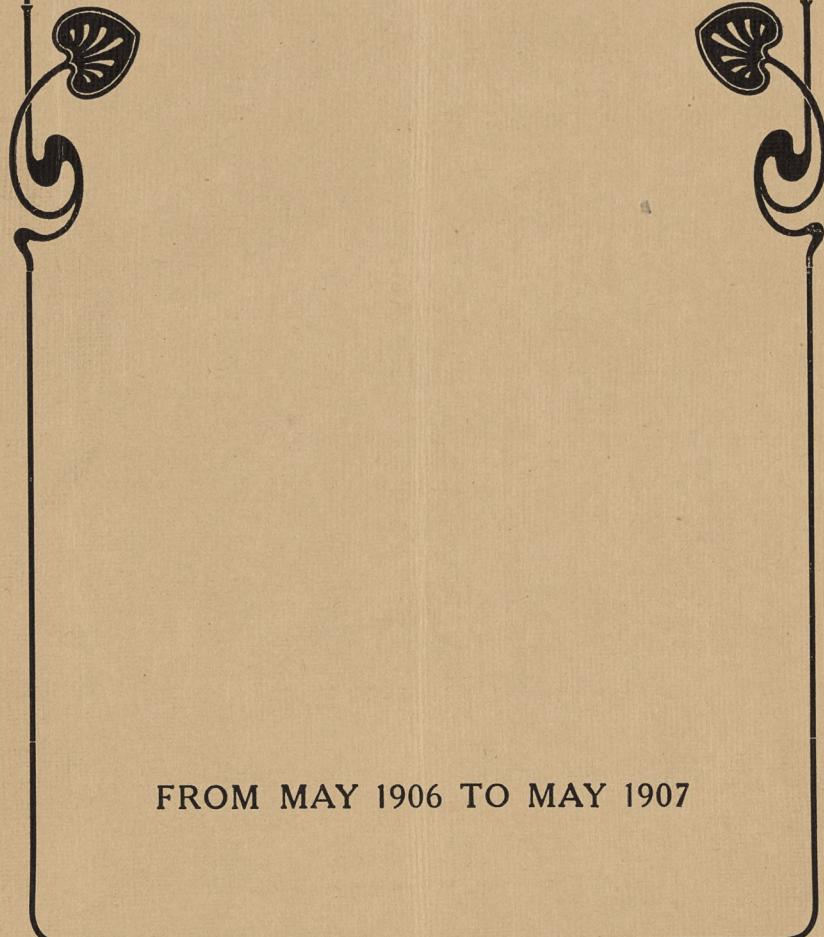


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MID-DAY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

"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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Minutes of the Meeting.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Portland, Tuesday, May 14th. The corporate communion was celebrated in the Cathedral by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dean Vernon. Then followed the business meeting in the Parish House, Mrs. Ogden, the President, in the chair. At the calling of the roll sixty-eight delegates responded from the following parish branches:

Auburn, St. Michael's; Augusta, St. Barnabas'; Augusta, St. Mark's; Bangor, St. John's; Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's; Bath, Grace; Biddeford, Christ; Brunswick, St. Paul's; Camden, St. Thomas'; Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's; Gardiner, Christ; Hallowell, St. Matthew's; Lewiston, Trinity; Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's; Newcastle, St. Andrew's; Pittston, St. Andrew's; Portland, The Cathedral; Portland, St. Paul's; Portland, St. Stephen's; Portland, Trinity Chapel; Rockland, St. Peter's; Rumford Falls, St. Barnabas'; Saco, Trinity; Sanford, St. George's; Waterville, St. Mark's; Wiscasset, St. Philip's; Wiscasset, Trinity Mission.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

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

In default of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Junior Department their box account and amount of contributions were reported by the officers of the Auxiliary.

The report of the Babies' Branch was read and accepted by vote. The expenses of the Babies' Branch were voted from the diocesan treasury.

The annual address of the President followed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Blake, thanking the President for her address and for her work of the past year.

The report of the Church Periodical Club was read by Miss Anderson, the Correspondent, and accepted. The Rev. Thomas Burgess of Ashland, who was present, explained his way of distributing to the lumber camps, the books and papers sent to him, and noted the interest taken by the men who received them.

In the absence of Mrs. Philbrook, the Correspondent for the Society of Isolated Churchwomen, her report was read by the Diocesan Secretary.

The report of the Altar Society was read by Miss Prindle, the Secretary, and accepted.

A collection of \$31.54 was taken.

Noon prayers for Missions were said by the Rev. Canon Plant.

An amendment to the Constitution was moved, and was accepted, providing for two Secretaries, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary.

The election of officers followed. The Nominating Committee appointed by the chair consisted of Miss Anderson, Mrs. Fortin and Mrs. Fowler. The Nominating Committee reported and the Secretary was requested to cast the vote for the meeting.

Miss McCobb was elected Recording Secretary and Miss Merrill, Corresponding Secretary. Miss Sawyer was elected Treasurer in place of Miss Smith. Miss Metcalfe of Bath, Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club, in place of Miss Anderson. Mrs. Lambard of Augusta, to the Advisory Board, in place of Mrs. Degen. Miss Burgess was appointed Educational Secretary, and Mrs. Nash and Miss Caroline Burgess were elected officers of the Junior Department.

Miss Burgess read some interesting letters acknowledging missionary boxes.

Pledges were asked for general expenses.

Pledges were asked for the Mary Floyd Neely scholarship.

A pledge was asked for Archdeacon Joyner through Mrs. Plaisted for \$25.00.

Voted, a mileage ticket for the President.

Adjourned at 1.00 p. m. for luncheon.

Reassembled at 2.00 o'clock for business.

A letter was read from the General Secretary in regard to the meeting at Richmond, Va., in October.

An admirable and instructive address was made by the Rev. Dr. Van Allen of the Church of the Advent, Boston, drawing a nice distinction between religion and philanthropy.

Delegates to the triennial meeting at Richmond were elected as follows: Mrs. J. M. Brown of Portland, Mrs. H. F. Kloman of Portland, Miss Peachy of Portland, Mrs. George Hughes of Bath. Alternates, Mrs. R. W. Plant of Gardiner, Mrs. P. C. Manzer of Presque Isle, Mrs. Robert H. Gardiner of Gardiner, Mrs. Alice White of Gardiner.

A vote of thanks was tendered the members of the Cathedral Branch for their hospitality.

Canon Plant gave a report of the new buildings at the House of the Good Shepherd and the admirable condition in which the institution is at present.

The new officers of the Junior Department met the delegates present for a short session, after which the meeting adjourned to the next annual meeting in May, 1908.

The Executive Board records with regret the resignation of four officers. Miss Elizabeth Smith filled the position of Treasurer for nineteen years, with cheerfulness as well as accuracy. Thanks are due to her for making the financial business, usually so dull, a pleasant feature of the annual meetings.

Miss Hannah Anderson has had charge of the Periodical Club for ten years and under her wise management it has grown greatly in widespread usefulness.

The Board can ill spare Mrs. Degen from its councils, and the Juniors lost a dear and valued friend and guide when Miss Jessie Degen sent in her resignation.

ANNIE M. MERRILL, *Sec. pro tem.*

Annual Report of Secretary.

The past year has been a remarkable one in the history of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, for since the last annual meeting six new branches have been added.

The September quarterly meeting was held with St. Mark's Branch, Augusta, and there were fifty-one delegates present from fifteen branches. A particularly interesting feature of this meeting was the presence of two women from the foreign mission field — Miss Osgood of Newcastle, Me., returned from St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, China, and Miss Richmond from the Church Mission in Shanghai, China. Miss Osgood's work claimed our particular attention since our Epiphany offering for several years has been devoted to St. Hilda's School. Miss Richmond's account of the work in Shanghai was graphic, as she told of the help rendered the Chinese women by our women missionaries. The Advent work was planned at this time and included clothing for the House of Good Shepherd, for diocesan missions, and a box for one of the missionaries in South Dakota.

It was decided for several reasons to dispense with the December quarterly meeting, and the next one was in February at Christ Church, Gardiner. At the corporate communion the Bishop was the celebrant, and he also conducted a Quiet Hour for the members of the Auxiliary, a most fitting and helpful preparation for the Lenten season. The day was an unfortunate one in point of weather, as it was a regular blizzard, but in spite of it twenty-one delegates responded to the roll call, from ten parish branches. Miss Burgess was in the chair, owing to the illness of our President, but we heard reports from each branch present, and the Lenten work was planned for the Industrial School at Lawrenceville, Va., and also for the mission among the white people at Abingdon, Va., a mission carried on single-handed by a most devoted churchwoman.

At this meeting the Secretary reported a special meeting of the Executive Board, held in Portland in December to receive the resignation of Miss Smith, diocesan treasurer. It was voted to request Miss Annie L. Sawyer of Portland to fill her place for the remainder of the year, and Miss Sawyer accepted the appointment.

This is the last year before the triennial meeting when the offering in the mite boxes is made. Nearly two hundred and fifty extra ones have been sent out this past year, so it is hoped this may mean a large increase in the united offering.

Following is the box account:

BOX ACCOUNT.

NAME OF PARISH.	No.	VALUE.
Ashland, Emmanuel,	1	\$ 5.00
Auburn, St. Michael's,	3	37.00
Augusta, St. Barnabas',	1	10.15
Augusta, St. Mark's,	3	37.13
Bangor, St. John's,	4	65.24
Bar Harbor,* St. Saviour's,	3	42.91
Bath, Grace,	2	16.15
Biddeford, Christ,	1	17.00
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	1	20.00
Calais, St. Anne's,	1	10.00
Camden, St. Thomas',		
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	2	17.00
Dresden Mills, St. John's,		

October 4th, 1906.

* "Bar Harbor Fund for the Relief of the Clergy and Hospitals of San Francisco sent by the ladies (summer residents) of Bar Harbor, by the request of the Rector *through* the Woman's Auxiliary."

1 box church linen, actual cost,	\$ 72.07
Four boxes hospital linen, actual cost,	492.69
Five boxes clothing for clergy and cash sent,	135.74
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Church articles (stoles, linens, etc.) given, estimated value,	\$700.50
Hospital supplies given, estimated value,	75.00
New clothing given, estimated value,	18.00
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Total,	\$868.50

Express charges paid in addition from New York to San Francisco.
Boxes sent to Bishop Nichols, St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, and to various clergymen through Bishop Nichols. All boxes, etc., sent direct from Bar Harbor by Mrs. Lucy G. Thorndike, Treasurer of the Special Fund.

NAME OF PARISH.	NO.	VALUE
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1	\$ 5.00
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	1	10.00
Gardiner, Christ,	4	118.97
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	1	12.00
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	1	16.50
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father,	2	12.70
Lewiston, Trinity,	1	57.85
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	1	10.00
Masardis, All Saints,		
Newcastle and Damariscotta, St. Andrew's,	5	68.90
North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	1	33.75
Norway, Christ,		
Pittston, St. Andrew's,	1	16.45
Portland, Cathedral,	2	73.00
Portland, St. Paul's,	1	60.98
Portland, St. Stephen's,	1	24.60
Portland, Trinity Chapel,	4	33.37
Presque Isle, St. John's,	2	9.00
Richmond, St. Matthias',		
Rockland, St. Peter's,	1	13.25
Rumford Falls, St. Barnabas',	1	10.00
Saco, Trinity,	2	25.79
Sanford, St. George's,	2	17.00
Thomaston, St. John Baptist,	1	5.60
Waterville, St. Mark's,	1	32.50
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	3	29.80
Wiscasset, Trinity Mission,	4	21.55
Total, .	66	\$996.14

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine,	\$219.94
St. Paul's Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va.,	228.00
Mrs. C. F. Trigg, Abington, Va.,	314.25
Good Samaritan Hospital, Charlotte, N. C.,	53.94
Rectory in Maine,	65.81
Indian Catechist, Santee Agency, Nebraska,	74.40
Pupil in St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.,	22.00
Dr. Grenfell, Labrador,	12.00

Mission at Ashland,	2.65
House of Refuge, New York,	1.10
Holeb Mission,	1.05
San Bernadino, California,	1.00
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	\$996.14
Contributions in cash,	\$1,964.81
Contributions in boxes,	996.14
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Total,	\$2,960.95

ANNIE M. MERRILL, *Sec. pro tem.*

Treasurer's Report.

Annie L. Sawyer, Treasurer,

**In account with the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary,
from May 15, 1906 to May 14, 1907.**

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To amounts received, viz.:

Ashland, Emanuel.	.50
Auburn, St. Michael's,	2.00
Augusta, St. Mark's,	27.59
Augusta, St. Barnabas,	1.00
Bangor, St. John's,	152.00
*Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	13.06
Bath, Grace Church,	21.09
Biddeford, Christ Church,	6.00
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	5.00
Calais, St. Anne's,	2.00
Camden, St. Thomas,	21.15
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1.00
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1.00
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	4.33
Gardiner, Christ Church,	40.00
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	1.00
Holeb, through the Auxiliary,	.50
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	2.00
Lewiston, Trinity,	14.66
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	1.81
Masardis, All Saints',	.87
Newcastle, St. Andrew's,	96.95
North East Harbor,	5.00
Norway, Christ Church,	1.00
Pittston, St. Andrew's,	2.00
Portland, The Cathedral,	219.00
Portland, St. Paul's,	12.30
Portland, Trinity Chapel,	33.22
Presque Isle, St. John's,	8.00
Richmond, St. Matthias',	7.00
Rockland, St. Peter's,	10.05
Saco, Trinity,	5.00
Sanford, St. George's,	4.00
Thomaston, St. John Baptist,	2.58
Waterville, St. Mark's,	3.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	80.91
Wiscasset, Trinity Mission,	10.35
Junior Auxiliary, for United Offering,	6.58
Friends, for "Specials,"	404.25

\$1,964.81

Treasurer's Report.

Annie L. Sawyer, Treasurer,
In account with the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary,
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By amount paid, viz.:	
May, 1906, To Rev. Mr. Sweet,	\$ 9.17
Church Periodical Club,	2.00
June 16, Mileage Ticket for Auxiliary President,	20.00
Printing 300 reports,	26.60
Miss Osgood's expenses,	4.25
Junior Auxiliary,	5.00
Rev. W. J. Cleveland for sewing machine,	30.00
Overcoat for missionary,	15.00
Oct. 10, Thomaston, for repairs on church,	30.00
27, Diocesan missions,	30.00
Dec. 8, General missions,	25.00
24, Household articles for missionary,	22.48
Jan. 9, 1907, Fur coat for missionary's wife,	25.00
19, Southworth Bros., 500 note heads,	2.25
For Christmas tree,	2.00
Special for Archdeacon Joyner,	200.00
Special for Diocesan missionary,	120.00
Special for Blowing Rock, N. C.,	5.00
For St. Hilda's School, China,	50.00
For St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.,	50.00
For Scholarship, clergyman in Maine,	75.00
For Scholarship, girl in St. Augustine School,	
Raleigh, N. C.,	15.50
For Rev. Mr. Fraser, Havana,	5.00
For Abington, Va.,	5.00
For deaf mute tuition,	50.00
Cassock for clergyman,	8.00
Postage, etc.,	21.87
Trucking and freight,	10.96
Sundry specials within the diocese,	6.03
	<u>\$871.11</u>
Balance on hand,	<u>1,093.70</u>
	<u>\$1,964.81</u>

*The sum of \$138.34 was given by the Bar Harbor branch directly to W. S. Claiborne for mountain work in Tennessee. This money did not pass through the hands of the diocesan treasurer.

Address of the President.

A warm greeting, my dear friends, to you all, on this twenty-ninth annual meeting of our branch of the Auxiliary. We come together with thanks to Almighty God for his mercy in extending to us the privileges and blessings of another year and with deep heart searchings as to whether we have faithfully discharged the obligations that such privileges and blessings impose. With tender sorrow we mourn the loss of those who have departed since our last meeting and we gird ourselves to honor the call to renewed zeal and sacrifice, that the work they have laid down may not suffer in our hands. As we have followed Dr. Lloyd in his journey round the world assurance gains that the kingdom of Christ is growing, that we need have no fear lest God's work will be done; the thing that really signifies, that is vital to us this morning is to know, just where we stand.

And first I feel that a few words on organization are necessary. A complicated organization is undesirable and foreign to the spirit in which the work of the Auxiliary is usually done; but we are materially aided or hindered in our work in the degree to which the machinery is adapted to conditions which may at any time arise. As from time to time we are confronted with new conditions we must be ready with new or enlarged methods so that opportunities may not be lost; for instance, this last year the duties of Secretary have been more than can be reasonably required of one woman. I shall ask you to-day to make such changes as will enable us to have the services of both a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary.

The Educational Department is now fairly started in our diocese and we find that in order to realize at all its possibilities of good to our churchwomen, it must be the sole charge of an intelligent and capable woman who realizes that *now* is the time to build up and strengthen the church for the next genera-

ation. This will take time and thought and talent. The Juniors, even more than older members, require the same service, the same expenditure of time and thought and talent.

In the parish branches it seems to me it would be to our advantage to make more use of committees; this is specially desirable in the larger branches. I am sure, this last year, there have been opportunities for service lost and the reward of service lost as well, simply because the need of the hour was not brought to the attention of the women of the church generally. Five or six women on a Committee of Diocesan Domestic or Foreign Missions, each one of whom had the responsibility of presenting a subject to her immediate circle of friends would certainly extend the knowledge of objects for which our prayers and gifts are required and thereby increase interest.

We have to report six new parish branches: Ashland, Massadis, Rumford Falls, Lisbon Falls, St. Stephen's, Portland, and Trinity Mission, Wiscasset, making in all forty branches in the diocese. We assume that no branch of the Auxiliary ever wholly dies out; if there are left in a town not more than two good churchwomen who work an afternoon weekly in Lent for the Easter mission box and send to the diocesan treasurer however small a sum for the general fund, they are realizing the blessedness of fellowship in Christian work; there is life in the branch and since the principle of life is growth, if the two are faithful next year there will be three or more, and so on to results that have been sometimes surprising.

We have no report from Eastport or Oldtown.

The new work which is making strong appeal is along the line of the Canadian Pacific R. R. It is time that church women who are witnessing to the faith often quite alone in remote settlements, should have the encouragement of a visit from the older members. I bespeak your prayers and your efforts next year for this part of the diocese.

On Wednesday, June 13th, I attended the annual meeting of the corporation of the House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner. The next day I was present at a special meeting of the parish branch of St. Mark's, Augusta, to which their neighbors of St. Barnabas', Augusta; St. Matthew's, Hallowell, and Christ Church, Gardiner, were invited; the meeting was held in the chapel and it was followed by refreshments and an hour of pleasant social intercourse in the rectory.

On September 24th, I presided at the regular quarterly meeting at the same place. On the previous evening a meeting was held specially for girls, St. Mark's Juniors and their friends; the chapel was filled to overflowing and the interest was intense, while the audience listened to Miss Osgood and Miss Richmond, from the church's missions in China, pleading with Christian young women in America to help in bearing the story of the love of Christ to their Chinese sisters. The results of such appeals cannot be predicted, much depends on the way they are followed up. We can only hope and pray that some heart may have been moved to offer herself to God for this service. At the afternoon meeting Miss Richmond set forth the desperate need of intelligent medical aid for Chinese women of all classes.

Miss Burgess, one of our Advisory Board, kindly consented to make the autumn visits to the branches in Aroostook county. Houlton, Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle, Ashland and Masardis received the pleasure and benefit of her enthusiasm. On her return Miss Burgess reported a cordial welcome, increasing interest in church work, magnificent scenery in the country of the pointed firs, and nice tasty ways of cooking venison and moose meat.

October 18th is the opening day for the various societies of women's work in the Cathedral. Dean Vernon kindly allowed me to bring the subject of the United Offering before the women present and the treasurer's report for the last six months shows marked improvement in the interest taken in the United Offering by the Cathedral branch.

During Advent I assisted in selecting and purchasing articles for the rectory in Fort Fairfield, also despatched candy and decorations for Christmas trees for Sunday Schools in Somerset county.

Thursday, January 10th, I had the pleasure of meeting the ladies of St. Stephen's, Portland, and a promising branch was formed. Four branches of the Auxiliary in this city—What high hopes of achievement may we not entertain!

Wednesday, February 20th, I went to Lewiston on the occasion of the annual meeting of their parish branch. I wish you might have seen the United Offering boxes come in and what a pile the contents made on the piano; they seem to have

caught the real spirit of the United Offering there, not the amount of money given but a thankful heart and that no one must be left out. In the evening I was able to meet the new branch of St. Michael's, Auburn. The little rectory has been altered into a most attractive parish house, clean, well-lighted and convenient. About twenty women gave fixed attention to what I could tell them of the Auxiliary and its methods.

Tuesday, Feb. 26th, I fulfilled a long delayed appointment at Rumford Falls and organized a branch there. The women gathered on that occasion and for that purpose represented parishes in many dioceses. Most of them were trained church-women, brought to this picturesque town in Northern Maine by the exigencies of business. Many of them remote from early environment they stood for the unity of the church and for the extent and far-reaching influence of that great band of women whose centre is the Church Missions House in New York and who consider that they have a common property in Miss Emery.

On March 7th, I visited the Woman's Guild in Lisbon Falls and talked Church and Auxiliary to a deeply interested audience.

The Juniors of Trinity Chapel, Portland, have been accustomed to invite the diocesan president to spend the evening of Holy Thursday with them. I should be sorry to lose from my life each year the blessing of that hour spent with a few young women who are trying to follow with devotion the last steps of our blessed Lord towards the cross.

In accordance with a suggestion made last year that it would be helpful for members of parish branches to interchange visits, Mrs. Nash has this spring met the branches of Camden, Rockland and Thomaston. I hear expressions of great pleasure and renewed enthusiasm.

We shall enter upon a new year with several changes of officers. The resignation of Miss Elizabeth Smith for nineteen years diocesan treasurer, was received with deep regret. Her knowledge of the people of the State and of the resources of the church in the diocese was of great value to her co-workers, while her fidelity and exactness in accounts were always quite beyond dispute. We are to be congratulated that Miss Sawyer was willing to take on the duties of this office;

she is rarely fitted for them. Miss Anderson, Correspondent of the Periodical Club, closes a term of ten years' service to-day. Her fine intellectual gifts and wide reading fitted her eminently for this line of work and it has grown under her care from the sending of a few church papers by individuals to well packed boxes of periodicals and books. Miss Degen who so loved the work and her Juniors, and whose winning perseverance in missionary work was so irresistible, resigned because of removal from the diocese. Depressing as has been the condition of Junior affairs the last half year, we beg our youthful members to keep up their courage a little longer in faith that some one will be found to assist them by wise direction.

The pledges for general expenses and the scholarship have been met. We have not used all our funds for the latter this year; the remainder is in the bank at interest, and as we shall have a call for it next year in two directions I suggest that we make our pledges as usual and divide the accumulated sum between two students. Our study classes have prospered; you have listened to reports of our labors and gifts, so far as they can be tabulated. Looking over the parish reports that have been filled out and returned, I note a tendency to forget that as an organization we are a "Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions." The objects of our work and gifts should be exactly such objects as those for which the Board of Missions exists. We must be careful to keep that principle in view and not let the burden of a near necessity cloud our judgment in planning our work.

We elect at this meeting delegates to the next Triennial, October 3d, 1907, at Richmond. It seems hardly possible that three years have rolled by since that glorious meeting in Boston when so many Maine women stood among the thousands in Tremont Temple, waiting with breathless interest for Mr. Thomas to announce the amount of the United Offering made in the morning at Trinity Church. What joy and fervor were in the song of thanksgiving when we found it was \$142,900.00. How we envied the woman who had it in her power to make it \$150,000.00. How we rejoiced with a mixture of pride and humility in the \$700.00 which the Maine Branch contributed. We came home with \$1,000.00 in our minds for our offering at Richmond in 1907. As you have heard from the Treasurer's

report we are well started towards that sum. We have the summer in which to complete it. Let us bear in mind that it is a *thank* offering and not one of us feel that we have done our share until every woman in the parish with which we are connected has had the subject presented to her.

The eyes of the whole country this year are turned towards Jamestown, and it is beautiful that we women of the church with our lives rich in spiritual privileges that have grown out of the sacrifice and faithfulness to which our forbears witnessed, may make a pilgrimage to the ground they trod, and in the communion of saints unite our prayers with theirs—the dear dead women who await us in Paradise.

ANNA B. OGDEN, *President.*

Report of Maine Altar Society.

The work of the Altar Society this past year has been done under great difficulties. The weather has interfered with attendance at the meetings and there has been much sickness among the members. Nevertheless a fair amount of work has been done.

A green set, consisting of super-frontal, pulpit fall and stole, also a white and violet stole were sent to St. Paul's, Fort Fairfield. A set of stoles, white, violet and green, was sent to St. John Baptist, Henderson. These were all gifts. There was a violet stole made for St. John's, Presque Isle, that was paid for and one for St. Peter's, Rockland, the materials of which were paid for but the work was given. A set of white bookmarks were given to Holy Trinity, Exeter, and also a set, white, violet and red, were made for a mission near Havana, Cuba. The materials for these were given by the Cathedral Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. A member of the branch who visited Havana, became interested in the mission and begged that the missionary might have a wish fulfilled, although it is not the custom of the Altar Society to work for missions outside of the diocese. At the earnest request of the branch the rule was broken.

The linen department report as follows: One surplice sent to Henderson, Maine, 2 dozen stole collars, one fair linen cloth, one pall, two corporals, four purificators, sent to Presque Isle. One set altar linen ordered by Miss Bridge. The number of workers is still very small, but it is hoped that another year more women can be found willing to give of their time and ability for this lovely part of the work of the Auxiliary. During Lent, as usual, members stopped work long enough to go into the chapel for noon-day prayers for missions.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA W. PRINDLE, *Sec.*

Treasurer's Report.

MAINE ALTAR SOCIETY, MAY, 1906 TO MAY, 1907.

Received for work and dues,	\$68.29
Paid out,	\$42.05
Cash on hand,	26.24
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	\$68.29

REPORT OF LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Cash on hand, May 15, 1906,	\$5.64
Received from Miss Bridge of Augusta for work, May 20, 1906,	3.00
Received from Miss Bridge of Augusta for work, April, 1907,	5.00
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Paid out for linen,	\$6.90
Postage and express,	1.64
Cash on hand, May 14th, 1907,	5.00
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	\$13.54

CLARA A. PRINDLE, *Treasurer.*

Report of Society for Isolated Churchwomen.

To the President of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary:

I have to report that there has been a gratifying increase of interest in church work among my correspondents the past year. More have contributed to the United Offering than before.

I have received a number of names, and there have been sent "The Story of the United Offering" and the Auxiliary Collects. I have also sent three dozen of the "Midday Intercessions for Missions"; four dozen of the last leaflets of the United Offering, 1907. By the kindness of Mrs. H. M. Plaisted, I was able to send out one dozen of the children's number of "The Spirit of Missions." I am glad to state that some of my ladies have subscribed for that very excellent magazine, by my advice.

The usual Christmas greeting was sent to all on the list; and Lenten letters were written to all. Requests have been sent for particular literature, which has been furnished, as far as possible.

Again I have to thank many ladies for stamps, printed hymns, prayers and extracts, and trust they will not become weary in well doing, in this particular field.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBY C. PHILBROOK, *Correspondent.*

115 Pine St., Bangor, Maine.

Report of Church Periodical Club.

The result of the work done by the "Church Periodical Club" during the past year is unusually satisfactory. While the regular routine has been continued and considerably increased, a new impetus was given it at the last convention by an appeal from Rev. Mr. Burgess of Emmanuel Church, Ashland, for literature for the lumbermen in his vicinity. The response from several parishes was most generous. The Cathedral; St. John's, Bangor; Christ's Church, Gardiner; Trinity Church, Woodfords; St. Philip's Church and Trinity Mission, Wiscasset, each contributed a large amount of magazines and illustrated papers. A box containing fifty-seven magazines was received from Miss Benson of New York for the same object.

Three librarians have resigned: Miss Eaton of St. John's Bangor, whose place has been filled. The Cathedral and St. Stephen's, Portland, are without librarians.

Since May, 1906, there have been sent

99 current magazines regularly.

7 prayer books and hymnals.

111 books, theological and secular.

681 odd magazines and papers.

237 Christmas, Easter and Sunday School cards.

43 pictures and games.

13 boxes and barrels.

2 large envelopes to Alaska.

\$8.91 contributed for freight and postage.

HANNAH A. ANDERSON,

Correspondent.

May 13, 1907.

Junior Department.

BOX ACCOUNT.

NAME OF PARISH.	NO.	VALUE.
Ashland, Emmanuel,	1	\$ 2.00
Augusta, St. Barnabas',	1	5.00
Augusta, St. Mark's,	6	50.00
Bangor, St. John's,	1	13.25
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	2	14.25
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	1	10.00
Gardiner, Christ Church,	5	17.40
Portland, Cathedral,	2	31.65
Portland, St. Stephen's,	3	37.94
Portland, Trinity Chapel,	5	20.61
Presque Isle, St. John's,	2	8.00
Saco, Trinity,	2	5.80
Waterville, St. Mark's,	1	10.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	6	39.95
Wiscasset, Trinity Mission,	2	26.00
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	40	\$291.85

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner,	\$24.70
Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va.,	16.00
Mrs. C. F. Trigg, Abingdon, Va.,	88.32
Rev. William R. Savage, Blowing Rock, N. C.,	8.90
Dr. Grenfell, Labrador,	1.63
Miss Richmond's School, Shanghai, China,	1.20
Deaconess Carter, Bettles, Alaska,	2.50
Missions in Florida,	1.10
Miss Waterman, Bontoc, P. I.,	1.65
Hospital, Spring Hill Mines, Nova Scotia,	3.50
Mission, Dresden, N. C.,	30.00
Sunday Schools at Moose River, Kingman, Henderson, Lowelltown, Greenville, Winn, Sanford, Masardis, Holeb, Ashland, Littleton, Millinocket, Sherman,	132.35
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	\$291.85
Contributions in cash,	\$83.80
Contributions in boxes,	291.85
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Total,	\$375.65

TREASURER'S REPORT.

**Jessie Degen, Treasurer, in account with Maine Branch Ju-
nior Auxiliary, from May 15, 1906, to May 14, 1907.**

Dr.	\$	1.00
To cash on hand, May 15, 1906,		
Cash from Ashland,		2.20
" " Augusta, St. Barnabas',		5.00
" " Augusta, St. Mark's,		15.00
" " Bangor, St. John's,		5.30
" " Gardiner, Christ Church,		8.50
" " Houlton, Good Shepherd,		5.50
" " Portland, Cathedral,		11.00
" " Portland, St. Paul's, G. F. S. Candidate Class,		3.00
" " Portland, St. Stephen's,		10.35
" " Portland, Trinity Chapel,		8.00
" " Presque Isle,		2.00
" " Saco, Trinity,		2.00
" " Wiscasset, St. Philip's,		10.00
" " Wiscasset, Trinity,		4.00
" " Woman's Auxiliary,		5.00
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		\$83.85

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By amounts paid out, viz.:

Miss Smith, for United Offering,	\$ 6.50
For Junior Scholarship, House of the Good Shepherd,	47.20
Children's Hospital Ward, Gankin,	22.00
Expressage and freight,	2.35
For North Carolina box,	18.55
Stamps and work,	2.20
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	\$83.85

Report of Babies' Branch.

Madam President and Ladies:

When you have heard the report of what the Babies' Branch of the Junior Auxiliary in the Diocese of Maine, has accomplished with the money given last year, and what they hope to do with their forty-three hundred pennies, already collected this year, I do not see how any of you can fail to feel an enthusiasm in the work of this department of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and a longing to go out and hunt for babies to add to the steadily increasing army of Little Helpers. "God bless all the missionaries all over the world, and all the Little Helpers, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

What if babies can hardly frame the words, or baby hearts and minds are too young to grasp the meaning of the simple prayer, can any of us doubt that the pennies from those tiny hands not only take with them spiritual and material benefit to the other little ones of God's kingdom, but also leave behind a blessing for the young giver, and for the parish trying to instill into the child the love of God and of His work, as well as our love and duty to our fellowmen.

Last year money was collected from 106 boxes, representing nine parishes, and the total amount was \$44.77 distributed as follows:

To the Diocesan Treasurer, five cents from each box for the United Offering,	\$ 5.30
General missions,	10.00
House of the Good Shepherd,	5.00
St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh,	5.00
Indian Missions,	5.00
Akita Kindergarten,	5.00
" " building fund,	8.49
San Francisco relief fund, by request,	.98
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	\$44.77

This year we have pledged \$10.00 from the Maine Babies' Branch to the Akita Kindergarten building fund.

It was voted at the last annual meeting to give the money for necessary expenses of the Babies' Branch from the treasury of the Woman's Auxiliary, that none of the babies' pennies need be reserved for that purpose. This year there have been no expenses worth mentioning, but I trust the same vote may again be taken, for it seems to me it would be advisable to send a short printed statement of work accomplished and work to be done, to each Little Helper in the diocese as a stimulus to greater effort and interest.

Amounts received this year are as follows:

The Cathedral,	14 boxes,	\$7.23
St Paul's, Portland,	9 " (partial)	5.96
St. Stephens' Portland,	16 " (since Jan.)	3.40
Trinity, Portland,	6 "	3.78
St. Philip's, Wiscasset,	22 "	8.35
Trinity Mission "	20 "	2.65
St. John's, Presque Isle,	4 "	3.00
St. Peter's, Rockland,	10 "	1.10
St. John's, Bangor,	5 "	2.52
Christ Church, Gardiner,	9 "	3.75
St. George's, Sanford,	21 "	7.73
St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor,	1 "	.54
Mrs. Bradbury, Dexter,	2 "	1.04
Thirteen parishes,	139 boxes	\$51.05

Respectfully submitted,

SALLY CARROLL PAYSON,

Sec. and Treas.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
MAINE BRANCH
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

I.

This organization shall be called the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

II.

Its object is to unite all of the parishes of this diocese in the two branches of mission work, domestic and foreign.

III.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Advisory Committee of four ladies, who shall attend to the different branches of missionary work. This board shall fill all vacancies that may occur between the annual meetings.

IV.

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 not more than three delegates to the annual and quarterly meetings, one of whom should be preferably an officer. Each parish shall also send not more than two delegates from the Junior Auxiliary.

V.

The President shall preside at all the meetings, and have a general knowledge of all the work that is in progress.

VI.

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

VII.

The Recording Secretary shall give a notice of all meetings, keep a record of the same, and prepare the annual report.

VIII.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and be responsible for newspaper notices.

IX.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money sent to her for either branch of missionary work, and for the expense of the Association, and shall present a report at the annual meeting.

X.

Five persons shall form a quorum at all meetings.

XI.

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

