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The annual meeting of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Trinity Chapel, Rutland, Wednesday, October 8th, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The opening service was read by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. H. M. Denslow, after which the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Theodore A. Hopkins, of Burlington.

The chair appointed Mrs. E. H. Randall and Miss Kate E. Strong a committee to examine and report upon credentials of delegates, and the following societies were reported as 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. J. K. Batchelder.
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, -	{ Mrs. Josiah Boutell, Mrs. N. H. Farr.
St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls, -	Miss Jane Hapgood.
St. Peter's Church, Bennington, -	{ Mrs. A. J. Barrows, Mrs. T. A. Hutchins, Mrs. L. Fred Abbott.
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, -	{ Mrs. John Christie, Mrs. Wm. J. Tilley.
St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro, -	{ Mrs. F. W. Brooks, Mrs. George F. Gale, Mrs. F. W. Childs.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	{ Mrs. Albert G. Pierce, Mrs. W. C. Dawson, Mrs. Henry Wells, Miss E. V. Lowry.
St. Luke's Church, Chester,	{ Mrs. G. F. Hadley, Mrs. Mary Fitch.
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	No representation.
Zion Church, Factory Point,	{ Mrs. E. L. Wyman, Mrs. I. B. Wilson, Mrs. C. K. Young.
St. John's Church, Highgate,	No representation.
Calvary Church, Jericho,	Mrs. I. C. Foster.
St. John's Church, Manchester,	{ Mrs. Russell P. Hoyt, Miss Ellen Hawley, Mrs. M. E. O. Marbury.
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	Mrs. H. A. Sheldon.
Christ Church, Montpelier,	{ Mrs. Howard F. Hill, Mrs. J. W. Ellis, Mrs. S. L. Gleason.
St. Mary's Church, Northfield,	{ Mrs. M. J. Johnston, Miss M. P. Moore, Mrs. J. C. B. Thayer, Mrs. G. B. B. Denny.
St. John's Church, Poultney,	{ Mrs. Gardner Parker, Mrs. M. D. Cole, Mrs. J. H. Tay, Miss Jane Beaman.
Grace Church, Randolph,	Mrs. H. C. Gilbert.
Trinity Church, Rutland,	{ Mrs. H. M. Denslow, Mrs. E. P. Gilson, Mrs. G. R. Bottum, Mrs. Orlando Wooster, Miss Kate E. Strong.
Grace, Church, Sheldon,	{ Mrs. Alfred Keith, Mrs. Mead.
Trinity Mission, Shelburne,	{ Mrs. George E. Partridge, Mrs. Walter A. Weed.
St. Luke's Church, St. Albans,	{ Mrs. Julia C. Farrar, Mrs. Hiram B. Soule, Mrs. Myron W. Bailey, Mrs. Henry J. Watson.
St. Andrew's Church, St. Johnsbury,	{ Mrs. F. S. Fisher, Mrs. Frank Richardson, Mrs. Patterson.
Holy Trinity, Swanton,	No representation.
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	{ Mrs. Charles Bradbury, Miss Fannie Smith, Miss S. W. Booth.
Grace Church, West Rutland,	{ Miss L. A. Hitchcock, Mrs. H. Wheeler, Miss M. J. Fosburg.
Trinity Mission, Winooski,	{ Mrs. Gemont Graves, Mrs. E. L. Wallmuller, Mrs. Herrick.
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	{ Mrs. F. W. Smith, Mrs. George R. Chapman, Mrs. J. R. Pember, Miss Ada Fairbanks.

The delegates from Burlington, Randolph, St. Johnsbury and Woodstock having no credentials, they were admitted by courtesy of the Convention.

The minutes of the last meeting—being the adjourned meeting held

at Burlington, November 1st, 1883— were called for, and read by the Secretary, and accepted as appended.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. N. Baxter, was read and accepted.

The report of Mrs. Charles E. Allen, Corresponding Secretary, was read and accepted, subject to future additions.

The election of officers being next in order, nominations were made, and the ballot resulted as follows :

PRESIDENT.

MRS. THEODORE A. HOPKINS.

TREASURER.

MRS. JOHN N. BAXTER.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

MRS. CHAS. E. PARKER.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

MRS. CHARLES E. ALLEN.

The Convention then elected the following persons to serve as Vice Presidents, the same having been proposed by the nominating committee :

VICE PRESIDENTS.

MRS. JOHN C. FARRAR, St. Albans.

MRS. THOMAS H. CANFIELD, Burlington.

MISS JANE HAPGOOD, Bellows Falls.

MRS. GEORGE B. B. DENNY, Northfield.

MRS. HENRY BOYNTON, St. Johnsbury.

MRS. CALEB R. BREWER, Enosburgh.

MRS. GEORGE ALLEN, Woodstock.

MRS. H. H. BAXTER, Rutland.

MRS. CHARLES J. KETCHUM, Vergennes.

MRS. A. L. MINER, Manchester.

MRS. JESSE BURDETT, Arlington.

On motion adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Agreeably to adjournment, the Convention re-assembled at Trinity Chapel at 3 o'clock, the President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, Mrs. Seymour, of the Connecticut Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary,

who had been invited to be present at this meeting, and whose inability to attend was much regretted, favored us, through Mrs. C. E. Allen, Corresponding Secretary, with an interesting and instructive paper, giving a detailed account of the work as carried on by that thoroughly organized and efficient branch of the Auxiliary. After the reading, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward the same to Mrs. Seymour.

The President called upon Mrs. H. J. Watson, of St. Albans, who gave a very carefully prepared paper on the methods of mission work so successfully carried on in the Methodist and Congregational societies, drawing therefrom many useful lessons for our guidance in the future.

Mrs. F. W. Smith, of Woodstock, read a paper on "Woman's work in the Diocese of Vermont; its successes and its failures;" reporting some encouraging work done, and pointing out an important field for work, in trying to correct the social evils which prevail to an alarming extent within the borders of our own State.

The President, calling one of the other officers to the chair, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield, of Burlington, be appointed a committee to visit all the societies of the Diocese, and endeavor to promote among them an increase of general interest and greater unity of action.

Mrs. Charles E. Parker then presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to each member of the Woman's Auxiliary in the several parishes, that she make an offering of from *one to five* cents weekly to the general fund of this Branch, in order that its good work may be carried on; and that the Treasurer of each Parish Branch be instructed to send these offerings *quarterly* to the Diocesan Treasurer.

The Bishop having entered the chapel, the routine business was suspended, and a short address, in which he expressed his very great satisfaction at the success of this second autumn session, promising his hearty sympathy with and support of the Auxiliary's efforts in all branches of its work, was listened to with marked satisfaction.

Mrs. F. W. Smith offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mrs. Charles Clement, of Rutland, be appointed a committee to attend to all business affairs between the Auxiliary and the General Missionary who may be appointed to the four southern counties of Vermont, to be sustained by the Auxiliary; Mrs. Clement to appoint her own assistants, one of whom, at least, shall be from the said counties.

Mrs. Farrar offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Allen, be authorized

to incorporate into her report all additional items sent her within the next ten days.

On motion :

Resolved, That order be taken to print, under the direction of the President, the reports of the two Secretaries, with the Constitution and By-Laws, and that the Corresponding Secretary be empowered to draw on the Treasury for money to print and circulate the same.

On motion of Mrs. H. J. Watson,

Resolved, That an appropriation of \$40.00 be, and is hereby, made for the purpose of defraying the traveling expenses incurred in behalf of the Auxiliary by Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield.

Interesting letters were read by Mrs. Allen from Miss Julia C. Emery, General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, in regard to missionary boxes, and the work to be undertaken by this branch for the coming year.

After a vote of thanks to Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Smith for the papers read by them at this session, the convention adjourned to meet on Thursday, October 9th, at 9:30 A. M.

THURSDAY, A. M.

Agreeably to adjournment, the morning session was opened at 9:30 o'clock, with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

The President called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

An invitation having been tendered by the Vergennes delegation, it was unanimously voted that the next annual meeting be held with them, in St. Paul's parish, on the first Wednesday in October, 1885.

On motion of Mrs. C. E. Allen,

Resolved, That this society send \$50.00 to the Secretary of General Missions as an acknowledgment of our gratitude to the venerable Archdeacon Kirkby for his effort in our behalf. And also that \$75.00 be given Mr. Herbert Welsh, as a token of our appreciation of his kindness in addressing us on the Indian question.

The following appropriations were then made.

To the Rev. Henry Dunlap,—colored schools in Georgia - - \$25.00
 To the Rev. Gement Graves and the Rev. Geo. H. Bailey (each) 25.00
 General Missionary, (if appointed) - - - - - 25.00
 and the sum of \$100.00 to Miss Emery, for the Woman's Hospital in Japan; \$50.00 of which is to be sent at once, and the remaining \$50.00 during the ensuing year.

On motion of Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield,

Resolved, That if any money above appropriations be raised, it shall be equally divided between our Diocesan missionaries already aided by the Auxiliary.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the ladies of Rutland for their kindness and hospitality was then adopted, and the Convention adjourned to meet at Vergennes on the first Wednesday in October, 1885.

MRS. THEO. A. HOPKINS, President.

MRS. CHARLES E. PARKER, Secretary.

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ADJOURNED MEETING, OCTOBER, 1883.

Agreeably to the accepted invitation from St. Paul's Parish Branch, Burlington, the Auxiliary met at the chapel Wednesday, October 31st, 1883, at 6 o'clock P. M., proceeding thence to the church parlors to welcome informally the Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, D. D., Bishop of Utah, and the Rt. Rev. Robert W. B. Elliott, D. D., Bishop of Western Texas.

On Thursday, "All Saints," at 3 o'clock P. M., the adjourned meeting of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the Chapel.

After the opening service read by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. W. C. Dawson, the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Theodore A. Hopkins, of Burlington.

The roll of associations in union with the Auxiliary was then called, and, a quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to business.

The society of St. John's Church, Manchester, having organized under the Constitution of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and applied by letter for admission, was received into union therewith.

Upon the call of the President, Mrs. J. N. Baxter, of Rutland, read an interesting and instructive paper on the Missionary and Educational work of the Diocese; Mrs. F. W. Smith, of Woodstock, also read a short paper on Missionary Itineracy.

At the request of Mrs. H. H. Baxter, of Rutland, the paper on "Missionary Boxes," prepared by Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield, of Burlington, and read by her before the general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions at Philadelphia in October, was read by the Secretary.

Mrs. Burdett of Arlington, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the President, Treasurer, and the Secretaries of this society be elected by ballot, after open nomination.

The following resolution was then offered by Mrs. Christie, of Brandon, and lost:

Resolved. That Art. III of the constitution be amended by striking out all after the word "by" in third line, and inserting "one delegate to be elected from among the officers of said society or association."

Mrs. Charles E. Allen, of Burlington, then called for action on the resolution as offered by Mrs. W. G. Shaw at the regular meeting in June, but postponed until this the adjourned meeting. The resolution as follows was then read, and adopted:

Resolved. That Article XIV of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

The next annual meeting of the Branch shall be held on such day of September, October, or November as shall have been appointed at the previous meeting. The President shall at any time call a meeting of the Branch on the written request of three parish societies.

The convention then voted to accept the courteous invitation tendered by Mrs. H. H. Baxter, in behalf of Trinity Parish Branch, Rutland, to meet with them on the second Wednesday in October, 1884,

Mrs. Tuttle, wife of the Bishop, upon invitation from the chair, told in a most agreeable manner of the trials, needs and triumphs of the work in Utah, giving an insight into the Political as well as the Religious condition of that jurisdiction, emphasizing particularly the urgent need of Christian training for young girls, a work which has been most hopefully begun by the "Girls' School" established by the Bishop in Salt Lake City.

After a vote of thanks to Mrs. Tuttle, the convention adjourned, to reassemble at 7:30 o'clock in the church, for the General Missionary service, and for the addresses by Bishops Tuttle and Elliott on the Missionary work at large, and of the needs and prospects of their respective fields.

Immediately at the close of this service, the convention reassembled in the chapel, and adopted the following resolutions:

First by Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield.

Resolved, That the offering made at the service just closed, not otherwise specified, be divided equally between the two visiting Bishops.

Second by Mrs F. W. Smith, of Woodstock.

Resolved, That the Vermont Auxiliary hears with the greatest delight and satisfaction of Mrs. Clement's munificent donation, trusting that the cause so dear to her heart may continue to receive the full sympathy and support of this society, to which she has set so noble an example.

Third by Mrs. Christie, of Brandon.

Resolved, That in accordance with the suggestion made by Bishop Elliott in his address, the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions adopt "*Non sibi sed aliis*" for its motto.

A vote of thanks to the Parish of St. Paul's, Burlington, for their generous hospitality, was then passed, and the society adjourned to meet at Rutland on the second Wednesday of October next.

MRS. THEODORE A. HOPKINS, President.

MRS. CHARLES E. PARKER, Secretary,

REPORT OF THE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY,
FROM

JUNE 13, 1883, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1884.

ALBURGH.—Young Girls Society	
1 box sent to Miss Leigh, Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota,	\$ 2.25
ARLINGTON.—St. James Church,	
Domestic Missions, - - - - -	30.00
Parish Work, - - - - -	56.00
BELLOWS FALLS—St. Agnes Hall Guild,	
Beneficiary at St. Mark's School, Utah, - - - - -	40.00
Bishop Hare's Girls' School, - - - - -	14.50
Salary of Rev. Mr. Randall, - - - - -	22.00
Expenses of meeting October 31, - - - - -	5.00
BENINGTON.—St. Peter's Church,	
Parish work, - - - - -	206.78
BRANDON.—St. Thomas.	
1 Bishop's box, (unfinished), - - - - -	15.75
Expenses of meeting October 31, - - - - -	4.50
Repairs on church and rectory, - - - - -	250.38
Cash to Diocesan Treasury, - - - - -	8.00
BRATTLEBORO.—St. Michael's.	
Two boxes sent Mrs. M. E. Miles, Clover Depot, Va., - - - - -	102.15
Home charity work during Lent, - - - - -	12.00

BURLINGTON.—St. Paul's Church.

1 box sent Rev. D. B. Waddell, Clayton, Ala.,	-	\$174.69
1 box sent Rev. W. C. Sherman, Cannon Falls, Minn.,	-	112.35
Cash sent Diocesan Treasurer,	-	15.00

BURLINGTON—Rock Point Branch.

Rev. B. B. Babbitt, Columbia, South Carolina,	-	15.00
Indian Mission, Onondaga Castle, New York,	-	18.40
Mrs. Buford, Col'd Hospital, Lawrenceville, Va.,	-	45.13
Surplice, stole and book marks, Fort Benton, Montana,	-	17.50
Bishop Hopkins Scholarship, St. John's Coll., China,	-	100.00
Diocesan Missions,	-	43.00

CHESTER.—St. Luke's.

1 box sent Mrs. Buford, Lawrenceville, Va.,	-	42.50
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ENOSBURGH—Christ Church.

1 package sent Miss Emery,	-	5.00
1 package, German Mission, New York,	-	9.00
For Mission at Richford, Vt.,	-	3.00
For itinerant clergymen in Vt.,	-	2.50
For expenses of meeting October 31,	-	2.50
For Christmas books,	-	6.00

FACTORY POINT.—Zion Church.

1 barrel clothing and half barrel reading, matter sent		
Rev. B. B. Babbitt, Columbia, S. C.,		
Work in the parish,	-	23.83
Expenses of missionary meetings,	-	4.00
General mission work,	-	7.64

HIGHGATE.—St. John's Parish.

1 package for Rev. B. B. Babbitt, South Carolina,	-	22.70
1 package sent with St. Albans box,	-	4.58

JERICHO.—Calvary Mission.

1 box sent Mrs. M. M. Jennings, Va.,	-	30.00
Money for Diocesan Missions,	-	3.00
Other missions,	-	3.00

MIDDLEBURY.—St. Stephen's.

Money given for parish work	-	81.31
Money given for iron fence,	-	40.00
Money given for missionary objects,	-	34.25

MONTPELIER.—Christ Church.

1 box sent to St. John's school, Dakota,	-	50.00
Parcels for Diocesan and Domestic missions,	-	47.00
Expended for rectory,	-	1,026.00

NORTHFIELD.—St. Mary's Church.

Cash paid on parish work,	- - - - -	\$181.59
Diocesan missions,	- - - - -	8.25
Other missions,	- - - - -	5.35
1 box sent St. John's school, Dakota,	- - - - -	18.25
Two mural tablets in Church,	- - - - -	20.10

POULTNEY.—St. John's Church.

1 box sent Mrs. Buford,	- - - - -	25.00
1 box sent Mrs. M. M. Jennings,	- - - - -	20.00
Diocesan missions,	- - - - -	10.00
Other missions,	- - - - -	2.00

RANDOLPH.—Grace Church.

1 box sent Miss Emery,	- - - - -	5.00
Parish work,	- - - - -	69.76
Diocesan missions,	- - - - -	9.37
Other missions,	- - - - -	3.12

RUTLAND.—Trinity Church.

Towards paying for rectory,	- - - - -	1,000.00
Other parish work,	- - - - -	481.16
Expenses of meeting October 31,	- - - - -	10.00
Easter offering to Mr. Randall's salary, 2d year,	- - - - -	62.00
Money given to Diocesan and other missions,	- - - - -	134.50

SHELBYNE.—Trinity Mission.

Sent to Diocesan Treasurer, for Rev. H. Dunlap,	- - - - -	5.00
Sent to Miss Emery,	- - - - -	6.00

SHELDON.—Grace Church.

1 package for Rev. P. M. Boyden, in St. Albans box,	- - - - -	14.75
1 package St. John's school, Dakota,	- - - - -	22.00

ST. ALBANS.—St. Luke's Church.

1 box sent Rev. Charles McDougal, Milton, Florida,	- - - - -	140.00
1 box sent Rev. P. M. Boyden, Goochland, Virginia,	- - - - -	78.11
Money given for missions,	- - - - -	16.18

ST. ALBANS.—Helping Hands.

1 box Rev. Henry Swift, Walworth Co., Dakota,	- - - - -	32.00
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ST. JOHNSBURY.—St Andrew's.

1 box sent Rev. D. H. Buel's mission, North Carolina,	- - - - -	52.00
Diocesan missions,	- - - - -	33.60
Other missions,	- - - - -	66.25

VERGENNES.—St Paul's.

1 box, Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Franklin, Texas,	- - - - -	108.91
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VERGENNES.—St. Paul's.

Money given for Diocesan and other missions, - - - - -	\$15.00
For Parochial objects, - - - - -	92.49

WEST RUTLAND.

Parish work, - - - - -	375.00
Woman's Auxiliary, - - - - -	5.00

WINOOSKI.—Trinity Mission.

Work on box sent from Burlington.

MRS. CHARLES E. ALLEN,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

ACCOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED AND DISBURSED THROUGH THE TREAS-
URY OF THE VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The sum of \$122.18 was received and paid out under direction of the President, to the following Missions. Three-eights to Rev. E. H. Randall, as General Missionary in the four

Southern Counties, amounting to, - - - - -	\$45.83
One-fourth to Rev. Mr. Dunlap, for colored schools in Georgia, -	30.54
One-eighth to each of the following :	

Rev. George Herbert Bailey, - - - - -	15.27
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Rev. Gemont Graves, - - - - -	15.27
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Wuchang Hospital, China, - - - - -	15.27
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The sum of \$1,000 was paid, including the above 45.83, to Rev. Mr. Randall for eight months' Mission work. There was also raised and recceivd by the Treasurer for expenses incurred at the annual meeting held at Burlington, November 1, 1883, - 75.00 Contributions to Bishop Tuttle, - - - - - 81.01 Contributions to Bishop Elliott, - - - - - 98.52 and to Mrs Tuttle by Bishop Bissell. - - - - - 25.00

SARAH F. C. BAXTER,
TREASURER VERMONT BRANCH OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

PAPER SENT BY MRS. SEYMOUR,
OF CONNECTICUT.

I have been asked to write a brief account of the working of the Connecticut Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and comply with the request, with pleasure.

Our Diocese first began this work as a united body in April, 1880. A few ladies gathered at the call of our Bishop in Christ Church Chapel, in Hartford. A constitution was adopted. Miss Emery was there with her wise counsels and hearty Godspeed, and the work was undertaken. As we separated the parting words of the newly appointed officers to each other was the same: What is it we are to do? How we felt committed to unknown work, and feared to act unwisely.

For its missionary enterprises Connecticut is divided into six archdeaconries.

For each of these two ladies were nominated by the Archdeacon, and appointed by the Bishop to act as Managers. These, with the President, Vice President, Secretaries and Treasurer, (appointed also by the Bishop), constitute our executive force.

The two managers of our archdeaconry are responsible for the parishes comprising it, and usually divide the labor, and at the annual meeting present a united report.

A Manager if possible visits every parish in her archdeaconry, and thus is able to exercise personal influence in the "provoking to zeal and good works," which is to be her special province.

Constant correspondence is also necessary, that each parish Society be thus in close communication with its head. The Manager receives from Miss Emery, or from other sources, missionary leaflets and letters; these she at once circulates in her archdeaconry.

In fact there is no limit to the work that can be done and the influence exerted by an earnest and conscientious "Manager." Besides the annual public meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, wherever it is possible the ladies of each archdeaconry meet occasionally, and often are addressed by some "returned missionary," or letters are read in regard to the work by their Manager, and thus new interest is aroused and old interest is kept from flagging. In many parishes in Connecticut there are meetings held quarterly simply to hear missionary intelligence, and it is wonderful how much knowledge increases zeal.

Is it not so in regard to everything? Wealthy people are often called illiberal when they are only ignorant of the necessity of giving. Let

them *trust* those who make the appeal, and it will rarely be refused. A case in point illustrates this. One of our clergy in a large city so commanded the respect of all who knew him that on one occasion where he wanted funds with which to build comfortable tenements for the poor, a pet project of his, he went to a wealthy Jewish merchant to ask for a subscription. He had hardly opened the subject when the merchant interrupted him; "Not another word, my dear sir, do not waste your time on me. If *you* want money for a charitable purpose that is all I want to know. I trust your judgment entirely, and I am obliged to you for being my almoner; here is my cheque for the amount," and the busy merchant turned to his books again, satisfied that his money would be wisely spent.

Such trust, or confidence rather, we must try to inspire in our method of doing missionary work, and if we make mistakes, as who does not, is it not a comforting thought that the dear Lord will over-rule our short-sightedness to His own glory?

Twice a year the officers of our Branch of the Auxiliary meet in executive session; new objects of work are presented and discussed, and certain ones selected and presented to the public meeting, (held annually), for confirmation. While each parish therefore is free to work for any and all, most proper first of all to fulfil the pledges made by the Executive Committee, and the surplus is divided according to the judgment of this committee. Great impetus has been given to the work by the two meetings held since our organization, where were present each time several of our noble Missionary Bishops, whose presence among us was most inspiring.

In regard to our method of work, each Manager sees, for instance that any parish willing to fill a box for our missionaries is supplied with letters from such families as need help, that they may choose their work.

Two or three parishes often combine to fill a box, and we have in our excellent "Bureau of Relief" an organization which supplies to a poor parish *material* if they will make it up, so that really there is no excuse left but indifference why all should not have a share in the work.

It is also desirable that a small weekly offering be made by the women of every parish, as an Auxiliary Fund for which money for pledged objects may be raised. One penny or two pennies a week from every member will amount in a year to a wonderfully comfortable little sum.

One of our Bishops tells the story of a country parish of which he was once Rector, where the members were so surprised at the amount once raised in this way by a weekly five-cent collection that they declined joining in such an extravagant project another year.

As there are all sorts of people in the world, so we must multiply

methods of work, to interest all. In missionary education we must begin with the children. Let them be taught at Christmas time or the Lenten-tide to make some sacrifice of time or money for the Master's cause.

Let them send off a box of Christmas gifts to some family or Mission School; let them brighten some heart at the blessed Easter season with the fruit of their self-denial. While older, graver heads plan plain sewing for the Missionaries' needs, let the young people indulge their fancy for pretty work, and send off some boxes of articles for the wives of the Missionary Bishops to dispose of at their discretion.

Connecticut has made a special effort in this direction this Summer, and the result of some of the holiday work by the sea side and on the mountains will soon be dispatched to New Mexico, where articles from the East are so in demand that they can be instantly disposed of, and the proceeds be legitimately used for Church Work.

And here, because in Vermont as in Connecticut, there may be those who object to the Woman's Auxiliary, I will incorporate part of a letter written in its defence by one of our most faithful "Managers."

"The Woman's Auxiliary is very elastic. Every Diocese makes its own rules, and each parish works under and according to the judgment of its Rector.

The Auxiliary is really a recognized part of the Board of Missions, and intended to supplement and aid, never to interfere with it. One of its objects is to prevent one person who happens to be popular from receiving a great deal of help, while others are neglected.

Another object is the raising of money in small sums regularly from people who would otherwise not give at all, thereby interesting them in Missions.

But the most important of all is the distributing of the Missionary collects and prayers, making people realize that if any prayer is granted where two agree, what great results may be expected from the prayers of thousands.

It is not necessary that parishes should be joined together in Auxiliary work, but it is very helpful, and the effect always is to break down narrow parish feeling and prejudice, making people feel that the church exists outside their own parish, and that they are only a small part of the great body of Christ.

Some parishes which have not yet joined the Auxiliary will surely do so when they find that neither officers or managers attempt to lay down any rules for them.

Our plan has been to aid the Rector to appoint some lady with whom we can correspond, who will inform herself about the work of missions in the church, and will do what she can to diffuse information.

What Connecticut has to show is not the growth merely of the last four years. The Fairfield Indian Aid Association is quite old. The Bureau of Relief, in Hartford, dates back before the Woman's Auxiliary was proposed by Mrs. Twing.

In Middletown the ladies were reading about missions and working for them four years ago. But when the Connecticut branch of the Auxiliary was formed we gathered together these scattered societies and parish branches, and they will all acknowledge that they have been greatly strengthened by our union with each other."

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The same letter gives some hints as to the best way of starting an Auxiliary branch, which may be helpful.

"First of all, *inform yourselves*. It is simply impossible to be interested in this work, if we are ignorant of what the church is doing.

Get your ladies together, and say to them, 'Let us join the Auxiliary.' Let them work in their own way, but I think you will find out that they will be very glad to send in a report of what has been done to the Diocesan Secretary, rather than to be left out when the yearly report is printed. If they say they would rather be independent, never mind; getting them interested and at work, is the most important thing.

The best thing to do first is to arrange for a good missionary meeting, with addresses from some stirring men or Bishops. These always arouse an interest. Then when you meet for sewing or charitable purposes, some one could read aloud, for a few minutes, missionary letters.

Perhaps some people would pledge themselves to work twenty minutes a day, or two hours a week, for missionary purposes. Then have missionary readings; begin with missionary prayers; then take up with a map the history of some branch of our mission work, and thus arouse interest by knowledge."

The number of Connecticut parishes not working with the Auxiliary is very small. The amount done by those in union with it varies from the parish (a country one at that), which reports as this year's work, in money and boxes, a total of one thousand one hundred and twenty-six dollars, to the little society which could only contribute the pieceing of one bed-quilt. Yet as each had done "according to their abilities and opportunities," will it not be written of the one as of the other, "She hath done what she could." Thus briefly have we sketched the working of the Connecticut Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. In boxes and money its contributions in its first year of existence amounted to \$12,004.70—and the second year to \$18,267.22. So, certainly, the work seemed to prosper from the first.

It seems unlikely that our sister Diocese, Vermont, should need any

instruction at our hands, but she is most welcome to hear of our experience, as we should like to hear of hers, and our sympathies, our hopes, our prayers are one. Hand in hand, heart to heart, we will go on in the noble work for our Lord's sake.

In the words of one of our leaders: "The life of the Auxiliary should be an ever advancing life, and the fact that so much has been done should stimulate and encourage us to a greater and more constant effort. It seems strange that there should ever be any lack of money for the Master's work in these days, when so much is expended as a matter of course to make life pleasant, luxurious and beautiful. Where does the trouble lie? Is it not in the fact that we do not give Him in *proportion* to what we spend upon ourselves? How grand it would be if all the offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary could really come from sacrifice and self-denial in our daily lives."

And so, dear friends, let us in our work as Christian women for our Lord thank God and take courage, remembering that (as an English writer tells us), "How is it the soul of all labors, the refreshment of all weariness, the consolation of all failures, that it is FOR GOD."

PAPER READ BY MRS. HENRY J. WATSON,
OF ST. ALBANS.

It has been thought best to urge upon the members of our Auxiliary the "Importance of a larger circulation of the Spirit of Missions in our diocese." The Spirit of Missions, as we all know, is the official organ of the Board of Missions, and is the best means by which we may acquaint ourselves with not only the field of labor but the laborers themselves, and what they are doing both in foreign and domestic work for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom upon earth. Without doubt, a careful reading of these reports would bring us many times tales of hardships and sore need, and earnest appeals for a portion of the Lord's money which we are thoughtlessly using for our own ease and comfort. We are not always living on those happy heights which are not only above principalities and powers, but above the sense that there can be any sacrifice in honoring the Lord with the first fruits of our increase, and we need to be often reminded that the redeeming love which blesses our lives is reaching out and seeking through us to

bless a world in darkness. A better knowledge of the mission field would be invaluable to us as Auxiliary workers. We are apt to think that to do Auxiliary work acceptably requires only a moderate amount of zeal, attendance upon the meetings when convenient, a general knowledge of the contents and destination of the box in course of preparation, and a contribution when solicited. In this way one of course does get some idea of the work accomplished. The local society makes acquaintance with a school among the mountains of North Carolina, an Indian Mission in Dakota, or the families of Missionaries in Maine or Virginia. We can all testify how delightful these acquaintances are, and how warm our hearts grow as we feel their personalities, and adapt our work to suit them. A great amount of loving fore-thought, personal sacrifice, and real charity, goes packed up in these Missionary boxes,—*how* much the Master who took note of two mites holds in remembrance.

But this is only one branch of the service. Familiarity with the aim, workings and results of our own society, local, diocesan and general, would be a wonderful incentive to individual effort, and if we added to this the study of the field at large, with the steadfast purpose to make ourselves intelligent workers in Christ's vineyard, there would be nothing to prevent us from going in to "possess the land." We all remember what a revelation upon the subject of our diocesan missions was Mrs. F. W. Smith's paper read at our meeting two years ago, and supplemented by Mrs. Clement's earnest appeal. It brought us into personal relations with the work and the workers, pointed out to us the waste places in our own Diocese, and silently laid a responsibility in our hands. We ought not to be contented with what we do as local Auxiliaries when we possess such opportunities as a Diocesan society.

Just here I would like to compare our work a little with that of our sisters in other evangelical churches. I have before me the annual National and State reports of the "Woman's Board of Missions" of the Congregational Church. In this State they number 117 Auxiliaries and 96 Mission circles among the young girls and children. The boys, too, are trained to help. These Vermont women support in the foreign field two Bible readers, two native teachers, nine scholarships, and aid 13 native schools. This in addition to salaries paid six lady Missionaries adopted by the Branch.

The last report of yearly contributions by Vermont women was \$4. 458.92. This represents only the foreign work. They have also their Home Missionaries, and do brave work among the freedmen, the poor whites at the South, and the Indians, and send, as we do, boxes to their mission stations on the frontiers. Their reports are care-

fully compiled, and they do make one's heart glad. In many of the local societies meetings are held monthly for the *study* of the *Mission field and laborers*, and interesting papers are prepared and discussed. They have visits frequently from returned Missionaries and teachers, who bring them direct news, and supply that new zeal which personal conference upon a subject of interest always gives. I can testify to "times of refreshing" when I have listened to these tales of conquest, and notably to one occasion when three zealous teachers were present, one whose work was with the freedmen, one the poor whites, and one the Indians. The woman's work in the M. E. church is organized in much the same way, and in both societies it is supported by annual subscriptions, membership fees, life memberships, and voluntary offerings. There is much in these methods which commends itself.

We regard every baptized woman as a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, but, as we all know, a few in every parish do the work, and make the offerings, and very many really know nothing whatever about it.

It is true it ought not to be necessary to urge, or even invite, the daughters of a Missionary Church to help bear the standard of the Cross, by holding up the arms of those appointed to "proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ" to a world for which He died. The Lord could do the work without us, but it is his good pleasure to give us the crowning joy, by and by, of having part in the song of Redemption, and chanting with angels and archangels, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." Are we keeping anybody out of this joy, by not showing them the blessed opportunity? Frances Ridley Haver-gal has said, "It does not look as if we cared much about our glorious Captain when we are not sufficiently interested in His latest victories in the Mission field even to talk about them, especially to those who know nothing at all about them." We do not lack interest, but we are not fully roused to the call of the hour. When we are, we shall want to rouse everybody else. We can become Missionaries by carrying our work to every woman in our parishes, and giving them the blessed privilege of helping, no matter how little. To day, as in the olden time, the Master sits "over against the Treasury," and we may be sure that He "will not despise the day of small things."

The results of all missionary effort are with the Lord, but when lives are "hid with Christ in God that He may work in them to will and to do of His good pleasure," there can be no question as to what the results will be. We have but to use the means placed at our disposal, and one of these is the important one of being well informed,

and to this end we need more visits from Missionaries and a more general circulation of the Spirit of Missions. Our sisters of the Woman's Board of Missions named above support two periodicals, with an aggregate circulation of 35,000. In order to know how *we* stand, I applied to the Spirit of Missions, and was startled to learn that the total number of subscribers in our whole Diocese is only 58. Of this number 28 belong to the town of Rutland. I hope and trust that we shall be fired with zeal to become canvassers for a book, and that that book will be the Spirit of Missions. The subscription price is \$1.50 a year, or six copies sent to one address for \$7.50. Surely as earnest women, desiring to do good work, we cannot afford to do without it.

SARAH A. WATSON,

October 4, 1884.

PAPER READ BY MRS. FRANK W. SMITH,
OF WOODSTOCK.

WOMAN'S WORK FOR THE CHURCH IN VERMONT, ITS SUCCESSES AND
FAILURES.

It was my privilege eighteen months ago, my dear friends, to read before you a detailed statement of the missionary labors of the clergy in Vermont, as you doubtless will remember. I had intended at the time of writing that report to append to it some observations relative to woman's especial share in the work of the Church, with some reflections upon its limitations and capacity for enlargement. But, as I was advised by our Diocesan to omit that part of my original plan, for the time being, it has had to be worked up into a separate paper, which I now have the honor to submit to you. I shall first proceed to lay before you an account of the money raised and values contributed during the last seven years by our Church-women, for each and every effort for Church extension or maintenance in which we are interested. I begin with the figures for St. Paul's, Burlington. Since 1878 the ladies of this Church have raised

For parish purposes, - - - - -	\$2,817.80
For domestic and foreign missions, in five years, in money and boxes, - - - - -	1,740.81

Also the Rock Point Society in connection with St. Paul's,
has given to missions, (time not stated), - - - - - \$ 884.70
Making a total in six years of - - - - - \$5,443.31

The women of Trinity Church, Rutland, have raised in money,
For parochial objects, in seven years, - - - - - \$3,435.66
For Diocesan work, - - - - - 395.70
For domestic missions, (boxes), - - - - - 393.50
For general missions, - - - - - 145.00
Total - - - - - \$4,369.86

In addition to this there has been constant charitable work in the parish, not accounted for. Grace Church, West Rutland, sends a report of six years effort, for parish chiefly, of - - - - - \$1,241.71

The report from St. Thomas', Brandon, shows the following total during four years, - - - - - \$1,007.76

Manchester sends an account of effort made for Church work at home, which is very creditable; but as the sums mentioned were not credited separately to the ladies of St. John's, but were intermingled with contributions from other quarters, I find it impossible to set them down accurately here. The Congregational Society is credited with generous aid to this little parish.

It is much to be desired that hereafter all moneys collected and expended by the various women's associations for Church matters in Vermont should be accurately recorded, as affairs of this kind are to apt to be ignored by many who get the benefit of them, to the discouragement of those who silently perform these valuable labors.

From St. Albans, the ladies of St. Luke's Church send me the following figures regarding their Auxiliary work since 1878:

Fifteen boxes, valued at - - - - -	\$1,091.00
Also for the rectory they raised - - - - -	500.00
In all - - - - -	\$1,591.00

Swanton, Highgate and Sheldon, each sent contributions to the last box on the list, values not stated, and hence not included in the above figures. In addition, about one hundred and fifty garments, old and new, have been given out each year by the ladies, and a large sewing school has been kept up for poor children, in the Water street Mission, an excellent work, concerning which I regret that I have not more to tell you.

The report from St. Mary's, Northfield, reads as follows:

Total amount received from the women for parish work, from 1877 to 1884, - - - - -	\$1,243.19
The expenditure has been, - - - - -	1,120.17
The account for miscellaneous work since 1881, inside and out of the parish, foots up - - - - -	149.35
Total receipts - - - - -	\$1,392.54

The Rector of this parish desires that the ladies should have credit for their many contributions to the comfort of himself and family, of which no account has been kept, and which he says would nearly double the amount set down for 1884,—that being \$178.55. The ladies' association of this parish is in a most flourishing condition.

The Woman's Missionary Association of Shelburne has contributed to domestic missions and parish objects, in four years, as follows:- - - - -	\$221.30
They have also in bank funds amounting to - - - - -	664.75
Collected, 1878.—Total of collections and expenditures - - -	\$886.05

For gifts by individual members of the Auxiliary for Trinity Mission, Winooski, the Rector refers us to convention journals since 1878, in which named year the ladies collectively raised \$76.13.

The Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, writes that although the ladies of his parish have been exhaustive in their efforts for its welfare, there is no account that can be furnished of their work, or that of the Fairfield ladies, taken as a *separate matter*.

The ladies of Christ Church, Montpelier, send as the exhibit of their work for domestic missions, (up to 1884), for parish matters and for their rectory, a total in seven years of \$2,120.80.

The report of woman's work in St. Luke's parish, Chester, from Easter of 1877 to Easter 1884, shows them to have contributed
To parish and Auxiliary objects, - - - - - \$1,646.00
Of this they expended for St. Luke's, - - - - - 1,533.12

The ladies of St. Peter's, Bennington, have in seven years raised \$2,500 for a rectory, but no account of any other effort is at hand.

From the Rev. Gemont Graves I have received a very complete account of the woman's work for parish, Diocesan, and general missions in his five stations. The ladies of the
Holy Apostle's, Cambridge, have raised in all, - - - - - \$121.32
Calvary, Jericho, " " - - - - - 180.70
Emanuel, Georgia, " " - - - - - 636.70

Trinity, Milton, have raised in all,	\$613,45
Christ's, Fairfax, " "	46.00

Total for seven years, - - - - -	\$1,597.26
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The account from the ladies of St. John's Church, Poultney, shows them to have raised in seven years \$1,248.52.

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, sends the following record for five years, of the women's work.

For parish objects, - - - - -	\$2,206.33
For Diocesan objects, - - - - -	62.00
For general missions, - - - - -	465.00

Total, - - - - -	\$2,733.33
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A ladies' society has existed here for fifty years, or more; and through its efforts many thousands of dollars have been collected and expended for church purposes of various kinds.

A report of the labors of St. Paul's, Vergennes, only extends between 1874 and 1878, which is mostly prior to the time embraced in this exhibit, and is therefore not included here; nothing between 1878 and the present being at hand.

The ladies of St. James, Arlington, send me a report of work valued at \$2,100.66 for both parish and Auxiliary objects. All the items were set down, but the want of space forbids me to particularize.

I am unable to give you the exact figures for our work in Woodstock, our Secretary being absent, and it having been impossible to get at her books. In round numbers, I can only say that in seven years we have raised about \$3,000. Of this over \$200 went to the Auxiliary.

From Brattleboro we have no definite account, though the work done amounts to several thousand dollars, including salary of \$1,000 for our itinerant. The whole account foots up - - - - - \$33,954.91

To which should be added the following bequests:

Madam Simonds, of Brandon, to St. Thomas, - - - - -	200.00
Mrs. J. A. Conant, of Brandon, to St. Thomas, Brandon, and St. Stephen's, Middlebury, - - - - -	8500.00
Sarah Ann Hyde, Emanuel, Georgia, - - - - -	1,500.00

Grand total from all sources, - - - - -	\$44,354.91
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And now, my dear friends, I have told you the story of our church work for the last seven years, in order that you might see what your *money value* to the church, both within and without our own borders,

has been for that time, so far as I have been able to collect the statistics. The sum of \$44,354.91 is not a contemptible one, when we consider that it has been given for the most part by persons whose means were far less ample than their desire of serving and sacrificing for the Master, since it is by such feeble means that He wills His work should advance. You will be struck by the fact, perhaps, that the exhibit I have made for you covers only *material matters*, things that *could be bought*, in other words. But now let us consider whether among all the efforts we have made, the question of *money only*, or its equivalent, has not filled a much larger space in our thoughts than have the moral aspects of our case as agents of the Christian religion? Do these thousands of dollars truly represent missionary work, as teachers, exemplars and living spiritual influences? Do we habitually slip out of the beaten track of fixed domestic obligation, to sow the seeds of faith, and charity, and uprightness, among those whose hearts would never otherwise receive them, simply because they never will come to church?

I have personally felt for many years that the area covered by the efforts of Christian women was deplorably small. When we say to our clergyman, "Here am I, send me," he usually assigns to us a Sunday School class, though we are not always suited to that work, or if musical we are invited to sing in the choir, or if tasteful to decorate the chancel, and we have a general and cordial invitation at all times to raise all the money we can for church objects, to be expended usually at the discretion of the gentlemen of the parish. We are expected on general principles to visit the sick, if convenient, and to relieve the physical necessities of the poor whenever we have the means. But when it comes to having a definite, united and potent influence for *positive good* in the community, or even in the church itself, I think we must sorrowfully admit that too often our work is a failure. We do not seem to get at a large class of people who ought to be within the fold of the church, and are not. We seem wholly limited, in short, to serving the *material needs* of the Church, and only these. When after months of Sunday School teaching we are perhaps horrified to find that children whom we have carefully instructed in the principles of true religion are leading scandalous lives during the week, though demurely reciting the creed and the ten commandments in the Sunday class, we ask each other "what is to be done?" The answer is, "Oh, you must simply do your duty, and leave the result with God." And so the little scapegraces are retained in the classes, along with the good children; they are permitted, along with their disreputable relatives, to attend the picnics and festivals with which we reward faithful

attendance, and they inform their neighbors proudly that the ladies of the Church esteem *them* just as much as any body. The unfortunate teacher winces at each fresh dereliction reported of her scholars, and sometimes has courage enough to remonstrate with them in person, but seldom with any effect. Now the question is, "Why is our influence so small?" especially as regards our own sex. I answer, because the effort we make during one hour of the week is simply nothing as against the immense counter influence of homes where religion is never mentioned, and public schools where moral training is at zero. The truth is that Christians have yielded in this contest to the clamor of Roman Catholicism against the Bible in the schools, backed by the consent of latitudinarians, who believe nothing themselves, and are afraid that anybody else will, and as a consequence the children are growing up with no guiding principle save the determination to get money, for the boys, and for the girls no standard save the ambition to dress as much and work as little as possible. I am sometimes appalled at the utter indifference to all religious influence that I constantly observe among the young working women, and also at the entire want among them of a conception of what true womanhood demands.

It is a melancholy fact that the State of Vermont has granted 173 divorces this year, and that the number granted usually is only in proportion of *one divorce in every eight* applied for. It is sadder still that among the working class here there are numbers of instances where men and women live in the conjugal relation unsanctified by any legal bond, and that *village authorities* tolerate this in the face of protests from respectable persons. Saddest of all it is to know that there are native American women in Vermont who deliberately train their young daughters up in infamy, and who have in some cases for several successive generations been the devastators of village morals, besides filling the poor houses with base born paupers and incapables.

In a certain small district with which I am acquainted, there have been born ten illegitimate children within the last five years, the larger number of whom survive.

In conclusion, let me say that as Christian women we ought to look these momentous questions in the face, and ask ourselves whether there is *no remedy* for a state of society that permits such things to go unchecked? Can we in the face of what women have done, and are still doing, for every good cause *except the moral elevation of our own sex*, sincerely believe that we are blameless in letting things go on like this? If women will not care for women, is there any one that will?

The prime safety of any State lies in the virtue, patience and devotion of its women. Once let us who are the conservators of the morals

of this world permit the standard of true womanhood to be lowered among us, and a night as dark as that which shrouded the declining days of the Roman Empire will descend upon this Republic, and we shall present a spectacle of the mightiest and most hopeless ruin that the world has ever seen.

LAURA FAY SMITH,

October 7th, 1884.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VT. 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, un-

der the direction of their Clergy, charge themselves with the circulation of the pledges for our Diocesan Missions, and if necessary, the 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. The next Annual Meeting of the Branch shall be held on such day of September, October or November as shall have been appointed at the previous meeting. The President shall at any time call a meeting of the Branch on the written request of three parish societies.

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 of 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.

BY-LAW 6. The President, Treasurer and Secretaries of this society shall be elected by ballot, after open nomination.

