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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 unto 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.



For Use in Study Classes and Other Missionary Gatherings

Dear Lord of our lives and Master of the hearts of men, who hast commanded that we go forth into all the world and carry Thy message to every creature; give us faith to believe and grace to obey Thy word. Make us to understand that this is the common task and the highest privilege of all thy servants; and that each of us, to the utmost of opportunity which thou dost grant, must be thy messenger and aid others so to be. To those who go afar carrying glad tidings and publishing salvation, give thy largest and richest blessing. Go thou with them or else send them not forth; be thou their strength and stay and their exceeding great reward. To those of us whose appointed service it is that we remain in our accustomed place and walk in the familiar ways, grant us such a vision of the great world and its needs as shall make us instant and eager sharers in speeding the work, now in the great day of our opportunity. We ask it for the glory of Thy name, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost art one God, world without end. Amen.

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, an Educational Secretary, a Treasurer, an United Offering Treasurer and an Advisory Committee of not more than seven members. The officers and Advisory Committee shall attend to the different branches of missionary work and shall fill all vacancies that shall 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.

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Minutes of the Meeting

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Maine Branch was held in Portland, May 10th. The corporate communion was made in the cathedral, the Bishop the celebrant, assisted by Rev. J. A. O'Meara and Rev. José Lopez-Guillen. The business meeting which followed was held in the parish house of State Street Church, the cathedral rooms being given over to Red Cross work. The president called the meeting to order and in her wonted felicitous manner, welcomed the familiar faces into the new surroundings. Roll call showed 82 delegates from 29 branches, as follows: Auburn; Augusta, St. Barnabas, St. Mark's; Bangor; Bar Harbor; Bath; Biddeford; Camden; Gardiner; Guilford; Hallowell; Hull's Cove; Lewiston; Lisbon Falls; Newcastle; North East Harbor; Portland, Cathedral, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, Trinity, St. Alban's Mission, St. Peter's Mission; Presque Isle; Rockland; Rumford; Saco; Sanford; Waterville; Wiscasset, St. Philip's.

The reading of minutes of last annual meeting were omitted by vote. The report of the last quarterly meeting was asked for but as this was included in the report of the recording secretary, a separate reading was omitted. The president asked all to stand while the names of departed members were read, viz: Mrs. J. E. Prindle, Mrs. J. W. Harper and Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, all of Portland, and the collect for All Saints' Day was said. The president's address followed.

The reports of recording secretary, treasurer and corresponding secretary were read and accepted. The United Offering Treasurer was absent but her report read by the diocesan treasurer was accepted. The educational secretary reported the work of the Mission Study classes and the report was accepted. The president explained that with the increase of work, it seems desirable to add some members to the advisory board. This necessitates a change in Art. III of the constitution, which change was made by vote. It was voted that every resolution be handed to the secretary, in writing. Pledges were made for scholarship and general expense funds.

The president asked the pleasure of the meeting in the method of election of officers. It was moved and carried that the chair

should appoint a nominating committee, and Mrs. Pressey of Portland, Miss Rowe of Bangor and Mrs. Sewall of Wiscasset were appointed. While they were in conference, the offering was gathered and amounted to \$46.73, and with the offering in church of \$25.39 made a total of \$72.12. The delegates, the clergy and their wives and the Junior delegates were invited to lunch at the Columbia Hotel. Noon prayers were said by the Bishop, with special intercession for the diocese of southern Ohio which this week begins its Pilgrimage of Prayer. The Bishop presented Rev. José Lopez-Guillen who gave the address. Mr. Lopez was given a rising vote of thanks. The report of nominating committee was read. The officers were renominated, except Mrs. E. D. Johnson, resigned. Mrs. Howard Corning of Bangor was named in her place. The names of Mrs. Benjamin Brewster of Portland and Mrs. Weston Lewis of Gardiner were added to those of the advisory board. It was voted to accept the report. The president suggested that a message be sent to the first vice president, Mrs. M. H. Blake of Bangor, expressing regret at her absence. This suggestion met with accord and the corresponding secretary was instructed to convey the message. The president of the Juniors read her address. Reports from Junior educational work and from the work of Little Helpers were read and accepted, also the report of the secretary-treasurer. The report of the Church Periodical Club was read and accepted, and \$10 was voted to be sent to the treasurer at New York. The report of the Maine Altar Society was read and accepted. The correspondent of the Society for Isolated Churchwomen was unable to be present but her report as read by the second vice president was accepted and \$5 was voted to this work. \$30 was voted to furnish gasoline for the automobile used in central Maine mission. It was voted to purchase a 1,000 mile mileage for the use of officers who visit the several branches. It was voted that a sum not exceeding \$75 be taken from general treasury for work of Mrs. Davis at Vinal Haven. For this interesting work some branches increased their pledges the total increase amounted to \$18. The president said that \$5.50 remained over and above the pledges made in St. Louis. This sum and the money gathered in mite boxes circulated for these pledges were voted towards the pledge of \$500 which Bishop Brewster made in St. Louis for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo. Miss Dora M. Norton

of Gardiner was introduced. In the fall she will begin mission work in Porto Rico. Rev. R. W. Plant told of the working of the new Junior plan in his parish. Moved and carried that the women of the M. B. W. A. here assembled send a most cordial greeting to the State Street Missionary Society. It was moved and carried that a vote of thanks be sent to the State Street Church for the use of their parish house so kindly offered for this annual meeting. A rising vote of thanks was given to the parishes and missions of Portland for their generous and delightful hospitality to the delegates to the annual meeting of the Auxiliary. Sister Margaret Mary reported the welfare of the 17 children in the House of the Good Shepherd.

The president referred severally to the resolutions and recommendations submitted to the Board of Missions by the conference committee of the Woman's Auxiliary and the conference committee of the Board. She asked for comments on these but no formal action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MARY B. CHADWELL,

Recording Secretary.

President's Address

Since our annual meeting last June, I have met many of you who are here today and together we have talked over matters of interest to us all, but there are many who I have not seen since then, some of you I am meeting today for the first time, and it will do us good to go over, briefly though it must be, the principal things which affect the Woman's Auxiliary as a world-wide organization, as well as to discuss our own diocesan needs and work. Before we go on, however, I want to speak of those members who during the year have been taken from us, and following the example of the Convention yesterday, ask you to stand while I read their names and the Collect for All Saints' Day. Mrs. James E. Prindle, Mrs. J. W. Harper, Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald. No man can measure the good done by them and by their lives on earth, but all is known to our Father in Heaven. Let us pray.

Our quarterly meeting at Augusta in September, besides planning for Advent work, was in a certain measure a preparation for the Triennial in St. Louis, and those of us who were privileged to take part in the meetings out there in October came back with an overwhelming sense of our responsibility in trying to bring home to the people of our diocese, the greatness, the bigness, the beauty, the inspiration of the message entrusted to us.

There was discussion, there was — yes — wrangling, there was at times woeful lack of Parliamentary Law and discipline, but above all, beneath all, drowning out all else, pervading everything, were earnest purpose, lofty ideal, practical suggestion, intelligent co-operation, and determination to succeed in greater, broader work than ever undertaken before. In entering upon this work, Prayer was emphasized and the Pilgrimage of Prayer as outlined by the General Secretary, Woman's Auxiliary, was accepted. You all know that Maine began it, that our north-eastern corner of the vast United States was called to its knees during the first week in Advent, the beginning of the Church's year.

The call went out from the Church Missions House in New York through the *Spirit of Missions*, from our Diocesan Head, through the Diocesan paper, the *North East* and by

means of a circular letter sent out by the President to every Parish Secretary of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Many responded to the call, many did not—some felt that although they paid dues to the Woman's Auxiliary, or thought they did, they were really not a part of it and therefore the call to Prayer did not mean them.

It did. It meant every baptized woman and child of our Church throughout the length and breadth of the land and those of you who did not realize what it was nor what it stood for, would be amazed at what was accomplished in some of our small parishes and missions as well as in our larger ones. When I have been written to from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Southern Ohio, other middle western Dioceses, asking "What did you do in Maine for your week of Pilgrimage," I have been glad to send back the records of our successful experiments—withholding our failures.

At St. Louis three Diocesan Pledges were made. \$20 for a concrete foundation for the Church at Anvik, Alaska, our first United Offering Church. \$25 for St. Agnes School, Kyoto, as a memorial to Miss Sallie Stewart of Virginia, who died last August. (I wish you had known her—a wonderful personality which no one who ever met her no matter for how short a time could forget). \$100 or one unit for St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo.

In November, I was invited to Gardiner and later to Bangor, to give a resume of the chief features of the Convention in St. Louis, and was also asked to speak at the St. Luke's Cathedral Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. In all three places I suggested making a mite box into which a penny should be dropped each day for three months or until the February quarterly meeting, intending at that time to have it sent to the Parish Treasurer of each Branch to be presented with the Epiphany Offering towards the payment of these pledges. Unfortunately, as you know, I was unable to be at that meeting, so do not know how much the idea was carried out, but if any of you have such a mite box, please empty it and send the amount of your collection to Miss Sawyer marked "For pledges made at St. Louis."

Now I must tell you that those pledges have been paid, but I am going to read you something from the Committee for St. Agnes, about the needs there and also break it to you that in the

storm of enthusiasm which followed the address of Mr. George Wharton Pepper on the floor of the General Convention, the Bishop of Maine, looking hopelessly around and seeing nobody from his Diocese to relieve him of responsibility, somewhat anxiously responded to the call, with a pledge of 5 units, \$500, and then abashed, wondered how he was going to raise it. Fearing that the Maine Woman's Auxiliary might not meet the pledges by the Parochial Epiphany Offerings, the Executive Board authorized the Treasurer to take \$50 from the treasury for that purpose. Since then some individual gifts have been sent in and later you will be asked what it is your pleasure to do with them.

At St. Louis, in response to an invitation from the Board of Missions, one member of the Woman's Auxiliary from each of the eight Provinces was appointed to form a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Board of Missions as to the disposition of the Woman's United Offering. There have been two conferences of this committee and a set of suggestions or resolutions drawn up to be presented to the dioceses making up each Province.

As President of the Maine Branch, I was invited to the Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Church on April 24th, on the completion of the Church Pension Fund, to the Reception of the Standing Committee to Bishop Lawrence at the Copley Plaza directly afterward, and then to spend the night with Mrs. Lowell, President of the Massachusetts Branch. Also staying with her were Mrs. Fisher, President of Western Massachusetts; Mrs. Woodworth, President of New Hampshire; Mrs. Hoppin, President of Rhode Island.

The President of Connecticut was unable to be present, and the President of Vermont was also detained at home unexpectedly but wrote a full expression of her views with regard to the "suggestions." We had a delightful and earnest conference, the result of which I reported to the Executive Board and which will shortly be reported to you.

The work of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is surely growing and after noting the organization of other diocesan branches, it has seemed wise to suggest enlarging our Executive Board and changing Art. III of our constitution, to make this possible. This also will be presented to you later.

Early in February at Pittsfield, Mass., I heard a Negro say: "There is no reason why the negro should not have the ideals, and be as clean a man as the white man. He is beginning to realize his opportunity, the opportunity given by the white man, and it is for him to prove that even in the South, the black and the white can live side by side on an equal plane of morality and clean living. The Negro is learning, and if the call comes, there is no alien race which will respond more quickly or show greater loyalty to the flag, to the government of the United States, than the Negro." From subsequent events, we know that his ideal is not yet realized as many of the ideals of the white man are not realized, but within the past week, I have seen the same note sounded in an address reported in one of our daily newspapers and again in the *Southern Missioner*, published by the industrial school at Lawrenceville, Va. And we Christians of the white race can surely learn much from these statements. We must see that the opportunity be given not only to the colored people of the South, but to the white people of the southern mountains, to the Indians of the western plains and to all alien races within our borders.

And the opportunity must not only be one of education, of social service, but of Christian missionary fellowship. As we heard emphasized last night, the English Pilgrimage of Prayer of last year (from which we took the name and adopted the idea, though differing in its method of pilgrimage) and the present English Mission of Repentance and Hope are an outgrowth of the war. Education, social service were not enough. The nation felt the need of prayer, the need of repentance, to strengthen hope. And we should learn our lesson from England; we should feel the need of that lesson; our Pilgrimage of Prayer should have brought us nearer to those of all nations who in suffering and sorrow have again found God. Let us work with the Red Cross, with the Navy League; let us provide all we can for the comfort, physical safety of those ready to give their lives for their ideals. Through Y. W. C. A. or Y. M. C. A., or other organizations, let us watch over those in our midst, giving them all assistance possible in combating and conquering temptation. Let us educate the young people of all aliens to good citizenship and strong national ideals, but above all, let us remember that "every good gift cometh from above" and that from the best and greatest gift comes the message

of the greatest peace, the greatest strength, the greatest power to endure, and as members of the Woman's Auxiliary, we must send or carry that message to all lands and to all peoples.

In closing I want to quote from a letter received two days ago by my daughter from a young girl in Cambridge:

"I went to the service for the medical unit (at St. Paul's Cathedral) this morning and oh! it was so stirring. All the doctors, orderlies, nurses, army and naval officials were there in uniform, also the visiting French officers in their blue-gray. All the government staff were there, and all the sorrowing mothers, children, wives and sweethearts. After the dedication of the flag and the hymns and prayers, were two addresses.

First the chaplain spoke, son of Dr. Peabody of Groton. He said he was proud to go forth with these first picked men of America on their errand of mercy, and how fitting that such an errand should go forth from the altar; that he would feel himself a worthy chaplain if every man in his unit could call him "friend" and that he would do his utmost to provide hope, patience, recreation, comfort and courage for these, his friends.

Then Bishop Lawrence spoke, very simply, exhorting the men to be ideal representatives of America. I thought he was asking a good deal of them when he said how fine it would be if not one man touched a drop of wine, "to show the strength of American idealism." And he said: "France is bleeding, bleeding white. Unless the good blood of America is diffused into the body of France, and that soon, she will die. 'Thy will be done.'"

SALLY CARROLL PAYSON,
President.

Report of Recording Secretary

The work for the year 1916 - 1917 began with the September meeting which was held with St. Mark's branch, Augusta, on September 19th. The meeting opened with the corporate communion, the rector the celebrant. The Bishop was present and gave the absolution and pronounced the benediction. The business meeting followed, and the presence of so many women, the number exceeding the usual attendance, presaged zeal and activity which have been noticeable throughout the year. Nine officers present brought reports of action in the various departments. Letters of acknowledgement came from recipients of gifts sent to Alaska and St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia. The announcement was given that the Mary F. Neely scholarship had been assigned for the year. The amount of the United Offering as reported, was further increased so that \$1,428.47 were presented in St. Louis in October. In this connection, we note the interest in the United Offering as demonstrated by the gift of \$18.09 from the Isolated Churchwomen.

Canon Plant, a member of the Board of Missions, asked everyone to see that her own parish apportionment is met. Discussion of this matter resulted in a vote to give from the general treasury \$25 towards Maine's apportionment. This action establishes no precedent but helped to avert a threatened deficit and to preserve the honor and good name of Maine.

During the summer, one member present had visited some of our Alaska missions and gave a brief but clear account of conditions as she found them. It was voted to give the Advent boxes to a missionary in Bainbridge, Ga., and to an Indian Catholicist in Fire Steel, South Dakota. Addresses were given by the Bishop of the diocese and by Miss Emily Warren of New York.

The second session opened with discussion of the way of selecting delegates for the Triennial at St. Louis. It was voted that the Executive Board should take action on any name offered as a delegate to the Triennial. It was voted that on her return from this meeting every delegate should present to her parish the question of a gift of money from the Auxiliary to St. Peter's church building fund. These gifts should be sent to the branch

treasurer to forward to treasurer of Building Fund, Mr. Herbert Payson, Portland. It was voted that the Auxiliary as an organization shall place a memorial to Bishop Codman within the completed church, preferably in the chancel. It was voted that every branch shall report to the hospitality committee the number of delegates who will attend the meetings. The president called attention to the responsibility of everyone in raising a larger amount for the Bishop's salary.

The February meeting was held with St. Michael's branch, Auburn. On Monday evening, February 12th, after a short service, the Bishop told of his former work in Western Colorado. At 9.30, Tuesday morning, the corporate communion was made, the Bishop the celebrant, assisted by the rector, Rev. A. T. Stray. After the service, the Bishop gave the meditations for the "Quiet Day." The business meeting was called at 2 p. m., the second vice-president in the chair. The president, absent because of family illness, telegraphed greetings to the assembly and a reply was sent, conveying love and sympathy. After roll call, statements were given of work of previous months. Among these was the account of the Pilgrimage of Prayer. Seven women present told of faithful observance of plan in her own parish while throughout the diocese observance was made as conditions would permit.

It was voted that \$50 be taken from general treasury towards the pledge of \$100 made in St. Louis for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo.

Miss Waterman, who was our United Offering worker among the Igorots, gave details of the work among these people.

It was voted to give the Lent boxes to St. Luke's Associate Mission at Lincolnton, N. C., and to the work among the Ojibway Indians in diocese of Duluth, Minn.

The resignation of Mrs. Johnson from Junior work was read and accepted and Miss C. H. Burgess was appointed to the office for the remainder of year. Miss Emery's letter of resignation was read and Miss McCobb and Miss Chadwell were appointed a committee on message which should convey to Miss Emery an appreciation of her devoted service during 40 years.

The work of the House of the Good Shepherd has been aided during the year by gifts from branches and from individuals.

The box account follows:

| NAME OF PARISH | No. | VALUE |
|---|-----|------------------|
| Auburn, St. Michael's, | 1 | \$ 5.00 |
| Augusta, St. Mark's, | 4 | 54.20 |
| Bangor, St. John's, | 3 | 100.16 |
| Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's, | 4 | 123.89 |
| Bath, Grace, | 3 | 44.43 |
| Biddeford, Christ, | 2 | 26.79 |
| Brunswick, St. Paul's, | 1 | 2.00 |
| Calais, St. Anne's, | 2 | 64.05 |
| Camden, St. Thomas', | 1 | 8.00 |
| Caribou, St. Luke's, | 1 | 20.00 |
| Dennistown, Emmanuel, | 1 | .75 |
| Dexter, Church of the Messiah, | 1 | 5.00 |
| Exeter, Holy Trinity, | 1 | 8.00 |
| Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's, | 2 | 16.00 |
| Gardiner, Christ, | 3 | 66.50 |
| Hallowell, St. Matthew's, | 2 | 7.00 |
| Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd, | 1 | 26.00 |
| Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father, | 2 | 19.75 |
| Lewiston, Trinity, | 1 | 40.00 |
| Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's, | 2 | 16.00 |
| Newcastle and Damariscotta, St. Andrew's, | 3 | 67.57 |
| North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, | 2 | 59.17 |
| Norway, Christ, | 2 | 3.95 |
| Old Orchard, | 1 | |
| Portland, Cathedral, | 4 | 112.30 |
| St. Paul's, | 1 | 2.45 |
| St. Stephen's, | 2 | 25.00 |
| Trinity, | 3 | 23.75 |
| St. Alban's Mission, | 1 | 25.00 |
| St. Peter's Mission, | 1 | 32.00 |
| Presque Isle, St. John's, | 2 | 24.18 |
| Rockland, St. Peter's, | 2 | 21.79 |
| Rumford, St. Barnabas', | 1 | 7.70 |
| Saco, Trinity, | 1 | 36.20 |
| Waterville, St. Mark's, | 2 | 15.00 |
| Wiscasset, St. Philip's, | 1 | 24.50 |
| Trinity, | 1 | 3.00 |
| Total, | 68 | \$1,137.08 |
| Received from Treasurer M. B. W. A. for freight and trucking, | | 8.87 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,145.95 |

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

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| Missionary in Bainbridge, Ga., | \$169.45 |
| Indian Catechist, Fire Steel, S. D., | 59.00 |
| Mission at Lincolnton, N. C., in care of Rev. Cyril Bentley, | 488.47 |
| H. F. Parshall, | 171.81 |
| House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine, | 196.56 |
| Indian Missions in diocese of Duluth, Minn., in care of Mrs. | |
| Diocesan Missionary, | 34.59 |
| Dr. Grafton Burke, Ft. Yukon, Alaska, | 6.75 |
| Store closet, | 2.45 |
| St. Andrew's Mission, Sewanee, Tenn., | 8.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,137.08 |
| Paid out for freight and trucking, | 8.87 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,145.95 |

MARY B. CHADWELL,
Recording Secretary.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary has sent out —

- 200 notices of meetings.
- 50 letters about the Pilgrimage of Prayer
- 50 Epiphany letters.
- 50 annual reports from General Secretary.
- 50 blanks for annual reports.
- 21 miscellaneous letters.
- 72 postals.
- 50 packages of leaflets for the Pilgrimage of Prayer,
 containing between 1,400 and 1,500 leaflets
 also to twenty individuals, who were interested
 to join with us in the prayers. Some were
 outside the diocese, others "shut ins."

ANNIE M. MERRILL,
Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Educational Secretary

The text-book recommended for study this year, "The New World," is interesting and timely. Now that the old world is so terribly torn and disordered, it remains for the countries of the Western Hemisphere to draw together in loving and helpful neighborliness and the way to accomplish this is to establish a clear understanding of each other. The large class which met each Friday in Cathedral Hall from Christmas to Lent, studied the history of the Latin races, so-called, in South America, Mexico, Cuba and the other islands, and learned why we should help, how we may do so and what they can give us. The aim of all our study was that we should draw near to them in true friendliness. We found the text-book full of the needed information. I emphatically recommended it for present, careful reading

A large and enthusiastic class met each week of Lent in Trinity, Woodfords, and studied "The New World." Canon Plant reports many lectures illustrated with stereopticon pictures, based on the text-book, delivered each week to a large class of men; to one of women and to one of children, which must be fine in their results. Waterville has been following a carefully prepared, printed program for many months, missionary subjects being assigned to different members for papers and discussions, all well carried out. Bangor divided "The New World" in much the same way, papers and talks, while Bar Harbor had the privilege of lectures by the rector on different mission fields, as well as readings about Home Missions among the members themselves. Fort Fairfield read each week of Lent, "The Southern Highlanders," with interest and plans for future boxes. Augusta was well supplied with the Auxiliary Hand Book, which has good mission lessons. Houlton, Lewiston, Dexter and St. Paul's, Portland, report readings or talks. The class which met at the Cathedral included many members of near-by branches. Rockland and Saco also had readings at their meetings, St. Philip's, Wiscasset talks on New Testament each week and several other branches report increased interest. In short, the reports for this year are very encouraging. I must also mention Miss Chadwell's talk to the Girls' Friendly — three societies — of Portland, which formed a

large and enthusiastic audience. Such talks connect the Woman's Auxiliary with that very earnest and useful society, bringing to it knowledge of missionary work outside of their own body.

There is another subject which I would fix in your minds and that is the conference for church work to be held in Cambridge late in June. The programs are here and I beg that such of you as see any possibility of going or of inducing others to go, will take a prospectus home and urge the matter most earnestly. One who has not been there can have no conception of the inspiration and uplifting of soul which comes as soon as one mingles with those hundreds of women, all intent on learning how best to do the Master's work. It is for older women and the young girls too. Last year there were many of these latter, happy and eager. I feel that the future of our dear church in Maine, as well as the cause of missions will be immeasurably helped if we can have many older and younger under this wonderful influence.

Why cannot a branch help meet the expenses of one or two if necessary. Please think much of this and speak of it in your parishes. It is a very direct way of working for the increase of the Kingdom.

The book proposed for next year by our new Educational Secretary in New York is, "Missionary aspects of the Bible," by Bishop Rhinelander of Pennsylvania.

MARY M. BURGESS,
Educational Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS FROM MAY 31, 1916 TO MAY 10, 1917.

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| Collection at Portland, June 8, 1916, | \$ 79.25 |
| " Augusta, September 19, 1916, | 32.78 |
| " Auburn, February 13, 1917, | 30.00 |
| Accrued dividends, | 12.97 |
| Ashland, Emmanuel, | 2.00 |
| Auburn, St. Michael's, | 5.00 |
| Augusta, St. Mark's, | 30.30 |
| Bangor, St. John's, | 126.50 |
| Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's, | 24.55 |
| Bath, Grace, | 18.00 |
| Biddeford, Christ, | 5.00 |
| Brunswick, St. Paul's, | 5.00 |
| Calais, St. Anne's, | 2.00 |
| Camden, St. Thomas', | 10.00 |
| Dexter, Church of the Messiah, | 1.00 |
| Exeter, Holy Trinity, | 1.00 |
| Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's, | 12.00 |
| Gardiner, Christ, | 220.00 |
| Guilford, | 3.00 |
| Hallowell, St. Matthew's, | 3.00 |
| Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd, | 6.00 |
| Lewiston, Trinity, | 8.00 |
| Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's, | 6.00 |
| Newcastle, St. Andrew's, | 45.00 |
| Northeast Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, | 8.00 |
| Norway, Christ, | 1.00 |
| Old Orchard, St. John's-by-the-Sea, | 2.00 |
| Old Town, St. James', | 3.00 |
| Portland, Cathedral, | 88.00 |
| St. Alban's, | 8.00 |
| St. Paul's, | 15.00 |
| St. Peter's, | 6.00 |
| St. Stephen's, | 17.00 |
| Trinity, | 7.00 |
| Presque Isle, St. John's, | 9.00 |
| Rockland, St. Peter's, | 6.00 |
| Rumford, St. Barnabas', | 11.70 |
| Saco, Trinity, | 5.00 |
| Sanford, St. George's, | 2.00 |
| Waterville, St. Mark's, | 12.00 |
| Wiscasset, St. Philip's, | 11.00 |
| Trinity Mission, | 2.00 |
| Estate of Alida C. Brown, for scholarship, | 50.00 |
| Friends, for scholarship, | 66.00 |
| Special for Epiphany offering, | 25.00 |
| Special for Church at Anvik, Alaska, | 19.00 |
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| Balance on hand, May 31, 1916, | \$1,062.05 |
| | 669.85 |
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| | \$1,731.90 |

Treasurer's Report

DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 31, 1916 TO MAY 10, 1917.

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| Travelling expenses of speakers, | \$ 7.55 |
| Southworth Printing Company, | 42.75 |
| Contribution to Rev. A. E. Scott, for automobile, | 25.00 |
| Tucker Printing Company, for Junior Auxiliary, | 8.50 |
| Diocesan Missions, | 35.00 |
| Bishop Brewster, towards Diocesan apportionment, | 25.00 |
| St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, | 100.00 |
| St. Agnes' School, Kyoto, | 25.00 |
| Church at Anvik, Alaska, | 20.00 |
| Bishop Brewster, towards Diocesan pledge for St. Luke's Hos- pital, Tokyo, | 25.00 |
| Special for Bishop Codman Memorial Church, | 57.50 |
| Special for Mrs. H. F. Parshall, Cass Lake, Minn., | 10.00 |
| Special for Bishop of Jerusalem, | 5.00 |
| Special for Bishop of Alaska, | 120.00 |
| Special for St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, | 80.00 |
| Scholarship for clergyman's daughter, | 250.00 |
| Church Periodical Club, New York, | 5.00 |
| Maine Central mileage book, | 11.25 |
| Freight, express and trucking, | 11.62 |
| Postage, etc., | 45.59 |
| | <hr/> \$909.76 |
| Balance on hand, May 10, 1917, | 822.14 |
| | <hr/> \$1,731.90 |

ANNIE L. SAWYER,
Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of United Offering

FROM ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 8, 1916, UNTIL TRIENNIAL, OCTOBER, 1916.

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| Auburn, St. Michael's, | \$ 4.50 |
| Augusta, St. Barnabas', | 19.50 |
| Bangor, St. John's, | 43.02 |
| Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's, | 28.86 |
| Bath, Grace, | 30.52 |
| Biddeford, Christ, | 5.20 |
| Brunswick, St. Paul's, | 21.88 |
| Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's, | 7.00 |
| Gardiner, Christ, | 42.06 |
| Houlton, Church of Good Shepherd, | 4.00 |
| Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father, | 2.30 |
| Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's, | 5.00 |
| Newcastle, St. Andrew's, | 28.61 |
| North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, | 2.03 |
| Norway, Christ, | 2.25 |
| Portland, The Cathedral, | 45.06 |
| St. Paul's, | 21.35 |
| Trinity, | 32.25 |
| St. Peter's, | 9.25 |
| St. Alban's Mission, | 6.16 |
| Presque Isle, St. John's, | 5.50 |
| Rumford, St. Barnabas', | 2.22 |
| Wiscasset, St. Philip's, | 16.00 |
| Isolated Churchwomen, | 20.66 |
| Little Helpers, | 6.55 |
| Moose River, Emmanuel, | 5.00 |
| Interest, | 16.32 |
| From Mrs. Payson and Miss Ogden, | 11.29 |
| On hand, June 8, 1916, | 984.13 |
| Total from Diocese of Maine, | <hr/> \$1,428.47 |

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR UNITED OFFERING FOR 1919. FROM
OCTOBER, 1916 UNTIL MAY, 1917.

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|---|---------------|
| Bangor, St. John's, | \$45.25 |
| Exeter, Holy Trinity, | 2.00 |
| North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, | 4.00 |
| Portland, The Cathedral, | 26.68 |
| St. Paul's, | 4.04 |
| Presque Isle, St. John's, | 2.50 |
| Rumford, St. Barnabas', | 4.05 |
| Interest, | .02 |
| | <hr/> \$88.54 |

ELLEN LUCAS, *Treasurer.*

Report of Altar Society

1916 - 1917.

The Altar Society has worked regularly during the past winter.

We have lost one member and gained one, so our number of workers remains the same.

We have made for St. Stephen's, Portland, three stoles, the material of which was paid for. Three stoles for St. Peter's Mission; three for St. Alban's, which were gifts. A white burse and veil were given to the Central Maine Mission; and a set of green bookmarkers to Christ's Church, Norway; for St. John's, Presque Isle, a white burse and veil were embroidered, they furnished the silk and the making. \$10 was sent to St. Margaret's, Belfast, to help pay for a dossal.

CLARA A. PRINDLE,
Secretary.

SILK DEPARTMENT.

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| Cash on hand, May, 1916, | | \$59.81 |
| Received for dues, | | 4.00 |
| Received for materials, | | 12.50 |
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| | | \$76.31 |
| Paid out for material, | \$54.05 | |
| Cash on hand, May, 1917, | 22.26 | |
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| | | \$76.31 |

CLARA A. PRINDLE,
Treasurer.

LINEN DEPARTMENT.

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| Cash on hand, May, 1916, | | \$ 4.41 |
| Received for linen work, | | 7.00 |
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| | | \$11.41 |
| Paid out for linen, | \$ 6.10 | |
| Postage, | .50 | |
| Cash on hand, May, 1917, | 4.81 | |
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| | | \$11.41 |

Work. — Pall sent to St. Paul's, Fort Fairfield; 1 dozen stole collars sent to Miss Merrill; surplice, private order.

GEORGIANA M. JOHNSON.

Report of Church Periodical Club

During the summer of 1916, when a call was made for the collection of reading matter, those parishes who have always so generously responded were ready in October to send their barrels to the lumber camps in northern Maine, to the people of Vinal Haven, and the seamen of East Boston.

I need hardly assure you how gratefully they were received. It means so much, particularly to those in the camps when the daylight is short, to have plenty to occupy the long evening hours.

It has been most gratifying to have many new donors ready to send their current magazines regularly to the addresses given. One librarian writes of a letter received from a lady in China who speaks of the great pleasure it gives to her to have her home magazines, and know that some one thinks of those so far away. We frequently hear of many such cases.

For several years past, there has been an effort made by some of the church Periodical Club officers to change the name, feeling that the present one was inadequate, but after much discussion at two of the general conventions, I am glad to be able to tell you the question was voted down by a large majority. Surely after more than twenty-five years of good work, the "C. P. C." has proved its usefulness, and is known all over the world. I trust it will always retain its time-honored title.

I would be very glad if more of the smaller parishes, in places remote from public libraries, would become interested in the travelling ones. These are made up in cases of fifty or more books of different descriptions, and sent out with the privilege of being kept six months, under the care of a competent person in the parish. One of our most energetic rectors tells me he has six of them going the rounds among the missions in which he is interested. These libraries are often given as memorials which is certainly a fine way of helping the living, as well as remembering those who have gone before.

At this critical time in our history, I feel that we can each do much for our soldiers and sailors by sending out reading matter to them. In many places where bases are to be established, books are most earnestly asked for, as well as games, cards, etc., and by a generous contribution the "C. P. C." can take an important part in the great war relief work.

BLANCHE L. METCALFE,

Correspondent.

Report of the Society of Isolated Churchwomen

Madam President and Ladies —

It is rather difficult to make a report of a friendly correspondence — it was quite simple to answer some one who wrote to me from another diocese, in December, asking how the correspondence started, but not so easy to say how it is carried on — At Christmas time, during Lent, and at Easter, I sent cards, leaflets and letters; some of the leaflets were sent to me by a summer visitor interested in our Auxiliary.

One morning last summer, I had a very pleasant call from one of my correspondents, who happened to be passing through Newcastle. It was with a thankful heart, that I took a contribution from the Isolated Churchwomen, to the quarterly meeting held last September in Augusta, to help swell the United Offering. Many of them used the blue boxes. I earnestly hope many more are using them.

Several copies of the Annual Report were distributed. I wish many more of my correspondents might have it, in order to bring home to them what the Woman's Auxiliary, of which every baptized woman is a member, is trying to do for Christ's sake.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE H. RICHARDS.

The Junior Department

President's Address

Madam President and Ladies —

The message today from the Juniors throughout the Church to the Juniors of Maine is hopeful, very hopeful. In all places where the New Plan has been faithfully tried, the idea is working out well. It has met with much enthusiasm among the Juniors themselves and Churchwomen everywhere, but the clergy are non-committal. So it is in this Diocese except in a very few instances. In many Sunday-schools in this Diocese, missions are given a prominent part; in a few, missions are never spoken of. It is suggested that in all Sunday-schools one Sunday a month should be devoted to missions and that every Sunday the Junior Collects and other Missionary Prayers should be used. For those who do not recall just what the New Junior Plan is, four or five points may be mentioned.

First. That the Sunday-school should be an organized branch of the Junior Department which, of course, includes the Little Helpers.

Second. That in each Sunday-school, there should be appointed a woman whose duty it shall be to further the cause of Missions and to have the supervision of the week-day activities of the children.

Third. Where duplex envelopes are in use, the Sunday-school should retain the sum in the parochial side, and the missionary funds sent to the Diocesan Junior Treasurer to fulfill the pledges assumed by the Sunday-school for Missions.

Fourth. All boxes and pledges to be assumed by the Sunday-school, each class doing its share.

Fifth. That each rector be asked to at least make a start in this matter, gradually adopting the suggestions until the whole plan can be carried out.

Remember, this New Plan is not simply being tried in our own Diocese. It was suggested last Autumn in St. Louis for trial throughout the whole church during the next three years when, if successful, it will be adopted at the next Triennial.

We are glad to report that our pledges for the year have all been met and it is particularly gratifying that our Pauline Austin Osgood Memorial Scholarship has been paid in full, so the little girl in China is safe for this year. The Juniors in Maine, with a few rare exceptions, have usually taken a long summer vacation. In this year of distress, let us encourage our Juniors to think of serious things, to take their share of the burden that should be felt by all. Boys and girls can work in gardens, take charge of the home flag and co-operate with the Red Cross in bandage rolling, compress folding and snipping for fracture pillows. Does it not rest with each one of us, the women of the Church, to help our children this coming summer and on through the year? And during this dreadful war-time teach them their whole duty to God and their country and to cherish forgiveness in their hearts

FLORENCE W. R. NASH,
President.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Here in Maine we are perhaps slow in taking up an idea but there are parishes trying the new plan of the Juniors with great success. The Junior officers are ready and willing to co-operate in every way. It is well to mention again that the Junior Auxiliary is not a society, but the children of the church at work and we must not forget these same boys and girls will soon be the men and women of the Diocese.

Treasurer's Report

| Dr. | |
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| Balance on hand May 8, 1916, | \$ 8.82 |
| To amounts received — | |
| Auburn, | 4.50 |
| Augusta, | 1.00 |
| Bath, | 8.00 |
| Gardiner, | 10.00 |
| Portland, Cathedral, | 23.16 |
| St. Paul's, | 4.50 |
| St. Peter's, | 2.00 |
| Trinity, | 11.50 |
| Saco, | 2.00 |
| Wiscasset, | 19.00 |
| | \$94.48 |

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By amounts paid—

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| To Mr. George Gordon King for Pauline Austin Osgood Memorial Scholarship, | \$50.00 |
| Mr. George Gordon King for St. Agnes School, Kioto, Japan, | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Lucas, for United Offering, | 10.81 |
| Woolworth Co., for Christmas gifts, | 6.56 |
| Postage, | 2.00 |
| Cash on hand May 10, 1917, | 15.11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$94.48 |

Following is the box account:

| NAME OF PARISH | No. | VALUE |
|------------------------|-----|----------|
| Bath, | 1 | \$18.00 |
| Biddeford, | 3 | 28.04 |
| Camden, | 1 | 6.00 |
| Portland, St. Alban's, | 1 | 2.00 |
| St. Luke's, | 1 | 8.50 |
| St. Peter's, | 1 | 3.45 |
| Trinity, | 1 | 12.20 |
| Presque Isle, | 2 | 31.03 |
| South West Harbor, | 1 | 2.00 |
| Wiscasset, | 2 | 32.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$143.22 |

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

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| Missions in Alaska in charge of Rev. Guy H. Madara, | \$ 9.20 |
| Missions at Lincolnton, N. C., in charge of Rev. Cyril Bentley, | 40.79 |
| Work among Ojibway Indians, in charge of Mrs. H. F. Parshall, | |
| Cass Lake, Minn., | 33.33 |
| Mission at Bontoc, P. I., | 12.20 |
| Maine Missions, including House of Good Shepherd, Gardiner, | 47.70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$143.22 |

About six hundred Christmas gifts were sent to Central Maine Mission from the Cathedral and St. Paul's, Portland, and from Wiscasset, Hull's Cove and Bath. Gardiner sent Christmas gifts to Old Town and to Caribou.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH W. JACKSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Acting Educational Secretary's Report

On account of the proposed change in the organization of the Junior Auxiliary, and the new method of instruction, I did not send my usual letters, before Lent, to the different branches. At the Quarterly meetings, however, I told of the books for Junior Study, and recommended the use of the *Spirit of Missions*.

A good many leaders sent to me for "Manana?" ("Tomorrow?") and I hear of its successful use.

The Cathedral, Gardiner and Wiscasset, had missionary instruction in their Sunday-schools, and I trust the same is true in many other parishes.

Next year, I hope to get more definite reports of Mission Study in regular Junior branches, and of instruction in the Sunday-schools.

Even in this transition year, the following most cheering report has come to me. I give it in full, hoping many other leaders may be moved to follow the good example.

"The Juniors of Trinity Parish (Woodfords) met five times during Lent at the home of Mrs. Grey. We studied the book "Manana" and used the Aztec necklace links. The picture sheet was cut up and pasted into an attractive scrap book to go with "Manana?" We had from three to fifteen girls present at the meetings, and a considerable interest was shown.

Margaret S. Lincoln."

I had the pleasure of speaking to this branch on the United Offering, at their last meeting in Lent, and heard eager and perfect answers to questions about South America, its discoveries and peoples.

One branch found great help in the children's number of the *Spirit of Missions*, another learned about the Southern Highlanders, and the Junior book proved satisfactory in every way.

As we know and have heard so often, only knowledge of a subject can bring interest and the wish to help. Study of missions will be quickly followed by prayer and giving.

God bless the children of the Church in Maine and all who teach them!

CAROLINE HOWARD BURGESS,
Acting Junior Educational Secretary.

Report of the Little Helpers

Mrs. Johnson, the Junior Second Vice-President in charge of the Little Helpers, having left the Diocese, I was asked to attend to the necessary business until a new officer could be appointed at the annual meeting. The work is new to me, but I find it very interesting and am glad of the chance to learn how much the Little Helpers are doing towards the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

I have written and sent thirteen letters, including the statement of the distribution of the money received in 1916, and asking that the contents of the mite boxes should be sent to me as soon as possible after St. Mark's day. The response was good, but there are still several branches to be heard from. Nearly all asked for additional mite boxes.

The Little Helpers, replying to a call from the General Convention, have promised \$5 a year for three years, to help build the new kindergarten in Odate, Japan.

I have received from nine branches \$54.65 and \$1.00 from a friend of the Little Helpers in Lisbon Falls. Eighty-one boxes have been sent by request, with leaflets, to nine branches.

The Treasurer's statement follows:

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY, 1916.

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| For the United Offering, five cents from each box, | \$ 6.55 |
| House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine, | 5.00 |
| Akita postal cards, | .70 |
| Kindergarten, Akita, Japan, | 5.00 |
| Kindergarten, Akita, Japan, Special, | 4.60 |
| St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N. C., Little Helpers' Cot, | 5.00 |
| Mission Font, Little Helpers' gift, | 2.50 |
| St. Paul's Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va., | 5.00 |
| Sagada Mission — Philippine Islands, | 3.00 |
| General Missions, | 27.88 |
| Reserved for expenses, | 5.00 |
| Stationery, printing and postage, | 4.34 |
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| | \$74.57 |

CAROLINE HOWARD BURGESS,

First Vice-President, in charge of Little Helpers, pro tem.

