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**MAINE BRANCH OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**



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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 thirty-fifth annual meeting was held in St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on Tuesday, May 20th.

A corporate communion was made at half past nine, the Bishop the celebrant assisted by Dean Vernon and Canons Schuyler and Fowler.

Immediately after this service, the women assembled in Cathedral hall for the business meeting.

The President gave a cordial greeting to all present and asked for the roll-call. The following 31 branches were represented by 68 delegates.

Auburn; Augusta, St. Mark's; Bangor; Bar Harbor; Bath; Biddeford; Brunswick; Camden; Dexter; Dresden; Exeter; Gardiner; Hallowell; Houlton; Lewiston; Lisbon Falls; New-castle; North East Harbor; Old Orchard; Pittston; Portland, Cathedral, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, Trinity; Presque Isle; Rumford; Saco; Sanford; Waterville; West Eden; Wiscasset, St. Philip's, Trinity Mission.

The reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was omitted by vote.

The President spoke of the death of Mrs. Sabine, President of Trinity branch, Lewiston. Mrs. Sabine died very suddenly on the 17th inst.

On motion of Mrs. Locke of Portland, it was voted to send from the Maine branch, a note of sympathy to Rev. S. H. Littell, whose wife died very suddenly in April.

The report of the Recording Secretary was read and approved. Following this were read letters from Waynesville, N. C. and Savannah, Ga., acknowledging boxes sent in April.

A request was read for a typewriter to aid Rev. Mr. Scott

in his mission work. It was voted to purchase and send him a good typewriter.

It was voted to extend to the honored Vice President an expression of regret at her absence and sympathy in her illness. This message was telegraphed at once.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and approved.

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

It was voted to continue the Mary F. Neely Memorial Scholarship for three years.

Pledges were made for this fund and for general expenses.

The President asked for suggestions of means of following more closely the work for the United Offering. Mrs. Ogden responded, referring to the United Offering as a bond of union and Christian love between women. She then read a message from Virginia to Maine—the message is: “Keep your United Offering box full; we need all we can get. Virginia stands in line with Maine in working for this great object.”

The report of Junior work was read by the Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Nash. The report was approved.

Miss Caroline Burgess read the report of the mission study work of the Juniors and the report was approved.

It was voted that the officers for the ensuing year should be nominated by a committee appointed by the chair. Mrs. Johnson of Brunswick, Miss Clark of Bangor, and Mrs. Jackson of Gardiner were the committee.

While they were conferring the regular offering was gathered and amounted to \$35.77. The communion offering was \$20.09, making a total of \$58.86.

The nominating committee read the list of officers for the ensuing year and the election followed. There is no change in the Board.

Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Babies' Branch was read and accepted.

The President read her address which was received with applause.

Miss Burgess reported the work of the mission study classes and her report was approved.

Miss Wilma Jordan, a member of St. Stephen's Sunday School gave her name, through Mrs. Leighton, as a volunteer for the mission field.

Noon addresses were given by Bishop Codman and Dr. C. F. S. Lincoln, of St. John's Dispensary, Shanghai. The Bishop said mission prayers.

To both the Bishop and Dr. Lincoln were given a rising vote of thanks.

At one o'clock lunch was served by the women of the Cathedral Branch.

At an adjourned meeting in the afternoon the report of the Church Periodical Club and the report of the Correspondent of the Society for Isolated Church women were read and accepted.

The President spoke of a deficit in the amount for our apportionment for general missions. It was voted to meet this deficit by an appropriation from the general treasury.

It was voted that the chair appoint the packing committee. Mrs. Geo. F. Gould, Mrs. L. M. Leighton, Mrs. J. B. Koon and Mrs. H. C. Royce accepted the appointment.

The President presented Rev. Geo. Davenport, Secretary of Department I, who spoke of the three divisions of the work, viz: prayer, education and organization.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Davenport.

A vote of thanks was given to the women of the Cathedral for their gracious hospitality.

The meeting was adjourned.

MARY B. CHADWELL,

Recording Secretary.

May 20th, 1913.

President's Address

As the record is given this year of the various parish branches, it carries with it a good and wholesome cheer, full of the strength that comes out of the North with its great forests, and the sea that sweeps the Maine coast with its health-bringing tides, and that other mighty tide of people that flows through this diocese when Summer is here, full of fresh enthusiasm and ready help. Especially does this life appear in some of the smaller branches, one, for example, with no clergyman of its own, which holds its regular auxiliary meetings, with a full attendance, gives its contributions systematically, and, what is best of all, thoroughly enjoys its work.

Another, tiny but brave, with only four active members, writes in its report, "We work with a will." Could one ask more? A third, which has only the occasional services of a clergyman, is rich in its sturdy band of Juniors, and rejoices in the courage of which children's hearts are always full. Of another, one of the larger branches, nothing but good can be said, with its liberal gifts and its five classes in Mission Study. This society was the first to inaugurate a "neighborhood" meeting in the autumn, a full and enthusiastic gathering with an address from the beloved honorary President, the first that her health has allowed her to make for a long time.

A large parish branch, which has been handicapped in many ways, is still undaunted, and does not let its right hand forget its cunning. Again there comes the record of a little group of women in the northern region, near the mighty Moose Head Lake, never failing to keep up its organization and to send its contribution to missionary boxes and to the general fund. Another society, hurt and bruised by the loss of many of its

members, sends two of its number, as a vigorous off-shoot into a very remote region, who form a mission study class of themselves, and are not separated in heart from their church work.

A new element has lately entered the diocese, that of mission study in classes. It was received at first with indifference and gradually gained ground until the book on Japan, compiled by the General Educational Secretary arrested, then held the student's attention, and has finally proved a veritable "arch" where through Gleams that untravelled world" of men and things, so unlike America, that the first lesson is one of tact and gentle forbearance in entering into the life of another nation. The study was made delightfully graphic by the kindness of the leaders at the Church Missions House, New York, which took the form of a set of Japanese views, thrown on a screen by lantern light. The pictures were beautiful in themselves, and still more in the thoughtfulness that sends them as a loan, with no charge except a small sum for express payment. With each group of views is a lecture — even the care of description is assumed by the senders.

The classes proved interested and eager. The knowledge grows that this study of missions is not the part of one, but of many — that in addition to the information given, there is something "fine and delicate and beautiful" which is lost by working alone, but gained a thousand fold by the charm of companionship.

But the essence of companionship lies in the sessions of the Triennial Convention in October and is this year comparatively within reach — not in far-off San Francisco or Richmond, but in great, benevolent, wicked, glorious, sinful, devout New York, in an atmosphere of love and labor. The first meeting of the Auxiliary itself is something never to be forgotten, when women flock together from Alaska, Oregon and California, from the region of the great lakes, from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maine for their special service, their incitement and inspiration, when the great flower of thankfulness which will then burst into bloom, will be the *precious* United Offering.

A series of services of which this is but the beginning, must sound the very depths of our spiritual life. May we not hear, as men of marked ability give of their best to crowded audiences, the very truths made clear which one has longed unsatisfied, to understand. May we not find at our side some

one whose experience will be meat and drink to our own souls! If it be possible for each Maine branch of the Auxiliary to be represented by one of its number, who can tell what new light could shine through the work at home!

It has been truly said that "the kingdom of God implies *many*." We are beginning to rejoice in the unity of *work* for that kingdom. We begin to feel the unity of praise when we join *with the multitude* in singing hymns where our own personality is lost in the higher thoughts that our lips are telling. The message of Nehemiah more than 2,000 years old comes down to us through the ages, fresh and true today. "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

HARRIET S. MCCOBB.

May, 1913.

Report of Recording Secretary

The report of the work for 1912-13 begins with the meeting held in Lewiston, October 7-8. This date is a little later in the year than usual, but was made to conform with belated returns from mountain and shore.

A corporate communion was made at 8 o'clock, Tuesday morning and the business meeting was called at ten. There were present thirty-four delegates from fourteen branches.

The regular work was begun by pledges made for the support of the Scholarship and the general expense fund.

Miss Richmond of Shanghai, home on regular furlough, brought a message which gave fresh interest to the United Offering.

Sister Margaret Mary, who had lately taken charge of the House of the Good Shepherd, presented the needs of the Home.

Miss Burgess outlined the work of the Mission Study Class.

The Advent work was explained through letters from the Church Missions House and pledges were made for two boxes — one for a clergyman and family in Nebraska and the other for an Indian helper in Fire Steel, South Dakota. Also help was promised for a needy family in Corbin, Ky.

It was suggested that three or four branches, geographically neighbors, should hold meetings between the quarterly meetings for the consideration of the uplift of the people in our midst and for the spreading of the Gospel story still unknown in parts of our own State.

The February meeting was held in Augusta, February 11th, 1913.

The Quiet-Day meditations were given by Rev. Philip Schuyler.

The business meeting was called at 2 p. m., the President in the chair.

The report of Advent work and letters acknowledging boxes were read. One letter said, "Your aid comes to our rescue at a most critical and dangerous time."

Gardiner and Portland reported neighborhood meetings, one for each place and very satisfactory.

Pledges were made for work among the negroes in Savannah, Ga., and for the mountain whites in Waynesville, N. C. The pledges materialized as generous boxes of clothing sent after Easter to both missions.

We see no new branches this year, but several could say with one of our faithful members, "We have long been a *'twig'* and hope the next you hear of us will be that we are a branch."

Five of our members have finished their task here. Miss Avery of Exeter; Mrs. Davenport of Gardiner; Mrs. J. A. Merrill and Mrs. J. Elliot Smith of Portland and Mrs. Sabine of Lewiston, have died within the year. Our record must close with a grateful recognition of the faith and labors of these women.

Following is the box account:—

NAME OF PARISH.	No.	VALUE
Ashland, Emmanuel,	1	\$ 16.00
Auburn, St. Michael's,	2	31.00
Augusta, St. Barnabas',	1	10.00
St. Mark's,	3	65.95
Bangor, St. John's,	2	83.36
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	4	82.03
Bath, Grace,	3	35.26
Biddeford, Christ,	1	15.70
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	2	26.40
Calais, St. Anne's,	2	40.50
Camden, St. Thomas',	1	3.50
Caribou, St. Luke's,	1	5.75
Dennistown, Emmanuel,	2	5.25
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1	5.00
Dresden Mills, St. John's,	1	20.10
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	2	18.20
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	1	3.00
Gardiner, Christ,	3	35.65
Guilford Mission,		
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	1	2.50
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	2	22.00
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father,	2	27.50
Lewiston, Trinity,	1	25.00

Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	1	20.00
Madison, St. Margaret's,		
Masardis, All Saints',		
Millinocket, St. Andrew's,		
Newcastle and Damariscotta, St. Andrew's,	3	62.31
North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	2	50.90
Norway, Christ.		
Old Orchard, St. John's,	1	12.00
Old Town, St. James',	1	6.00
Pittston, St. Andrew's,	3	18.75
North Pittston,*	1	
Portland, Cathedral,	2	57.49
St. Paul's,	2	38.05
St. Stephen's,	3	46.99
Trinity,	3	26.40
Presque Isle, St. John's,	3	30.21
Richmond, St. Matthias'.		
Rockland, St. Peter's,	1	18.60
Rumford, St. Barnabas',	1	10.00
Saco, Trinity,	1	30.05
Sanford, St. George's,	1	11.00
Thomaston, St. John Baptist,	1	8.63
Waterville, St. Mark's,	1	15.00
West Eden, St. Paul's,		
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	1	36.25
Trinity Mission,	1	9.50
York Harbor, St. George's,	1	82.50
	73	\$1,170.28

Receipts in cash,	\$1,595.20
Receipts in boxes,	1,170.28
Special for freight,	1.43
	<hr/> \$2,766.91

LIST OF RECIPIENTS.

Missionary in Schuyler, Nebraska,	\$189.67
Indian helper at Fire Steel, South Dakota,	57.09
Mission at Waynesville, N. C., in charge of Rev. W. B. Allen,	575.90
Colored Missions in Savannah, Ga., in charge of Rev. Richard Bright,	152.40
Mission at Corbin, Ky., in charge of Rev. J. J. Bowker,	18.35
House of The Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine,	84.66
Emergency Closet, articles to be sent as needed,	80.21
Mission at Chena, Alaska, in charge of Rev. Chas. E. Betticher,	12.00
	<hr/> \$1,170.28

MARY B. CHADWELL,
Recording Secretary.

*Given through the Woman's Auxiliary.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Owing to circumstances, it has been impossible to do my full share of work this past year, so my report consists only of —

- 120 notices of meetings.
- 46 packages of leaflets.
- 48 blanks for annual reports.
- 28 miscellaneous letters.
- 34 postals.
- 110 United Offering boxes and leaflets.

I was unable to send a letter with the packages of United Offering leaflets sent to each branch, but hoped it would be understood that these leaflets were to be used at a special meeting for a study of the United Offering in accordance with the plan suggested last year.

In this last year before the offering is made at the Triennial meeting, we must remember what the offering means, and the characteristics which distinguish it from other gifts of money.

First of all, it is a thank offering and one that must be made with prayer, for we must be thankful for the gifts which Christianity has given to us as women, and so let us make it a real offering — not a contribution.

ANNIE M. MERRILL,
Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

ANNIE L. SAWYER, Treasurer, in Account with the Maine Branch of the Woman's
Auxiliary, from May 23, 1912, to May 20, 1913.

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Collection at Portland, May 23, 1912,	\$61.03
Collection at Lewiston, Oct. 8, 1912,	21.25
Collection at Augusta, Feb. 11, 1913,	19.00
Accrued interest,	24.01
To amounts received, viz.:	
Ashland, Emmanuel,	2.00
Auburn, St. Michael's,	16.08
Augusta, St. Mark's,	23.55
Bangor, St. John's,	117.95
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	25.00
Bath, Grace,	63.95
Biddeford, Christ,	5.00
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	6.00
Calais, St. Anne's,	2.00
Camden, St. Thomas',	13.10
Dennistown, Emmanuel,	3.00
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1.00
Dresden Mills, St. John's,	2.00
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	2.00
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	10.65
Gardiner, Christ,	152.20
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	3.00
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	5.50
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father,	4.00
Lewiston, Trinity,	8.00
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	6.00
Madison, St. Margaret's,	2.00
Newcastle, St. Andrew's,	55.30
Northeast Harbor,	22.26
Norway, Christ,	1.00
Old Orchard, St. John's,	2.00
Old Town, St. James',	5.00
Pittston, St. Andrew's,	2.00
Portland, Cathedral,	249.78
St. Paul's,	20.97
G. F. S.,	5.00
St. Stephen's,	32.89
Trinity,	48.72
Presque Isle, St. John's,	20.00
Rockland, St. Peter's,	9.00
Rumford, St. Barnabas',	5.00
Saco, Trinity,	5.00
Sanford, St. George's,	5.00
Waterville, St. Mark's,	7.00
West Eden, St. Paul's,	2.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	44.22
Trinity Mission,	9.00
York Harbor, St. George's,	10.00
Isolated Churchwomen for United Offering,	6.75
Junior Auxilliary, for United Offering,	1.89
Babies' Branch, for United Offering,	8.20
Friends, for Specials,	70.00
Special for Industrial School, Tryon,	225.00
Collection for Rev. S. H. Littell's work in China,	122.95
	<hr/> \$1,595.20
Balance on hand May 23, 1912,	781.85
	<hr/> \$2,377.05

Treasurer's Report

ANNIE L. SAWYER, Treasurer, in Account with the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, from May 23, 1912, to May 20, 1913.

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By Amounts paid, viz.:

Traveling expenses of speakers,	\$ 18.00
Traveling expenses of president,	5.00
Southworth Printing Company,	42.00
Rectory at Presque Isle,	30.00
Rectory at Ashland,	70.00
Clergyman's widow,	40.00
Missionary in Maine,	10.00
Diocesan Missions,	35.00
General Missions,	33.35
Epiphany offering,	216.65
Church Periodical Club, New York,	5.00
Industrial School, Tryon,	25.00
Specials:—	
St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville,	40.87
Bishop of Alaska,	61.83
Industrial School, Tryon,	225.00
Rev. S. H. Littell's work in China,	122.95
Freight, express and trucking,	11.72
Postage,	22.06
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	\$1,014.43
Balance on hand, May 20, 1913,	1,362.62
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	\$2,377.05

Report of Mission Study

Every year the Educational Secretary of each Diocese receives from New York a paper containing several searching questions about Mission Study and the meetings which have been held in that Diocese in the interests of the Woman's Auxiliary. Many a secretary sits appalled before these stupendous questions which suggest great expectations, well-regulated work and rapid progress, and she says to herself, "We do not meet any of these requirements." Then she begins to think of all the branches under her care as a conscientious gardener might view his garden bed, leaning anxiously over it to note, here a seed-sprout pressing through, there the earth cracking with the life that stirs below its surface, and beyond a real little plant with four perfect, vigorous leaves—so hope brightens her gloom and she proceeds cheerfully to answer several of those same questions. This year the garden bed of Maine shows many tall, healthy plants, some that might even be called flowering shrubs, that scatter sweet fragrance abroad.

Before Christmas, letters were sent to each branch of the Auxiliary, recommending the text-book which had been set forth by the General Educational Secretary in New York—"Japan Advancing—Whither?" Many encouraging answers have been received. Twelve real study classes were reported to the authorities in the Missions House, New York. Some of these were small. Next year they may be larger. All were enthusiastic. Two more have since reported enthusiastic classes.

This report by no means covered the work that was done. Many branches which could not organize and conduct a study

class according to set rules, accomplished the same end by readings, papers, talks from the Rector, or exhibitions of the lantern slides obtained from the Secretary in New York.

In two cases there were large neighborhood meetings held, gathering together several neighboring branches, also pupils of some of the classes, in their turn, organized classes or gave talks to Seniors or Juniors. This, of course, is the chief object of a Study Class, to pass to others, in mass or singly, the information and inspiration, that finally there may not be a single churchwoman or man, boy or girl in whose heart is not planted the living seed of desire for the coming of the Kingdom of God—and that Maine may do her part toward furnishing able workers in the distant fields. Fast-closed doors have opened in country after country. The valleys of discouragement and the mountains of opposition are growing into level roads for the feet of those who bring glad tidings. Missionary Bishops, medical missionaries and teachers are begging for more workers. Do we hear their pathetic appeal?

Next year China will be the subject suggested for study. Text books will be ready by July. I shall hope to read them promptly and be able to answer questions about them.

Rev. Arthur R. Gray, Educational Secretary, names the textbook, "The Emergency in China," by Rev. Mr. Pott. It will probably cost about forty cents. A \$2.00 library, similar to that of Japan, will also be ready. Mr. Gray asks that the educational page of the spirit of missions be watched for information, also that those who order books should realize that it is not often possible to make the shipment immediately on receipt of the order, so that people should not delay their requests till the last minute. At the present moment there is owing the educational department over \$2,000 for material. The bills are so small that purchasers frequently forget about them.

There will be post cards of China and also a new mystery play and an innovation in the form of a pamphlet, describing how impersonations may be given. This gives directions how an individual may dress to represent an Oriental and (through the use of the text) tell why he was converted to Christianity.

A lending library of mission books has been opened in New York.

In our Diocese this year, there were several mission classes which might well be called normal classes and it is hoped that next year many women will take the trouble to attend all of these even if a day's time and a railroad fare is called for, and after the six lessons, hold themselves pledged to organize and lead classes — even if they must be small — in their own neighborhoods. This was the way in which matters were arranged in Cincinnati and in one small branch class the addition of two gentlemen — laymen — brought new life and a different way of looking at things. We might try that in Maine.

While the General Convention meets in New York, next fall, there will be held courses of mission study, led by those who have had experience. They will be exceedingly helpful.

If some of the Maine women could attend these and bring back knowledge and inspiration to their own diocese, very much would be accomplished for the strength and health of the Auxiliary. Will each woman here please realize this? There is much to cheer us in reviewing the work done this year, and there is so much that we might do in the future. Let us thank God and take courage for the new year.

MARY M. BURGESS,
Educational Secretary for Maine.

Report of Altar Society

The list of work done from May, 1912 to May, 1913 is as follows:

Three pulpit-falls for St. Stephen's, Portland; one red stole. The work was given, but the materials were paid for.

The gifts were a white burse and veil for St. Luke's, Caribou; a green stole for St. John's, Presque Isle and two stoles for missionaries in Kansas and Nebraska. These last were given through the Woman's Auxiliary.

CLARA A. PRINDLE, *Secretary.*

SILK DEPARTMENT.

Cash on hand, May, 1912,		\$19.00
Received for work,		28.00
Received for dues,		20.00
		<hr/> \$67.00
Paid out for material and postage,	\$45.58	
Cash on hand, May, 1913,	21.42	
		<hr/> \$67.00

CLARA A. PRINDLE, *Treasurer.*

LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Surplice cut and basted for St. Matthias' Church, Richmond, Maine. Patterns of crosses, etc., sent to Presque Isle, Maine. Six purificators, two corporals, one veil sent to St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H.

CASH REPORT.

Cash on hand, May, 1912,		\$.47
Received from Mrs. Thompson, Troy, N. Y.,		8.00
Miss Harward, Richmond, Maine,		6.10
Mrs. Cleaves, Portsmouth, N. H.,		3.04
		<hr/> \$17.61
Paid out for postage,	\$.74	
linen,	7.87	
		<hr/> 8.61
Cash on hand, May, 1913,	9.00	
		<hr/> \$17.61

GEORGIANNA M. JOHNSON,
Directress of Linen Work.

Report of the Society of Isolated Churchwomen

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

I have to report that in the work of correspondence with isolated churchwomen, much the same plan has been followed as in previous years. I regret to chronicle the demise of two of my correspondents. They were always responsive and I shall miss them much. A family with whom I have had correspondence has removed to Sheridan, Wyoming, where there is a large, active church, as I judge by card picture of the church and a weekly calendar sent to me. *

In July, 1912, I sent out nineteen annual reports of the Woman's Auxiliary. Later received a few more copies which I gladly forwarded. The last of that month I received a package of books from a friend, which I distributed. In October, from another friend I received copies of "Conquest of the Continent," "Officer of the Line," etc. These I was particularly glad to send on their errand of enlightenment. Christmas greetings were sent to all on my list. I received three "Epiphany letters to the Maine Auxiliary." These were sent to three of my ladies, and with them the request that they forward to another, whose name I gave.

My Lenten letters came this year very soon after the Christmas greetings. I laid particular stress upon giving to the United Offering, as this is the year of the presentation. I was disappointed in the result. The few that gave were generous. After these letters were mailed, I received a request from Portland that my correspondents be asked to do something for the Auxiliary Lenten work. One lady responded.

Another package of books came from church friends in New Jersey, which went their way to do good.

Besides these things mentioned, numberless letters were written; also missionary post cards and the Japanese cards used in the mission study were sent in many directions.

I have to thank friends, mainly of St. John's, Bangor, for money for stamps, to carry on the work.

It is a work, the results of which can not be known. We can only pray it may be blessed.

ABBY C. PHILBROOK,

Bangor.

Report of Church Periodical Club

Again the season comes around to report the work of the Church Periodical Club, that all interested may be able to keep in touch with what is being done.

The first thing to claim our attention during the summer, was the collecting of magazines and illustrated papers towards filling the barrels sent to the lumber camps, sailors, light-houses, etc., so by the first day of October, the free day allowed through the kindness of the Maine Central officials, there was a goodly lot to be forwarded.

This year through the several changes which took place among the clergy in Aroostook county, there was not the usual call for literature, but I am sure with the efficient men now on duty, a large consignment will be needed this coming autumn. One of our parishes has been doing a fine work in supplying sailors through St. Mary's Free Church, in East Boston, Mass., sending several barrels and generously paying the freight.

We have also to thank many summer people who contribute their magazines, thus helping to increase our supply.

The entire number of boxes and barrels reported is 26. Surely a goodly showing, particularly when one realizes that each contains from 300 to 350 magazines.

The routine business of the club is perhaps about as usual, new donors coming in, while others withdraw, so the average remains about the same.

I would be glad if a way could be suggested by which the club could have a little better financial showing in the report published by the New York office. The amount kindly furnished from the general expense fund is all that Maine appropriates. If any of the librarians can make any suggestions, we would be very glad to hear them—but the majority of people feel that in donating their magazines they are doing all that is possible in this line.

Now, please let me urge you to collect all the reading matter you can between now and October, in order that a goodly consignment may be forwarded to those who are so glad to receive it.

BLANCHE L. METCALFE,

Cor. for Maine C. P. C.

Junior Auxiliary.

Madam President and Ladies:—

The financial result of the year's work in the Maine Junior Auxiliary is less than for a number of years but this fact is due to the inactivity of three branches heretofore among the strongest and the giving of money through other channels. The Juniors have contributed towards Maine's apportionment, \$75.50, but after all, the giving of money is not the first importance and there probably has never been a year in the history of the Branch when so much faithful work has been accomplished and real interest shown. The Junior Auxiliary is a Society formed to interest the children of the church in her missionary work. Its object is to help the boys and girls to become intelligent and active churchmen and churchwomen who know about the church's mission and love and pray for it. Surely one of our greatest privileges is the training today of those who tomorrow will be the men and women of the church.

The box account is as follows:

PARISH	VALUE
Ashland,	\$ 3.75
Augusta, St. Mark's,	25.00
Bar Harbor,	30.00
Bath,	16.00
Brunswick,	5.00
Calais,	3.60
Camden,	3.00
Caribou, not valued.	
Fort Fairfield,	3.00
Gardiner,	17.10
Lewiston,	75.00

North Pittston,	2.50	
Portland, St. Paul's,	1.25	
St. Stephen's, Junior Division,	1.86	
Trinity,	12.50	
Presque Isle,	4.30	
Saco,	4.00	
Wiscasset,	23.04	
Missionary games,	4.00	
" charts,	4.00	
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		\$238.90

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Bontoc, Philippine Islands,	\$22.63	
Mission at Waynesville, N. C., in charge of Rev. W. B. Allen,	20.05	
Missions in Kentucky,	3.00	
Mission at Waverly Mills, S. C., in charge of Mrs. J. E. H. Galbraith,	12.50	
Christmas boxes for Mission S. S.'s and work in Maine at Ashland, Macwahoc, Winn, Kingman, Old Town, Littleton, Sherman, Limestone, Ma- sardis, Wooster Settlement, Ox Bow and Cham- ber's Settlement,	180.72	
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		\$238.90
Total cash receipts,	\$617.37	
Box receipts,	238.90	
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		\$856.27

F. W. R. NASH,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

F. W. R. NASH, Treasurer in Account with Maine Junior Auxiliary, from May 15,
1912, to May 15, 1913.

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To balance on hand May 15, 1912, for Macwahoc Church Fund,	\$445.13
Cash on hand May 15, 1912,	18.00
To amounts received, viz.:	
Ashland,	1.00
Augusta, St. Mark's,	8.00
Bar Harbor,	18.00
Bath,	11.45
Brownville Junction,	3.25
Brunswick,	3.50
Calais,	10.00
Camden,	1.50
Gardiner,	11.00
Guilford,	2.20
Houlton,	6.00
Lewiston,	10.00
North Pittston,	2.00
Portland, St. Paul's,	4.50
St. Stephen's, Senior Division,	11.00
" Junior Division,	6.00
Trinity,	9.50
Presque Isle,	1.00
Rockland,	2.00
Saco,	1.00
Sanford,	2.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	17.89
Trinity Mission,	3.45
Specials,	8.00
	\$617.37

Treasurer's Report

F. W. R. NASH, Treasurer, in account with Maine Junior Auxiliary from May 15,
1912, to May 15, 1913.

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By amounts paid, viz.:

To Mr. George Gordon King, for Pauline Austin Osgood, Memorial Scholarship,	\$50.00
Mr. George Gordon King for Junior Apportionment,	25.50
Mr. George Gordon King, special for Japan,	2.00
Rev. R. W. Plant for House of the Good Shepherd,	14.75
Miss Sawyer, for United Offering, 1913,	1.89
Macwahoc Church Fund,	8.00
Christmas boxes.	17.90
Printing,	25.62
Freight and express,	2.02
Postage,	5.19
	<hr/> \$152.87
Contribution from St. Stephen's Seniors to clergyman in Ne- braska for Shoe Fund, sent direct,	5.00
Balance in bank, May 15, 1913, for Macwahoc Church Fund,	458.84
Cash on hand, May 15, 1913,	.66
	<hr/> \$617.37

Also on hand 387 new charts and 50 missionary games, at 40 cents each,
interesting and instructive.

F. W. R. NASH,
Treasurer.

Report of Junior Mission Study

This has been an encouraging year in Junior Mission Study. A few weeks before Lent I sent a letter to every Branch, recommending them to study or read the "Honorable Little Miss Love," a charming story of the life of a child and young girl in Japan. Twelve branches replied and ordered copies of the book, and several asked also for the pamphlet "How to Study Honorable Little Miss Love." Very few have since reported directly to me, but a good many pleasant and encouraging facts have reached me.

Gardiner, while not having the Junior book, was studying with the rector, "Japan Advancing—Whither?"

The Secretary at Guilford had moved to Massachusetts but wrote to me asking for the book, and again, to tell me how much she enjoyed it. She sent me the name of the new Secretary at Guilford, who immediately ordered the book.

The youngest Juniors at St. Paul's, Portland, acted scenes from the Honorable Little Miss Love, and the members of the young but flourishing branch at Saco think they may be able to do likewise another year. They were read to at every meeting, and time failing, each borrowed and finished the book, so interested were they.

Miss Burgess talked for an hour at St. Paul's, Portland, to older girls working as Juniors, on our missions in Japan.

Wiscasset read, studied and was interested about missions.

St. Stephen's Juniors, Portland, boys and girls, young men and maidens, at their meetings had debates and discussions on missionary subjects, and were ready to give a play could just the right one have been found. I hope next year they can give the Chinese mystery play.

Juniors from Trinity, Woodfords, and St. Stephen's came to the neighborhood meeting in the Cathedral Hall when Miss McCobb had a lecture and beautiful stereopticon pictures of Japan.

Canon Fowler interested a number of boys and young men in the study of Japan. These are not nominally Juniors, but I mention them here to show that the interest in mission study is spreading.

A little while ago, I sent to each Branch the stirring appeal which comes from the Church Missions House, "Wanted, One Woman Worker from Every Diocese."

My prayer goes with it that our Lord will so bless our State that at least one girl will hear and answer the call.

CAROLINE HOWARD BURGESS,
Assistant Secretary in charge of Mission Study.

Report of Babies' Branch.

Madame President and Ladies:—

The Babies' Branch in the Diocese of Maine! What does it stand for and is it really worth while to be bothered with another mite box for the sake of a few pennies put into it by or for a child too young to understand the significance of giving?

Last night when a child of five kissed his mother good-night, he wanted to say his prayers. The nurse remonstrated: "You said your prayers to your brother. Why do you want to say them again?" Quick as a flash; "I want to be good to God." The phrase was his own, so far as known he had never used it before and it struck me at once as one answer to our two questions. If we want to be "good to God," if we are grateful to Him for the blessings of the little ones given into our keeping, the little red box will be no tax. Those of us who can easily do so will be glad to take the trouble to see that a penny is dropped in each week, and those for whom the weekly penny is impossible will gladly make a sacrifice to put in as many as may be during the year.

A letter received by the Secretary from the Church Missions House in New York, asked if an annual Babies' Branch party had been tried in Maine and urged that it be recommended to the various Parish Branches. I was glad to reply that such a party had been held in two parishes for a number of years and the secretary of one wrote me after the last: "It is the very nicest thing I do."

On St. Mark's Day of this year a Babies' party was instituted in a third parish. There were eight babies and ten mothers, two mothers bringing the boxes of the children who were too young to be brought.

The children were seated in a semi-circle in kindergarten chairs; the mothers were asked to stand for the Lord's prayer. As they did so, one girl of about three, glanced at them in a surprised manner, then turned, plumped down on her little knees, folded her hands, bent her head, and said the prayer as she was accustomed to do. The Parish Secretary was disappointed that all her babies were not there, but I think it was a very successful beginning and hope she will persevere for the sake of those who did come and who I am sure will come again.

One new Branch of six babies has been formed this year; Rev. Canon Schuyler placed two boxes in *his* jurisdiction, and a letter has come from the Rector of another parish asking for the best method of organizing a Babies' Branch.

The amount received last year was \$57.76 and was collected from 8 branches. It was distributed as follows:

Received, 1913.

St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, from 14 boxes,	\$ 7.06
St. Paul's, Portland, from 17 boxes, Waccabuc group,	13.19
St. Stephen's, Portland, from 21 boxes,	8.94
Trinity Church, Woodfords, Portland, from 10 boxes,	5.52
St. Philip's, Wiscasset, from 19 boxes,	2.78
St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor, from 6 boxes,	2.00
St. Mark's, Augusta, from 16 boxes,	11.10
St. Paul, Brunswick, from 2 boxes,	1.40
Trinity Church, Saco, from 1 box,	.35
Distributed by Canon Schuyler, 2 boxes,	.33
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	\$52.67

Distributed, 1913.

For the United Offering, 5 cents from each box,	5.40
House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine,	5.00
Little Helpers' Cot, St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.	5.00
Akita Kindergarten, Japan,	5.00
St. Paul's Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va.	5.00
Mission Font, Babies' Branch Gift,	5.00
Children's Ward, Chinese Annex, St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco,	2.50
General Missions,	19.77
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	\$52.67

Respectfully submitted,

SALLY CARROLL PAYSON,

Secretary and Treasurer Babies' Branch in Maine.

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, two Vice-Presidents, 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.

One of the Vice-Presidents 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.

