

FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MAINE BRANCH
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS
FOR THE YEAR 1893

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Gardiner, at the time of the annual Diocesan Convention, and also of the centennial anniversary of Christ Church, June 14.

Delegates were present from S. Mark's, Augusta ; S. John's, Bangor ; S. Saviour's, Bar Harbor ; Grace, Bath ; Christ Biddeford ; S. Thomas', Camden ; Christ, Gardiner ; S. Andrew's, Newcastle and Damariscotta ; S. James', Oldtown ; S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland ; S. Philip's, Wiscasset, and Trinity Chapel, Woodfords.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the annual reports of Secretary, Treasurer, Altar Society, one branch of the Junior Auxiliary and the Church Periodical Society. That of the Treasurer was accepted by vote. The latter was supplemented by some statistics of general interest, which will be found in connection with the more formal statement of the finances, showing more fully than the official report, what objects have interested the parish branches, and what societies have been most earnest and liberal in their gifts.

The address of the President followed, with good and timely suggestions for work in the coming year.

At this point the hour arrived for service, with the usual Convention sermon, but as the business of the meeting was far from being finished, it was voted to remain in session until the hour for Holy Communion. Miss Emery, who was present, spoke of the united offering of \$56,000 or \$66,000 proposed to be presented at the next triennial meeting at Minneapolis in 1895, and suggested plans for systematic giving.

A discussion followed on considering all Sunday-schools as branches of the Junior Auxiliary. Here also, Miss Emery kindly gave some details of the origin and progress of that growing organization. It was suggested by the chair that Miss Short of Newcastle, be appointed a committee to ascertain the wishes of

the Junior Auxiliary in this respect, and to report at the next quarterly meeting.

The President expressed a strong desire that more time be allowed for the annual meeting, and wished for the opinions of the ladies on this point. One proposal was to assemble on the day preceding the usual date. This subject was left for consideration, and a report was to be expected at the next meeting.

Voted, That the President appoint the committee for the nomination of officers and executive committee for the coming year.

The election followed, and the meeting adjourned to the same place at 2 P.M.

After a pleasant and bountiful lunch at the house of the President of the Christ church branch, the Auxiliary again assembled, and listened eagerly to an address from Miss Emery, in which, as always, every word was admirable. She begged her audience to consider the claims and the value of the Junior Auxiliary, and to teach the children three things with regard to missions, to pray, to study, and to give. In conclusion, she again spoke of the united offering, to be presented in 1895, as the gift of the Woman's Auxiliary.

A collection was taken at the conclusion of her remarks.

The name of one new branch, that of S. Barnabas' Mission, Augusta, was added to the twenty-seven which constitute the Maine division.

The meeting adjourned, to reassemble again in Portland in June, 1894.

HARRIET S. McCOBB,
Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The present month brings with it the fifteenth anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary. The parish branches number twenty-seven, of which twenty are doing good and systematic work, while six send articles and money when they are able, at intervals more or less distant, giving as much as can be reasonably expected, from churches where services are irregular and congregations small. Since the last quarterly meeting one branch has been added, that of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Auburn. It will receive a hearty welcome, although no stranger to this organization, as it has for some years sent contributions to the Lenten work through the Auxiliary channels.

The annual reports now begin to show an order of proceedings varying but little in form from year to year, as in any well established society. There are regular quarterly meetings, with an average representation of seven parish branches; a well attended annual meeting; work, earnest and loving, though limited, for the missionaries in this diocese, and hearty co-operation in Lenten labor.

The collections at the quarterly meetings are forming an important item in the report of the Treasurer, and are used either for special aid, or as a supplement to some necessary undertaking. These meetings were held this year in Dexter, Augusta and Portland.

Since June, 1892, five clergymen in this diocese have been assisted, boxes have been sent to two missions, the House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland, and S. Catharine's Hall, Augusta. Two partial scholarships have also been given to S. John's school, Presque Isle.

Outside of the diocese, the objects of affectionate care have been Archdeacon Joyner's mission for negroes, South Carolina, another mission for negroes in Tryon, North Carolina, a school of Bishop Talbot's at Boise City, Idaho, Cape Mount Mission, Africa, and the widow of a former clergyman of Maine.

The House of the Good Shepherd and the work among the colored people have both called forth peculiar interest, and the more, as they have seemed to be visibly present, the one within Maine boundaries, the other, as seen through the kind eyes of our Bishop, who has had temporary official duties in South Carolina. Mrs. Neely, who was with the Bishop, visited the scene of Archdeacon Joyner's labors, and formed a most pleasant acquaintance with the principal of one of his schools from whom several friendly letters had already been received by the Auxiliary. The droll little notes of gratitude sent to our President by some of the negro children touched as well as amused their friends in the North. The Bishop's graphic account of his experience with both the negroes of the plantations and their more civilized brethren of the city churches has given his own flock much enlightenment concerning the Southern problem.

The Altar Society, the Junior Auxiliary and the Church Periodical Society are continuing their work and gaining ground. Their reports will be presented in due time.

The growth of the Auxiliary during the past year is especially marked in some few parishes. That of Dexter, for instance, reports more members than ever before, and both Dexter and Bar Harbor have nearly doubled in value the amount accomplished in 1892. The largest box account is that of S. Luke's Cathedral, to which S. John's, Bangor, is inferior by only the sum of \$3.55, and Newcastle and Damariscotta, though a small society, stands third. North East Harbor has given generous contributions, in particular its last, one of money, the more valued, as it was unsolicited.

The real work of each branch, however, will be known by the following list.

BOX ACCOUNT.

PARISHES.	BOXES.	VALUE.
Auburn, Church of Heavenly Rest,	1	\$ 10.00
Augusta, S. Barnabas' Mission,	1	9.50
Augusta, S. Mark's,	6	85.22
Bangor, S. John's,	6	109.45
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	5	80.91
Bath, Grace,	1	9.00
Biddeford, Christ,	1	16.25
Brunswick, S. Paul's,	1	36.00
Calais, S. Anne's,	1	8.00
Camden, S. Thomas,		
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	2	22.00
Eastport, Christ,		
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1	5.00
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's,		
Hallowell, S. Matthew's,		
Houlton, S. John's,	1	3.50
Gardiner, Christ,	2	29.36
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's,	1	3.00
Newcastle, S. Andrew's and Damariscotta,	4	88.68
North East Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	1	40.00
Oldtown, S. James',		
Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral,	5	113.10
Portland, S. Paul's		
Rockland, S. Peter's,	1	16.30
Saco, Trinity,	1	15.96
Waterville, S. Mark's,	1	4.00
Wiscasset, S. Phillip's,	1	5.00
Woodford's, Trinity Chapel,	1	16.50
	44	\$718.73

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Mission of Archdeacon Joyner, South Carolina,	\$358.77
House of Good Shepherd, Rockland,	56.21
Widow of Clergyman,	15.00
Mission to Negroes, Tryon City, North Carolina,	31.35
Missionaries in Diocese,	174.79
Missions in Diocese,	15.75
Fairs at Lewiston and Oldtown,	31.20
S. Catharine's Hall,	3.00
S. Margaret's School, Boisé City, Idaho,	32.66
	\$718.73
Contributions in Cash,	\$544.61
“ “ Boxes,	718.73
Total,	\$1,263.34

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *Treas., in account with the Woman's Auxiliary from June 14, 1892, to June 12, 1893.*

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To cash on hand, June 14, 1892,	\$ 73.12
" Collection at Portland, June 14, 1892,	14.05
" " Dexter, Sept. 21, 1892,	11.67
" " Augusta, Dec. 14, 1892,	17.00
" " Portland, April 12, 1893,	4.33
" Cash, Augusta, S. Mark's Branch,	175.71
" " Bangor, S. John's,	35.00
" " Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	17.00
" " Camden, S. Thomas,	14.25
" " Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	3.50
" " Exeter, Holy Trinity,	7.50
" " Gardiner, Christ church,	26.50
" " Kennebunk, S. Stephen's,	2.00
" " North East Harbor, S. Mary's,	27.00
" " Newcastle, S. Andrew's and Damariscotta,	25.00
" " Portland, S. Luke's,	145.10
" " Rockland, S. Peter's	1.00
" " Saco, Trinity,	1.00
" " Waterville, S. Mark's,	5.00
" " Wiscasset, S. Phillip's	10.00
" " Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,	2.00
	<u>\$617.73</u>

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By amount paid out, viz:	
To Trinity Chapel, Woodford's,	\$ 40.00
" Mission at Ashland, Me.,	15.50
" Traveling Missionary for Mileage Tickets,	20.00
For Printing,	13.00
" Widow of Clergyman,	21.67
" Enrolment Fund,	77.00
" Sunday-school at Tryon, N. C.,	10.00
" Bishop Talbot's Traveling Expenses,	25.00
" Scholarships at S. John's School,	100.00
" Suit of clothes for boy, and express,	11.25
" Japan "helper,"	25.00
" General Missions,	40.00
" Diocesan Missions,	40.00
" Wife of Missionary,	6.10
" Auburn Mission,	25.00
" Richmond Mission,	10.00
" Freight to Boisé City,	5.33
" Freight on boxes to Columbia, S. C.,	8.45
" Trucking and sundries,	2.21
" Colored Mission at Tryon, N. C.,	41.16
" Scholarship at Raleigh, N. C.,	40.00
" Overcoat for Missionary,	16.05
" Diocesan Work, Paid to Bishop Neely,	20.00
	<u>Total,</u>
Balance in treasury June 12, 1893,	\$612.72
	<u>5.01</u>
	<u>Total,</u>
	\$617.73

In addition to the regular yearly report of the sums received and expended by the General Treasurer, it may be of importance to know what particular objects have most generally interested the different parish branches.

For the two half-scholarships at S. John's school, Presque Isle, the eleven parishes of Augusta, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Camden, Dexter, Exeter, Gardiner, Newcastle, Portland, Rockland and Waterville contributed, and the small balance lacking was made up from the general fund.

The three parish branches of Augusta, Bangor and Portland gave the seventy-seven dollars for the Enrolment Fund, Augusta's share being fifty-two dollars.

To raise the \$25 pledged at Baltimore by Mrs. Neely for a "helper" to be sent to the Japan mission, the delegates and friends present at the meeting held at Augusta in December, responded most promptly.

The \$40 for general missions, and the \$40 for diocesan missions were given by members of S. Luke's parish, Portland.

The ladies of North East Harbor have given \$27, seven of which went to the general fund, and the remaining twenty to Bishop Neely for some special diocesan work.

The money given for the colored mission and Sunday-school at Tryon N. C., and also for a scholarship at S. Augustine's school at Raleigh N. C., is credited to the Augusta branch.

From the general fund, so called, the Treasurer has to pay for the printing of the annual reports, for two mileage tickets per annum for the Traveling Missionary, for the freight on boxes sent to the different missions, for the traveling expenses of those who kindly come to address us at our meetings, often for articles of clothing, and for any and all incidental expenses.

This fund is supposed to be raised by contributions from all the parish branches, each branch giving according to its ability, and the sums given have varied from seventy-five cents to fifteen dollars. This past year many parishes have failed or neglected to make any contribution, but from the nine branches in Bangor, Bar Harbor, Gardiner, Kennebunk, Newcastle and Damariscotta,

North East Harbor, Portland, Saco and Woodfords, the Treasurer has received seventy-seven dollars.

It has been the custom at the annual meeting, to give whatever surplus there might be in the treasury by vote, to some mission or worthy object in the diocese. This year the Treasurer has not only to report that there is no surplus (five dollars and one cent being the total amount in her hands), but also to ask that to-day's offering may be a liberal one, in order to enable her to meet what bills will fall due before September. The small balance in the treasury is due partly to the fact that \$35 was given to two of our missions at the last quarterly meeting, and is partly because less was contributed to the general fund, than in former years.

Respectfully,

ELIZABETH H. SMITH,

Treasurer.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

DIOCESE OF MAINE.

A report for year ending December, 1892.

Number of Parish Librarians,	12
Number of Contributors,	65
Number of Periodicals sent for current year,	56
Odd numbers of Periodicals sent to date,	1102
Number of Books sent,	13

M. K. CORNING,
Correspondent for Maine.

June 12, 1893.

THE REPORT OF MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY FOR
YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1893.

Although the amount of work accomplished by this society may not appear to be large, the character of it necessitates the utmost care and a large amount of time in the execution of each piece. In November, a class for embroidery was formed in Portland, and Miss Hathaway of Boston kindly gave instruction. Much progress was made and a great impetus given. The work was carried on through the winter; meetings were held in the Parish House twice a week. Through Lent the members of the society were most industrious, and at Easter felt that a great deal had been accomplished.

The work is most attractive, and the few hours a week allotted to the meetings pass away quickly and delightfully. In the silk department, under Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Portland, five stoles have been made, of which one was given to S. Barnabas', Augusta, and one to Presque Isle. A set of book markers was given to Auburn mission, and a handsome white silk cover for retable at S. Luke's Portland, was embroidered by the society, the expense being defrayed by one of the Cathedral ladies. In the linen work, under Miss E. B. Stevens, Randolph, Maine, five surplices have been made and sent to different clergymen, also two rochets for the Bishop, and three sets of altar linen, one for Woodfords, one for Presque Isle and one for Auburn. The society has had most valuable assistance from members outside of Portland, and earnestly hopes for new names of both subscribers and workers, that its mission work may be greatly enlarged.

ALICE WOOD.
Secretary Altar Society.

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—We have assembled to-day for our annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, and at this time complete our fifteenth year as a diocesan branch. It seems a very short time compared to the existence of the parish whose hospitality we enjoy

and who now commemorate their centennial. A noteworthy event, indeed, in our dear land, but one hardly worthy of mention across the Atlantic, where anything less than from five hundred to one thousand years old seems new and scarcely out of its babyhood. With us, events march rapidly and our growth and development, while almost like that of the mushroom, is by no means ephemeral like that plant, but is strong and sturdy like that of the oak. Nothing could testify more satisfactorily to this rapid and healthy growth, than the society to which we belong. Claiming its right to exist merely as Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and not as a Woman's Board with independent rules and constitution of its own, it yet has gone on quietly for twenty-one years, attaining its majority last fall, at Baltimore, the city where it was born, and from a little handful of earnest women, whose only aim was to supplement the meager stipends of missionaries by boxes of clothing, it now numbers hundreds of such devoted souls in its ranks, and as a consequence, its work has grown so that at the last triennial meeting more than \$20,000 was laid upon the altar, as an offering from the Auxiliary women of every diocese in our own land, as well as some foreign lands. Oh, my dear friends, it was a glorious and inspiring thing to be present at that great triennial meeting and be one of the thirteen hundred women who filled S. Paul's church, all of them communicants and all of them there to receive the sacrament of our Lord's Supper. I would that you could have known the helpfulness of that great feast, but I trust that those of us who were present may be able to help you, who were at home to greater efforts for the cause which brings us here to-day.

I have told you of the great united offering of twenty thousand dollars given by our Auxiliary women. Maine added its mite, and sent seventy-five dollars of that amount. At a meeting of the officers of the Auxiliary, it was voted that during the three years to come we should raise not twenty but sixty thousand dollars, as an endowment for a Missionary Episcopate, and that the money so raised should constitute a part of the enrolment fund. In every Diocese where the Auxiliary exists the officers are pledged to have a special sum set aside by the members for this purpose. I now bring the matter to your notice, and will

ask for suggestions and a discussion as to the ways and means for the best furtherance of this plan, when we shall arrive at the business part of our meeting. Another thing that was done last fall, was to appoint four committees; one on systematic giving, one on publications, one on missionary workers and one on the Junior Auxiliary. Of the first, systematic giving, I have the honor to be a member, and we hope during the summer to issue a leaflet that may be of value to those whose duty it is to direct the work of the Auxiliary. Everywhere the best results are attained by systematic offerings and in no case, can the full measure of success be hoped for, where the money to carry on the work is dependent on the feeling of the moment alone. It is always easy to excite interest by a stirring missionary appeal, and the tale of destitution will never fail to awaken the sympathy of the benevolent, but a stormy day may keep the interested listener at home so the appeal is lost to her; sickness and suffering may come to the benevolent person or her family, and so the tale of another's woes may fail to reach her ear, and that avenue be closed through which prompt and generous aid was expected. Let us then remember that it is our duty, as well as our privilege, to give regularly, systematically and according to our ability, "Not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

New plans for the Junior Auxiliary have been proposed, and in some dioceses adopted, with the sanction of the Bishop. The leading feature is that each Sunday-school shall become a Junior Auxiliary, and that one Sunday in every month shall be given to acquiring knowledge of some particular missionary field, domestic or foreign, as the case may be. We have a leaflet for distribution on this subject, and I am sure Miss Emery will be glad to give any information that may be desired by anyone present.

Our Altar Society grows and thrives, and our mission stations will testify that it is a good thing, and a useful branch of the Auxiliary work. We need more workers, and I have had a printed statement set forth, that in every parish of the diocese it may be known that we have such a society, and also, what are its aims and object. In reviewing the work of the past year, I feel constrained to thank you all for the willing response you have made to every

appeal, whether for boxes or money. No one knows better than I do how little wealth we, as a church possess, but if we have little, let us give gladly of that little and so shall we reap a great reward.

During my recent visit to the South, I felt more than ever that we have done well to work during Lent for Archdeacon Joyner's missions. His is a most important field, and under his judicious guidance the colored people are coming into the Church in a way that shows what can be done when the right methods are used. From Mrs. Joyner and Miss Wheeler most interesting letters have been received, thanking our Auxiliary for their boxes, and telling of the good they have done. Miss Buchan, too, has acknowledged the articles sent to S. Margaret's school, Boisé City, in response to Bishop Talbot's appeal. Her letter was published in the North East, as were those of Mrs. Joyner and Miss Wheeler, and you are doubtless familiar with their contents.

For the coming year we shall have work to do for our own missionaries; first, scholarships for S. John's school to provide for, Christmas trees in mission stations for our Junior Auxiliaries to think of, and then, let us stretch out our hands to help in other fields. Miss Emery is with us, and she will tell you far better than I can, what a great work there is to do. To her I leave the task of explaining and emphasizing the magnitude of the Auxiliary and its many-sided duties. May we, in our humble way, be found ready to give our prayers, our money, our work, and all these more abundantly than ever before.

M. F. NEELY,
President M. B. W. A.

Portland, June 13, 1893.

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 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 notice 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 the meetings.

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

