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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 or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, an Educational Secretary, a Treasurer, a 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 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 1927-1928

PRESIDENT, MRS. K. C. M. SILLS, *Brunswick*.
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Fred W. McConnell.

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RICHMOND—*St. Mathias*—President, Mrs. Annie Allard; Secretary, Miss
Jane I. Harward, 51 Pleasant St.

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west Harbor; Secretary, Mrs. Grey Clinton, Seal Cove.

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

WATERVILLE—*St. Mark's*—President, Mrs. Robert Gay, 10 Center St.; Sec-
retary, Mrs. Robert Stubbett, 41 Redington St.

WISCASSET—*St. Philip's*—President, Mrs. H. v. B. Nash; Secretary, Mrs.
A. W. Kierstead.

Minutes of the Meeting

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the Parish House of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on Thursday, May 19, 1927. The Corporate Communion was made in the Cathedral at 7.45, the Bishop the Celebrant, assisted by Dean Glasier and Rev. Frank van Vliet of Ft. Fairfield. Breakfast was served at 8.30 in the Parish House.

The business meeting was opened by the President with prayer. Roll call showed 34 branches represented by 69 delegates, 52 visitors, and 24 officers. The President read the names of members who had died during the year and the usual prayer was said. Record of the meeting held January 18 at Augusta was read and accepted. It was voted to accept the last annual report as printed. Reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. The President's address then followed. Reports were read from Secretary of Supply Department, Educational Secretary, Treasurer of United Thank Offering and Altar Society. Reports approved. Bar Harbor reported a gift of a complete set of altar hangings made and sent to Colebrook, N. H. Treasurer of Corporate Gift reported \$463.66 on hand at present time, and Mrs. Nash reported the Anna B. Ogden Memorial Fund completed. Subject of having a portrait of Bishop Brewster painted was brought up by Mrs. Thos. Clark of Orono, and the President is to appoint a committee to attend to the matter.

A letter was read from Sister Margaret Mary who was unable to be present. Envelopes may be had by anyone wishing to make a personal contribution to the House of the Good Shepherd; one cent a day being the amount asked for. It was voted that each branch be apportioned a certain sum, by the executive board, towards the support of the House of the Good Shepherd. This amount will not be in addition to the amount pledged by each branch and the money will be paid by the Treasurer to Sister Margaret Mary to be used towards running expenses.

The Rev. Artley B. Parson spoke briefly on Liberia, telling principally of the low moral conditions and great need of work among the women. Noonday prayers were said by Mr. Parson. Mrs. Kingman N. Robins, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of Western N. Y. and a member of the National Executive Board, gave a most instructive and interesting address. Mrs. Robins was given a rising vote of thanks.

Report from the Church Periodical Club was read and accepted, after which the meeting adjourned for luncheon.

The meeting opened for the afternoon session at 2.15 when the following topics were discussed: 1. How can we help the rural

work in Maine? 2. How can we follow up the Crusade? 3. Corporate Gift. 4. Summer Conferences. 5. Work among the foreign-born.

Moved and seconded the Chair appoint a committee for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the W. A. in Maine, which comes next year. The nominating committee reported and recommended that number of Vice Presidents be increased to six and chairman of publicity committee be given a seat on board. The report was accepted and after some discussion it was decided to adopt recommendations, the chairman of publicity committee not to be given a vote. The Secretary cast the ballot and the officers were declared elected.

Reports were read from Girls' Friendly Society and Church Mission of Help and resolutions thanking the Portland and South Portland branches and all who had contributed in time and money toward making the meeting a success, were read and accepted. \$10 was voted from treasury for Provincial delegate, \$10 for Provincial assessment, \$15 for general expenses of National Board and \$50 to be reserved for traveling expenses of diocesan officers. Voted that treasurer pay various departments cost of maintenance. Moved and seconded two committees be appointed by the president, one to arrange for meetings and one on devotional life. Reports were read from all branches of Church School Service Program.

An invitation was received and accepted to hold the September meeting at Bar Harbor. The Bishop closed with prayer.

CLARA E. ROLFE, *Recording Secretary*.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Mail sent: notices, for meeting with St. Thomas' Branch, Camden, September 27-28, 1926, 91; by postal for Board Meeting at Mrs. Payson's, January, 1927, 25; for meeting with St. Mark's Branch, Augusta, January 17-18, 1927, 109; by postal for Board Meeting at Mrs. Sills's, Brunswick, April, 1927, 24; for 49th Annual Meeting at Portland, May 18-19, 1927, 109. Letters, 8. Annual Report, 1. Total, 367.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH C. TRICKEY, *Cor. Sec.*

Report of Recording Secretary

The year 1926-27 has been a busy one for the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Two regular meetings were held. The fall meeting, September 27-28, with St. Thomas' Branch, Camden. The Rev. John R. Macfarlane, Dean of the Aroostook, was the speaker at the evening service and at the business meeting the following day, Miss Mary Elizabeth Wood, of Boone Library, Wo Chang, China, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Henry Pierce, Vice President of Auxiliary work in New York, told of the work they were doing there. The mid-winter meeting was held January 17-18 with St. Mark's Branch, Augusta. The sermon at the usual missionary service was preached by Rev. Frank Dean, M.D., of Wilmington, N. C. Miss Lucy Sturgis, one of the Crusaders for Maine, was the speaker at the meeting.

Three board meetings have been held, one in Camden, one in Portland, and one in Brunswick. Two institutes were held in October, one in Portland, and one in Bangor.

The Chairman of the Anna B. Ogden Memorial Fund, Mrs. Nash, has been able to report that the required amount needed has been secured and the fund closed.

The Mary Floyd Neely Scholarship Fund has been greatly benefited by a bequest of \$1000 from the estate of Mrs. Anna W. Glidden, formerly of Newcastle.

The President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Sills, was made one of the diocesan committee for the Bishops' Crusade. One of the signal contributions which the Auxiliary made to the Crusade were prayer groups which were formed in various parishes and many churches were kept open on St. Andrew's day for prayers and intercessions.

One new branch has been formed this year at Limestone.

CLARA E. ROLFE, *Recording Secretary.*

Report of Supply Department Secretary

Madam President and Ladies:

The following is a report of the Box Supply Secretary for the year 1926-1927:

		Advent 1926					Lent 1927				
	No. Boxes	Brown	Shaw	Tomlins	Gabe	Christmas Boxes	Supply Closet	House of the Good Shepherd	All Saints Church, St. Thomas, V. I.	Girls' Friendly	Total
Ashland—Emmanuel	2			\$2.50					\$10.86		\$13.36
Auburn—St. Michael's	2							\$8.38	5.52		13.90
Augusta—St. Mark's	2			50.00					47.75		97.75
Bangor—St. John's	2			25.00					11.83		36.83
Bar Harbor—St. Saviour's	2	\$59.72							61.45		121.17
Bath—Grace	3	62.43						21.25	67.75		151.43
Biddeford—Christ	2		\$8.77						14.77		23.54
Brownville Jct.—St. John's	2			10.00					20.00		30.00
Brunswick—St. Paul's	2			12.25					19.26		31.51
Calais—St. Anne's	3		24.00					90.60	22.75		137.35
Camden—St. Thomas'	1							75.00			75.00
Caribou—St. Luke's	2		15.00						21.38		36.38
Exeter—Trinity	1								5.00		5.00
Falmouth Foreside—St. Mary's	2					\$5.00			10.52		15.52
Fort Fairfield—St. Paul's	2		15.00						28.46		43.46
Gardiner—Christ	2				\$25.00				43.34		68.34

Hallowell—St. Matthew's	2			3.00					10.98		13.98
Houlton—Good Shepherd	2		14.02						10.46		24.48
Hull's Cove—Church of Our Father	1		25.00								25.00
Lewiston—Trinity	2						72.59		15.75		88.34
Lisbon Falls—St. Matthew's	2		9.04						13.21		22.25
Mars Hill	1								10.92		10.92
Millinocket—St. Andrew's	1								11.81		11.81
Newcastle—St. Andrews	1						50.00				50.00
North East Harbor	3					\$37.87	152.52		25.42		215.81
Old Town—St. James'	1			5.00							5.00
Portland—Cathedral	5	55.00	55.00	40.00			65.00	110.00			325.00
St. Paul's	2			5.00					15.50		20.50
St. Stevens'	2		5.00						15.00		20.00
St. Peter's	2				5.00		25.00		4.00		9.00
Trinity	2	8.00							21.46		29.46
South Portland—St. Alban's	1								15.00		15.00
Presque Isle—St. John's									7.76		
Rockland—St. Peter's	3	10.00		3.00					10.42		23.43
Saco—Trinity	2						9.00		31.80		40.80
Sanford—St. George's	1								17.50		17.50
Seal Cove—St. Andrew's	1								10.00		10.00
Southwest Harbor	1								5.00		5.00
Thomaston—St. John Baptist	1	5.00									5.00
Waterville—St. Mark's	2			10.00					14.00		24.00
Wiscasset—St. Philip's	3	5.00					7.00	14.00			26.00
Girls' Friendly Society	1									\$12.50	12.50
	77	\$205.15	\$170.83	\$165.75	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$37.87	\$576.34	\$780.64	\$12.50	\$1,951.32

BEATRICE L. OAKLEY, *Supply Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

From January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926

Collection at Brunswick February 2	\$51.45
Collection at Portland May 20	73.50
Collection at Camden September 27	82.80
Ashland	12.00
Auburn	7.00
Augusta	95.00
Bangor	11.00
Bar Harbor	106.00
Bath	26.00
Biddeford	10.00
Brownville Junction	14.00
Brunswick	42.50
Calais	4.00
Caribou	16.50
Falmouth Foreside	15.00
Gardiner	125.00
Hallowell	13.00
Hull's Cove	13.00
Guilford	2.00
Lisbon Falls	12.00
Lewiston	12.65
North East Harbor	77.00
Newcastle	35.00
Old Orchard	2.00
Old Town	22.50
Norway	1.00
Portland, Cathedral	165.00
Portland, St. Paul's	21.00
Portland, St. Peter's	69.25
Portland, St. Stephen's	23.00
Portland, Trinity	17.75
South Portland, St. Alban's	18.00
Presque Isle	11.00
Rockland	10.00
Saco	10.00
Sanford	7.55
Waterville	15.05
Wiscasset	12.00
Interest on bond for scholarship	82.50
Interest on bond for scholarship, estate of Alida C. Brown	50.00

Accrued interest	.41
Japanese reconstruction	41.13
Individual contributions	61.76

\$1,497.30

Deposited in Maine Saving Bank, for scholarship fund	\$100.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

From January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926

Traveling expenses of speakers	\$ 94.00
Postage and stationery	83.90
Printing programs	28.43
Freight and trucking	4.84
Diocesan Missions	70.00
House of Good Shepherd	203.50
Epiphany offering to corporate gift, Kyoto, Japan	90.25
Tuition for clergymen's daughters	300.00
General expense	22.70
Annual reports	85.00
Japanese reconstruction	41.13
Church Mission of Help	63.00
Special for Bishop of Alaska	60.00
Special for St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.	40.00
Kuling School, China	25.00
Boone Library, China	25.00
Expense of Institute	51.78
Rural work in diocese	95.00
Expense General Executive Board	15.00
Provincial delegate	10.00
Provincial assessment	10.00
Summer conferences	70.00
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	\$1,488.53

Blance January 1, 1926 \$ 505.18

Receipts January 1, 1926 1,497.30

\$2,002.48

Balance December 31, 1926 \$ 513.95

Disbursements December 31, 1926 1,488.53

\$2,002.48

BLANCHE L. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

The President's Address

At the Camden meeting last September as some of you may recall I kept repeating a sentence from a letter that had just come to me from our National Secretary, Miss Lindley. It was this: "The working year upon which we are just entering may be one of the most important years in our Church's history, for if the Bishops' Crusade (and our Message will be gathered into that movement) proves to be what God wants it to be, it will mean more for the coming of the Kingdom of God than we dare put into words." I hope that each one of us here may sometime feel the realization of her words.

THE INSTITUTES

Last year we were filled with the enthusiasm of our Convention in New Orleans. From it we brought home our National Program and during the year we embodied that into our own Diocesan Program, which in turn was put into the hands of the Parish Branches and finally reported on at our last annual meeting. Feeling that our responsibility and work had just begun, in carrying out the Diocesan Program, we voted last May to have two institutes on the program and the message, to be held the following October, and a committee was appointed to arrange for them. At our quarterly meeting in Camden on September 28, opportunity was given for the explanation of the plans and for the arousing of interest in these institutes. And the splendid talk given to us by Mrs. Henry Pierce, Vice President of the Woman's Auxiliary in the diocese of New York, brought home to us all in a very concrete and compelling way how important a part the message was taking in all plans of the W. A. there. I am sure it helped to spur us on to do likewise.

Shortly after the meeting I sent to the Presidents of the branches of the W. A. a letter asking that their branch join with all the country in observing the Day of Intercession on October 15, for the purpose of personal rededication, for earnest prayer for the message plans, and for the messengers, and for the Bishops' Crusade; and in Maine we added special prayers for our institutes on the program and the message, to be held the week after. In some way this Day of Intercession was observed by many branches. The institutes were held for informing, for training, and for awakening the women to a renewed dedication of themselves to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the carrying of the message to all the women of the Church. The institute in Portland began the morning of October 18, and closed October 19 at noon. The institute was divided into three sessions:

the program of the Church, the budget of the Church, and the message. In Portland the leaders of these groups were Mrs. L. A. Pennegar of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, Mrs. Paul Sterling and Miss Lucy Sturgis of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

In Bangor the institute commenced on October 21, and closed the next day, with the same divisions of subjects but with Mrs. Pennegar, the Very Rev. J. Arthur Glasier, and Mrs. Herbert Payson as the leaders of the respective groups. Miss Marguerite Ogden was as usual a most efficient and stimulating chairman.

Fourteen parishes were represented at Portland, and six parishes at Bangor where many were kept away by the snowstorm. At both places there was felt the spiritual strength of our leaders and the seriousness of purpose of the delegates. No one can, of course, tell, but let us hope, that through a finer intelligence and a quickened perception of Christ within us those who had the privilege of being delegates went home and gave something of the institute to members of their own parishes. It was the first institute the church women of Maine have ever had and it is the earnest hope that in this way the Woman's Auxiliary contributed a little to the Church in Maine.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

At the Camden meeting and at the institutes we first began to hear of the Bishops' Crusade, and shortly after that more definite plans of it were made known. The message of our Woman's Auxiliary to the women of the Church, and the Bishops' Crusade to the whole Church — every man, women, and child — are parts of the same movement — the call to personal consecration to Jesus Christ, and to active service for his sake.

Since the message was preliminary to the crusade, those to whom the message was real could best help prepare the way for the Bishops' Crusade, especially among the women of the Church. In many dioceses a woman was appointed on the diocesan commission on evangelism — as I was in Maine, and there were twenty-two women crusaders in our National Church many of whom were able to do this better because they had been messengers. Just as in other dioceses, the Woman's Auxiliary in Maine tried to help in the crusade by "manning" the churches on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, which was set apart by the bishops and clergy for the dedication of themselves to the crusade. And I think that in nearly every church in Maine members of the Woman's Auxiliary "kept watch" most of the day, kneeling in the church, praying to God that His work be sooner done because of the crusade. I feel that this Day of Preparation was one of the most wonderful spiritual experiences in the lives of the women of

our Church. The members of the Woman's Auxiliary also distributed hundreds of cards of the objectives of the Bishops' Crusade, asking each woman to pass one on to another explaining what it meant. Some groups of the Woman's Auxiliary met together in various parishes and had the privilege and inspiration of hearing our woman crusader to Maine, Miss Lucy Sturgis of Boston, and at our mid-winter diocesan meeting in Augusta she spoke again to all the delegates with a thrilling spiritual challenge of the Bishops' Crusade to the women of the Church of today. Indeed we tried to make our meeting in Augusta a great crusade meeting. At our missionary service the night before the Rev. Dr. Dean of North Carolina, another crusader to Maine, spoke to us, and with the fine devotional appeal made to us by our Bishop at the quiet hour it seemed to me that every subject at the meeting reflected the spirit of personal consecration and service, and several people have said that it was truly a most spiritual meeting. Oh! if only with that fleeting vision of beauty we could carry on, perhaps we would see it again and again. Surely "our eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

We heard at the meeting of the prayer groups that had been formed in several parishes and since then I have learned of others but they are far too few and those of us who have not shared in prayer groups must make it our first duty to form such groups wherever possible and in other ways strengthen our devotional lives through prayer and the sacraments. This seems to me the first and most important step in our Follow Up Work of the Crusade. Later at this meeting this is to be discussed and with Mrs. Payson as leader we shall be eager to learn more of what we can do. While the Bishops' Crusade must come home to every individual it can be made more effective through a corporate body like our Woman's Auxiliary. A great many of us really want to carry out the purpose of the Crusade but as individuals we are often weak. However, if our Woman's Auxiliary keeps constantly before us the objectives of the Crusade and helps to provide the ways of attaining them, perhaps these individuals may be strengthened in their wavering loyalties.

Now we have a Diocesan Program in which are embodied the Message and the other things of the Crusade, and if the Program is seriously carried out the objectives of the Crusade likewise must be attained. So, if every parish officer realizes her personal responsibility of helping to make the Crusade real to every woman in her branch, then perhaps God may use our Woman's Auxiliary to help touch the hearts and souls of every woman in it.

RURAL WORK

Mission study this year has been of particular interest to us because it has emphasized the rural work of our Church. The keynote was struck at our first meeting in Camden last fall by a very excellent address by the Rev. J. R. Macfarlane of Ashland. Then the Rev. Robert Gay of Waterville stimulated our interest in the home department work which is essentially concerned with the Church in the country districts, with the result that many of our parishes through the Church Periodical Club have sent boxes of magazines for his use, and our Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary contributed some money to help him buy more slides for his lantern. Of course, for many years our Auxiliary has rendered the finest kind of service through our correspondent of the Society of Isolated Church Women, Miss Child of Augusta.

Sometimes we forget that Maine is very largely a rural diocese and the extension of the influence of the Church into the rural districts is an essential part of nearly every parish and mission. The more each of us makes this her personal business, the more effective will the Church be in this great missionary field.

In helping to fulfill one obligation of the Foreign Born, one of the pledges in our Program, Mrs. Dewing, our Educational Secretary, has been appointed representative especially to further the interest of this work. We shall hear more of this in our discussion on that topic later.

ROUTINE MATTERS

Turning now to some of the routine matters which are nevertheless very important I should like to call your attention to the following:

The Epiphany Offering was given to the cathedral in Haiti, St. Mark's School in Nenana, Alaska.

The day of United Prayer for Missions more parishes observed than ever before especially in coöperation with other Christian bodies thus helping to carry out that part of the program of Christian Fellowship.

Another very encouraging thing to report is that our pledges were all paid, and more promptly than usual, so, enabling us to meet our obligations sooner. The report blanks are now in use for this annual meeting and I hope will prove more and more useful in summing up the work of the women of the Church.

On May 3 I sent in your behalf a telegram to Bishop Arthur S. Lloyd on his seventieth birthday, expressing appreciation of the inspiration he has been in forwarding the message of the Church.

You may recall that for many years he was first Secretary and then President of the old Board of Missions.

At the request of the Bishop and as a small part of the Follow-up work of the Bishops' Crusade, during February, I had the privilege of visiting the Aroostook where I spoke ten times at eight places to nine branches of the Woman's Auxiliary and to two branches of the Girls' Friendly Society. These were the towns: Brownville Junction, Millinocket, Houlton, Ft. Fairfield, Caribou, and Limestone met with the Auxiliary at Caribou, Presque Isle, Mars Hill and Ashland. It was a great pleasure personally to me to meet so many churchwomen in that wonderful county, and to see the fine work that is being done. They were all so cordial and so forbearing, for I am sure I must have worn them out I had so much to say.

In March my husband and I descended upon Northeast Harbor, and I shall long remember my conference with the women there that Sunday morning. It was so enheartening to see something at first hand of the splendid work and spirit of the Woman's Auxiliary on Mt. Desert. You will rejoice with me that two new branches have been formed at Seal Cove and at Limestone. I wish it were possible for me to visit more of the branches for such contacts are very valuable to me as a Diocesan President, but unfortunately there are only 365 days in the year and like everybody else I am caught in the rush of local duties.

RESIGNATIONS

In my second year as Diocesan President I realize even more fully how much the strength of the Woman's Auxiliary depends upon the faithful service of those who have been officially connected with the Diocesan Officers for very many years. I regret to announce the resignation of Miss Mary Burgess from the Advisory Board. Everyone of you have felt the inspiration of her work as Educational Secretary, and indeed it was very largely due to her that Maine is represented in the missionary field of Japan. That alone would be sufficiently distinguished service, but when one adds to that a life of everyday service to the Church, then we must be grateful indeed.

Miss Annie Merrill and Miss Grace C. Lawrence have resigned from the Altar Society to both of whom the Church is greatly indebted. For many years Miss Merrill was Corresponding Secretary of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary where her services were so valuable. She has been connected with the Altar Society since 1892 when it was organized by Mrs. Neely; and she has been at its head for over twenty-five years. Such devotion so intimately associated with the Church's worship must be in itself

a sufficient reward, and think of all the beauty of craftsmanship and embroidery she has taught others to carry on. Miss Lawrence, though her term of service has been shorter, has been equally devoted to this beautiful work.

We lost by death last July one of our missionaries from Maine, Miss Margaret Payson Waterman of Gorham. She was identified with the Philippine mission field working from the Bontoc station in the Igorot country. Aside from the high esteem in which she was held, she performed valuable service by translating and by writing a grammar of the Igorot language.

Next year will be the fiftieth Anniversary of the forming of the Woman's Auxiliary in Maine by Mrs. Neely and I hope you will take steps at our meeting today to plan for the proper observance of our Golden Jubilee.

CHINA

During the past year our thoughts have often gone to our fellow workers in China. Our prayers and sympathy ought surely to be given to them and to this great country in its hour of trial. We must have often recalled the enthusiasm and charm of Miss Wood, who spoke to us in Camden of the Boone Library and we must stand ready to make good our pledges of support where these are called for and to constantly remember her and her work in our prayers.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER

In conclusion, may I remind you that ten days from today, May 29, and the following eight days, the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed. Two months later from August 3 to 21 representatives of practically every Christian Communion throughout the world will meet in Lausanne, Switzerland, in the long anticipated World Conference on Faith and Order. Church people in Maine will have a special interest in this great conference because "it owes its life and development far more to the late Robert H. Gardiner than to any other one man," as Bishop Manning said last week to the New York Diocesan Convention. My husband is one of the Alternate Delegates from our Church and he and I both hope to see something of this great conference this summer.

An undertaking of such far reaching importance, thrilling even to think of, may be one of the means of fulfilling the hope expressed in the opening sentence of this address "that the year may mean more for the coming of the Kingdom of God than we dare put into words."

EDITH L. K. SILLS, *President.*

Report of Educational Secretary

First I wish to say that I am very much encouraged by the reports I receive about Mission Study in all the parishes in the diocese. Many more people are reading than before, and many have been so kind as to write and tell me about it, which goes right to my heart.

I have to report that I have spoken three times on the subject of Mission Study, written and sent a form letter to each parish branch, and to each diocesan officer of the Woman's Auxiliary, and uncounted numbers of postal cards. There were sixty-six copies of "Beyond City Limits," the book on rural problems, recommended for this year's study, ordered in this diocese. That is a record number I think. Twenty-nine parish branches have reported to me actual study done, and many other branches ordered books. (I think they must have read them, once they had them.)

There are some interesting items which I glean from these very good and much appreciated reports which I will present to you. One is that whereas study used to be undertaken only in Lent, and perhaps Advent, some branches report reading more or less right along through the year. Some pass the book around, reading it at home, and then discussing it together at a meeting. Some reported great interest created in the rural problems in their vicinity; and some sent literature to Mr. Gay to be used in his rural work. Some said their members 'were just waking up to realize that the educational work was important and valuable, as well as the more practical jobs such as the box work. Many spoke of their horizon being widened and their eyes opened to needs and opportunities in their own communities. Several spoke of greatly increased interest in observing the day of United Prayer for Missions, and of inviting others churches to observe it with them. Many reported reading other literature besides the book especially recommended, such as the "General Program of the Church," "The Spirit of Missions," the "Missionary Calendar," etc., and spoke of increased interest in the literature read, and willingness to discuss it.

Comparatively few reported any activity in the line of reaching the foreign-born in their communities. In one parish women and girls who are newcomers are invited to some special meetings. Several parishes offer the hospitality of the Church to Greeks of the Orthodox Catholic Faith.

I have a few things that may be of interest: copies of the folder "Diocesan Program"; announcements of the Wellesley Conference for Church work; the new "Manual," which tells all about the Woman's Auxiliary, and gives one a tremendous idea of its aims

and accomplishments. This is interesting, "The Virgil," a church pageant which has been successfully given elsewhere, and might be a very fine thing for the young people of a church to get up.

I am afraid I would bore anybody who would sit down and let me talk all I wanted to about the possibilities of *power* that lie in this educational work. Even a little repays one a hundredfold in larger knowledge, deeper understanding, and wider charity. I feel like saying, as was once said to the Ephesians, "Awake, thou that sleepest, arise . . . and Christ shall give thee light."

EUNICE DEWING, *Educational Secretary.*

Report of Treasurer of United Thank Offering

January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926

Ashland, Emmanuel	\$ 6.22
Auburn, St. Michael's	9.34
Augusta, St. Mark's	173.42
Bangor, St. John's	53.09
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's	11.83
Bath, Grace	58.69
Brunswick, St. Paul's	14.60
Camden, St. Thomas	52.50
Caribou, St. Luke's	42.99
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's	23.23
Gardiner, Christ	54.97
Hallowell, St. Matthew's	3.25
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's	18.25
Newcastle, St. Andrew's	49.90
North East Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea	20.63
Old Town, St. James'	10.80
Portland, St. Luke's	591.40
Portland, St. Paul's	21.57
Portland, St. Stephen's	108.00
Portland, St. Peter's	19.69
Portland, Trinity	66.85
Presque Isle, St. John's	8.24
Rumford, St. Barnabas	.50
Saco, Trinity	5.00
Sanford, St. George's	12.82
Waterville, St. Mark's	60.10
Wiscasset, St. Phillips	37.00
East Waterbor (Mrs. McLucas)	1.25
Mars Hill	15.00
Interest	5.88
Amount for year 1926	\$1,557.03
Amount on hand January 1, 1926	27.52
Total amount on hand December 31	\$1,584.55
Amount invested	\$1,100.00
Amount on hand December 31, 1926	\$ 484.55
Amount received for quarter ending May 19, 1927	\$ 711.15
Amount on hand January 18, 1927	484.55
Total amount in bank	\$1,195.70
Invested	1,100.00
Total offering May 19, 1927	\$2,295.70

ELLEN LUCAS, *Treasurer.*

Anna B. Ogden Memorial

In 1922, at the Triennial Meeting, the Woman's Auxiliary decided, as special work for three years, to purchase and maintain two houses for missionary workers in training, one for colored women in the south and one for white women in New York. The following spring at the Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, when plans for raising money for these specials were formulated, the President, Mrs. Payson, announced that after consultation with Mrs. Ogden's family and the National Board, she would suggest that a room in the New York House should be designated, furnished and maintained as a memorial to Mrs. Ogden, who all her life labored for the advancement of intelligent consecrated service in the work of the Church. This was decided upon and Mrs. Payson appointed a committee of twelve women to serve for the Anna B. Ogden Memorial Fund with Mrs. H. v. B. Nash of Wiscasset as chairman. In the second year of the work Miss Sawyer, the Treasurer, died and Miss Lydia Beck of Portland was appointed in her place. The following year when Mrs. Sills became President she appointed Mrs. Payson on the committee. Last year one of the most interested members, Mrs. John Glidden of Newcastle, died. This is the fourth annual meeting at which a report of this fund has been given, and it is with satisfaction that the committee today can report the fund completed. As chairman I wish to express deep gratitude to each member of the committee, for without their loyal, earnest efforts to reach all personal friends of Mrs. Ogden, as well as members of the Woman's Auxiliary who might desire to have a part in this memorial, little could have been accomplished. As Treasurer, Miss Sawyer, until her death, and Miss Beck, her successor, have both been conspicuous for faithful service. While a permanent house in New York has not yet been found for the proposed home for young women in training, a temporary one has been secured, and the living room will be known as the Anna B. Ogden Memorial. \$500 has been sent to New York for the furnishing of this room in which a suitable tablet will be placed, and at that time the work of the committee will be finished. You will learn from the treasurer's report that the desired sum for a permanent fund has been realized, the interest of which will be used for keeping the room in repair. This memorial will have a share in carrying out the idea of education so dear to Mrs. Ogden's heart, and in this memorial room her name will be kept in grateful remembrance by all who enjoy its shelter. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

FLORENCE W. R. NASH, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE ANNA B. OGDEN MEMORIAL FUND

On hand May, 1926	\$805.42
Received from parish branches	69.97
Individual contributions	107.00
Dividends	32.83
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Balance in Maine Savings Bank	\$1,015.22

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA H. BECK, *Treasurer.*

Report of Altar Society

Owing to illness Miss Merrill, our Directress, has been unable to come to our meetings this year. We have missed her advice keenly, and deeply regret that she has been obliged to resign. The Altar Society has been one of her chief interests in life, and the adornment of the Lord's Sanctuary her greatest joy. She was among those who formed the original group which started many years ago, the altar work in Maine, and we are sure that her interest continues, although she is unable to be with us.

One new member has been added to our number, but the average attendance this season has been small, owing to illness and absence from the city.

Work was started on a set of mission stoles, red, green, purple, and white, but they were not completed. A red burse and veil, stole and Bible markers were made for St. Mary the Virgin, Falmouth, also a purple stole. A request from St. John's, Brownville Junction, for a lectern fall was supplied from Trinity Parish, Portland, and sent in February, 1927. In March a purple burse and veil were completed and sent there as a gift. In April stole ends were made up for the rector of St. Peter's, Portland. A green stole was completed for Trinity, Portland.

Will those who have orders for work please send them to Mrs. Mortimer Harris, Congress Square Hotel, Portland, early in October or before that date if possible.

GRACE C. LAWRENCE, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand May, 1926	\$ 70.93
Amount received during the year	63.79
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	\$134.72

Expenditures	\$101.37
Amount in bank May 19, 1927	33.35
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	\$134.72

GRACE C. LAWRENCE, *Treasurer.*

LINEN DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand May, 1927	\$.50
Received from Miss Lawrence	5.00
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	\$5.50
Paid out	
For linen	\$2.00
For postage	.60
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	\$2.60
Cash on hand May, 1927	\$2.90

Work sent out: to Brownville Junction, two corporals, one pall, one chalice veil, one post communion veil, four purificators; to St. Matthew's, Richmond, two purificators.

GEORGIANNA M. JOHNSON, *In charge of Linen Dept.*

Report of the Society of Isolated Churchwomen

With this society of ours for several years past there seems to be an unchanging membership and yet there has been a change, and that for the better. One new member has been added to our list of active correspondents, and three of our non-correspondents, from whom nothing has been heard for a long time, have written most pleasantly and their names now appear on the active list also, which now numbers twenty-six. One non-correspondent has moved and is no longer isolated, so this list is reduced to seventeen, making the usual total of forty-three.

Sixty-seven letters have been written to the active members and forty replies have been received. At Christmas and Easter cards with messages have gone to all alike, prayers with folders in connection with the Bishops' Crusade were sent to all, as well as many copies of the "Church at Work," and six copies of the helpful little book on prayer called "Talking with God" — sent to me by some kind though unknown friend — were distributed and were much appreciated.

The Mission Study book, "Beyond City Limits" appeared to me to contain so much useful information and suggestion that I got and sent out six copies to members and could have disposed of more if I had had them. In January Miss Williams kindly wrote asking for names and addresses to which the C. P. C. publications could be sent, a request which was gladly complied with. Three members receive "The Living Church," "The North East," and the "Spirit of Missions" through me, and I hope the six ladies who were kind enough to undertake some time ago to send the "Spirit of Missions" to six isolated churchwomen have been able to continue to do so.

There is a form of help which might be given to this Society which would be most gratefully and thankfully received. In these days when we are learning to know more of the power of prayer are there any among you who would like becoming Intercessory Members, as it were, of this Society, uniting your prayers with ours for guidance and enlightenment in our daily lives, and especially in time of some one's special need or trouble. When we who are not isolated are in sorrow or anxiety we can take our griefs before God's Altar in His church, a privilege denied to those who are isolated. Don't you think it might help and comfort them at such times if they knew there were friends who would do for them what they cannot do for themselves? If anyone here is interested to consider this matter I shall be grateful if they will speak or write to me about it, and they may be glad to have one of the printed prayers of the Society.

ANNIE C. CHILD, *Correspondent.*

Church School Service Program

The work of the boys and girls in the Church Schools of Maine is encouraging. Reports were returned from nineteen parishes this year. The following six parishes report a regular week-day program for the children: Bar Harbor, Biddeford, Calais, Hallowell, St. Paul's and Trinity of Portland. Wiscasset has group meetings but not regularly. During Lent St. Stephen's and St. Luke's in Portland and St. Alban's in South Portland had group meetings for study and work.

In January it was my pleasure to attend in Boston a conference of the Department of Religious Education of the Province, a Provincial meeting of the Church School Service Program, and also meetings of the Church School Union of the Diocese of Massachusetts. At this last meeting Miss Withers, the National

Supervisor of the Service Program, spoke of the value of the Lenten study and work, and Mrs. Copley of the Massachusetts Department of Religious Education spoke on the work of the Little Helpers.

In February a meeting of women interested in work for children in the several Portland parishes was held at the cathedral. Plans for Lenten work were presented and many helpful ideas for carrying out the program were exchanged.

During the year 1926 the Church School children contributed to the work of the Church \$3,095.77. This was divided as follows: Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship, \$74.91; Lenten Offering, \$1,748.93; Birthday Thank Offering, \$76.78; Advent Offering, \$197.55; Little Helpers, \$106.18; Work in Five Fields, \$771.42; Money for Christmas Box Work, \$120.00. They also provide for 131 children through 21 Christmas Boxes in addition to the money gift. This is, I believe, a very substantial contribution to the work of the Church and shows an increased desire for service among our boys and girls.

MELLIE G. ESTES,
Chairman, Church School Service Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926

Receipts

Balance from Mrs. Estes	\$ 31.21
Church School Advent Offering*	266.76
Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship	74.91
General Expenses	3.00
Little Helpers	76.18
Birthday Thank Offering	4.00
House of the Good Shepherd	25.00
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	\$481.06

Disbursements

Printing	\$ 15.25
Charles B. Clarke, Treas. Advent Offering, for Rumford	266.76
Lewis B. Franklin, Treas.	158.09
House of the Good Shepherd	25.00
Rev. Frank Persons, from treasury	2.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1926	13.96
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	\$481.06

Respectfully submitted,

EVA A. ADAMS, *Treasurer*

CHRISTMAS BOX WORK

The Christmas boxes of the Church School Service Program of the Diocese of Maine, 1926, went to Rev. William Wyllie, Santo Domingo City, Dominican Republic; Holy Cross Mission, Fredericksted, Virgin Islands; Rev. C. H. Beer, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. Besides these one Maine mission, Brownville, received a box. Gifts were sent 131 children, also \$120 was sent in cash. The parishes contributing were: Bath, Bangor, Brunswick, Bar Harbor, Biddeford, Camden, Caribou, Falmouth Foreside, Gardiner, Hallowell, Houlton, Fort Fairfield, Northeast Harbor, Portland: Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Alban's, St. Paul's, Trinity; Presque Isle, Millinocket, Waterville, Wiscasset.

Respectfully submitted,

ZELLA BRIDGE THOMAS, *Secretary.*

BIRTHDAY THANK OFFERING

The Birthday Thank Offering for three years goes in 1928 to the Hooker School in Mexico. We are assured by letters from the Church Mission House that the work of this school even in the recent troublous times has been uninterrupted, and is the best piece of work the Church is doing in Mexico.

It is too early to report any money for 1927, but for 1926 the amount received, with interest added, was \$79.41.

The first of May I sent to each parish and mission leaflets and a letter asking that the children of the Church Schools participate in this offering, bringing on Whitsunday their number of years in pennies, nickles, or dimes, the amount to be sent to me soon after. We hope the amount will exceed that of 1926.

ELIZABETH W. JACKSON, *Secretary.*

LITTLE HELPERS

Amount Received from Boxes

Augusta	\$ 5.00
Bangor	22.00
Bath	43.00
Gardiner	6.55
Old Town	3.85
Cathedral, Portland	4.32
St. Paul's, Portland	12.27
Trinity, Portland	5.00

Wiscasset

3.75

\$106.18

Distribution of Money

House of the Good Shepherd

\$25.00

P. A. O. Scholarship

5.00

Sent to National Headquarters

76.18

\$106.18

Respectfully submitted,

MARION EMERSON, *Secretary.*

Church Service League

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

Secretary, MRS. HAROLD LEE BERRY, 97 State St., Portland, Me.

The following are condensed reports of the Girls' Friendly Society, Church Periodical Club, Church Mission of Help.

Girls' Friendly Society

The last year has been one of steady growth for the G. F. S. of Maine, growth which is shown not so much by increase of numbers as in the strengthening of the individual branches. At present we have sixteen branches with an approximate membership of 550. Although two branches have been disbanded during 1926 four new ones have been added; Brownville Junction, Eastport, Hallowell and a diocesan branch in Portland having been formed, while there is evidence of G. F. S. interest in other parts of the diocese.

It is always gratifying to report progress, but it is still more gratifying to be able to ascertain its cause. Soon after Mrs. Tubbs became Diocesan President, three years ago, the number of branches in Maine dropped to only five, and it is due wholly to her untiring energy and effort that this number has practically trebled itself in three years, and that we are still growing.

During the past year, gifts of money and articles have been made to many different places, including besides the home parishes of all branches, the House of the Good Shepherd at Gardiner, scholarships for All Saints' School, Bontoc, the Phillipines, money sent for the salary of a social worker in the cotton mills in China, and many other local charities. In all, for the year 1926, these total as follows: gifts to G. F. S. purposes in the province and nationally, \$165.80; gifts of money to purposes under the Church, \$543.58, and gifts of articles for the same, 167.45; gifts of money to purposes outside the Church, \$24.00, and gifts of articles for the same, \$63.00. Sixty-one new members have been admitted to the Society during the year and twenty-four have been confirmed.

Two things are very much in our minds at this time. One is the work of our Diocesan Head of Housing in endeavoring to secure a G. F. S. Holiday House for Maine. Two years ago, through the courtesy of Bishop Brewster, the Maine G. F. S. were given a month's use of a house at Falmouth Foreside. During the summer members of four branches in this way had a taste of the joys of a Holiday House, and we are now actively at work to secure a

permanent house of our own. To date seven branches have pledged a total of \$115.00 a year, and we hope to make our Holiday House a reality in the near future.

The other event on which we are focussing much attention is the celebration, in Boston next November, of the 50th anniversary of the Girls' Friendly Society in America. We will join with the Massachusetts Woman's Auxiliary at that time for one service as they too are celebrating their 50th in 1927, and we of New England feel that we are particularly fortunate to have this red-letter national meeting take place so near to us.

This is an age of preventive work, of positive education rather than forced remedies, and surely no field offers greater opportunities for work of this kind than work with girls. The training of the mothers of the next generation and of future leaders in the church, in the highest Christian principles is the province of the G. F. S. — training which has been done this past year by means of work and service for others, through discussions, educational classes, outdoor meetings and hikes, religious services and personal friendships. Such work offers the challenge to anyone who is interested in the future of her church, her parish, or her community. "What am *I* doing about it?" Work with girls demands much time, much effort, and endless giving of self. It requires interest and sympathy and faith in the girl of today. But because its demands are great its rewards greater, and when more women of the church are willing to give intelligent interest and active support to such work the G. F. S. will have strong branches in the many parishes whose rectors now say, "There are many girls, but no one to lead them."

FRANCES ARNOLD, *President.*

Report of the Church Periodical Club

We are turning our attention very strenuously in our diocese to the rural problems, and are studying how we may help isolated persons and communities. This message, really amounting to a command, was given us at the Triennial in New Orleans. Our people are responding gladly, and magazines are continually going out, either by parcel post, or in large packages, or barrels, or taking the help offered by kind friends motoring across country, who are glad to do Christian work and give the Church Periodical Club a lift by the way. Please remember generously Father Plummer of Brownville Junction and Father Gay of St. Mark's, Waterville. Think what this work means to isolated people who are so kindly ministered by these faithful priests. The rates of postage are almost prohibitive, but God always provides the way, and the C. P. C. must carry on. I read of two Constables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alaska going 260 miles for reading matter.

One of our particular objectives this year as ordered from the Central Office is funds to buy books for Boone Library. Recently the C. P. C. of Trinity, Portland, set a fine example in sending me a check for three dollars to buy a book where needed. I sent it on to Miss Thomas with their request that the name of the parish be inscribed in the book which will be sent where Miss Thomas sees the most need. This gives a fine personal touch as the people in some far away mission read the name of a sister parish in the west.

The Church Periodical Club may do important follow up work in the Bishops' Crusade by each parish buying a book, passing it on to be read, then inscribing the name of the parish and sending it in with a prayer for its usefulness. Inscribe within it "This book is a Crusader." Bibles are needed and some branches elsewhere are giving them. There are books recommended for the Reader's Chains and "stickers" as they are called may be had to insert in the book. I will be glad to send in requests if any branches wish. In Washington over 100 reading chains have been formed. Our Church Schools could take up work and form such chains.

Bishop Lines asks if we could send magazines to all our army posts.

Bishop Rowe needs much for his diocese. In his boat, "The Pelican" he carries to sick people the literature they so much need; also "The Red Dragon Reading Room" at Cordova needs much.

Isolated churchwomen need cheer, and through the kindness of Miss Child I have names to give to any who will take a little

time to write to lonely sisters. Let us make a fresh effort and put into use all our magazines, books, cards, and victrola records for all are needed in one place or another. Let each Secretary send in ten days, at least, before each quarterly meeting a tabulated list of the C. P. C. work done in her parish.

LEONORA B. WILLIAMS, *Director.*

Report of Church Mission of Help

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It would be hard for me to give a very extensive report of the work done by the Church Mission of Help during the year of 1926 as it was not until the very latter part of the year that I became actively identified with it, other than as a volunteer worker. Those who are familiar with the organization must realize how hard it was to lose Mrs. Berry as President and Miss Howes as Organizing Secretary, both within a few months time. To the untiring efforts of Mrs. Berry we owe the existence of the C. M. H. in Maine, and it would be hard to express our appreciation for the many hours of time and thought which she and Miss Howes gave to the work.

The number of cases carried were about the same as usual until the first of September, after that we did not take on any new ones, and in October all but nineteen were either closed or turned over to other agencies, as the executive committee was unable to carry more without a worker.

In November a meeting of all the Portland groups was held at St. Luke's Parish House, about thirty members being present. One meeting was also held in December and at Christmas gifts were furnished for all the girls by the groups of Portland, South Portland and Bath.

The C. M. H. in Maine has been greatly handicapped by lack of support both financial and moral. We know that financial aid is necessary in carrying on work of this kind, but one of our greatest needs today is the interest and prayers of every man and woman of the church.

The C. M. H. has become a recognized social agency with trained workers, and is now fully organized in sixteen dioceses. The work is not only on behalf of the individual girl but on behalf of family life. It is "a work done for the church, by the church," and yet more cases are referred to us by other social service agencies, than by our clergy or other church people.

We hope the time will come when everyone will feel that the work of helping these girls who are less fortunate than we, is of as much importance as other branches of church work; and we would like to have the support of every woman of the Auxiliary that the work in Maine may be a success and not fall below the standard set for us by the national organization.

CLARA E. ROLFE, *President*.

CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT

From January, 1926, to January, 1927

Receipts

Balance on hand	\$ 135.35
Received from sources	1,270.85
Borrowed	379.34
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	\$1,785.54

Disbursements

Total disbursements	\$1,765.00
Balance January, 1927	20.54
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	\$1,785.54

REFERRING AND COÖPERATING AGENCIES

Portland Y. W. C. A.; Boston Y. W. C. A.; C. M. H. in other dioceses; Individuals in C. M. H. groups; House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner; Church Home Society, Boston; New England Home for Little Wanderers; State Department Charities and Corrections; State Department of Health; State Hospital for Insane; State School for Girls; Portland Overseers of the Poor; Physicians, Private, City, County, State; Family Welfare Organizations; Temporary Home, Portland; Cumberland County Public Health Organization; School Officials; District Nursing Association; Portland Day Nursery; City Dispensary; State Reformatory for Women; Health Centers; Hospitals; Boston Children's Aid; Portland Traveller's Aid; Portland Police Department; Portland Municipal Court; Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

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.