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OF THE
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OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS
FOR THE YEAR 1904

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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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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the delegates from the various parishes and mission branches of the Auxiliary to our Annual Meeting. We complete this year, twenty-six years of our existence. Begun in much weakness, with only six branches, and when the diocese included but ten self-supporting parishes and eleven missions, the undertaking represented a recognition of responsibility by Churchwomen that is well worth remembering. Faith and charity of that larger kind which seeks not only the material well-being of men, but reaches out for their salvation through Christ, was strong in the hearts of the few women who met in council on that occasion. As we look in retrospection for the best results of their labors we do not find it in the number of missionaries or families of missionaries thus provided for, but rather in the way in which has been realized the meaning of the words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

Many in all these years have entered into the rest of paradise, who have learned through the teachings of the Auxiliary the value of the souls with whom they now dwell. Intelligence has been quickened, faith strengthened, and enthusiasm in the service of our Divine Master roused. The love poured out towards our fellowmen returns in rich blessings upon ourselves; so has Our Father planned. In view of all this, is it not astonishing that we can be indifferent in effort, slow in self-sacrifice?

Conditions have changed somewhat in respect to women and their work in this quarter of a century, but I like to think that the General Auxiliary while increasing enormously in scope and capacity, remains the same in character and intent. It was organized to be a help to the Board of Missions, to supply unnoted wants, and to further by prayer and labor and money according as we are able, every attempt to extend the kingdom of Christ.

There is a beautiful old story suggested by the methods of the Auxiliary. When Israel led by Joshua went out to do battle with Amalek, "Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

And it came to pass that when Moses held up his hand that Israel prevailed, and when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy, and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side and the other on the other side, and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun, and Joshua discomfited Amalek". It is our part to stay up the hands of those who are admitted to higher service—let us try to do it with fidelity and earnestness and in a spirit of loyalty to the church and to her appointed officers. It is our strength to remember that Joshua discomfited Amalek, it is our joy to know that in the end Christ's kingdom will come, and the approval of our Lord will crown our feeblest efforts.

As you know, one of our aims this last year has been to increase the spirit of devotion in parish meetings. We are thankful to feel that there has been improvement in this regard. Many, perhaps most of the branches, now call their meeting to order about four o'clock, and hold a short service, the creed and a few collects before proceeding to the business in hand; this helps to keep the character of our work before us, and also helps to guard against lowering our standards—the temptation that is ever beating at the doors of all organizations of women within the church. May I emphasize this point? We must keep our eyes on the mountain tops if we would walk securely; if we lower our vision to the foot-hills, we shall suddenly find our feet entangled in an undergrowth that will impede our progress, perhaps even cause a fall.

Mission study has received a good deal of attention, and the interest is growing. Most branches have done something in this line, at least during Lent, by reading aloud, by writing papers, or preparing Missionary Albums. A member of St. John's branch, Bangor, has complied a most clear and comprehensive account of our missions in China, which, together with illustrations, she has placed at the service of study classes. I have read it with great pleasure, and am sure there are some delightful afternoons in store for those who use it. The manuscript is in my care, and will be loaned to any one paying the express.

We have missed the Quiet Day this year with a great sense of loss. We trust that in the future this service will become a fixed institution.

We have remembered each of the three missionaries whose home is in Maine, and who are at work, one in St. Hilda's School, China,

one in the Philippine Islands, and one aiding the colored people in Virginia—indeed, we have more than met our apportionment by way of general missions.

This Spring I had the pleasure of meeting one of the flourishing guilds of St. George's, Sanford, and organizing a branch of the Auxiliary for Lent work. We welcome their delegates today.

I have made but seven visits. The inclemency of the weather, the difficulty of heating rooms and the uncertainty of travel, sometimes my own disability made it impossible during the winter to make engagements with any prospect of keeping them.

Since the division of the diocese into Archdeaconries for the purpose of missionary work, it seems the natural and right thing to do to hold one of the quarterly meetings in each of these divisions. So far, we have not been able to accomplish this, but have held all our meetings in the Archdeaconry of the Kennebec. It seems now desirable that we should accept the invitation kindly extended by the Rev. Mr. Harte, and hold our September meeting in Aroostook County. Railway rates will be made reasonable, the weather is likely to be at its best, and I hope all the branches will honor the occasion by sending a good delegation.

We have the best accounts from the young lady who has the memorial scholarship. Her health has been good, and her class work as well as her general conduct are reported by her teachers as worthy the highest praise. The subscriptions to this fund are very well kept up.

There has been a commendable increase of activity among the Juniors. Their officers have fairly gotten down to work this year, and their report will show what they have accomplished. Some of the new members really promise great things. The word of counsel for our young friends is cordial co-operation and intelligent system in their undertakings.

Our dear Babies' Branch continues to grow under the fostering care of the sweet women who are managing it in the branches where it is planted. We should have it everywhere. If the Church stands for one thing above another in this country of multiform religious phases, it is for care of the little children. By this I do not mean philanthropy—putting shoes and stockings on children who are healthier and happier without them, or amusing children whose active

little brains would develop much more naturally if they were allowed to contrive their own amusements, but I mean, opening to the little hearts the knowledge of "Our Father which art in heaven", attuning little ears to such gracious words as "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not", gently leading little souls, as they are able to bear it, into the consciousness of a great and good and loving Heavenly Father, in whose eyes all wrong doing is a grievous thing.

For details of the entire year's work I refer you to the various reports. Some of the branches have splendid records, others are a little behind their usual standing, for good reasons which will disappear later.

We are called upon to record the death of at least five valued members and friends. We shall miss their counsels and ever ready help, and their places will not easily be filled.

The next Triennial Meeting will take place in Boston, in October, 1904. We shall elect the usual delegates, but trust many of the Maine Branch will take advantage of the short distance, and be present at these meetings, especially at that grand service in Trinity Church, where the United Offering is to be made. We sent to San Francisco in 1901 two delegates from St. Luke's, Portland, and one from Gardiner. Would it not be well that your delegates this year should represent three branches other than those mentioned. We have promised ourselves that our interest in the United Offering of 1904 should be represented by \$500.00. About half that sum is now in the treasury, and we have three months in which to gather up the rest. It can easily be done. It is quite within our resources. Let us remember that this is the opportunity given us to make special offerings to God for special mercies, the recovery from dangerous illness of ourselves or some one dear to us, the safe return from a sea voyage, victory in some great temptation, for all those who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear—all these are fitting occasions for showing our gratitude to God in a marked way.

Some of the branches are now using the mite boxes. Individuals often prefer a definite sum, given at once. All sums should be in the Treasurer's hands by September 1st. May God grant that we may be so stirred to energy in this matter that every baptized women in the church in Maine shall have a personal interest in the offering of 1904, and claim therefrom a personal blessing.

May 17, 1904.

ANNA B. OGDEN, President.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Portland, on Tuesday, May 17th. After the corporate communion at 9.30, at which there was a large attendance, the business meeting was held in the hall of St. Luke's Parish House. The audience was good, every seat filled, and the members of the Auxiliary alert and interested.

At the calling of the roll, nineteen parish branches responded by their delegates, viz: Auburn, Augusta, S. Barnaba's, Augusta, S. Mark's, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Bath, Brunswick, Dresden Mills, Fort Fairfield, Gardiner, Lewiston, Newcastle, Pittston, Portland, S. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, S. Paul's, Richmond, Saco, Thomaston, Woodfords.

Mrs. Shepherd, in behalf of all the branches of the Auxiliary, presented to the President a gavel, which was understood to be a tribute to the woman in office, of a personal character. "Its solid ebony," Mrs. Shepherd said, "stands for her genuineness, its silver band typifies her sterling worth, and its inscription her simplicity and directness". Mrs. Ogden acknowledged the gift by a few words of appreciation, and at her suggestion it was voted that the thanks of the Auxiliary be tendered the chairman of the committee on presentation, and that she be discharged.

The annual address of the President followed.

The annual report of the Secretary was read and accepted by vote.

An amusing annual report was read by the Treasurer, giving a droll enumeration of the sums which had passed through her hands.

It was voted, that the report of the Treasurer be accepted with thanks.

The proper appraisal of second-hand articles sent to missionaries and mission schools was discussed, and it was voted that hereafter no value be placed on second-hand clothing.

An address followed from Miss Loring, of Boston, and was accepted by a rising vote of thanks.

Miss Loring extended to the Maine Branch a cordial invitation to be present at the Triennial Meeting in Boston, in October, saying that Pierce Hall, Boston, would be the headquarters, and that all would be cordially welcomed. Tea would be served there, every day, from 4.30 to 5 P. M.

The private communion set, to be owned by the Auxiliary, for the benefit of missions, was mentioned. A vote had been passed at the last quarterly meeting that this be made from contributions of old silver, and the Treasurer was ready to take charge of all such gifts. A few pieces of silver were brought from members of the Auxiliary.

Miss Mayne, the matron of the House of the Good Shepherd, was present, and gave various details of the house and its needs. Of the latter, bedroom towels, stockings and underwear, were particularly mentioned.

A letter was read from Miss Brown, Lawrenceville, Va., acknowledging the receipt of articles from Bangor.

As the hour of noon had come, prayers for missions were said by the Bishop, followed by an address by him, in which he gave various interesting statistics concerning the growth of the Church in the Diocese. He thought that much of the progress of the last year was due to the fact that assistants had been taken by several clergymen. It had been of great advantage, in these cases, not to work single handed. Indeed, two men together accomplish more than a double amount of work.

Pledges for the annual scholarship were given by the various parishes.

A report of the Altar Society was read and accepted by vote.

A report of the Society for the Aid of Isolated Churchwomen was read and accepted by vote.

A report of the Church Periodical Club was read and accepted by vote.

An invitation was given to the Auxiliary to hold its September meeting at Fort Fairfield. Rates of travel were discussed, also the date of the meeting and the number who would probably be present, and it was decided that the invitation be accepted.

It was voted to send \$2.00 to the Church Missions House, New York, for the Church Periodical Club.

It was voted that a Nominating Committee for the election of officers be appointed by the chair. Miss Burgess, Mrs. Davenport and Miss Chadwell were appointed. They reported the names of the present officers for a re-election. The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted by vote.

Pledges were made for general expenses.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$34.00.

Notice was given by the President of lunch at the parish house, and of an invitation from the Bishop to clergy and delegates to lunch at his house, on the following day.

It was voted that the mileage ticket for the President be purchased, as usual, and also that she should not be confined to parishes on the Maine Central R. R. in her visits in the Diocese.

It was voted that a small balance remaining in the hands of the committee on the presentation of the gavel be given to the United Offering.

Adjournment for lunch followed, and the meeting re-opened at 2 P. M.

A letter was read from Miss Emery, giving advice and directions for the coming year. A letter was also read from Mrs. Cleveland, wife of the Superintendent of Indian Catechists, South Dakota, stating her need of a piano, in her work among the Indian children, \$90.00 were wanting towards the necessary sum. St. John's, Bangor, promised \$12.00.

It was voted that \$15.00 be given from the general fund towards the purchase of a piano for Mrs. Cleveland's work.

Delegates were elected to the Triennial Meeting in Boston, viz.: Mrs. William Ellis, Gardiner; Mrs. John Marshall Brown, Portland; Mrs. J. B. Shepherd, Portland.

The Chair suggested that alternates of these delegates be appointed by a committee consisting of Mrs. Degen and Mrs. Blake. Her proposal was approved.

It was voted to give the sum of \$50.00 from the balance remaining in the treasury, towards repairing the rectory at Saco. After this donation had been gratefully acknowledged by the President of the Saco Auxiliary, a vote of thanks was tendered the ladies of S. Luke's for their hospitality.

The meeting adjourned, and the chair was taken by the President of the Junior Auxiliary, for the first regular meeting of that association.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The past year has been busy and quite helpful, neither will nor opportunity have been wanting, and so much independence and self reliance has sprung up, in regard to the distribution of boxes, that comparatively few, even those which held the Lenten work, have been packed in Portland, as a common centre.

A pleasant surprise has occasionally come, as in one instance, where a humble society of working girls has, in its box account, almost equalled that of the vigorous parish branch from which it took its rise, and still another, where a small society increased its box account from \$9.65 in 1903, to \$74.40 in 1904.

Quarterly meetings have been held as usual, the first in Christ Church, Gardiner, on September 17, 1903. Fourteen branches were there represented. The event of chief interest was an address by the Rev. Dr. Lloyd, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, and was a word to women, direct, strong and full of the keenest sympathy. The ladies were glad to meet in Gardiner, Miss Brown of the Lawrenceville Industrial School, and to hear from her own lips an account of her institution, its character and its wants.

The second quarterly meeting was in St. Mark's Church, Augusta, on December 10. This was full of plans, and the year's work was definitely arranged. Information was given of Maine's three cherished missionaries, Miss Osgood, at Wuchang, China, Miss Waterman at Manila, and Miss Brown at Lawrenceville. An account of Junior Auxiliary work was read, and mention made of three new Junior branches, lately added. A member of the Fort Fairfield church was welcomed, and thanked for her cordial wish to have the next autumn session of the Auxiliary at Fort Fairfield. Mrs. Ogden spoke earnestly and well on the subject of the United Offering.

The low temperature (from six to ten degrees below zero) at Bath, on February 3, did not chill the ardor of the nine branches represented at the third quarterly meeting. A very helpful address was made by the Rev. Mr. Plant, upon the spiritual side of the Auxiliary,

and another by Archdeacon Seymour, giving some descriptions which all were glad to hear, of the missions under his care. The Lenten work was arranged, the proposed journey to Fort Fairfield discussed, and the usual collection ended the proceedings.

Within the diocese the labors of the year have been for three Maine missionaries and for the House of the Good Shepherd, while without, boxes have been sent to three missionaries, to the Mountain Whites, to an Industrial School for colored children, and to Bishop Hare's Indians.

Following is the box account:

Box Account, 1904.	No.	Value.
Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest,		\$
Augusta, St. Barnabas',	1	12.00
Augusta, St. Mark's,	4	61.00
Bangor, St. John's,	5	276.26
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	5	65.03
Bath, Grace,	5	60.00
Biddeford,		
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	1	13.07
Calais, St. Anne's,	1	8.00
Camden, St. Thomas',		
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	2	9.20
Dresden Mills, St. John's,	2	4.00
Eastport, Christ,		
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1	18.00
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	1	12.15
Gardiner, Christ,	7	164.65
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	1	15.00
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	1	12.00
Hull's Cove, Church of our Father,	2	21.65
Kennebunk,		
Lewiston, Trinity,	1	77.00
New Castle and Damariscotta, St. Andrew's,	4	107.00
Northeast Harbor, St. Mary's,	3	58.50
Old Town, St. James',		
Pittston, St. Andrew's,	5	74.50
Portland, St. Luke's,	3	164.81

	No.	Value.
Portland, St. Paul's,	2	38.35
Presque Isle, St. John's,		
Richmond, St. Matthias',	1	10.00
Rockland, St. Peter's,	1	11.75
Saco, Trinity,	2	34.85
Thomaston, St. John Baptist,	1	5.00
Waterville, St. Mark's,	2	10.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,		
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,	3	37.22
 TOTAL,	67	\$1,380.99

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Missionary in North Carolina.
 Missionary in Maryland.
 Missionary in Nebraska.
 Three Missionaries in Maine.
 House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine.
 St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
 Mission to Mountain Whites, Ivy-Albemarle County, Virginia.
 Indian Catechists, S. Dakota, care Rev. Wm. J. Cleveland.

HARRIET S. MCCOBB, Secretary.

Portland, May 17, 1904.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, Treasurer,
In account with the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary
from May 12, 1903 to May 17, 1904.

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By amounts paid, viz:

Mileage Ticket for Auxiliary President,	\$ 20.00
Church Periodical Club, N. Y.	2.00
For Ashland Rectory,	50.00
Articles for House of The Good Shepherd,	3.00
Miss Brown's Expenses,	2.10
Bangor, St. John's "Special",	120.00
St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.	25.00
Memorial Scholarship,	250.00
To Parish at Dexter,	12.00
For General Missions,	28.00
For Diocesan Missions,	32.00
Overcoat for Missionary's Son,	9.35
Suit for Missionary,	23.40
Suit for Missionary,	15.88
Suit for Missionary and Cash,	10.00
Clothing for Missionary Boxes,	7.65
Cash to Missionary,	10.00
Newcastle's "Special",	30.00
"Young Christian Soldier" for Winn S. S.	6.48
Suit for Missionary,	22.50
Cash to Missionary,	10.00
St. Hilda's School, China, Miss Osgood's Salary,	50.00
Books for the School,	8.00
For Miss Waterman's Salary at Manila,	10.00
For Miss Brown's Salary at Virginia,	40.00
For Ebony Gavel for Mrs. Ogden,	5.00
For Rev. Mr. Harte's Missions,	8.07
For Rev. Mr. Robinson's Missions,	35.00
For Printing Reports and Circulars,	28.25
For Postage,	10.70
For Freight and Trucking,	41.02
 TOTAL,	 \$925.40
Cash on Hand May 17, 1904,	556.88
 TOTAL,	 \$1482.28

ELIZABETH H. SMITH, Treasurer,
In account with the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary
from May 12, 1903 to May 17, 1904.

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To	Cash on hand May 12, 1903,	\$346.44
	Collections at Portland May 12, 1903,	25.75
	Communion Offering,	29.50
	Collection at Gardiner September 17, 1903,	25.00
	Communion Offering,	10.47
	Collection at Augusta December 10, 1903,	17.67
	Collection at Bath February 2, 1904,	12.25
	Communion Offering at Bath,	3.17
	Amounts from Friends for General Expenses,	6.00
	A Friend for the Memorial Scholarship,	6.00
	A Friend for Miss Waterman's Salary at Manila,	10.00
	The Junior Auxiliary for China,	20.00
	The Junior Auxiliary for Virginia,	2.00
	The Gavel Committee,	7.00
	Accrued Interest,	12.13
	Balance of Tablet Money, Voted for Scholarship,	51.15
	Cash from Auburn Church of the Heavenly Rest,	7.00
"	" St. Margaret's Branch,	7.09
"	" Augusta, St. Barnabas,	4.00
"	" St. Mark's,	38.00
"	" Bangor, St. John's,	285.28
"	" St. Mary's Evening Branch,	29.00
"	" Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	19.07
"	" Bath, Grace Church,	22.00
"	" Brunswick, St. Paul's,	12.00
"	" Calais, St. Anne's,	1.00
"	" Camden, St. Thomas',	6.25
"	" Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	3.00
"	" Dresden Mills,	1.00
"	" Exeter, Holy Trinity,	6.75
"	" Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	13.39
"	" Gardiner, Christ Church,	51.00
"	" Hallowell,	1.50
"	" Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	2.50
"	" Hull's Cove,	1.00
"	" Lewiston, Trinity,	7.50
"	" Newcastle, St. Andrew's,	125.00
"	" Northeast Harbor, St. Mary's by the Sea,	5.00
"	" Oldtown, St. James',	.50
"	" Pittston,	4.00

To Cash from	Portland, St. Luke's,	193.37
" "	St. Paul's,	15.50
" "	Richmond,	2.00
" "	Rockland, St. Peter's,	6.75
" "	Saco, Trinity,	5.00
" "	Thomaston, St. John the Baptist,	3.00
" "	Waterville, St. Mark's,	3.00
" "	Woodfords, Trinity Chapel,	16.30
TOTAL,		\$1482.28

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

of sums received for the Memorial Tablet to Mrs. Mary Floyd
Delafield Neely placed in St. Luke's Cathedral, May, 1903.

Received from thirteen Parish Branches in sums varying from \$1.25 to \$25.00, a total of	\$ 88.00
Received from forty-five individuals in sums varying from fifty cents to \$25.00, a total of	177.50
Making in all the sum of	\$265.50

PAID:

For the Memorial Tablet,	\$175.50
For Setting the Tablet,	10.00
For Trucking,	.75
For Mrs. Ogden's Traveling Expenses,	20.60
For Printing 100 Copies of Memorial Address,	6.00
For Postage,	2.00
Transferred to Memorial Scholarship Fund,	51.15
TOTAL,	\$265.50

ELIZABETH A. SMITH,

May 17, 1904.

Treasurer of the Branch of W. A.

REPORT OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

In presenting the report of the Junior work for the past year it gives me great pleasure to state that all Branches have contributed something towards the work, either in boxes or gifts of money. This is in itself great encouragement. Also it is most helpful to know that several of the Branches have been making a regular study of missions.

Miss Emery last year expressed a wish that we should send a box of Christmas gifts to South Dakota, and that we should do something for foreign missions. Both of these wishes we have been able to fulfill. A box was sent on October 20th to St. Mary's School for Girls in Rosebud, South Dakota, and contained ninety candy bags and candy, forty new articles of clothing, a baby's outfit, and fifty gifts of books, dolls, pictures, writing paper, etc. This was the result of summer work.

Advent was spent as usual in preparing Christmas boxes for the Mission Sunday Schools within the Diocese. Eleven missions were provided for, also the House of the Good Shepherd. Nearly four hundred children, and several teachers received gifts.

Our contributions to foreign missions amounted to the sum of \$20.00, given during the Epiphany season, and devoted to St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, the study of missions in China, was officially commended to the Juniors at that season.

I have also the pleasure of reporting four new Branches, Dresden, Pittston, Richmond, and Waterville. Pittston deserves especial mention for its Christmas box.

The Exeter Branch is again in working order.

Most of the Branches during Lent worked for St. Paul's Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Virginia. Bangor, however, sent a box to the Indian Mission at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and Dresden worked for the House of the Good Shepherd.

Efforts were made by the officers to attend meetings of several Branches, but owing to illness their plans could not be carried out, and five Branches only have been visited.

We are asked for one hundred Christmas gifts for Indians this Fall, which request means summer work, and we hope many of the Branches will feel like helping.

I also wish to make a special plea that all branches devote their efforts during the summer to the United Offering. We should have \$60.00 by September 1st; at least we gave that at the last triennial convention, and we cannot do less this year; and there are now but \$9.50 in hand. Cannot some of the larger Branches do more in that way?

I have a plan which I wish to lay before you, and which I hope will meet with your approval.

The subject of competition has been thought of for sometime by the officers of the Juniors, and they feel that it would stimulate interest in the study of missions, particularly. The idea is that a prize shall be offered for the best essay, length limited, on some missionary subject, selected by the officers. The competitors should be, I think, divided into two classes, those over fifteen years, and those under, a prize for each class which should number at least five.

It is also suggested that prizes be offered for workmanship, these prizes to be given to the Branches, not the individual, every Branch sending at least one article, and these to be on exhibition next May.

These prizes would not be for sewing alone, but for boy's work, as well as girl's, and perhaps an age limit would also have to be arranged in this case.

I sincerely hope that you will be interested in this subject, and that through this channel the Juniors may be taught to know more, and to care more, for missions throughout the world.

AMY GLIDDEN, President.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

The Junior Department has shown its growth during the past year by sending delegates to every quarterly meeting, a proceeding which has proved very helpful to branches thus represented. At the September meeting in Gardiner, eleven Juniors were present from eight branches. At the business meeting the President reported on the work of the summer branches, a Christmas box for South Dakota. Steps were taken towards the formation of new branches at Richmond, Dresden Mills and Pittston.

At the December meeting in Augusta, seven branches were represented by sixteen Junior delegates. The President reported Advent work as well under way, 380 children in our diocesan mission Sunday School being supplied with Christmas gifts. After luncheon, an informal Conference on Junior work, was held at St. Mark's Rectory, when very interesting accounts were given of the branches at Woodfords and Portland.

Several branches sent delegates to the February meeting at Bath, but no special Junior meeting was held.

Following is the box and cash account for the year:

Auburn, Church of the Heavenly Rest, Cash,	\$ 5.00
Augusta, St. Mark's, 3 Boxes,	36.00
Cash,	14.66
Bangor, St. John's, 3 Boxes,	31.50
Cash,	27.00
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's, 1 Box,	25.00
Bath, Grace Church, 1 Box,	1.50
Cash,	7.00
Camden, 1 Box,	8.00
Exeter, Holy Trinity, Cash,	1.67
Gardiner, Christ Church, 2 Boxes,	19.55
Cash,	5.50
Lewiston, Trinity Sunday School,	5.00

Newcastle, St. Andrew's, 1 Box,	\$ 5.00
Cash,	8.00
Pittston, St. Andrew's, 1 Box,	10.00
Portland, St. Luke's, 4 Boxes,	128.00
Cash,	15.50
Portland, St. Luke's, (G. F. S.), 2 Boxes,	17.50
Portland, St. Paul's, (G. F. S.),	2.00
Saco, Trinity Sunday School,	1.00
Waterville, St. Mark's, 1 Box,	1.00
Woodfords, Trinity Chapel, 4 Boxes,	19.30
Cash,	7.20
Total value of boxes and contributions in money,	\$401.88

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Sunday Schools at
 Presque Isle, Maine,
 Ashland, "
 Caribou, "
 Limestone, "
 Winn, "
 Sherman, "
 Henderson, "
 Millinocket, "
 Kingman, "
 Dennistown, "
 Holeb, "
 House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine.
 St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
 St. Mary's School for Indians, Rosebud, S. D.
 Rev. W. J. Cleveland, Pine Ridge, S. D.

RECIPIENTS OF MONEY.

House of the Good Shepherd,	\$60.00
St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia,	2.00
St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, China,	20.00
Total,	\$82.00

The Balance of money contributed is accounted for as follows:

General Expenses,	\$ 6.00
Balance in Treasury,	12.50

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE DEGEN, Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF BABIES' BRANCH.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND LADIES:

The little books of the Babies Branch of the Junior Auxiliary in Maine, state that the contents of the mite boxes in use, should be sent to the Treasurer on Holy Innocents' Day, and I am going to preface my report this afternoon by asking you to consider the advisability of changing that date to one nearer the time of our Annual Convention. There seems to be none so appropriate to the collection of a Babies Offering as that of December twenty-eighth, but it comes in the midst of the hurry and confusion of Christmastide, our personal and parochial busy season, after which the time seems to fly, until we are suddenly brought to the realization that May is at hand, that four months of the year have already passed, and that but little has been accomplished. If the Babies year began just prior to our Annual Convention I think we should have more enthusiasm and fuller mite boxes.

I would also like to ask those in charge of the Babies Branch in the various Parishes to send me—instead of all the books, boxes, and their contents—one book, in which I may register the distribution of the money; the whole amount collected from the Parish; and a slip of paper giving the number of boxes in use, the names of the children using them, and the number of new boxes and books required.

From the Parishes in or near Portland, I am glad to receive the actual pennies given, but from those more remote, it would simplify matters for all, and save postage, if the amount were sent by cheque or money order.

REPORT:

There have been in use in St. Luke's Parish, Portland, during the past year, ten of the Babies Branch mite boxes; St. Paul's, Portland, has had six; Trinity Chapel, Woodfords, seven; Trinity Church, Lewiston, six; Augusta and Bangor would probably have had some to report, had the Secretary not been negligent in responding to their enquiries.

The total amount collected has been twelve dollars forty-one cents (\$12.41), from which I have reserved for the United Offering, one dollar forty-five cents (\$1.45), or five cents from each box, and the balance will be forwarded to the Church Missions House for General Missions, unless it be decided that we have the right to give it to some special object, and I sometimes wish we might.

Since January first, 1904, I have sent out for distribution to St. Paul's, Portland, ten boxes; to Trinity Chapel, Woodfords, fourteen, and today I hope to supply some to Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, and one to Gardiner.

Respectfully submitted,

SALLY CARROLL PAYSON,

May 17th, 1904.

Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 10TH, 1904.

Magazines and Papers sent regularly,	76
Prayer Books and Hymnals,	8
Juvenile Books,	8
Tracts,	45
Odd Magazines and Illustrated Papers,	94
One full year of The American Sunday School Book.	
Boxes, contents not noted,	3
Total amount of money expended for Postage, etc.,	\$12.26

HANNAH A. ANDERSON, Correspondent.

REPORT OF MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY

The work of the Altar Society has gone on as usual the past year in spite of the fact that Mrs. Wright, the first directress, has been away for the whole year. A second directress was elected at the last meeting of the Auxiliary so it has been possible to accomplish all the work that has been asked for.

We have suffered a slight drawback in the fact that three or four of our best workers have been ill, but new members have come to take their places. It has been a pleasure to welcome the new workers, and nine have joined us; though their experience has not been great, their willingness has made up for that, and they have learned so quickly that another year the work will go very smoothly.

Fortunately the requests from the Missionaries have been mostly for simple stoles. In all fifteen have been made; of this number nine have been entirely gifts, the materials of five were paid for and one was a paid order. A white burse and veil were sent to Rockland, the materials being paid for. A whole set was sent as a gift to Dexter, consisting of a super-frontal, a hanging for the retable for the lectern and for the fald stool, as well as a stole. Three stoles were sent to Archdeacon Harte for Ashland and two for Massadis; three to Archdeacon Seymour for Sanford, also a set of red book-markers for the Altar book, a eucharist stole and maniple for the Cathedral, also a Baptismal stole. The materials for them were paid for.

All the meetings have been well attended; in fact, much more so than usual in spite of the severity of the weather; all this has made the winter a pleasure, and though perhaps not as many large pieces of work have been done, everything that has been asked for was finished soon after Easter.

Last year classes were started at Waterville, Lewiston, Auburn and Augusta. This year these classes were willing to do anything necessary, but there was not enough work to give them, and the two officers who took charge of that branch of the work were unable to make the trips, so they devoted their time to other branches of Auxiliary work.

The success of the year is largely due to the efficiency and fidelity of Miss Merrill, who, with her own duties has cheerfully combined those of the first directress, and not infrequently those of the Secretary, who has been unable to attend the meetings regularly. Both officers and workers extend to Miss Merrill most grateful acknowledgment of her work.

CLARA A. PRINDLE, Secretary.

LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Eight surplices have been made; four were gifts, and were sent to Fort Fairfield, Sanford, Dexter and Winn; three surplices, the linen for which was paid for, two for Archdeacon Seymour, one for Mr. Foster of Fort Fairfield. There is a new surplice all made on hand; also linen for one more. A part of a set of Altar linen was made for Sanford. Much credit is due the ladies of Newcastle, Portland, Augusta, Gardiner and Pittston for the beautiful work put into each piece.

CLARA A. PRINDLE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY, MAY, 1903 TO MAY, 1904.

To cash on hand,	\$ 7.90
To received for materials, dues, etc.,	91.14
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	\$98.04
By material,	\$71.04
Cash on hand,	28.00
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	\$99.04

LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Received from Treasurer: October 22, for linen,	\$10.00
“ “ “ December 13, for linen,	10.00
“ “ “ December 22, for linen,	2.00
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	\$22.00
Paid: November 4, for linen,	\$10.00
“ June 16, for linen,	10.00
“ June 16, for postage,	2.00
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	\$22.00

CLARA A. PRINDLE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SOCIETY FOR ISOLATED CHURCHWOMEN.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

I have to report, that during the past year, a large package of missionary leaflets from the Church Missions House has been distributed, Christmas cards were sent to thirty-seven, in some cases accompanied by letters. At the Lenten season, the leaflet "United Offering—1904", was sent to thirty; with the suggestion that those who had not the mite boxes for the United Offering, might put inside a few pennies for this purpose. The result of this suggestion has been disappointing.

Several new names have been added to the list of correspondents. Many very pleasant letters have been received, and indirectly it has come to notice, that letters and church reading matter were much appreciated.

Where several members were in a village, it has been suggested that a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary would keep them in touch with the work of the church at large.

Thanks are due to friends, mainly members of St. John's, Bangor, for stamps, stationery, and money to pay for the children's number of the "Spirit of Missions". A limited number of the latter were ordered from the Church Mission House.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBY C. PHILBROOK.

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 Women'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 meetings.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the persons present.

