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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
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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 women of the parishes of this Diocese in coöperating as far as possible with plans undertaken by the National Council to extend Christ's Kingdom throughout the world.

III

The officers of this Organization 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 Organization shall hold an Annual Meeting at the time and place of the Annual Diocesan Convention, for the purpose of electing officers, of hearing reports, of electing delegates to the general meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary, and of transacting such other business as may properly come before it. Each parish may send to the Annual and Quarterly Meetings one delegate from any parochial group in union with the Diocesan branch, and doing Auxiliary work, but every parish shall be entitled to at least two delegates, one, preferably an officer.

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 keep a record of all meetings and prepare the annual report.

VIII

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Organization and send out notices of all meetings.

IX

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies sent to her for the work of the Organization upon its order or at the direction of the officers, and shall prepare a report of the same for 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 1932-1933

HONORARY PRESIDENT, MRS. HERBERT PAYSON, 71 Bowdoin St., *Portland*.
✓ PRESIDENT, MISS MARGUERITE OGDEN, 18 Clifton St., *Portland*.
✓ 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. FREDERICK E. DRAKE, 1002 Washington St., *Bath*.
2ND VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. E. E. HOLT, 56 Bowdoin St., *Portland*.
3RD VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. PARKER P. BURLEIGH, *Houlton*.
4TH VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. JOHN McELWAIN, *Caribou*.
5TH VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. THOMAS RANDALL, *Calais*.
6TH VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. JAMES W. SEWALL, *Old Town*.
✓ RECORDING SECRETARY, MRS. G. BRADFORD HAMILTON, R. F. D. 4, *Portland*.
✓ CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, MISS EDITH C. TRICKEY, 70 Thomas St., *Portland*.
✓ SUPPLY SECRETARY, MRS. ROLAND E. CLARK, 14 Bowdoin St., *Portland*.
✓ EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY, MRS. CHARLES F. FLAGG, 70 Carroll St., *Portland*.
✓ TREASURER, MRS. FREDERICK L. JOHNSTON, 117 Pine St., *Portland*.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MRS. CLARENCE CORNING, Honorary member, The Sherwood, *Portland*.
MRS. D. W. ADAMS, 53 Green St., *Augusta*.
MRS. WESTON LEWIS, *Gardiner*.
MRS. GEORGE MACOMBER, 150 State St., *Augusta*.
MRS. H. V. B. NASH, *Wiscasset*.
MRS. GILBERT OAKLEY, R. F. D. 4, *Portland*.
MRS. K. C. M. SILLS, *Brunswick*.
MRS. J. B. WATERBURY, Girls' Friendly Society, *Camden*.

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1931-1934

MISS MARGUERITE OGDEN, 18 Clifton St., *Portland*.

ALTAR SOCIETY

HONORARY DIRECTRESS, MISS ANNIE M. MERRILL, 136 Scamman St., *South Portland*.
1ST DIRECTRESS OF SILK EMBROIDERY, MISS BERTHA H. SMITH, R. F. D. 1,
Cumberland Center.
2ND DIRECTRESS OF SILK EMBROIDERY, MRS. ALFRED BRINKLER, 104 Park St.,
Portland.
DIRECTRESS OF LINEN WORK, MRS. CHARLES F. JOHNSON, 77 Highland Ave.,
Gardiner.
SECRETARY AND TREASURER, MRS. MORTIMER L. HARRIS, Congress Square
Hotel, *Portland*.

CARIBOU — *St. Luke's* — Miss A. Grace Denton.
DEXTER — *Messiah* — Mrs. Eugene Herrick.
EXETER — *Trinity* — Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Bragger.
DRESDEN MILLS — *St. John's* — Secretary, Mrs. Luella E. Bickford.
EASTPORT — *Christ* — Mrs. S. E. Frost.
FALMOUTH FORESIDE — *St. Mary the Virgin* — Mrs. George W. Backhouse.
FORT FAIRFIELD — *St. Paul's* — Mrs. Frank van Vliet.
GARDINER — *Christ* — Mrs. Edwin Lucas, 259 Brunswick Ave.
GUILFORD — Mrs. E. E. Ross.
HALLOWELL — *St. Matthew's* — Mrs. Leigh Scott.
HOUTON — *Good Shepherd* — Mrs. Harriett Rhoda.
HULL'S COVE — *Church of Our Father* — Mrs. Maude L. Arey.
LEWISTON — *Trinity* — Miss Mary E. Crockett, 88 Drummond St.
LIMESTONE — *Church of the Advent* — Mrs. Mark Phair.
LISBON FALLS — *St. Matthew's* — Mrs. Lena McMillan, Main St.
MACWAHOC — *All Saints'* — Mrs. C. F. Gilliland.
MARS HILL — Mrs. Vera M. Mackey.
MILLINOCKET — *St. Andrew's* — Mrs. William Crawford.
NEWCASTLE — *St. Andrew's* — Mrs. F. C. Roberts, Damariscotta.
NORTHEAST HARBOR — *St. Mary's-by-the-Sea* — Mrs. Edwin Tracy.
OLD ORCHARD — *St. John's-by-the-Sea* — Mrs. W. H. McAllister.
PORTLAND — *Cathedral* — The Very Rev. J. Arthur Glasier, Ex Officio;
Secretary, Mrs. G. G. Hay, 92 Winter St.
 St. Paul's — Mrs. Richard Fenton, 279 Congress St.
 St. Peter's — Mrs. David H. Curtis, 629 Ocean Ave.
 St. Stephen's — Mrs. Ezra F. Ferris, 326 Spring St.
 Trinity — Mrs. Ernest A. Pressey, 119 Coyle St.
PRESQUE ISLE — *St. John's* — Mrs. Frank McElwain, Allen St.
ROCKLAND — *St. Peter's* — Mrs. Roy Estes, Mrs. T. J. Foley.
RUMFORD — *St. Barnabas'* — Mrs. John Fisher.
SACO — *Trinity* — Mrs. Mary Falconer, 129 Middle St.
SANFORD — *St. George's* — Mrs. Francis L. Benn, 121 High St.
SEAL COVE — *St. Andrew's* — Mrs. Nathan Smallidge, Mt. Desert.
SOUTH PORTLAND — *St. Alban's* — Mrs. John E. Leddy, 15 Mitchell Road.
SOUTHWEST HARBOR — *St. John's* — Mrs. George R. Fuller.
THOMASTON — *St. John the Baptist* — Secretary, Mrs. J. Pillsbury.
WATERVILLE — *St. Mark's* — Mrs. H. T. Wandless, 2 Wyman St.
WISCASSET — *St. Philip's* — Mrs. H. v. B. Nash.

Minutes of the Meeting

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Parish House of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, on May 17, 1932. The meeting was opened at 9.30 with prayer by the President.

The roll call showed an attendance of over one hundred officers, delegates and visitors representing thirty branches. One guest from Savannah, Ga., was present.

The nominating committee was named as follows: Mrs. Kendall, chairman, Mrs. Lippincott, Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Van Vliet. The Courtesy Committee was also appointed by the President: Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Pressey.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and accepted. The minutes of the last annual meeting were omitted and it was voted to accept them as printed.

Mrs. Drake, our 1st Vice President, spoke of District meetings and the benefits derived by having Auxiliary officers visit such meetings and give talks on Auxiliary matters.

The President's address by Miss Ogden summarized the year's work, various departmental needs and stressed growth in the feeling that our Parish members should be better informed as to the Church and its great work.

Regret was expressed that Mrs. George R. Fuller could no longer serve as Correspondent for the Isolated Churchwomen. This work will be taken over, for the time being, by Mrs. Odell and Mrs. David H. Curtis.

The reports of the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries were read and accepted; also that of the Treasurer, who reported cash on hand, \$437.08. The audit of the books made by Mr. Alan P. Stevens was approved and it was voted that a note of thanks be sent to Mr. Stevens for his services.

The report of the Supply Secretary, Mrs. Roland Clarke, was read and accepted. More boxes were sent this past year than ever before with a total valuation of \$1,406.09. Mrs. Purves reported for the Church Periodical Club stating that fourteen branches were active in this work, three new branches having become interested. Mrs. George R. Fuller told interestingly of her correspondence with Isolated Churchwomen. Mrs. Flagg, our Educational Secretary, stated that Mission Study had been carried on in twenty parishes this year. The new study books are to be "China" and the "American Indian." Mrs. Lucas reported that \$642.42 had been received for the United Thank Offering since last February. The total sent to Denver last fall was \$4,593.62. Mrs. Harris and Mrs.

Johnson reported for the Altar Society and Linen Department. Mrs. Waterbury of Camden reported for the Girls' Friendly Society. All reports were accepted as read.

The Nominating Committee submitted its report and there being no further nominations it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate as read. The officers were duly elected.

The motion was made and seconded that the Diocese accept the responsibility of paying the expenses of the President to the Triennial Meeting and that the parishes indicate on their pledge cards a sum which they are able to contribute for this expense.

An invitation to hold the fall meeting in Northeast Harbor was extended by Mrs. Tracy and was accepted with thanks.

Collection for the day amounted to \$67.00.

Dean Glasier, Bishop Brewster and Miss Margaret Teague all spoke on the value of church conferences. Miss Teague is to conduct the Women's Department at the Rural Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, this summer. Dean Glasier feels that the Bowdoin Conference is making one of the great contributions to the Diocese of Maine. Bishop Brewster spoke of Concord, Wellesley and Bowdoin, and was most enthusiastic over the spiritual benefits received by young people privileged to attend these summer schools.

Noonday prayers were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cotton of Calais following which Rev. Goodrich R. Fenner, Secretary for Rural Work, spoke on the "Condition of Rural Christianity in the U. S. today." He stated that the drift into cities has meant a diminishing in the interest in the rural Church. The greatest need in rural areas is a strong, vigorous organization for training young people religiously.

After luncheon, which was served at the Lafayette Hotel, discussion groups were held, led by Mrs. Sills on "Duties of Presidents," Mrs. Teague on "Building a Parish Program," Mrs. Lucas on the "United Thank Offering" and Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Johnston on "Finance." These groups were of vital interest and the subjects discussed brought added information and inspiration to those attending.

The Courtesy Committee submitted its report and expressed appreciation of the generous hospitality extended by St. Luke's Cathedral and all of the other Portland parishes at the Annual Meeting. The committee thanked the hostesses and speakers of the day for their invaluable services, and extended appreciation to all committees enabling the efficient and successful handling of the Convention.

The money collected from the May Breakfast at St. Stephen's

Church was given as a scholarship to the Bowdoin Conference. \$24.50 was realized.

Mrs. Edric A. Weld of Plymouth, N. H., addressed the afternoon meeting. Her subject was "Understanding our Daughters." Mrs. Weld has had ample experience with young people to qualify her as an authority in subjects of vital concern to growing girls and boys. She spoke of certain tools necessary to young people if they are to train themselves for the best possible service in the world: 1st, a beautiful body; 2nd, a well trained mind; 3rd, a fine spirit. She believes that with knowledge and love and determination we can help boys and girls to help themselves. As an inspiring aid to mothers she suggested the reading of *Psychology in the Service of the Soul* by Weatherhead. Mrs. Weld has great faith in the youth of today and a firm conviction that our future will not lack boys and girls with Christian ideals and principles to uphold their "goodly heritage."

Miss Ogden closed the session with prayer.

MARY F. HAMILTON,
Recording Secretary.

Report of Recording Secretary

The fall meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Houlton on October 12 and 13, 1931. Fourteen branches were represented by sixty-eight officers, delegates and visitors. Rev. Mr. Hayden of Camden spoke on "Religious Education for Adults as well as for Children" and Miss Teague, our Religious Educational Secretary, continued this theme in her address on "Religion in the Home." She finds great need and eagerness for help among both children and adults in rural sections.

The mid-winter meeting was held in Augusta on February 4 and 5, 1932. Ten branches were represented by forty-six delegates. Bishop Casady of Oklahoma described the amazing growth of the Church in his state during the past few years. Miss Katherine Grammer, Secretary for College Work in the Province of New England, gave a stimulating address on "Working Among College Groups."

Two Board meetings have been held during the year; one, in December, at the home of Mrs. Herbert Payson and one, in April, with our President, Miss Ogden.

Two District meetings have given stimulus and information to those present. One meeting was held at Trinity Church, Portland, last fall, when Rev. Canon Scott conducted a Meditation on the "Themes of the Triennial" — a most impressive service! The other District meeting was held in Fort Fairfield, Maine, where forty women met to discuss how the Church's Program could best be carried out in their respective parishes.

Great stress has been placed upon the necessity for educating our parish members in the work of the Church at large. The Auxiliary gave twenty-three copies of the *Kingdoms of our Lord* to the clergy of the Diocese who have been most kind in presenting the subjects to their Auxiliary branches.

Reports from the various parishes on the Church's work have been gratifying. We find an ever increasing seriousness of purpose to carry out in practical, daily living the ideals and example of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY F. HAMILTON,

Recording Secretary.

President's Address

*To the Members of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary
and my Fellow Officers:*

We are meeting in Whitsun week, at a critical moment in the history of our Church—a moment when we decide, you and I, whether we will carry Christ to the world or sit comfortably in our parish Church and enjoy a little religion which is not Christian. Two days ago we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church on the Day of Pentecost, not only the gift of that one occasion, but a continuous gift of wisdom and right judgment, if we care to make it ours.

The Sunday before we heard read to us in our Churches the Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops sending us a message of hope, and reminding us that "the Church is not primarily a business institution in the sense that when depression comes the work is thereby lessened; when factories shut down, the Church must speed up; Man's Extremity is God's opportunity."

The House of Bishops has given us a ringing call to our privileges as baptized men and women. They have summoned us by the blast of "No uncertain Trumpet," and we must prepare ourselves as never before to carry on.

What can we do about it all to help? I hope that out of this meeting here today, the addresses, and the group conferences, will come to you some answers to the question.

Some of the answers may be: more carefully planned programs; a more comprehensive grasp of our work in every department of the Church; a growing understanding of the financial responsibilities of our Church in Maine and its relation to the National Church; an acute sense of the need for training ourselves as well as our children through personal and group experiences in the religious life, and by this I mean not only hearing a child say his prayers but praying with him in words he can understand; not only reading a book about the Church and her mission, but convincing yourself to the point of action that you really want some foreign woman to share the Auxiliary meeting with you; not only approving highly of the principle of worship but of worshipping in the Church every Sunday. These, my friends, are steps in Christian Education. Our life in the Kingdom of God on earth must always be a life growing in Christian experience, or it is not *alive* at all.

Another answer to the question "What shall we do about it?" is found in the United Thank Offering. In our Diocesan Program we listed the United Thank Offering under Devotional Life because we thought that constant saying "Thanks" was the most important

part of it, both for the giver and the recipient. In the group conference today on that subject we may expect a new awakening in the exchange of methods and experiences of the custodians.

THE TRIENNIAL

At the Triennial meeting in Denver you were represented by your President and for a few days by Mrs. Robert Hallowell Gardiner, Jr., also. It was an epoch-making meeting for the Auxiliary when it turned from a detailed discussion of things and individual mission fields, to a consideration of the problems before the whole world. These problems presented in the five addresses which some of the branches have been studying this year, are to be in our thoughts in one way or another until the next Triennial. We have rather stressed this year "A Study of Family Life and Interracial Contacts," but do not let us feel that we have graduated from these subjects. They are always with us, as we take up the others: economic conditions, international relations, and most important, "Present Day Religious Thinking."

You will have brought before you in this meeting some resolutions from the Triennial. I would especially call your attention to the one on providing a fund for the expenses of the President of the Diocese to Triennial meetings. It would seem to be a good time to set aside a small amount each year for this purpose, as the Triennial in 1934 will be held so near us that we should not have to consider paying such expenses until 1937.

THE PROVINCE

One pressing need of the Diocesan Auxiliary, as it is of the Parish Auxiliaries, is trained leaders. Leaders may be born, but they must be trained to be of use in the Church. There is a possibility that we may have an opportunity for such training provided for us in two institutes led by the officers from National Headquarters to be held in the Province next fall. If this does not materialize, we should have some conferences on our work in this Diocese during the coming year.

The Provincial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Province, together with other women's organizations in the Church, will be held this year in Manchester, Vermont, on October 3 and 4. Maine is entitled to ten representatives chosen from the active Diocesan officers and representatives from other Church organizations which are nationally organized.

THE DIOCESE

To turn to the affairs of our Diocese, I regret keenly that one of our officers, Mrs. George R. Fuller, the Correspondent of Isolated

Churchwomen, feels that she cannot stand for reëlection. She has proved herself a real friend to those living apart from the ministrations of the Church. Her heart has been in the work, and she has given of herself to this correspondence.

By the direction of the Executive Board, the Auxiliary has published three leaflets this year. First, "The Diocesan Program of 1931-34," which you have all received, I hope, and put into use.

Second, a leaflet entitled "You Hold Tomorrow in Your Hands" by Margaret W. Teague, our Educational Secretary. The latter, the Board decided to sell and it has already repaid more than half the initial expense. It is on sale at the Congregational Publishing Co., Boston, and at the Book Store at National Headquarters, 281 Fourth Ave., New York. It is highly gratifying that this leaflet has been heartily endorsed by the National Department of Religious Education and by Massachusetts Diocesan Department of Religious Education, and others well qualified to express an opinion.

We may consider ourselves most fortunate to have the author of this pamphlet giving her time and talent to the educational work of our Diocese.

Third, we have issued for this meeting a concise statement of the House of the Good Shepherd — its purpose and needs.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the parish branches of St. Alban's, South Portland; St. Paul's, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, and Trinity Church, Portland; Auburn and Lewiston in a large combined meeting; Falmouth Foreside, Bath, and Saco. I have also conducted a group conference at the Annual Meeting of the Young People's Fellowship at Gardiner. I enjoy the opportunity of meeting the parish officers. It gives me great courage to feel their live interest in the work and to meet such a fine spirit of coöperation. These and other visits have been made by groups of officers. It has been, I think, helpful for the parishes to know their Diocesan officers a little better and I am sure the cordiality and hospitality of the parishes is very grateful to the officers. It all makes for a Diocesan consciousness which, I am sure, we shall be the better for cultivating.

While I speak of journeying with them, let me take this opportunity of extending my thanks to the Diocesan officers who work so untiringly and carefully in this Auxiliary. I do not exaggerate when I say that they never seem too weary or too occupied to respond to a call for service.

In closing, I wish I might impress on you that we are moving in a new order of life. It is what the work of the Holy Spirit means, is it not, that we are always moving in our spirits. As Evelyn Underhill says, "To be spiritually alive means to be growing and changing; not to settle down among a series of systematized be-

liefs and duties, but to endure, and to go on enduring the strain, conflicts, and difficulties incident to development."

The Auxiliary is developing and we must keep pace with it. If we have thought of it as a select group apart from the busy life of a parish, we must adjust our minds to the fact that it is growing much larger, and is taking in all kinds of women, young and old, professional and leisure; those meeting in groups and those giving individually of their time and money for its support. If we have thought of it as only sewing, we must think again, for it now includes artists who give pageants and nurses who run milk stations; it includes teachers who know how to teach in the latest and most effective method, and women who want to learn, and women who put Church books into Braille; it prays for missions with women of other communions; it expresses in various ways its cordial co-operation with the Girls' Friendly Society and the Young People's Fellowship and the Church Mission of Help. It is found in the Arctic zone and in the tropics.

It should include in your parish any women who, signed with the sign of the cross, wants to bear testimony to her devotion to our Lord by giving, in whatever direction her talent lies, *herself* to make him known — where? In the rural parts of Maine or in colleges, among the American Indians and Negroes, in India or China, or it may be to your next door neighbor. "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of women that bear the tidings."

MARGUERITE OGDEN,
President.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Mail sent: notices of Board meetings, 62; notices of Quarterly meetings, 254; notices of Annual meeting, 128; letters and notes, 21. Total, 465.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH C. TRICKEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

RECEIPTS

From January 1, 1931, to January 1, 1932

Collections at meetings	\$ 186.17
Pledges from branches	1,494.32
Individual contribution	5.00
Mrs. Herbert Payson for expense of delegates outside of the Diocese	150.00
Interest on scholarship bonds	147.25
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	\$1,982.74
Deposited in Maine Savings Bank for Scholarship Fund	532.99
Mary Floyd Neely Scholarship Fund, principal held by the Trustees of Diocesan Fund	\$3,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

From January 1, 1931, to January 1, 1932

Traveling expenses of speakers	152.12
Postage and stationery	69.05
Printing	35.50
Annual reports	79.10
House of Good Shepherd	617.50
Church Mission of Help	78.00
Epiphany offering, chapel at Flandreau, South Dakota	212.32
Tuition for clergyman's daughter	300.00
Expense of General Executive Board	15.00
Provincial delegate	10.00
Provincial assessment	10.00
Summer conferences	92.00
Diocesan missions	11.00
General missions	1.00
Special, Bishop Rowe of Alaska	60.00
Special, St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia	40.00
Special, Holiday House Girls' Friendly Society	25.00
Special, Church Army	25.00
Toward expense of delegate to Triennial at Denver, Colo.	100.00
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	\$1,932.59
Balance, January 1, 1931	689.51
Receipts, December 31, 1931	1,982.74
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	\$2,672.25

Balance, December 31, 1931	739.66
Disbursements, December 31, 1931	1,932.59
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	\$2,672.25

BLANCHE L. JOHNSTON,
Treasurer.

Report of Supply Secretary

January, 1931, to January, 1932

Number of boxes sent, 80; value,	\$1,538.76
Recipients of boxes:	
Rev. J. H. Brown, Savannah, Ga.,	\$ 115.37
Mrs. William Holmes, Springfield, S. D.	90.72
Rev. James C. Holden, Kinston, N. C.	17.60
Rev. F. E. Stillwell, Bemidji, Minn.	205.86
Christmas boxes	10.00
Catechist, John Dewitt, So. Dakota	35.00
St. Agnes Mission, Sherwood, Tenn.	296.52
*House of the Good Shepherd	675.69
Supply closet	92.00
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Total	\$1,538.76

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA D. CLARK.

* This amount includes the boxes sent to the House of the Good Shepherd from May, 1931, to May, 1932.

United Thank Offering

REPORT OF MONEYS

Total receipts ending Dec. 31, 1931	\$4,755.83
Total for the Triennium sent to Denver	4,593.62
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Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1931	\$ 162.21
Amount for the quarter ending May 17, 1932	\$ 479.00
Amount on Feb. 5, 1932	163.42
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Total, May 17, 1932	\$ 642.42
Amount invested — Lewis B. Franklin, Treas.	150.00
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Balance in Gardiner Savings Bank	\$ 492.42

ELLEN LUCAS, U. T. O. Treasurer.

Receipts from Parishes
Jan. 1931—Jan. 1932

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PARISH	PLEDGES	SUPPLY DEPT.	UNITED THANK OFFERING
Ashland — Emmanuel	\$ 8.00		
Auburn — St. Michael's	17.50	1	\$ 13.86
Augusta — St. Mark's	70.00	4	50.35
Bangor — St. John's	59.00	3	550.00
Bar Harbor — St. Savior's	102.30	3	110.85
Bath — Grace	128.05	3	281.99
Biddeford — Christ	16.00	1	34.00
Brownville Junction — St. John's	17.10	1	110.49
Brunswick — St. Paul's	32.10	2	159.28
Calais — St. Anne's	6.00	2	11.67
Camden — St. Thomas'	60.00	2	55.94
Caribou — St. Luke's	36.00	1	16.25
Falmouth Foreside — St. Mary's	24.31	2	63.79
Fort Fairfield — St. Paul's	51.30	2	36.86
Gardiner — Christ	166.50	1	42.75
Hallowell — St. Matthew's	20.00	1	105.18
Houlton — Good Shepherd	15.00	3	293.20
Hull's Cove — Church of Our Father	13.00	2	21.73
Lewiston — Trinity	18.00	2	112.09
Limestone — Church of the Advent		1	35.42
Lisbon Falls — St. Matthew's	17.00	1	28.93
Mars Hill	10.00		18.60
		Value	15.08
		No. of Boxes	7.86
			Jan. 1, '31 to Dec. 31, '31
			Triennium, 1928-31

Moose River					
Newcastle — St. Andrew's	10.00	1	5.27	93.96	12.13
Northeast Harbor — St. Mary's-by-the-Sea	47.00	4	219.51	96.83	53.76
Old Orchard — St. John's-by-the-Sea	5.00	2	10.34		
Old Town — St. James'	12.00	2	15.00	29.07	8.70
Portland — Cathedral	261.76	6	201.58	378.20	91.21
St. Paul's	15.00	1	5.00	48.90	18.70
St. Peter's	37.50	3	21.69	56.49	19.78
St. Stephen's	25.20	2	40.00	302.30	98.20
Trinity	28.70	3	21.02	174.03	72.88
Presque Isle — St. John's	27.00	1	7.26	52.79	21.49
Rangeley — Good Shepherd				10.00	10.00
Rockland — St. Peter's	10.00	1	5.00		
Rumford — St. Barnabas'	14.00			36.40	15.60
Saco — Trinity	12.00	3	41.75	24.25	7.60
Sanford — St. George's	12.00	1	5.00	30.00	10.00
Seal Cove — St. Andrew's	15.00	1	5.00	32.80	14.81
South Portland — St. Alban's	18.00	2	20.00	10.65	10.65
Southwest Harbor — St. John's	10.00	2	15.00	24.16	12.01
Thomaston — St. John the Baptist		1	5.34		
Waterville — St. Mark's	19.00	1	8.78	169.98	46.86
Wiscasset — St. Philip's	28.00	3	33.35	113.56	37.46
Woodland — St. Luke's				5.00	5.00
Girls' Friendly Society		2	48.00		
Isolated Church Women				5.00	5.00
Women summering in Maine				121.00	121.00
Miscellaneous				274.27	46.57
Interest					10.51
Interest on Invested Funds					193.30
Total Offering Presented at Denver				\$4,593.62	
Total	\$1,494.32	80	\$1,538.76		\$1,738.88
				Total, May 17, 1932,	\$642.42

Report of Educational Secretary

The Secretary has had a busy season and can report mission study carried on in twenty parishes this year. There may have been more work done which has not been reported to the Secretary. A letter was sent out to all the Branches explaining the study program and listing the books available. This brought quite a number of replies, but not yet do all the branches feel the urge to reply. The Secretary has visited four parishes by invitation and explained the work and exhibited the books.

The extent of printed matter handled by this department has increased greatly this year. Not only have the actual study books, calendars of daily Bible readings, Church programs, Woman's Auxiliary prayer cards been sold, but also many copies of the addresses given at Denver under the title "Kingdoms of our Lord," programs for services for the United Day of Prayer for Missions were sent to all Branches, many copies of Dr. Taylor's little book, *Modern Standards of Right and Wrong*, were supplied and dozens of leaflets given away by the Woman's Auxiliary were distributed to interested members. The red book, *The Woman's Auxiliary in the Life of the Church*, has proven to be a real inspiration in suggestions for work to many members desiring to make their Branch more useful, and Branch officers have been glad to have the leaflets of instruction for presidents, secretaries, and treasurers.

Two publications written by the Rev. William Stabler for college work have been well received, *The Moral Problems of Students*, and *When Two or Three are Gathered Together*, as well as leaflets regarding Christian training for children and responsibility of parents. Much of this free literature has been inclosed in orders for books and also supplied to clergymen.

In face of the financial depression and lessened giving to the Church, I would recommend to your attention a Woman's Auxiliary leaflet entitled "The Church has Tithes."

The new study topics are China and the American Indians. I have samples of the books here and if any of you care to do some summer reading they are available.

EDNA P. FLAGG,
Educational Secretary.

Society of Isolated Churchwomen

During the past year I have written 103 letters and have received 102 replies from persons whose names are among the Isolated Churchwomen. I wish I might read some of the letters expressing such deep appreciation and real affection!

Four persons of this number contributed to the United Thank Offering and many seemed desirous to help the Church whenever possible.

I subscribed for and sent out many religious magazines, pamphlets and leaflets, interesting clippings, sometimes an editorial, cards with fine thoughts, poems — anything to stimulate thought and feed the mind.

As an attempt to encourage Bible reading I distributed six, including my own, of the "Churchman's Calendar of Daily Bible Readings" and the replies were most gratifying.

Four Christmas boxes were sent: one to a family in distressed circumstances and also to three elderly shut-ins. A pair of strong khaki trousers was bought for one of the boys in this same unfortunate family which the Salvation Army was glad to assist for a while.

One woman whose name was given me at the Convention last year did not wish her name on the list. She had money enough and was well cared for by her friends. She sent me \$5.00 for the work. Part of this money was paid for the khaki trousers and part went toward the Christmas boxes.

These isolated people are deeply grateful for every attention and service. Their letters to me radiate the joy which I have tried to impart through teaching them to turn to Christ for help and strength.

Respectfully yours,

ELLA L. W. FULLER,
*Correspondent for the Society of
Isolated Churchwomen.*

Report of Altar Society

The opening meeting in October of the Maine Altar Society brought sadness with the loss of three members whose names are now enrolled in the Book of Remembrance.

This year it was decided to devote the time to missions. A red superfrontal was started and completed, and in response to an appeal for stoles and maniples, work was started on these in purple,

green and white. Also three gifts were made by one of the active members.

Early in the season a very enthusiastic call came from St. John's, Thomaston, with a request for work. Four mounted and stamped pieces were sent to be finished for their own parish. Later a branch society was formed with an active membership of seven. Surely good work will result from such a fine spirit.

The Board and Quarterly meetings were attended, proving to be most interesting and beneficial, also a meeting of the Massachusetts Diocesan Altar Guilds on April 26, held in Boston, when a most inspiring talk was given on the National Cathedral.

The number of pieces completed does not quite equal the record of past years, owing to the unavoidable lack of workers, yet the same willing spirit was ever present.

At noon we paused to repeat the prayer so appropriate to the work.

O Loving Saviour, we pray Thee to send thy blessing upon this Altar Society and the work of all its members; give us thy grace that we may be loyal to thy Holy Church, and faithful in our care of holy things. Grant that as we adorn and make ready thy Altar we may learn greater love and reverence for all that belongs to thy service, and through all outward symbols come to a clearer vision of the inward and spiritual truth taught by them. We ask this for thy sake, O Blessed Lord and Master. Amen.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received

Balance on hand, May, 1931	\$ 94.82
Received from orders	60.00
Received from linen department	20.00
Received from dues, active and associate	8.50
Received from sundry sales and interest	12.71

	\$ 196.03

Disbursements

Paid for materials	\$ 66.60
Paid for equipment and sundries	43.40
Paid for postage	1.20

Making a total of	\$ 111.20
Balance on hand, May 12, 1932	84.83

	\$ 196.03

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE V. HARRIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

LINEN DEPARTMENT

Received

Cash on hand, May, 1931	\$.82
Received from the Rev. Mr. Hayden	35.00
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	\$ 35.82

Disbursements

Paid to Mrs. Harris	\$ 20.00
Postage	.82
Linen	2.25
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	\$ 23.07

Cash on hand, May, 1932	\$ 12.75
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WORK

Fair linen, Cere cloth, Pall veil, Corporal, Credence cloth, sent to Chaplain Peter B. Franklin, for chapel at Thomaston. Surplice made for Canon Plant, linen given by a parishioner of St. Mary the Virgin.

GEORGIANA M. JOHNSON.

Church Periodical Club

Madam President and Members of the Auxiliary:

The Church Periodical Club has successfully weathered its second summer, under the present director, and is beginning to sit up and take notice.

During the year I have received a letter asking me to endorse a request to have a C. P. C. representative on the National Council of the Woman's Auxiliary. Another that the Diocesan directors meet informally at the Synod for conference. Still another — that the C. P. C. donate one dollar toward a subscription to the *Witness* to be sent to an isolated church family, the other dollar being paid by an unknown donor. As we have only \$1.50 in the treasury, this cannot be done unless some interested person supplies more dollars.

Since last May I have spoken in the interest of this work at St. Alban's, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, twice at Trinity, St. Mark's in Augusta, and St. Paul's, Brunswick. These talks have borne fruit in establishing new branches and reviving old, except for one talk which evidently did not reach the goal.

We welcome as new branches St. Alban's, South Portland; St. Mary the Virgin, Falmouth Foreside; St. Paul's, Portland, and two revived branches, St. Mark's, Augusta, and St. Paul's, Brunswick.

We had last year seven active branches sending twelve magazines regularly, 300 miscellaneous and fifty prayer books and one secular book. Today we have fourteen active branches sending 106 magazines regularly, 650 miscellaneous and fifty prayer books and fourteen boxes of books.

I must call your attention to the really handsome donations: fourteen boxes of books totalling upwards of 500 volumes and containing many beautiful editions handsomely bound and ranging from fiction to religion. The beautiful letters sent by recipients have made a most friendly contact; indeed in one branch the contact has been so friendly that clothing and even a graduating dress has been solicited. These persons who have received the clothing, probably would never apply to the Supply Department of the Woman's Auxiliary, but feel on such friendly terms with their donors that they look upon them as Ladies Bountiful.

All the fourteen branches are doing remarkable work. One member says that she can scarcely get a look at the *New York Times Magazine* as her husband is so eager to start it on its way to a retired priest in North Carolina. A judge is sending a French weekly magazine and a Spanish monthly magazine to a marine hospital, and I might say he is not a member of any Church. I could tell many things of interest but time forbids.

Do not forget that I have my eye on several parishes and only await an invitation to come and tell you how you can make the old become new and reap a world of gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY W. PURVES,
Director of C. P. C. in Maine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts		Expenses
St. Alban's (for expenses)	\$ 3.00	Book—Trinity \$3.00
St. Mark's, Augusta (for expenses)	2.00	<i>Spirit of Miss.</i> 4.00
Trinity (for expenses)	1.00	Postage, paper 4.50
Trinity (for book)	3.00	
Augusta (for subscription)	4.00	
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	\$13.00	
Expense	<hr/> 11.50	
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Balance on hand	\$ 1.50	

Report of the Girls' Friendly Society

There is no outstanding occurrence to report for the past year. The branches have been functioning steadily and sending interesting reports to the monthly news-letter "US," which has continued a helpful course.

The Annual Diocesan Council was held in Bangor in October and was a very successful one. The Bishop preached at the Festival Service in St. John's Church, and the special speaker of the Council was Miss Margaret Teague, our Educational Secretary, whose address on "The Only Way" struck a high spiritual note.

The usual missionary work has been done, both in Advent and Lent, and the House of the Good Shepherd has not been forgotten. In fact all branches recognize their duty to the Five Fields of Service and try to live up to their motto, "Bear ye one another's burdens," both locally and abroad.

Pledges have been generally met, in spite of hard times, and recreational programs have been interesting. The new branches have prospered, and as this report is being written, another branch is in process of organization at Southwest Harbor.

Holiday House completed a third successful season and looks forward to another. A welcome item in its report is that the Town of Camden has abated taxes on the House, thus slightly easing the financial burden.

The gift of \$25.00 from the Woman's Auxiliary has been gratefully acknowledged.

Altogether we feel that we have not belied the words published at the beginning of each copy of "US," and taken from the hymn of the young people,

"Onward press, my comrades, we are gaining ground."

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE WATERBURY,
Diocesan President, G. F. S. in Maine.

Church School Activities

Secretary, Miss Margaret W. Teague, 132 Park St., Portland; Treasurer, Mrs. George F. Talbot, 4 Orchard St., Portland.

ADVENT OFFERING

St. Andrew's Church, Millinocket, received \$242.74 in the Advent Offering for 1931. This is to be used for improvements in the Church making it more adequate for the service it would render.

EPIPHANY OFFERING

The Epiphany Offering, which is the Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship for the tuition of a Chinese girl in St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, China, amounted in 1931 to \$59.92.

LENTEN OFFERING

The Lenten Offering of 1932 amounted to \$1,328.04 Two new schools contributed to this amount and eight schools who had never given before contributed. Ten schools gave more than last year.

BIRTHDAY THANK OFFERING

The objective of the birthday Thank Offering of this Triennium is the new Bishop La Mothe Memorial Chapel at Iolani School, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The amount given in the last Triennium for the children's ward of St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, Japan, from Maine was \$344.91.

LITTLE HELPERS' OFFERING

Mrs. William E. Walker, Fort Fairfield, who has charge of this important part of the work of the Department of Religious Education reports only seven active branches of Little Helpers. There has been an interest expressed in a number of other parishes but no definite steps toward organization have been taken.

CHRISTMAS Box WORK

Mrs. Clara G. Kendall

Since Mrs. Kendall took charge of this part of the children's work, it has grown steadily. Twenty-two branches have responded this year.

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.

