

The following amendments to the Canons were adopted in Convention at Montpelier, June 14, 1876:

Resolved, that Canon 7, Title IV, be amended so as to read as follows; "The offerings for the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen in the Diocese shall be made annually in every Parish and Mission station, on any Sunday in the month of May, and remitted to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Fund for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen in the Diocese of Vermont."

Resolved, That Section 1, Canon 9, Title I, be amended by adding the following at the end of the Section; "Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Standing Committee, by death or otherwise, during the recess of the Convention, the Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy until the meeting of the next Convention."

Resolved, That Section 2, Canon 2, Title I, be amended by adding the following at the end of the Section; "The Financial Year shall be from Easter Monday one year to Easter Monday in the following year, and the Treasurer's Reports shall be made up to correspond with the Financial Year."

Resolved, That Section 3, Canon 2, Title III, be and is hereby repealed.

The following amendments to Canons were adopted in Convention at Burlington, June 6, 1878:

Resolved, That there be added to the first paragraph of Section 1, Canon 7, Title II, the following words; "If any Parish fail to elect a Vestry on Easter Monday, or if a vacancy occurs at any time by removal, resignation, death or otherwise, then a special meeting of the Parish may be called to fill such vacancy."

And that the word "annual" be inserted before the word "election" in the first line of Section 2, and that at the end of Section 2 the following words be added; "Notice of any Special Meeting of the Parish shall be given at the Sunday Morning Service next before the day of holding such meeting. If there be neither Minister, nor Lay Reader, then notice of such meeting of the Parish shall be given by posting a notice at the door of the house where such Parish meet for worship, at least seven days before the date of such meeting; such notice must state the object of the meeting, and be authorized by the Vestry."

That Section 6, Canon 2, Title III, be amended by adding at the end "or when recommended by the Bishop and the Missionary Committee."

That Canon 10, Title I, be amended by adding at the end "VI on Canons. Three Clergymen and two Laymen."

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[APPENDIX O.]

The Vermont Branch of the Women's Auxiliary
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions met at Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, on the 10th day af June, 1879, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese calling the meeting to order. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edward H. Randall, of Poultney, was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The roll of parishes was then called, when Delegates from the Societies in the following were found to be present:

St. James' Church, Arlington, Mrs. Jesse Burdett, Mrs. J. K. Batchelder.
St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls, Miss J. Hapgood.
St. Peter's Church, Bennington, Mrs. Frederic Abbott, Mrs. Stilson.
St. Paul's Church, Burlington, Mrs. Walter Carpenter, Mrs. George M. Ockford, Mrs. J. Isham Bliss.
Christ Church, Montpelier, Mrs. T. P. Redfield, Mrs. Andrew Hull.
St. John's Church, Poultney, Mrs. Edward H. Randall.
St. Luke's Church, St. Albans, Mrs. Bostwick, Mrs. Farrar.
St. James' Church, Woodstock, Mrs. Alvin Hatch, Mrs. Pember, Miss Chapman.

The Bishop then laid before the meeting the resignation of Mrs. Edward J. Phelps, as President of the Branch.

Whereupon, Mrs. Charles Clement, of Rutland, was elected President.

The resignation of Mrs. James H. Williams and Mrs. Frederic Abbott as Vice-Presidents were then presented and accepted, and

Mrs. Walter Carpenter, of Burlington, Mrs. James L. King, of Bellows Falls, and Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield, of Burlington, were elected Vice-Presidents, to fill the vacancies.

The following By-Laws were then adopted:

BY-LAW 1.—Any Society or Association of women working for either of the objects indicated in the Constitution may be received into union with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions at any annual meeting of the same, by a vote of a majority of the members present, upon presenting a certificate from the Rector of the Parish, or the Missionary in charge, or, in the absence of either, of the Senior Warden, setting forth that such Society or Association is duly organized for Church work.

BY-LAW 2.—The Convention of the Vermont Branch shall be composed of Delegates from the several societies in union with the Branch, who are hereby authorized to act and vote upon all questions, upon presenting credentials signed by the President and Secretary of the Society which they propose to represent, certifying that they have been duly elected at a regular meeting of said Society as Delegates to the Convention.

The Bishop then retired, calling Mrs. Timothy P. Redfield, one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside.

Reports from Societies which had not already been forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary were then called for, when the Delegates from the Society in St. Peter's Parish, Bennington, presented a very interesting report of Church work done in the Parish, and a desire on the part of the society to increase its sphere of work, which was accepted and adopted. Reports from other societies of Parish work would have been presented had they have known they would have been called for.

On motion of Mrs. Burdett,

The meeting proceeded to elect three Delegates to represent the Vermont Branch at the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, to be holden in New York in October next. Whereupon, Mrs. Walter Carpenter, of Burlington, Mrs. Jesse Burdett, of Arlington, and Mrs. E. S. Allen, of Woodstock, were elected as such Delegates.

The Corresponding Secretary then presented a very interesting report of the work of the Branch and Societies in union with it for the last year, which was read and accepted, with a request that it might be printed in the Journal of the Diocesan Convention.

Several very interesting letters were then read by the Corresponding Secretary, from Miss Emery, the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, from Missionaries in the field, and others. When, after singing the Doxology, and prayer offered by the Rev. Mr. Ogden, the Convention adjourned.

The next annual Convention of the Vermont Branch of the Wom-

an's Auxiliary will be held in Christ Church, Montpelier, on the second Tuesday of June, 1880, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MRS. TIMOTHY P. REDFIELD, President *pro tem.*

MRS. EDWARD H. RANDALL, Secretary *pro tem.*

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REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

OF THE

Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Board of Missions.

JUNE 11, 1879.

After the organization of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, on June 4th, 1878, the first communication on the subject received by the Corresponding Secretary, was from the Principal of St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls, [Miss J. Hapgood], dated June 13th, announcing the intention to organize a society among her young ladies, to work during the ensuing year as members of the Auxiliary in connection with the Vermont Branch, and containing some inquiries, which was answered as soon as possible by the Secretary, giving such information as she could.

June 15th. The Ladies' Society of St. John's Church, Poultney, through their Secretary, [Miss Jane Beaman], wrote asking for one of Miss Emery's circulars about Mission work for the schools during the summer, which circulars were distributed about this time by your Secretary to the Officers of the Vermont Branch, and to any others asking information.

June 29th. The Association of St. John's, Poultney, again wrote, asking for an order for work of a certain kind, which, as the Secretary (away from home) could not then supply, she answered to that effect, sending the request somewhat later, when she thought it might be supplied, to Miss Emery.

July 15th. The ladies of St. Luke's Church, St. Albans, announced through their Secretary, [Mrs. H. F. Stevens], the organization of a Woman's Mission Association in connection with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, which was acknowledged by your Secretary.

July 20. The Association of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, which had worked with the Auxiliary as a Parish Branch during the pre-

ceding year, contributed cash from mite chests, through the Auxiliary, \$12 66.

In August your Secretary corresponded with the General Secretary Miss Emery, concerning the work of the Vermont Branch, and, at her request, wrote in September a short paper to be read at the general meeting in New York, on October 9th.

September 2d. The Association of St. John's, Poultney, acknowledged the receipt of an order for work, which, as it was then working to assist a young man during his education, preparatory to studying for the ministry, it could only undertake in part, and desiring me to give the rest to some other Parish wanting work.

The Secretary was requested by the Officers of the Association of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, to procure work for it, which was done.

October 21st. A box of Christmas presents—children's work, valued at \$16 20—was sent by a member of St. Paul's Church Association, Burlington, through the Woman's Auxiliary, to the Indians. During October your Secretary, at the request of Miss Emery, sent the Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary to the officers of the Vermont Branch, and to such societies as had corresponded with her, and to the latter sent the Reports of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

November 18th, "The Ladies' Aid Society," of St. Matthew's Church, Enosburgh, through their Secretary, [Mrs. J. Spooner], reported aid sent to the German Mission in New York, amounting to over \$9, and work done for Mission Schools, and forwarded to the Bible House, valued at \$10, and request was made for work during the next Lenten Season, all of which was reported to Miss Emery.

December 2d. The Association of St. John's, Poultney, reported some work accomplished on its first order, and asked for another order of a certain kind, which was supplied to it as soon as possible.

December 5th. "The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Church, Rutland, announced (2) a resolution passed by vote at its annual meeting to unite with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, (1), through their Secretary, [Mrs. J. N. Baxter], which was acknowledged by the Secretary, with the offer to procure work for them whenever desired.

December 9th. The organization of a parish society in connection with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, in St. John's Church, West Randolph, was announced by its Secretary, [Miss M. E. Taylor], with a request for suggestions about work, which the Secretary, not being then supplied with, orders were im-

mediately forwarded to Miss Emery, and reported as answered by her.

December 10th. The Ladies of Christ Church, Montpelier, through their Secretary, [Mrs. M. A. B. Hull], announced their desire to unite with "the Vermont Branch," and their readiness for work after Christmas, asking for work of a certain kind, and not feeling able to undertake a partial order then in the hands of the Secretary, their application was sent to Miss Emery, and reported answered by her.

December 16th. The Association of St. Paul's, Church, Burlington, reported a box sent to Domestic Missions, [Arkansas], valued, including express, at \$118 98, and offered to take an unfinished order, then in the hands of the Secretary.

December 19th. The Association of St. Luke's Church, St. Albans, reported two boxes sent to Domestic Missions, one to Utah, valued at \$112, the other to Maine, valued at \$100.

January 21st, 1879. A report was received from St. Agnes' Hall Guild, Bellows Falls, of their formal organization, and of work in progress for St. Mark's School, Salt Lake City, which was acknowledged by the Secretary.

January 27th. The Association of St. John's, Poultney, reported work done for Domestic Missions, valued, including freight, at \$42.

January 28th, The Ladies of St. Andrew's Church, St. Johnsbury, through their Rector, [the Rev. N. F. Putnam], applied for work, which was arranged for them as soon as possible.

February 11th. "The Ladies' Aid Society," of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, through their Secretary, [Mrs. John Christie], applied for a small or partial working order, but afterwards withdrew their application, on account of the pressing needs of their own Parish, and sent such funds as they had collected to the Treasurer of the Vermont Branch, of which I have no report.

February 21. The Association of St. Paul's, Burlington, reported a partial order sent to Minnesota for Domestic Missions, valued, including freight, at \$66 50, and applied for more work.

March 4th. "The Ladies' Association" of St. James' Church, Woodstock, through their Rector and their Vice-President, [Mrs. George R. Chapman], applied for work during Lent.

March 17th. The Association of St. Andrews', St. Johnsbury, reported a partial order filled for Domestic Missions in Texas, valued at \$53 24, without including freight, which was acknowledged and reported to General Secretary.

In March your Secretary sent Mission papers to the different societies, and to some others.

April 16th. The Ladies' Society of St. Matthew's, Enosburgh, re-

ported work done on a partial order, amounting, including freight, to \$7, which was acknowledged and reported.

April 25th. The Ladies of St. James' Church, Woodstock, reported work done valued at \$124 37, without freight, and forwarded to Texas, for Domestic Missions, in connection with St. Johnsbury and Enosburgh.

April 25th. The Society of St. James' Church, Arlington, through their Secretary, [Mrs. James K. Batchelder], reported two boxes sent—one a partial order, for Domestic Missions, valued at \$31 50, another for Diocesan Missions, valued at \$20; amount \$51 50.

May. The Association of St. Paul's, Burlington, reported a third box sent for Domestic Missions, valued, including freight, at \$110 90.

May 18th. The Ladies' Society of Zion's Church, Factory Point, wrote for information concerning the Vermont Branch, which was sent to it, by Reports, leaflets and letters, so far as possible.

May 21st. St. Luke's, St. Albans, wrote for more work.

May 25th. The Ladies' Society, of Trinity Church, Rutland, reported (2) a box sent to West Virginia, for Domestic Missions, valued at \$110 (1) through the Vice-President, Mrs. E. W. Clement.

June 4th. The Association of Christ Church, Montpelier, reported a box completed for Indians, value not given.

Before making her summary of work accomplished, the Secretary would express her regret that unavoidable delays in answering letters have a few times occurred, through absence or illness, or the necessity of awaiting the return of orders which had been sent elsewhere for selection or division, and were needed for new application, so that patience and a little time seem sometimes necessary in order to arrange the work to the best advantage. She has not given the reports of other associations of Women in the Churches in this Diocese, working for their own Parish purposes, because it did not seem within the province of the Woman's Auxiliary to do so, and because she has no such report from the Parishes generally. In order to give full credit to the Churches in the Diocese for work done by women, or Associations of women for Mission objects during the past year, she would be glad to receive the reports of Societies which have done such work, and have not yet reported it. The General Secretary, Miss Emery, has included in the blank reports sent this year to be filled by the different Associations, the boxes sent to fever sufferers in the South by women in the Church, as desirable to be reported, but of which I have no report. Any Society desiring such blank reports will please let your Secretary know.

SUMMARY.

The Vermont Branch composed of Associations in (Burlington; St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls; St. Albans, Enosburgh, Poultney, Montpelier, West Randolph, Rutland, St. Johnsbury, Woodstock, Arlington,) eleven Parishes which have reported to your Secretary working organizations, or work done for Missions, has done for Domestic Missions during the past year:

St. Paul's, Burlington, mite chest, \$12 66; 3 boxes, value \$296 38; amount, \$309 04.

St. Luke's, St. Albans, 2 boxes, value \$212.

Enosburgh, including aid to German mission, 2 packages, over \$27.

St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls, \$40 for beneficiary in St. Mark's Schools, Utah.

Poultney, one box, value \$42.

St. Johnsbury, one box, value \$53 24.

Woodstock, one box, value \$124 37.

Rutland, one box, value \$110.

Arlington, two boxes, value \$51 50.

Total for Domestic Missions, including one box to Diocesan Mission, \$20, and aid to German Mission in New York, \$10, \$509 15.

For Freedmen, St. Albans one box, \$40.

For Indians, Burlington one box, \$16 20.

For Indians, Montpelier one box, \$50.

For Indians, West Randolph no report.

For Foreign, St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls, cash, \$5 33.

MRS. J. ISHAM BLISS,

Corresponding Secretary, Burlington.