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of the

Woman's Auxiliary



1903

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MAINE BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS
FOR THE YEAR 1903

PORTLAND:
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1903.

Mid-Day Prayer for Missions.

"And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth thy loving arms ; grant that all mankind may look upon thee and be saved ; through thy mercies and merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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President's Address.

From the solemn and beautiful service at which we have just assisted, where we believe the spirit of her who was our leader for twenty-two years was especially present, we turn to the consideration of those points of diocesan interest which were dearest and most important to her and are of equal moment to us.

The appeal made in 1902 for a memorial scholarship of \$250.00 per year for three years, for the education of a missionary's daughter, has been met in a cordial and generous spirit. Excellent advantages were offered at reduced tuition at the Waynflete School in Portland and the young girl who accepted them entered upon the school year with enthusiasm and marked promise. Unfortunately her work was interrupted by an illness from which, however, she is recovering. It is hoped she will be able to resume her studies in the autumn; otherwise the scholarship will be open to some one else fulfilling the conditions. In this connection it is pleasant to refer to one of the young ladies of the Cathedral parish who offered lessons in music, thus placing her fine talent at the service of the Auxiliary.

We are deeply grateful to God that as churchwomen of Maine, we may to-day report three of our number, workers in the mission field, Miss Osgood of Newcastle, in China; Miss Waterman of Gorham, in Manila and Miss Brown of Portland, in St. Paul's Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va.; this fact should be an incentive to increased effort on our part. When in distant countries these brave women think of the "Old Home" it should be with the assurance that the interest, the prayers and the money of their sisters in the faith go out freely to them. At the last Epiphany season there was sent out to every branch in the diocese a package of leaflets to be read at regular meetings, on our missions in China, with the suggestion that a small Epiphany offering be made by each

branch; in this way I hoped we might have at least \$50.00 for Miss Osgood's school. I think if all the parish branches were to unite in thus observing the Epiphany season as the church directs, we should find an increase of enthusiasm and material aid towards foreign missions.

The amount of Advent work done this year was about as usual. Interest rose to enthusiasm when Lent began — the annual reports show what has been accomplished. I have made thirteen visits to parish branches. Almost everywhere women were gratefully eager to know how their particular form of ability to help could be applied to the best advantage. I desire to acknowledge with many thanks the courtesy of the clergy who invariably do all in their power to make these visits agreeable and helpful. On November 5th, by invitation, I went to Boston to attend the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Massachusetts Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary; it was a most inspiring and joyful occasion; the energy and self-denial with which those Massachusetts women labor in the Master's service is a lesson and an encouragement to other branches. In February I had the great pleasure of spending the morning in the Church Missions House, New York, the fountain-head of the missionary ideas which are being wrought out with more or less fidelity by churchwomen throughout the United States. May I ask your attention to the Officers' Conferences that are held monthly at the Church Missions House through the winter. Our officers not infrequently go to New York; if they could manage to be present at some of these discussions and bring home some new ideas to the next meeting here, it would be vastly helpful. We are much indebted to Dean Vernon for the spiritual blessings to which he led us on the "Quiet Day," and owe sincere thanks to the women of the Cathedral Branch for their timely and gracious hospitality on that occasion.

With regard to our Juniors I feel that there is still something to be desired. A change of officers and the absence of the president has caused some confusion in the correspondence for which we beg your forbearance. We have one new parish branch, a lusty infant of whom we shall hear something by and by. The Cathedral Branch has taken on increased numbers and renewed life. As I have not been invited to assist at the obsequies of one or two other branches I suppose they are still alive, perhaps next year we shall have evidence of more vitality. The importance of this work with

the children can hardly be overestimated; the necessity is laid upon us who belong to the older members of the body to see to it that those who are to take our places hereafter, shall come to the front thoroughly practised in the various departments of missionary work, able and willing to take up the burdens as we lay them down. The *habit* of thinking of the needs of others may be strengthened until it becomes character, and then the little self-denials required are transformed into delights. The leaders of our Junior Branch are worthy of all confidence and I feel that the cause is worthy the interest and co-operation of parents.

The untiring devotion of the officers and members of the Altar Society during the year has brought that part of our diocesan work to a very gratifying standard. Three new parish branches have been formed. May I suggest that working members of the Altar Society should be always communicants of the church; only those who feel the sacredness of the altar and who have partaken of the sacrifice, can bring the holy hands required for this use.

The Periodical Club is in a fairly good condition, though it is still true that few people are willing to take the trouble to send a weekly paper.

Nothing that our branch does brings sweeter and more touching returns than the correspondence with isolated churchwomen. I hope when any of you know of a churchwoman living in a town where there are no services, that you will send her address to the correspondent, Mrs. Philbrook.

From this brief review of the past we turn our minds to the contemplation of the future. We shall continue our routine work as usual — taking care to lose no ground, strengthening our weak places and expanding a little where we may. Home making is pre-eminently women's work, so I hope all demands that are made upon us by way of helping to finish or furnish rectories will be generously honored. The women should take responsibility in the matter, and labor indefatigably until every parish and mission in the state has a comfortable home for its rectors. A few of the pledges made last year for the scholarship were made for three years. I would remind the individuals or branches who made such pledges, that the second instalment should be sent to the treasurer as early in the year as convenient.

Perhaps the object of our supreme effort this year should be the "United Offering." This is a missionary offering which is

made by the Auxiliary, each three years at the time and place of the meeting of the General Convention, and it is supposed to represent every woman in the church. The *idea* of the united offering is that it should accumulate by small sums regularly set aside during the whole three years, but I notice that it is apt to be crowded out at first by other claims, and we find ourselves to-day at the beginning of the last year with only about \$100.00 in the treasury for that purpose. In 1898 the United Offering amounting to \$82,000.00, was devoted to the training and education of women for mission work. In 1901 at San Francisco, the offering of the women was \$107,000.00. Of that sum the Maine Branch sent \$484.91. The next triennial meeting will be held in Boston in 1904; the offering will again be appropriated to the training of women workers for the mission field. Let this be a matter of continued and watchful interest to us. So far as lies in our power, let us each see to it that every churchwoman in the diocese has the *opportunity* to give as the Lord has prospered her. The plan is that this offering shall be over and above whatever we are doing in other ways for our parish, our diocese or for general missions; it appeals to our highest ideals of the Christian life; the element of self does not enter into it as into most things that we do. In what we do for our own parish, our own diocese, there is a certain visible return; all philanthropic work repays us more or less in something we can see. With entire self-abnegation, looking far out beyond our own lives to the lives of those for whom also Christ has died, we make this "United Offering."

ANNA B. OGDEN, *President.*

Minutes of the Meeting.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on Tuesday, May 12th. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 9.30, at which service the memorial tablet to the former president, was unveiled. The Rev. Canon Ogden delivered the address. After this service the business meeting convened in the Parish House. At the calling of the roll, delegates responded from eighteen branches to the number of sixty-three, with Junior delegates from five branches. The parishes represented were, Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest; Augusta, S. Mark's; Bangor, S. John's; Bath, Grace; Brunswick, S. Paul's; Camden, S. Thomas'; Dexter, Church of the Messiah; Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's; Gardiner, Christ; Lewiston, Trinity; Newcastle, S. Andrew's; Pittston, S. Andrew's; Portland, S. Luke's and S. Paul's; Rockland, S. Peter's; Saco, Trinity; Waterville, S. Mark's; Woodfords, Trinity Chapel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and there followed the reports of the secretary and treasurer, also that of the secretary and treasurer of the Juniors, all of which were accepted by vote. The President explained that the Bishop's fund for aid to the clergy in cases of emergency had no connection with the Auxiliary, hence it was that members of the Auxiliary contributing to this fund did not find the items noted in the treasurer's report.

The noon prayers for missions were said by the Rev. Mr. Sloggett of Saco. The President extended a welcome to the new branch at Pittston, and to a new Junior branch at Gardiner.

Reports of the Babies' Branch, the Altar Society, the Periodical Club, and the Correspondent of Isolated Churchwomen, were then heard and accepted by vote.

The President's address followed, which consisted of a review of the work of the past year, with some suggestions which might be helpful for the coming year. The usual collection was made amounting to \$25.20.

The President explained that the deficiency in the Epiphany offering had been made up to the usual \$50.00 from the general

expense fund and asked that this action of the general officers, be endorsed by the meeting. It was

Voted, That the action of the President and Treasurer in regard to the Epiphany offering be ratified by the meeting. It was also

Voted, That the President be provided with a mileage book.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p. m., for luncheon at the Bishop's house.

Re-assembled at 2.30 p. m.

The report of the committee on the tablet, was read by Mrs. Glidden and accepted by vote. It showed an excess of money, which on motion of Mrs. Blake was voted to the memorial scholarship, and amended to be saved for third year. It was

Voted, That the Auxiliary express its appreciation of the efforts of the tablet committee, by a rising vote of thanks.

Pledges were made for general expenses and for the scholarship.

A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Harte, in regard to the needs of the Ashland rectory. It was

Voted, To appropriate whatever money is left in the treasury, after all obligations are discharged, to the Ashland rectory.

The nominating committee was by vote appointed by the chair and consisted of Mrs. E. A. Pressey, Mrs. R. H. Gardiner, and Miss H. Randall. The former officers were re-elected with the addition of Miss Annie M. Merrill, Portland, as Second Directress of the Altar Society.

Mention was made of the bequest of \$300.00 from Miss Bradstreet of Gardiner, to the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society, also of a bequest of \$500.00 to S. Luke's Cathedral Guild, from Mrs. Dana of Newcastle.

The President asked for two long tablecloths, stockings, and handkerchiefs for the House of the Good Shepherd.

A letter from the General Secretary, Miss Emery, was read by Mrs. Corning.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Bishop, the Dean and the ladies of S. Luke's Cathedral, for their generous hospitality.

At 3 p. m. the Rev. Dr. Mortimer of S. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, gave the annual address to the Auxiliary.

Meeting adjourned to time and place of next annual meeting.

MARGUERITE OGDEN, *Secretary, pro tem.*

Annual Report.

Once more, and probably for the last time, we must have a secretary's report without our secretary, who is enjoying a well-earned holiday. She has been missed at all our meetings, and the united efforts of several of us have failed to fill her place even officially.

The first quarterly meeting for the season of 1902-3 was held at Bar Harbor, September 9th, 1902, and eleven parish branches were represented. Miss Julia C. Emery, the General Secretary, gave a most interesting address, and Miss Mayne described the new House of the Good Shepherd, at Gardiner. The President announced that the money for the two memorials to Mrs. Neely was nearly all raised, and speaking of the fact that a Maine woman, Miss Margaret Waterman, had gone to work in Manila, expressed the wish that it might be possible in the near future, for the Maine Branch to support its own missionary.

Dec. 2, 1902, was the date of the next meeting which was held at Trinity Chapel, Woodfords. Twenty-eight delegates responded to the roll-call, representing nine parish Branches. After reading of reports, etc., the President was pleased to be able to say that nearly double the sum planned for the tablet had been given, and without solicitation. She then told of the needs of a clergyman in the mining region of Michigan, and of another in Georgia, and it was voted that the Advent work should be appropriated to these two places. Miss Burgess, the daughter of the late Bishop Alexander Burgess of Quincy, Ill., then gave a brief, clear and interesting account of the United Offering, reminding the members that the next triennial meeting would come in 1904. Miss Degen of Augusta gave an enthusiastic account of the meetings of the Missionary Council in Philadelphia, most of which she had attended, and noted the advantages and interest of the "study classes" found in many branches. The closing address was by Bishop Codman, who spoke chiefly of what is being done for the missionaries in the diocese, and of the need of comfortable rectories.

The third meeting assembled at Portland, in S. Luke's Parish House on February 17th, 1903, and delegates from nine parish branches were present. The President reported that the Advent work had been most successfully accomplished, and the results most gratefully appreciated. She desired that the Epiphany work should be raising some money for Foreign Missions, the expense of sending boxes out of the country being very great. After due consideration, it was decided that the Lenten work should be for the Indian Catechists in South Dakota, and for S. Paul's Industrial School at Lawrenceville, Va. A "Quiet Day" of prayer and meditation, conducted by Dean Vernon, was held on Wednesday, February 18th, and was well attended.

A statement of the work for the year includes boxes sent to a clergyman in Michigan; a clergyman in Georgia; two missions in Maine; three missionaries in Maine; Settlement House, Manila, Philippines; Indian Catechists under the charge of Rev. W. J. Cleveland, South Dakota; S. Paul's Industrial School at Lawrenceville, Va.; the House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner.

Following is the box account:

BOX ACCOUNT.

	NO.	VALUE.
Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest,	2	\$ 64.15
Augusta, S. Barnabas',	1	10.00
Augusta, S. Marks',	6	111.00
Bangor, S. John's,	6	229.65
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	1	123.50
Bath, Grace,	2	60.00
Brunswick, S. Paul's,	1	4.45
Calais, S. Anne's,	1	10.00
Camden, S. Thomas',		
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	2	24.00
Dresden Mills, S. John's,	2	11.00
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1	7.00
Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's,	2	6.54
Gardiner, Christ,	3	109.80
Guilford,	1	3.50
Hallowell, S. Matthew's,	1	10.00
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	1	11.25
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father,	3	16.96
Kennebunk, S. Stephen's,		
Lewiston, Trinity,	1	10.00
Newcastle and Damariscotta, S. Andrew's,	5	152.04
North East Harbor, S. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	1	35.00

	NO.	VALUR.
Old Town, S. James',		
Pittston, S. Andrew's,	1	9 65
Portland, S. Luke's,	4	150.17
Portland, S. Paul's,	2	57.15
Presque Isle, S. John's,		
Rockland, S. Peter's, and Long Cove, S. George's,	1	13.00
Saco, Trinity,	3	73.94
Thomaston, S. John the Baptist,	1	8.15
Waterville, S. Mark's,	1	8.00
Wiscasset, S. Philip's,		
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,	3	16.37
Total,	59	\$1,346.27

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I would like first to give you the aggregate of the monies in my hands at present, and then to read in detail the amounts given by the several parish branches. First, then I have to report that the sum total in the treasury is \$612.94, divided as follows, viz.:

For the Memorial Tablet,	\$265.50
For the Scholarship,	184.00
For the United Offering,	103.29
For general expenses,	60.15
Total,	\$612.94

Of these amounts I wish to state that the money for the tablet, although twice the sum first mentioned, has been freely given, and without solicitation. Forty-five individuals have contributed sums varying from fifty cents to twenty-five dollars, and sums varying from two dollars to eleven dollars have been received from fourteen parish branches. I have not included the tablet money in the sums credited for the year to the parish branches.

Second, owing to the illness of the beneficiary of the scholarship, there was no payment made for the second half of the school year, and the money is therefore still in my hands.

For the United Offering I have but \$103.00, and the triennial meeting comes next year.

For general expenses I have only sixty dollars, which will doubtless be added to to-day.

I presume it will be your wish to purchase another mileage ticket for our president, for I feel sure that the visits she has been able to make on some of the parish branches, have added much to the interest and efficiency of the year's work.

The detailed account of sums received and disbursed is as follows:

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, Trea., in acct. with MAINE BRANCH of WOMAN'S AUXILIARY from May 20, 1902, to May 12, 1903.

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To cash on hand, May 20, 1902,	\$151.39	By amounts paid, viz.:	
" collection at Portland, May 20, 1902,	17.00	May, 1902. For Fort Fairfield Rectory,	\$15.00
" " Bar Harbor, Sept. 10, 1902,	13.60	" Mileage Ticket for President,	20.00
" " Woodfords, Dec. 2, 1902,	21.76	Church Periodical Club,	3.00
" " Portland, Feb. 17, 1903,	16.80	Printer's bill,	20.00
" cash from Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest,	13.00	Aug., To widow of missionary, special,	145.00
" " Augusta, S. Barnabas',	4.00	Sept., Miss Emery's travelling expenses,	27.30
" " " S. Mark's,	46.00	Scholarship for clergyman's daughter,	125.00
" " Bangor, S. John's,	243.04	Overcoat for missionary,	15.00
" " Bath, Grace Church,	27.00	S. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.,	25.00
" " Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	12.00	For the Christmas tree at Winn,	5.00
" " Brunswick, S. Paul's,	10.00	" Diocesan Missions,	30.00
" " Camden, S. Thomas',	7.00	" General Missions,	25.00
" " Calais, S. Anne's,	1.00	" Michigan clergyman,	8.10
" " Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1.00	" Clergyman in Georgia,	45.56
" " Exeter, Holy Trinity,	11.12	12 copies "Shepherd's Arms" for	
" " Fort Fairfield, S. Paul's,	9.14	Exeter S. S.,	3.30
" " Freeport, A Friend,	2.75	12 copies "Young Christian Soldier"	
" " Gardiner, Christ Church,	130.00	for Winn S. S.,	6.48
" " Houlton, Good Shepherd,		To House of Good Shepherd,	130.00
" " Hull's Cove,	2.00	For Miss Osgood, Wu Chang, China,	50.00
" " Kennebunk, S. Stephen's,	2.00	" Miss Waterman, Manila,	1.00
" " Lewiston, Trinity,	5.00	" cassock for missionary,	5.50
" " Newcastle, S. Andrews,	100.50	" freight and trucking,	4.79
" " North East Harbor, S. Mary's,	6.00	" postage and stationery,	15.05
" " Portland, S. Luke's,	175.63	" Miss Brown, Lawrenceville,	1.00
" " " S. Paul's,	11.00		
" " Presque Isle, S. John's,	4.60		\$726.08
" " Saco, Trinity,	5.00	Cash on hand May 12, 1903,	346.44
" " Waterville, S. Mark's,	8.53		
" " Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,	10.00		
" " Rockland, S. Peter's,			
" " Accrued interest,	4.66		
	\$1,072.52		\$1,072.52

Report of Junior Auxiliary.

At the last annual meeting of the Auxiliary, both the officials who had served the Juniors so long and so efficiently, resigned, and an entirely new staff was elected. In presenting this annual report of the Junior Auxiliary, therefore, the officers beg your indulgence for their inexperience and for possible errors in the report. A combination of unfortunate circumstances makes our total of work accomplished, less than that of last year. All the work was carried on by the President alone, up to Lent, and after that, by the Secretary alone. For my own part I feel I could have done nothing without the generous and always cordially proffered suggestions of our former able officers, Miss Clarke and Mrs. Derry. I wish also to express thanks to Mrs. Glidden of Newcastle, for kind help in time of need.

Owing perhaps to our inexperience, we did nothing about the work of the summer branches last year; we hope to do better in that respect, this summer. In comparing this year's work with that of last, it must also be remembered that last year the United Offering swelled the sum by some sixty dollars.

Four branches have temporarily dropped from our ranks, the members having almost all moved from their respective towns. Especial thanks is therefore due the officers of three of these branches, viz.: Camden, Exeter and Saco, for their prompt and generous contributions to the Junior Scholarship.

Owing to an epidemic of malignant scarlet fever in Augusta, it was thought unsafe for S. Mark's Branch to do any Lenten work. This fact also lessens our total of work done. These shortcomings however are far from arguing any diminution of interest in individual branches. They seem as usual to have outdone all former efforts, in enthusiasm and accomplishment.

It would seem from former reports, that the Cathedral Branch has taken a new lease of life this year. They head our list with fifty members. Their Christmas box for Dennistown was such an

one as has never before been heard of in the Diocese, and their announcement that they intend to "do better next year," is too brilliant to be grasped! I have also the pleasure of reporting one new and able branch, that of Christ Church, Gardiner, organized since Christmas. They have some twenty-five members, enthusiastic meetings, and an *intelligent* interest in mission work. This is the characteristic which we most desire in the branches, and we rank it even above the large box of excellent sewing with which the Gardiner Branch has inaugurated its work. For these two additions to our ranks we ask your congratulations.

Advent was as usual spent in preparing Christmas gifts for Mission Sunday Schools within the Diocese. The Lenten work has been along the usual lines. Several boxes have been sent to the House of the Good Shepherd, for which the Juniors are always eager to work. Most of the branches have worked with the Women's Auxiliary, making clothing which has been divided between S. Paul's Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Virginia, and the Indian schools in South Dakota.

Miss Emery has expressed a wish that we do something towards a Christmas box for one of these South Dakota schools. Such boxes often arrive after Christmas, sometimes a month or six weeks late, as senders do not calculate on the uncertainties of winter travel on northwestern railroads, and of chance wagon drives, often of thirty or forty miles across the prairies to our isolated mission stations. It is, therefore, our purpose to send out such a box in the early fall. It is hoped that the summer branches will co-operate in this work, and I should be glad of any other contributions, *however small*, of gifts or money, from our regular branches. The box will be packed at Augusta, October 1st.

In conclusion I wish to ask once more, that pledges for the Junior Scholarship be made and paid as early as possible; also that any money or gifts sent *direct* to the Domestic or Foreign field by individuals or branches of Juniors, be if possible, *reported* to me before May 1st, of next year.

The box and cash account is as follows:

Augusta, S. Mark's,	
Three boxes,	\$ 20.00
Scholarship,	3.36
General expenses,	1.64
Bath, Grace,	
One box,	2.00
Junior Scholarship,	5.00

DIOCESE OF MAINE

The United Offering

At the time of the General Convention every third year, the Woman's Auxiliary has its Triennial gathering and representatives from every Diocesan Branch throughout the Church at home and abroad, are called together. The Triennial is opened with a Service of Thanksgiving and at this time the women of the Church present their United Offering. In 1886 at such a Thanksgiving Service in Chicago, the offering of a large Church filled with women, was \$82.71. Before the next Convention a change had begun, due to a suggestion from a member of a parish branch of the Auxiliary in Pittsburg, who asked that at the next Triennial Service the women might not come again so empty-handed. Before the first day was over at that meeting of 1889, the offering amounted to \$2,000, enough to build the first Church in the Alaska Mission and to send a new woman Missionary to Japan. As the years passed, women who were interested in the United Offering told others and every three years showed a marked increase. The interest from the Offerings of 1892 and 1895 pay each year the salary of the Missionary Bishop of Alaska and the first Offering in the new Century was divided and given to our Missionary Bishops for their work, this was in San Francisco at the Triennial of 1901. Finally, the Offering presented in Richmond, Va., October 31d, 1907, reached the sum of \$224,251.55. A small part of this will be used to build a Mission House for women in Japan and the remainder given to the Board of Missions, as were the two previous Offerings, for our women Missionaries. It has been resolved, that the United Offering of 1910 shall again be given for women's work in the Mission Field: that means train-

ing, sending, support of women workers and the care of such workers when sick and disabled. Also resolved, that to our united gifts shall be added our united and earnest prayers that God may put it into the hearts of many faithful women to give themselves to the work of the Master in the Mission Field. 87 women are now supported in the Home Mission Field, 51 in the Foreign Field, 7 in the training schools: and as workers are constantly added, it will be seen that our United Offering for 1910 must still be on the increase, if ours is to be a living, growing work. Maine's share of the United Offering has slowly but surely grown from small beginnings to very nearly \$1,200, as her contribution for 1907. This may seem a good deal but in reality it does not represent the baptised churchwomen of Maine or even the confirmed women. There are about 3,400 women communicants in the Diocese, one cent a month from each would in three years amount to more than \$1,200. The Offering should be just what its name implies, our *United* Offering and every baptized woman of the Church should have the privilege of sharing in it according to her ability—no more, no less,—and as it is a thank offering, special and general, it should in no way interfere with other obligations. Those who are already giving conscientiously, are not asked to increase their gifts for 1910, but every woman is asked to interest some other woman who never before has had a share in the work. 86 Dioceses and Missionary Districts, our Foreign Churches Mexico, Brazil, the Isle of Pines and our oldest Foreign Mission, Greece, contributed to the last United Offering and many wonderful tales are told of women in foreign lands and the Indians in our own, who seem to grasp the full meaning of the Thank-offering. The Chinese women of the Shanghai Diocese bring their contributions to the Annual Meeting and ask that they may be used, "to help the sisters who have not as much as we have." And among the Indians, at the Mission of Standing Rock, South Dakota, not long ago, an Indian woman carrying a tiny babe, approached Bishop Hare and handed him two

silver dollars, saying, "I am so thankful for my baby." And another woman gave the Bishop \$10 as a Thank-offering for the recovery of her little boy from whooping-cough. In our own Diocese there are stories to hear, just as touching as these !

Many ways are in use for contributing and collecting the United Offering and the best of all has been found to be the blue mite-box. In this Diocese the blue box is in general use and pennies, even one a month, regularly collected every six months from every baptized woman in a small parish, will often result in an offering that will far exceed one in a large parish, asked for and collected at the last moment of the three years. And in the country districts and the isolated work, the blue box is a real Missionary, awakening, creating and sustaining interest in the Christian service of the world. In three parishes and three missions of this Diocese every baptized woman has been reached and frequently Churchwomen are discovered in isolated corners of the big State and their names sent to Mrs. Philbrook in Bangor, to be looked after in her wonderful way. As one follows the history of the United Offering and its work, there seems one central point on which the heart and mind of every Churchwoman should be fixed :—and that is, this Offering given by women for women's work in the Master's service, should be the Thank-offering of all Churchwomen, not of small bands, scattered here and there through the Dioceses and Missionary Districts, but of every baptized woman in the Church, and those of us who know of it and care for its power for good, in extending Christ's Kingdom on earth must seek out others and not one must be overlooked or forgotten.



Bangor, S. John's,	
Two boxes,	14.25
Junior Scholarship,	10.00
Bar Harbor, S. Saviour's,	
One box,	
Junior Scholarship,	6.64
Camden, S. Thomas',	
Junior Scholarship,	2.00
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	
Junior Scholarship,	1.00
Gardiner, Christ,	
One box,	8.00
Junior Scholarship,	5.00
Hull's Cove, (not organized)	
One box.	
Lewiston, Trinity,	
Junior Scholarship,	5.00
Newcastle, S. Andrew's,	
One box,	34.11
Junior Scholarship,	5.00
Portland, S. Luke's,	
Five boxes,	76.65
Junior Scholarship,	6.00
Saco, Trinity,	
Junior Scholarship,	1.00
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,	
Four boxes,	21.63
Junior Scholarship,	5.00
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	\$233.28

RECIPIENT OF MONEY:

House of the Good Shepherd, \$60.00

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES:

Limestone, Maine, Sunday School.

Winn, " " "

Sanford, " " "

Dennistown, " " "

Presque Isle, " " "

Ashland, " " "

Caribou, " " "

Sherman, " " "

House of the Good Shepherd.

S. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.

Indian Schools, South Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE DEGEN,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Report of Babies' Branch.

Madam President and Ladies:

Although the amount of money received from the mite boxes of the Babies' Branch of the Junior Auxiliary in Maine, does not exceed that of last year, more boxes have been distributed during the past twelve months, and a slight increase of interest in the work makes me hopeful that the idea of baby mission work is slowly gaining ground, and that before long the little red boxes will be known in many more of our parishes throughout the Diocese.

Since January, 1902, ten boxes have been in use in S. Luke's parish, Portland, and the money collected from them amounts to \$5.35; from Trinity Chapel, Woodfords, have been received \$2.81, being the sum from six boxes, and \$1.93 have been sent from Christ Church, Gardiner, but the Secretary did not state from how many boxes it had been collected.

Since January, 1903, I have distributed in S. Luke's parish nine boxes, have sent to Woodfords to be distributed, six boxes, to S. Paul's parish, Portland, six boxes and six books, and to Lewiston the same number, making a total of twenty-seven boxes and twelve books. In S. Luke's parish three of the members have graduated from the Babies' Branch, and only two new members have been added, which is the reason that we have now only nine boxes in use instead of ten. Owing to illness, and tardiness of collection, the whole amount, \$10.09, has not yet been forwarded to the Church Missions House, but will be to-morrow, unless our President prefers to make some other disposition of it. I find that the majority of the "Babies" mothers have a strong preference in favor of Domestic missions over and above any of the Foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted,

SALLY CARROLL PAYSON,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Report of Maine Altar Society.

The large amount of work promised by the Maine Altar Society made it necessary to begin the meetings more than a month earlier than usual in the Autumn. The first meeting was held September 15th, and meetings were continued weekly until April 14th.

The plan stated last year of forming clases in the Diocese, has been pursued. The Secretary and one of the working members of the Society went to Augusta in October, and formed a class, and also paid a second visit to Waterville and started the members on a white set for their own mission, which was finished for Easter Day. The Augusta branch has finished a white silk burse and veil, this being only a part of the work started there. Classes were formed at Lewiston and Auburn, and three visits were paid there. As a result the members at Lewiston made a green super-frontal, pulpit fall and book-markers, and purple and white book-markers for Trinity Church, Lewiston; one purple, one green, one white stole, for Mission Church in Kansas, also green cloth super-frontal for the Mission at Old Orchard. The Auburn branch have finished a purple silk super-frontal with Bible and Altar book-markers, one purple and one green stole.

The weekly meetings at the Parish House, Portland, are carried on by workers from the Cathedral and Trinity Chapel, Woodfords. This year the list of work is somewhat larger than heretofore. There has been one order for which the work has been paid, a violet set, consisting of super-frontal, pulpit fall, stole, burse and veil and book-markers for Bangor. Several sets have been made for which the materials have been paid; a violet super-frontal, pulpit fall and stole for Trinity Chapel, Woodfords; a violet super-frontal and pulpit fall for S. Peter's, Rockland; a white Eucharistic stole, maniple, burse and veil for S. Paul's, Fort Fairfield; a white burse and veil for Christ Church, Biddeford; a white stole for the Cathedral.

There have been made and given a purple stole to S. Anne's, Calais, another to Dennistown, a white one to Rumford Falls; a white one to S. John's Church, Presque Isle; a green burse and veil for Christ Church, Biddeford. For Trinity, Lewiston, a design was transferred, white silk given for a stole, and also the design for the Waterville super-frontal were transferred to the silk in the

big frame. Besides these there have been made and are now on hand a green stole, a violet stole and a white burse and veil. Two pulpit and two lectern falls were cut and planned for Biddeford; there was no embroidery on these and the finishing was done at Biddeford.

In October, while it was impossible to heat the Parish House, the Altar Society enjoyed the hospitality of Dean Vernon for three weeks, a favor which was much appreciated. It is a satisfaction to know that all the work started has been finished, so that in the autumn we shall be quite ready for new orders, and it is hoped that new members may also be found to help in the good work.

The Linen department which has its headquarters at Gardiner, Maine, reports as follows: Cut and basted a surplice for Church of the Heavenly Rest, Auburn; made surplice for Trinity Church, Saco; basted surplice for Mr. Freeze, Lewiston, to go to the diocese of Kansas; furnished linen and made surplice for S. Anne's, Calais; cut and basted surplice for Trinity Chapel, Woodfords; and some work has been done by the Gardiner branch for Dresden Mills.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash on hand,	\$ 23.00
“ received for material, etc.,	152.92
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	\$175.92
By material, etc.,	\$168.02
“ cash on hand,	7.90
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	\$175.92

LINEN DEPARTMENT.

To cash for linen from M. A. S.,	\$5.31
“ “ “ “ “ “	3.72
“ “ from Mrs. Crawshaw, Lewiston,	3 50
“ “ “ Mrs. Freeze, “	1.00
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	\$13.53
By linen,	\$4.96
“ “	3.50
“ pattern,	.35
“ postage,	1.00
“ linen,	3.72
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	\$13.53

CLARA A. PRINDLE,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Report of Correspondence with Isolated Churchwomen.

I have to report, soon after the last annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, I received from the Church Missions House, New York city, copies of "The Story of the United Offering," together with the collects for the use of the Woman's Auxiliary. A copy of each was sent to those in my list.

In September, at the commencement of the year's work, I wrote notes to each lady, suggesting the obtaining of the mite boxes. I received requests from four, and the boxes were forwarded; I trust others sent to the Secretary. I may here add that two of the ladies subscribed for the *North East* at my suggestion.

In November I received nine additional names from one of our clergy. To these, as well as others, on the list, I sent Christmas cards and letters. Later Mrs. Ogden sent me a package of missionary literature, which I forwarded to the new names.

One of the ladies sent me one dollar for the Lenten work of our Bangor branch of the Auxiliary. I sent out thirty-seven Lenten letters to reach the ladies just before Ash Wednesday. I have received many pleasant answers to my letters, some Christmas and Easter greetings, and calls from two who were visiting in Bangor.

I have found one dear lady who was hopelessly ill. To her I have sent some comforting literature from time to time, with the prayer that she may be spared long suffering. To one lady, who wrote of a family of children, I sent the children's number of "The Spirit of Missions." Another young mother, who lives in a town, where the only religious privilege is a Union Sunday-school, reads part of our Church service to her children, each Sunday. What a blessing our prayer-book must be to these isolated ones!

As in my last report, I have to thank members of S. John's parish, Bangor, for stamps to carry on the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ABBY C. PHILBROOK,

117 Pine St., Bangor, Maine.

Report of Church Periodical Club.

Ten librarians have been actively engaged in the work during the past year. The parishes represented are, Auburn, Bangor, Camden, Gardiner, Newcastle, Portland, S. Luke's S. Stephen's S. Paul's, Saco, Woodfords.

Total number of periodicals sent regularly,	72
“ “ books,	62
“ “ tracts,	275
Amount of postage expended,	\$6.50

MARY BOYD GERRISH,
Correspondent pro tem.



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 Advisory 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.

