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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.

## *Officers for 1918-1919*

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WISCASSET — Miss Anna Holbrook.

## *Minutes of the Meeting*

The fortieth annual meeting of the Maine Branch was held in Bangor, May 16th, 1918. The corporate communion was made in St. John's church at half past nine, the Bishop the celebrant, assisted by the rector, Rev. J. Edward Hand. The business meeting followed in the parish rooms, the president in the chair. She gave a brief but cordial welcome and Rev. Mr. Hand gave greetings from St. John's branch. Roll call showed 52 delegates from 23 branches, including one new branch, as follows: Augusta, St. Mark's; Bangor; Bar Harbor; Brownville Junction; Brunswick; Calais; Caribou; Exeter; Gardiner; Guilford; Houlton; Hull's Cove; Lisbon Falls; North East Harbor; Old Town; Portland, Cathedral, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, Trinity, St. Peter's Mission; Presque Isle; Rockland; Waterville. 12 officers were in the room, among them the 1st vice president, who had not been with us for the past few years. The president read the names of those members who during the year had joined the church expectant, and said the collect for All Saints' Day. Miss McCobb read a tribute to Miss E. H. Smith who served the Auxiliary as treasurer from 1887 to 1906, and Miss Ogden spoke of the work of Mrs. Plaisted, late president of the Bangor branch, and who identified herself with the work at large.

Reports of recording secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. The president read her address. The report of corresponding secretary was read and accepted. The report of educational secretary was read and accepted. Pledges were made for the Mary F. Neely Memorial Scholarship and for general expenses. It was voted to give \$30 for gasoline for the automobile used in Central Maine Mission. The Domestic Committee had asked that each diocese present a fifty dollar Liberty Bond to St. Augustine's School for its anniversary fund. This amount was quickly pledged by branches and individuals.

The president of the Juniors was absent and her address was read by Mrs. Payson. Rev. Mr. McGay described working of Junior plan in Sunday-schools of Wiscasset and Bath. The 1st vice president of the Juniors offered her resignation which

was accepted with much regret and the office will not be filled for the present. The offering was \$42, which added to \$26.50 given at the service, makes a total of \$68.50. Noon prayers were said by Bishop Brewster. Treasurer's report for Juniors was read by Miss Ogden and the report was accepted. Miss Ogden made a strong plea that the scholarship in memory of Miss Osgood be placed on a more definite basis. It was suggested that every Sunday-school be asked to make a regular contribution to this scholarship. The Bishop introduced Miss Lindley, who spoke upon the special work of the Auxiliary in connection with the war. The nominating committee appointed by the chair were Mrs. Clark of Orono, Miss Edwards of Augusta, and Mrs. Ross of Guilford. The reports of correspondents for the Isolated Churchwomen and for the Church Periodical Club were read and accepted. Lunch was served at the Penobscot Exchange. The meeting was called at 2.15. The Bishop presented Mr. W. C. Sturgis, Educational Secretary for the Board of Missions, who made an address. The nominating committee returned the list of officers of last year, adding to Advisory Board the name of Miss Rowe of Bangor and dropping the name of Miss C. H. Burgess, resigned. The report was accepted and the secretary was asked to cast the ballot. The report of the Altar Society was read and accepted. The report of Junior Educational Secretary was read and accepted. It was voted to give \$5 from general treasury towards the deficit on the Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship. A rising vote of thanks was given the rector and people of St. John's for their hospitality, also to Miss Lindley and Mr. Sturgis for their inspiring addresses. A letter from Mrs. Davis was read in which she described the work of St. Andrew's Neighborhood House. The Bishop closed the meeting with prayer.

## *President's Address*

Shortly before the annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in May, 1917, America had declared herself at war and ready to take her place among the allied nations against the central powers. The parish house of the Cathedral of St. Luke had been given to the Red Cross and by the courtesy of the State Street Congregational Church, Portland, our meeting was held in their parish room.

The twelve months which have passed since then have been full of lessons and of opportunities — opportunities for Christian service, for social service which should be one — work for God and work for man which should go together. Many opportunities have irrevocably gone, slipped by without being taken advantage of; we cannot bring them back. Others we have grasped, made the most of and for this let us be thankful.

Time has been found; not minutes nor hours, but days where people have thought they had no time to spare. Money has been given, not cents nor dollars, but tens, even hundreds of dollars, where we had supposed there was no money to give.

Why? We have been vitally gripped by human need. Suffering of our fellow men which we have felt it in our power to alleviate or lessen has thrilled us and by its force produced time and money.

What relation does this bear to the Woman's Auxiliary?

I heard a Scotch major in the British army say before a vast audience, "I thought I knew Christ before I went into the war. I was a theologian, but I never knew the meaning of Jesus Christ until I saw the wounds of my boys who had died for me. Then I understood the wounds of the Saviour. It was only then I knew Christ."

This is one of our lessons.

You have heard from the Secretary's report an account of the quarterly meeting held at Macwahoc in October and of the one held in Brunswick in February. In Macwahoc we had a deluge; and in Brunswick the thermometer not only dropped to zero but it became so interested in dropping that it forgot to stop — at least until after the delegates had left. And yet, I for one, would

not have missed either of them (and I am sure that I voice the feeling of many others) for in both the spirit of cordial hospitality, the interest in unity of purpose, and above all, a drawing together to do God's will, regardless of whether the dishes had all been washed or whether the water was freezing in the pipes, created a bond of fellowship which can never be forgotten.

Many of you know that geographically the church's work is divided into Provinces and that the first Province comprises the dioceses of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Each year there is a provincial meeting for the officers and last October we went to Providence. The conferences were most helpful, the addresses inspiring and the key note might be called the expanding and enriching of the Woman's Auxiliary through education. Since then I have often quoted Miss Corey's definition of the difference between the work of the Woman's Auxiliary and that of other philanthropic Woman's Clubs.

"The Woman's Auxiliary gives aid to man for Christ's sake, rather than aid to man for man's sake." It should have the spirit of the living Lord behind it.

At this Provincial meeting, the President of the Maine Branch was put on a committee with the President of Western Massachusetts as chairman and Miss Morgan, Secretary of Massachusetts to draw up a form of constitution for Provincial organization.

Last year I visited several of the branches; this year I have been only to Lisbon Falls. I am sure that the members of that branch can have no idea of the pleasure they gave me on that bright late winter's day. Interested, able, enthusiastic workers who are grasping the vision and joy of working for others—of doing something during a stated season of the Church outside of their own little parish circle and outside the diocese. They are a parish guild when they are not a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. That is, all the members of the guild are also members of the Woman's Auxiliary and perhaps this would be a good place for me to answer a question recently asked Bishop Brewster. Is the Woman's Auxiliary a sewing circle? The Woman's Auxiliary is *not* a sewing circle. Any member of a parish sewing circle, parish guild, rector's aid or other parochial organiza-

tion may become a member of the Woman's Auxiliary if she will. In Massachusetts, "Any baptized woman in the diocese of Massachusetts who shall agree to share in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary shall be considered a member of the same." In Maine we ask a minimum contribution of 52 cents a year (a cent a week.) One dollar a year is the usual amount given and a few persons give \$12.00 a year (\$1.00 per month.) In the same way all the members of a parish organization may declare themselves a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary by pledging a certain amount to the general expense fund and declaring themselves ready to work for the objects and through the channels recommended or sanctioned by the Board of Missions. When a guild has become a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, it is advisable that the funds of the Woman's Auxiliary be kept separate from the funds of the guild and wherever possible, the treasurer of the guild should not be the treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary.

On March 25th, I was asked to speak to the girls at a meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society at St. Paul's Rectory, Portland. Miss Ogden went with me and we had a delightful evening. If there was a topic it might be "Co-operation and Co-ordination in mission work of the Church," but we gave the talk no name. There were girls and girls of all ages and they sat in a circle, on the floor, on chairs, on stools, and almost in one another's laps. They were attentive, responsive, and knew perfectly not only the "cornerstones" of the G. F. S. but the relation they bore to the Junior Auxiliary, the Sunday School and the Church.

Two circular letters have been sent out — one in November outlining the plan for the closing week of the Pilgrimage of Prayer, and the other the annual Epiphany letter. The offering at the close of the Pilgrimage of Prayer was given to St. Agnes' School, Kyoto; the Epiphany offering when not needed on the parish apportionment was given to the General hospital, Wuchang. Both were pitifully small.

The only conference at the Church Missions house to which I was able to go was that of April 18th, when diocesan presidents were asked to make a special effort to be present to discuss a suggested plan for war work of the Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Lindley, who it is our great good fortune to have with us today, will speak to us later more fully of the plan, but I want you to

know something about it before she begins. It made me gasp when I heard it; it will make you gasp now. The obstacles seemed mountainous to me in the beginning, they may look unclimbable to you now, but I am convinced they are not, and together we will climb.

Briefly, the plan is this:—The Woman's Auxiliary not only makes garments, packs its boxes, supports its workers in the mission field and those disabled in service, but it does something else, something some of us do not know, many of us forget. It prays. And its special war work is to declare itself as a spiritual power behind the Board of Missions; to give intensive training to some of its members who in turn will go forth as messengers that we all may be able to help intelligently in the re-creation—in the new world—after the war.

One of the conferences in New York to which I was unable to go, was on Co-operation. Miss Lucy Sturgis, whom many of you heard in Macawahoc and who is a sister of Dr. Sturgis who is with us today, is chairman of the committee and has sent me the leaflets or questionnaires which we have distributed. They are to be read carefully, filled out promptly and returned as soon as possible to me.

In Brunswick, I told you of an address I had heard made by a French officer, who had been nearly three years in the trenches. A literal translation would be "The examination of the conscience of a Frenchman after three years of war." It was really the probing into the inner consciousness, the heart of the French soldier. And what did he find there? *GOD!*

I am going to cite phrases from addresses which I have heard since then — *have heard* — not read.

A Governor:—"We are learning the added capacity of our people for service and sacrifice."

A Mayor:—"We must pray and keep on praying until after we have won the war we meet again in this great hall to give thanks to God for victory."

A member of the Food Administration:—"The acid test of every thought and act must be, 'Does or will this help win the war?' It must be with us when we pray."

The Scotch Major to whom I have referred before, said:—"We must look upon our life as an instrument to be kept clean."

The son of a southern officer wrote to his father:—"My allegiance has been given from now to eternity to God and to my Country. I have been baptized and become a member of the Presbyterian Church."

A French Canon and Chaplain:—"After what I have been through, after what I have seen, I say to Catholics and Protestants alike that lasting peace can only come when not only individuals and groups, but the nations of the world, are brought to their knees."

General Pershing before he took his forces to the front, was confirmed in Paris by Bishop Brent.

Is there no significance in this? These addresses were not made by priest or layman in churches. They were in theatres, halls, auditoriums, at *patriotic*, not religious meetings. Could such a thing have been imagined five years ago?

Shoulder to shoulder men of different creeds and nationalities are fighting and falling and dying having "pledged their allegiance for time and eternity to God and to their country."

Through suffering and sacrifice men are learning to know their Saviour as they failed to do through his bountiful and many blessings.

Must we women of America drink to the dregs the cup of bitterness and sorrow before we can take our place shoulder to shoulder on our knees with the women of our allies.

And what of our future? The children of today will be the men and women of tomorrow and they must be prepared,—whether black or white, Chinese or Japanese or Indian, they must be taught, educated, not only in the academic and scientific courses of school and college, but in the knowledge and love of God—filled with the spirit of the living Lord. Tomorrow will soon be here. Will they be ready?

This is another of our opportunities which mercifully has not passed. We must catch it on its way.

SALLY CARROLL PAYSON,  
*President.*

## *Report of Recording Secretary*

*Madam President and Ladies —*

The first meeting of the year was held in Macwahoc, October 5th, 1917. The meeting began with the corporate communion, followed by the business meeting, the president in the chair. Ten branches were represented by sixteen delegates and two Juniors. The resignation of Miss Metcalfe, the correspondent of the C. P. C. was read and accepted and Miss Williams was appointed her successor. Statements of the work were made by the officers in charge. Noon prayers were said by the Bishop. Accounts were read of the observance of the Pilgrimage of Prayer and an outline made for the closing week, with the suggestion that the offering be given to St. Agnes' School, Kyoto. It was voted to send boxes to a missionary in Lakota, North Dakota, and to the Indians in care of Rev. Amos Ross, Allen, South Dakota. Mrs. Davis spoke in behalf of the work in Vinalhaven, and Miss Sturgis, Junior Educational Secretary of Massachusetts, described the method of working the new Junior plan. A vote of thanks was given to Miss Sturgis and to the people of Macwahoc, and the meeting adjourned.

The February meeting was held in Brunswick, February 5th, 1918. The corporate communion was made at half past nine, followed by the "Quiet Day" addresses given by the Bishop of the diocese. The business meeting was called after lunch, the president in the chair. Twenty-seven delegates were present from fourteen branches. Lent work was voted to the Julia C. Emery Hall in Bromley, Liberia, West Africa, and to the mission at Rutherfordton, N. C. A letter from Anvik was read, acknowledging the money sent from Maine for repairing the foundation of the church there. Bishop Brewster expressed his appreciation of the gift of money the Auxiliary made towards the pledge he gave in St. Louis for St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo.

Sister Margaret Mary was unable to make her usual presentation of the work at the House of the Good Shepherd, but many of the branches have assisted the Home.

Two drawing-room meetings were held in March at the residence of Mrs. Payson in Portland. The first one was addressed

by Bishop Touret of Western Colorado, and the second one by the Educational Secretary of Massachusetts, Miss Eva D. Corey.

The box account follows:

NAME OF PARISH	No.	VALUE
Auburn, St. Michael's,	1	\$
Augusta, St. Mark's,	3	55.75
Bangor, St. John's,	2	52.26
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	3	131.17
Bath, Grace,	3	81.00
Biddeford, Christ,	1	20.45
Brownville Junction, St. John's,	1	10.00
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	2	19.00
Calais, St. Anne's,	3	82.20
Caribou, St. Luke's,		
Dennistown, Emmanuel,	1	1.50
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1	5.00
Exeter, Holy Trinity,	1	6.50
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	1	22.50
Gardiner, Christ,	3	76.90
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	2	5.00
Houlton, Church of the Good Shepherd,	1	35.00
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father,	2	23.55
Lewiston, Trinity,	1	60.00
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	3	22.50
Millinocket, St. Andrew's,		
Newcastle, St. Andrew's,	2	25.12
North East Harbor, St. Mary's,	2	52.80
Norway, Christ,	1	3.00
Portland, Cathedral,	5	112.50
St. Stephen's,	2	25.00
Trinity,	2	20.50
St. Alban's Mission,	1	20.00
St. Peter's Mission,	1	40.00
Presque Isle, St. John's,	2	36.00
Rockland, St. Peter's,	2	23.00
Rumford, St. Barnabas',	1	5.20
Saco, Trinity,	1	35.70
Sanford, St. George's,	1	9.00
Waterville, St. Mark's,	2	20.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	1	45.00
 Total,	60	\$1,183.10
Received from Treasurer M. B. W. A. for freight and trucking,		5.57
		\$1,188.67

RECIPIENTS OF BOXES.

Missionary in Lakota, North Dakota,	\$168.50
Rev. Amos Ross for Indians at Pine Ridge Agency, So. Dakota,	36.55
Mission at Rutherfordton, N. C., District of Ashville,	550.25
Girls' Training Institute, Liberia, West Africa,	123.05
House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner, Maine,	304.75
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	\$1,183.10
Paid out for freight and trucking,	5.57
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	\$1,188.67

MARY B. CHADWELL,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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## *Report of Corresponding Secretary*

The Corresponding Secretary has sent out —

261 notices of meetings.

75 Epiphany letters.

52 annual reports from the General Secretary.

52 blanks for annual reports.

75 leaflets and letters.

36 miscellaneous letters.

15 postals.

ANNIE M. MERRILL,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

## *Report of Educational Secretary*

Last fall, the authorities in Church Missions House, New York, advised us to study our Bibles and learn the mission lesson contained therein. This message was received by us with much joy. Our hearts were full of loving and anxious thoughts for our boys at "the front," our hands were busy with work for their comfort, our souls longing to keep pace with them in the spiritual strength which comes with self-sacrifice and our minds planning for our part in the rebuilding of the world for its better life when the evil spirit shall have been driven out.

We felt that all work and thought must tend in this direction, hence the Bible seemed the one text-book for strength and comfort. To learn God's will for the world and how He revealed Himself, first to the Patriarchs, then to His chosen people and through our Lord Jesus Christ to the whole world, that the knowledge of God, and His love, might cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

We had a large and enthusiastic class for Bible study at the Cathedral, beginning with Epiphany and extending well into Lent. Another successful class was held on much the same lines in Trinity branch, Woodfords.

Rockland reports most interesting talks by the rector on the Old and New Testaments.

Waterville sends a printed program covering eight months, with meetings twice a month and study according to the plan laid out in Massachusetts, called "Missions according to the Bible." Different ladies took charge of the lessons on the appointed days. Bar Harbor used the *Spirit of Missions* in its study, as did other branches.

Calais reports: "We get a general idea of missions from the *Spirit of Missions*, but in addition, one member gave us talks on Alaska and we studied the needs of the Southern Mountaineers for whom we sewed. Each member gave a cent each week during Lent, which enabled us to send \$7.20 to the school in Liberia.

Canon Plant reports very thorough and interesting instruction given by talks, exhibits from the Church Missions House, and distribution of leaflets with weekly report of same given at the

next meeting. These were primarily for fifty boys and girls, but through them reached the elders, and Biddeford is working in the same way. So is Wiscasset. These will be mentioned in the Junior report.

A well attended and enthusiastic Bible class was held with St. Peter's Mission, Portland and only the severe conditions of the winter put an end to one started in St. Alban's Mission. St. Paul's Branch listened to talks on the Bible. I made addresses to the G. F. S. of St. Stephen's and the older Juniors of Trinity.

We all remember one of our first text-books, "The Conquest of the Continent," how well it was arranged for study and how interesting it was. Bishop Burleson has written another book for next year. It is entitled "Winning God's Country" and is concerned with the growth of the Church in our own land. We look forward to it with joyful anticipation. It may not be ready before August. There are Helps for Teaching to go with it. Please ask me to order it for you in good time.

There are two important things to bring to your consideration now. The first, the *Spirit of Missions*, which should be read by every Churchwoman and subscribed for by all who can use it and pass it along. If one faithfully and understandingly reads its pages, she will find herself well equipped to help in winning the world for Christ. The other important subject is the Cambridge Conference for church work, which meets in Cambridge, Mass. from June 21 to July 6. Here intelligent, earnest church women and girls will come together for two weeks of teaching and inspiration under the best instructors. The Normal Mission Study Classes will be under Miss Tillotson, who is a wonderful teacher and Mrs. Pillsbury, Educational Secretary of Pennsylvania, will conduct demonstration study classes. Will not some of our Maine women give themselves the chance to grow into leaders by the help of these two weeks? The help given there is so great that none of us need hesitate because of diffidence or ignorance. All kinds of church work are considered at these meetings and no small part of the blessing comes from intercourse with other women equally anxious to learn how best to help their Church. Please ask me now for the program of the Conference.

MARY M. BURGESS,  
*Educational Secretary.*

## Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS FROM MAY 10, 1917 TO MAY 15, 1918.

Collection at Portland, May 10, 1917,	\$ 74.32
" Macawahoe, October 4, 1917,	21.20
" Brunswick, February 5, 1918,	17.56
Ashland, Emmanuel,	2.00
Auburn, St. Michael's,	6.00
Augusta, Mt. Mark's,	18.00
Bangor, St. John's,	31.00
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	26.25
Bath, Grace,	18.00
Biddeford, Christ,	5.00
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	5.00
Calais, St. Anne's,	2.00
Camden, St. Thomas',	8.00
Dexter, Church of the Messiah,	1.00
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	10.00
Gardiner, Christ,	120.37
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	3.00
Hull's Cove, Church of Our Father,	6.00
Lewiston, Trinity,	8.00
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	6.00
Newcastle, St. Andrew's,	40.00
Norway, Christ,	1.00
Old Orchard,	2.00
Old Town, St. James',	2.00
Portland, Cathedral,	102.75
St. Paul's,	15.00
St. Stephen's,	15.00
Trinity,	7.00
St. Alban's Mission,	10.00
St. Peter's Mission,	8.00
Presque Isle, St. John's,	12.68
Rockland St. Peter's,	6.00
Rumford, St. Barnabas',	5.50
Saco, Trinity,	10.00
Sanford, St. George's,	5.00
Waterville St. Mark's,	7.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	20.00
Special for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo,	9.64
Special for St. Agnes' School, Kyoto,	11.00
Receipts from drawing-room meeting, for Bishop Touret,	76.02
Individual contributions for scholarship,	45.00
Estate of Alida C. Brown, for scholarship,	50.00
Accrued dividends, for scholarship,	22.08
	<hr/> \$ 871.37
Balance on hand, May 10, 1917,	<hr/> 822.14
	<hr/> \$1,693.51

## *Treasurer's Report*

DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAY 10, 1917 TO MAY 15, 1918.

Travelling expenses of speakers,	\$38.26
Southworth Printing Company,	44.00
Rev. A. E. Scott, gasoline for automobile,	30.00
Diocesan Missions,	35.00
St. Agnes' School, Kyoto,	48.68
Bishop Brewster, towards Diocesan pledge for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo,	15.19
Church General Hospital, Wuchang, Epiphany offering,	23.50
Bishop Touret, for work in Western Colorado,	76.02
Special for Bishop of Alaska,	60.00
Special for St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville,	40.37
Scholarship for clergyman's daughter,	250.00
Mrs. Davis, for work in Vinalhaven,	50.00
Clergy stall for church in Macawahoc,	28.30
Cash paid for Liberty Bond,	500.00
Church Periodical Club, New York,	10.00
Maine Central mileage,	22.50
Leaflets,	2.25
Stationery and printing,	9.25
Freight, postage, etc.,	37.67
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	\$1,320.99
Balance on hand, May 15, 1918,	372.52
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	\$1,693.51

ANNIE L. SAWYER,

*Treasurer.*

## Report of Treasurer of United Offering

You will see by the following report that considering we have only a little more than a year left in which to work for the Triennial of 1919, our amount is a long way behind. We are in the throes of terrible sorrow and suffering all over the world and each feels, or ought to feel, that she must do her utmost towards the alleviation of these sorrows. People are giving willingly, cheerfully, of their time, money and energy for every good cause as never before. Yet our United Offering is a long way behind. As a rule, we find that those who are conscientious in answering one cause are conscientious in answering each appeal that is laid before them, so I feel in addressing you today that I am speaking to women who are not only earnest in church work and who have done their share in their parish towards the United Offering, but each is also probably among the most active and earnest workers in her duty to her Government and the world by Red Cross work, conservation of food and all other patriotic duties assigned to women.

Will each of you, parish secretaries, treasurers and members try to get the women not yet interested to know the little Blue Box and to accept her obligation to those whom she should help to sustain.

There is a splendid set of slides which can be had from the Church Missions House, New York, illustrating and telling the history, work and growth of the offerings from the little Blue Box. I wish this lecture could be given in each parish before next winter's work begins.

The object of the United Offering is not to obtain large gifts from a few, but regular systematic thank offerings from all baptized women of the Church. I will supply mite-boxes and leaflets to all who ask for them.

### ANNUAL REPORT FROM MAY, 1917 TO MAY, 1918.

Auburn, St. Michael's,	\$ 9.50
Augusta, St. Mark's,	5.50
Bangor, St. John's,	68.55
Bath, Grace,	31.36
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	13.61
Gardiner, Christ,	13.31
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	5.00
North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	1.50
Portland, The Cathedral,	76.07
St. Paul's,	11.03
St. Stephen's,	
Trinity,	40.00
St. Peter's Mission,	28.25
Rumford, St. Barnabas',	2.22
Waterville, St. Mark's,	14.84
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	21.50
Junior Department,	10.00
Interest,	4.26
Amount for year ending 1918,	\$356.50
Amount May, 1917,	88.54
Total, May 14, 1918,	\$445.04

ELLEN LUCAS,  
*United Offering Treasurer.*

By some inadvertence this report was not received in time to be read at the meeting, but by permission is published in this report.

## *Report of Altar Society*

Beyond helping with materials one person who wished to do work in her own parish, the Maine Altar Society has not been able to do any work this winter. The Cathedral Hall has been given for the use of the Red Cross and there was no other place available for our use, as our large frames take too much space to be used in an ordinary room.

CLARA A. PRINDLE,  
Secretary.

### SILK DEPARTMENT.

Cash on hand, May, 1917,	\$22.26
Received for materials,	7.00
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	\$29.26
Paid for materials,	\$ 2.25
Cash on hand, May, 1918,	27.01
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	\$29.26

CLARA A. PRINDLE,  
Treasurer.

### LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Cash on hand, May, 1917,	\$ 4.81
Paid out for linen and postage,	3.62
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	\$ 1.19
Received for linen and postage,	2.31
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Cash on hand, May, 1918,	\$ 3.50
Work sent out — 1 chalice veil, 1 pall, 2 corporals.	

GEORGIANNA M. JOHNSON.

## *Report of Church Periodical Club*

I am both anxious and hopeful for the reputation of Maine in Church Periodical Club work, and my aim is to make the work intense, not only in the ten already existing branches, but to try and form new branches, and also to interest individuals in isolated places in Maine, in this so wonderful and potential factor in the work of our Church. In this period of stress and strain, when the appeals from our country are continually calling our attention, and demanding every exertion, in Red Cross, Naval League, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Chaplains' War Commission of our Church and in many, many ways we all realize how hard it may be to make room for C. P. C. But let us try to realize its importance in isolated homes in the midst of the prairies, in the far north where Bishop Rowe reports the eagerness with which the natives seize upon the magazines which are sent them,—in the Navy and Army, in Camp and Hospital where the lonely and sick lads who are giving their lives for us all so gladly, receive magazines, both secular and religious, games, Victrola records, scrapbooks, etc., and who thank us more than tongue can say or pen express. The communications that we receive from the chaplains in Camp and Hospital are very touching. Pocket size Gospels and Prayer Books should be included in our contributions, for *now* the hearts of men are getting very tender, and *now* is the time when men are turning to things spiritual. Let us not be found wanting; and while we knit and knit and make surgical dressings for the poor wounded limbs, let us remember the souls of those who look to us for help along the way and not only for our soldier and sailor lads, but for the missions at home and abroad, which need help in our Branch.

Bangor, Bath, Brunswick and St. Luke's, Portland, are showing a lively interest in C. P. C. Magazines are being sent out to home addresses and to our army and navy. Also Grace Church, Bath, has recently sent a barrel of reading matter to Vinalhaven to be distributed. I have the promise of the appointment of Librarians at Camden and St. Stephen's, Portland. The sum of \$1.65 is in the treasury, nothing having been deducted from it for postage or expenses since I became Correspondent.

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I very much hope before the year is out to secure a contribution, even though it be small, to send from Maine to Miss L. T. McCoy, Treasurer of Endowment Fund (122 East 76th St., N. Y.) towards the C. P. C. Endowment Fund. Miss Julia M. Fanning, Recording Secretary, writes that "The needs are very pressing and there is much to be done for army and navy." She adds, "Perhaps you could persuade some of the summer Chapels to make a Sunday offering once during the summer for C. P. C." And I for my part, very much wish that not only the summer Chapels but that each one of our parishes in Maine may make one offering for C. P. C. before the year has passed.

Let us try a little harder for C. P. C., so important as a hand maiden of our beloved Church in bearing light and cheer to the lonely, the oppressed and the patient sufferers in the world today. And as we try, let us each and all offer up a prayer very often for the success of the work.

LEONORA B. WILLIAMS,  
*Correspondent.*

[This report from Christ Church, Gardiner, arrived too late to be read at the meeting, but is too good to lose altogether. The acting librarian reports: "We are sending a number of barrels of literature for distribution among the lumbermen in the fall and a like amount for distribution among the sailors in the spring. Some of our parishioners send periodicals regularly to isolated church people. We have eight travelling libraries kept in constant use at different centers. Literature for chaplains will be provided almost immediately.]

## *Report of the Society of Isolated Churchwomen*

*Madam President and Ladies —*

I have but little to report since last May. The usual number of letters have been written, and every one, I hope, received the Annual Report.

The United Offering was brought to the attention of all my correspondents, with very small results, I am sorry to say.

Various notices and leaflets were sent out, always with the hope that though "isolated," these churchwomen may feel that they are, one and all, members of one big family, of which our Lord Jesus Christ is the Head.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE H. RICHARDS,

*Correspondent.*

## **In Memoriam**

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**MISS E. H. SMITH,**  
Portland,  
Diocesan Treasurer, 1887-1906.

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**MRS. MABEL F. PLAISTED,**  
Bangor.

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**MRS. C. A. BAKER,**  
Portland.

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**MRS. M. S. SPRINGALL,**  
Dexter.

## *The Junior Department*

### *President's Address*

*Madam President and Ladies —*

At this annual meeting of the Churchwomen of Maine, the President of the Juniors, voicing the feelings of all the Junior officers, wishes once more to make a strong plea for the Children of the Church in this big diocese. The officers of the Junior Department are ready always to help and advise, but the real guiding of the little citizens must be from within the parishes and missions by the men and women of the Church. We deeply deplore today, the fact that our children are forgetting an obligation, a debt which years ago was assumed and which now in this wartime, no enthusiasm for help of the poor Serbians, Armenians and fatherless children of France, should allow our children to forget the little Chinese girl at St. Hilda's School, Wuchang. The Pauline Austin Osgood Memorial Scholarship cannot be paid this year, the little Chinese girl must suffer, unless our Church children, the Juniors of Maine are awakened sufficiently to pay their debt. Not even half enough money has been received to pay this year's fifty dollars for the Memorial Scholarship, begun with such loving interest only a few years ago. In two parishes where every child is

First, a Junior in the Church of God;  
Second, a S. S. or Church School scholar;  
Third, a Junior Red Cross worker;

the little Chinese girl is never forgotten and in addition, the Juniors of these parishes have adopted on the other side of the world, a fatherless child of France.

The Junior Department is losing from its staff of officers this year, a faithful servant who for many years has been of inestimable service in the work, Miss Caroline Burgess. We feel that she will continue her unfailing interest in the Juniors of Maine and that we may always call upon her for advice and help. We of the Fourth Army in this great and terrible war, with so much that is vital at stake, we workers, so far away from the real horror of war, must never forget that our children must be taught to bear their share of the burden of the hour.

Women of the Church in Maine, can we not today forget, wipe out, the old idea of a Junior Auxiliary,— a small band of girls in a parish working one hour a week for missions, in the splendid new vision of a Junior every day of the week, every hour of the day, working for Christ and His Kingdom?

FLORENCE W. R. NASH,  
*President.*

### *Secretary-Treasurer's Report*

The resources of all Junior Branches have been so heavily drawn on this year for Red Cross work, Armenian and Syrian relief and help for French orphans, that the Pauline Austin Osgood Memorial Scholarship lacks ten dollars of its pledge.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH W. JACKSON,  
*President.*

### *Treasurer's Report*

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Balance on hand, May 10, 1917,		\$15.92
To amounts received —		
Stationery,	8.50	
Biddeford,	2.00	
Bath,	1.30	
Gardiner,	5.00	
Fort Fairfield,	2.00	
Portland —		
St. Luke's,	0.31	
St. Paul's,	4.50	
Trinity,	6.00	
Presque Isle,	4.00	
Wiscasset,	13.00	
		\$80.23

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By amounts paid —		
Printing and stationery,	\$16.10	
Hymnals,	2.60	
Thrift Stamps,	5.00	
Postage,	1.00	
St. Augustine's School (Jubilee fund),	5.00	
Mr. George Gordon King, on acct. Pauline Austin		
Osgood Scholarship,	40.00	
United Offering,	9.81	
Cash on hand, May 15, 1918,	.72	
		\$80.23

*Report of the Junior Acting Educational Secretary  
for the year ending May 15, 1918*

Good reports of Junior Mission Study and reading, and of missionary instruction in Sunday Schools have been sent to me. I hope and believe that more and more attention is being paid to teaching the children of the Church in Maine their duty towards their neighbors all over the world. It is very necessary to know what one's neighbor needs, before real help can be given — hence, missionary instruction.

The Educational Secretary has given missionary talks, once a month, to the Cathedral Sunday School, and has spoken to the Girls' Friendly Society twice, and to Juniors at Woodfords.

Other reports have told of our royal welcome at Macwahoc, but a Junior report should never fail to speak of the wonderful zeal and activity of the girls of that wide-awake and most hospitable Mission.

I know of good work in many branches, but will at this time name only what may be called the Banner Branches, whose reports I give to show what can be done in Parish or Mission. May all be moved to follow their good examples.

Biddeford — "Mr. Wood told very interesting stories of the 'Children of Heathen Lands' during Lent to the Sunday School. They were both interesting and instructive.

The Juniors used the missionary game, — and before Lent was over, they knew many more things about the Bible than ever before. My Juniors worked splendidly this Lent, having 12 to 14 at every meeting."

Gardiner — "During the past year, Mission Study has been carried on systematically in our Church School, which constitutes our Junior Auxiliary. The work of the Church has been carefully studied in the following mission fields: Liberia, China, Japan, Alaska, among the Indians, among the Negroes, Southern Mountaineers, and the Greater Antilles, Brazil and Mexico. In addition to the distribution of literature, covering the subject for the following week, instruction was given by the use of stereopticon slides as furnished by the General Board of Missions. I feel it to be worthy of mention to say that one Sunday morning

in each month the Church School attends service in the Church in a body, there learning to take part in the worship of the Church and also to receive instruction bearing upon the Church's mission to the world. From every point of view, I feel that our work among the Juniors has been more profitable than in previous years."

Wiscasset — "Our Juniors in the Sunday School have instruction every Sunday and they are admonished to practice through each day of the week what they are taught on Sunday. They have adopted a French fatherless child and they feel very proud at helping educate a little Chinese girl at St. Hilda's, Wuchang, as well as being the means of a little French child staying at home with the mother. Every child in the Parish is a Junior and every child of school age a Red Cross worker. Nothing very definite about Study of *Missions*, but Missionary Study and work all the time."

God help us in these terrible days of war, not to neglect the duty to instruct the rising generation who must "Carry On" when peace shall be won.

CAROLINE HOWARD BURGESS,  
*Acting Junior Educational Secretary.*

## *Report of the Little Helpers*

At the last Annual Convention, Mrs. Johnson having resigned as Second Vice President in charge of the Little Helpers, I was elected to take her place. Miss Caroline Burgess, who had looked after the work when Mrs. Johnson left the diocese, sent me the red boxes and leaflets she had on hand, also a check for \$64.65. Later, Mrs. Payson sent me \$5.00, the money reserved for expenses by Mrs. Johnson and not used, making a total balance of \$69.65. Owing to the fact that these changes were made in the summer, no money was distributed at that time, which accounts for the large balance now on hand. Since St. Mark's Day, I have received from seven branches the contents of 76 boxes, \$39.31. The money disbursed since I took over this work is as follows:

First installment on pledge for Odate,	\$ 5.00
St. Agnes' School, Kyoto,	5.00
Stationery and postage,	3.00
Completed payment on pledge for Odate,	10.00
United Offering (5 cents from each box for two years),	7.60
House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner	5.00
Kindergarten, Akita, Japan,	5.00
Little Helpers cot, St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.,	5.00
Anniversary Fund, St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.,	5.00
Mission Font, Little Helpers' gift,	2.50
St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo (towards Bishop Brewster's pledge),	5.00
Reserved for expenses,	5.00
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Total disbursements,	\$63.10

The balance of \$45.86 is to be divided between General Missions and any other object the Woman's Auxiliary may decide upon.

CORA A. B. CORNING,  
*Vice President, in charge of Little Helpers.*



