the Indians, the united work of all the Societies, were as usual prepared with enthusiasm, while the care of the two little boys at S. John's School and the support of the Washburn scholarship, have gone on quietly and steadily. The work of 1888 is more hearty and vigorous than that of 1887.

A new feature in the present year is the establishment of Quarterly Meetings, in connection with the Board of Missions, the first of which was held in March, at S. Mark's Church, Augusta, the second in June, at S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, and the third (delayed in consequence of the absence of Bishop and Mrs. Neely) is merged in the Annual Meeting. Delegates have been sent from various parish branches; the attendance has been good, and in addition to necessary business, papers have been read on subjects immediately connected with the Auxiliary.

This plan has long been one of the wishes of the President, who has, however, hesitated to present it until some decided signs were given that the suitable time had arrived. At last the ready co-operation of one of the more recent and most earnest parish branches encouraged her to announce the first meeting, which promised decided success. The

second meeting, held at Portland, was earnest and well attended, though suffering from the disadvantage of the absence, through illness, of the President. It is strongly hoped that the interest will continue, and indeed the women-workers of the Diocese are in more need than they realize of such a link between them. The clergy and laymen, even those living in the remote parts of the State, are able, through the meetings of the Board of Missions, to confer with each other several times annually, and thus to gain sympathy, encouragement and mutual interest. But the women, whose working force in each parish is invariably strong and faithful, and whose number exceeds that of the men, stay quietly at home. They are in reality no more confined by their avocations than are their husbands and fathers and sons by their business. They find time for work — as is seen by the fact that their associations are everywhere, that no parish is without its Guild, its Ladies' Aid, its Sewing Circle, its Twenty Minutes' Society, or — its Woman's Auxiliary. Is there then any reason why they should not perfect their efforts by that help which union affords, and both give and find the stimulus, intellectual, religious and social, that it is the aim of these meetings of the Auxiliary to supply ?

Our President is ready to provide everything in her power to give additional interest. Might not the different branches, each in turn, send a paper to be read, or present some selection from material already published, or state for general consideration some object whose claims have thus some especial and individual interest ?

We need now the impulse that comes of numbers. We have, thank God, again and again, the two or "three gathered together in My Name" Now we crave the fire, the electric thrill of the multitude, "knit together in one communion and fellowship," a fellowship which can make of our poor and scattered organization a strong and steady power. Toward this end the year 1888 shows a beginning. It remains for the future to prove whether the hands of the women of the Maine Auxiliary shall drop coldly by their sides, or shall join in a warm clasp that will bring forgetfulness of all else but the joy of doing *together* the Master's work.

The following is the Box Account for the year: —

BOX ACCOUNT.

	Boxes.	Value.
Augusta, S. Mark's.....	3	\$103.20
Bangor, S. John's.....	4	82.54
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's.....	2	66.02
Bath, Grace.....	3	29.25
Brunswick, S. Paul's.....	1	28.00
Calais, S. Anne's.....	—	—
Damariscotta Mission.....	—	—
Dexter, Church of the Messiah.....	2	12.00
Eastport, Christ.....	—	—
Exeter, Holy Trinity.....	2	35.00
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's.....	—	—
Gardiner, Christ.....	2	43.35
Hallowell, S. Matthew's.....	1	15.00
Houlton, S. John's.....	1	9.75
N. E. Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea.....	1	60.00
Oldtown, S. James'.....	—	—
Portland, S. Luke's.....	4	117.81
Portland, S. Paul's.....	1	25.85
Saco, Trinity.....	1	16.05
Waterville, S. Mark's.....	1	21.35
Wiscasset, S. Philip's, aided by Newcastle, S. Andrew's.....	2	24.00

Parishes Contributing, not belonging to Auxiliary: —

Woodford's, S. Luke's Mission.....	1	12.00
Lewiston, Trinity.....	1	20.00
*Kennebunk	1	—
	34	\$721.17

*Value of box not ascertained.

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Indian Mission, Oneida, Wisconsin.....	\$416.04
Diocesan Missions.....	227.10
General Missions.....	23.00
Missionary Publications for circulation in Diocese.....	6.42
Two pupils, Presque Isle School.....	48.61
	\$721.17

HARRIET S. McCOBB, *Secretary.*

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Boxes.....	\$721.17
Cash.....	229.77
	\$950.94

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *in account with Woman's Auxiliary from September, 1887, to October 20, 1888.*

DR.

To check from Mrs. Stevens.....	\$16.04
“ collection at Gardiner, September, 1887.....	13.35
“ Mrs. Fuller for Washburn School.....	15.00
“ S. Mark's, Augusta.....	36.50
“ S. John's, Bangor.....	24.00
“ Grace Church, Bath.....	4.00
“ S. Saviour's, Bar Harbor.....	5.00
“ Holy Trinity, Exeter.....	5.00
“ Christ Church, Gardiner.....	23.00
“ Miss Clark, Kennebunkport.....	1.00
“ S. John's, Houlton.....	1.00
“ “ Newcastle.....	2.00
“ Trinity, Saco.....	1.00
“ S. Luke's, Portland.....	74.00
“ “ Richmond.....	4.13
“ S. Mark's, Waterville.....	2.00
“ S. Philip's, Wiscasset.....	2.75
Total,	\$229.77

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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.

