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MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The twenty-first annual meeting was held in S. Luke's Parish House, Portland, on Tuesday, May 16.

At the calling of the roll, delegates responded from thirteen parish branches, viz.: Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest; Augusta, S. Barnabas' and S. Mark's; Bangor, S. John's; Exeter, Holy Trinity; Gardiner, Christ; Kennebunk, S. Stephen's; Lewiston, Trinity; Portland, S. Luke's and S. Paul's; Rockland, S. Peter's; Saco, Trinity; Woodfords Trinity Chapel.

The annual reports of Secretary, Secretary of Junior Auxiliary, Treasurer and Treasurer of Junior Auxiliary followed, and were accepted by vote.

The report of the Altar Society was read and the President gave her annual address, reminding her hearers that this was the twenty-first anniversary, the coming of age, of the Society. Mrs. Neely, in a brief résumé of the years that had passed, gladly spoke of the fact that the objects for which this association now labors, are not only those in its own diocese and country, but also those in India, China, and Japan, while at first a feeble effort for a few Maine parishes was all of which it was capable. She spoke also of the Junior Auxiliary with its Babies' Branch and of the Girls' Friendly Society, recognizing with pleasure the real aid given to the cause of missions, and closed with the wish that the work might go on continually from strength to strength.

Miss Jarvis of Connecticut rose to address the meeting, presenting first the following resolution:

"The Officers and Managers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese of Connecticut, assembled in semiannual confer-

ence, send greetings to the Auxiliary in Maine. They wish to express their congratulations to the Auxiliary, both diocesan and general, for the successful and helpful twenty-one years of the branch in Maine, and to wish them, as in the past, an ever increasing membership, and deepening of zeal and interest.

"Presented in behalf of the Auxiliary,

LUCY C. JARVIS."

Voted, that the thanks of the Maine branch of the Auxiliary be tendered that of Connecticut, for the above resolution.

The subject of Miss Jarvis' address which followed was a plan for the study of missions, as used in some other dioceses, enforcing the fact that all work is made of deeper interest by study and knowledge. Considering missions as a whole, in relation to body, mind and soul, or hospital work, schools and purely evangelistic labor, she passed to their connection with politics, the government of nations, the geographical condition of a country, and also the state of its women.

She strongly recommended the study of missions in classes, giving instances of enthusiastic interest in that way, and mentioned for reference certain publications within the reach of all, which gave valuable information to earnest students.

Pledges were asked for the scholarship usually furnished by the Auxiliary, and after a part of the sum was raised by subscription, it was

Voted, That the amount be made up from the balance remaining in the treasury.

A letter was read from Miss Huntington, asking aid for hospital work in China, and stating instances of great need.

Voted, that \$20.00 be appropriated for the hospital in Hong Kong.

The annual election of officers followed, the nominating committee being, by *vote*, appointed by the chair, and consisting of Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Fowler and Miss James.

An address followed, by the President of the Junior Auxiliary, including a resolution offered and accepted by *vote*, on the necessity of bringing the Junior Branch into touch with the Woman's Auxiliary.

Resolved, That each branch of the Junior Auxiliary send a delegate to the quarterly meeting, or authorize their Woman's Auxiliary delegate to act as a Junior delegate, and instruct her accordingly.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Blake:

Resolved. That the members of the Auxiliary give most hearty thanks to their beloved President, Mrs. Neely, for the able, wise, sympathetic direction of the affairs of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary during the twenty-one years just now concluded. Too strong appreciation of those services cannot be expressed, nor the hope made too emphatic that she may long continue to lead the diocesan work.

Mrs. Neely was deeply touched by the above resolution, and it was adopted heartily, but informally.

A letter, acknowledging the receipt of a package of Lenten work, was read from the wife of Bishop Gray, Southern Florida, and also another letter from Rev. J. J. Bowker, Centreville.

Adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

Met at 2.30. The Bishop introduced the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, who addressed the meeting.

Addresses followed from Miss Jarvis and Miss Paddock, and the meeting adjourned informally to the time and place of the next annual meeting.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The plans for the year's Auxiliary work began propitiously at a delightful quarterly meeting, held at Newcastle, on August 31.

The resolutions of the Connecticut branch on the object of the united offering were discussed and adopted, and a resolution of the Maine branch formulated, to be presented at the triennial meeting in October, proposing the fund for aged and retired clergy. The chief event of the day was an appeal for aiding the poor whites of North Carolina, by Sister Ella, in which she produced a strong impression upon her audience, not only by her earnest and attractive personality, but also by the importance of her work.

The second meeting was at Augusta, in December. There the triennial meeting at Washington, was the main subject, and the time was chiefly spent in listening to accounts of its proceedings from the President and the Recording Secretary, both of whom had been present at its sessions.

The third meeting was at Gardiner, in February, and was occupied by the consideration of the Lenten work. Bishops' boxes, which had been first sent by this diocese in 1898, were again thought to be the best channel for its endeavors, and Bishop Wells and Bishop Gray, were selected as recipients. In addition it was decided to send to the poor whites in Asheville, North Carolina, packages of the plainer and more substantial articles which are always an outcome of the Lenten work.

The packing of the Lenten articles at two centers, Portland and Bangor, was tried as an experiment, but labor and expense, instead of being saved, seemed in some unaccountable manner, to be doubled, and those chiefly concerned, would not recommend the plan for the future.

The objects of the year's work are as follows: Bishop Wells, Spokane, Bishop's box. Bishop Gray, Southern Florida, Bishop's box. Asheville, North Carolina, work for poor whites;

Archdeacon Joyner, South Carolina; House of Good Shepherd, Rockland; S. Catherine's Hall, Augusta; Episcopal City Mission, Boston, work for sailors. Missionary, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Missionaries in diocese of Maine (6); Mission to Poor Whites, under charge of Sister Ella, North Carolina.

BOX ACCOUNT.

	NO.	VALUE.
Auburn, Church of Heavenly Rest	1	\$ 6 65
Augusta, S. Barnabas		
" " Marks	2	56 00
Bangor, St. John's	6	158 89
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's	6	70 60
Bath, Grace	3	10 75
Biddeford, Christ		
Brunswick, St. Paul's	1	5 00
Calais, S. Anne's		
Camden, S. Thomas',		
Dexter, Church of the Messiah		
Eastport, Christ		
Exeter, Holy Trinity	1	3 00
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's	1	7 00
Gardiner, Christ	4	141 15
Hallowell, S. Matthew's	1	10 00
Houlton, S. John's		
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's	4	33 95
Lewiston, Trinity	3	17 25
Newcastle, S. Andrew's	4	96 25
North East Harbor, S. Mary's by the Sea	2	52 50
Old Town, S. James'		
Portland, S. Luke's	4	102 00
" " Paul's	1	8 95
Presque Isle, S. John's	1	12 00
Richmond, S. Matthias'	1	8 00
Rockland, S. Peter's	1	11 50
Saco, Trinity	1	22 57
Waterville, S. Mark's	1	2 00
Wiscasset, S. Philip's		
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel	1	7 35
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father, given through the Woman's Auxiliary,	2	14 90
Contributions in Boxes	52	\$858 26
Contributions in Cash		758 17
Total,		\$1,616 43

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *Treasurer, in Account with the Maine Branch
of the Woman's Auxiliary from May 24, 1898,
to May 16, 1899.*

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To cash on hand May 24, 1898		\$272 35
collection at Portland, May 24, 1898		15 10
at Newcastle, August 30, 1898		17 50
at Augusta, Dec. 7, 1898		7 12
at Gardiner, Feb. 8, 1899		9 50
To cash from Auburn Branch		6 60
Augusta, S. Mark's		34 00
Augusta, S. Barnabas'		3 00
Bangor, S. John's		69 00
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's		10 00
Bath, Grace Church		10 00
Brunswick, S. Paul's		3 00
Camden, S. Thomas's		6 50
Exeter, Holy Trinity		12 25
Gardiner, Christ Church		47 00
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's		2 25
Newcastle, S. Andrew's		36 75
Portland, S. Luke's		133 04
Portland, S. Paul's		10 50
Presque Isle		3 68
Rockland, S. Peter's		7 47
Saco, Trinity		10 68
Waterville, S. Mark's		9 15
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel		2 00
A friend, for Japan		1 00
Hallowell, "		1 00
Babies' Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary		1 25
Accrued Interest		3 48
Randolph		13 00
Total,		\$758 17

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By amounts paid, viz.:

May 25, 1898.	For mileage ticket, Rev. Mr. Hudson	\$ 10 00
July 12, 1898.	For printing reports	21 00
Aug. 30, 1898.	For Sister Ella's traveling expenses Sister Ella's Mission	6 90 10 00
Sept. 12, 1898.	For mileage ticket for Rev. Mr. Newsome	10 00
Nov. 28, 1898.	For Diocesan Missions	30 00
Dec. 16, 1898.	For orphanage in Japan three supplements to "North East." scholarship for clergyman's son overcoat for missionary	10 00 15 00 71 00 12 00
March, 1899.	For general missions cash to Rev. Mr. Bowker of Montana postage on reports, etc. freight and express charges garment for clergyman church at Thomaston	25 00 9 50 1 30 16 70 6 20 25 00
October, 1899.	For United offering	382 05
	Total,	\$661 65
	Balance of cash on hand May 16, 1899,	96 52
	Total,	\$758 17

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AMOUNTS GIVEN FOR UNITED OFFERING BY THE SEVERAL PARISH BRANCHES.

Augusta, S. Mark's	\$ 77 26
Bangor, S. John's	100 00
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's	10 00
Bath, Grace Church	12 00
Biddeford	3 00
Dexter	3 00
Damariscotta	20 00
Gardiner, Christ Christ	26 00
Houlton	11 65
Newcastle, S. Andrew's	13 00
Portland, S. Luke's	74 76
Presque Isle	6 00
Rockland, S. Peter's	69 35
Saco, Trinity	4 75
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel	8 00
A friend	5 00
Accrued Interest	6 55
Total,	\$450 32

1898.

AMOUNTS GIVEN FOR UNITED OFFERING BY THE SEVERAL
PARISH BRANCHES.

Augusta, S. Mark's	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 7 33
Augusta, S. Barnabas'	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Auburn	.	.	.	.	.	13 64
Bar Harbor	.	.	.	.	.	17 24
Babies' Branch	.	.	.	.	.	8 81
Exeter	.	.	.	.	.	14 54
Bangor, S. John's	.	.	.	.	.	90 00
Gardiner, Christ Church	.	.	.	.	.	25 50
Randolph	.	.	.	.	.	13 00
Newcastle, S. Andrew's	.	.	.	.	.	48 75
Portland, S. Luke's	.	.	.	.	.	54 75
Presque Isle	.	.	.	.	.	17 28
Rockland, S. Peter's	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Saco and Kennebunk	.	.	.	.	.	13 18
Woodfords	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Portland, S. Paul's	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
Waterville	.	.	.	.	.	29 59
Accrued Interest	.	.	.	.	.	8 30
Collection "Quiet Day"	.	.	.	.	.	63
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	\$382 05

REPORT OF ALTAR SOCIETY.

The Maine Altar Society resumed work in January, 1899, with nineteen members.

The following work has been accomplished:

A purple superfrontal for the chapel of S. Luke's, Portland. A white stole, a gift to S. Mark's, Waterville. One piece of embroidery, an order from the Massachusetts Altar Society. The embroidery for a pulpit fall and fall for the prayer desk at Auburn.

The following work has been commenced and will be finished during the summer:

Two stoles, a burse and two alms-basin mats. Some of the materials have been purchased, but the work will not be paid for until completed.

Money has been received as follows:

Balance from last treasurer,	\$ 52
From dues,	12 50
" sale of material,	1 00
" sale of work,	8 35
" Augusta members,	5 00
Total,	\$27 37

EXPENDITURES.

For materials,	\$25 24
" postage and express,	50
Total,	\$25 74
Balance on hand,	\$1 63

GRACE A. COLEMAN,

Secretary and Treasurer.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

LADIES AND FRIENDS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

It is with a sense of deep gratitude that I welcome you here today to celebrate our coming of age, or, in other words, to keep our twenty-first birthday. Although we are recorded as having organized in 1879, this is really our twenty-first annual meeting, the time of such reunion having been changed in order to bring us together at the same time and place as that of the Diocesan Convention. It seems hardly necessary to review at length the struggles of our Society during the years when it grew from its feeble infancy, with only five parishes to constitute a diocesan branch, up to the present time when nearly every parish and mission in the Diocese contributes at least once a year to its offerings of boxes of clothing and of money. When we began our work, nothing outside of Maine was to be thought of as affording a possible object for our sympathy or our aid. Little by little the range of vision broadened and hearts were touched with Divine pity when the story was read of missionaries in other fields whose needs were as great, and often greater, than those of our own. Then it was that we began to extend a helping hand South and West, and from that it was easy to add boxes or money for Africa, China, and Japan, and now we seldom fail to send our mite for any point where it will do the most good. Your officers who have served you so long, feel that though we are still far, very far short of the record we ought to have, still, we are improving, and we hope that with the Junior Auxiliary well established, new workers will be ready to take our places, women who have been trained from childhood to do this blessed work and who will not have to learn how to do it, but who will know it as they know how to read, or spell, or sew. The importance of the

various branches of the Auxiliary is shown here in Maine where the Church is still weak and the results are yet small. But the reports tell us that the women have raised during the past year in money and boxes, the sum of \$1,616.43. The Juniors are credited with \$172.67, and the "Babies Branch," has given \$14.16. From this we may fairly conclude that we are not without some value to the missionary work of the Diocese.

We have our three branches of the Auxiliary work proper. We have a flourishing Altar Society, which is another department of the Auxiliary. Our G. F. S. members work with us during Advent and Lent, and the foundations are laid on a broad and solid basis. May we go from strength to strength and in all things seek only how best to serve the Master to whom we owe all that we have and are.

MARY F. NEELY,

May 16, 1899.

President M. B. W. A.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

Reports are proverbially dull, therefore we will endeavor to make as slight a demand upon your patience as possible, by giving an outline of the year's work in a concise form. We have followed in a measure the routine of former years in the preparation of Advent and Lenten boxes, with the exception of the box for Bishop Wells of Spokane, as that was designed to be a special offering from the Junior Department, varying the usual plan of including their work with that of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The contributions for the Jennie Hodgkins fund have been largely drawn from a few branches, and we wish in the coming year, a more general interest might be aroused.

It has been suggested that the work be more equally divided, therefore we feel that it would be better to have every branch contribute to this fund, even though in some cases the amount might be small, rather than to be obliged to make large demands upon a few branches, as we are now doing.

Bangor and Bar Harbor have furnished such a bountiful supply of clothing for our little charge at the House of the Good Shepherd, that there has been no necessity for calling upon the other branches for supplies, but, as mothers well know, added years bring increased wants, and we trust we may find ready helpers in case of need.

The following box account gives a definite idea of the work accomplished :

BOX AND CASH ACCOUNT, ADVENT 1898 AND LENT 1899.

	No. boxes.	VALUE.
Augusta, S. Mark's	2	\$ 16 50
Jennie Hodgkins fund		6 00
Auburn, Heavenly Rest	1	10 80
Bangor, S. John's	2	27 05
Jennie Hodgkins fund		10 00
Bar Harbor, S. Savior's	3	33 87
Jennie Hodgkins fund		5 00
Associate Missions, Trenton, N. J.		5 00
Bath, Grace Church	1	5 00
Jennie Hodgkins fund		10 00
Cash for Orono		3 00
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's		
Jennie Hodgkins fund		3 00
Newcastle, S. Andrew's		
Jennie Hodgkins fund		5 00
Portland, S. Luke's	2	10 00
Jennie Hodgkins fund		5 00
Rockland, S. Peter's	1	2 00
Saco, Trinity	1	4 45
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel	1	6 00
Jennie Hodgkins fund		5 00
		<hr/> \$172 67
Amount from Babies' Branch,		14 16
		<hr/> Total, \$186 83

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE STEPHENS DERRY,
Gen. Sec. Junior Auxiliary.

