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Minutes of the Meeting

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council was held in the Parish House of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, May 15, 1934. Miss Ogden, the President, opened the business meeting with prayer at 9.30 A. M. One hundred and sixty-eight, including officers, delegates and guests, representing 38 branches, responded to the roll call.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were accepted as printed and the reading omitted by vote, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were accepted, as mimeographed copies had been sent to the Branches and the reading of them omitted by vote.

The annual report of the Recording Secretary was read and accepted.

Tributes to the memory of Miss Mary M. Burgess, former member of the Advisory Committee and the first Diocesan Educational Secretary, and of Mrs. Clarence Corning, Honorary Member of the Advisory Committee and former Secretary, were presented by special committees, and were accepted to be entered on the records and copies to be sent to their respective families.

The President also paid a beautiful tribute to Mr. Henry van B. Nash, a prominent layman of the Diocese.

The President's address followed. The reports of the Treasurer, Auditor, Supply Secretary, Educational Secretary, and United Thank Offering were given and accepted as read.

Mrs. Isaac Hill of Concord, N. H., President of the Woman's Auxiliary and Co-operating Organizations of the Province of New England, spoke briefly on Provincial work, and then brought before the meeting the subject of the United Thank Offering, stressing the fact that all the women of the whole church should have an opportunity to take part in it. She gave a vivid description of the thrill felt by every one at the Triennial when the offering is received, and referred to the steady increase of the sum from the \$2,000.00 which was offered in 1889.

The President announced that five dollars had been raised at the last meeting of the Executive Board for repairs on the automobile of the Provincial Secretary for Women's Colleges.

She also alluded to the two summer conferences at Concord and Wellesley, which offer opportunity for training in leadership.

Mrs. Beard of Bar Harbor reported for a committee appointed to gain information on the church activities of young people in parishes between the ages of 14 to 20 years. She said in part, "Many stated in answer to a questionnaire that lack of leaders had

caused their organizations to stop functioning, so we feel that the Woman's Auxiliary should stress the training of leaders. Two very definite ways in which this can be done are to be responsible for sending delegates to the summer conferences and to the youth meetings being held by the Diocesan Department of Religious Education and by the Province."

Reports of the Church Periodical, Altar Society, and Girls' Friendly Society were made. Verbal report from the Correspondent for Isolated Church Women was given.

The Rev. Mr. Akeley of Gardiner made a stirring appeal for the House of the Good Shepherd, which, owing to the closed banks, is in need of funds for running expenses.

Miss Margaret W. Teague spoke of her work in the rural areas of Maine, telling of a month's project this summer to be carried out in Exeter when a number of college girls have volunteered to teach in a Daily Vacation Bible School and promote accompanying social activities.

Two recommendations from the Executive Board were approved by the meeting: First, that members of the Advisory Committee be elected for a term of three years, rotation in office to be arranged by the Nominating Committee; Second, that the Epiphany Offering each year be given to the Diocesan Quota for General Missions.

Mrs. L. C. Moody, and Mrs. Ernest Allen, presented their report, which was accepted. It was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the officers as slated and printed in the front of this report.

The Committee then brought the nomination of delegates to the Triennial Meeting to be held in Atlantic City, October 10-20. Delegates were elected as follows: Miss Ogden, Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Waterbury. Alternates: Mrs. Roland E. Clark, Mrs. R. V. Snow, Miss Lucy Lancaster, Mrs. C. F. Odell, Miss Margaret W. Teague.

Mrs. Everard P. Miller, Jr., followed with a stirring talk on conditions in China, giving a very interesting picture of the differences in the habits and customs of women from the first days of the Auxiliary there to the present time.

Father Whittemore, on furlough from Liberia, transported our minds in a twinkling to life in the jungle and among the Blacks, "the happiest people in the world." They have wonderful capacity for religion and nothing, not even depression, can stop the work in thousands of missions in Africa.

Noonday prayers were said by the Rev. Mr. Elliot of Trinity Parish, Portland.

Dr. Daniel C. McGregor was the next speaker, saying that the

task of the Church is to bring confidence, faith and security of life; to reach out in Christian fellowship; and to create the family of God in the world.

It was voted to send a message of affectionate greeting from this meeting to Mrs. Henry van B. Nash.

Mrs. Sills painted a charming picture of a "Day in Jerusalem," which she had recently visited.

Conferences were held after luncheon on: "How To Make a Meeting Interesting," "How to Manage Finances," and "Supplies and What Are They?"

The offering for the day was \$62.21.

The Courtesy Committee, Mrs. Emery of Gardiner, Mrs. Cobb of Auburn, Mrs. Gove of Lewiston, Mrs. Smallidge of Seal Cove, and Mrs. Waterbury of Camden, moved a resolution of gratitude to Bishop Brewster, Dean Glasier and the speakers of the meeting for their inspiration and help and to the Parishes of Portland for their hospitality.

The meeting was invited, after adjournment, to a Forum on Religious Education, conducted by Dr. McGregor under the Department of Religious Education.

The Rev. Herbert E. P. Pressey closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH C. TRICKEY,

Recording Secretary.

Report of Recording Secretary

The Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held its fall meeting with St. Peter's Branch, Rockland, September 25th and 26th. The total number in attendance was 130. Delegates were urged to take back to their Branches two definite things to work for: The House of the Good Shepherd and Rural Work.

Speakers were Mr. Samuel Dennis, a native of Ceylon, who described conditions in India; Miss Hinckley of Rangeley, who talked of the Bowdoin Conference; and the Misses Helen and Margaret Wysong, who gave their interesting experiences among the Missions in the mountains of Virginia; Mrs. Nancy Payson Holt offered suggestions for presenting pageants and plays for children; Miss Gwendoline Cabot of Newcastle presented a glowing picture of her life in Wuchang, China, as an instructor in the Nurses' Training School of the Church General Hospital.

At the midwinter meeting held at St. Michael's Church, Auburn, February 6th, nine branches were represented. The theme of the meeting was "Purposes of God in the World Today." Miss Townsend, Field Secretary for Adult Education in the Diocese of Massachusetts, spoke on "laying foundations for our Christian Religion. Miss Whittemore, Chairman of Work for Colored Missions in the Massachusetts Auxiliary, described the bettered conditions in the schools under the American Church Institute for Negroes. Miss Teague made a plea for putting more emphasis on the educational preparation for the Children's Lenten Offering. Bishop Brewster in the Quiet Hour talked of the movement called "The Church's Wide Endeavor," which is a call from the Presiding Bishop to all of us for renewal of life and faith in the Church.

Three meetings of the Board have been held during the season. Two conferences for training of leaders took place in November, one at Augusta, and one at Portland, at both of which there was much discussion of conditions facing the Church, and of how the Woman's Auxiliary may adapt its organization to meet these conditions.

EDITH C. TRICKEY,
Recording Secretary.

President's Address

We are meeting here today after twelve months of work to review our progress in the spirit and in things. Although the amount of money and supplies has fallen a little below last year, it has decreased, I am happy to say, proportionately so that no part of our program has had to be dropped entirely, and this is, I think, the way economies should be made in the Church—everyone doing his little bit to enable the whole enterprise to run. I feel that what we have done and the way we have done it represents to a marked degree the devotion, steadiness and resourcefulness of the women in the Church in Maine, and I would like to express my appreciation of how judiciously you have managed your affairs as an Auxiliary.

The past year saw the passing of two devoted members and diocesan officers of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Clarence Corning, Honorary Member of the Advisory Committee and for forty years serving with the Board, and Miss Mary M. Burgess, whose family have had many associations with the Diocese and who was herself our first Educational Secretary.

I would like also to pay tribute to a distinguished Layman of our Diocese whom we all knew and loved, and who was always

interested in our work. A man who could truly be called a disciple of Christ in the Modern World; a man to whom the call of his Lord was imperative—a call which meant service where he found himself in a small town, a call which took him into store, or court—into the dance hall or to the lay reader's desk—into the hospital and even into the shadow of death; always a sympathetic friend of every one he met and always a true disciple of Christ, a loyal churchman, a Christian citizen, a man who gave his heart and mind and soul to God in working His purpose out—

HENRY VAN BERGEN NASH.

They climbed the steep ascent of heaven through peril, toil and pain,
O God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train.

The Executive Board at its April meeting voted to recommend to this body that the members of the Advisory Committee, consisting of seven women from different parts of the state, should be elected for a period of three years so that there should be a change of two members every year.

You will have reported to you by the Nominating Committee several new officers. It must be so, as we all know and we welcome new faces to our Diocesan Board. But I must express my deep regret at losing from our Council the excellent advice and devoted interest of these retiring officers. If I were not perfectly confident of their continued support and interest, I should feel that the Auxiliary were losing too much.

We are to hold the Day for Prayer this year on Monday, November 12th. Although the National Executive Board cannot distribute the free leaflets again, they have asked Dean Glasier to prepare a leaflet and if a sufficient number of Dioceses wish it printed, it can be done in New York for \$1.50 per hundred. We have here today some samples of the leaflet of last year translated into languages used in our missions. I feel very confident that part of our sustained effort for the last two years has been the results of our individual observance of this Day for Prayer.

Two Leaders' Conferences held in the fall met a real need, if we may judge from the comments made at the meetings and later sent us by letter. I am hoping we may be able to have two more this fall in other parts of the Diocese.

It is desirable when one is put in a position of responsibility, not only to know where one is going but the best road to choose to get there. This need was the underlying motive of the Conferences—to help leaders to find a particular way that would aid them in their peculiar local situation.

We appointed last May a Committee to inquire into the number of girls between the ages of 14 and 20 years in our parishes who

were expressing their church life through any organization. You will hear the report later. May I say that I think the Auxiliary ought to take this matter to their heart for prayerful consideration, and see that every young person in their parish gets some actual expression for his or her religion. It may be you need a Girls' Friendly Society, or a Young People's Fellowship, or an Acolites Guild, or there may be a group of girls that you can form into a club and lead along Auxiliary lines in the Five Fields of Service. Call it what you like. The young people are there ready for life and I feel that the men and women of the Church have a responsibility to find a channel for this energy that it may be directed toward vigorous and intelligent Christian living.

In regard to matters financial. We have made for some years an Epiphany Offering which was originally intended for some project in the foreign missionary field. For the last three years we have designated it where needed for the parish quota for missions. The Executive Board now recommends that we make this offering in every Branch our contribution to the Diocesan Quota for General Missions.

I am glad to say we were able again to make a contribution to the Provincial Project. It is one in which we are particularly interested as it goes to supplying books and lesson material for rural work in the three northern Dioceses, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Our own rural work under Miss Teague has been flourishing even in such a winter as we have had. There are enthusiastic children sending in their lessons regularly, and there is a new college project under way, of which you will hear later. It is a little disappointing to learn that we have not met our pledge of \$200.00 for this work which we undertook last May. To date the Treasurer has received \$149.50 on it.

We have great cause for rejoicing that the pledge for the House of the Good Shepherd of \$500.00 was paid in full.

The Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council of which we are a Branch will be held at Atlantic City October 10th-20th. We will elect the usual five delegates and five alternates, but all visitors are welcome and can go to all the meetings. I am assured that the hotels at Atlantic City can afford ample accommodations for all who may come, and I would urge that any one who is taking a vacation at that time should hear some of the Triennial Program, the subject of which is "If We Be His Disciples." There has been sent to every President of the Auxiliary Branches a leaflet of prayer to be used in preparation for this Triennial, and other copies can be obtained here for the use of the women in our parishes.

Bishop Murray is reported to have said that "the real trouble with the Episcopal Church in this country is that it has failed to build its program on an educational basis. Instead it has built it on a missionary basis, although missions cannot be carried on except as the result of education—*constant education*—of our people in things religious."

We have had in this Diocese a generation of women well grounded in a knowledge of the Faith which inspired their works, and I believe if our work is to continue to be of like quality we must continually build up our parish Auxiliaries with instruction in the basic facts of the Christian religion; the purpose of God; the mission of the Church; an honest survey of the world in which we must live as Christians; and a fiery enthusiasm to be disciples of the Living Christ.

MARGUERITE OGDEN,
President.

Report of the Treasurer

From January 1, 1933, to January 1, 1934

RECEIPTS

Collections at meetings	\$ 136.80
Pledges from Branches	1,234.60
Interest on scholarship bonds	147.19
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	\$1,518.59
Deposited in Maine Savings Bank for Scholarship Fund	\$574.26
Mary Floyd Neely Scholarship Fund principal held by	
the Trustees of Diocesan Funds	\$3,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Traveling expenses of speakers	\$ 131.78
Postage and stationery	46.74
Printing	43.95
Annual reports	56.45
Tax on checks	1.04
House of Good Shepherd	505.80
Rural work	116.50
Epiphany offering, general missions	114.42
Tuition for clergyman's daughter	150.00
Expense of General Executive Board	15.00
Provincial Assessment	10.00
Provincial delegate	10.00
Summer conferences	90.00
Diocesan missions	1.00
General missions	1.00
Special, Bishop Rowe of Alaska	60.00
Special, St. Paul's School of Lawrenceville, Virginia	40.00
Special, automobile for the college secretary for women in the Province	42.00
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Balance January 1, 1933	\$1,435.68
Receipts December 31, 1933	\$ 736.61
	1,518.59

Balance December 31, 1933	\$2,255.20
Disbursements December 31, 1933	\$ 819.52
	1,435.68

\$2,255.20

BLANCHE L. JOHNSTON,
Treasurer.

Receipts from Parishes, 1933

PARISH	PLEDGES	SUPPLY DEPT.	UNITED THANK OFFERING
		No. of Boxes	
Ashland—Emmanuel			
Auburn—St. Michael's	\$ 17.50	1	\$ 11.00
Augusta—St. Mark's	59.38	4	93.25
St. Barnabas'			
Bangor—St. John's	67.80	3	56.50
Bar Harbor—St. Saviour's	102.05	4	52.50
Bath—Grace	64.00	3	62.87
St. Mary's	10.00		
Biddeford—Christ	8.00	2	17.18
Brownville Junction—St. John's	15.00	1	
Brunswick—St. Paul's	37.00	2	28.19
Calais—St. Anne's	6.00	2	
Camden—St. Thomas'	35.00	1	20.10
Caribou—St. Luke's	23.00	1	
Dresden Mills	2.00		
Falmouth Foreside—St. Mary's	42.21	2	31.00
Fort Fairfield—St. Paul's	10.00	2	5.75
Gardiner—Christ	166.00	2	69.55
Hallowell—St. Matthew's	20.00	1	22.03
Houlton—Good Shepherd	5.00	2	
Hull's Cove—Church of Our Father	13.00	1	9.23
Lewiston—Trinity	28.65	1	6.53
Limestone—Church of the Advent			
Lisbon Falls—St. Matthew's	10.00	2	8.00
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Lisbon Falls—St. Matthew's	10.00	2	9.64	8.00
Mars Hill		1	2.75	
Newcastle—St. Andrew's		1	8.46	32.64
Northeast Harbor—St. Mary's-by-the-Sea	48.75	3	11.29	
Old Orchard—St. John's-by-the-Sea	1.00	1	4.75	142.17
Old Town—St. James'		1	5.00	3.50
Portland—Cathedral	203.25	5	82.50	17.92
St. Paul's	15.00	1	6.00	49.73
St. Peter's	27.00	2	10.45	12.00
St. Stephen's	20.00			17.95
Trinity		2		50.89
Presque Isle—St. John's	28.46	2	27.85	25.20
Rockland—St. Peter's	22.00	2	15.47	2.00
Rumford—St. Barnabas'	10.00			1.83
Saco—Trinity	7.00			
Sanford—St. George's	12.00	1	8.25	
Seal Cove—St. Andrew's	9.05			
South Portland—St. Alban's	16.00	1	7.00	4.50
Southwest Harbor—St. John's	18.00	1	5.00	8.13
Thomaston—St. John the Baptist	6.25	2	12.50	19.90
Waterville—St. Mark's	9.00	2	22.00	12.00
Wiscasset—St. Philip's	30.00	2	25.00	29.51
Girls' Friendly Society		6	35.00	24.00
Isolated Churchwomen				
Interest	147.19		3.00	
Collection at Meetings	136.80		10.96	
Total		69		
				\$830.63
				\$1,518.59
				\$1,539.00

United Thank Offering

Total to December 31, 1933	\$2,281.30
Total on May 15, 1934	\$2,851.54
Amount invested, Lewis B. Franklin, Treas.	\$2,200.00
Balance in Gardiner Savings Bank	651.54
	—————\$2,851.54

ELLEN LUCAS,

Diocesan Treasurer, U. T. O.

Report of Box Supply Secretary

For Year 1933

Number of boxes sent, 69, value	\$1,239.00
Recipients of boxes:	
Rev. A. H. Barker	\$265.00
Mrs. Andrew Forsythe, South Carolina	150.00
Rev. Parris Stauffer, Arlington, Md.	175.00
Andrew Weston, South Dakota	35.00
Christmas boxes:	
Miss Middleton, Askansas	5.00
Miss Temple, Philippine Islands	5.00
House of the Good Shepherd	604.00
	—————\$1,239.00

Report of Educational Secretary

The interest in Mission Study, or as we prefer to call it, Adult Education, has been considerably increased this year, if one can judge by the increased demand for the study books. Some branches that have never replied to the Educational Secretary's letter or asked for books have done so this year. A letter was sent to every Branch before Lent, and there has been a good deal of correspondence in addition.

The opinion is quite common in Maine that Auxiliary work is sewing. Well, some of it is, but that is but a small part of it. Whatever our personal inclinations may be, our Church considers that its members should be informed upon the progress in the world of Christ's kingdom, and the desire to learn of these vital subjects is increasing. We find that we are good scholars as well as good seamstresses, and that we continually discover literary tastes and talents perhaps unsuspected in our groups.

The study books for the coming year are "Suzuki Looks at Japan" and "Orientals in America." Two are presented not merely to give you a choice, but to suggest that reading and study need not be confined to Lent, as if it were an act of penance, but that the seasons of Advent and Epiphany may also appropriately have time devoted to Adult Education.

In addition to the Mission Study there are many books on the Woman's Auxiliary on methods of study, on organization, on pageants, on about everything connected with the Church which the Educational Secretary can supply.

I would suggest that you establish Mission Study book shelves in your parish houses. In this way by adding the study books year by year and occasionally a book by gift or subscription, you will soon accumulate a valuable collection for reading and reference. Reading circles could be formed. Many women who cannot attend meetings would promise to read a book and are glad to be remembered by being asked to do so.

Also will the Branches please appoint a Mission Study Chairman when you go home so that she may be preparing for the work during the summer. We hope to have a meeting to confer with these leaders and plan work more effectively.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA P. FLAGG,

Educational Secretary.

Co-operating Agencies

The reports of the Society for Isolated Churchwomen, The Altar Society, The Church Periodical Club, The Girls' Friendly Society, and The Church Mission of Help were read, but again are omitted for reasons of economy. The work of these organizations generally has grown in the past year even under difficult conditions. Their reports are on file with the Recording Secretary and can be consulted on request.

EDITH C. TRICKEY,

Recording Secretary.



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.

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