

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MAINE BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS,
FOR THE YEAR 1890.

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SECRETARIES OF PARISH BRANCHES.

- AUGUSTA—*S. Mark's*,—Miss H. P. Webster.
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H. Weeks.
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WATERVILLE—*S. Mark's*—Mrs. Nathaniel R. Boutelle.
WISCASSET—*S. Philip's*—Miss Grace Ingalls.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on Tuesday, June 10th, at the time of the annual diocesan Convention.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Secretary was chosen to occupy the chair, and Mrs. W. H. Dillingham was elected Secretary pro tem.

Delegates were present from St. Mark's, Augusta; St. John's, Bangor; Grace, Bath; St. Paul's, Brunswick; St. Andrew's, Newcastle and Damariscotta Mission; Christ, Gardiner; St. Matthew's, Hallowell; St. Stephen's Mission, Kennebunk; St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, North East Harbor; St. Luke's, Portland; St. Paul's, Portland; Trinity, Saco; St. Mark's, Waterville.

After the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the reports of the Treasurer were presented and accepted by *vote*. The report of the Altar Society followed.

The usual pledges for general expenses were made by the delegates for their respective parish branches.

The subject of supporting two partial scholarships for the present year was brought forward. It was decided to furnish the necessary amount for them, as had been done the preceding year, and the sum was immediately subscribed by parishes and private individuals.

Voted, That the Auxiliary purchase two mileage tickets

for the travelling expenses of the diocesan missionary, and increase the number if necessary.

Voted. That the sum contributed at the usual collection at the annual meeting be appropriated to St. John's School, Presque Isle, for the purpose of giving additional comfort to the school building. The collection was then taken, amounting to \$21.21.

The election of officers for the ensuing year followed, the nominating Committee appointed being Mrs. James H. McMullan and Mrs. John E. DeWitt.

The ladies were notified that all delegates and officers of parish branches were invited to meet the clergy at lunch, at the house of Canon Sills, and the meeting adjourned.

A second session was held at 2 p. m. at which an informal address was delivered before the Woman's Auxiliary by the Rev. Mr. Beeman, of Gardiner, on the subject of Church, Schools and Colleges.

Voted, That the thanks of the Auxiliary be tendered the Rev. Mr. Beeman for his able and stirring address.

At the suggestion of the Treasurer, it was

Voted, That the sum of \$20.00 be added to the \$21.20 appropriated at the morning meeting to St. John's School, Presque Isle. The meeting then adjourned to the place and time of the next Board of Missions.

HARRIET S. McCOBB.

Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The twelfth year of the Woman's Auxiliary was saddened in the beginning by the absence of the President and the cause of her sudden journey to the Pacific Coast, and the very life seemed at first to be taken from the year's work. But it is the pleasant duty of the Secretary to report that this apparent misfortune has proved an incentive rather than a check. It has also given to the organization a Vice President whose direction has been thoroughly wise and good, and whose desire to follow out the wishes of the President has met with hearty co-operation from the parish branches.

As it is natural, therefore, the plan of the past year does not differ from that of the previous twelve months. It embraces first, missions in this diocese, and afterwards those without, with a decided leaning in the latter case towards the nation's Indian wards and those of Bishop Hare in particular. Two Maine Missionaries have been aided, a box of table and bed linen has been sent to a Clergyman in South Carolina, and the generous packages representing the Lenten work of the various societies have been divided between two Indian Schools in South Dakota, St. John's Memorial School and St. Mary's. A circular of the former was sent by Bishop Hare, with a picture of its pupils, and it is a pleasant sight, this procession of children clothed well and even tastefully, and looking like those we see ourselves in the morning on their way to school in our eastern cities, but still with faces as distinctively Indian

as the curious list of their names in the accompanying catalogue. Quarterly meetings have been held at St. John's, Bangor, in December, and at Christ Church, Gardiner, in February, at each of which no less than seven branches were represented. Both were full of interest. It is quite clear that claims upon the sympathy and aid of the Auxiliary, as well as minor matters of business needing prompt attention, multiply with opportunities for presenting them. The only mystery is that the annual meeting alone could *ever* have been thought sufficient.

The hundred dollars pledged for the Presque Isle; Scholarship, has been duly sent, and in this connection the attention of the ladies is called to St. John's. The school though large and successful, is still in need of aid to make the building more cheerful and habitable, and with the best care that the resources allow, it is, it must be confessed, very bare. At the suggestion of the Vice President a letter was sent to Miss Nowland, one of the teachers, asking what would be acceptable, and her own words will show how she would like to have any assistance rendered.* Perhaps in accordance with a suggestion of Miss Nowland, some lady present will volunteer to pay the school a visit, as a representative of the Woman's Auxiliary, and will give the report of the condition of things at the quarterly meeting in September.

The Altar Society, begun a year since, is increasing though slowly. It has been fortunate in not suffering the usual drawbacks of a new Association, a deficiency of funds but has other needs quite as urgent, viz: workers, and orders for work, as well as subscribers. The Directress has some articles ready for those who would like to make them, and is prepared to furnish as many more as are required. The work is dainty and pretty, simple or elaborate, accord-

*Letter here read from Miss Nowland.

ing to the taste of the needlewoman, and would give pleasant occupation to the leisure of a summer by the seaside or at the mountains, or even to the long bright days in one's own home. It can be had by application to Mrs. Litchfield, whose address the Secretary can always give.

The following is the summary of the more active labors of the year, as shown by the boxes which have been sent away. Their value is almost exactly the same as that of the previous year, differing only by the small sum of twenty cents in favor of 1890, while the cash contributions exceed that of 1889 by \$18.00.

BOX ACCOUNT.

Augusta, St. Mark's,	2	\$117 95
Bangor, St. John's,	1	24 50
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	3	57 23
Bath, Grace Church,	2	12 00
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	—	— —
Calais, St. Anne's,	—	— —
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1	5 00
Exeter, Trinity Church,	1	15 00
Eastport, Christ Church,	—	— —
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	—	— —
Gardiner, Christ Church,	2	25 65
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	1	12 00
Houlton, Church of Good Shepherd,	1	6 00
Kennebunk, St. Stephens,	1	16 00
Newcastle, St. Andrew's, and Damariscotta,	2	38 00
North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	1	14 88
Oldtown, St. James',	1	7 00
Portland, St. Luke's,	2	39 78

Portland, St. Paul's,	I	8 47
Saco, Trinity,	I	18 35
Waterville, St. Mark's,	I	15 10
Wiscasset, St. Phillip's,	I	6 00

*Given through Woman's Auxiliary by Parishes
not belonging to it.*

Lewiston, Trinity,	I	10 00
Presque Isle, "King's Daughters,"	I	1 50
Woodford's, Mission,	I	15 00
	28	\$465 41

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

St. John's Memorial School, and St. Mary's School,	\$333 07
Missionary at Houlton,	66 75
Missionary at Eastport,	16 11
Houlton Rectory,	43 00
St. Luke's Mission, Woodford's,	6 48
	<u>\$465 41</u>

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Boxes,	\$465 41
Cash,	339 27
Total,	<u>804 68</u>

HARRIET S. McCOBB,
Secretary.

MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY REPORT.

The Maine Altar Society was organized by the Woman's Auxiliary, at its annual meeting in the Fall of 1889, for the purpose of providing Mission Stations with Cassocks, Surplices, Altar linen and other church vestments. It is enabled to do this by annual subscriptions from its members and by filling paying orders, which it is anxious and glad to receive. The Society is composed of members, who are either workers, or subscribers. From the workers an annual fee of fifty-two cents, or a penny a week, is asked, and from the subscribers a dollar a year. The Society at present numbers fourteen members, equally divided, there being seven workers and seven subscribers. We have received three contributions, including the sum of six dollars from Miss Clara Parker, the President of the Massachusetts Altar Society, as a nucleus for the new association, in which she has shown most kindly interest, offering assistance in the way of patterns, suggestions, etc.

In February last, The Young Girls Sewing Society of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, gave to the Society the contents of their mite chest for seven months, amounting to five dollars and twenty-two cents, and expressed a desire to become working members. We have also received from the Sister Helen Margaret Guild, a set of fine Altar linen. All of these gifts we have gratefully acknowledged, and by the generous expressions of interest thus shown have been encouraged

and stimulated to more earnest efforts in ministering to the wants of those whose lives are spent in ministering to others.

One Cassock has been made and given, from the recipient of which we received a grateful letter, assuring us that it was a perfect fit. We were much pleased by this success in our first attempt.

We have also filled an order for a surplice (for which we received seven dollars and a half.)

The financial condition is as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Received from Miss Parker,	\$6.00
“ “ Woman's Auxiliary,	6.00
“ “ Young Girls Sewing Society of St. Andrew's,	5.22
“ For Surplice,	7.50
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	\$24.72
Fees from members,	5.24
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	\$29.96

EXPENDITURES OF SOCIETY.

Materials for Cassock,	\$5.15
Linen for vestments and Altar,	4.97
Express (on Cassock and Linen,)50
Stationery,47
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	\$11.09
Received,	\$29.96
Expended,	11.09
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Balance,	\$18.87

As the different Mission Stations of our widely scattered diocese are reached, and their wants made known to us, our work will increase, and we shall need more workers, more subscribers. There surely must be many Church women in the different parishes who will be willing and glad to devote a few hours only, four times a year to this work of the Church, and to aid in beautifying God's house, and in relieving the wants of those who minister therein. The work varies from the making of a surplice to the hemming of linen, and will be sent carefully prepared.

AGNES H. LITCHFIELD,

Directress.

Randolph, June 9, 1890.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *in account with Woman's Auxiliary,*
from Sept. 17, 1889, to June 10, 1890:

DR.

To cash on hand Sept. 17,	\$27.59
“ collection at Waterville, Sept. 17,	12.36
“ “ “ Bangor, Dec. 7,	4.40
“ “ “ Gardiner, Feb. 12, 1890,	20.05
“ “ from friends in Portland,	5.30
“ St. Mark's, Augusta,	35.00
“ St. John's, Bangor,	40.00
“ St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor,	11.50
“ Grace Church, Bath,	6.00
“ St. Paul's, Brunswick,	3.00
“ Dexter,	4.00
“ Holy Trinity, Exeter,	2.00
“ Christ Church, Gardiner,	22.00
“ St. John's, Houlton,	2.00
“ St. Stephen's, Kennebunk,	5.00
“ St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, N. E. Harbor,	12.00
“ St. Luke's, Portland,	98.00
“ St. Paul's, Portland,	10.00
“ Trinity, Saco,	1.00
“ St. Mark's, Waterville,	6.00
“ St. Phillip's, Wiscasset,	2.00
“ Woodford's,	6.50
“ Trinity, Lewiston,	1.00
“ Wiscasset, .10; Hallowell, .15; Oldtown, .20; .	
“ Exeter, .25; Newcastle, .24; Dexter, .15, .	1.09
“ Interest on money on deposit,	1.48
Total,	\$339.27

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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 of 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 at the time and place of the annual Diocesan Convention, 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, 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.