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Parish Branch Presidents

ASHLAND— <i>Emmanuel</i> —Mrs. Sam Pelkey.	
AUBURN— <i>St. Michael's</i> —Mrs. M. Frank Goggins	86 Orchard St.
AUGUSTA— <i>St. Barnabas'</i> —Mrs. Stella J. Ellis	1 Highland Ave.
<i>St. Mark's</i> —Mrs. E. Smith Cooper	43 Sewall St.
BANGOR— <i>St. John's</i> —Mrs. Frank B. Brown	536 Hammond St.
BAR HARBOR— <i>St. Saviour's</i> —Mrs. Pearl Salisbury	Cottage St.
BATH— <i>Grace</i> —Mrs. Arthur Sewall II	963 Washington St.
<i>St. Mary's Guild</i> —Mrs. Paul V. Mason	362 Front St.
BELFAST— <i>St. Margaret's</i> —Mrs. George F. Miller	27 Northport Ave.
BIDDEFORD— <i>Christ's</i> —Mrs. John Armstrong	19 School St.
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FORT FAIRFIELD— <i>St. Paul's</i> —Mrs. Cora Sherwood.	
GARDINER— <i>Christ</i> —Mrs. Edwin Lucas	259 Brunswick Ave.
GUILFORD—Mrs. E. E. Ross.	
HOLLOWELL— <i>St. Matthew's</i> —Mrs. Earle H. Blaisdell	374 Water St.
HOUTON— <i>Good Shepherd</i> —Mrs. G. G. Waller	27 Cleveland St.
HULL'S COVE— <i>Our Father</i> —Mrs. Maude Arey.	
LEWISTON— <i>Trinity</i> —Mrs. Gilbert Wood	128 Horton St.
LIMESTONE— <i>Church of the Advent</i> —Mrs. Frank Maines.	
LINCOLN— <i>St. Hugh's Mission</i> —Mrs. Austin Haynes.	
LISBON FALLS— <i>St. Matthew's</i> —Mrs. Charles Dickinson <i>Pejepscot</i>
MACWAHOC— <i>All Saints'</i>	
MARS HILL—Mrs. D. A. Crichton.	
MILLINOCKET— <i>St. Andrew's</i> —Mrs. Herbert Follett.	
NEWCASTLE— <i>St. Andrew's</i> —Mrs. Perry Bryne
	Egypt Road, <i>Damariscotta Mills</i>
NORTHEAST HARBOR— <i>St. Mary's-by-the-Sea</i> —Mrs. Ray Foster.	
OLD ORCHARD— <i>St. John's-by-the-Sea</i> —Mrs. A. S. Winslow	4 Fern Ave.
OLD TOWN— <i>St. James'</i> —Mrs. Harold Mann.	
PORTLAND— <i>Cathedral</i> —Secretary, Mrs. G. G. Hay	169 Danforth St.
<i>St. Paul's</i> —Mrs. R. M. Fenton	279 Congress St.
<i>St. Peter's</i> —Mrs. Clifford Card	25 True St.
<i>St. Stephen's</i> —Mrs. Ezra F. Ferris	51 Coyle St.
<i>Trinity</i> —Mrs. H. Earle Shaw	52 Westminster Ave.
PRESQUE ISLE— <i>St. John's</i> —Mrs. Fred Urquhart.	
RANGELEY— <i>Good Shepherd</i> —Mrs. Reed Hobart Ellis.	
ROCKLAND— <i>St. Peter's</i> —Mrs. Anne Alden F St.
RUMFORD— <i>St. Barnabas'</i> —Mrs. Dorra Woodward Ross Road
SACO— <i>Trinity</i> —Miss Hattie Clapperson.	
SANFORD— <i>St. George's</i> —Mrs. Ethel Joyce	8 West Elm St.
SEAL COVE— <i>St. Andrew's</i> —Mrs. Nathan T. Smallidge <i>Mt. Desert</i>
SOUTH PORTLAND— <i>St. Alban's</i> —Mrs. John E. Leddy	15 Mitchell Road
SOUTHWEST HARBOR— <i>St. John's</i> —Mrs. William Soukup.	
THOMASTON— <i>St. John-the-Baptist</i> —Mrs. E. L. Stone Beechwood St.
WATERVILLE— <i>St. Mark's</i> —Mrs. Harry J. Smith	13 Sanger Ave.
WINN— <i>St. Thomas'</i> —Mrs. Viola Wyman.	
WISCASSET— <i>St. Philip's</i> —Mrs. Henry v. B. Nash.	

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The 59th 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 17th and 18th, 1937. A Registration Tea was held, as usual, in the Parish House on Monday afternoon, May 17th, many delegates arriving at that time.

At 8.00 P. M. a service of Preparation for Communion was conducted by the Very Rev. Howard D. Perkins of St. Luke's Cathedral, in Emmanuel Chapel. Tuesday morning, May 18th, at 7.30, a Communion Service was held in the Cathedral, Bishop Brewster the Celebrant, assisted by several clergymen of the Diocese.

After breakfast at St. Stephen's Parish Hall, delegates gathered for the business session in the Cathedral Parish House, with Mrs. Charles F. Flagg in the Chair. As Miss Ogden, the President, was prevented by illness from being present, Mrs. Flagg served as Acting President. The attendance numbered one hundred forty-five, including twenty-one officers, delegates and guests from twenty-eight Branches, and several clergymen.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were accepted as printed in the Annual Report. Also the minutes of the Mid-Winter Meeting, with St. Mark's Branch of Augusta, were accepted as approved by the Executive Board.

The Annual Reports of the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, Auditor, Supply Secretary, and Secretary of Supply Closet were accepted to be placed on file as read.

Mrs. Kendall read a message sent by the President, Miss Ogden. A verbal report of the Corresponding Secretary was accepted as given, and Mrs. Drake, First Vice-President, taking the Chair. Mrs. Flagg read her annual report as Educational Secretary, which was accepted with great appreciation. Mrs. Sills reported on Christian Social Service.

It was voted to send a message of love and sympathy to Miss Ogden. It was voted to accept a recommendation from the Board, presented by Mrs. Cummings, Secretary and Treasurer of the Altar Society, in regard to forming a Diocesan Altar Guild. A letter from the Bishop relating to this matter was read, and it was voted to form such a Guild, Mrs. Arthur Sewall II to be Directress. The recommendations were as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council:

The Maine Altar Society presents the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that a Diocesan Altar Guild be formed for the following purposes:
 - A. To unite all Parish Altar Societies in a Diocesan Guild.
 - B. To increase the efficiency of Parish Altar Guilds by mutual advice and counsel, and to build up a greater reverence

and care for everything that pertains to the Altar and Chancel.

- C. To promote interest in missionary work among the Parish Altar Guilds of the Diocese to the end that more and better equipment may be provided for Mission Chapels and Churches.
2. We recommend that Mrs. Arthur Sewall II of Bath, be appointed Diocesan Directress to form such a Guild.

A report from the President of the Girls' Friendly Society, Mrs. Stevens, in which she spoke of the Annual Party at Holiday House, Camden, September 17th and 18th, was read, also a report of the Church Periodical Club was given by its Director. The Correspondent of the Society of Isolated Churchwomen made her report and told of her successful trip last Fall through the Northern Missions of the Diocese. The Treasurer of the United Thank Offering, Mrs. Bull, emphasized the fact that all offerings should be sent to her before September 29th, in order to be presented at the Triennial in Cincinnati from October 6th to 20th. Miss Chadwell reported on Spirit of Missions and Prayer Partnership Plan.

Miss Teague, in her account of Work in Rural Areas, called attention to the fact that 64% of the people in those districts are not actively connected with any religious body. In teaching these people it is essentially a missionary education. The Church School by Mail is the most adequate way of teaching children. Volunteer groups have done wonderful work in the Project at Exeter and Detroit. What we do in Rural America is important in the life of America. Her report was accepted with thanks.

Rev. Mr. Hayes, speaking on College Work, gave his experience with groups at Colby College, naming the forty-eight members of the Episcopal Church as the fourth largest group. He had had definite affiliation with interdenominational work, and a Student Forum was held at his church.

Mrs. Waterbury of Camden, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the other two members being Mrs. Roberts of Newcastle and Mrs. Tracy of Northeast Harbor, presented her report, which was accepted, and as there were no nominations from the floor, it was voted that the Secretary cast a ballot for the slate as offered. This was done and Mrs. Flagg, Acting President, declared, duly elected, the Officers listed on the first page of this Annual Report.

Mrs. Sills, President of the Province, gave a report of the Fall Meeting at Portsmouth, where, among sixty-one women in attendance, ten were from Maine. She referred to the fact that the work is discussed in a more intimate way than at the Convention. The Project of the Province is again Rural Work, and Maine, with the other Northern Dioceses, will benefit as heretofore.

After noonday prayers for Missions, led by Dean Perkins, an address on Liberia was given by the Rev. Stephen Webster of Weston, Mass. He described graphically the characteristics of the people among whom he worked, and said that the Episcopal Church Mission, the first one to be established there, is the most vital and interesting mission we have, but it cannot go on without help. A new day is dawning for Liberia, but they need our prayers, and we must try to be good missionaries here at home.

After luncheon at the Columbia, the following delegates to the Triennial at Cincinnati were elected: Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. E. A. Pressey; also five alternates, Mrs. Sewall, Mrs. Payson, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Snow.

A Committee on Courtesies expressed, through the Chairman, Mrs. Walter Harter, its appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to all by the different parishes in the City, and to the Clergy and Parish of St. Luke's Cathedral for their most gracious hospitality. It was voted to send a note of love and sympathy to Mrs. Nash, who, suffering from the effects of a fall, was unable to attend.

The speaker of the afternoon, Miss Eva D. Corey, who led a conference of the whole group on the "Church's Mission," came as a Representative of the National Council. She said, in part, "At the General Convention in 1934, the budget was balanced. Since then it has fallen behind. If the Church is what we think it is, what are we facing? Why have a Mission, anyway?" Answers from different directions were: "Our Lord's commands," "Apostles were Missionaries." "Is there anything more vital?", she asked. "Love for Neighbor," "Christ came to share." Experience in religious life is the only thing that counts and is the greatest argument against doubters. There has never been such demand for the teaching of Christ as there is today in the Orient. Missionary education begins with Christian education. There are very few well-supported parishes that do not believe in Missions. We think of the Parish more and more as a unit and try to see how the outlook can be developed. If all have a part in a Parish Project—children and grown-ups—there is built up a spirit of coöperation and the Church will go forward.

It was voted that a message of love and sympathy be sent to Sister Margaret Mary upon her illness. Voted also to send a note of appreciation to Mr. Allan P. Stevens for his kindness in auditing the accounts of the Treasurer.

The offering for the day was \$54.20.

It was voted to give \$15.00 towards the deficit for Rural Work in the Province.

At the close of the session, the Bishop pronounced the benediction and the Annual Meeting for 1937 was finished.

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. Mark's Branch, Waterville, on September 29th. In the absence of the President, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Flagg served as Acting President. Nineteen officers and seventy-six delegates and guests from seventeen Branches were present. Miss Helen Cobb, representing Domestic Missions of Massachusetts, gave a very interesting talk on the work of Domestic Missions in various parts of the country.

The mid-winter meeting was held with St. Mark's Branch, Augusta, on February 2nd, thirteen officers, seventy-five delegates and guests from fourteen Branches being in attendance. Members gave a warm welcome to our President, Miss Ogden, who, returning from Paris sooner than expected, conducted the meeting. The subject of Mission Study for the winter having been "The Negro in Africa and America," it was with great interest that all listened to the address by the Rev. George Lyman Paine of Boston on "The Men We Brought Here."

In October, ten delegates from the Maine Branch attended the Provincial Meetings at Portsmouth, N. H., at which time Mrs. Kenneth C. M. Sills, from the Diocese of Maine, was elected President of the Province.

During the season three Board Meetings were held, one in September with Miss Ogden, one in January with Mrs. Payson, and the third with Mrs. Clark, 2nd Vice-President, in May.

The Quiet Day for Prayer, on November 11th, was generally observed by the Branches.

Increased activities among the Branches are noted in the large number of reports returned this year, and in the general interest shown in worship and study. The reply of many to the question, "What do you find most interesting in your work?", was, "It is all interesting."

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH C. TRICKEY,

Recording Secretary.

President's Address

18 CLIFTON STREET, PORTLAND, MAINE.

My dear Friends and Fellow Workers:

It is with deep regret that I am forced to absent myself from this 59th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. Having been unable to assume the duties of President during most of the past year, it is impossible for me to give the usual report. I am glad, however, to have this opportunity of sending my most heartfelt greetings to you and to express the earnest hope that the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will continue in the coming year to GO FORWARD.

To Mrs. Flagg, who has so willingly and efficiently served as Acting President, I would express my very deep appreciation. I owe a debt of gratitude to all the officers who have stood by so faithfully and worked untiringly on the detail which contributes so much to the smooth running and success of any organization. During the seven years that I have been given the opportunity to serve as President, I have always been conscious of the strong backing of the Branches in any enterprise which this Auxiliary decided to undertake. It is a rare quality—faithfulness—and one which makes a good foundation today for that jubilant, victorious spirit which characterized the early Christians.

There is no subject on which I offer more constant prayer for this Auxiliary than that it should not pass by the many opportunities put in its way to grow in a deeper knowledge of God and a wider fellowship in the Church. We have a good many such opportunities even in our most remote Branches as you well know. Taking an active part in the Forward Movement is one of them. In the booklets put out for the seasons of the Church Year, we find information, comfort and training in prayer. From them we do get a deeper knowledge of God. These booklets are for the practical purpose of making us more understanding Christians. To quote the Rev. Dr. Hart in the Spirit of Missions, "The objective of the Forward Movement is not pietistic but is one of practical activity. We seek a deeper meaning of what the Christian life essentially is, for the purpose of trying to live it regardless of the consequences. If we do not intend to change our way of living, the reading of the pamphlets becomes a mere spiritual luxury added to an already self-indulgent life." I feel strongly that the Forward Movement literature has affected the lives of many women in our Diocese. Do not let us pass it by.

People who really worship in spirit must always work. "It is useless to utter fervent petitions in the Lord's Prayer for the Kingdom to be established and that Will be done unless we are willing to do something about it ourselves." The Supply Work, the Supply Closet and the United Thank Offering are further opportunities at hand and may well be the expression of a real worshipper.

Another of our opportunities has been the Rural Work that we undertook when Miss Teague came into the Diocese. It has, I know, widened our interest in all missionary work, and has truly been twice blessed,—it has blessed those of us who gave as well as those who have received. I am happy to be able to report that individual members of the Executive Board and four Parishes helped to make up one hundred dollars asked for by the Department of Religious Education for Miss Teague's salary. Since the Diocese of Maine is Rural, the study book for next year on the Church in Rural America should be of particular interest.

The theme of the Triennial Meeting to be held in Cincinnati this Fall is "Fellowship in Faith and Work." The basic idea of this theme is The Mission of the Church and what should concern us, as members of the Woman's Auxiliary, *is* embracing all opportunities that will further this mission. "This calls for the best that is in us—courage, humility, patience, loyalty, love. What work is there that makes a profounder difference in the lives of those whom it reaches? What work is more worth doing?"

Faithfully yours,

MARGUERITE OGDEN,
President.

Report of the Treasurer

From January 1, 1936, to January 1, 1937

RECEIPTS

Collections at meetings	\$ 122.13
Pledges from Branches	1,328.68
Interest on scholarship bonds	147.25
	————— \$1,598.06

DISBURSEMENTS

From January 1, 1936, to January 1, 1937

Traveling expenses of speakers	\$110.99
Postage and stationery	26.00
Printing	36.51
Annual reports	50.10
House of Good Shepherd	539.00
Rural work	113.50
Epiphany offering, General Missions	132.98
Expense of General Executive Board	15.00
Provincial assessment	10.00
Provincial delegate	10.00
Summer conferences	70.00
Good Friday offering	2.00
Special—Bishop Rowe of Alaska	90.00
Special—St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia	60.00
Special—Provincial projects	50.00
Special—Kuling School	10.00
Maine Savings Bank, for scholarship fund	100.00
	————— \$1,426.08
Balance January 1, 1936	\$ 608.71
Receipts December 31, 1936	1,598.06
	————— \$2,206.77
Balance December 31, 1936	\$ 780.69
Disbursements December 31, 1936	1,426.08
	————— \$2,206.77
Deposited Maine Savings Bank, for scholarship fund	\$628.07
Mary Floyd Neely Scholarship Fund principal held by the Trustees of Diocesan Funds	\$3,000.00

BLANCHE L. JOHNSTON,
Treasurer.

Receipts from Parish Branches, 1936

PARISH	PLEDGES	UNITED THANK OFFERING
Ashland—Emmanuel		
Auburn—St. Michael's	\$ 21.50	\$ 8.80
Augusta—St. Barnabas'		4.25
St. Mark's	78.90	93.49
Bangor—St. John's	67.75	63.49
*Bar Harbor—St. Saviour's	101.60	72.81
Bath—Grace	67.50	111.92
St. Mary's Guild Auxiliary	15.00	
Belfast—St. Margaret's	10.00	4.23
*Biddeford—Christ	8.00	17.19
Brownville Junction—St. John's	15.00	6.05
Brunswick—St. Paul's	32.00	25.00
*Calais—St. Anne's	6.00	
Camden—St. Thomas'	10.00	42.16
Caribou—St. Luke's	33.00	
Dexter—Messiah		
Dresden Mills—St. John's	8.00	3.88
Eastport—Christ		
Exeter—Trinity		
*Falmouth Foreside—St. Mary's	41.78	35.45
Fort Fairfield—St. Paul's	20.00	23.48
*Gardiner—Christ	211.50	93.83
Gorham		4.04
Guilford		3.97
*Hallowell—St. Matthew's	19.00	17.25
Houlton—Good Shepherd		
Hull's Cove—Our Father	13.00	18.46
Lewiston—Trinity	15.00	10.49
Limestone—Church of the Advent		
Lincoln—St. Hugh's Mission	1.00	
Lisbon Falls—St. Matthew's	10.00	10.00
Macawahoc—All Saints'		

Mars Hill		5.75
*Millinocket—St. Andrew's		
*Newcastle—St. Andrew's	10.00	30.84
*Northeast Harbor—St. Mary's	42.00	10.90
Old Orchard—St. John's	3.00	
Old Town—St. James'	25.00	6.08
Portland—*Cathedral of St. Luke	211.77	52.46
St. Paul's	17.00	13.96
*St. Peter's	30.00	20.08
St. Stephen's		
Trinity	28.50	39.65
Presque Isle—St. John's	20.00	1.52
*Rangeley—Good Shepherd	5.00	9.29
Rockland—St. Peter's	10.00	
Rumford—St. Barnabas'		
*Saco—Trinity	10.00	2.56
*Sanford—St. George's	10.00	17.50
Seal Cove—St. Andrew's	15.00	4.69
South Portland—St. Alban's	20.00	19.10
*Southwest Harbor—St. John's	7.50	
Thomaston—St. John the Baptist		
Waterville—St. Mark's	21.70	39.31
Winn—St. Thomas'	2.00	
Wiscasset—St. Philip's	30.00	42.50
Unclassified gifts		10.00
Provincial entertainment	4.68	
Interest	147.25	15.91
Collections at meetings	122.13	
	\$1,598.06	\$1,012.34

* Contributed to Supply Closet.

Report of United Thank Offering

REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MAY 17, 1937

Amount in bank February 2, 1937	\$ 34.45
Amount received February 2 to May 17	499.92
Amount invested with Dr. Franklin	2,000.00
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Total	\$2,534.37
Amount received at this time last triennium	\$2,870.19

MARY A. BULL,
Treasurer, United Thank Offering.

Report of Supply Secretary, 1936

Number of boxes sent, 64, value	\$903.61
Recipients of boxes:	
Rev. Aristides Villafane, Puerto Rico	\$ 54.05
St. Stephen's School, Griffin, Ga.	66.35
Catechist—Harry Little Soldier	27.00
Christmas boxes:	
Miss Sarah Reid, Shanghai, China	5.00
Miss Irene Bingham, St. Paul's Mission, Shenandoah, Va.	5.00
Mrs. Julius Brown, Redby, Minn.	49.62
Ven. M. B. Goodall, Lancaster, Wis.	86.87
Rev. Robert Johnson, New Bern, N. C.	138.16
House of the Good Shepherd	255.58
Supply Closet	193.93
Rural work	22.05
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	\$903.61

RUTH N. COPELAND,
Supply Secretary.

Report of the Educational Secretary, 1936-1937

The Mission Study this year has been on two subjects, Liberia and Negroes in the South. Study groups in twelve Branches have dealt with these subjects and others have studied Church Symbolism and other subjects connected with the Church during Lent. Gradually the Diocesan Auxiliary is becoming accustomed to taking part in the Mission Study as carried on by our Church all over the country and finding inspiration in a common work.

The Secretary has supplied books, maps, lectures and pictures when desired, and has spoken before five Branches. I would call your attention once more to the illustrated lectures provided by Church Missions House and the wealth of material for leaders of study courses.

It is with genuine regret that I have resigned as Educational Secretary, but with thanks to all of you who have made this work a delight during my seven years of office.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA P. FLAGG,
Diocesan 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 Supply Closet read at the Annual Meeting 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.

