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CHURCH PERIODICAL SOCIETY.

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ALTAR SOCIETY.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The annual meeting was held in S. Luke's Parish House, June 9, 1897, at 10 A. M. The meeting was opened by prayers read by Rev. Mr. Hudson. The roll was then called and delegates responded from fourteen parish branches, viz.: Auburn, Church of Heavenly Rest; Augusta, S. Mark's; Brunswick, S. Paul's; Camden, S. Thomas; Exeter, Holy Trinity; Gardiner, Christ; Kennebunk, S. Stephen's; Newcastle and Damariscotta, S. Andrew's; Portland, S. Luke's; Portland, S. Paul's; Lewiston, Trinity; Rockland, S. Peter's; Saco, Trinity; Woodford's, Trinity Chapel.

The Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and the reports of Secretary, Treasurer, Altar Society and Church Periodical Club.

An address was read by the President concerning the work proposed for the year, stating in particular the necessity of education in missionary literature.

Adjourned to the church for service, Holy Communion and the Bishop's Convention address.

Met in the Parish House at 2.30.

Mrs. Neely introduced the Rev. Mr. Paddock who addressed the ladies on the subject of missions, begging his hearers to remember that our Lord's last words, not only precious but significant, were, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Various interesting statistics presented by Mr. Paddock showed the progress of missions. In the beginning of Queen Victoria's reign for instance, missionaries had been sent to only four foreign nations. Now the number has extended to 540. In the year 1800 only 5,000,000 Bibles existed in the world. In 1896 that same number represented the copies printed during

that year alone, embracing editions in three hundred and thirty dialects.

But these items are English, and we in America have, in comparison, been "playing at missions." Mr. Paddock stated from his own experience, how little real encouragement was given to young men to be missionaries, even though the country has pioneers like Bishop Boone who said, "If I can only go to China and oil the hinges for others, my life will not be in vain."

He closed by urging his audience to read themselves and to teach the children about missions, to adopt half-hour reading clubs, to avail themselves of "Quiet Days" and of the noonday prayer, and in fine, to "think, read, pray and do."

Voted, That the thanks of the Auxiliary be tendered Mr. Paddock for his helpful words.

After reading again the circular of the Junior Auxiliary Publishing Company, which had been presented in connection with the address of the President, it was

Voted, That Miss Clark be elected to confer with the Company for the purchase of missionary leaflets, etc.

Voted, That ten dollars be appropriated for the missionary publications of said Company.

Some discussion followed concerning a larger supplement for the NORTH EAST, for which Mrs. Neely has ample material. No action was taken.

Pledges for General Expenses were given by the different branches for the year.

The President suggested a change of time for the annual meeting, as the growing claims of the Society seem to demand more attention than can be given on the day of the Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Sills it was

Voted, That the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary for one year, by way of trial, be held on the Tuesday preceding the day of the Convention.

Voted, That a Recording Secretary be elected.

Voted, That a mileage ticket be given Rev. Mr. Hudson.

Voted, That if the finances of the diocese permit, a mileage ticket be given the missionary in Somerset County.

The election of officers followed, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Winkley and Mrs. White, being by vote appointed by the chair.

A letter was read from the principal of S. John's school, Fort Bennett, acknowledging the receipt of packages from the Maine Woman's Auxiliary.

Adjourned to the Tuesday before the Annual Diocesan Convention to be held in June, 1898.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB,
Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Since the last annual gathering of the members of the Auxiliary, the usual quarterly meetings have been held, with an average representation of ten parish branches. They have been well attended and full of life, and in addition to being pleasant social reunions, are growing more and more to be sources of earnest interest in all that is good.

Two new objects have claimed attention — isolated Churchwomen, to be reached and aided in joining in the various diocesan labors, and an unexpected appeal from some of the Canadian brethren, for cooperation in supporting a traveling missionary in Somerset County.

The first quarterly meeting was at North East Harbor, in September. The working year was inaugurated by a stirring address from Bishop Doane, and by a paper on the Junior Auxiliary by Miss Clark, one of its officers, who is always heard with pleasure.

The second meeting was at Bangor in December. It is to be remembered by an admirable talk from Mrs. Sioussat of Baltimore — her subject the Auxiliary, whose first annual offering of \$72.00 is gladly contrasted with that of the present time, of \$1,000 each day.

The third meeting was in Lewiston, in which Mrs. Ogden thrilled and solemnized her hearers with the thought of the sympathy, power and responsibility of united service.

The channels for the year's work have been more numerous than usual, though the amount accomplished has fallen below that of 1896, chiefly from many and severe cases of illness in the different branches.

Packages have been sent to three missionaries in Maine, one missionary in Alaska, one missionary in North Carolina, one

missionary in Tennessee, a mission in Summerville, S. C., Arch-deacon Joyner, South Carolina, Norway, in aid of a fair, House of Good Shepherd, Rockland; Bishop Hare's Indian schools, Dr. Walrath, Cape Mount, Africa.

The following is the box account: —

BOX ACCOUNT.		
PARISHES.	NO.	VALUE
Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest,	1	\$ 11 00
Augusta, S. Barnabas',		
Augusta, S. Mark's,	3	52 52
Bath, Grace,	1	18 00
Bangor, S. John's,	8	164 40
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	3	41 10
Biddeford, Christ,		
Brunswick, S. Paul's,	1	
Calais, S. Anne's,		
Camden, S. Thomas',		
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1	5 00
Eastport, Christ,		
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1	5 00
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's,	2	11 00
Gardiner, Christ,	3	121 27
Hallowell, S. Matthew's,		
Houlton, S. John's,	1	10 00
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's,	4	37 75
Lewiston, Trinity,	1	11 00
Newcastle and Damariscotta, S. Andrew's,	5	64 12
North East Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	5	134 00
Old Town, S. James',		
Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral,	6	67 00
Portland, S. Paul's,	2	9 64
Presque Isle,	2	12 84
Richmond, S. Matthias',		
Rockland, S. Peter's,	1	4 00
Saco, Trinity,	1	20 20
Woodford's, Trinity Chapel,	4	14 65

GIVEN THROUGH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BY PARISH NOT ONE OF ITS BRANCHES.

Hull's Cove Mission,	1	6 00
	57	\$820 49

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Bishop Hare's Indian schools,	\$199 10
Archdeacon Joyner's Mission, South Carolina,	113 97
House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland,	47 93
Missions and missionaries in diocese,	297 95
Missions and missionaries out of diocese,	45 50
Cape Mount Mission, Africa,	17 94
Missions in general,	98 10
Contributions in boxes,	\$820 49
Contributions in cash,	502 29
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	\$1,322 78

HARRIET S. MCCOBB.

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *Treasurer, In account with Maine Branch of Woman's
Auxiliary, from June 10, 1896, to June 9, 1897.*

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To cash on hand June 10, 1896,	\$68 01
" collection at Portland, June 10, 1896,	16 50
" " North East Harbor, Sept. 2,	13 90
" " Bangor, Dec., 1896,	5 43
" " Lewiston, Feb., 1897,	6 05
" interest of money on deposit,	1 96
" cash from Augusta, S. Barnabas',	2 00
" " Augusta, S. Mark's,	37 33
" " Auburn,	13 55
" " Bangor, S. John's,	62 00
" " Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	16 21
" " Bath, Grace,	9 00
" " Brunswick, S. Paul's,	8 50
" " Calais, S. Anne's,	2 00
" " Camden, S. Thomas,	8 75
" " Exeter, Holy Trinity,	7 25
" " Gardiner, Christ,	22 00
" " Newcastle, S. Andrew's,	31 00
" " North East Harbor, S. Mary's,	17 00
" " Portland, S. Luke's,	105 40
" " Portland, S. Paul's,	9 00
" " Presque Isle,	7 60
" " Saco and Kennebunk,	10 25
" " Waterville, S. Mark's,	13 00
" " Woodfords, Trinity chapel,	6 10
" " Friends.	2 50
Total,	\$502 29

387.64
371.50

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By amounts paid, viz :—

1896.

June 10,	for Miss Emery's traveling expenses,	\$20 00
Dec.	" Mrs. Sioussat's traveling expenses,	20 00
June 18,	mileage ticket for missionary,	10 00
Sept. 24,	for printer's bill,	17 25
Sept.	Overcoat for clergyman,	22 50
	Personal gift for clergyman,	5 00
Nov.	Suit of clothes for clergyman,	22 10
	Cloak for clergyman's wife,	12 00
Dec.	Ulster for clergyman's son,	9 00
	For General Missions,	30 00
	" Diocesan Missions,	30 00
	" Junior Auxiliary,	10 00

1897.

Feb.	For mileage ticket for missionary in Somerset County,	12 50
	" supplement to "North East,"	20 00
	" church at Norway,	35 00
	" suit for clergyman,	16 95
	" freight and trucking,	17 36
	" scholarship in Bishop Hare's school,	25 00
	" postage,	1 00
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		\$335 66
	Cash on hand June 9, 1897,	166 63
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		\$502 29

REPORT OF MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY, 1896-97.

The meetings of the Altar Society began as usual, the first Tuesday after S. Luke's Day. The list of work done during the year is as follows : —

- 1 red stole, Lewiston,
- 1 red stole, Fort Fairfield,
- 1 white stole, Lewiston,
- 1 black stole, S. Paul's, Portland,
- 1 purple stole, S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland,
- 1 white silk chalice veil, Bath,
- Purple set for Lewiston, consisting of
 - 1 altar super frontal,
 - 1 pulpit hanging,
 - 1 purple stole,
 - bookmarkers,
- 1 white stole, California,
- 1 green stole, Lewiston,
- 1 green bookmark, Exeter.

The work has been done under great disadvantages, there being but five workers in all, and a part of the winter only three to depend upon, owing to sickness and absence.

The list of subscribers through the diocese seems to be decreasing. Of fifteen postal cards sent out but three have been answered.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand June, 1896,	\$38 75
Receipts to June, 1897,	41 71
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	\$80 46
Expenditures from June, 1896, to June, 1897.	47 99
Balance on hand June, 1897,	32 47
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	\$80 49

EDITH ANDERSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

Although the result of the work of the "Church Periodical Club" for the last year is not large, we have done fairly well under somewhat discouraging circumstances. Several Librarians have simply let the work drop, not even sending in their resignation, and we have been unable to find any record of the contributors or what they have done. In such cases it has necessitated a new beginning.

There are six parishes contributing, and forty magazines and papers being sent regularly, besides quite a large number of odd magazines and Easter cards, books, etc.

One Librarian has resigned and two new ones have been appointed.

Effort has been made to increase the interest in the work, but so far it has not met with the success hoped for.

HANNAH A. ANDERSON,

Cor. Church Periodical Club.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:— We have come to the end of the nineteenth year of our existence as a society and find ourselves slowly but surely gaining strength in the diocese. Occasionally a new parish branch is formed and duly organized. Of such we have two this year. All this is encouraging and hopeful as far as it goes, but there is a necessity laid on us who belong to the older members of this body, to see to it that those who are to take our places hereafter shall come to the front thoroughly well informed in the various departments of missionary work, and able and willing to take up the burdens we must lay down, with a far better understanding of their duties than we had when we first assumed them. To this end a plan has been prepared and a circular sent out which, it is hoped, will receive the careful consideration of each diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. I will read you the circular.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY PUBLISHING COMPANY.

(Incorporated 1894.)

The Junior Auxiliary Publishing Company was formed in 1893, for the promotion of the study of missions and the circulation of missionary literature (one of the five purposes for which the Auxiliary was organized). At that time the Central Office of the Auxiliary, in New York, was not prepared to make any extensive increase in its literary department, and it was not easy to see how this could be done without materially increasing its expenses; while in an independent Auxiliary, such as the Publishing Company, the work, if properly divided, can all be done by unsalaried officers until it is able to pay its own salaries from the proceeds of the sales.

Its organizers, feeling that the general and deplorable indifference in the Church to the cause of Missions is largely due to ignorance, and realizing that the surest way to provide future laborers for the field and to prevent humiliating deficits in the General Treasury is to aim at the root of the trouble, earnestly urge on all the need of education in missions. If classes for the study of missions are everywhere desirable among the women of the Auxiliary,

surely in the Junior Department they are an absolute necessity. The children of to-day are to be the stewards of the talents and treasures which should be used for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. The work they are doing as Juniors, valuable as it is, is nothing to what they can do as adults, when their lives and their wealth can be consecrated to Christ's service. Nor can they now use the most valuable gift in their power, *i.e.* their prayers, unless they know for what their prayers are asked. Such a course of instruction demands something fuller and more systematic than is provided in the periodicals and occasional leaflets of the General Board. The Junior Auxiliary Publishing Company, forced to act on its own responsibility and having no capital, has attempted to supply this demand, believing that it will be sustained in the work by all interested in the welfare of the Church.

The purpose of the Company has been to provide for the Auxiliary:—

- 1st. A series of illustrated sketches in various parts of the Mission Field.
- 2d. Brief lives of pioneers and leaders in the Mission work of the Church.
- 3d. Missionary wall-maps.
- 4th. Bound books on Mission life, for the use of the Woman's Auxiliary, and for Sunday-school libraries.

So far, lack of means and patronage have prevented the carrying out of the last two; but there has been added:—

- 5th. The Missionary Lesson Leaflet.

The total amount received in gifts so far is \$817.52, which has formed the operating capital of the Company. By the aid of sales the Company has been able to expend \$2,498.52 in the printing and distribution of forty-four separate publications, including thirteen missionary leaflets, with a total of 93,500 copies.

The work of the Company from the beginning has been hampered by various obstacles, the first of which is the lack of any system for bringing the publications to the attention of every parochial branch of the Auxiliary, and of Rectors and Sunday-school teachers.

Through the kindness of the editors of the publications of the General Board and of various Church periodicals, and by the distribution of sample copies of the publications, the Company has been publicly advertised, but with small results. This is due to the fact that advertising, not accompanied by a personal appeal, commands little attention and brings few returns.

The second obstacle is the expense to poor parishes for a sufficient number of copies of the various publications, for the use of the Missionary Societies and the Sunday-school.

Many of the publications are now sold at cost, but with an increased circulation the cost could be materially reduced.

It is also a serious hindrance that, at the present rate of sales, it is long before the sum expended on a publication returns to the treasury to be used for a new number. That it does so return at all is most encouraging.

It is, however, plain that, unless the returns are more rapid, even the present modest work of the Company cannot be carried on without some outside aid. And yet we are ambitious enough to look for larger results in the future, feeling confident that, if we will all continue to build up one strong Missionary Publishing Company, it will be capable of accomplishing a great work for the cause of missions.

The realization of the importance of education in Missions is growing daily. Therefore now is the time to press the matter by the formation of classes in our parishes, and by urging the importance of systematic instruction in missions as a part of the work in every Sunday-school in the Church.

Yours truly,

J. WILLIAMS, <i>President</i> ,	SAMUEL HART, <i>Vice-President</i> .
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EASTER, 1897.

You have now heard the simple but admirable suggestions set forth in this paper and commended by many of our Bishops, of our clergy and also of the laity. In a private letter to me, Miss Beach, who is the Secretary of the J. A. P. C. writes:—

“This is an age preeminently of clubs and societies; there is no question of the day, nothing historical, scientific or philanthropical, which we do not think it our duty to investigate. One hears of some new object almost daily, which is made a pretext for a new association, until it makes one fairly dizzy to find what a multitude of subjects society expects not only women but children to grasp. For we have Junior Societies to excite the patriotism of the children, and the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, the Colonial Dames, etc., are giving prizes to the scholars of our public schools for the best papers on American history; while in our cities the school-children are even banded together in the interests of civic reform, clean streets and—no one knows what not. Certainly so much intellectual and practical activity, such conscientious restlessness, ought to remodel the world. Of course this is most praiseworthy; but is it not strange, and in a sense pitiable, that little or no general interest and no sense of personal responsibility is excited for the extension of Christ's kingdom in this

world? Why should it not awaken as great an enthusiasm as a topic for study, a cause to be promoted, as any of these countless other subjects which our consciences appear to drive us to make popular under the care of special associations? Why should it not have as great a value and interest to us? That is surely claiming little for it when we consider that this kingdom is the sole government, institution and society in which we have an eternal inheritance, and to which we owe our first and greatest allegiance. We must not only lose our part in all others, but they themselves will in all probability pass from existence in the course of years, while Christ's kingdom is bound to exist and grow even in this world to the end of time. Can we not make our people as ashamed of their ignorance about the past and present condition of that kingdom as they would be if they knew as little of the state of our earthly country? Why should not local clubs and societies be formed to promote this branch of study? And cannot our children be taught not only to pride themselves on being Americans, but also on belonging to a greater and more enduring country? Certainly it should be our highest privilege, as it is our first duty, as soldiers of Christ, to help in the extension of its earthly bounds. It seems to some of us as if the Church was not awake to the value of approaching this cause of missions from the intellectual and patriotic standpoint, which is proving such a force in all other directions."

Her words moved me very deeply for I fully believe that half the energy that is expended on the various clubs and societies she mentions, would arouse an interest in missionary subjects among young and old, such as has never been known in our day, and would bring forth fruit that would surprise even the most sanguine of us all.

Feeling very strongly myself on this subject, I hope the matter will receive your attention during our business session, and that a lady may be elected to serve on the Committee as desired at the time of our General Convention, and also to work in our own diocese for the spread of the publications issued by the J. A. P. C. I also recommend that a grant be made to that Society for the furtherance of its work, with the understanding

that one-half is to come back to us in the shape of printed matter, to be used in parishes too feeble to buy these things for themselves. If the rectors of the churches will consent to have the Sunday-schools use a missionary leaflet once a month for their lesson, the children will soon take an intelligent interest in this department of knowledge, for it can be made instructive and interesting at the same time.

Whenever this shall become a universal custom, there will be no difficulty in having a Junior Auxiliary Branch in every parish, and the work they do will show the new inspiration derived from a better understanding of the self-denial, the sufferings, the trials, as well as the successes of the missionaries for whom they desire to show their loving, practical interest.

But there is still another way in which the leaflets may be used, and that is, by forming classes for their study among the older women of the various parishes. This has been done in our diocese in one or two places and with most satisfactory results. Will you not think of this when the winter comes again, and while I do not ask you to do less in your literary or art clubs, yet I do ask you to do more in your Church societies. Give to them the best that is in you, consecrate your highest and best talents to the service of *your* Master, make that your real object in life and the rest of your time and strength may be given as you please, and your enjoyment in your recreation will be doubled because you will have the happiness of feeling that first of all you have given yourselves, your souls and bodies to be an holy, living and reasonable sacrifice to Him, unto whom it is due. We are to hear more on the subject of these classes, etc., from one who has come here to speak to us to-day, so I will leave it for him to explain more fully what we can and ought to do in regard to them.

The reports show that the plan for reaching isolated women in our Diocese, has made some progress. It is the latest addition to our work and gives promise of doing much good.

Our Altar Society continues to do good work, although this year, owing to sickness and other causes, it has been sadly reduced in numbers. We expected to have had a teacher of experience here to give instruction in ecclesiastical embroidery

last fall. We were unable to carry out our wish, but this year we have every reason to expect a lady from New York, who is wonderfully skilful herself and is said to be equally so in imparting her knowledge. Classes of five will be formed who will receive six lessons at a cost of five dollars ; or, single lessons may be had at one dollar each. Anyone desiring to join such classes will please notify Miss Wood, 136 Free Street, Portland, or Miss Merrill, 53 Pine Street. We shall be very glad to have ladies from other cities join these classes and when instructed, assist the Society in their work for mission stations as well as with the ordered work, which is our chief source of revenue. We are also in need of help with the making up of the stoles and frontals after the embroidery is done. Will not those who can do this part of the work, offer their services as well as those who like to do the ornamental part? The Church Periodical Club continues to bestow its kindly aid in a most quiet, unpretentious manner. It would seem as if we might do a great deal more in this Diocese, but the untiring efforts of our Church Periodical Club Secretary have often been unsuccessful in eliciting a response even, and it is hard indeed to feel that so much labor meets with so little reward.

The Supplement to the NORTH EAST has been in existence two years, and should have more columns in order to present all that would interest the members of the Auxiliary. We could have a small quarterly of our own, but there are objections to the plan which are obvious. A larger outlay of money would give us an extra page when we require it, and it is for the readers of the Supplement to decide on what is best for its continuance and support. In closing I do so with a few words of farewell and many grateful remembrances of your years of patient forbearance as we have walked along, amidst doubts and discouragements it may be, but still with hope in our hearts for the future of our Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

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

June 8, 1897.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, JUNIOR AUXILIARY,
JUNE 9, 1897.

The amount of work done by the Juniors the past year, under the direction of Miss Clarke, our new Diocesan President, is nearly, if not quite, equal to the amount done the previous year. During Advent Christmas boxes were prepared for a number of mission Sunday-schools, nearly two hundred children being supplied with gifts, thus making a merry Christmas for all. A box from Augusta made happy twenty-eight little hearts at the House of the Good Shepherd, and I think if the Juniors on Christmas morn could have witnessed the scene described by the matron of the Home, they would agree that it is indeed "More blessed to give than to receive."

Both Foreign and Domestic mission work was carried on through Lent. A number of branches assisted in preparing clothing for the Juniors' little girl at the House of the Good Shepherd, and judging by some of the articles sent, I am sure she will look very nice and neat this summer. And here I would like to say one word about this same little girl, who is depending upon the Junior Auxiliary for her support.

I think you all know we agreed to pay sixty dollars a year to Mr. Moody for the support of this little Jennie Hodgkin, and of course we mean to do just as we agree, but, for some reason or other, the whole amount, either for last year, or for the year that ends this month, has not been paid. I am confident this state of affairs will not be allowed to exist long, and by having it brought before you to-day you will endeavor to bring about some satisfactory arrangements. There are enough branches in the state to raise this amount if each branch would assume a part of the responsibility. I have no doubt you will do so to-day, as the Juniors ought not to fail in anything they undertake. A box of useful articles was sent to Cape Mount, Africa, and one to S. Elizabeth's school, South Dakota.

I regret that it is not in my power to give you a detailed account of the methods of work in the different branches, as the secretaries with one exception, have sent me only summaries. We would like to have known just when and how they did their work, so that each branch might have learned from the others, and perhaps another year have improved upon their own way. Following is a report of the work done by the different branches as far as I have been able to ascertain, during Advent 1896 and Lent 1897:—

Augusta, S. Mark's, box for Cape Mount school, value,	\$ 4 75
Christmas box, House of Good Shepherd,	6 75
Support for child, House of Good Shepherd,	7 00
Gardiner, Christ church, support of child, House of Good Shepherd, . .	5 00
Bangor, S. John's, crutches for child in South Carolina,	2 00
box for House of Good Shepherd,	10 00
money for blankets, House of Good Shepherd,	4 00
support for child, House of Good Shepherd,	6 50
Christmas box for Winn,	5 00
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour, Christmas box Mr. Hudson's Bible class, . .	3 50
support of child, House of Good Shepherd,	5 00
for shoes and rubbers for child at House of Good Shepherd,	4 00
North East Harbor, support of child, House of Good Shepherd,	5 60
Calais, S. Anne's, Foreign Missions,	5 50
Portland, S. Luke's, box of clothing to House of Good Shepherd,	10 00
support of child, House of Good Shepherd,	10 00
Christmas box to Macwahoc mission,	5 00
Waterville, S. Mark's, Christmas box to Fort Fairfield,	7 00
Rockland, S. Peter's, support of child, House of Good Shepherd,	5 00
Woodfords, Trinity chapel, box for South Dakota Indians and for colored people,	14 35
support of child, House of Good Shepherd,	5 00
Christmas box, Fort Fairfield,	2 25
Saco, Trinity, box to Cape Mount,	2 90
Richmond, Christmas box, Fort Fairfield,	5 00
Houlton, box,	5 00

Making a total of one hundred and forty-six dollars and ten cents (146.10). Adding to that the amount given by the Babies' Branch, \$12.20, we have \$158.30.

Respectfully submitted,

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