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MAINE BRANCH
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

OF THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS,

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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

WOODFORDS—*S. Luke's Mission*—MISS MOLLIE SMITH.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

THE Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Chapel of S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on Tuesday, June 9th, at 9.30 A. M.

In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Mrs. Ogden, the Vice-President.

Delegates were present from S. Mark's, Augusta; S. John's, Bangor; Grace, Bath; S. Thomas', Camden; S. Matthew's, Hallowell; S. Stephen's, Kennebunk; St. Andrew's, Newcastle and Damariscotta; S. Luke's, Portland; S. Peter's, Rockland; S. Mark's, Waterville; S. Luke's Mission, Woodfords.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer. The latter were accepted by *vote*. The report of the Altar Society followed. A report was next read from a Junior Auxiliary Society in Newcastle and Damariscotta, which was of especial interest, as it was the first of the kind ever formally presented at any meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The young association received a warm welcome from its elders, who agreed that its members were to be heartily congratulated, both upon the amount accomplished and on the steadiness and system which their work showed. Wishes were also expressed that this successful beginning should lead the way to the organization of a similar society in each parish branch.

After some preliminary remarks by the Vice-President on the present state of the Auxiliary, and on diocesan missions, Mrs. Sparks, of Waterville, was asked to give

some account of the missionary work of the Rev. Mr. Sparks, her husband, in Skowhegan and Madison, which she did. Her report was clear and full of interest, leading to various inquiries as to the needs existing in these labors. It seemed very plain that any aid which could be given by the Auxiliary in travelling expenses would be gladly received, and it was quite evident that it would be as gladly given.

The delegates from Bangor also gave particulars concerning a mission in Henderson, not far from their city.

In this way the time allotted to the meeting passed so quickly that it was voted to adjourn, to meet at the same place at 2 P. M.

After lunch, at which the clergy and the ladies of the Auxiliary met at the house of Canon Sills, a meeting was again held. The election of officers for the coming year was the first proceeding, and an address on the work of the Woman's Auxiliary was then delivered by the Rev. Mr. Ottman, of S. Paul's Church, Portland. This was heard with unfeigned interest and appreciation of the thorough practical knowledge of the speaker of his very comprehensive subject.

Voted, That the sum of \$25.00 be sent the Rev. Mr. Sparks for travelling expenses, and that an equal amount be given to a mission among the negroes in Tryon City, North Carolina.

Meeting adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting of the Board of Missions.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB,
Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The thirteenth year of the Woman's Auxiliary has followed closely in the steps of its predecessor, varying only in a decided increase both in its gains and in the number of workers. Three diocesan missions have been helped, and articles have been sent to S. Catherine's Hall, Augusta, S. John's School, Presque Isle, and to a small mission among the negroes at Tryon City, North Carolina. After consulting Bishop Hare, and finding that he would again be glad of assistance, it was decided to devote the Lenten work to two of his Indian schools, S. John's and S. Mary's, as was done last year, and the articles were accordingly packed and sent in April.

Quarterly meetings have been held at Camden, in September, at Bath, in December, and at Augusta, in March, with good results, both in spirit and in substance. The main feature of the Camden gathering was a public address by Miss Emery, which was received with even more than the usual enthusiasm, and was followed by the establishment of a new branch—that of S. Thomas' Church, Camden. At Bath, a certain portion of the proposed work for the year, which had seemed to the few almost impossible to accomplish, was easily and gladly undertaken by the many. At Augusta, in spite of unfavorable weather, and in consequence, a small attendance, there was no lack of interest and kindliness.

The Altar Society is progressing quietly and steadily, and its corps of workers is increasing. Our clergy are beginning to know that orders for vestments and altar

linen can be satisfactorily executed in our own diocese, and often by those who have a personal interest in them and their work. The Society even now is self-supporting, and it is hoped that a greater number of orders may soon enable it not only to be independent, but to have its own list of beneficiaries.

The mission at Tryon City, mentioned above, is the outcome of a journey for health and pleasure, made during the past winter by one of the ladies of S. Mark's parish, Augusta, who is never weary of well doing. As will be seen in the account of boxes sent, the work done there is to be credited to the Maine Auxiliary. The mission, therefore, as a child of S. Mark's, has a strong claim on our interest.

The poverty in Tryon City, among the negroes, is not as great as the need of instruction and guidance, and a small chapel with a suitable missionary is the one thing required to complete the work begun in the winter. Both children and adults are eager to be taught, and the commencement made is so encouraging that the object seems worthy the attention which its friends earnestly ask.

The gain in the value of boxes over that of the previous year is about \$220.00. With a few exceptions all parish branches have contributed more than in 1890; several have doubled, and one has quadrupled its offering. In two cases a large part of the increase is due to the children of the parish, and one, S. Andrews, Newcastle, has established a Junior Auxiliary of its own, a report of which will be duly presented at the present meeting. In this movement it is hoped that others will join. The matter has been already presented and urged by Miss Emery, and the organization required is extremely simple, and is

left to the discretion of each branch. The only regulation imposed is the presentation of a report to be read at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

As a large part of the year's work is done for children, in Indian schools and in families of missionaries, one recognizes the appropriateness of allowing it to be shared by the little ones in the various branches. May not the formation of a Junior Auxiliary be to the older societies an added form of usefulness, and also an added pleasure —that of teaching the children "how many simple ways there are to bless."

BOX ACCOUNT.

	No.	Value.
Augusta, S. Mark's,	3	\$110.03
Bangor, S. John's,	4	78.05
Bar Harbor, S. Savoiur's,	2	84.77
Bath, Grace Church,	4	48.70
Brunswick, S. Paul's,	—	—
Calais, S. Anne's,	—	—
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1	10.00
Eastport, Christ Church,	—	—
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1	19.00
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's,	1	16.00
Gardiner, Christ Church,	1	12.50
Hallowell, S. Matthew's,	1	5.00
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	—	—
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's Mission,	1	23.85
Newcastle, S. Andrews, and Damariscotta Mission,	4	70.12
North East Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	2	30.00
Oldtown, S. James,	2	8.00
Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral,	2	50.42
Portland, S. Paul's,	1	9.20
Saco, Trinity,	1	19.00
Waterville, S. Mark's,	2	15.00
Wiscasset, S. Philip's,	1	5.00
Woodfords, S. Luke's Mission,	1	16.00

Given through Woman's Auxiliary, by parishes not belonging to it:

Junior Auxiliary, Newcastle and Damariscotta,	4	41.84
Former Pupils of S. Catherine's Hall,	1	8.00
Miss Dwinal, Mechanic Falls,	1	5.00
S. Peter's Mission, Milford,	1	—
	42	\$685.48

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

S. John's and S. Mary's Schools, South Dakota,	356.36
Missionaries in Diocese,	197.10
Episcopal Mission, Tryon City, North Carolina,	54.72
S. Catharine's Hall, Augusta,	34.00
S. John's School, Presque Isle,	43.30
	\$685.48

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Boxes,	685.48
Cash,	349.44
Total,	\$1,034.92

HARRIET S. McCOBB, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY.

The work progresses steadily and promises to increase as new missions are opened in Skowhegan, Madison and the northern portion of the diocese.

Since the last meeting of the Auxiliary, two orders for stoles have been filled, and five more have been ordered. Patterns for Choir Vestments have been loaned and found most helpful.

Members when called upon to do any work have responded promptly and willingly, and the work has been most satisfactorily done. One of the members of the Sister Helen Margaret Society very kindly made up a stole for us.

The Society thus far has been self-supporting, and it is earnestly urged that members will pay their annual dues as promptly as possible. We have nine dollars and ninety cents in the treasury, with materials for supplies and stoles and embroidery silk on hand, and shall be glad to receive more orders, and also names of new members.

Subscriptions may be sent to the undersigned, at 125 Free Street, Portland.

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES H. LITCHFIELD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *Treasurer, in account with Woman's Auxiliary, from June 10, 1890, to June 9, 1891.*

DR.
To cash on hand June, 10, 1890,
" Collection at Portland, June 10,
" Collection at Bath, Dec. 3, 1890,
" Collection at Augusta, Feb. 8, 1891,
" S. Mark's Branch, Augusta,
" S. John's Branch, Bangor,
" S. Saviour's Branch, Bar Harbor,
" Grace Church Branch, Bath,
" S. Thomas' Branch, Camden,
" Church of the Messiah Branch, Dexter,
" Holy Trinity Branch, Exeter,
" Christ Church Branch, Gardiner,
" S. Stephen's Branch, Kennebunk,
" S. Mary's Branch, N. E. Harbor,
" S. Andrew's Branch, Newcastle,
" S. Luke's Branch, Portland,
" S. Paul's Branch, Portland,
" Trinity Branch, Saco,
" S. Mark's Branch, Waterville,
" S. Luke's Mission Branch, Woodfords,
Total,
\$76.10
21.70
19.16
4.83
94.25
35.00
11.00
5.00
5.00
1.00
12.00
20.00
1.00
12.00
10.00
81.50
5.00
2.00
7.00
2.00
\$425.54

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By amounts paid out, viz:

To Miss Emery, Sept. 8,	\$20.00
To Miss Nowland, for rooms at Presque Isle,	41.20
For Printing,	.	.	.	.	.	14.00
" Two Mileage Tickets for Travelling Missionary,	.	.	.	.	.	20.00
" Presque Isle Scholarships,	.	.	.	.	.	100.00
" Missionary,	.	.	.	.	.	31.60
" Missionary's Family,	.	.	.	.	.	11.00
" Missionary's Family,	.	.	.	.	.	18.00
" Express charges,	.	.	.	.	.	.91
" Freight on 3 bbls. sent to S. Mary's School, So. Dakota,	.	.	.	.	.	6.48
" Ditto to Fort Bennett, So. Dakota,	.	.	.	.	.	5.89
" Truckage,	.	.	.	.	.	.75
" Papers sent to Woodfords Mission S. School,	.	.	.	.	.	6.50
" Mission at Tryon City, North Carolina,	.	.	.	.	.	60.25
" Church at Manistee, Mich.,	4.00
" General Missions,	11.00
" Diocesan Missions,	11.00
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Total,	\$362.58
Balance in Treasury, June 9, 1891,	62.96
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Total,	\$425.54

Pledges for Gen Ex. June 14, 1892.

Augusta	15-
Bangor	10
Bar H.	
Gardiner	15
Newcastle	15
St Lukes	15
St Pauls	5
Waterville	5-
Woodfords	21
Rockland	6