



Vermont

Woman's Auxiliary,

1900.



REPORT
OF THE
VERMONT BRANCH
OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

BENNINGTON,

1900.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT,

Mrs. THEODORE B. FOSTER Rutland

VICE-PRESIDENTS,

Burlington District,

Mrs. JOHN C. FARRAR Burlington

St. Albans District,

Miss LOUISA BRAINERD St Albans

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Miss MARTHA J. JOHNSTON Northfield

Windsor District,

Miss ALICE SHELDON Windsor

Rutland District,

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

Miss CONSTANCE R. WHEELER Burlington

General Secretary of Junior Auxiliary,

Mrs. CAROLINE A. H. CANFIELD Burlington

Secretary of Church Periodical Club,

Miss MARY E. ARTHUR Burlington

AUDITOR,

Mr. E. P. GILSON Rutland

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Report of the Recording Secretary.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held at St. Peter's Church, Bennington, Vermont, on Tuesday, November 13, and Wednesday, November, 14, 1900.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 13.

A Quiet Hour service was held from 4.30 to 5.30, conducted by Right Rev. S. C. Partridge of Japan.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13.

At half-past seven o'clock Evening Prayer was read, attended by all the delegates, at which the Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. S. C. Partridge, Bishop of Kioto, Japan, Rev. Philip Schuyler of Bennington and Rev. William N. Robinson of Connecticut were present in the chancel, the service being followed by a sermon by Bishop Hall.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

An early service of the Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Partridge, assisted by Rev. William F. Weeks.

At nine o'clock there was a second celebration of the Holy Communion, Bishop Hall celebrant, assisted by Rev. Philip Schuyler.

At ten o'clock A. M. the delegates were called to order by Bishop Hall, presiding in the absence of the President and at her request, and the formal business of the convention taken up.

The roll of delegates was called by the Secretary and the following named delegates responded:

St. James' Church, Arlington: Mrs. Jesse Burdett, Mrs. W. L. McAuley, Mrs. J. K. Batchelder, Mrs. E. M. Lathrop.

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls: Mrs. George L. Burnside, Mrs. Conant.

Junior Auxiliary: Miss Helen Sanford, Miss Frost.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington: Mrs. Philip Schuyler, Mrs. L. F. Abbott.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington: Miss Constance R. Wheeler,
Mrs. John C. Farrar.

Christ Church, Island Pond.

Zion Church, Manchester Center, Ladies' Society: Mrs. C. Blackner, Mrs. George O. Woodcock, Mrs. Brown.

Young Woman's Guild: Mrs. J. B. Brown, Mrs. J. H. Dench.

St. Mary's Church, Northfield: Miss M. J. Johnston.

Trinity Church Mission, Rutland: Mrs. Percival W. Clement,
Mrs. E. R. Greene, Mrs. George Chaffee, Mrs. J. M. Stoddard,
Mrs. N. K. Chaffee, Mrs. Dana Culver, S. M. Willson.

Trinity Church Guild: Mrs. S. Chandler, Mrs. G. H. Verder.
Mrs. Theodore B. Foster.

Young Ladies' Aid, Trinity Mission: Mrs. O. Wooster, Miss
Adeline Ross Mrs. Pelton.

St. Luke's Church, St. Albans: Mrs. J. Billings Wiley.

St. Agnes' Branch of Junior Auxiliary: Miss Louisa Brainerd,
Miss Josephine Pierce.

St. James' Church, Woodstock: Mrs. J. R. Pember.

St. Andrew's Church, St. Johnsbury: Mrs. Frank Richardson,
Trinity Mission, Milton: Mrs. McNall.

St. Mark's Mission, Castleton: Mrs. Louis Quinn, Mrs.
Phillips.

Trinity Church, Sheldon: Miss R. Read, Miss M. Spear.

St. Mark's Church, Springfield: Mrs. E. W. Knight, Mrs. W.
H. Cobb.

Miss Denison being absent, her report as Corresponding Secretary was read by Mrs. Theodore B. Foster, and was accepted.

The report of the Treasurer was read by the Bishop, presiding, and was accepted.

The report of the General Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary was read and accepted.

The report of the Vermont Correspondent of the Church Periodical Club was read by Mrs. George L. Burnside, in the absence of Miss Arthur, and was accepted.

The reports of the Vice-Presidents representing the Montpelier, St. Albans, Windsor, Burlington, and Rutland districts were read and accepted.

The following resolutions upon the death of Mrs. Wyman were presented:

Resolved, That the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary cannot meet in its annual convention without expressing its keen sense of loss in the decease, since our last meeting, of Mrs. Edmond L. Wyman of Manchester Center, for so long our indefatigable Treasurer.

Resolved, That Mrs. Wyman's devoted interest in the work of the

Auxiliary, as in all the work of the Church, parochial, diocesan, domestic and foreign, should still be an inspiration, as it ever was an example, to us all.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

It was also voted that the resolutions be spread upon the record of the convention, and that a copy of the same be forwarded by the Secretary to Dr. Edmond L. Wyman and also that a copy of the resolutions be transmitted to the 'Mountain Echo' for publication.

The convention proceeded to the election of the officers to serve during the year next ensuing.

The President, Mrs. Edson P. Gilson, the Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Cramton, and the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Gertrude Denison, severally tendered to the convention the resignation of their offices.

The following officers were elected:

PRESIDENT,	
Mrs. Theodore B. Foster,	Rutland
VICE-PRESIDENTS,	
Burlington District,	
Mrs. John C. Farrar,	Burlington
St. Albans District,	
Miss Louisa Brainerd,	St. Albans
Monipelier District,	
Miss Martha J. Johnston,	Northfield
Windsor District,	
Miss Alice Sheldon,	Windsor
Rutland District,	
Mrs. Newman K. Chaffee,	Rutland
TREASURER,	
Mrs. Charles E. Parker,	Vergennes
RECORDING SECRETARY,	
Mrs. J. Read Pember,	Woodstock
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,	
Miss Constance R. Wheeler,	Burlington
GENERAL SECRETARY OF JUNIOR AUXILIARY,	
Mrs. Caroline A. H. Canfield,	Burlington
SECRETARY OF CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB,	
Miss Mary E. Arthur,	Burlington
AUDITOR,	
Mr. E. P. Gilson,	Rutland

The Bishop, presiding, announced the appointment of the following as the Committee on Appropriations for the ensuing year:

Mrs. George L. Burnside,	Mrs. John C. Farrar,
Mrs. Percival W. Clement,	Miss Louisa Brainerd,
Miss Constance R. Wheeler.	

The following list of appropriations was presented by the Committee and adopted by the convention:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Diocesan Missions.	\$350 00
The Mountain Echo.	50 00
Bishop Hopkins Hall scholarship fund.	50 00
Miss Emery fund.	10 00
Commission for work among colored people.	50 00
Miss Sabine, Alaska	50 00
Church at Sendia, Japan.	50 00
China.	50 00
Africa	50 00
Expenses of Bishop Partridge.	25 00
" Bishop Nelson.	25 00
" Mrs. Thwing	15 00
" Mrs. John Chapman	10 00
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	\$785 00

A communication was received from Mrs. Gilson reporting the receipt of \$400.00, donated by Mrs. W. Seward Webb to the general fund of the Auxiliary.

At 12 m. prayers for missions were said by Bishop Hall.
At one o'clock a recess was taken for luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates reassembled at 2.30 p. m. and were addressed by Bishop Partridge, giving a sketch of his own labors and experience in connection with the mission work of the Church in China and Japan.

A paper was read by Mrs. Chapman of Middlebury, Vermont, giving an account of the mission at Anvik, Alaska, in which she is engaged with her husband, the Rev. John W. Chapman.

Mrs. Thwing, of the Church Missions House, New York, gave a description of the progress of mission work among the Indians and also in China.

Bishop Nelson of Georgia addressed the convention briefly

upon the success of the Church's missions among the colored people of the South.

A paper was read by Mrs. Caroline A. H. Canfield of Burlington, giving an account of the work accomplished by the Vermont Branch during the twenty-one years since its organization.

At the close of these addresses Bishop Hall addressed the convention briefly with words of encouragement and congratulation upon the success being achieved by the Vermont Branch now and to be attained in the future.

The following resolution, presented by Miss Constance R. Wheeler of Burlington, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary extend their hearty thanks to the rector and to the ladies of St. Peter's Church, Bennington, for their cordial hospitality and courtesies to the visiting delegates during the convention.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 p. m. the convention reassembled at St. Peter's for a general missionary meeting, at which addresses were delivered by Bishops Partridge and Nelson. Bishop Hall presided.

The convention then adjourned.

ALIDA G. PEMBER,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

From September 1st, 1899, to September 1st, 1900.

ARLINGTON—ST. JAMES CHURCH.

Box to St. Margaret's Home, Albany, N. Y., April 23, 1900 . . . \$5 00

BAKERSFIELD.

Box to Miss Kate F. Camp Columbia, S. C., Nov., '99 . \$10 00

Box to Miss Kate F. Camp, Columbia, S. C., April, 1900 6 60

————— \$16 60

BELLOWS FALLS—IMMANUEL CHURCH.

Box to St. Mary's Home, Baltimore, Md. \$25 00

Box to Mrs. Buford, Lawrence. 20 00

Sent Mrs. Wyman, Treas., Sept., '99 5 00

Sent Mrs. Cramton, Treas., May, 1900. 5 00

————— \$55 00

BENNINGTON—ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Box to missionary in Virginia, Dec., '99. \$31 19

Sent St. Martin's, Omaha, Neb., March, 1900. 1 25

To missionary in Alabama, March, 1900 3 00

Diocesan mission. 24 82

United offering. 6 54

————— \$66 80

BETHEL—CHRIST CHURCH.

Diocesan mission, March, 1900 \$6 00

BRANDON—ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Box to Mrs. Buford, Dec., '99. \$25 00

General fund, Sept., '99. 2 00

United offering, Sept., '99. 7 00

————— \$34 00

BRATTLEBORO—ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

Box and barrel to Mrs. Buford, May, 1900. \$50 75

General fund, May, 1900 5 00

————— \$55 75

BURLINGTON—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Box to missionary in Louisiana, Dec., '99. \$110 45

Box to missionary in Michigan, March, 1900 100 00

To Mrs. Cramton, Treas., Aug., '99, \$16.15; Jan., 1900,

\$33.00; April, 1900, \$22.61 71 76

————— \$282 21

EAST BERKSHIRE—CALVARY CHURCH.

Part of district box to Archdeacon Joyner, April 27, 1900. . . \$25 00

ENOSBURGH—CHRIST CHURCH.

Part of district box to Archdeacon Joyner, Columbia, S. C.,
 May, 1900 \$14 00

ENOSBURGH FALLS—ST. MATTHEWS.

Box Sisterhood St. John the Baptist, New York, April,
 1900.. . . . \$42 00
 Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions, Oct., 99 5 00
 ———— \$47 00

GEORGIA—IMMANUEL MISSION.

Part of district box to Archdeacon Joyner. \$8 25

HYDEVILLE—ST. JAMES.

Box to St. Elizabeth's School, South Dakota \$10 00
 Diocesan fund. 3 00
 United offering. 3 00
 ———— \$16 00

MANCHESTER CENTER—ZION CHURCH.

Box to St. George's Mission, Chambers, N. C. \$29 40
 United offering, Sept., 99.. . . . 2 74
 General fund 1 50
 ———— \$33 64

MIDDLEBURY—ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Box to missionary in Vermont, April, 1900. \$25 00
 Deaconess' Home, Philadelphia 18 21
 United offering. 4 05
 ———— \$47 26

MILTON—TRINITY MISSION.

Box to missionary in Vermont, April, 1900 \$3 50

MONTGOMERY—ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH.

Part of district box to Archdeacon Joyner. \$5 00

MONTPELIER—CHRIST CHURCH

Box to St. Elizabeth's School, S. D. J. \$21 80
 Vermont Branch, Woman's Auxiliary 15 00
 ———— \$36 80

NORTHFIELD—ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Box to St. Elizabeth's School, S. D., May 28, 1900 . . . \$25 00
 General fund, April, 1900 2 00
 To Miss Emery, General Mission, Easter, 1900. 1 00
 ———— \$28 00

NORWICH—ST. BARNABAS'.

General fund, July 31. \$2 00

RICHFORD—ST. ANN'S CHURCH.

Part of district box to Archdeacon Joyner.	\$14 50	
United offering, Sept., '99.	4 00	\$18 50

RANDOLPH—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Box to St. Mary's Home, Baltimore, Md., April, 1900	\$15 65	
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RANDOLPH CENTER—GRACE CHURCH.

Box to St. Mary's Home, Baltimore, Md., April, 1900	\$10 00	
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ROYALTON—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

United offering, Sept., '99.	\$12 68	
Diocesan fund, Dec., '99	50	
Contingent fund, Feb., 1900.	6 00	
General missions, May, 1900	5 00	
Work in China, Aug., 1900	1 00	\$25 18

RUTLAND—TRINITY CHURCH.

Box to missionary in Vermont, April, 1900	\$148 36	
To missionary in Vermont, April, 1900	5 00	\$153 36

RUTLAND (WEST)—GRACE CHURCH.

Box to colored mission, Maryland, Easter.	\$11 15	
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ST. ALBANS—ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

Box to E. Porter Chittenden, Kearney, Neb., Nov., '99 .	\$5 00	
Barrel to St. George's Mission, Morgantown, N. C.,		
April, 1900.	41 35	
United offering, Nov., '99.	7 40	
To E. P. Chittenden, Kearney, Neb., Feb., 1900	5 00	\$58 75

ST. JOHNSBURY—ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Box to St. Elizabeth's School, S. D., May, 1900	\$35 00	
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SHELBURNE—TRINITY CHURCH.

Part of box to missionary in Vermont, Feb., 1900 . .	\$22 50	
To church at Morrellton, Ark., March, 1900	5 00	\$27 50

SHELDON—GRACE CHURCH.

Part of district box, April, 1900	\$9 00	
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SPRINGFIELD.

Box to St. Mary's Home, Baltimore, Md., Easter.	\$6 00	
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SWANTON.

Box to St. Mary's Home, Baltimore, Md., Nov. '99. . .	\$20 00	
Part of district box, May, 1900	8 25	\$28 25

VERGENNES—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Box to missionary in Vermont, March, 1900.	\$40 25
Box to St. Elizabeth's School, S. D., May, 1900	30 00
	<hr/> \$70 25

WINDSOR—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Box to missionary in Virginia, Dec., '99.	\$17 00
Box to St. George's Mission, N. C., Dec., '99.	7 00
Box to Mrs. Buford, Dec., '99.	10 00
Sent Mrs. Buford.	10 00
Vermont Branch Woman's Auxiliary	10 00
	<hr/> \$54 00

WOODSTOCK—ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Box to missionary in Virginia, Nov., '99.	\$118 70
Comfort bags to soldiers in Philippines	20 40
General fund, Sept., '99.	7 50
United offering	7 75
General fund, May, 1900	7 50
	<hr/> \$161 85
Valuation of boxes outside diocese	\$943 44
Valuation of boxes within diocese.	239 61
Money sent outside diocese.	41 25
Money sent within diocese and to Diocesan Treasurer	184 58
United offering	55 16
	<hr/> \$1464 04
Jericho—Part of district box	2 10
	<hr/> \$1466 14

TREASURERS' REPORT.

Report from Books of Mrs. Wyman, late Treasurer of Vermont Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, as handed to Mrs. J. W. Cramton, Treasurer.

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1899.		
Sept.	1	To Cash in bank. \$39 60
	4	Bethel, for foreign and domestic missions . . . 5 00
		Hydeville, for united offering 1 00
	6	Middlebury, united offering \$4 05
		“ Deaconess' House, Philadel'a. . 18 21
		<hr/> 22 26

7	Poultney	2 50
	Woodstock, general fund \$7 50	
	" united offering 4 75	12 25
8	Royalton, united offering	12 68
9	Richford, united offering	3 77
12	Woodstock, united offering, additional	3 00
15	Shelburne, united offering	10 00
16	Northfield, M. L. S. and E. M. M. for un. off.	6 25
22	" Wom. Aux. \$1.25 and Jun. Aux. \$.125	
	for united offering	2 50
23	Bennington, for united offering	6 54
25	Manchester Center, for united offering \$4.24 and	
	general fund \$1.50	5 74
27	Vergennes, for united offering	4 00
30	Brandon, general fund \$2.00, un. off. \$7.00	9 00
Oct. 2	Island Pond	5 00
3	Burlington, for united offering	30 54
4	Offerings at annual meeting	32 40
	Enosburgh	5 00
7	Hydeville, for united offering	3 00
	Mrs. William Seward Webb	400 00
15	Burlington, for united offering	5 00
17	St. Albans, St. Agnes Branch, Junior Auxiliary,	
	general fund	3 00
		<u>\$630 03</u>

Balance on hand \$57 81

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1899.

Sept. 7	By Check to Marble Savings Bank for scholarship	
	fund Bishop Hopkins Hall	50 00
11	Check to Miss Caroline H. Sanford, Philadelphia,	
	for Deaconess' House, special	18 21
30	Check to Miss G. M. Denison, Corresponding	
	Secretary, for postage	3 62
Oct. 2	Check to Mrs. J. R. Pember, Recording Secre-	
	tary, for postage \$3.50, printing programs \$2.35,	
	envelopes 20c	6 05
5	Expenses speakers at annual meeting:	
	Rev. Mr. Davis of Tokio	25 00
	Rev. Mr. Woolsey	10 00
	Mr. Peyton	25 00
9	Rev. Wm. F. Weeks	10 00

	Rev. Theodore Foster	10 00
	Cash to Mrs. E. L. Wyman, Treasurer, for bill- postage, etc.	4 41
13	Check to Rev. Wm. J. Harris, for Mt. Echo. . .	40 00
	Check to Julia C. Emery Secretary, for St. Au- gustin's School, Raleigh, N. C., \$60; church at Sendai, Japan, \$50	110 00
	Check to E. L. Temple, Treasurer, deposit in Marble Savings Bank for united offering . . .	106 32
19	Check to Julia C. Emery for Miss Sabine's school, Alaska.	50 00
	Miss Woodruff's school, Africa.	50 00
	Check to John W. Wood, Secretary Brotherhood St. Andrew, for their work in Philippines . .	50 00
	Cash short	3 61
		<hr/> \$572 22
	Balance	57 81
		<hr/> \$630 03

TREASURER'S REPORT,

Vermont Branch, Woman's Auxiliary. Showing Receipts and Dis-
bursements from Oct. 1, 1899, to Nov. 1, 1900.

GENERAL FUNDS.

To Balance from report of Mrs. Wyman, Treasurer	\$57 81
St. Paul's, Burlington.	\$55 61
Trinity Church, Rutland.	134 38
St. Luke's, St. Albans	5 00
District meeting (at Swanton).	6 41
St. Paul's, Windsor	10 00
St. Paul's, Royalton.	5 50
St. Mary's Northfield.	2 50
District meeting, Northfield	3 00
St. James', Woodstock.	15 00
St. Michael's, Brattleboro	5 00
St. James', Hydeville	3 70
Zion's Church, Manchester Center	5 00
Young Woman's Guild, Manchester Center	5 00
Christ Church, Montpelier, Ladies' Guild.	15 00
District meeting, Enosburgh Falls	10 00
St. Barnabas', Norwich	2 00
St. Ann's, Richford	1 00
St. Stephen's, Middlebury	7 50
St. Paul's, Vergennes	15 00

St. Thomas', Brandon..	3 00		
Trinity Church, Shelburne..	25 00	334 60	

UNITED OFFERING.

St. Faith's, Castleton	3 60		
Christ Church, Bethel..	1 00		
St. Luke's, St. Albans..	7 40		
Trinity Church, Rutland..	5 82		
St. Paul's, Royalton..	20 10		
St. James', Woodstock	14 60		
St. Ann's, Richford..	5 00		
St. Paul's, Vergennes	4 00		
St. Paul's, Burlington..	36 40		
St. Thomas, Brandon	5 60	103 52	

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

St. Peter's, Bennington	14 82		
Christ Church, Bethel	6 00		
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls..	5 00		
St. Paul's, Burlington	30 46	56 28	

CONTINGENT FUND.

St. Paul's, Royalton..	6 00		
St. Luke's, St. Albans..	10 00	16 00	510 40

\$568 21

Balance on hand		189 80	
Interest on deposit united offering to July 1, 1900		2 22	
Interest on deposit scholarship fund to July 1, 1900		8 46	

\$200 48

To Balance on hand Baxter National Bank. . . 189 80

The Vermont Branch scholarship fund amounts

to \$480 14

Balance of the united offering fund 168 74

By check Brown & Moore, printing. \$47 45

" Mrs. J. R. Pember, Secretary, expense. \$6.97

" Miss Gertrude Denison, expense. . . . 3.79 10 76

" Miss Julia Emery, foreign mission . . . 50 00

" contingent fund. . . 10 00 60 00

" Florence B. Cramton, Treasurer, for united
offering deposited in Marble Savings Bank 60 20" Florence B. Cramton, Treasurer, for schol-
arship fund deposited in Marble Savings
Bank.. . . . 200 00 \$378 41

Balance.	189 80
	<u>\$568 21</u>
Accrued interests to July 1, 1900:	
On united offering.	2 22
On scholarship fund.	8 46
Balance	189 80
	<u>\$200 48</u>

I have examined the account of the treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year past, and find the same correct as stated therein, and the expenditures sustained by proper vouchers.

E. P. GILSON, Auditor.

Rutland, Vt., Nov. 12th, 1900.

Report of the Vermont Branch of the Junior Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

SEPT. 1, 1899, TO SEPT. 1, 1900.

BELLOWS FALLS—IMMANUEL CHURCH.

President ex-officio, Rev. D. L. Sanford, rector.

Vice-president, Mrs. Sanford.

Secretary, Miss Katharine Wilheim.

Number of members,	18	
Number of meetings held during the year,	28	
Average attendance at meetings,	8	
One box (domestic missions) sent to St. Agnes		Value
Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.,		\$12 00
Cash for Diocesan Mission Chapel (Springfield),		28 00
A set of altar linen made and given chapel, Spring-		
field,		18 00
Cash toward Diocesan work,		5 00

Once a month the rector gave talks to the girls on the Prayer Book. At other meetings the girls read from the Spirit of Missions and other missionary news.

BENNINGTON--ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Name of Society—Helpers of the Xt Child.

President ex-officio, Rev. Philip Schuyler, rector.

Vice presidents, Mrs. Charles Burt, Mrs. J. J. Jubb.
Secretary, Miss Hazel McLeod.

Number of members,	10	
Number of meetings,	14	
Average attendance at meetings,	5	
Cash for Cape Morant (Liberia), foreign mission,		\$10 00
Instruction on missions and readings at every meeting by the vice-presidents.		

BURLINGTON—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Name of Society—St. Agnes' Guild.

President ex-officio, Rev. George Y. Bliss, rector.
Vice-president, Miss Constance R. Wheeler.
Secretary, Mary Hudson.

Number of members,	11	
Number of meetings,	26	
Average attendance,	7	
One box sent to St. Augustin's School, Raleigh, N. C. (domestic),		\$20 00
Thirty housewives to soldiers in Manila (foreign),		10 00
Cash towards a scholarship for St. Augustin's school (domestic),		15 00
Twenty-five instructions given by the rector or vice-president during the year.		

EAST BERKSHIRE—CALVARY CHURCH.

President ex-officio, Rev. William Walker, rector.
Secretary, Miss K. G. Wadleigh.

Number of members,	13	
Number of meetings,	5	
Average attendance,	9	
One box for Sewanee, Tenn. (with freight),		\$10 75
Instruction on general mission duties by Mr. Walker and readings from Spirit of Missions.		

MIDDLEBURY—ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

President ex-officio, Rev. W. T. Forsythe, rector.
Vice-president, Mrs. Jennie S. Judd.

Number of members,	—	
Number of meetings,	—	
Average attendance,	—	
One box,		
Instruction given by		

NORTHFIELD—ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

President ex-officio, Rev. George J. Sutherland, rector.

Vice-president, Mrs. Allen D. Brown.

Secretary, Mrs. Allen D. Brown.

Number of members, —

Number of meetings, —

Average attendance, —

One box for X-mas, sent to poor whites, North
Carolina,

Instructions on missions given by

SWANTON—HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

President ex-officio, Rev. J. Borden-Smith, rector.

Vice-president, Mrs. J. Borden-Smith.

Secretary, Miss Maud Wright.

Number of members, 14

Number of meetings (October to Easter), 6

One box (domestic) to House of the Good Shep-
herd, Rockland, Me.,

\$18 93

Missionary instructions given at all meetings
by the ladies in charge or by the rector.

ST. ALBANS—ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

St. Agnes' Guild.

President ex officio, Rev. W. H. Benham, rector.

Vice-president, Miss Louise Brainerd.

Secretary, Miss Adele Manzer.

Number of members, 16

Number of Meetings, 17

Average attendance, 8

One box (domestic) sent to Virginia,

\$8 00

Instructions or readings given every meeting
by Miss Brainerd or one of the girls.

ST. ALBANS—ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

Helping Hands.

President ex-officio, Rev. W. A. Benham.

Vice-president, Miss Louise Brainerd.

Officers—The little children.

Numbers about 26

Number of meetings, 19

Average attendance, 15

One box (with freight) sent to Virginia,

\$31 00

Instruction and reading at every meeting by
Miss Brainerd and Mrs. Watson.

RUTLAND—TRINITY CHURCH.

Girls' Branch of the Junior Auxiliary.

President ex-officio, Rev. Theodore B. Foster, rector.

Vice-president, Miss Carrie E. Daniels.

Secretary, Ellen R. Wood.

Treasurer, Carrie E. Daniels.

Number of members, 8

Meetings weekly.

One box, sent to North Carolina, value, with freight,	\$11 00
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Rutland has also a boys' society of 17 members, receiving weekly instruction under the rector.

RECAPITULATION.

Ten societies, ~~900 members~~.

Cash for domestic missions,	\$25 75	
Nine boxes for domestic missions,	118 93	\$144 68
Cash for foreign missions,	20 00	
Cash for diocesan missions,	33 00	53 00
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	\$197 68	\$197 68

And now my friends, may I tax your patience a little longer, and ask for your interest and aid for the Junior Auxiliary, among the children—boys as well girls? We hear constantly how few in number our Vermont children are, and some feel it is scarcely worth while to bring them under that name—"the Junior Auxiliary." To my mind, dear sisters, this is the best reason in the world, for we would teach them that even if alone in church or parish, the Young Helper (Junior Auxiliary) belongs to the whole Church of God and is so recognized as having a place with all the other baptized members. His or her offerings, small though they may be, have as much value in the sight of Him "who sits over the treasury and notes what is put therein" as if the child was in a crowded church with hundreds around. In point of fact, the earnestness of the lonely country child is likely to be in excess of the city child, who has so many distractions.

Could it be possible for some devoted women in cash paid under her rector's direction to start a missionary reading club, with boys and girls belonging to the Sunday school, teaching them their duty as baptized children, promising "to believe all the articles of the Christian faith" and "to walk in them all the days of their life," that they must believe in the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church that our Lord died to save and left to His Apostles and

disciples or their successors to carry on to the end of time, then how the Apostles followed their commission "to go and teach and preach to all the world, baptizing in the name," etc. After that they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit to give them strength and power—then the missionary work, St. Paul, according to the historic legend of the church, traveling himself to Great Britain converting the natives and planting Christ's church nearly 2000 years ago. From this beginning of our mother Church of England, our own has come to us, the favored daughter of this ancient Catholic and Apostolic Church—"one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

The history of our so-called Protestant Episcopal Church in America follows next, and is of vast interest and importance. Never has it seemed more necessary for us to be able to give a reason for the faith than at the present time; and we should teach our children to stand by their baptismal vows with intelligence, show them how the missionary heroes of long ago have borne the burden and heat of the battle as soldiers of Christ, and how they, too, may take their places in the ranks, praying, fasting, giving and doing in this church that Christ planted through the shedding of His blood, in which we, too, must work. It is our duty and our great privilege. Do you not agree with me that such a course of study, made interesting with questions and answers and maps, would give them all a greater love for the church and a far deeper desire to follow in the way of salvation all the days of their lives and to give of the Lord's money as he has blessed them? Your own interest would deepen in instructing others.

It is useless for the Junior Secretary to endeavor to reach the children unless the rectors are willing that this Auxiliary work should be thoroughly carried out through workers in the parish that are in sympathy with the growing facilities now offered as never before through the general Auxiliary societies. I simply cannot reach the children in any other way. I will be glad to meet all of those present belonging to, or interested in, this work, before we separate, for mutual consultation on the subject.

My dear friends, let us take pattern from David, who *bought* the threshing floor and oxen from Arunah that he might offer his sacrifice of thanksgiving, not daring to offer or *being willing to offer to the Lord that which cost him nothing*.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE A. H. CANFIELD,

General Secretary of the Vermont Branch of the Junior Auxiliary.

Report of the Work of the Church Periodical Club.

The fifth annual report of the Church Periodical Club in Vermont can be scarcely more than a few bare statistics.

The parishes represented in the work remain the same as in several former years, but with the addition of St. Albans, a parish we are very glad to welcome as interested in this undertaking.

Throughout the State sixty persons are contributing towards this object, and are now sending regularly ninety periodicals.

During the last year boxes of books and magazines have been sent to several remote districts of our own diocese. There has been a special call for good reading matter for our soldiers and sailors, and generous packages of periodicals have been given, both for distribution among the men and for use in reading-rooms and circulating libraries established for their benefit. It has seemed quite impossible here in our diocese to arouse real interest in this sharing with others, less favored than ourselves, the helpful literature which, to most of us, comes so easily and in such abundance. Mrs. Chapin, the General Secretary of the work in New York, writes there is great demand for healthy reading matter in many parts of our land.

And here I would make a special appeal to each delegate present that she, in some way, bring the subject before her own parish, and thus spread a wider knowledge of, and interest in, the work of the "C. P. C.," which is now a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. ARTHUR.

Burlington, November 12th, 1900.

REPORT OF THE BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

In bringing forward my report for the year I am sorry and somewhat humiliated not to be able to report at least one district meeting, because I am certain that others realize with me that these district meetings, by bringing us in touch with one another, might be made the means of arousing enthusiasm in our work and a better knowledge of ways and means of doing it. Mutual encouragement and sympathy would be promoted in parishes where the work is comparatively new and numbers small by helpful suggestions from those whose experience has been longer and more widely diffused; and besides, it would give an opportunity for women living in different parts of the diocese to know each other

better, and a better acquaintance would be an advantage when we come together at our annual meeting in helping us to vote more intelligently in the choice of persons to be elected to fill vacancies in office. The Burlington District prepared a very satisfactory Easter box, which was sent to the faithful missionary and wife at Richford, Vt. The several parishes and missions in the district responded promptly and generously to the call for it, and with real heartfelt interest, which was most gratefully appreciated by the recipients. It did not seem necessary to visit all of the parishes in the district, as I was in communication with them by correspondence and knew them to be in active operation. In addition to other work, a course of missionary reading and study has been adopted by one or two. There is no branch in Winooski. I visited the rector there and asked him if he were willing one should be organized in his parish, but he declined. Although he is not lacking in missionary spirit and zeal and not only willing, but desirous, that the women of his parish do any amount of missionary work, yet he said it must not be done under the name of the Woman's Auxiliary. At Jericho the numbers are too few to form a branch, but an elderly churchwoman who still keeps up her interest in the Auxiliary with the assistance of her daughter, gave warm, new flannel nightshirts to be sent to the missionary in the district box. In Burlington were held during the winter, besides the regular meetings for work, parlor missionary meetings, to which the members of the Woman's and the Junior branches of the Auxiliary were invited. The first in December was held with Mrs. G. Y. Bliss at the rectory and was addressed by Rev. William F. Weeks of Brandon, the subject being "Missionary Interest and Inspiration." The second was held in January at the house of Mrs. Elias Lyman. The Rev. Hamilton Benham of St. Albans addressed the meeting on "The Comparative Difficulties of Missionary Work in the First and Present Ages of the Church." The February meeting was held at Miss Constance Wheeler's. The Rev. Thomas Wassall, curate of St. Paul's, Burlington, spoke on "The History and Religions of China," which was a good introductory address to the one following in March by the Rev. G. Y. Bliss of Burlington on "The Work of the Church in the Missionary Field in China, from its Beginning to the Present Time." This, our last meeting, was held at Mrs. Fay Taft's. The social feature, coffee and light refreshments, was omitted, according to our rule during Lent. These meetings have been successful as to numbers, and a general expression of interest has been manifested, and we trust some valuable information gained as to the splendid

work of the church in foreign and domestic missions and some inspiration to renewed effort in the future towards sustaining that work by our prayers, our service and personal gifts.

Mrs. JOHN C. FARRAR,

First Vice-President of the Burlington District.
Burlington, Monday, Nov. 11th, 1900.

REPORT OF THE WINDSOR DISTRICT.

There are in Windsor District twelve branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions doing more or less active work.

In several of the parishes parochial societies take first place, and in these Auxiliary meetings are held only during Lent. I have written to all the branches every three months and visited three of them—Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and Springfield—and was most cordially received in each place.

Mission Study has been the subject written about in November and again in February, as it was also the subject talked about in my visits. It was also suggested that *papers* be written on different missionary fields and passed around from one branch to another, but as yet only three or four of the branches have undertaken missionary study or attempted to prepare papers on missionary subjects.

As it was not practical to call a district meeting in May, I sent out cards asking for a report from each branch of all work done and mission study begun during the year, together with the names of all the officers, and whether annual meetings for the election of officers were held.

The replies were, on the whole, not entirely satisfactory, as the duties of District Vice-President are not yet understood, and the request for a report seemed like an innovation, doubtless. However, one can hardly direct the work in one's district without knowing something of what each branch is doing or intends to do, and personal visits one cannot always make; and I consider the request for May reports (such as are required by the rectors of parishes in making out their yearly reports) both reasonable and necessary, if the office of vice-president of districts is to be continued.

As for district meetings, I think they will be a decided help *when* the Missionary Committee of the diocese and the Woman's Auxiliary can work together, but that cannot well be until the districts of each body are the same. The Missionary Committee has divided the diocese into *eight* missionary districts, while the

Auxiliary has *five* districts. Consequently confusion would result from an attempt to work together until the boundaries of districts correspond.

The appeal for China which Miss Emery, the General Secretary of the Auxiliary, sent out the last of July, I did not like to pass by without some response from this district. So I wrote to each branch, asking for one dollar, more or less, towards a district offering for "work in China." Seven and one-half dollars (\$7.50) was the amount given from eight branches. Acknowledged in November issue of "The Spirit of Missions."

In the amount of work done, Woodstock branch is away ahead of any branch in the district. Randolph branch is first in mission study and general activity. Randolph Center and Norwich branches also show greater interest and zeal than some larger branches. When the threefold object of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, viz.: 1, daily *prayer* for missions; 2, the study of missions, and 3, systematic and conscientious *giving* for missions, penetrates the mind and conscience of *every member* of the same, then, and then only, can we hope to do perfect work.

Allow me to say in passing that it is a reproach to our branch of the Auxiliary that only 54 copies of "The Spirit of Missions" are taken in the diocese, as given in our Bishop's convention address.

BELLOWS FALLS.

Immanuel branch has done rather less work this year than usual. The members of this branch are also all members of the parochial "ladies' society," and so Auxiliary meetings are held only during Lent. Their work this past year has been largely in their own parish. Box of clothing sent St. Mary's Colored School, Baltimore, Md., valued at \$25.00. Another barrel of second-hand clothing to Mrs. Buford, valued at \$20.00. To Diocesan Treasurer, \$10.00; "China," \$1.00. Other mission work was also done, value not given.

BETHEL.

Christ Church branch is able to do very little work outside the parish. The members of the Auxiliary and parochial church guild are the same, and they never have a separate Auxiliary meeting. Sent Diocesan Secretary \$6.00.

BRATTLEBORO.

St. Michael's branch also takes second place to the parochial society. The Secretary reports "that the regular weekly meetings of our Auxiliary society (organized 19 years ago) were well attended each week during Lent, at which much work was accom-

plished, garments made for local charity, also a valuable barrel for mission work, the report of which has been sent by the Secretary and Treasurer of our society to the proper officers."

CHESTER.

St. Luke's branch I am unable to give any report of. No reply has been received to any of my letters to that branch.

NORWICH.

St. Barnabas' Mission, being small and weak, the members of the Auxiliary have all they can do in their own mission; but fortnightly meetings are held, and during Lent reports were read of the different branches of our mission work. All the members are interested and endeavor to keep well informed on the mission work. Gave towards district offering for China 50 cents.

SPRINGFIELD.

St. Mark's branch of the Auxiliary did some work for St. Mary's Colored School, Baltimore, Md., during the winter. It reorganized in September, 1900, and has now begun mission study, meeting on Wednesday afternoons. The report says: "Our society would be much more active if we were holding fairs and suppers, although the envelope system works well. If there are some ways to get money legitimately, we are only too anxious to know it."

RANDOLPH.

St. John's Branch.—During Lent the ladies filled a barrel, valued at \$15.65, with clothing for St. Mary's Colored School, Baltimore, Md. This branch meets fortnightly, except during Lent, when it meets weekly. The regular meetings are held with the members in alphabetical order. Dues 5 cents for each member at every regular meeting. During Lent mission study was undertaken, with a recitation at each meeting. Gave towards district offering for China \$1.00.

RANDOLPH CENTER.

Grace Church branch sent clothing valued at \$10.00 to St. Mary's School, Baltimore, Md., and \$1.00 for work in China, from the Juniors. All other work done has been for church repairs, music, etc., in Grace Church. Monthly meetings are held during the winter, and suppers are served, to which the young people come. Monthly dues are 10 cents for each member. A missionary tea was held in May, and efforts are being made to become better informed on the mission work.

ROYALTON.

St. Paul's branch is small. Meetings are held weekly during

Lent for mission work, and at all meetings during the year some study of the mission field has been attempted.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.

St. Paul's branch has done no missionary work during the past year, neither has any mission study been undertaken. The parochial ladies' society is composed of the same members, and meetings are held fortnightly during the winter.

WINDSOR.

St. Paul's branch has a good-sized membership, which, however, are rarely seen at a meeting. Monthly meetings have been appointed during the summer with but two or three attending. Mission study was attempted for three months. Fifty-five dollars is the sum total for the year's work for missions. But the members of the Auxiliary, together with the younger women of the parish, give over \$80.00 yearly to the work of the Altar Guild of the parish.

WOODSTOCK.

St. James' branch makes the best report of any in the district. Besides the appropriation to the general fund of \$15.00, a valuable mission box was sent to the Rev. Martin Johnston of Subletts, Va., valued at \$113.50, containing clerical suit, surplice, stole, sacque coat and overcoat and the many belongings of dress; also many things for the wife of the missionary and \$9.00 in cash. In January 34 comfort bags for soldiers in the Philippines were sent, valued at \$20 40. Monthly meetings are held. The subject of interest the past winter has been the Alaska mission, and a very instructive paper sent by Mrs. Chapman, wife of the missionary at Anirk, was read at the April meeting.

In conclusion, I will say there are still the "two or three" in each branch who "do what they can," and we hope there are many more who will be led to follow their good example.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice G. Sheldon,
Vice-President Windsor District.

REPORT OF THE RUTLAND DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Rutland District was held in Trinity Church, Rutland, on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, beginning with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9.30 a. m. At the business meeting (10.15 a. m.) all the fourteen parishes and missions in the district, excepting three, were represented by

delegates. Bennington was represented by a very interesting letter from Mrs. George Graves. I also received a very cordial letter from Mrs. Burdett of Arlington. From Middletown Springs came a delightful letter from Mrs. Arthur Norton, telling us how they raised the money to build their beautiful new chapel. Middletown sent two delegates. I mention these letters to show that those parishes, which were unable to send delegates, evinced an interest in the meetings by writing to us of their work.

As for those who did come—and there was a goodly number—several gave informal accounts of the work done in their own parishes. Addresses on the work of the Junior branches were given by Miss Daniels of Rutland and the Rev. Theo. B. Foster of Rutland. The Rev. J. Brown of Manchester Center gave an interesting address on general missionary work.

At noon, prayers for missions were said, and the meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12.30.

The afternoon session began at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Brown of Manchester Center talked to us for a few moments about the work there. A letter from Miss Emery (which has been printed for distribution) was read. The Rev. Mr. Foster then gave an address on "The Church's Work Among the Colored People of the South." We were extremely fortunate in having with us the Rev. J. A. Ingle of Hankow, China. He spoke on "Some Phases of Mission Work in China," telling us much that was interesting and instructive about the characters of the Chinese, their habits and the way in which the missionary has to deal with them.

Owing to the fact that a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the diocese was held the same day, we had our Bishop with us at the afternoon and evening sessions. He gave us one of his stirring addresses and spoke on "The Reflex Benefit of Missions to the General Life of the Church." At the close of the meeting the hymn, "Fling Out the Banner," was sung, after which prayers were said and the blessing given by Bishop Hall.

In the evening the Rev. Mr. Ingle delivered a stereopticon lecture in G. A. R. Hall. He showed us about fifty pictures, giving us, at the same time, the most delightfully informal description of them. There was a large and appreciative audience present. A collection was taken.

A class for the study of missions has been formed in Trinity parish, Rutland. The first meeting was held at the rectory on the afternoon of the first Thursday in Lent. After this, meetings were held every two weeks, up to the first of June. This fall we have again commenced work, and the subjects which we are

studying are extremely interesting. Another class has been started in Middletown Springs, and it is hoped that more will be formed in the various parishes of the district. I certainly believe that if we had more of these mission study classes we should have a greater interest in missions. Missionary literature has been liberally distributed throughout the district. I have also sent leaflets containing prayers for our missions in China.

ELLEN L. FOSTER,
Vice-President Rutland District.

REPORT OF ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.

The Report of a District is sent in through the individual branches as to work accomplished, number of boxes sent and money given. I will therefore simply state that our District box, the combined effort of eight parishes and missions, was valued at \$83.65, and sent as last year to the colored work under Arch-deacon Joyner in Columbia, South Carolina.

St. Albans and Swanton sent other separate boxes, already recorded in their own reports. We have eleven branches, one more than last year, Bakersfield branch having been admitted at the last Annual Meeting. So far as I know there are five Junior branches in the District.

The far more difficult task of reporting the actual life of the Woman's Auxiliary, its growth and development belongs to the Vice President.

And always in undertaking to tabulate anything like this we are reminded of the oft-repeated warning of our Bishop,—“Numerical success perfectly consistent with spiritual failure,” and realize that the true record is known only to Him to Whom all hearts are opened.

Looking over the District as a whole, it seems that there has been a development of more real interest in missions and more accomplished in the missionary reading and study. The branch in St. Albans has continued its plan, begun last year, of an hour's reading on missions when the women meet to sew. In addition to two branches of the Junior Auxiliary, a reading club has been started by some of our girls in the High school. This was begun in vacation to learn something of the missions of the Church, and such was the interest that the readings have been continued after school hours on Mondays.

In Swanton, perhaps as a reward of their hospitality to the District meeting last November, a new interest has been awaken-

ed, as the Secretary writes that few meetings have been held when they have not had some missionary reading. The Juniors in this parish, under the direction of the rector's wife, have done a work that promises well for the future Woman's Auxiliary of Swanton, but as this belongs properly to Mrs. Canfield's report I will not repeat. Richtford, in spite of the successful effort made to build a rectory, has not allowed the work of the Woman's Auxiliary to flag, but has sent in its contribution to the District box, with the usual report of missionary reading, Auxiliary prayers used, and mite boxes distributed.

I might add, in this connection, that not only has our District been blessed with clergy who have the work of missions very much at heart, but with wives of clergymen who set us such an example of loving interest and unselfish devotion that it would be strange indeed if no answering echo were heard from the parishes. Sheldon has the distinction of the fact that several copies of the "Spirit of Missions" are taken in that parish. In our congregations in country places where so often bad roads and weather prevent our meeting together, this paper seems a necessity if we would know the mind of the Church on the great question of Foreign Missions which is now agitating the civilized world, and if we would keep in close touch with the advance and needs of the Kingdom in our own land and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

East Berkshire may perhaps be called our banner branch this year. For it has kept up regular meetings with missionary reading, has sent an unusually large and valuable package to the District box, "In which," the secretary writes, "nearly every woman in the parish had a share," has kept the life and interest good through a long period of being without a priest. And in addition to all this, they have celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the society, which was originally "The Ladies' Aid," changed later to the Woman's Auxiliary. At this time a history of their parish was read, written by Miss Edna Royce, whom, it is pleasant to know, has been the Secretary, as well as a devoted worker, during almost the entire twenty-five years. With a new rector who has himself been in the missionary field, we may be sure this interest will be deepened.

Enosburg Falls has had regular meetings even through the summer and have had a few missionary readings. They entertained the clergy and delegates at our District meeting in May most hospitably. I have not full reports from Montgomery but a good package represented them in the box.

To Bakersfield, our newest branch, and Georgia, among the oldest, my thoughts always turn with tender love and admiration. Such little flocks, such intelligent interest and such devotion to the cause cannot but put some of us, with much wider opportunities, to shame. The bundles that come from both of these missions are a pleasure to open. And Bakersfield, in addition to her contribution to the large box, sent a box of winter clothing to Columbia in the fall. Although from Buck Hollow no package has been received, I feel that they are entitled to a little corner of this report. For certainly the earnest spirit of the two or three counts for much.

We have had two District meetings, well attended and full of inspiration, although we were able to call no one fresh from the mission field to address us. In Swanton at the November meeting seven branches were represented; the Rev. James Simonds and the Rev. W. Hamilton Benham addressed us, and three other clergy were present. The receiving together the Blessed Sacrament was as always the crowning blessing.

A lunch was served at the rectory and this social hour much enjoyed. During the afternoon business meeting, Mrs. S. Borden-Smith gave a report of the Annual meeting of the Auxiliary in Montpelier. Our offering at the Celebration was sent to the Treasury of the Vermont Branch for the general fund. A sudden and severe illness prevented my attendance in Enosburg Falls in May, but from the full reports which came to me I know this meeting equalled in interest that held in Swanton. Forty from outside the parish were in attendance. Everything was done by the rector and his wife and the people of Enosburg to make the occasion delightful as well as profitable. The Rev. Edward S. Stone, a former rector of the parish, the Rev. F. Barnaby Leach and the Rev. James Simonds were the preachers.

At the business meeting a paper on "The Beginnings of Missions in Alaska" was read by Mrs. James Simonds. I think we can hardly over-estimate the importance of these District Meetings, especially to the parishes in which they are held. So few can ever attend the Annual Meetings that this plan of assembling by Districts brings the thought of missions near to many who might otherwise have a hazy idea of what the Woman's Auxiliary really is. Were I to present a more personal report, I would have to write failure,—for pressing home cares and sorrow have made me a very poor officer — and I am deeply conscious of my inability to meet the requirements of my office.

From all that may be gathered from the reports that come to

me I cannot but feel that we have advanced somewhat in the St. Albans District in developing that life in the Woman's Auxiliary in Vermont which our remodeled Constitution has so strongly in mind. And in realizing that we are not merely a charitable sewing society, but a part, however small, of that great organization of Churchwomen who pray and live and work with all their hearts for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

LAURA BRAINERD,

Vice-Pres. St. Albans District.

HISTORY

OF THE

VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following condensed history of our past twenty-one years as a Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions has been written at the request of our late President, Mrs. Gilson, whose presence amongst us this day is greatly missed by us all—especially so because affliction and illness has compelled her absence and resignation. Should any one desire more facts than are given here, they can find them by searching our Vermont convention journals from June 1877 to 1898, since which time we have printed our own separate report.

OUR BEGINNING.

The first ambitious thought of our work taking an official position sprung into life at Rutland at the time of the Convention. A few ladies, after earnest prayer and consultation, had drawn up and signed the following petition to the Convention:

"We, the undersigned, interested members of the one Catholic and Apostolic Church, feeling most deeply the truth and importance of the Rev. D. C. Roberts' suggestions in his able and comprehensive sermon last evening, do hereby signify our desire for organization, in which we may be directed in our church work, and do petition that the Convention now assembled will not fail to place this matter in such definite form that each and every rector may be upheld and encouraged to take the lead, and each

and every parish realize and recognize its responsibility, both as an individual organization and as a member of the Convention."

Signed by

Mrs. MARY A. B. HULL, Christ Church, Montpelier.
 Mrs. DANIEL C. ROBERTS, St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.
 Mrs. THOMAS H. CANFIELD, St. Paul's, Burlington.
 Mrs. A. B. FLANDERS, St. Luke's Church, Chester.
 Miss E. M. FULLERTON, " " "
 Mrs. K. HASKINS, St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro.
 Mrs. J. B. JONES, St. James' Church, Woodstock.
 Mrs. C. R. BREWER, Christ Church, Enosburg.
 Mrs. J. BURDETTE, St. James' Church, Arlington.
 Mrs. E. H. RANDALL, St. John's Church, Poultney.
 Mrs. E. F. COOKE, Trinity Church, Rutland.
 Mrs. CHARLES CLEMENT, " " "
 Mrs. LEVI G. KINGSLEY, " " "
 Mrs. F. W. HOPKINS, " " "
 Mrs. W. H. B. OWEN, " " "
 Miss S. N. RICE, " " "
 Miss MARY C. WOOSTER, " " "

The petition was well received by the Convention on being presented by Mr. Hiram Atkins, from Montpelier, and a committee appointed to report the following year.*

*The Committee was Rev. D. C. Roberts and Hon. George Briggs of Brandon and Col. Fred E. Smith of Montpelier. Their report can be found Vt. Jour. Con., 1878.

The next June a goodly number of ladies assembled in Burlington on special call from Bishop Bissell the day before Convention, and after addresses from our own Bishop, Rev. Dr. Thwing, the Secretary of Domestic Missions, from New York, and Miss Julia C. Emery, just then beginning her work as General Secretary, we were organized as the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, our diocesan constitution and names of officers being prepared by the Bishop and presented to us for our acceptance. It was all new to us, and to our Bishop as well, and when we adjourned sine die we had no more idea what we were to do or how to do it than we had before we came to the meeting. The following day, this fact being strongly presented to us, Miss Emery was asked to give us special practical suggestions at a private informal gathering of those women most thoroughly in earnest, which she gladly did, allowing us to ask all sorts of questions, and answering them to our entire satisfaction. To this stolen meeting we may attribute much. Reports from those parishes only which were represented at that

time were brought to the first annual meeting of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Bishop Bissell was anxious that the value of *all* our work should be reported—what was done for our own parishes and our own diocese, as well as for all sorts of outside missions—each under its rightful name, sending only to Miss Emery what belonged to her report. His judgment was that it was all done to sustain the church, and that the faithful women in the smaller towns and mission stations deserved to be recognized, though all their efforts were put forth to sustain their own struggling existence. So, with the exception of Burlington (where there were members enough to divide their interests), you will find mixed reports up to 1898, after which only missionary work is accepted.

There were advantages in our first methods. The fact that all our Journals of Convention contained the *whole* of the work of the Diocese, not only that reported year by year by each rector, which might or might not contain the report of the parish Auxiliary, was a great help to any one wishing to ascertain the history of the Church in Vermont (unless, indeed, the *women* are not to be included as having a place beside the *men* workers in the Church). And it seemed to us who were in the midst of the life and warmth of the work that the bringing together of so many husbands and wives and others as delegates and diocesan officers to our annual conventions was a great pleasure and help and encouragement to us all.

But before many years our Bishop insisted that the women were too attractive, and disturbed the close attention of the men! Therefore he besought us to separate and hold our conventions or annual meetings in the fall, when, as he told us, we would have the field to ourselves and be the sole attraction, having the visiting bishops and clergy entirely at our command.

We were loth to separate. From the beginning, unaccustomed to parliamentary usages, we had found it impossible to proceed without consultation from time to time with one or another member of the Convention. And when you understand that the Secretary of the Convention kindly wrote by-law after by-law as needed and explained what they were for how they could help us—and straightened out our muddled reports before they appeared in the Journals, you can appreciate, in part, why we hesitated. However, it was very evident that but few of our parishes could entertain so large a number as we were growing to be, and so we reluctantly acted on our Bishop's suggestion, and the first fall meeting (adjourned from our last annual with the

Diocesan Convention the previous June, in St. Albans,) was held in Burlington, Vt., October, 1883.

At this time Bishop Tuttle and wife of Missouri and Bishop Robert B. Elliott of Western Texas were invited to give us the first missionary addresses the Vermont Auxiliary had ever heard. There was a large gathering, the exercises of the occasion beginning with a reception in our parish room. Our Bishop was greatly pleased. We discussed the advisability of making a change in the time of our annual meetings the next day, deciding to try for one year how we liked it, since when the subject has never been agitated amongst us.

Until 1883 our reports had been received and accepted the day before the Convention, as we met then to transact all business, but not to hear addresses, that not being the season in which we could expect to capture missionary bishops. This change required a semi-annual meeting of officers and a few other delegates of the Auxiliary, who generally attended conventions of the Diocese with their husbands, who met together by appointment, specially to hear our reports read and accepted, when they were handed to the Secretary of the Convention, who printed them in the appendix of our Vermont Diocesan Journals for nineteen years without any expense to us whatever.

During the twenty-one years of our organization we have had seven Presidents.

1879-1880.

Mrs. Edward J. Phelps of Burlington, whose name was presented to us by Bishop Bissell (together with our constitution and the names of all our first officers), held the place as President for about one year, during which time her health was so unreliable she would not allow her name to be a second time brought before us.

1880-1882.

Mrs. Charles Clement of Rutland was chosen our second President, resigning after serving in that office for two years. To her zeal, interest and liberality Vermont owes the establishment of the special missionary who for ten years was considered almost indispensable in our Diocese.

1882-1889.

On Mrs. Clement's resigning, Mrs. Theodore A. Hopkins of Burlington was induced to accept an election as our third Presi-

dent, in Rutland, June, 1882. Never feeling that home cares could allow her to visit the parishes as she felt should be done to draw us more nearly together, in 1884 Mrs. Hopkins made a special request at our annual meeting that one of the Vice-Presidents should be allowed to do that work for her, and that \$40 should be furnished towards her expenses from the Auxiliary treasury. This request was cheerfully complied with. Thirty-three parishes were visited during the year, and when we met together again a request was brought up for our consideration, that we might (in imitation of our active sister diocese, Connecticut,) be divided into missionary districts in Vermont, for the purpose of holding smaller meetings once or twice each year, to bring us together more frequently for acquaintance' sake and mutual help and combined action, among those near enough, as a rule, to go and come in one day, that the entertainment of visitors might not be too onerous. The plan as proposed allowed for two managers in each district (five in number), whose duties were to visit the parishes nearest to them, to disseminate leaflets, papers and missionary intelligence and once or twice a year to arrange for district meetings (for one day only) with some rector willing to open his church for these extra public services—the Eucharist and missionary addresses from those clergy in the district who had prepared for the occasion by request. We hoped the simplicity of this arrangement would appeal to all, and the offerings at these district meetings would help to increase the Auxiliary treasury fund. This proposal was well received but, with our usual caution, after discussion was laid on the table to be decided at our next annual meeting.

From that year to the present, the change having been made as proposed, the following year, in Brandon (1885), these missionary districts, with their officers, have continued with greater or less efficiency to help on the missionary zeal and activity of our members.

About the year 1888 our long-hoped-for missionary for the four southern counties was placed by the Bishop where he could roam at will over the hills and valleys, looking up the stray sheep and lambs and bringing them back to the fold of the Church. For two years his support was gathered only from the women of the Diocese (save \$250 per annum from Mr. Clement, who shared his wife's interest in Vermont), through the Auxiliary, one-half of his entire salary coming from Mr. and Mrs. Clement and Mrs. H. H. Baxter of Rutland.

In April, 1889, Rev. Theodore A. Hopkins was called to his

last rest, causing his wife to make her residence elsewhere; and so, to the great regret of all her friends in the Diocese, who had gratefully felt the benefit of her wise administration as President of the Woman's Auxiliary, we were obliged to give her up, with many expressions of affectionate sympathy in her bereavement.

1889-1894.

Mrs. Henry Hugh Baxter of Rutland was chosen our fourth President, in St. Albans, in the fall of 1889. From the early years of our Vermont Auxiliary Mrs. Baxter had shown the greatest interest in all our doings. As Vice-President she attended the meetings, generally leaving a most substantial reminder behind her to assist the Treasurer in meeting obligations. The year of her election attempts were made to alter the constitution, to organize the Junior department of the Auxiliary, to adopt the use of the little envelope for systematic monthly offerings for our diocesan Auxiliary fund, all of which failed at that time, only to be brought up again and again at succeeding meetings till accepted.

The constitution was once amended, and five years later, in 1898, was entirely superseded by a new one, not yet altogether perfect.

The use of the small envelope for monthly Auxiliary offerings met with favor the third year it was offered, and where in use is now considered the best method known for the purpose. It is hoped that all our parishes and missions will adopt them.

Mrs. Baxter was removed by death after a long and severe illness, leaving only loving memories behind her in the hearts of those who had known her in life. We miss her even yet, and never expect to fill her place here below.

1894-1898.

Mrs. Charles Gray of Burlington, daughter of Bishop Bissell, was elected our fifth President November, 1894, and Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield was chosen General Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary for Vermont five years after the organization was first proposed in our Convention.

In 1890, the centennial year of our Vermont Diocese, assembled in Arlington, not only the Convention members and many outside friends, but also the chief officers of the Woman's Auxiliary. Requesting a conference with the clergy, they asked that they should be relieved from the entire support of the special missionary for the four counties, promising to continue their help, but not stating exactly for how much, as they could not pledge the whole Auxiliary of the Diocese. To our surprise we were

quoted throughout the whole of Vermont as having guaranteed one-half (\$750) of the sum to be raised, while \$500 was withdrawn by those whose only interest was in the four southern counties. The Missionary Committee assumed the other half. The Bishop was old and feeble and found himself often unable to meet his appointments; therefore he rejoiced that the missionary could now be called upon whenever he needed him. His words of approval after the change was made: "The Woman's Auxiliary have done what the Bishop always wanted to have them do," will not soon be forgotten.

For several years Mrs. William Seward Webb has kindly sent to our annual meeting a donation of \$400 to help us, while declining to be considered a member of the Auxiliary, as we wish she might. Since 1898 Vermont has given up the Diocesan Missionary for lack of funds to support him.

1898-1900.

Mrs. Grey was succeeded after four years' service by Mrs. Edson P. Gilson, who had been our Recording Secretary for some years. During her term the constitution was set aside and a new one accepted, and Vice-Presidents, one (for each district) instead of two managers, appointed, as was Bishop Bissell's first idea. In the fall of 1900, to the general regret of her friends, who felt her increasing interest in this great work and who desired her continuance with us, Mrs. Gilson was obliged to give up everything and resign her office as President, owing to her mother's alarming illness and her own poor health.

1900.

Mrs. Theodore B. Foster, receiving a large proportion of votes, was accordingly declared our seventh President, to whom we now look for guidance and direction, feeling sure that she will leave nothing undone in her power to increase the earnestness and faithfulness of the Woman's Auxiliary throughout the Diocese, and that she will have many willing hearts and hands to help her.

We have had for Recording Secretaries, all of whom have done good, faithful work, for various terms of years:

- 1879 to 1885. Mrs. Charles E. Parker of Vergennes.
- 1885 to 1897. Mrs. Edson P. Gilson of Rutland.
- 1897 --- Mrs. J. Read Pember of Woodstock.

For Corresponding Secretaries, able and devoted:

- 1879 to 1883. Mrs. J. Isham Bliss of Burlington.

- 1883 to 1895. Mrs. Charles E. Allen of Burlington.
 1895 to 1897. Mrs. George W. Paul of Woodstock.
 1897 to 1900. Miss Gertrude M. Denison of Royalton.
 1900 — Miss Constance Wheeler of Burlington.

Mrs. Allen was taken by death from our midst. A more able, conscientious and exact Corresponding Secretary it would be hard to find.

For Treasurers:

- 1879 — Mrs. John N. Baxter of Rutland.
 — 1893. Mrs. E. L. Wyman of Manchester Center.
 1900 — Mrs. Charles E. Parker of Vergennes.

Mrs. Wyman's unexpected death after many faithful years of exact work in her department was a distinct loss to the Woman's Auxiliary of Vermont.

Junior Auxiliary Secretaries:

- 1894 to 1897. Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield of Burlington.
 1897 to 1899. Mrs. E. L. Temple of Rutland.
 1899 — Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield.

Our Diocesan Missionaries were:

Rev. Edward Randall of Poultney, Rev. B. W. Atwell and Rev. J. H. Harris, D. D.

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY

by rights begins long before its organization as a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in Vermont.

1879-1887. The Young Girls' Branch at Rock Point (consisting of six children and six older persons).

St. Agnes' Hall, Bellows Falls.

The Julia C. Emery Society, and the

St. Agnes' Guild of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

Report in the Vermont Journals for money and boxes, from 1879 to 1887, all told, chiefly cash, \$2097 77.

This includes a year's scholarship for an Indian, three years' support of an orphan Chinese baby girl in St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, and three years' education of a native Chinaman for the ministry in St. John's College, Shanghai, from 1880 to 1885.

	Value. Money & Boxes
Societies of the Junior Auxiliary of the Diocese report from 1892 to 1900 (chiefly cash),	\$2,591 19 2097 77
Total for children's work in Vermont from 1879 to 1900,	\$4688 96
For Sunday schools in the Diocese (three years) 1892 to 1895,	2677 54
Total for the Juniors in Vermont reported in the Journals of Convention,	\$7366 50

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

OF THE

VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.—1879 TO 1900.

Total value of boxes and cash and parish work from 1880 to 1900 (of which for missions only \$42,690.47),	\$96,930 15
Total of the Juniors' work for missions,	7,366 50
Total Treasurer's report since 1884,	18 827 99
Total in twenty-one years,	\$123,124 64
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Since 1879. Report from the children,	\$7,366 50
Since 1884. Cash, Treasurer's report of the Woman's Auxiliary,	18,845 96
Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary,	42,690 47
Twenty-one years' total for mission work,	\$68,902 93

So much for the History of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in the past. And what for the future, my sisters?

Let us remember that the day is far spent and the night is at hand. Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. By more fervent frequent prayer, constant attendance on church services when they can be had, by fasting and

systematic frequent almsgiving, let us show how we value ourselves the faith once delivered to the saints. Then may we hope to influence others to look for what we love, and desire to share our blessings with us.

It is not reasonable to expect a living, loving, active missionary interest from those whose lives are absorbed in other pursuits and in whom the very name of missions arouses antagonism. We must show them by our actions something better and bring to them the knowledge that Christ died for the cause of missions, and they are the very *Life of the Church*.

Could self be placed in the background, hospitality one to another without grudging be the rule of our conduct, the tenth of our money (the Lord's portion) be laid aside on the first day of the week as the Lord hath prospered us, remembering that the Lord sits over the treasury and notes what is put therein, and with what measure we mete it shall be measured to us again, there would be no difficulty in our way.

It is not easy to remember our personal responsibility and accountability, and that *success* has nothing to do with our work. "The work is *The Master's, not mine*," wrote one of our noble Bishops, "and I am privileged to be allowed to take my humble part in it with Him. To God alone belongs success, as we might call it, in His own good time and in His own way."

We are only his weak *instruments*.

In Vermont we are fully equipped for steady work, with our earnest, devoted Bishop as our head, ready to aid us at all times with his helpful counsel and cheerful encouragement, and his instruction on occasional quiet days and in retreats; with our able, self-consecrated board of officers, and our annual, semi-annual and district meetings, our representatives to the General Auxiliary meetings, with the General Conventions and Missionary Councils to bring back new inspiration from contact with the active workers outside of ourselves, we should thank God and take courage, and do more than ever before, as we would do were we sure that this year might prove to be our last upon earth, or that the Judgment Day was surely coming within twelve months. Is there no soul you can help to save before it is too late?

Very truly yours,

C. A. H. CANFIELD.

Note.—Mrs. John C. Farrar, Vice-President of the Burlington District, reports a missionary box sent at Easter to the Rev J. Simonds, Richford, Vt., valued at \$102.55.

