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[APPENDIX Q.]

THE VERMONT BRANCH

OF THE

Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, Tuesday, June 7th, 1881, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The President being absent, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Theodore A. Hopkins, of Burlington, was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

There being no special business before the meeting for the afternoon, a resolution presented by Mrs. Bliss, of Burlington, "That when the Society adjourn it adjourn to meet at the parlors of the American Hotel, on Wednesday morning, at nine and one-half o'clock," was adopted.

Miss Julia C. Emery, of New York, Secretary of the "Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions," being present, then gave a very interesting account of the organization and work of the Woman's Auxiliary in several other Dioceses, notably Long Island and Massachusetts, after which the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 8th, 9:30 A. M.

Agreeably to adjournment, the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary assembled in the parlors of the American Hotel.

The President being absent, because of illness, Vice President Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield called the meeting to order.

The roll of Parishes in union with the Auxiliary was then called by the Secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Parker, and the Delegates from the same presented their credentials.

The chair appointed Mrs. Theodore A. Hopkins and Mrs. William G. Shaw as a Committee to report upon the credentials of Delegates.

The Committee, having examined the credentials, reported the following Parishes entitled to representation in the Convention, the following persons having been duly elected Delegates:

St. James' Church, Arlington,	{ Mrs. Jesse Burdett, Mrs. J. R. Judson, Mrs. D. Barney.
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	Mrs. James H. Williams.
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	Mrs. L. Fred Abbott.
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	{ Mrs. Charles Briggs, Mrs. John Christie.
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	{ Mrs. William G. Shaw, Mrs. Theodore A. Hopkins, Mrs. J. Isham Bliss, Mrs. Henry Wells, Mrs. Charles E. Allen.
Girl's Missionary Society, of Rock Point,	Miss Emily Canfield.
St. Luke's Church, Chester,	{ Mrs. S. L. Atwood, Mrs. S. J. Muzzy.
Zion's Church, Factory Point,	{ Mrs. James Lamson, Mrs. E. L. Wyman.
Christ Church, Montpelier,	Mrs. T. P. Redfield.
Trinity Church, Rutland,	{ Mrs. George E. Graves, Mrs. E. P. Gilson, Mrs. O. Wooster.
Trinity Church, Shelburn,	Mrs. W. A. Weed.
St. Luke's Church, St. Albans,	{ Mrs. E. N. Kemp, Mrs. I. S. Bostwick, Mrs. A. J. Hyde, Mrs. H. B. Soule, Mrs. Henry Watson.
St. Andrew's Church, St. Johnsbury,	{ Mrs. Blodgett, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Braimard, Mrs. Shear, Mrs. Pike.
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	{ Mrs. J. B. Jones, Mrs. Alvin Hatch, Mrs. T. W. Gilson, Miss C. A. Chapman.
Trinity Mission, Winooski,	Mrs. J. Isham Bliss.

The societies in St. Michael's, Brattleboro, St. Mary's, Northfield, Grace Church, Sheldon, and St. Paul's, Vergennes, having organ-

ized under the Constitution of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and applied for admission, it was resolved that they be received into union therewith.

Credentials were presented by the following Delegates, and accepted:

St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro,	{	Mrs. George F. Gale, Mrs. H. A. Train, Mrs. Henry Devens, Mrs. B. Ranger.*
St. Mary's Church, Northfield,	{	Mrs. G. B. B. Denny, Miss M. P. Moore.
Grace Church, Sheldon,	{	Mrs. D. D. Wead, Miss J. P. Bailey, Miss M. C. Whittemore,* Miss A. C. Keith,* Miss Lucy Green.*
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	{	Mrs. M. D. Hall, Mrs. H. H. Ross, Mrs. H. T. Booth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read, and accepted. The Secretary then read an interesting communication from the President, Mrs. Charles Clement, of Rutland, in relation to the support of an itinerant Missionary for the southern part of the Diocese, which was laid upon the table for the present.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Baxter, and Mrs. Parker, be appointed to present the names of persons for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretaries.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet in Good Templars' Hall at 3 o'clock p. m., the parlors of the American Hotel not furnishing accommodations for the increased attendance.

Pursuant to adjournment, Convention re-assembled at 3:30 o'clock in Good Templars' Hall, Vice President Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield in the chair.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Nominating Committee having presented their report, Mrs. Charles Clement, of Rutland, was elected President, unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENTS,

- † MRS. GEORGE R. CHAPMAN, Woodstock. ✓
- † MRS. JOHN C. FARRAR, St. Albans. ✓
- † MRS. THOMAS H. CANFIELD, Burlington. ✓
- † MRS. GEORGE C. CHAPMAN, Middlebury. ✓
- † MISS JANE HAPGOOD, Bellows Falls. ✓
- † MRS. G. B. B. DENNY, Northfield. ✓
- † MRS. L. FRED ABBOTT, Bennington. ✓
- † MRS. HENRY DEVENS, Brattleboro. ✓
- † MRS. HENRY BOYNTON, St. Johnsbury. ✓

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TREASURER,

+ MRS. JOHN N. BAXTER, Rutland.

RECORDING SECRETARY,

+ MRS. CHARLES E. PARKER, Vergennes,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

MRS. J. ISHAM BLISS, Burlington.

The reports of the Treasurer, Mrs. John N. Baxter, and the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. Isham Bliss, were then read, accepted and adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to attend the next general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which resulted in the election of Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield, Burlington, Mrs. Jesse Burdett, Arlington, Mrs. J. Isham Bliss, Burlington, and Mrs. John N. Baxter, Rutland. Alternates—Mrs. William G. Shaw, Burlington, Mrs. John C. Farrar, St. Albans, Mrs. Charles E. Parker, Vergennes, and Mrs. L. Fred Abbott, Bennington.

The following resolution was then presented:

Resolved, That Article XIV of the Constitution be amended as follows: After the word "day" in first line drop out the word "preceding," and insert the word "of;" and after the word "hold" in third line insert "at nine o'clock A. M."

Which, after some discussion, was not adopted.

All further business was then postponed for the address by Miss Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, which was most earnest, entertaining, and instructive.

A resolution was adopted expressing the hearty thanks of the Convention to Miss Emery for her presence and address.

The letter from the President, Mrs. Clement, relating to the support of an itinerant Missionary, was then taken from the table, and, after prolonged discussion, it was decided that the employment of Missionaries belonged entirely to the Diocesan Board of Missions.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

The next annual meeting of the Vermont Branch will be held at Trinity Church, Rutland, on the Tuesday preceding the next annual Diocesan Convention, at 3 o'clock P. M.

MRS. THOMAS H. CANFIELD, *Vice President.*

MRS. CHARLES E. PARKER, *Secretary.*

Delegates with * after their names were not present at the Convention.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

—OF THE—

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

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SUMMARY OF WORK FROM JUNE 8, 1880, TO JUNE 7, 1881.

The Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, composed of twenty-two Associations, has contributed during the year ending June 7, 1881, for Foreign and Domestic Missions, including Missions among the colored people and Missions among the Indians, and also for Diocesan Missions, and for Parish objects, as far as reported:

St. James' Church, Arlington.		
For Mission Church, in Colorado,	\$ 10 00	
For Clergyman's Salary,	115 00	
For Parish Church,	158 63—	\$283 63
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	\$50 00	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value,	69 10—	\$ 119 10
For Diocesan Missions,		
St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls,	\$52 00	
For Domestic Missions,	30 56—	\$ 82 56
For Diocesan Missions,		
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	\$29 85	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value,	30 00	
For Domestic Missionary at large, value,	25 00—	\$ 84 85
For Surplice and Stole,		
St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro,	\$104 50	
For Domestic Missions, col'd, 3 barrels, value,		
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	\$380 83	
For Domestic Missions, 3 boxes, value,	81 00	
For Diocesan Itinerary Missionary Fund,		
Work for family of Diocesan Missionary, one month		—\$ 461 83
“The Girls' Missionary Society, Rock Point,”		
Cash for Bishop Hopkins Divinity Scholarship, St.		
John's College, Shanghai, China,	\$100 00	
Articles given to St. Paul's Auxiliary,	2 80	
Cash paid for materials used,	21 35	

Package sent to Syracuse, House of Good Shephard,	\$4 00
Child's Cof.,	2 00—\$ 130 15
St. Luke's Church, Chester,	
For Domestic Missions, (Ind.,) 1 box, value,	\$ 66 23
For Parish objects,	128 66—\$ 194 89
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	
For Diocesan Missionary, (itinerant,)	\$4 75
Zion Church, Factory Point,	
For Diocesan Missions,	\$ 7 32
For General Missions,	14 64
For Parish objects,	130 00—\$ 157 96
Christ Church, Montpelier,	
Domestic Missions, 1 box, (unfinished,) value	\$40 00
St. Mary's Church, Northfield,	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$25 00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	
For Domestic Missions, (Indian,) 1 box, value	\$20 00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$ 66 00
For Domestic Missions, 2 overcoats.	30 00
For home charities,	30 00
For Diocesan, itinerant, Missionary,	300 00—\$ 426 00
St. Luke's Church, St. Albans,	
For Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, value,	\$135 00
St. Andrew's Church, St. Johnsbury,	
For Domestic Missions, (col'd.) 1 box, value	\$44 81
Trinity Mission, Shelburne,	
For Parish objects, surplice,	\$ 8 00
For destitute families,	21 00—\$ 29 00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$19 20
Trinity Mission, Winooski,	
For Domestic Missions, (col'd.) school, cash,	\$ 5 00
For Parish, surplice,	13 50—\$ 18 50
Grace Church, Sheldon,	
For Domestic Missions, (Indian,) no report.	
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value	\$127 63
Parish objects,	200 00—\$ 327 63

RECAPITULATION.

Amount contributed for Domestic Missions,	\$1,263 64
" " " Foreign Missions,	100 00
" " " Diocesan Missions,	517 98
" " " other objects,	821 79—\$2,703 41
 Total,	 \$2,703 41

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Corresponding Secretary, Burlington.

For Foreign Missions, St. A. Hall, Osaka,	10 00
For Diocesan Missions, White River Junction,	7 50
For parish Easter offering,	44 00— \$113 50
St. Peter's Church, Bennington.	
For Domestic Missions, colored, 1 box, value,	\$7 00—
Parish work for rectory, unvalued.	\$7 00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value, freight included,	\$40 00
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Georgia, colored, cash,	3 00— \$43 00
St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro.	
For Domestic Missions, colored, 3 bbls., value, fr. in clu.,	\$82 50
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Georgia, colored, cash,	3 00
Heavy clothing, kept for distribution in autumn,	49 25— \$134 75
St. Paul's Church, Burlington.	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value, freight included,	\$123 20
For Domestic Missions, colored, 1 box, value, fr. inclu.,	108 83
For Domestic Missions, colored, 1 surplice,	14 00
For Domestic Missions, from two children, cash,	2 25
For Domestic Missions, cld., Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga.,	10 00
For Diocesan Missions, Richford Church,	15 00— \$273 28
Additional, unreported last year, \$32.55.	
Rock Point Branch.	
For Domestic Missions:	
2 boxes to Missionaries, value,	\$49 36
2 boxes to Indians, value,	53 98
2 boxes to colored people, value,	63 98
Cash to Onondaga Indians,	25 00
Cash to Mrs. Brent,	10 00
Cash to Mr. Daniel,	5 00
Cash to Dr. Tucker, colored,	10 00
Altar cloth to Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, Nebraska, in memory of Bishop Hopkins,	100 00
Girls' Missionary Society, Bishop Hopkins scholarship, St. John's College, Shanghai,	100 00— \$417 32
St. Luke's Church, Chester.	
For Domestic Missions, colored:	
Mrs. Buford's work, cash,	\$ 6 36
For Foreign Missions, teacher to Japan, cash,	2 00
For parish objects,	291 25— \$299 61
Christ Church, Enosburgh.	
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value,	\$12 00
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga., cash,	3 00— \$15 00
1 box unfinished.	
Zion Church, Factory Point.	
For Domestic Missions,	
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, colored, cash,	\$ 3 00
New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,	5 00
For general Missions, collected and sent,	10 00
For Diocesan Missions, collected and sent,	30 26
For parish objects,	30 93— \$78 29

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.			
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value,.	\$23 00		
Clothing for a day nursery, N. Y.,	6 00		
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga., colored,	12 00		
For parish objects,	150 00—	\$191 00	
Christ Church, Montpelier.			
For Domestic Missions, 2 boxes, Indian,	\$105 05		
For Missions, cash,	5 00		
For Diocesan Missions, cash,	18 00		
Charities,	25 00—	\$143 05	
St. Mary's Church, Northfield.			
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, Indian, value,	\$44 15		
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga., colored, cash,	2 00		
Charitable work,	10 00		
For parish objects,	175 20—	\$231 36	
St. John's Church, Poultney.			
For Domestic Missions:			
By children, Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, colored, cash,	\$ 8 00		
Six copies of <i>Christian Soldier</i> for one year, unvalued			
Cards and picture-books to Va., colored, unvalued.			
For parish objects,	195 35—	\$203 35	
Grace Church, Randolph.			
For general Missions, 1 box, value,	\$15 00		
For parish poor,	10 00		
In treasury for chancel window,	53 00—	\$78 00	
Trinity Church, Rutland.			
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value,	\$45 00		
For Diocesan Missions,	87 50		
For other Missions,	25 00		
For church, chapel and rectory,	1,586 50—	\$1,744 00	
Trinity Mission, Shelburne.			
For Domestic Missions:			
Christmas gift, colored, cash,	\$10 00		
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, colored, cash,	10 00		
Charitable work,	38 50—	\$58 50	
Grace Church, Sheldon.			
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, Indian, value,	\$10 00		
For Missions, 1 box, unfinished.			
For parish objects,	17 00—	\$27 00	
St. Luke's Church, St. Albans.			
For Domestic Missions, 3 boxes, value, freight not included,	\$182 94		
For Missions, cash,	13 50—	\$195 44	
Clothing and supplies for poor, unvalued.			
St. Andrew's Church, St. Johnsbury.			
For Missions, cash,	\$31 10		
For Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga., colored,	20 00		
For Home for children, Burlington,	1 65		
For parish objects,	29 00—	\$81 75	
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.			
For Domestic Missions, 1 box, value,	\$70 00		
Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga.,	10 00		
For parish objects,	230 87—	\$310 87	

Trinity Mission, Winooski.

For Domestic Missions, by S. S. children and auxiliary:

Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga., colored, cash,	\$ 5 00
To Jews,	2 00—

St. James' Church, Woodstock.

For Domestic Missions,

Rev. H. Dunlop's schools, Ga., colored, cash,	\$ 5 00
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For Foreign Missions, teacher to Japan,	2 00
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For Dioecesan Missions, Richford Church,	7 00
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For parish objects,	195 00—
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RECAPITULATION.

Amount contributed for Domestic Missions,	\$1,560 40
" " " Foreign Missions,	114 00
" " " Dioecesan Missions,	218 26
" " " other objects,	3,027 26—

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MRS. J. ISHAM BLISS,
Corresponding Secretary, Burlington.

REPORT OF THE
Missionary Work of the Clergy

OF VERMONT, READ BEFORE THE VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, JUNE 13, 1883.

In endeavoring to give you a sketch of the present aspect of Missionary work in the Diocese of Vermont, I shall begin with the account given by the Rev. Dr. Bailey of his work in Fairfield, and at Rice Hill, in Sheldon.

In Fairfield a heavy loss to the Church has been felt, in the death of both the Senior and Junior Wardens, and in the removal of one of the three chief supporters of the Church. The Parish has since appointed a new set of officers, and Dr. Bailey has done his best to impress upon the younger members a sense of the necessity for keeping up the services. A very few are making faint endeavors to that end.

The Congregationalists of Fairfield are in a moribund condition likewise, having closed their doors for some time. Hence, unless our people bestir themselves there is danger that the entire Protestant community of Fairfield will relapse into ungodliness. At Rice Hill, six miles distant from Sheldon village, Dr. Bailey has for many years held Missionary services. There is a little Sunday school there of about twelve scholars, kept up by the constant effort of Miss Kate Whittemore. Her labors, he says, have made this part of the Parish among the most productive that he has,

The next in order comes the report of Rev. Mr. Atwell, of Newport. He says that they have opened two substantial churches, one at Newport and one at North Troy. This has had a good effect, resulting in a large attendance on the services and a livelier interest in the Church. The Irasburgh Mission has been given up for the present, as many of those interested in it have moved away. In the matter of *giving* the people have been so liberal as to put to shame some larger and more wealthy Parishes. The only difficulty this Missionary experiences is an insufficient salary, Newport being an expensive place to live in, and a horse being necessary to the prosecution of his work. He receives but \$800.

Last winter, as you are aware, was excessively severe, but Mr. Atwell states that notwithstanding that he only missed a single appointment. On one occasion he went over to North Troy on a snow plow, an experience which he did not find exactly enjoyable.

Christ Church, Island Pond, was a Mission, established a few years since by the Rev Louis A. Arthur, which, after Mr. Arthur's departure to another field, was taken in charge by the Rev. Frederick C. Cowper for one year and seven months. This Mission was named St. Titus-in-the-Woods. Mr. Cowper states that last summer, through the liberality of the Bishop and the Sunday school of St. Paul's, Burlington, he was provided with seventy-five volumes, which has constituted a very valuable library to the people of the Mission, which he considers a most potent agent for good in out-of-the-way places such as this.

During his Rectorship at Island Pond Mr. Cowper did such aggressive work for the Church as lay in his power. One occasion he went over the border into New Hampshire, to the town of Colebrook, preaching to a small congregation in the morning at a school house. In the afternoon he was permitted to preach to two hundred persons in the Congregational church of Colebrook. The people seemed pleased, and one of the chief citizens remarked that the service was "beyond criticism."

On one occasion this Missionary was on his way to another village of Island Pond, when he passed a house reported to be haunted. Seeing a lot of children at the windows, he approached, and on entering the house found them to be the children of a man whom he had occasionally seen at his services. He had given him a prayer book and an illustrated Catechism for his children, who were afterwards brought to Church, though they had but scanty clothing, being very poor.

For some time now this man has been Sexton of the Church at Island Pond, and he spoke to Mr. Cowper about the village of Westmore, seven miles off.

This is a well-to-do farming district, largely composed of people from the old country who still retain their love for the mother Church. The Sexton above mentioned had a wife who was related to many families in Westmore; hence the interest shown in extending the Church's operations in that quarter. She assisted Mr. Cowper in arranging service in the Fuller school house, on the beautiful Westmore mountain. On the Sunday after Ascension Day Mr. Grant, Senior Warden at Island Pond, took Mr. Cowper to Westmore, where services were held before a congregation of forty persons, who were reverent and attentive. After Church they went to Mr. Fuller's house, and baptised two children.

The Westmore people being anxious for another service, Mr. Cowper went again on Trinity Sunday, and found the school house packed with an assembly of seventy-nine persons; baptized two more children and named the Mission, the Ascension. This is an important point for aggressive work. This, the key to the Clyde Valley, leads up to Newport. Two miles from the Fuller school house lies the village of East Charleston, with a large meeting house, that might be gained by a judicious clergyman, who should first have established the Westmore Mission. The said meeting house is sometimes in the hands of the Methodists, at others in those of the "Free-willers." At this point three or four hundred dollars might be raised on the ground for a persevering Missionary. Mr. Cowper concludes his report by describing the baptism of the sexton's children, five in number. He says the baptism of the two eldest, who were twin boys, was the most impressive he ever held.

Rev. Mr. Westover, of East Berkshire, holds a Mission service at Center Berkshire every fortnight, where he has an attendance of say fifty, including eight or ten communicants. He has a drive of four miles to this point. Rev. Thomas Burgess, of St. Luke's, St. Albans, writes regarding the Parish of Holy Trinity, Swanton, of which he has charge at present, that they have a good attendance, and that their wants are supplied with aid from the Missionary Board. The Church is not quite strong enough to have a Rector of its own, but there are many signs of a healthy growth, and if they could have a minister to give his whole time to them there would soon be a strong Parish among them. The Church building is in good condition and comfortable. Mr. Burgess drives nine miles to perform his service in Swanton,

The Missions next in order are those of Winooski and Shelburne, under the care of the Rev. J. Isham Bliss. The strength of the former is derived from a body of American Protestants, mostly connected with the manufacturing interests there. As a consequence removals from among them are frequent. Yet the prospect is rather in favor of the growth of the Church, as from its favorable situation Winooski is likely at any time to increase its business interests. The majority of the Church members do all they can, with their means, and the year has been encouraging for the Mission.

Shelburn, although organized as a Parish, is, properly speaking, a Mission. Its members are mainly of the farming class, living at long distance from the Church. They are not numerous, but faithful to the services in all weathers. Their Church was burned some years ago, and they have since felt unable to rebuild it. An inexpensive but suitable edifice is what they need most.

From Poultney the Rev. E. H. Randall writes that the Mission at Wells holds its own, but *grows* not much, the population being scattered. He says he needs a Deacon to work with him in the care of Wells, Tinnmouth, Middletown, Fairhaven, Hydeville, and perhaps Castleton, using Poultney as a headquarters. There is ample work for *two* Deacons, not ambitious to become Priests, at this point. Would that we could find them! Until we have something of this kind, Mr. Randall thinks the Church in *that* region will fail to accomplish the best work for the evangelizing of the people.

A brief but very interesting report comes from the Rev. Howard F. Hill, of Christ Church, Montpelier, who gives an account of Missionary labors performed at five points, with one other in prospect at Barre. He performs a service at the town farm once a month; attendance, ten to fifteen persons. Lately he administered the Holy Communion to several persons, including a dying woman, who had previously not received for fifteen years.

At Wright's Mills he holds service every six weeks, when travel will permit. This Mission is a union affair, and the attendance usually numbers from fifty to seventy. At Fayston he has lately held two services, for that town and Waitsfield. The distance from Montpelier is twenty-five miles, (a very long drive, as I think,) and the service has been held in a school house, which has been densely packed. He has baptized here nine persons, descendants of members of the Church in Ireland. He has been heartily received, and believes that services could be held at this point to the great profit of the people who welcome him, as being able to reach a class of persons deeply attached to a liturgic Church, and who could not be reached by the denominations. During the residence there of Hon. Roderick Richardson regular services were held in Waitsfield. The Communion was here given to an aged Christian who had not received for twenty years. Mr. Hill hopes, God willing, to continue this work, and also to open another in Barre, where there are some foreign Church people. He has not yet developed the work enough to state what wants he shall have, to the ladies of the Auxiliary. At another meeting of the Convention, probably, he will be able to tell us something that we might do to help him.

The Rev. Mr. Denslow, of Rutland, writes that since the departure of Rev. Mr. Lee, in December, he has had charge of the Mission at West Rutland. The Parish needs only kindly sympathy and such aid as it has heretofore received from the Missionary Committee, and about \$130 from the Land Agents for West Rutland, Hydeville, Castleton and Fairhaven. The last named is soon to go into the hands of Rev. E. H. Randall. With such contributions, therefore, as the West Rutland

people think they can guarantee, the Missionary for these points, except Fairhaven, may expect about \$800 per year as stipend. They have a good church building in West Rutland, which has lately been painted, and a fine lot adjoining, for a Rectory, has been fenced in. The erection of a Rectory would be a great source of strength to the Parish, as well as its clergyman.

Mrs. E. L. Wyman, Secretary of Zion Church, Factory Point, sends an interesting account of the persevering struggle against adverse circumstances of this Parish, which I condense for your information.

For more than twenty years, except during two short periods, this Parish has had no Rector. Notwithstanding many difficulties, which are now happily nearly settled, regular services have been kept up all this time by a Lay Reader, and Sunday school as well, so that the children have been carefully trained in all parts of Church catechism, as ordered in the baptismal service.

The ladies of the Parish also have continued their Society meetings, and have done much towards beautifying and improving the Parish Church, which had become somewhat shabby. They have also done their share of Missionary work in the Auxiliary, and it is mainly due to them that the services have been kept up during the period of the adversity of the Parish. During the past six months an unusual degree of interest has shown itself, not only in the Church but outside of it in the village. Mrs. Wyman thinks that if they could get a good Rector there would be an excellent prospect for the Church at Factory Point; as it is, the Rev. Mr. Graves, of Bennington, has given them one weekday service since Ash Wednesday up to May 20th, and has baptized eleven persons. Attendance has ranged from forty to seventy, and at the Bishop's visitation eight were confirmed. Mr. Graves also holds Mission services at Shaftsbury, Pleasant Valley, and Bennington.

Since December, 1881, Church services have been held in Richford, by the Rev. B. W. Atwell and others. Two resident gentlemen of Richford have acted as Lay Readers, and the Rev. Messrs. Westover, of Berkshire, and Lummis, of Glen Sutton, Province of Quebec, have given occasional services. In the autumn of 1881 the Bishop visited the Mission and confirmed three persons. Services were continued till the spring of 1882, when the persons petitioned the Bishop for a Missionary. Being at that time a candidate for orders, the Bishop commissioned Mr. G. H. Bailey to act as Missionary at this point. In June, 1882, Mr. Bailey began his ministrations, and has kept them up ever since. He has been supported mainly by the contributions of the people in Richford, and has lived among them since the 1st of July. From the spring of 1882 until now, except during the heavy snows of the winter,

the attendance has been about sixty in the morning and ninety at evening service. One fine Sunday the congregation at evening reached one hundred and twenty persons. Since Mr. Bailey's assumption of this Mission, six persons have been baptized and nine confirmed. They now worship at the town hall, which is inconvenient, as they are obliged to move their chancel arrangements, which are really good, to make way for all sorts of traveling shows, etc.

With the aid of the Rev. Mr. Atwell, Mr. Bailey has organized this Mission with a regular staff of officers, and they have an excellent choir. They have a subscription amounting to \$850 towards a church, and have had promised something more by the Woman's Auxiliary. They have also had three-quarters of an acre of ground presented for a building lot. They need, however, about \$400 more to put up a suitable building. The greatest obstacles to the Missionary's labors, here as elsewhere, are prejudice and entire ignorance of the character of the Church, and everything connected with it. The Methodists, Baptists, and Seventh-Day Baptists are always wrangling among themselves, which produces much infidelity and general mischief, while the Roman Church, composed chiefly of Canadian French, is strong only in members, great laxity and indifference being prevalent among them. Mr. Bailey thinks that it would not be exaggeration to say that in Richford three-quarters of the male and one-fourth of the female population are avowed unbelievers, though some make this a mere pretext for doing nothing for religion.

It is obvious, therefore, that the Church is immensely needed at this point, as a refuge from the melancholy strifes and divisions prevalent among the other religious bodies there. Dr. J. W. and Dr N. F. Hamilton, two brothers, have paid towards Church expenses about \$300, besides as much more in subscriptions for the new Church. The first named, with his wife, have been confirmed. The Mission lacks material for use in the Sunday school, and especially library books. The Missionary would be glad if some of the Parishes might spare him some of the books which have been worked out in their libraries.

The Parish of Montgomery is now attached to the Richford Mission, which gives Mr. Bailey a ten-mile drive after morning service and Sunday school, and in the evening he returns in time for a second service at Richford.

The last report on the list, that of Rev. Gemont Graves, Burlington, is the most comprehensive and interesting yet received. In order to show you what this zealous servant of Christ accomplished during the year, I will first recapitulate his figures, and then give you a sketch of his work. For the past year he has served in five Missions—380 in-

dividuals, including 126 communicants. He has received from them \$266.47 as salary. The services held among them, including Lay services, were 205; private communions administered to the sick, 9; contributions to Missions amounted to \$43.79; the miles traveled by the Missionary, 2,800, and the pastoral calls and other interviewers with the people were several thousand. It seems to me that this is a fine showing, as the result of one man's exertions. Mr. Graves goes to Cambridge Center once a month, and holds worship with a Parish of about 100 persons. The average contributions to salary at this point are 28 4-9 cents per individual annually. Mr. Graves boards around, at a score of different places. He serves Jericho, fourteen miles distant, on the same Sundays, hiring a horse for the journey. He says that sometimes, in bad weather, he has to travel by rail, on a hand car or railroad velocipede, at the risk of his neck, or hails a passing train; is sometimes late at Jericho, but, to their credit be it spoken, the people under such circumstances are *very patient*! An interest in the Church is reviving at Cambridge Borough, one-half mile west of Cambridge Centre, and they hope to have services there this summer. There being no Lay Readers in this section, there is urgent need of clerical aid for the Mission. At Pleasant Valley, two or three miles south of Cambridge Centre, the Bishop lately held an interesting service, probably the first ever held there. At Cambridge Centre itself a small Church is much needed; also tracts and religious books for distribution. Calvary Church, Jericho, includes a body of thirty-eight persons; communicants 13; \$172 was raised there, partly with the assistance of summer tourists. These latter have been very liberal in contributing money for the various needs of the church building, etc. The Church needs about \$220 for repairs; \$70 of this is already collected. Last year the people paid the Missionary \$85.91 as salary. The Church is insured, and without debt. There is need of an extra surplice at this point, for occasional use.

Emmanuel Mission, East Georgia, twenty-one miles from Burlington, by rail, comes next, and was begun in 1863 by Miss Sarah Ann Hyde, now in Paradise. She built the Church, with the assistance of Rev. Francis W. Smith, who was its first Rector, and defrayed nearly its entire cost. Hence it is now her memorial, and the noble example she set its people during her life time is bearing excellent fruit, now that she is at rest. This Mission contributes \$52.19 to the salary of its pastor. The people usually carry him to Milton on the same Sunday, for another service, though he sometimes goes on foot. The Missionary holds school house services at Checkerberry, in Milton, and at three other points in Milton.

The little Church at Georgia is composed mostly of poor people, and is doing much good to the whole region. Thirty-three services were given last year. There is no Lay Reader, and the men are very few. Last year the Bishop confirmed five at this point, one being a blind girl of twelve years. She was then in her last illness, and died soon after, in full hope and ardent faith. Her grandmother and father were confirmed at the same visitation, and two other women, one a young matron, the other an aged invalid, were also confirmed at their homes, and now all of the five, save one, rest at peace in Jesus.

On one winter day the Missionary, having heard of a family who were nearly all suffering with a dangerous disease, went to them, and before he left succeeded in persuading them to be baptized. He remarks that a travelling Missionary often has such opportunities of planting the seeds of religious faith, and it is a pity we had not a larger force of itinerants. Trinity Mission has 37 individuals enrolled on its books; 17 communicants. They gave last year \$44.05 towards salary of the Missionary, and \$10.84 for Missions; 42 services were held last year. This Mission is supported mostly by women, a fact which you have observed seems to be the common experience throughout the State. There is a certain monotony observable in the unfailing tributes to female devotion on the part of the clergy. We should like to see it varied once in a while by similar tributes to the zeal of the men of the Church. At this point there are needed ecclesiastical furniture, conveniences, and Lay Readers.

The fifth Mission on Mr. Graves' circuit is Christ Church, Buck Hollow, one of the oldest stations in the Diocese. Individuals here number 40; Missionary's salary \$49.21. It has a Church and Rectory and no debts, and is devoted to the faith. The hospitality of the people of Buck Hollow is proverbial. They always go for the Missionary to Fairfax or Georgia station, the latter seven miles off, and return him thither again. They need more library books, funds for Church repairs, and more services. Some interesting young people are growing up here to be the future hope of the Church. Forty-two services have been held in Buck Hollow the past year, and many Lenten services were well attended. The five Missions just described are served more easily from Burlington than any other point, and are situated in three counties.*

In conclusion, I must refer to the Mission of Christ Church, Guilford, near Brattleboro, Rev. W. G. Collins, Rector. The report from them

*Corrections of or additions to these statistics, having been brought down to a later date, may be found in the respective Mission reports, as contained in the Convention Journal of 1833.

states the Church has lost heavily by deaths and removals, and the indifference of the remainder is worse yet to contend with. The people contribute but little, besides the Land Agents' allowance, \$37.00, to the Missionary's support. There are but eight families on the list remaining, and the Church is in fair condition, possessing also a neat Rectory. Mr. Collins thinks that if a man could be found who could live there on very little, keeping a school, perhaps the Church might grow. The conditions at this point are obviously discouraging. The services are held twice a month in summer and occasionally in winter.

I have now completed the tale of labors performed by the clergy of the Diocese, as compiled from their written statements. You will observe that there is immense need of the utmost exertion on the part of your honorable association to meet even in part the wants of our hard-working Missionaries. I do not think it so necessary, however, to urge exertion on our part, as a free, fair and candid discussion of the best *methods* to be pursued.

The difficulty is to choose what to do most wisely, since we can hardly hope to do all we would desire. It seems to me, however, that the burdens of Church work are very unequally divided. If only those who do the most would realize that it is quite as much our duty in this world to *compel others* by all legitimate means to do *their share* of the work as to do our own part conscientiously, we should not only be more successful in aiding the clergy, but should better fulfill the command of the Apostle, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." There is too much individualism apparent in our modes of working. One of the clergy, in a note appended to his report, remarks that he hopes the ladies of the auxiliary will not forget to credit those of the clergy who are settled Rectors with the exertions they make for Missions, which are not acknowledged by the Church at large, and which adds nothing to their meagre salaries, although their labors are thereby much increased. I confess I myself was much surprised at the extent of the exhibit which I have endeavored to condense for you, and plead guilty to having done injustice to the Missionary labors of the clergy, through ignorance. Now that we know certainly what the Church is really doing for us, we need no further incentive to increased and steadfast exertion for her.

LAURA FAY SMITH.

Woodstock, Vt., June 10, 1883.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

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

ARTICLE I. This association shall be known as the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE II. The object of this association is to aid the women of our congregations in church-work, whether for the Parish, the Diocese, or for our General Missions.

ARTICLE III. Any society or association of women working for either of the purposes thus indicated, may be in union with this Branch, and may be represented in its meetings by such a number of delegates, not exceeding five, as it may elect.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Branch shall be a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE V. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Branch, unless the Bishop of the Diocese be present, and chooses to preside *ex officio*.

ARTICLE VI. The Vice Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President, in the order of their election.

ARTICLE VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Branch, and shall pay out the same according to the directions of the association.

ARTICLE VIII. The Recording Secretary shall keep a roll of the delegates in attendance at the meetings, and shall also keep the record of the proceedings of the Branch.

ARTICLE IX. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Branch with the affiliated associations, the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, and others.

ARTICLE X. This Branch does not propose to interfere with work which the associations are doing for the Church in their several localities, yet it would recommend that each such association should select some time in the year to work especially for the cause of our General Missions in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary.

ARTICLE XI. It is recommended, in case the Convention of the Diocese approve that course, that members of these associations, under the direction of their clergy, charge themselves with the circulation of the pledges for our Diocesan Missions, and, if necessary, the collection of the same.

ARTICLE XII. The constitution shall only be altered or amended by a vote of delegates representing two-thirds of the associations in union with this Branch.

ARTICLE XIII. By-laws in accordance with the constitution may be adopted or altered at any meeting.

ARTICLE XIV. An annual meeting of the Branch shall be held on the day preceding the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese in each year, at the place where the Convention is to be held, at which meeting each local association is expected to report the amount of work it has been able to accomplish during the past year for the Woman's Auxiliary, and may report any other work done for the benefit of the Church.

BY-LAWS.

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.

BY-LAW 3. In case there should not be, for any reason, an election of officers as provided for in the constitution, those previously elected shall hold their offices until others are chosen.

BY-LAW 4. All the officers of the Diocesan Auxiliary shall be entitled to all the privileges of the floor, and to speak and to vote upon all questions which shall come before the Convention.

BY-LAW 5. The funds collected by any society for the Vermont Branch, for any object, shall be held by the Treasurer, and paid out on the order of the President, for that special object.