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In Memoriam

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MRS. ROBERT COCHRAN	Bath
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MISS A. L. O'BRIEN	Rockland
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The Prayer for the Woman's Auxiliary

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless, we pray Thee, our work for the extension of Thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift to us of Thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labour diligently and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their Saviour and their King; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
MAINE BRANCH
OF THE
Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council

I

This organization shall be called the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

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 Thank Offering Treasurer, a Supply Department Secretary, and an Advisory Board 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 meeting.

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 1924-1925

PRESIDENT, MRS. HERBERT PAYSON, 71 Bowdoin St., *Portland*.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MISS MARGUERITE OGDEN, 53 Clifton St., *Woodfords Station, Portland*.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. FREDERICK E. DRAKE, 1002 Washington St., *Bath*.

RECORDING SECRETARY, MISS MARY B. CHADWELL, 99 High St., *Portland*.

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SUPPLY DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, MRS. E. E. HOLT, JR., 723 Congress St., *Portland*.

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MRS. CLARENCE H. CORNING, *Portland*.

MRS. CHAS. S. HICHBORN, 66 Winthrop St., *Augusta*.

MISS HARRIET S. MCCOBB, 180 Danforth St., *Portland*.

MRS. BENJAMIN BREWSTER, 143 State St., *Portland*.

MRS. WESTON LEWIS, *Gardiner*.

MISS MARY LOUISE ROWE, 57 Penobscot St., *Bangor*.

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JUNIOR AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT,

MRS. HENRY V. B. NASH, *Wiscasset*

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SECRETARY-TREASURER,

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MISS GRACE C. LAWRENCE, Mt. View Park, *South Portland*

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MRS. CHAS. F. JOHNSON, 77 Highland Ave., *Gardiner*

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MISS LEONORA B. WILLIAMS, 11 McKeen St., *Brunswick*

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Parish Branch Officers

ASHLAND — *Emmanuel* — Secretary, Mrs. Harry Dorman.

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— *St. Mark's* — President, Miss Nellie Moore, 21 Sewall St.; Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Brown, 43A Court St.

BANGOR — *St. John's* — President, Mrs. Percy R. Todd, Bangor House; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth L. Clark, 53 Broadway.

BAR HARBOR — *St. Saviour's* — President, Mrs. John K. Preble, Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Kavanagh.

BATH — *Grace* — President, Mrs. Frank A. Hodgdon, Woolwich, Secretary, Miss Emma B. Reed, 12 North St.

BIDDEFORD — *Christ* — President, Mrs. Eliza Scott, Orchard St.; Secretary, Mrs. Miriam Hartley, 53 Graham St.

BROWNVILLE JUNCTION — *St. John's* — President, Mrs. H. S. Dillon, Secretary, Mrs. George A. E. Howard.

BRUNSWICK — *St. Paul's* — Secretary, Miss L. B. Williams.

CALAIS — *St. Anne's* — President, Mrs. Agnes B. Randall, 84 South St., Secretary, Mrs. Harold DePue.

CAMDEN — *St. Thomas'* — President, Mrs. E. N. Duffy; Secretary, Mrs. George H. Talbot.

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DEXTER — *Church of the Messiah* — President, Mrs. Eugene Herrick, High St.; Secretary, Mrs. Forest Lincoln.

DRESDEN MILLS — *St. John's* — Secretary, Mrs. Luella E. Bickford.

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EXETER — *Holy Trinity* — President, Mrs. F. G. Prescott; Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Bragger.

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GARDINER — *Christ* — President, Mrs. Weston Lewis; Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Darling.

GUILFORD — President, Mrs. E. E. Ross.

HALLOWELL — *St. Matthews'* — President, Mrs. E. S. Currier, Chestnut St.; Secretary, Mrs. Chas. R. Getchell.

HOULTON — *Good Shepherd* — President —; Secretary, Mrs. George Wibberly, 3 Watson Ave.

HULL'S COVE — *Church of Our Father* — President, Miss Mary F. Brewer; Secretary, Miss Mary F. Brewer.

LEWISTON — *Trinity* — President, Miss M. E. Crockett, 83 Drummond St., Auburn; Secretary, Mrs. N. Barroughclough, 127 Horton St.

LISBON FALLS — *St. Matthew's* — President, Mrs. George Pratt; Secretary, Mrs. Chas. Dickinson, Pejepscot.

MACWAHOC — *All Saints* — President, Mrs. F. E. Ames; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Ames.

MILLINOCKET — *St. Andrew's* — President, Mrs. W. H. O'Connell; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Wood.

NEWCASTLE — *St. Andrew's* — President, Mrs. John M. Glidden, 174 Marlboro St., Boston, Mass.; Secretary, Miss Sophia M. Lee.

NORTH EAST HARBOR — *St. Mary's-by-the-Sea* — President, Mrs. Annie Hodgdon; Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Foster.

NORWAY — *Christ* — Mrs. F. J. Cook.

OLD ORCHARD — *St. John's-by-the-Sea* — Miss Sara A. Lyons.

OLD TOWN — *St. James'* — President, Mrs. B. F. Given, Perkins Ave.; Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Jordan, Jr., 75 South Brunswick St.

PORTRLAND — *Cathedral* — President, Mrs. Frederick F. Talbot, R. F. D. 4, Portland; Secretary, Miss Edith Trickey, 70 Thomas St.

St. Paul's — President, Mrs. Richard Fenton, 279 Congress St.; Secretary, Mrs. S. H. Ridley, 31 Oxford St.

St. Stephen's — Secretary, Miss Edith Anderson, 5 Bramhall St.

St. Peter's — President, Mrs. Merton F. Rolfe, 301 Allen Ave., Woodfords; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Norton, 667 Ocean Ave., Woodfords.

Trinity — President, Mrs. E. A. Pressey, 119 Coyle St., Woodfords; Secretary, Mrs. M. W. Grey, 55 Clifton St.

SOUTH PORTLAND — *St. Alban's* — President, Mrs. George G. Hay, Mt. View Park; Secretary, Miss Mildred Curtis, 578 Preble St.

PRESQUE ISLE — *St. John's* — President, Mrs. Joseph Prescott; Secretary, Miss M. A. Hayward.

RANGELEY — *The Good Shepherd* — President, Mrs. Helen Stewart; Secretary, Mrs. Anna Lamb, P. O. Box 223.

RICHMOND — *St. Matthias'* — Miss Jane I. Harward.

ROCKLAND — *St. Peter's* — Mrs. J. B. Pitcher; Secretary, Miss Mary Dinsmore, 10 Kelley Lane.

RUMFORD — *St. Barnabas'* — Mrs. Wm. Lee, 513 Waldo St.

SACO — *Trinity* — President, Mrs. Frederick Moody, 185 Pleasant St.; Secretary, Mrs. P. S. Towle, 51 Green St.

SANFORD — *St. George's* — President, Mrs. John Woodhead; Secretary, Mrs. Frances Benn.

SEAL COVE — *St. Andrew's* — Mrs. Sylvia Harper.

THOMASTON — *St. John Baptist* — President, Mrs. J. B. Pitcher; Secretary, Mrs. J. Pillsbury.

WATERVILLE — *St. Mark's* — President, Mrs. Chas. S. Eaton, The Melcher; Secretary, Mrs. George H. Marr, 94 Silver St.

WISCASSET — *St. Philip's* — President, Mrs. H. v. B. Nash; Secretary, Mrs. F. J. McTeer.

Minutes of the Meeting

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Portland, May 22, 1924. The Corporate Communion was made at 7.45 in the Cathedral, the Bishop the Celebrant, assisted by Dean Laine. Breakfast was served in the Parish House by the branches of St. Stephen's and Trinity. The business meeting opened at 9.30, the president in the chair. After her cordial greeting and comment on the increased attendance, the roll was called, and 71 delegates responded from the following 31 branches: Auburn; Augusta; Bangor; Bar Harbor; Bath; Biddeford; Brownville Junction; Brunswick; Camden; Caribou; Fort Fairfield; Gardiner; Hallowell; Lewiston; Lisbon Falls; Newcastle; Old Town; Portland, Cathedral, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, St. Peter's, Trinity; South Portland; Presque Isle; Rockland; Saco; Sanford; Thomaston; Waterville; Wiscasset; 43 visitors and 20 officers were present. The names of those who had departed during the year were read with the Collect for All Saints' Day, and special tribute was given to Mrs. Blackington and Mrs. Bradbury as those who had served the longest. It was voted to omit the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and the report of the February meeting and to accept them as printed. The annual reports of recording secretary supply secretary, corresponding secretary, educational secretary, secretary for altar society and the correspondent for Isolated Church-women were read and accepted. The treasurer's report for 1923 was read and accepted. She also reported receipts and disbursements since January, 1924, which will be acted upon at the next annual meeting with the rest of the report. Miss Denton gracefully acknowledged the gift for her work in Japan. The President read her address. The names of the nominating committee were read as follows: Mrs. D. W. Adams, Augusta; Mrs. Frederick Talbot, Portland; Mrs. J. B. Pitcher, Rockland; Mrs. P. S. Towle, Saco, and the report was called for later. The treasurer of the United Thank Offering reported from January 1st to December 31st, 1923, and this report was accepted. After this she read receipts from January 1st to May 22nd, 1924. The Pres-

ident asked how many branches have a treasurer for the United Thank Offering and 20 branches responded. It is estimated that there are 895 members of the Auxiliary in the diocese. The diocesan chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary Specials, Mrs. Charles Cahill, reported \$285.85 paid by 28 branches. The Provincial chairman, Mrs. H. L. Berry reported \$48,956 contributed in cash and pledges. All pledges must be paid before building can begin. The chairman of the Anna B. Ogden Memorial, Mrs. H. v. B. Nash, reported for that work, and the treasurer reported \$573.86 on hand. The President referred to our two diocesan obligations, The House of the Good Shepherd and the Church Mission of Help. Pledge cards bearing the names of these two institutions were given to all the branches. Sister Margaret Mary thanked the parishes for their work for the children, and begged all to remember that the House of the Good Shepherd belongs to the *whole Diocese*. Dean Laine said noon-day prayers and then presented Bishop Hulse of Cuba, who gave some aspects of his mission work in his Island diocese. Pledges for general expenses and Scholarship were given. Nominating committee returned all names except Miss G. A. Hobart who has moved away. Mrs. Mortimer L. Harris of Portland was named in her place. Mrs. Herbert Payson of Portland and Mrs. H. v. B. Nash of Wiscasset were named for Diocesan Council for two years. The report was accepted and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot. The President declared the officers elected. Miss Denton spoke of her work with College Students in Maine. The President called attention to the octave of Prayer for Christian Unity as observed by World Conference on Faith and Order. The date is June 1-8, 1924.

The women of the Cathedral served lunch at one o'clock, and the meeting was called at two. The President presented Mrs. Edgar A. Fisher of Western Massachusetts who led a Conference, topic "Co-operation as a Means of Grace." Additional pledges were made for Scholarship for Concord Conference, and it was voted to take from the treasurer the balance of fifty dollars. In place of making a pledge at this meeting for Japan Reconstruction, each parish branch was asked to place in offering Sunday, May 25th, a contribution marked for that purpose.

The President of the Juniors read her address. The report of the Junior work was read by the Secretary-Treasurer, the report of the Church Periodical Club was read by the correspondent, that of the Girls' Friendly Society by the President and that of the Church Mission of Help by the President. Rev. A. T. Stray told of the purpose of St. Barnabas's Guild and its work in Auburn. A rising vote of thanks was given to all the parishes who assisted in the entertainment. As the Bishop could not be present the President closed the meeting with prayer.

MARY B. CHADWELL, *Recording Secretary.*

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Since the last annual meeting there have been sent out 279 notices of meetings, 97 Epiphany letters, 59 programs, 68 post cards, 38 letters. Owing to the absence of the Corresponding Secretary during the winter, the work has fallen on the shoulders of the ever-willing Recording Secretary and more than half the year's work has been done by her, in addition to her own.

EDITH ANDERSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report of Recording Secretary

Madam President and Ladies —

The report of the Maine branch for the year 1923-1924 opens with the quarterly meeting at Rockland, September 24-25, 1923. The Corporate Communion was made at 7.30 a. m., Tuesday, Bishop Brewster the celebrant assisted by the rector, Rev. J. B. Pitcher. The business meeting was at 9.30, the President in the chair. 35 delegates represented 17 branches. 13 officers and 5 visitors were present. Rev. R. W. Andrews of Japan, spoke on conditions there since the earthquake and the Rev. F. I. Paradise on Relation of the Woman's Auxiliary to the World.

The February meeting was held in Sanford, February 11-12, 1924. The corporate communion was made in St. George's Church, the Bishop the celebrant, assisted by the rector, Rev. C. E. O. Nichols. The Bishop conducted the "Quiet Hour." The business meeting followed, the President in the chair, 24 delegates from 10 branches and 4 officers were present. The special speakers were Rev. E. C. McAllister, Mrs. A. S. Phelps, Chairman of the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, and Miss Grace Denton of Maine, who was on furlough from Fukui, Japan.

Grateful acknowledgment is given Miss Lydia Beck of Portland for her assistance in typing lists.

MARY B. CHADWELL, *Recording Secretary.*

Report of Supply Department Secretary

Madam President and Ladies —

Records for the past year show that the gifts sent through the Supply Department amounted to \$2,249.16. This figure does not mean merely so many dollars. It represents thoughtful planning and interest of every contributing parish. The hearty co-operation and generous response give a stimulus for renewed effort to continue this work. I am pleased to submit the following report:

No. of Boxes	ADVENT			LENT			Specials, Japan Disaster & Christmas Boxes	\$12.60 68.00 75.50 244.18 217.34 24.11 21.12 71.00 136.60 67.00 10.00 18.00 No value received
	Missionary in Montoe, N. C.	Missionary in Lexington, Ky.	Missionary in Pine Ridge, S. D.	Missionary in Portsmouth, Va.	St. Michael's Mission, Ethete, Wyoming	House of the Good Shepherd		
Auburn, St. Michael's,	1							
Augusta, St. Mark's,	3	\$ 2.00						
Bangor, St. John's,	3	48.00	\$ 3.00					
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	3		45.00					
Bath, Grace,	6	41.35	10.00					
Biddeford, Christ,	2		10.00					
Brownville Junct., St. John's,	2		10.00					
Brunswick, St. Paul's,	3		5.00					
Calais, St. Anne's,	3	5.00						
Camden, St. Thomas',	2							
Caribou, St. Luke's,	1							
Dexter, Church of Messiah,	1							
Eastport, Christ,	1							

Exeter, Holy Trinity,	I					8.00					8.00
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	2	10.00				25.00					35.00
Gardiner, Christ,	5			\$25.00		23.70	56.95	20.90	10.00		136.55
Hallowell, St. Matthew's,	2	3.00				10.00					13.00
Houlton, Good Shepherd,	I					18.09					18.09
Hull's Cove, Ch. of Our Father,	2	8.00					No val. rec'd				8.00
Lewiston, Trinity,	I						64.65				64.65
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	2			8.65	12.00						20.65
Macwahoc, All Saints',	2	2.00				3.30					5.30
Newcastle and Damariscotta,											
St. Andrew's,	2			42.00			19.00				61.00
North East Harbor,											
St. Mary's-by-the-Sea,	2		10.00				40.00				50.00
Old Town, St. James',	I					5.00					5.00
Portland, Cathedral,	4	115.50			20.00	275.15			10.00		420.65
St. Paul's,	I					5.00					5.00
St. Peter's,	3					5.00	4.00	35.00			44.00
St. Stephen's,	5	9.00				5.00	25.00	25.00		7.50	71.50
Trinity,	3	4.00	4.00				27.58				35.58
South Portland,											
St. Alban's Mission,	I					26.33					26.33
Presque Isle, St. John's,	2			10.00		9.41					19.41
Rockland, St. Peter's,	2	25.00				7.50					32.50
Saco, Trinity,	I						44.00				44.00
Sanford, St. George's,	I						30.00				30.00
Thomaston, St. John Baptist,	2		5.00				10.50				15.50
Waterville, St. Mark's,	5			1.00	4.00	23.00	18.00		12.00		58.00
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	2					5.00	16.00				21.00
Woodland, St. Luke's,	I							35.00			35.00
	87	\$272.85	\$92.00	\$36.00	\$139.65	\$863.31	\$668.60	\$92.25	\$84.50	\$2,249.16	

ADELAIDE M. HOLT, Supply Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

From Jan. 1, 1923 to Dec. 31, 1923

Collection at Bath, February 6,	\$ 21.38
Collection at Portland, May 16,	77.48
Collection at Rockland, September 25,	40.25
Auburn,	7.00
Augusta,	18.00
Bangor,	49.00
Bar Harbor,	25.00
Bath,	34.70
Biddeford,	6.00
Brownville Junction,	41.72
Brunswick,	21.00
Calais,	6.00
Camden,	10.00
Fort Fairfield,	15.00
Gardiner,	125.00
Hallowell,	3.00
Houlton,	10.00
Hull's Cove,	4.00
Lewiston,	8.00
Lisbon Falls,	8.00
Millinocket,	1.00
Northeast Harbor,	10.00
Norway,	1.00
Old Orchard,	2.00
Old Town,	18.00
Portland Cathedral,	121.55
" St. Paul's,	17.00
" St. Stephen's,	33.00
" St. Peter's,	10.75
" Trinity,	23.00
" St. Alban's,	7.00
Presque Isle,	10.00
Rangeley,	6.34
Rockland,	20.00
Saco,	9.00
Sanford,	11.00
Waterville,	9.00
Wiscasset,	28.00
Yarmouth,	3.00
Refund from Concord Conference, 1922,	50.00

Refund from Concord Conference, 1923,	27.00
Interest on bonds for Scholarship, Estate of Alida C. Brown and invested funds,	74.20
Exchange on bond, Estate Alida C. Brown,	95.00
Individual Contribution for Scholarship,	20.00
Individual Contribution for St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.,	50.00
Special for Bishop Rowe Fund Collection at Bath,	14.00
Individual Contribution for Bishop Over's work, Liberia,	5.00
Individual Contributions for Wellesley Conference,	35.59
Accrued Interest, 1923,	6.47
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	\$1,248.43
Balance on hand, January 1, 1923,	470.56
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	\$1,718.99

DISBURSEMENTS
From Jan. 1, 1923 to Dec. 31, 1923

Travelling expenses of speakers,	\$ 87.16
Postage and stationery,	59.36
Freight and trucking,	24.16
Printing annual report,	98.00
Expenses, delegate to Concord Conference,	40.00
Expenses, delegate to Wellesley Conference,	50.00
For Bishop Rowe Foundation,	39.00
For Japanese Relief Fund,	50.00
For Woodland automobile,	122.00
Expenses, General Executive Board, 1923,	10.00
Expenses, Provincial Meetings, 1922 and 1923,	20.00
Invested for Scholarship,	300.00
Scholarship for Clergyman's daughter, one-half year,	150.00
For St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.,	50.00
For Bishop Over's work, Liberia,	5.00
For Bishop Hulse's work, Cuba, Epiphany offering,	72.34
Special for Bishop of Alaska,	60.00
Special for St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.,	40.00
For Diocesan Missions,	35.00
For salary of teacher at Masardis,	30.00
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	\$1,342.02
Cash on hand, December 31,	376.97
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	\$1,718.99

President's Address

It is the custom for me to give at the Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary a brief summary of parishes visited and meetings attended during the twelve months interval from May to May. Our books have been changed in accordance with the method prevailing in many other dioceses and in the National Council, to correspond with the fiscal year, reading from January to January, but it seems clearer and better for the report of your President to cover the period between the Annual Meetings. I hope that through the summer months none of us forget that we are Auxiliary women pledged to the service of God and His church and that with such relaxation and recreation as may be vouchsafed to us, and by unceasing prayer, we may be strengthening and preparing ourselves for the more definite work which begins for us in Maine in the early fall.

Our first Quarterly Meeting this past year was held in Rockland, September 24th and 25th. It took courage on the part of that small parish to entertain us, and at rather short notice, but I feel confident that they do not regret it. Plans were well carried out, all provision made for the comfort of officers and delegates, and a most hearty welcome extended to us. Maine weather was at its best.

Other reports have given, or will give, details of work then undertaken, of pledges made to carry on the work, and of the successful completion of much of it. It is only for me to record appreciation of the way in which the women of the Diocese are co-operating in every effort made to enlarge the scope of their activities in order to keep pace with an ever increasing vision of the needs of the world, and of the necessity of the knowledge of the love of Christ as a means towards an ultimate solution of the problems and perplexities which surround us.

My next trip was to Burlington, Vt., for the Provincial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on October 3rd. Last year at Concord, N. H., Maine had seven delegates, but this year only four? As representative for the Province of New England on the National Executive Board of the W. A., I was asked to give a résumé

of the deliberations, discussions and accomplishments, of that Board and did so, under the title: "A year with the Executive Board."

The Meeting of the Synod of the Province was held in Portland, October 23rd and 24th and the Church Service League of the Province met at the same time.

In Burlington the Woman's Auxiliary passed a resolution to be presented to the Synod relative to the meetings of various women's organizations within the Province, to prevent overlapping or duplication of time and effort. The Church Service League passed a similar resolution in Portland which the Synod voted to accept.

On November 3rd, I had a delightful day in Presque Isle, meeting many of the women of the parish at the home of one of the members in the afternoon. They had asked that I explain, in detail, the plans and methods of the Woman's Auxiliary and I tried to do so, showing the relation of parish to diocese, diocese to nation, and nation to the world. The rector was most cordial and helpful in asking questions and promoting interest and enthusiasm. In the morning he had taken me over the hospital and given me the privilege of talking with some of the nurses. Due to his interest and counsel there is a possibility that we may have a graduate from that hospital as a nurse in the mission field. Two missionaries from Aroostook County! Would not that be wonderful? The following day, Sunday, I was able to be at the morning service and Celebration of the Holy Communion in Presque Isle and in the afternoon was driven over to Caribou. There were but few there, and the knowledge of the Church at Work was not very great among those present, but they seemed glad to have had me come and I am hoping to welcome today delegates from an organized branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in Caribou. It would seem that Miss Denton's coming home into their midst with her faith, her vision, and her record of splendid work done, must fill them with a desire to lend their aid to the furtherance of God's purpose for His children. I look forward to the pleasure of visiting again the lovely household whose members gave me so warm a greeting and such friendly welcome.

On November 6th I was asked to speak to the Diocesan meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society at this Cathedral Hall on "Mis-

sions." It was a large order and a lengthy address but the girls stood it well, listened attentively and intelligently. I was glad to do it. St. Peter's Branch, Portland, asked me to the house of its president, December 5th, for an afternoon meeting which was wholly informal, and devoted largely to the Specials and Supply Allotments, followed by general discussion and delicious refreshments.

On October 19th the 1st Vice-President, Recording Secretary and myself motored to Bath for a farewell luncheon given by the Branch of Grace Church to their former President and several members who were leaving the parish. Little tables, each with a lovely rose or roses were set about the Guild room and the brief addresses of your officers came as "after dinner speeches" dealing with the different phases of work of the Woman's Auxiliary. For the winter Quarterly Meeting we went to Sanford, February 11th and 12th. The air was cold and crisp, the snow white and glistening. Again we must commend a small branch for its effort and its hospitality and particularly do we want to note that those members of the parish who served the lunch to us, afterwards hurried through their own and made way with the dishes in some fashion so that they soon joined us for Mrs. Phelps' and Miss Denton's addresses. The day after our return from Sanford, Mrs. Phelps spoke at my own house at a Drawing Room Meeting arranged for her and I wished that more from the Northern and Eastern parts of the Diocese could have heard her. As you review the years you will realize that many of the Secretaries from the Church Missions House, both men and women well known in the church have come to speak to us in Maine, as well as actual Missionaries from the Field, and Miss Ogden is beginning to feel that it is high time to develop the talents and material within our own borders.

The day set apart for United Prayer for Missions was March 7th, the first Friday in Lent. The Interdenominational Meeting was held in Portland at the Chestnut Street Church and I think there were representatives there from four or five parishes. The programme was well thought out, and was divided into five parts. The last division was given to me as President of the Woman's Auxiliary and was a summing up of the general topic — The Power of the Holy Spirit. This seems an important step in our

understanding of one another, and in bringing us into a closer bond of fellowship. I was very sorry to be unable to accept the invitation to go to Calais for their Interdenominational Missionary Meetings on April 25th.

I have been at all four meetings of the Executive Board in New York, although called home by illness before the close of the February one. Among the many topics for discussion and settlement have been the appointment of Missionaries under the United Thank Offering; the editing and publication of 900 copies of the Survey of Women's Work; the progress of the Woman's Auxiliary Specials; the needs in the Mission Field — both domestic and foreign; the publication of Miss Thomes' book on the life and work of Miss Julia C. Emery; the disbursement of the Emery Fund; and the overwhelming disaster in Japan. The Church at large rallied in a wonderful way to the raising of the Emergency Fund for that stricken nation and we are now asked "To rise up and build." The windows of the Book-store under the Church Mission House are ablaze with the vivid posters done by the Japanese themselves and there are always crowds standing before them. With the posters are photographs of the ruins of our schools and churches; pictures of the tents on the site of St. Luke's Hospital where babies were born, wounded cared for, and sufferers nursed and relieved. On the floor of the window stands the model of the new St. Luke's International Hospital whose foundations were already laid, simple, dignified, compelling. How many of you have seen the last *Spirit of Missions* and not been thrilled by the pictures and the accounts of the needed reconstruction? Let us indeed "Rise up and build."

Last year I asked those of you who lived in college towns to ascertain what foreigners were registered as students, and to try to have them invited into homes, your homes or those of your friends during the holidays. It was suggested at the last meeting of our Maine Executive Board, that we should try to find out if there were foreigners in our midst whom we could invite to join us in our parochial activities or in our Woman's Auxiliary supply work; perhaps form an evening guild for them if nothing else seems feasible.

We have missed Miss Lindley from the Church Missions House

but we have tried to follow her in the various stages of her trip around the world. The accounts of her trip printed in the *Spirit of Missions* are interesting, but her letters to the Board are beautiful, and she asks for all our prayers that she may be guided aright in all that she says and does, as a representative of the great body of women striving to "perceive and know what things they ought to do" and praying for grace "faithfully to perform the same."

I cannot close this record without speaking once more of the reports of the Secretaries of their work in various parts of the country in their different fields of service. One must be encouraged at the increase in size and numbers of study classes; at the enthusiasm of groups of young people forming into Fellowships; at the development and growth of the box work; at the more intelligent appreciation of what it means to be a member of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council in all its departments.

At a recent Executive Board meeting in New York, I spoke to a member representing a far western diocese — of what a wonderful experience these meetings were to me, of the sense of bigness and corporateness with which they inspired me and of the longing that I might be less inadequate in my attempts to bring the results and the lessons of the Board home to my Province. She replied to the effect that we could not hope to give others what we had realized only by actual contact ourselves, but she said that whenever she returned from one of the Board Meetings she tried to present to her own branches a definite account of the main things which she had heard or learned and that there was evident an increasing desire for knowledge and understanding of the work of the whole church with the added desire to have a part in it. Is it so with us, I wonder?

There have been issued by the Publication Committee of the National Board of which Mrs. Kingman Robins of Rochester, N. Y. is chairman, two new leaflets; one on the Specials and one on the devotional aspect of meetings. The latter is suggestive and helpful and I hope the leaders in all branches will secure one as soon as printed. I have sent out the usual Epiphany letter, and one relative to the Day of United Prayer and in addition a circular letter to the Diocesan President of every diocese where there is a branch of the Church Mission of Help, but of that I will

speak when we come to the discussion of our topics.

A record of the past serves in some measure as a forecast of the future; a recital of things begun should lead to efforts for their completion; an account of work completed opens the door of opportunity for building upon a firm foundation those things which we now undertake. During the past years we have considered some special word as a stone in the structure which we are building to the glory of God. The foundations are *faith, prayer and love*. *Knowledge* and *service* with *thanksgiving* have been added and last year we considered *loyalty* in the fulness of its meaning. Today I want to emphasize *sympathy*.

There are few of us indeed who do not respond to sudden or great sorrow either of friends or of those even unknown to us. We also feel a sense of happiness in the great and startling joys of others, but the sympathy I mean is an appreciative understanding of the minor worries or anxieties of our daily duties, a corresponding response to the failures and successes of those around us. As some one put it — the vibration of ourselves — the tuning of our very being to the vibrations of others. Let us pray for the qualities represented by these words and make the opening words of the Epistle which we heard this morning the closing thought of this address. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights."

SALLY CARROLL PAYSON, *President.*

Report of Mission Study

In September I sent letters to each branch of the Woman's Auxiliary suggesting that part of the year be given to the study of the "Program of the Church," supplemented by "The World, My Neighbor," and the other part of the year be given to the study of Japan, using as a textbook Galen M. Fisher's "Creative Forces in Japan." Since we cannot expect to do everything at once, in most parishes only one of the subjects could be studied this year. Each year let us hope there may be steady if slow progress in our desire and effort to learn of the whole mission of the Church. In reply to my letters sent to the 48 branches I had 16 answers telling of plans for Mission study and of their particular problems. Curiously enough the replies were the same in number last year. In February I sent programs of the Cathedral Mission Study Class, with other literature, to all the branches except those in Portland, hoping thus to keep the Branches in touch with work being done elsewhere, and also to try to stimulate interest. In May I sent post cards to 46 Branches asking for reports and received replies from 36 of these; 26 devoted part of the year to Mission Study; 10 reported no Mission Study; 12 have not reported at all. Of the 36 branches reporting 18 studied "Creative Forces of Japan"; 6 of the 18 also studied "The Story of the Program"; 2 studied "The Program Presented"; and 6 had miscellaneous study. The report is a bit disappointing, not as good as that of last year; we must, however, take courage and hope for greater interest another year. Several parishes were very fortunate to have our own Miss Denton of Caribou, Maine, speak to them of her work in Japan. In Portland representatives from the different parishes of the city united in a Normal class and studied "Creative Forces in Japan." There were six sessions on Friday afternoons beginning January 18th, under the leadership of several women. Last June one woman went from Maine to the Conference for Church Work at Concord, N. H. Three people went to the Conference at Wellesley. We are greatly honored to have two of our members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Maine teach at these Conferences, Mrs. Harold Lee Berry at Concord and Miss Mar-

guerite Ogden at Princeton, N. J. This year special effort is made to have more of our Church people avail themselves of the opportunities so near at hand for spiritual refreshment, and for training for more intelligent usefulness in the Church. For the Conference at Concord two scholarships are offered in the Diocese, one for a boy, and one for a girl, for at all of these Conferences the men go as well as the women. I know of several parishes who are sending one or two to the Concord Conference which has special training for our younger members of the Church. That is the special appeal of these Conferences, and should be the special hope of all eager Church men and women — to be able to give to the Church an intelligent knowledge, intelligent loyalty, and intelligent service, with an increasing sense of responsibility to become true citizens of the Church.

EDITH LANSING KOON SILLS,
Educational Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of United Thank-Offering

Jan. 1, 1923 to Dec. 31, 1923

Augusta, St. Mark's,	\$ 96.15
Bangor, St. John's,	69.33
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's,	21.26
Bath, Grace,	68.37
Brownville Junction (Dennistown, Milo, Greenville),	51.68
Calais, St. Anne's,	10.25
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's,	15.51
Gardiner, Christ, (\$1.10 Spirit of Missions),	60.11
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's,	15.00
Macwahoc, All Saints',	3.18
Newcastle and Damariscotta, St. Andrew's,	39.25
Portland, St. Luke's,	86.93
St. Paul's,	28.21
St. Stephen's,	114.00
St. Peter's,	50.93
Trinity,	33.25
South Portland, St. Alban's,	7.00
Presque Isle, St. John's,	18.50
Rangeley,	5.00
Saco, Trinity,	4.00
Waterville, St. Mark's, (\$1.00 Spirit of Missions),	51.66
Wiscasset, St. Philip's,	56.67
Woodland, St. Luke's Mission,	3.74
Little Helpers,	8.00
Central Maine Mission,	2.12
Interest,	5.59
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	\$925.69
Amount, December 31st, 1922,	65.00
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Total amount, December 31st, 1923,	\$990.69

ELLEN LUCAS, *Treasurer, United Thank Offering.*

Report of Altar Society

Our work began as usual in October, but we have been delayed on account of the illness of one of our members, the prolonged absence from town of four members, and the removal from this city of one, so our work has been late in completing, and the money for our orders has not come in. We have presented as gifts a white burse and veil to St. Peter's, East Deering, in time for Christmas; a white stole in time for Easter to St. Andrew's, Millinocket; a green and also purple stole are now being finished for them. A blue and white silk chasuble was given to St. Alban's, South Portland, for the Feast of the Annunciation, to complete a set already given there. To order we have made a white stole for St. Mary the Virgin, Falmouth, and a white stole ordered by an individual; a green burse and veil for St. Matthew's, Hallowell, and a white stole and maniple for Christ Church, Biddeford.

GRACE C. LAWRENCE, *Secretary.*

SILK DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand, May, 1923,	\$ 40.33
Amounts received,	3.39
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	\$ 43.72
Expenditures,	\$36.60
Cash on hand, May, 1924,	7.12
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	\$ 43.72

GRACE C. LAWRENCE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF LINEN DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand, May, 1923,	\$.67
Received from Mrs. Atwood, Seal Harbor,	6.00
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Paid out for linen and postage,	\$ 6.67

Eight stole collars were sent to Miss Merrill to be sent out where needed. Two Fair Linen Cloths, one Corporal and one Pall were sent to Seal Harbor. Patterns were sent to Bangor, and to Woodland, Washington County.

GEORGIANA M. JOHNSON,
In charge of Linen Department.

Report of the Society of Isolated Churchwomen

For the last three years the annual report of this department has showed a large and steady reduction in the number of names on its list — to which, it might be mentioned, no new names have been added for two years past.

This condition has been due to the fact that a large proportion were indeed names only, never correspondents, and as the years passed and repeated attempts never elicited replies, such names were gradually removed from the lists, it being evident that correspondence was not desired, or else the letters sent were never received.

Last year thirty-two names were reported on the list, of whom twenty-six were heard from through thirty letters. This year thirty letters have been received from twenty-two people and I have lately had the pleasure of coming into personal touch with one of our members; two others were interested (though unable to give much help) in the knitting for one of the Lenten boxes; another year may find a gain in this direction.

Eighty letters and cards have been written and fifty-seven packages of magazines, books, folders, etc., have been sent by your correspondent to eighteen different persons, these including several monthly magazines and nine books.

Two of our members have died during the past year; the names of two who have never been heard from have been removed from the lists; and six others have not written since last May.

Is there any way in which our isolated Church members could come into personal touch with the Church, if only once in a year? As the Quarterly Meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary occur in different parts of the Diocese, might it be possible that one or another of our not too-distant Isolated Churchwomen could be reached in some way?

What joy it might bring to some of them if such a thing might be!

ANNIE C. CHILD.

Junior Auxiliary

The President's Address

Madam President and Ladies —

As Chairman of the Church School Service League in this Diocese which includes as units the Church School Junior Auxiliary and all other organizations for the young, I wish to make a strong plea for a unit in every parish and mission. This can be done quite easily and the result in each case will, I'm sure, repay three-fold any exertion on the part of those who will interest themselves in the work. It can be started with the Church School alone, the children during the year doing some work in the Five Fields of Service. This Diocese has planned for work in each season, plans which should interest the children and emphasize the Church Year. If a parish in addition to the Church School, has a Junior Auxiliary, this can do its share and any organization of children or young people in the Church, can help in the work for the Five Fields of Service. The National Church has planned the Church School Service League and asks that every Diocese shall do its part in the work. This Diocese organized the Church School Service League last autumn and the Bishop has expressed his desire more than once, that there shall be a unit in every parish and mission. Let us try this next year to do our part in helping to accomplish this. It will take some time, it will necessitate some work but is it not worth all that we can do to have our own Diocese take its part in training its children to become loyal, active laymen and women in the not-distant Future? Just now we should all interest ourselves in the Birthday Thank Offering to be given on Whitsunday, June 8th. If every parish and mission would prepare its boys and girls to give a Birthday Thank Offering on this day, it would make a good beginning for a real Church School Service League in Maine. Remember, every child in the Diocese, every teacher and officer in the Church Schools, to give in coins the number of their years as a Thank Offering on Whitsunday, to be used in 1925 for Bishop Over's work in Liberia, to build and endow a boy's school. This will make it possible for

Bishop Overs to give to thirty-five boys in the Bassa Forests, a chance to know the joy of the Christian life. Why not look forward to a new year for the Church children of Maine? Each parish with a unit of the Church School Service League, doing its share of work in the Five Fields of Service and reporting promptly at the end of the year, work accomplished, so that the National Church may feel that this Diocese is doing its part loyally in preparing the way for the Church of the Future.

FLORENCE W. R. NASH, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

May 17th, 1923 to May 21st, 1924

Balance on hand, May 17th, 1923,	\$ 35.32
Bar Harbor,	5.00
Bath,	10.00
Biddeford,	2.00
Caribou,	1.50
Camden,	4.00
Gardiner,	3.30
Hallowell,	1.00
Falmouth,	5.00
Newcastle,	1.00
Portland, St. Peter's,	5.00
St. Paul's,	5.50
Trinity,	6.00
Cathedral,	7.00
Rangeley,	3.60
Saco,	1.00
Sanford,	5.00
Waterville,	2.00
Wiscasset,	10.00
Little Helpers' Offering,	66.92
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Birthday Thank Offering, 1923.	\$180.14

Bar Harbor,	\$ 8.39
Brownville Junction,	1.79
Bath,	5.00
Bangor,	1.73
Brunswick,	2.26

Calais,	3.75
Camden,	2.00
Falmouth,	1.25
Presque Isle,	2.00
Portland, St. Alban's,	5.61
Trinity,	11.63
Cathedral,	12.39
Wiscasset,	26.00
	83.80
Interest credited on Birthday Thank Offering,	2.74
Total, Birthday Thank Offering,	\$86.54
Total Receipts,	\$266.68

DISBURSEMENTS

For St. Hilda's Memorial Tablet,	\$ 36.20
Little Helper's Offering, 1923,	66.92
Pauline Austin Osgood Memorial Scholarship, 1924,	50.00
United Thank Offering,	1.00
Rev. Hunter Lewis, New Mexico,	1.00
House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner,	5.00
Printing,	8.55
Birthday Thank Offering, 1923, in bank,	83.80
Interest credited on same,	2.74
Cash on hand, May 21st, 1924,	11.47
Total,	\$266.68

ELIZABETH W. JACKSON,
Treasurer, *Church School Service League.*

Secretary's Report

Report blanks sent out in March were only in a few cases filled out and returned so that a true report of the work of the boys and girls of this Diocese cannot be given. If a report of all the work in the Five Fields could be given, it would be most interesting. The Advent Offering for the Bishop Codman Memorial Church amounted to \$166.10, twenty-four Church Schools contributing and one individual. The Christmas Box work has increased from 5,000 children receiving gifts two years ago to 52,000 this last year. Maine's quota was for 200 children, a joyful and a useful gift for each. These gifts were supplied by Bath, Brunswick, Bar Harbor, Gardiner, St. Luke's, Portland, and Wiscasset. Trinity, Portland, sent a box to the Philippines and Augusta a box to one of the Maine Missions, Masardis.

Mrs. Widgery Thomas of Portland will be the Box Secretary for the coming year and I ask the same kind consideration for her that has always been shown me.

ELIZABETH W. JACKSON,
Secretary, C. S. S. L.

Report of Little Helpers

The Little Helpers work has gone on about as usual during the past year. I wish I could report the unusual, which would mean the formation of new branches and increased interest in the old. Early in the winter, I sent leaflets describing the work to the rector of every parish and mission. These leaflets gave information as to how to start a Little Helpers' branch, and advice to parents showing the value of enrolling the baby at Baptism as a Little Helper. The results hoped for have not materialized. It has been suggested that the date for collection of the boxes be changed from St. Mark's Day to Holy Innocents' Day, December 28th.

RECEIPTS, 1923-24

Cathedral, Portland,	\$ 2.70
Trinity, Portland,	3.11
St. Paul's, Portland,	18.37
Mrs. Harris, Yarmouth,	5.25
St. James', Old Town,	.75
St. Philip's, Wiscasset,	10.40
Grace, Bath,	6.75
Christ, Gardiner,	13.24
St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor,	2.13
St. John's, Bangor,	6.49
St. Anne's, Calais,	4.00
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Total,	\$ 73.19

DISTRIBUTION, 1924

United Thank Offering,	\$ 6.60
House of the Good Shepherd,	5.00
School, Mayaguez, Porto Rico,	5.00
House of the Holy Child, Manila,	5.00
Japanese Kindergarten,	20.00
Font in Mission Field,	2.50
Little Helpers' cot, St. Agnes' Hospital, Raleigh,	5.00
Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship,	5.00
General Missions,	19.09
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	\$ 73.19

CORA A. B. CORNING, *Secretary-Treasurer*, Little Helpers.

Church Service League

Chairman, Mrs. FREDERICK E. DRAKE, Bath, Maine.

Secretary, Mrs. HAROLD LEE BERRY, 97 State St., Portland, Maine.

The following are condensed reports of the

Girls' Friendly Society

Church Periodical Club

Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses

Church Mission of Help

Girl's Friendly Society

The Girls' Friendly Society of America in Maine reports progress especially in the work among candidates. The branch in St. Peter's, Portland, is doing fine work and growing rapidly. There are more than 450 members in nine branches, 8 have been confirmed, 12 admitted to membership and 5 as Associates. One branch has been discontinued but another one in Bangor has been organized, making our number still nine.

The Missionary giving in work and money amounts to \$216.75, Social Service in work and money was \$76.44; for Diocesan purposes, \$39.00; parochial work has been done amounting to \$169.00, other gifts include \$16.00 to the Church Mission of Help.

Six branches report some special teaching in personal religion, all sorts of activities and work well done is the result of the year's plans.

Mrs. Patterson, head of the Extension Department, also has charge of publicity for the society and has had something each month in the NORTH EAST, which tells people at large what we are doing and puts the Branches in touch with one another.

Maine sent its quota of delegates to the National Council meeting held last November in Baltimore, Md., and most thrilling accounts have been received of this wonderful meeting, a notable pleasure was the reception of the delegates by Mrs. Coolidge at the White House. Plans were made for a house in Washington by 1927, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the society, to be known as the Washington National Center, G. F. S. A. It is to cost \$100,000 and will be raised by the 60,000 members in the U. S. Maine will do her share so far as possible. Mrs. Benjamin Brewster is head of the committee in Maine. It is planned that here any member can stay when in Washington and is to be a headquarters large enough to be a very real service in divers ways.

We have lost through resignation two officers of our Maine society. It was a great loss to us when our beloved President, Mrs. Shepard, after eighteen long faithful and successful years thought best to stand aside and let someone else carry on the work. We greatly regret her going but realize that she has earned

her reprieve. A tea was given in her honor at the home of Miss Gertrude P. Hall and the Bishop gracefully presented Mrs. Shepard with a wrist watch, the loving gift of the Maine G. F. S.

Miss Gertrude P. Hall, for years the faithful and efficient treasurer and custodian of supplies, decided to remove from this city and make her home for the future in Honolulu. We all miss her and felt sorry to see her go.

Cards have been sent to all rectors of parishes in Maine with the names and addresses of all State G. F. S. officers. It is our hope to see G. F. S. grow faster and there is still a large field to cover. A few girls to start with will bring others, do you all know that any girl of other churches or no church can be a member, it is only necessary that the branch officers be churchwomen. It is very satisfying work and gives one the feeling of having done something worth while. In the words of our Saviour, "The harvest is ready but the laborers are few," why not be one of the laborers and help your rector to do something for the girls in his parish. You will find the girls responsive, the training received in the G. F. S. is such as will aid them to become in later years the earnest women of the parish and Auxiliary workers. I beg you to consider this and ask your co-operation in causing the work of the G. F. S. to be more widely known. It gives to the girl of today, as it has for nearly fifty years, the understanding and loving friendship of the older woman who in return receives the confidence of the young girl. Much is accomplished through this mutual association.

JOSEPHINE B. TUBBS, *President.*

Church Periodical Club

The report from the Cathedral parish is 24 persons donating 46 periodicals, also numerous packages of odd numbers of cards and pictures have been sent out by the Librarian, Mrs. De Garmo. Her interest and efficiency in the work have been both inspiring and of great value, and it is with keen regret that the correspondent loses her from the C. P. C. work. St. Philip's, Wiscasset, reports books sent to Japan, periodicals to various Church people, and *Spirit of Missions* and American Church Monthly to the Public Library. St. Paul's, Brunswick, reports seven papers and magazines sent regularly; six story books to a teacher in Amhurst; patch-work to a lady in Birmingham, Ala., who is 84 years old and unable to walk; a year's subscription to a medical journal for Dr. Teusler in his work at St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio; also 40 copies of the *National Geographic Magazine* and 26 copies of *Bird Lore* to a local school; magazines sent into the country and some given to the town farm. I think games and puzzles have been sent to the poor fellows in the U. S. Marine Hospital, No. 9, at Fort Stanton, N. M. Five Church publications are sent by one donor. I am sure that much excellent work is done in the Diocese, and I ask that reports may come in regularly hereafter. The Librarian of St. John's, Bangor, continues to do excellent work although laboring under the care and sorrow of severe illness in her family. Recently I received an interesting letter from Mrs. Ogg, Librarian of Christ Church, Gardiner, telling of the work she has started in Belvedere, Cal., where she is sojourning for a time. Since starting for Convention today I have learned that the C. P. C. of Bath has collected money for the work, and I await their decision as to how it shall be applied. Trinity, Portland, sends bundles of *Literary Digest* to Archdeacon Spurr, of Moundsville, W. Va. Now as to the needs—they are many. Medical books and magazines for Dr. Teusler of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio. Can we refuse Dr. Teusler of our best when we realize that he is giving his life work to Japan. Contributions toward a library for the Armenian Church in the East. These people have suffered sorely. The center of their religious life is the Monastery of St.

James, within which is their theological library which needs aid. Theological and reference books which can be spared from private libraries are asked for and may be sent direct to Church Periodical Club, 2 West 47th St., New York City. The Club also asks for "College song books, books of negro melodies and folk songs; Indian songs; stories about kindness to animals, and stories about respect for the country and its laws; simple books to teach children about health; colored religious pictures; worth while stories for boys and girls (no cheap stuff); "The Life of Alice Freeman Palmer"; "Birds and Bees" by John Burroughs; 2 copies of "The Virginian" by Owen Wister; "Old Creole Days" by Cable; "The Piper" by Josephine Preston Peabody. French and German books are needed by St. Paul's University, Tokio, Japan. Recent fiction for the George C. Thomas Memorial Library, Fairbanks, Alaska. A mission school in Alaska needs United States History and English History; school books are needed in Liberia. Bishop Overs reports that there are Christian homes in Liberia where the only books are the Bible, Prayer Book and Montgomery Ward's catalogue. Puzzles, games and illustrated magazines will be gratefully received by the men in U. S. Marine Hospital, No. 9, Fort Stanton, New Mexico. Let our Diocese respond as generously as possible to these many needs.

LEONORA B. WILLIAMS, *Correspondent.*

The Guild of St. Barnabas' for Nurses

ELIZABETH FOSTER, *Secretary*

No Diocesan Report was presented

The Rev. A. T. Stray gave the following account of a branch of the Guild in Auburn.

Early in the Spring of 1923, the rector of St. Michael's Church, Auburn, was called upon by a committee of three of the nurses from the great Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston, and asked to form a local branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas' for Nurses. These nurses had noticed the medal-badge worn by a recent addition to the teaching staff of the Hospital, had made inquiries, and were desirous of claiming the privileges and opportunities furnished by membership in this Guild for themselves. Their efforts had revealed the fact that in addition to the nurse just mentioned, the Superintendent, and one other staff member were also of St. Barnabas', but had given up their active memberships because there was no local chapter. To this request the Rector acquiesced and agreed to undertake establishing a local Branch, if ten nurses could be found of sufficient interest to seek membership in it. A meeting called the following week, to which all the interested nurses were invited, overflowed the Rectory. So great was the enthusiasm that the Rector completed as rapidly as possible the necessary requirements, was himself made a Priest-Associate, and at Evensong, on Sunday, June 10th, admitted twenty members and four associates.

From this beginning the work has grown apace. Applications have been received with great rapidity. At present there are sixty-five members and eight associates. The Guild meets regularly every month in St. Michael's Parish House. The social meeting is always preceded by a special service, with an address, in the Church. The members themselves absolutely demanding such a service from the Chaplain. The business meeting, in the Parish House, follows, and at its conclusion a social hour or two is spent, usually in charge of some specially appointed committee. The nurses requested that their Branch be named St. Michael's Branch. Rev. Nelson B. Gildersleeve, the present Rector of St. Michael's, is now a Priest Associate, and has been appointed Chaplain of the Guild. This work is one of the outstanding achievements of the year in Diocesan activities. A long list of applicants await admission.

Report of Church Mission of Help

President, MRS. HAROLD LEE BERRY, 97 State St.

Treasurer, MRS. ALFRED BRINKLER, 104 Park St.

Organizing Field Secretary

MISS HELEN CAROL HOWES

You are asked to study the following report in terms broader than statistics; in terms of energy, prayer, and earnest effort. One case call may represent one hour or forty-eight, it may mean walking a block or travelling two days.

Sometimes it takes months and even years, to establish in the minds of individuals under care an understanding of the insistence of the C. M. H. that the right basis for readjustment must be spiritual as well as physical and mental. Specifically—it has taken one girl and her mother one year and a half to appreciate the fact that the problem was not only how the girl acted and talked but how she thought; what her spirit really is, not what she pretends that it is.

To all those who have so loyally and generously made possible the steady growth of the work in the last four and a half years, we express sincere thanks. A good foundation means a permanent structure, and in all things the C. M. H. stands for, not the fad of the present, but the future welfare of the individual and the Diocese.

The total number of accredited volunteers in the Diocese is 24. Group members number 154. New cases, 46.

The organizing field secretary has attended two church conferences on Social Work during the year, the National Conference in Washington, and the Provincial Conference in Portland, Maine.

The co-operating agencies throughout the Diocese are Red Cross; Y. W. C. A.; State Department of Charities and Corrections; State Department of Health; State Tuberculosis Sanitoria Board of Trustees; State Hospital of Insane; State Schools for Girls; State officials including His Excellency the Governor; Nursing Services of all kinds, private, city, district, county, tuberculosis; Physicians, private, city, county, state; Family Welfare

Organizations; Child Protecting and Placing Organizations, Temporary Home, Portland; The Judiciary, Municipal, County, State, Federal; Cumberland County Public Health Organizations.

CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT

May 19, 1923 - May 19, 1924

RECEIPTS

Balance,	\$ 798.70
From Diocesan Council,	2,400.00
All other sources,	<u>1,330.67</u>
Total receipts,	\$4,529.37
Disbursements,	<u>\$2,726.18</u>
Deduct special fund for 1924 and 1925,	\$1,803.19
	1,660.00
Balance on hand, May, 1924,	\$ 143.19
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Form of Bequest

Mary Floyd Neely Memorial Scholarship Fund

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Diocesan Funds in the Diocese of Maine, a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of Maine, the sum of Dollars in trust, nevertheless, as follows:

Said Trustees to invest and reinvest said sum and to pay over the income of the same annually to the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary in said Diocese of Maine for the education of the daughters of clergymen in the Diocese of Maine.

In the event that said Woman's Auxiliary shall at any time cease to exist, or there shall be no Treasurer of the same, said Trustees may pay over the income of said fund to the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, for the purpose set out as aforesaid.