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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

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The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Parish House of St. Luke's Cathedral, on Wednesday, June 12th.

The meeting was opened by the Rev. Mr. Galloupe.

On calling the roll, fourteen parishes responded by their delegates, viz.: Augusta, S. Barnabas and S. Mark's; Bangor, S. John's; Bath, Grace; Biddeford, Christ; Camden, S. Thomas; Gardiner, Christ; Old Town, S. James'; Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral and S. Paul's; Rockland, S. Peter's; Saco, Trinity; Wiscasset, S. Philip's; Woodfords, Trinity Chapel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the reports of the Secretary, Altar Society, and Treasurer.

*Voted*, That the reports of the Treasurer of the diocese and of the Treasurer of the Altar Society be accepted.

Mrs. Neely announced that word had been received from Archdeacon Joyner, stating his pleasure in the packages sent him, and particularly in that containing boys' clothing, which was much needed.

The annual address of the President followed.

The resolutions on the destination of the United Offering, by Miss Emery, were read.

After much discussion it was

*Voted*, That the destination of the United Offering be left to the discretion of the Managers of the Board of Missions.

The subject of a permanent supplement to the NORTH EAST, to be devoted to the Woman's Auxiliary, was discussed, as also ways and means of raising funds to carry it on. The cost per month was stated to be \$5.00, and it was proposed that this sum be raised by new subscribers. Several delegates considered this method impracticable, and S. John's, Bangor, through Mrs. Blake, proposed a quarterly issue, which could be made at less annual expense.

Meeting adjourned to 2.30 of the same day.

Met at 2.30.

The ladies were addressed by the Rev. Dr. Langford.

The usual collection followed, the amount being 16.50.

The supplement to the NORTH EAST was again considered, with various opinions as to its efficacy, and the means for sustaining it.

*Voted*, That the quarterly supplement be adopted.

An appropriation was made for sending a Sunday-school paper to one of the mission parishes.

Delegates were elected to the triennial convention at Minneapolis.

The annual election of officers followed, with the change of the word Executive to Advisory Committee.

*Voted*, That the sum of \$20.00 be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Rev. Dr. Langford.

Meeting adjourned to the time and place of the next Annual Diocesan Convention.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB,  
*Secretary.*

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THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF THE WOMAN'S  
AUXILIARY — ANNUAL REPORT.

*Sixty-one*  
Since the last annual meeting ~~fifty seven~~ boxes have been sent out, representing the efforts of twenty-one parishes in the diocese. This includes the work of one new branch, S. Matthias', Hallowell, added within the present year, and of the mission at Hull's Cove, Mt. Desert. The latter, though not belonging to the Auxiliary, sent a box with that of the Bar Harbor branch.

Packages have been sent to missionaries in the diocese, the House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland; a mission at Tryon City, North Carolina; Archdeacon Joyner's mission to negroes, South Carolina; S. Elizabeth's School, South Dakota, and the Diocesan House, Joy Street, Boston. The total value of the boxes is more than in the preceding year, although there is a marked difference in the work of individual parishes. Two for instance, S. Mark's, Augusta, and S. Saviour's, Bar Harbor, have given almost twice as much as in 1894. Two others, Christ's, Gardiner and S. Peter's, Rockland, have more than doubled their gifts, while two, previously among the largest contributors, have given, the one only

a quarter, and the other less than half of their former offerings. The greatest amount contributed by any one parish is, this year as last, to be credited to S. John's, Bangor (\$201.71).

The limited resources of this diocese, and its own urgent needs have heretofore prevented any general effort for foreign missions. This year, however, by the especial wish of the president, the Deaconess House, Shanghai, was included in the objects for united Lenten work, and a package of bed linen and towels, valued at about \$44.00, was prepared and sent to China. The remainder of the Lenten work was for S. Elizabeth's School, under Bishop Hare's jurisdiction, and Archdeacon Joyner's negro mission.

Quarterly meetings have been held as usual. That in September, at S. Mark's, Augusta, was large and enthusiastic. The claims of the Babies' Branch of the Junior Auxiliary were stated for the first time, a subscription begun for the Presque Isle scholarship, various needs of this diocese considered and remedied, an address made by Miss Jarvis of Connecticut, and a large offering in money collected. Eleven parishes branches were represented by thirty-four delegates.

The December meeting was held in Bath, in most unfavorable weather. Five parish branches were represented by eleven delegates. The money still needed for the Presque Isle scholarship was subscribed, a small sum raised for the Deaconess House, Shanghai, and the "Auxiliary Corner" in the North East considered.

The third meeting was at Saco, in February. Six parish branches were represented by nineteen delegates. The meeting was of interest, as it was the first held in that place. The President took this occasion, as a suitable one, for reviewing the work of the Auxiliary, and explaining at length its methods and objects. Both the Altar Society and the Junior Auxiliary were represented, each by an officer, and many of the ladies availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for information with regard to these branches. Plans for Lenten work were stated by the President and unanimously adopted. The lunch was given by the ladies of the Saco Auxiliary in a new and comfortable Parish House, completed a short time before.

The box account is as follows :

## BOX ACCOUNT.

PARISHES.	BOXES.	VALUE.
Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest, . . . . .	1	\$ 15 00
Augusta, S. Barnabas', . . . . .	1	20 00
Augusta, S. Mark's, . . . . .	4	112 50
Bangor, S. John's, . . . . .	8	201 71
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's, . . . . .	5	119 39
Bath, Grace, . . . . .	2	20 00
Biddeford, Christ, . . . . .	1	2 00
Brunswick, S. Paul's, . . . . .	1	12 70
Calais, S. Ann's, . . . . .		
Camden, S. Thomas', . . . . .	1	25 00
Dexter, Church of the Messiah, . . . . .	4	20 65
Eastport, Christ, . . . . .		
Exeter, Holy Trinity, . . . . .		
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's, . . . . .	2	6 00
Gardiner, Christ, . . . . .	6	160 59
Hallowell, S. Matthew's, . . . . .	1	
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd, . . . . .	1	15 00
Kennebunk, S. Stephens (see Saco), . . . . .		
Newcastle, S. Andrew's and Damariscotta, . . . . .	2	33 68
North East Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea, . . . . .	2	27 00
Old Town, S. James', . . . . .	1	1 67
Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral, . . . . .	5	59 83
Portland, S. Paul's, . . . . .		
Richmond, S. Matthias', . . . . .	2	15 00
Rockland, S. Peter's, . . . . .	2	26 15
Saco, Trinity, . . . . .	2	16 25
Waterville, S. Mark's, . . . . .	1	
Wiscasset, S. Philip's, . . . . .	1	5 00
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel, . . . . .	3	24 25
Altar Society, . . . . .	1	40 50

GIVEN THROUGH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BY PARISHES NOT  
BELONGING TO IT.

Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father, . . . . .	1	10 00
	61	\$989 87

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Contributions in boxes, . . . . .	\$989 87
Contributions in cash, . . . . .	648 18
	\$1,638 05

HARRIET S. McCOBB,

*Secretary.*

## THE MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY.



THE Maine Altar Society was organized by the Woman's Auxiliary at its annual meeting in the fall of 1889, the chief object of the Society being to provide Mission stations with surplices, altar linen and other church vestments. The society consists of members who are either workers or subscribers from the different parishes throughout the diocese. The workers pay a fee of fifty cents and the subscribers one dollar a year. It is from these subscriptions and the filling of paying orders that the society is enabled to give the material and work to the Mission stations. The President is Mrs. H. A. Neely.

The embroidery department is under the very efficient charge of Mrs. James H. McMullan, Portland, and the linen department gives equal satisfaction under Miss E. B. Stevens, Randolph, Maine. The society is greatly in need of more subscribers and more workers. It will gladly receive orders for all kinds of Church vestments and ecclesiastical embroidery, that through these orders it may be able to enlarge its Mission work, and gives assurance that the work will be most carefully executed and every effort made to give satisfaction at the most reasonable prices.

The Maine Altar Society furnishes vestments at the following prices:

Surplices, plain, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Medium fulness, \$7.50 to \$18.00

Very full, \$15.00 to \$25.00.

Cottas, \$1.00 each for making, 25 cents to 50 cents for cutting and basting.

Altar linen including Fair linen cloth, \$5.00 and upwards.

For altar cloths, pulpit falls and antependiums lowest prices will be made on application, and in ordering it is desired that dimensions should be sent.

Stoles from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in colored silks.

Black stoles, \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Book markers.

Double Bible markers, \$1.50 to \$3.00

Altar book markers, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Berettas, mohair, \$1.50; silk, \$2.50; velvet, \$3.00.

When material can be furnished by Mission stations or missionaries the work will be done by the Society. Any information in regard to above will be gladly given on application to

MISS ALICE WOOD,

136 Free Street, Portland.

Secretary Maine Altar Society.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, Treasurer, *In account with Maine Branch of Woman's Auxiliary, from June 12, 1894, to June 12, 1895.*

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To cash on hand June 12, 1894, . . . . .	\$151 09
“ collection at Portland, June 12, 1894, . . . . .	17 23
“ “ Augusta, Sept. 26, 1894, . . . . .	25 80
“ “ Bath, Dec. 12, 1894, . . . . .	5 00
“ “ Saco, Feb. 20, 1895, . . . . .	5 40
“ cash from friends, . . . . .	8 05
“ interest money, . . . . .	3 35
“ cash from Augusta, S. Barnabas, . . . . .	10 00
“ “ Augusta, S. Mark's, . . . . .	69 36
“ “ Bangor, S. John's, . . . . .	122 00
“ “ Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's, . . . . .	10 00
“ “ Bath, Grace church, . . . . .	14 00
“ “ Biddeford, Christ church, . . . . .	5 00
“ “ Brunswick, S. Paul's, . . . . .	5 00
“ “ Camden, S. Thomas', . . . . .	8 00
“ “ Exeter, Holy Trinity, . . . . .	5 00
“ “ Gardiner, Christ church, . . . . .	30 00
“ “ Lewiston, Trinity, . . . . .	1 15
“ “ North East Harbor, S. Mary's, . . . . .	9 25
“ “ Newcastle, S. Andrew's, . . . . .	28 00
“ “ Portland, S. Luke's, . . . . .	75 00
“ “ Portland, S. Paul's, . . . . .	5 00
“ “ Rockland, S. Peter's, . . . . .	29 50
“ “ Waterville, S. Mark's, . . . . .	2 00
“ “ Wiscasset, S. Philip's, . . . . .	1 00
“ “ Woodfords, Trinity chapel, . . . . .	3 00
Total,	<u>\$648 18</u>

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By amounts paid, viz. :—

1894.

June 12, for Archdeacon Walker, . . . . .	\$25 00
“ Junior Auxiliary literature, . . . . .	5 00
14, “ Miss Jarvis' traveling expenses, . . . . .	12 00
July 11, “ mileage ticket for traveling missionary, . . . . .	10 00
12, “ printer's bill, . . . . .	16 90

Sept. 26, for Miss Jarvis' traveling expenses, . . . . .	8 35
26, " cassocks, . . . . .	25 12
Oct. 25, " suit for clergyman, . . . . .	22 50
" vest for clergyman, . . . . .	3 38
Nov. 19, " Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	30 00
" Archdeacon Joyner, . . . . .	30 00
" stationery, stamps, etc., . . . . .	3 75
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Jan. 31, " Archdeacon Joyner, traveling expenses, . . . . .	15 00
" Presque Isle Scholarship, . . . . .	100 00
" Deaconess' House, China, . . . . .	13 00
" Scholarship, Tryon City, . . . . .	25 00
" S. S. papers for Trinity chapel, . . . . .	11 88
May 6, " suit for clergyman, . . . . .	23 05
" freight on three barrels to South Dakota, . . . . .	7 55
" freight on two barrels to South Carolina, . . . . .	3 28
" other freight and express charges, . . . . .	3 20
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	\$393 96
Cash on hand, June 12, 1895,	254 22
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	\$648 18

### CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

#### CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT FOR DIOCESE OF MAINE—YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15, 1895.

Number of librarians in diocese, . . . . .	13
" persons contributing, . . . . .	26
" periodicals being sent for the current year, . . . . .	26
" books sent since last report, . . . . .	23
" prayer books sent since last report, . . . . .	108
" hymnals " "	102
" Christmas cards " "	2
All odd numbers of periodicals and magazines, including odd numbers of Sunday-school papers, sent since last report, . . . . .	48
Calendars sent since last report, . . . . .	1

These reports should be sent in for the fifteenth of January.

MARY KATHERINE CORNING,  
*Correspondent for Maine.*

## REPORT OF MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY FOR 1894-95.

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The first meeting of the Altar Society was held on Tuesday, October 21. The first work begun was a set of white hangings for Woodfords, consisting of altar and pulpit hangings and book-markers. The remaining articles made during the year were two stoles for S. Paul's, Portland; one green felt set for Woodfords; a Lenten set for Houlton, including hangings for lectern and pulpit, a veil and a burse; one white silk stole for Berlin; one red and two white silk stoles; one purple veil for the Cathedral; Easter hangings for S. Paul's, Portland, including frontal, superfrontal, pulpit and lectern hangings and book-markers; one Trinity stole for Rockland; one full set of altar linen for Kingman; corporal for S. Paul's, Portland; surplice, Mr. Livingstone; full set of altar linen for Caribou; chalice veil, embroidered and marked, Mrs. Baxter, Brunswick; one cassock, one surplice, for Mr. Barbour, Houlton. \$11.50 was received for Augusta linen work. Money was also received for corporal for S. Paul's, and from Women's Auxiliary for making surplice. Although the weekly meetings of the society have been small, owing to sickness, absence, etc., the amount of work accomplished has been most satisfactory.

Receipts, \$119.22

Expenditures, \$103.65

Bal. on hand, 15.57

\$119.22

EDITH ANDERSON,  
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY, JUNE 12, 1895.

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It is very gratifying to all to know that this is the second annual meeting of the Junior Auxiliary. At the last annual meeting the constitution of the Junior Auxiliary in the diocese of Connecticut was read by Miss Jarvis. Portions of this were voted upon and the rest laid aside. At the next quarterly meeting held at Augusta, a constitution was adopted and copies were sent throughout the diocese.

In this second year there has been a vast improvement over the preceding one. Though the number of branches has not increased, there surely has been no decrease in the interest shown and felt. Things have shaped themselves into a systematic order. The children have more fully realized their responsibilities, have been more regular in attendance, and have worked more diligently as the results well show.

During Advent the different branches supplied gifts, and in some instances money for the Sunday-school Christmas trees in five of the missions in Aroostook County. All these gifts were received and greatly appreciated.

During Lent the children joined with the Woman's Auxiliary in making sheets and pillow cases for the Deaconess' House at Shanghai. Besides this there were boxes sent to Archdeacon Joyner, and a few articles to the Home of the Good Shepherd.

Too much cannot be said in favor of the Babies' Branch. This has already been started in a few parishes, and it is hoped more will follow.

Do our children understand the meaning and application of the word missions? If not, let the Sunday-school teachers take it upon themselves to devote one Sunday a month, at least, to that purpose. In this way a certain class of children would be reached who might otherwise be utterly ignorant. Here the half-hour reading club could be introduced.

Every child should be sent to Sunday-school. The time has passed when religious habits were so undeviating and rigid as to make their observance a terror to the wandering minds of the

children. But unless devotional customs are maintained at home, the child grows to believe that religion is for Sunday only, and is not fitting for the other days of the week. Let these same children also be taught the necessity of the noon-day prayer, and not forget to put their petition before God "to send forth laborers into His harvest."

The following is the list of boxes which were sent as far as heard from, during Advent 1894, and Lent 1895: Bangor, S. John's, at Christmas, \$6.75, in money, was sent to Rev. Mr. Nicholson, Fort Fairfield; to Rev. Mr. Hudson, \$5.00; to Archdeacon Joyner, \$10.00; total, \$21.75. Augusta. S. Barnabas Mission — Box of useful articles sent to the colored school in Tryon, N. C. Dexter, Church of the Messiah — Box of clothing, etc., to the Home of the Good Shepherd, Rockland. Newcastle, S. Andrew's, at Christmas, clothing, and a pair of blankets valued at \$5.00, were sent to Rev. Mr. Hudson, Winn. Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral, at Christmas, a box valued at about \$8.00, was sent to Mr. Hudson, Winn. During Lent 5 sheets, 5 pair pillow cases, and 6 towels, were made for the Deaconess' House at Shanghai; also a box sent to Archdeacon Joyner, South Carolina, valued at \$6.50.

During Lent nearly all the Juniors worked for the Deaconess' House, Shanghai. A few of the Branches have not reported, so that the exact value of all the work cannot be estimated.

ELLA C. SNOW,

*Secretary.*

*Dear Friends and Fellow Workers: —* We, of the S. Luke's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, desire to extend a hearty welcome to you, at this time, when our annual meeting calls us once more together. The present year finds us as before in our unfinished Parish House, but we hope that no serious inconvenience will be experienced in view of that fact, and certainly we are more than glad to receive you, and offer you the best we have, also hoping, that in the near future, we may complete this house, and have a place more worthy of your presence and more fit to extend the hospitality we desire to show at these annual meetings.

From the reports of the Secretaries and Treasurers of the M. B. W. A., and the Junior Branch you have heard of the work that

has been accomplished during the year past. We have extended our interest to the foreign field, and Miss Emery writes, "Maine has sent a most helpful and valuable donation for the Deaconess House in China." This is good, as far as it goes, and I hope that it is but the earnest of other, and larger offerings for foreign missions in future.

Miss Jarvis' visits last year were most helpful to the Junior Branch of the Auxiliary. The constitution and by-laws which were partially adopted last June, were completed at the quarterly meeting in September. We need now a President for the Juniors as I have been obliged to hold that office through the year. I feel sure that it should have its own President, in order that the same time and thought may be given to plans for its advancement and growth that are constantly bestowed on the older branch. It is a work full of interest, hope and cheer, as the children are enthusiastic under a good leader, and they are ready to work for anything that is presented to them in such a manner that they can understand it and feel the sympathy that is so ready to show itself in the fresh, tender spirits of the little ones of our households. I would suggest that at the annual meeting of the Juniors this afternoon, some way should be devised for raising money that they may have funds to meet their own general expenses. They should subscribe for the "Round Robins" and other publications issued by the Junior Auxiliary Publishing Co., besides which there are many other purposes for which money is needed. I suppose a small annual fee could be adopted, but, whatever the plan may be, I earnestly desire that it may be based on the principle of systematic giving, and not dependent on fairs, sales, entertainments, or any thing of that sort, for however useful such expedients may be for certain purposes, it is not the way to support missions or missionary work.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance" is a precept that our children should be taught from their earliest years. That it is possible to teach them I know, for instances have come under my own observation where children of twelve years of age, and even younger, have made large contributions to the Church's funds, earning the money to give, instead of offering that which was bestowed by their parents for that purpose.

Before passing on to other things may I not propose as an object for the Junior Branch in Maine, that they adopt one child at the House of the Good Shepherd at Rockland as their own especial care. Let them provide, as far as they can, the money that may be needed to keep it there, and the clothing necessary for its comfort.

I come now to the Babies' Branch of the Auxiliary, which ought to prove a most useful agency in establishing the habit of systematic giving among our little ones. Miss Jarvis told us of it last year, and since then it has been started in two parishes in our own diocese.

It is very desirable to have a mite box, book, and leaflet of our own. We are at present using some bought from the Connecticut Branch, and while they serve the purpose, they are not exactly what we require, as we have to make changes in them before they are given out for use.

We can obtain mite boxes of pretty form, either white or colored, for \$5.00 per one hundred. This includes printing a text and prayer upon them. The book and leaflet would be as much more. I hope we may obtain the money for this purpose in the near future. Whenever a sufficient amount is provided to get new ones I would recommend that a committee of three be appointed upon the style of the box, and to draw up a leaflet and arrange a book similar to those we now have, but altered to suit the needs of our own diocesan branch.

At our business session the resolutions presented by Miss Emery for our consideration will be discussed, and I hope that the delegates may be found ready to vote upon them with full understanding of their meaning. This brings me to mention the "united offering," the disposition of which, the resolutions referred to are intended to determine. You all know about the "united offering," and I merely speak of it that you may be reminded how short a time is left in which to gather together a fund that will compare in any degree with that likely to be sent by other diocesan branches of the Auxiliary. The week of self denial and prayer just closing, may have borne fruit, but whether its working is shown by an increase in the fund, or not, it may reasonably be hoped that all who have imbibed its spirit and meaning have

offered the prayers marked out for each day, and who shall say how rich may be the blessing thus called down upon the missionary work of the Church everywhere.

In May a supplement to the NORTH EAST was issued and it is requested that those who are not already familiar with it will look it over, numbers of that issue being placed in the benches that all may have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with its aims and objects. Should it be thought advisable, after due deliberation, to continue it, provision will be made to that end, and it may be either quarterly or monthly, as shall seem best. I have written to every parish secretary to find out whether new subscribers will be had in sufficient numbers to pay for the printing, and on that as well as the interest manifested in the enterprise, will depend its continuance.

Our Quarterly meetings grow in interest and importance, and to make them still more valuable it is proposed that papers shall be read from time to time, that shall touch upon woman's work in the Church, and be helpful in suggesting the best ways of doing that work. When good addresses can be had those will have the preference, but otherwise I think it will add very much to the interest of our meetings to have such papers carefully prepared and read, and also discussed.

One slight change ought to be made in the name of one of our committees; I refer to what is now known as our Executive Committee. It is a misnomer, the duties being entirely of an advisory nature. As such the committee is invaluable to your presiding officers, but as an executive body it has no reason for being. I will ask you to attend to this matter at our business session. Having now brought before you such topics as seem to be most important for our consideration, I will close.

This year we elect and send delegates to the great Triennial meeting at Minneapolis, and I cannot but believe that fresh inspiration and new impulse will be given to those who are fortunate enough to go to that meeting, and through them to the auxiliary at home.

We are happy in having Dr. Langford with us to-day. He will make his address at 2.30 this afternoon, and all here are cordially invited to be present.

MARY F. NEELY,

*President M. B. W. A.*