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MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Parish House of S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on Wednesday, June 10, at 9.30 A. M.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Galloupe. The roll was called and delegates responded from thirteen parish branches, viz: Augusta, S. Mark's; Bangor, S. John's; Brunswick, S. Paul's; Camden, S. Thomas; Gardiner, Christ; Kennebunk, S. Stephen's; Newcastle and Damariscotta, S. Andrew's; Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral; Portland, S. Paul's; Rockland, S. Peter's; Saco, Trinity; Wiscasset, S. Philip's; Woodford's, Trinity Chapel.

An address was delivered by Miss Julia C. Emery, and after a few remarks by Mrs. Neely the meeting adjourned to 2 P. M.

Met at the same place at 2 P. M.

The annual report of Secretary and Treasurer were read, then that of the Junior Auxiliary followed by that of the Altar Society.

Verbal reports of the Babies' Branch of Junior Auxiliary and also of the Church Periodical Society, were given by Mrs. Neely, who also announced that the place of Mrs. Corning, the Secretary of the latter association, would be taken for the present by Miss Anderson of Portland.

The annual address of the President followed.

The subject of the supplement to the NORTH EAST, as the organ of the Woman's Auxiliary was discussed. Mrs. Neely especially desired to know if it were considered valuable enough to be continued for another year.

After various expressions of opinion, all favorable, on motion of Mrs. Shepherd it was

Voted, That the supplement to the NORTH EAST be continued.

Voted, That the expense of publishing the supplement be defrayed from the general fund.

Voted, That Mrs. Neely edit the supplement as she has previously done.

Pledges for general expenses were given by the delegates for their respective parish branches.

Pledges for the usual scholarship given by the Woman's Auxiliary were discussed.

Voted, That a mileage ticket be sent to the Rev. Mr. Hudson.

The President stated the need of a bicycle for the traveling missionary, and above two-thirds of the sum required for hiring one for three months was subscribed.

Voted, That this sum be supplemented by the necessary amount from the general fund.

The election of officers for the year followed, the Committee on Nominations being Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Carleton. The officers proposed by this committee were unanimously elected.

The meeting was closed by remarks from Mrs. Ogden on the sending of delegates to annual and quarterly meetings. The branches were requested to give more careful attention to their choice, which is an important one, and to feel more fully the force of an obligation, in the matter.

Adjourned to meet at the same time and place in 1897.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Since the last annual meeting in June, 1895, the Secretary has to report three quarterly meetings, at Wiscasset, Gardiner and Waterville. Six parish branches were represented at the first, seven at the second, and seven at the last meeting. At Gardiner an address was delivered by Miss A. R. Loring, Chairman of the Domestic Committee of the Massachusetts Branch. The ranks of the Maine Auxiliary have been increased by the addition of another parish branch, that of Presque Isle.

The objects of the year's work have been missions and missionaries in the diocese, a clergyman in Vermont and one in Massachusetts, the negro missions of Archdeacon Joyner and Archdeacon Walker, the House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland, the Indians under the charge of the Rev. A. P. Burleson, Oneida Wisconsin, and missions in Africa and China. The Lenten work was devoted to Archdeacon Joyner's negro mission, the Rev. Mr. Burleson's Indian mission, and Cape Mount, Africa, and was, as usual, the combined effort of the parish branches. All packages were sent to Portland, there to be repacked, and as each was opened it was interesting to see how good and suitable was the material used, and how faithful the labor spent upon it. The Junior element was not wanting, and the children showed in their own way, the same care and thoughtfulness as their elders. Dolls, charmingly dressed, each packed in its own box, scrapbooks, playthings, games, stationery, articles contributed by boys as well as girls, enlivened the substantial piles of useful clothing, and old and young seemed to have united in a common cause.

The box account on the following page is a more practical statement of all that has been done during the year.

PARISHES.	BOX ACCOUNT.	NO.	VALUE.
Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest,	1	\$ 10 00	
Augusta, S. Barnabas',	1	25 00	
Augusta, S. Mark's,	2	128 62	
Bangor, S. John's,	6	99 30	
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	5	113 08	
Bath, Grace,	2	31 00	
Biddeford, Christ,			
Brunswick, S. Paul's,			
Calais, S. Anne's,			
Camden, S. Thomas',	1	5 25	
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	2	4 40	
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	2	6 50	
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's,			
Gardiner, Christ,	3	171 50	
Hallowell, S. Matthew's,	2	13 00	
Houlton, S. John's,			
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's (see Saco),			
North East Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	1	30 00	
Newcastle, S. Andrew's, and Damariscotta,	4	91 00	
Old Town, S. James',			
Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral,	10	142 00	
Portland, S. Paul's,			
Presque Isle,	2	5 50	
Richmond, S. Matthias',	1	8 25	
Rockland, S. Peter's,	3	11 30	
Saco, Trinity,	1	36 70	
Waterville, S. Mark's,	1	5 00	
Wiscasset, S. Philip's,	3	26 25	
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,			

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

Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father,	2	23 30
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	55	\$986 95
Contributions in boxes,		\$986 95
Contributions in cash,		702 35
		\$1,689 30

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Archdeacon Joyner, South Carolina,	\$336 65
Rev. A. P. Burleson, Oneida, Wisconsin,	105 62
House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland,	123 03
Missionaries in diocese,	237 80
Missions in diocese,	26 00
Missions outside of diocese,	137 25
China,	5 20
Africa,	15 40
	\$986 95

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *Treasurer, In Account with Maine Branch of Woman's Auxiliary, from June 12, 1895, to June 10, 1896.*

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To cash on hand June 12, 1895,	\$254 22
" collection at Portland, June 12, 1895,	15 50
" " Wiscasset, Sept. 4, 1895,	10 00
" " Gardiner, Dec. 4, 1895,	2 93
" " Waterville, Feb. 12, 1896,	7 15
" cash from Augusta, S. Marks,	34 00
" " Bangor, S. John's,	52 00
" " Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	10 00
" " Bath, Grace church,	10 00
" " Brunswick, S. Paul's,	5 00
" " Camden, S. Thomas',	7 00
" " Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1 00
" " Gardiner, Christ church,	45 00
" " Houlton, S. John's,	11 65
" " Newcastle, S. Andrew's,	22 00
" " Portland, S. Luke's,	183 20
" " Portland, S. Paul's,	6 00
" " Rockland, S. Peter's,	2 00
" " Saco and Kennebunk,	7 00
" " Waterville, S. Mark's,	3 50
" " Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,	7 00
" " A Friend,	3 00
" " Interest of money on deposit,	3 20
Total,	\$702 35

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By amount paid, viz. :—

1895.

June 12, for Dr. Langford's traveling expenses,	\$ 20 00
Aug. 10, " mileage ticket Rev. Mr. Hudson,	10 00
" printer's bill,	17 25
to Secretary for postage, etc.,	4 50
" Bishop Hare, So. Dakota,	25 00
" Diocesan Missions,	30 00
" General Missions,	30 00

" 60 "

for suit, etc. for clergyman,	\$46 75
" suit for clergyman,	23 75
to Mrs. Hunter, North Carolina,	10 00
for scholarship at Presque Isle,	100 00
to Bishop Gray, South Florida,	25 00
for North East supplement,	5 00
" Oneida Mission,	13 00
" freight on various parcels and barrels,	16 26
to Mrs. Neely for united offering,	257 83
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Cash on hand June 10, 1896,	\$634 34
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Total,	\$702 35

REPORT OF MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY.

The usual weekly meetings of the Society have been held, beginning directly after S. Luke's Day, and continuing until Easter.

The following list shows the amount of work accomplished:—

LINEN.

2 cassocks,	1 chalice veil,
1 alb,	7 surplices,
1 girdle,	12 purificators,
2 sets altar linen,	1 fair linen cloth.

EMBROIDERY.

One purple set for S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, the gift of Mrs. Augustus Wright, consisting of cover for retable and for litany desk, pulpit hanging, veil, burse and plate mats.

White hangings for Lewiston, for altar and pulpit. Two stoles, both sent to Chicago.

Receipts, \$95.67	Expenditures, \$56.92
	Bal. on hand, 38.75
	<hr/> \$95.67

EDITH ANDERSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY, JUNE 10, 1896.

Never before has the outlook for the Junior Auxiliary been so bright and the results so satisfactory as at present. Although our Juniors have, for the past few years, done a certain amount of missionary work, this year things have materialized and work has been carried on systematically.

At our last annual meeting, Miss Shelton, then matron of the House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland, was elected President, but the following fall she left the diocese, and consequently the Junior Auxiliary was deprived of a diocesan president. However, Mrs. Neely consented to act as such until another could be found.

A new feature was undertaken by the Junior Auxiliary this year—that of supporting or “adopting” a child at the House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland, for one year at least. Sixty dollars is required to do this. The youngest child at this place was given us, and work was begun at once. At first sixty dollars seemed an immense sum to the children, at least; but the wants and necessities of children generally appeal to others of the same age, so the amount has been very nearly raised.

A most generous offer was given to the Juniors through the Spirit of Missions. It was proposed that half of the subscription money should be used for missionary purposes. This unfortunately was not successful.

The same method of work has been carried on the past year as formerly. During Advent gifts were made for the Sunday-schools’ Christmas trees in a few parishes, in Aroostook County.

During Lent the children worked diligently, and boxes were prepared and sent to missionary stations outside the diocese.

It is asked that the local Secretaries shall fill out the blanks which are sent them for that purpose, and not send their reports to the diocesan Secretary on writing paper or on a postal card.

Following is the report of the work done by the Juniors during Advent 1895 and Lent 1896:—

Augusta, S. Mark's, box for Oneida Indians, value,	\$ 4 92
Bangor, S. John's, boxes, value,	10 00
Money for crippled child in North Carolina,	15 00
House of the Good Shepherd,	10 00
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's, House of the Good Shepherd,	23 00
Exeter, Holy Trinity, box Oneida Indians,	3 50
Gardiner, Christ church, box Archdeacon Joyner,	10 00
Portland, S. Luke's, Christmas box,	7 00
House of the Good Shepherd,	5 00
Box for House of the Good Shepherd, value,	3 50
Archdeacon Joyner, box, value,	1 50
Mission school, Cape Palmas, Africa, box, value,	6 00
Richmond, Archdeacon Jcyner, box,	3 70
House of the Good Shepherd,	5 00
Saco, Trinity, box Archdeacon Joyner,	4 65
Waterville, S. Mark's, box,	9 00
Woodfords, Trinity chapel, box to Oneida Indians,	20 00
House of the Good Shepherd,	5 00

The value and destination of the boxes and the disposal of the money raised is as follows:—

Christmas boxes, value,	\$ 26 00
Archdeacon Joyner, value,	19 85
Oneida Indians,	28 42
Crippled child in North Carolina, money,	15 00
Box for House of Good Shepherd,	3 00
Cape Palmas, Africa, box,	6 00
Money for House of the Good Shepherd,	48 00
Babies' Branch, Woodfords, Trinity chapel,	3 00
Babies' Branch, Portland, S. Luke's,	3 35
Paid for the United Offerings, thus making the total of the money raised and value of boxes	\$152 62
Deducting the amount from the Babies' Branch,	6 35
	\$146 27

Officers elected June 10, 1896:—

President, MISS E. A. CLARKE, Kennebunkport.

Secretary, MISS E. C. SNOW, Portland.

Treasurer, MISS CHILD, Augusta.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Ladies of the Auxiliary:— It seems quite unnecessary for me to detain you long to-day, in view of the fact that you have not only had the privilege of hearing Miss Emery on the great work there is for us women in the Church, but you have heard also the reports of our own officers, and know, therefore, what we have done during the year now closed. I will call your attention briefly to the matters that require thought and care at this meeting.

We have to consider first the supplement to the NORTH EAST, which was an experimental thing. As you know, it was thought that the expense of printing it would be met by an increased circulation of the paper, but in order to pay for the first issue, money was subscribed by several parishes, which secured the publication for two quarters. A few new subscribers were added, but if we are to judge of the value of the Auxiliary supplement by that test, it is a failure and had better be dropped. On the other hand there have been many expressions of interest in its continuance, and I hope that a full discussion of the subject may enable us to arrive at a wise conclusion, and if favorable to its existence, that money may be appropriated for the cost of printing.

Our Junior Auxiliary is making steady progress notwithstanding the fact that the President elected last June left the diocese in October, and has been unable to do more than retain a nominal connection with it since that time. Another President and a Treasurer are to be elected to day, and it is one of the encouraging evidences of growth, that, whereas in the past there was no money for a General Treasurer to disburse, we have had quite a little sum recently, and we have reason to believe that more will come, so that another year we shall look with interest for the report from the Treasurer, as well as that from the Secretary of the Juniors. I would call attention here to the fact that the

Juniors were requested to take a little girl at the House of the Good Shepherd under their care, to pay for her board, and also to furnish her clothes. Mr. Moody assigned little Jenny Hodgkins to them, and thus far her board has been paid for six months, but the sum of ten or fifteen dollars is still required to make good the other half-year. Doubtless the new President will know just how to interest all the Juniors in this particular work, and it may be that instead of one child they will desire to take two.

A touching appeal has come from Columbia, South Carolina, for a pair of crutches for a little boy in the hospital. I will read the story as it was told in the letter, and when we have taken up the business part of our session I should be glad if the delegates from the Junior Branch feel that it is profitable for the young people to send them to Miss Wheeler. The "Babies' Branch" is now fully established in Maine. One lady gave ten dollars to defray the expense of mite chests, books and leaflets, and though it did not quite cover the bills, the extra amount needed was small and was cheerfully given by another friend. Quite a number of the boxes have been given out, and more will doubtless be desired as the aim and object of the Branch is better understood.

The Altar Society is still doing true and faithful work in both departments, but it meets with a serious loss at this time through the resignation of Miss Stevens who has been the efficient Directress of the linen department for several years.

It is hard to find anyone who can, or will do, all that she has done, for it has required no small amount of time to cut and baste surplices, altar linen, etc., and to that, add the marking, and one sees what it means to do such work for years with unwearied pains and self-denial. Ill health makes it necessary for Miss Stevens to withdraw, and we are, therefore, obliged to accept her resignation, and to remain in charge of the

work the President

and the Board have

send a list of such names to the Secretary, Miss Edith Anderson, 206 State street. A misapprehension exists in the minds of some in regard to the Altar Society. It is not a parochial affair but is diocesan, and all the work done is credited to the diocesan branch, and not to any one parish. Hence it is desired that individuals connecting themselves with it should send their annual dues to Miss Edith Anderson, and should report to her their willingness to assist in some particular department, and she in turn will inform the Directress of that department, who will call upon them from time to time as their services may be required. A class for instruction in ecclesiastical embroidery will probably be formed in Portland in the early fall, and any ladies desiring to join such a class can state their desire and receive full information as to terms, etc., through the Secretary. The larger the class the more likely we are to secure the teacher, so we hope that in the fall there may be many applicants for such a course of lessons.

The Church Periodical Club is not doing as well in Maine as it ought. There is some misunderstanding about it apparently, but a little investigation will show what a valuable society this is, and how worthy of encouragement. The Secretary, Mrs. Clarence H. Corning, who has had the work very much at heart, is obliged to give it up for the present and Miss Anderson has consented to take her place until she can resume her work.

This covers the various branches of our Auxiliary work, and I close praying that we may all be led to a higher and holier life and a more faithful discharge of the many duties that press upon us.

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