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OF THE
MAINE BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS
FOR THE YEAR 1900.

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GARDINER — *Christ* — Mrs. AMMI DAVENPORT.
HALLOWELL — *S. Matthew's* — Mrs. MATTIE A. FULLER.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The twenty-second annual meeting was held in S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on Tuesday, May 15. Morning prayer was said and the Holy Communion celebrated at 9.30, after which the ladies adjourned to the parish house for their business meeting. At the calling of the roll, delegates responded from sixteen parishes, viz., Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest; Augusta, S. Barnabas; Augusta, S. Mark's; Bangor, S. John's; Bath, Grace; Exter, Holy Trinity; Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's; Gardiner, Christ; Kennebunk, S. Stephen's; Lewiston, Trinity; Newcastle, S. Andrew's; Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral and S. Paul's; Saco, Trinity; Waterville, S. Mark's; Woodfords, Trinity Chapel.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were given and the reports of the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary and of the Junior Auxiliary were read and accepted by *vote*. In the absence of the Treasurer, her report was read, and accepted with certain necessary corrections. The reports of the Treasurer of the Junior Auxiliary, of the Altar Society, of the Church Periodical Club, and of the Society for Aiding Isolated Churchwomen, were read and accepted by vote. In connection with the latter society the name of an isolated Churchwoman in great need of help was given by the President, and systematic aid for her suggested from individuals, as her case is hardly included in the work of the Auxiliary proper.

The following letter from Mrs. Neely was read, in which she resigns her office as president.

To the Officers and Members of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary,

LADIES:—Another year has rolled over our heads and we are again together for our annual meeting. Since last May, when we met at this place, the dark clouds that were gathering on my horizon at that time have burst over me, and left me desolate and alone. The end has come as I then knew it must. Under these circum-

stances, dear friends, you cannot wonder that I have been unable to carry on my work, and that I now resign my office as your president. Another must take up the burden that I have borne so long, and I hope that the Society may derive only benefit from the change.

In Mrs. Blake you have had a faithful leader during the winter and spring. I expect to have good reports of the work accomplished in that time.

For the future, do not give up one thing that has been helpful, until it ceases to be so. Keep up the quarterly meetings, for they have been of great value to us ever since we began to have them. Let each year find more workers and more money given to the missions by the women connected with this society. Keep up the scholarship and help your new Bishop in every way that you can. He has come to you young and vigorous and full of work. Be ready to strengthen his hands, and let him feel that the women of Maine are a reliable and efficient auxiliary, who can be depended on for real work. Keep up the Altar Society. It has done nobly, in the last two years, and should not lose any of its efficiency in the years to come.

Indeed, as I write, there rises before me so much I would like to touch upon in connection with the Auxiliary, that I am afraid I should become tedious and say more than is necessary. I am sure you will choose your officers wisely, and that they will plan and direct the work to the best advantage.

So now, dear friends, I say farewell. My prayers and best wishes are with you and for you. I thank you for all your forbearance and kindness to me, and acknowledge them all gratefully and lovingly.

Commending my successor to the same kindly spirit, I am,

Affectionately yours,

MARY F. NEELY.

Her message was heard with deep regret, but with the feeling that it was her desire that her resignation be accepted, and that her wishes must be respected. It was

Voted:—that the Secretary be instructed to send from the Auxiliary then in session, by telegram, a loving greeting to Mrs. Neely.

An address followed from Miss Clark, the President of the Junior Auxiliary.

A request, with a few words of explanation, was made by Miss Annie Child, that for greater convenience the offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Junior Auxiliary be combined. It was granted by vote.

Miss Anderson, the correspondent of the Church Periodical Society, gave, by request, some account of the work of her branch.

The usual collection was then made, amounting to \$12.29.

The annual election of officers followed. The nominating committee was by vote, appointed by the chair and consisted of Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Lambard and Mrs. Fowler. Mrs. Blake was elected president in place of Mrs. Neely, but declined to serve, and Mrs. Charles T. Ogden was chosen in her place, Mrs. Blake being re-elected vice-president.

The report of the Treasurer showed a deficit of \$19.00 in the amount given for the scholarship. This sum was promptly made up by the parishes of S. Luke's, Portland; S. Mark's, Augusta; S. John's, Bangor; Grace, Bath; and Trinity Chapel, Woodfords.

The question of continuing the supplement to the *North East*, and of appointing an editor, was discussed at some length. No action was taken.

Pledges were made for general expenses, and for the usual scholarship.

Lunch was then announced, and the meeting adjourned to 2 p. m.

Met at 2 p. m. at the same place. The subject of classes for the study of missions was brought forward. Two parishes reported such classes as formed—S. Luke's, Portland and Christ, Gardiner.

Mrs. Blake introduced Mrs. Twing, who gave an interesting and helpful address on mission work. She was followed by Bishop Codman who spoke of the work with regard to its spiritual side.

At the close of the Bishop's address a rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Twing and Bishop Codman, on motion of Mrs. Blake

Meeting adjourned to time and place of next annual meeting.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Since the end of the year has come and it is no longer necessary to speak with guarded self-control of illness and death and absence, the members of the Auxiliary look more calmly at the dark background of the first six months of the past year, and remember the day of the annual meeting in May, 1899, when their chief effort was that Mrs. Neely should not be grieved by too open a consciousness on their part of the illness of the Bishop, then sadly apparent. And although hearts were still heavy at the quarterly meeting on Sept. 13, at North East Harbor, the proceedings went on with a resolve to cheerfully "do the best our circumstance allowed," and the results were good and helpful.

After November there was no more need of such self-restraint. The death of Bishop Neely had for the Auxiliary a double pang—for the Society and its dear President. Her grief was that of her co-workers, as her wishes were always their rule and their pleasure, and the thought of her trouble and absence, and the necessity of her resignation from the office she has held for many, many years, is a sorrow to be borne with the patience with which one submits only to the wise but mysterious dictates of a higher power.

No meetings have been held since that mentioned in September. A quiet day for the Woman's Auxiliary was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Nicholson in Augusta, on March 6th, in accordance with a suggestion of Mrs. Neely, and gave great comfort and satisfaction to those who had the good fortune to be present.

It must not be thought, however, that less effort has been made in the diocese than before. Work has gone steadily on, arranged always by the President, and faithfully carried out, so much so that the box account exceeds that of previous years.

The repacking of the Lenten packages has been done in Portland as the plan of having two centers in the diocese for receiving and sending out, seemed undesirable. Several parishes have sent the bulk of the articles, which they furnished, directly to their destination.

The objects of the year's work are as follows:—Missionaries in the diocese, S. Paul's Indian School, Greenwood, South Dakota;

Archdeacon Joyner's Mission, South Carolina ; The House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland, Maine ; A Bishop's Box for Bishop Edsall, North Dakota ; School for Girls, Liberia, Africa ; Archdeacon Sparr, West Virginia.

Following is the box account :

BOX ACCOUNT.

PARISHES.	NO.	VALUE.
Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest	1	\$ 15 46
Augusta, S. Barnabas'	1	9 50
Augusta, S. Mark's	4	41 03
Bangor, S. John's	3	150 75
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's	3	90 00
Bath, Grace	2	40 50
Brunswick, S. Paul's	1	10 50
Biddeford, Christ		
Calais, S. Anne's		
Camden, S. Thomas'	2	9 25
Dexter, Church of the Messiah		
Exeter, Holy Trinity	1	7 00
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's		
Gardiner, Christ	4	134 00
Hallowell, S. Matthew's	1	5 25
Houlton, S. John's	1	11 07
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's	3	27 03
Lewiston, Trinity	2	6 50
Newcastle and Damariscotta, S. Andrew's	4	80 00
North East Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea	3	50 00
Old Town, S. James'		
Portland, S. Luke's	5	197 50
Portland, S. Paul's		
Presque Isle, S. John's	1	11 50
Richmond, S. Matthias'		
Rockland, S. Peter's	1	7 00
Saco, Trinity	2	19 12
Waterville, S. Mark's	1	10 00
Wiscasset, S. Philip's	1	15 00
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel	3	35 00
Hull's Cove, through Woman's Auxiliary	2	21 40
Gorham, " " "	1	1 00
Total,	53	\$1,005 36

HARRIET S. MCCOBB, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, *Treasurer, in account with the Maine Branch of the
Woman's Auxiliary, from May 16, 1899, to May 16, 1900.*

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To cash on hand May 16, 1899	\$96 52
collection at Portland, May 16, 1899	15 00
North East Harbor, Sept. 12, 1899	9 00
To cash from Auburn Branch	8 00
Augusta, S. Barnabas'	2 00
Augusta, S. Mark's	24 00
Bangor, S. John's	101 00
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's	6 00
Bath, Grace Church,	16 24
Brunswick, S. Paul's	3 00
Calais, S. Anne's	2 00
Camden, S. Thomas'	9 25
Dexter, Church of the Messiah	4 00
Exeter, Holy Trinity	9 27
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's	2 00
Gardiner, Christ Church	2 00
Houlton S. John's,	2 00
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's	4 00
Lewiston, Trinity	14 00
Newcastle, S. Andrew's	16 50
North East Harbor, S. Mary's	17 00
Portland, S. Luke's	111 02
Presque Isle	5 00
Saco, Trinity	6 00
Topsham	2 00
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel	10 00
Wiscasset, S. Philip's	2 00
A friend \$5, Mrs. Blake \$3	8 00
Total,	\$506 80

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By amounts paid, viz. :

May 16, 1899.	Miss Jarvis's traveling expenses	\$15 00
	Bal. of scholarship for clergyman's son	29 00
	Shanghai Mission	25 00
	Printer's bill	22 25
	Mileage ticket for Dr. Quinn	10 00
Dec., 1899.	Diocesan missions	30 00
Mar., 1900.	General missions	25 00
	Suit for missionary	24 00
	Cloak for missionary's wife	14 00
	Fur coat, cap, etc., for missionary	15 55
	Dress for missionary's wife	9 00
	Suit for missionary	28 00
	Cloak for missionary's wife	10 00
	Two supplements of <i>North East</i>	10 00
	Scholarship for clergyman's son	81 00
	Freight and express charges	10 89
	Sent to Morrillton, Ark.	2 00
	To House of Good Shepherd, Rockland	5 00
	For mission at Winn	14 00
	Total,	<hr/> \$379 69
	Balance of cash on hand, May 15, 1900.	127 11
	Total,	<hr/> \$506 80

REPORT OF ALTAR SOCIETY.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY.

Balance on hand, May, 1899	\$1 63
Received from dues,	5 00
for work	<u>52 55</u>
Total,	\$59 18
Paid for materials	\$41 42
Postage and express	<u>1 47</u>
Total,	\$42 89
Balance on hand,	\$16 29

GRACE A. COLEMAN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY—SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1899-1900.

Although the work of the Junior Auxiliary during the past year has been carried on under somewhat discouraging circumstances, the results have been fairly good.

The Advent work of preparing Christmas boxes was undertaken with interest and enthusiasm, the usual number being supplied.

The young ladies of S. Catharine's Hall becoming interested in this line of work, have, under the direction of Miss Degen, prepared a Christmas box for Fort Fairfield, articles of clothing for Jennie Hodgkin, and during Lent have completed an outfit for a little colored child, thus showing what can be accomplished where the true missionary spirit is found.

During Lent the greater part of the Junior Auxiliary has cooperated with the Woman's Auxiliary in contributing to the needs of Archdeacon Joyner, and an Indian School in South Dakota.

At the last annual meeting the following resolution was adopted.

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

If this great need could only be realized, the plans for work might be more easily made and executed, thus making it helpful to all.

We had hoped that the pledges for Jennie Hodgkin made early in the season would be redeemed during Advent, but unfortunately some of them have not been met, but undoubtedly will be attended to before the term expires.

Following is the box and cash account for Advent, 1899 and Lent,
1900 :

	No.	VALUE.
Augusta, S. Mark's,	3	\$11 75
Jennie Hodgkin fund		6 00
S. Catharine's Branch	3	14 00
Auburn, Heavenly Rest	1	2 20
Cash for Indian School, S. D.		3 00
Bangor, S. John's	3	7 75
Jennie Hodgkin fund		10 00
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's	2	26 00
Cash, H. G. Shepherd		17 10
Bath, Grace Church		
Jennie Hodgkin fund		10 00
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father	1	5 00
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's		
Jennie Hodgkin fund		2 22
Lewiston, Trinity		
Jennie Hodgkin fund		5 00
Portland, S. Luke's	1	8 10
Jennie Hodgkin fund		5 00
Saco, Trinity		
Jennie Hodgkin fund		2 78
Saco and Biddeford		
Jennie Hodgkin fund		4 00
Junior Auxiliary, general fund		4 00
Woodfords, Trihity Chapel	1	5 00
Jennie Hodgkin fund		5 00
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		\$154 90
Amount raised by Babies' Branch		9 48
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		\$164 38

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE STEPHENS DERRY,

Secretary Junior Auxiliary.

REPORT OF SOCIETY FOR AID OF ISOLATED CHURCHWOMEN.

CAMDEN, MAY 12, 1900.

Miss HARRIET S. MCCOBB, *Secretary Woman's Auxiliary.*

Your Corresponding Secretary desires to report that she has communicated with each of the short list of isolated women furnished by her predecessor, and has received replies from only a small part of the list. These replies, however, are of an encouraging nature, and in several instances these isolated women have been placed in communication with the secretary of the nearest local branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. A supplemental list has lately been furnished by the Right Rev. the Bishop, and in all instances the persons whose names appear thereon have been written to, but the time has hardly been sufficient for replies to have been received. Your Corresponding Secretary would suggest that a certain amount of activity upon the part of the several local branches of the Auxiliary would result in finding and bringing into communication with the society a considerable number of isolated women of whom the society at present has no knowledge.

The total number of names furnished to your correspondent is but ten, and it seems incredible that there should not be a much longer list obtainable with a very slight effort.

ALICE CUSHING,
General Correspondent Isolated Women.

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 the 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.

