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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

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

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The twenty-second annual meeting was held in St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, November 13 and 14, 1901.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13.

At eight o'clock evening prayer was said by the rector, the Rev. William T. Forsythe, the lessons being read by the Rev. S. H. Watkins of Arlington and the Rev. Theodore B. Foster of Rutland. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of the Diocese.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop at seven o'clock and there was a choral celebration at nine o'clock. The rector officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. Malcolm Smith and the Rev. Theodore B. Foster.

At 10 o'clock a. m., opening of business meeting. The delegates were called to order by the Bishop, and the business of the convention taken up. The roll was called by the Recording Secretary and the following answered to their names:

St. James' Church, Arlington: Mrs. S. H. Watkins, Mrs. J. K. Batchelder.

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls: Mrs. W. P. Wentworth. Mrs. George L. Burnside; Junior Auxiliary, Miss Marella Swett.

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

St. Thomas' Church, Brandon: Mrs. E. J. Ormsbee, Mrs. George Briggs.

St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro: Mrs. G. L. Tyler.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington: Miss Constance R. Wheeler, Miss Elizabeth V. D. Lowry, Mrs. Gemont Graves; Junior Auxiliary, Miss May C. Mannering, Miss Helen C. Lyman.

St. Mark's Church, Castleton: Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Nickolds, Mrs. Woodbury, Miss Wardlaw.

St. Matthew's Church, Enosburg Falls: Mrs. Darrah, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Mears.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury: Mrs. E. W. Judd, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. William T. Forsythe.

Christ Church, Montpelier: Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Moulton.

St. Mary's Church, Northfield: Mrs. A. D. Brown, Miss Martha J. Johnston.

St. John's Church, Randolph: Mrs. Anna Chase.

Grace Church, Randolph Centre: Mrs. Clara Sawyer, Mrs. J. H. Holden.

Trinity Church, Rutland: Trinity Mission, Mrs. Orlando

Wooster, Mrs. N. K. Chaffee, Mrs. Theodore B. Foster; Trinity Guild, Mrs. E. L. Temple, Mrs. Ella Ricker; Girls' Branch Junior Auxiliary, Miss Carrie C. Daniels.

Grace Church, West Rutland: Miss Bessie Dernier.

Trinity Church, Shelburne: Miss A. J. Read.

St. Luke's Church, St. Albans: St. Agnes' Branch, Mrs. J. Billings Wiley, Miss Louise Brainerd; Helping Hands, Miss Williams, Miss Hallie Kelton.

St. Paul's Church, Vergennes: Mrs. Woolsey, Mrs. McCuen, Mrs. Charles E. Parker, Mrs. B. T. Field.

St. Paul's Church, Windsor: Mrs. Wardner, Mrs. E. N. Goddard.

St. James' Church, Woodstock: Mrs. Jay Read Pember.

A committee on credentials was appointed consisting of Mrs. George Burnside and Mrs. Ellen Holden, and it was agreed that a paper of instructions should be put forth by the executive council before the next meeting, giving directions among other matters concerning the election of delegates according to the rules of the Auxiliary and their proper certification.

Reports of the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the General Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary and the Secretary of the Church Periodical Club were read. (These are printed in full in this report.) Also the reports of the District Vice Presidents. The following minute with reference to the late Mrs. Mary A. E. Twing was adopted by a rising vote, before the midday prayers said by the Bishop:

At our annual meeting coming so soon after the decease of Mrs. Mary A. E. Twing, we, the Vermont Diocesan Branch, along with all the members of the Woman's Auxiliary, desire to express our most earnest appreciation of the long and loving service of Mrs. Twing in connection with our organization. To her and her sister we recognize is largely due the development of Women's active co-operation in the missionary work of the church. We would extend our hearty sympathy to Miss Julia Emery and the other members of Mrs. Twing's family in their bereavement; and we trust that the remembrance of her whole-souled devotion to the cause of Missions will stimulate many in all our dioceses to imitate her example. So assuredly shall her works follow her.

Elections were taken up after the noon prayers and resulted in the election of the following:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President,	Mrs. Theodore B. Foster, Rutland.
Corresponding Secretary,	Miss Constance R. Wheeler, Burlington.
Recording Secretary,	Mrs. Jay Read Pember, Woodstock.
Treasurer,	Mrs. Charles E. Parker, Vergennes.
Gen. Sec. of the Junior Auxiliary,	Miss Caroline Greene, Sheldon.
Sec. Church Periodical Club,	Miss Mary E. Arthur, Burlington.
Auditor,	Mr. Edson P. Gilson, Rutland.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Burlington District,	Mrs. M. L. Woolsey, Vergennes.
St. Albans District,	Miss Louisa Brainerd, St. Albans.

Windsor District,	Miss Alice Sheldon, Windsor.
Rutland District,	Mrs. George Graves, Bennington.
St. Johnsbury District,	Mrs. Frank Richardson, St. Johnsbury.
Montpelier District,	Miss M. J. Johnston, Northfield.

It was agreed the Montpelier District should be divided into two districts corresponding with the District marked out by the Diocesan Missionary Committee: (1) Montpelier District, covering Washington and Lamoille Counties. (2) St. Johnsbury District, covering Orleans, Essex and Caledonia Counties.

No delegates being present from any of the local branches in the St. Johnsbury District, it was voted that the appointment of a Vice-President for this District be left to the President and Executive Council after consultation if possible with members in the District. Mrs. Frank Richardson of St. Johnsbury was later appointed by the President and Executive Council. It was voted to change the date in By-law 3 from the last to the first day of August.

The following were appointed a committee on Appropriations: Mrs. G. L. Burnside, Mrs. E. L. Temple, Miss C. R. Wheeler, Miss L. Brainerd, Mrs. E. N. Goddard. The committee recommended the following resolution, and it was adopted:

RESOLVED, That an amount of money not exceeding \$100 be set apart to cover the travelling expenses of the officers of the Auxiliary as follows: To the President and to the General Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, whatever is required to perform the work for which they are responsible, and to the other officers of the Executive Council for the two appointed meetings, other than the annual meeting.

The same committee recommended the following list of appropriations for the year, which was adopted:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Diocesan Missionary Committee,	\$ 400.00	
The Mountain Echo,	50.00	
Bishop Hopkins Hall,	50.00	
Commission for work among the Colored People,	50.00	
Travelling Expenses of Executive Council,	100.00	
The Domestic Contingent Fund,	10.00	
Mrs. Twing Memorial,	50.00	
Porto Rico,	50.00	
Japan,	50.00	
China,	50.00	
Alaska,	25.00	
Expenses of Rev. I. H. Correll,	15.00	
Expenses of Rev. A. B. Hunter,	25.00	
Expenses of Miss Julia C. Emery,	15.00	55.00
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		\$ 940.00

Mrs. William Seward Webb donated \$ 400.00 for the Missionary work of the Auxiliary.

Addresses were made by Miss Julia C. Emery on the proposed work of the Woman's Auxiliary, by the Rev. S. H. Watkins on Diocesan Missions, especially dwelling upon needs and possibili-

ties in the southern part of the Diocese; and Mrs. Theodore B. Foster gave an interesting account of the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Triennial Convention at San Francisco.

Enosburg Centre, Highgate, East Fairfield, and Junior Branches at Milton and Barre were admitted.

The St. Agnes Branch of the Junior Auxiliary at St. Albans was received as a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

A resolution was presented by Miss Wheeler, and adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That the members of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary extend their hearty thanks to the Rector of and to the ladies of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, and of the Missions of East Middlebury and Shoreham for their cordial hospitality to the delegates during the convention.

The invitation extended to the Vermont Branch to meet in Northfield in the Autumn of 1902 was accepted.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

At 7.30 p. m. Thursday after a short service, the Rev. A. B. Hunter gave an interesting account of the work, which is being done in St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C., also of St. Agnes Hospital and Training School for colored nurses.

Rev. Theodore B. Foster of Rutland followed with an account of the sessions of the Board of Missions in San Francisco. The Rev. I. H. Correll gave a most interesting account of the work in Japan and China, after which the meeting closed with prayer and benediction by the Bishop.

The offerings at all the services were \$ 52.42.

ALIDA GOODWIN PEMBER,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

From Sept. 1st. 1900, to Sept. 1st, 1901.

ARLINGTON—ST. JAMES.

Box to the Rev. James S. Russell for St. Paul's Colored School, Lawrenceville, Va., Apr. 1st. \$13 00

BAKERSFIELD—MISSION.

Part of District Box to Archdeacon Appleby for White Earth (Indian Mission), Minn., Apr. 11th. 7 50

BELLOWS FALLS—IMMANUEL.

Box containing clothing and Christmas gifts for Sunday School to Mr. J. N. Barcus, Madison, West Virginia, Dec. 2 \$25 00
Barrel containing clothing and bedding for the Oneida Indian Mission, Oneida, Wis., April 11 25 00
\$50 00

BRANDON—ST. THOMAS'.

Box to Mrs. Patty Buford with expressage, Lawrenceville, Va., Dec. \$23 86

BRATTLEBORO—ST. MICHAEL'S.

Barrel for Colored Hospital to Mrs. Buford, Lawrenceville, Va., Nov. 6 \$60 75
Subscription for China Mission 1 00
\$61 75

BURLINGTON—ST. PAUL'S.

Box to the Missionary at Columbus, Texas, Nov. 17 . \$110 26
Contribution to district box for Missionary in the Diocese, April 4 30 02
\$140 28

CASTLETON—ST. MARK'S.

Box for a little crippled girl in Westminster, Vt., Dec. 1 . . \$10 00

CHESTER—ST. LUKE'S.

Barrel to Archdeacon Joyner, Columbia, S. C., April 26 . . . \$15 00

EAST BERKSHIRE—CALVARY CHURCH.

Part of district box to White Earth (Indian Mission) Minn., April 10 \$18 50
Contribution towards scholarship for Colored Boys' Orphanage, Baltimore, Md., 5 00
\$23 50

ENOSBURGH—CHRIST CHURCH.

Part of district box to White Earth Mission, Minn., April . . \$15 00

ENOSBURGH FALLS—ST. MATTHEWS.

Part of district box to White Earth Mission, Minn., April 18 \$26 00
Package sent to Miss Bowen, Waynesville, N. C., April 26 6 00
\$32 00
For the Colored Boys' Orphanage, Baltimore, Md., \$5 00

FAIRFAX—CHRIST CHURCH.

Part of district box to White Earth Mission, Minn., April 15	\$6 85	
Contribution towards scholarship in Orphanage for Colored Boys, Baltimore, Md., April 15	1 00	
To help defray expenses of sending box April 15	35	
		\$8 20

EAST GEORGIA—EMMANUEL MISSION.

Part of district box to White Earth Mission, Minn., April . .	\$7 75	
Contribution towards scholarship for Colored Boys' Orphanage, Baltimore, Md.		\$1 00

MIDDLEBURY—ST. STEPHEN'S.

Part of district box to Missionary in Diocese, April . .	\$10 00	
For Shoreham Chapel, Nov. 5	9 60	
		\$19 60

MILTON—TRINITY CHURCH.

Part of district box to Missionary in Diocese	\$4 00	
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MONTGOMERY—ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.

Part of district box to White Earth Mission, Minn.	\$5 00	
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MONTPELIER—CHRIST CHURCH.

Box sent to Miss M. S. Francis, St. Elizabeth's School (Indian) Waukapola, South Dakota, May 1	\$42 00	
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NORWICH—ST. BARNABAS'.

Barrel of clothing to Archdeacon Joyner for Colored Missions of South Carolina, March 27	\$28 21	
Subscription for China Mission	50	
		\$28 71

NORTHFIELD—ST. MARY'S.

Box sent to the Rev. Edward Stone, Waynesville, N. C., May .	\$25 00	
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POULTNEY—ST. JOHN'S.

Box for Colored Hospital to Mrs. Patty Buford, Lawrenceville, Va.	\$34 00	
Box for St. Giles' Hospital for Cripples, Brooklyn, N. Y.	10 00	
		\$44 00

RANDOLPH—ST. JOHN'S.

Barrel to Archdeacon Joyner for Colored Missions, Columbia, S. C., April 20	\$15 00	
Subscription for China Mission	1 00	
		\$16 00

RANDOLPH CENTER—GRACE CHURCH.

Box to Archdeacon Joyner for Colored Missions, Columbia, S. C., April	\$14 00	
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ROYALTON—ST. PAUL'S.

Box sent to Miss Emery for hospital at Fort Defiance, Arizona, March 7	\$5 00	
For Archdeacon Joyner's work, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25	5 00	
		\$10 00

RICHFORD—ST. ANN'S MISSION.

Part of district box for White Earth Mission, Minn., April	\$12 00	
Contribution to scholarship for Colored Boys' Orphanage, Baltimore, Md., April	1 00	\$13 00

RUTLAND—TRINITY CHURCH.

Box for the Missionary and family, Greensboro, Alabama, March 28	\$58 00	
To the Rev. G. B. Clarke Laramie for silver communion service	10 00	\$68 00

WEST RUTLAND—GRACE CHURCH.

Box to St. Mary's Home for Colored Boys, Baltimore, Md., April		\$13 61
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ST. ALBANS—ST. LUKE'S.

Box sent to Miss M. S. Francis, St. Elizabeth's School (Indian) Waukapola, South Dakota, with freight, March . . .	\$10 80	
Box sent to Mrs. E. J. Warner, St. John's School (Indian) Fort Bennett, South Dakota	28 00	\$38 80
Six comfort bags to "Sailor's Haven," Charlestown, Mass., July		\$7 80

ST. JOHNSBURY—ST. ANDREWS.

Box sent to India for famine sufferers		\$10 00
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SHELBURNE—TRINITY.

Box to Missionary in Diocese, Jan. 3	\$30 00	
Part of district box to Missionary in Diocese, March 28	34 46	\$64 46

SHELDON—GRACE CHURCH.

Part of district box to White Earth Mission, Minn., April . .		\$5 00
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SPRINGFIELD—ST. MARK'S.

Box sent to Archdeacon Joyner for Colored Missions, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 8		\$15 00
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SWANTON—HOLY TRINITY.

Box to the Rev. F. W. Merrill, Fond du Lac, Wis., for Oneida Indian Mission, April 3	\$17 20	
Contribution to scholarship for St. Mary's Orphanage for Colored Boys, Baltimore, Md.	5 00	\$22 20

VERGENNES—ST. PAUL'S.

Box to Missionary in Diocese and family, April 2		\$62 00
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WHITE RIVER JUNCTION—ST. PAUL'S.

Box to Archdeacon Joyner for Colored Missions, Columbia, S. C., April 4		\$15 00
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WINDSOR—ST. PAUL'S.

One barrel and a half to Archdeacon Joyner for Colored Missions, Columbia, S. C., April 10		\$21 00
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WOODSTOCK—ST. JAMES'.

Box sent to Cornelia and Margarette Harris, Houston, Va., (motherless children of the Missionary at Hammond, La.)	
March 20	\$95 10
Subscription for China Mission, Sept. 2	1 00
Total	<hr/> \$1074 12
Valuation of boxes for Foreign and Domestic Missions . . .	\$852 54
Valuation of boxes for Diocesan Missions	180 48
Money given for Domestic and Foreign Missions which has not passed through the Treasurer's hands	31 50
Money given for Diocesan Missions which has not passed through the Treasurer's hands	9 60
Total	<hr/> \$1074 12

Of this amount \$291.83 has been given for work among the colored people, \$225 95 for work among the Indians and \$13 50 for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE R. WHEELER,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Vermont Branch Woman's Auxiliary for the year ending November
13, 1901.

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance from Mrs. J. W. Cramton, Treasurer	\$189 80
Annual meeting, Bennington	\$54 00
Check Mrs. W. S. Webb, Shelburne	400 00
St. Mary's Church, Northfield	2 05
St. Matthew's Church, Enosburgh Falls	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor	15 00
Trinity Church, Rutland	145 24
St. Agnes' Branch, St. Albans	3 00
St. Albans' District, Richford	10 05
St. Albans' District, East Berkshire	10 00
St. Peter's, Bennington	21 66
St. Paul's, Burlington	60 02
St. Margaret's, Middletown Springs	3 50
Zion Church, Manchester Centre	5 00
Young Ladies' Guild, Manchester Centre	5 00
St. James' Hydeville	1 00
Christ Church Montpelier	15 00
St. James', Woodstock	15 00
St. Barnabas', Norwich	1 00
St. Paul's, Vergennes	15 00
St. Michael's, Brattleboro	2 50
St. Stephen's, Middlebury	7 50
Christ Church, Island Pond	5 00
St. Mark's, Castleton	3 00
Mrs. L. B. Powell, Milton	1 00
St. Luke's, St. Albans	10 00
	<hr/> \$815 52

UNITED OFFERING.

Trinity Church, Shelburne	20 00
St. Peter's, Bennington	13 02
St. Peter's Juniors, Bennington	5 00
Trinity Church, Rutland	64 36
Windsor District, Brattleboro	4 50
Communicant (Easter), Burlington	5 00
St. Thomas', Brandon	3 00
Grace Church, Randolph Centre	7 00
Grace Church Juniors, Randolph Centre	1 00
	<hr/> \$122 88
	<hr/> \$1005 32

Amount General Fund forward	\$1005 32
United Offering brought up	122 88
Young Ladies' Guild, Manchester Centre	5 00
Bakersfield Branch (thro' Miss Brainerd)	2 00

St. Andrew's, St. Johnsbury	10 00	
St. Paul's, Windsor	11 00	
Grace Church, Sheldon	5 00	
Calvary Church, East Berkshire	8 00	
Calvary Church Juniors, East Berkshire	5 00	
St. Paul's, Vergennes	10 00	
Zion Church, Manchester Centre	12 00	
St. Paul's Church, Royalton	23 00	
St. Matthew's, Enosburgh Falls	12 35	
St. James', Woodstock	19 00	
St. Paul's, Burlington	61 93	
St. Paul's Juniors, Burlington	2 10	
St. Mary's, Northfield	6 00	
St. Ann's, Richford	1 00	
St. Mark's, Springfield	3 50	
Mrs. Anna Hill Simonds, Auburn, N. S.	3 28	
Church of our Saviour, Sherburne	1 00	
St. Luke's, St. Albans	20 67	
St. John's, Poultney	5 00	
St. James', Arlington	12 00	
St. Mary's, Northfield	2 00	
E. M. N., Northfield	2 50	
Immanuel, Bellows Falls	11 50	
St. Michael's, Brattleboro	4 00	
St. Thomas', Brandon	5 00	
St. John's, Highgate	6 00	
St. John's, Randolph	2 00	
St. James', Hydeville	1 50	
St. Paul's, White River Junction	13 66	
Holy Trinity, Swanton	7 00	
St. Stephen's, Middlebury	1 50	
St. Margaret's, Middletown Springs	50	418 87
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		\$1424 19

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Amount Receipts forward	\$1424 19
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ENDOWMENT FUND.

St. Paul's, Burlington	38 00	
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls	10 00	
Christ Church, Bethel	5 00	53 00

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Rutland District Meeting	1 44
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rutland District Meeting	8 86
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\$1487 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

1900.	
Nov. 15	Miss Julia C. Emery, Sec. for (Sendai) Japan . \$50 00
	Rt. Rev. C. K. Nelson 25 00
	Rt. Rev. S. C. Partridge 25 00
	Mrs. A. T. Twing 15 00
	Mrs. John W. Chapman 10 00

1901.			
Feb 23	Revenue stamps 20c, postage 80c	1 00	
	Mrs. E. M. Foster, Pres. expenses Burlington	3 60	
	Mrs. N. K. Chaffee, expenses Burlington	2 98	
	Mrs. J. R. Pember, Sec. ex. bills etc	6 60	
	Brown & Moore, printing	54 85	
	Miss Emery, Sec. contingent fund	10 00	
	Miss Emery, Sec. colored work	50 00	
	Miss Emery, Sec. Alaska	50 00	
	Rev. Wm. J. Harris, Mountain Echo	50 00	
	E. L. Temple, Treas. Diocesan Missions	350 00	
Mar. 1	Mrs. J. R. Pember, Sec. postage etc. \$4.25 ex- press 75c	5 00	
22	Marble Savings Bank Rutland, Bishop Hopkins Hall school fund	50 00	
	Marble Savings Bank Rutland, united offering	33 73	
July 2	Marble Savings Bank Rutland, united offering	15 00	
		807 76	
	Total Receipts forward		1487 49
	Amount Disbursements brought up	807 76	
July 2	Marble Savings Bank Rutland, Bishop Hopkins Hall school fund	53 00	
	E. L. Temple, Treas. Diocesan Missions	1 44	
5	Mrs. J. R. Pember, Sec. expenses Burlington	7 08	
	Mrs. E. M. Foster, Pres. expenses Burlington	2 65	
	The Tuttle Co., circulars \$3.50, envelopes 25c	3 75	
Aug.21	Miss Emery, Sec. China	58 86	
	Miss Emery, Sec. Africa	50 00	
Sept.19	Postals and Stamps	30	
20	Marble Savings Bank Rutland, united offering	408 46	
Oct. 30	Miss Emery, Sec., Diocesan envelopes	1 13	
		1394 43	
	Balance cash on hand		\$93 06
	Amount united offering as by last report		168 74
	Amount due united offering from cash balance of \$189.80	43 32	
	Contributed to fund the past year	418 87	
	Interest accrued to July 1st, 1901	4 71	466 90
		635 64	
	Total of Fund		630 64
	By draft to Geo. C. Thomas, Treas		
		5 00	
	Amount fund still on hand		480 14
	The endowment fund as by last report		
	Added the past year	103 00	
	Interest accrued to July 1st, 1901	12 84	
		115 84	
		\$595 98	
	Total endowment fund, Marble Savings Bank		
	MRS. CHAS. E. PARKER, Treasurer.		
	Middlebury, Vt., Nov. 13th, 1901.		
	I have examined the foregoing account of the treasurer of the Ver- mont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year ending November 13th, 1901 and find it correct and the expenditures sustained by proper vouchers.		
	EDSON P. GILSON, Auditor.		
	Rutland, Vt., Nov. 30th, 1901.		

Report of Vermont Branch of Junior Auxiliary.

Sept. 1, 1900, to Sept. 1, 1901.

BARRE—The Good Shepherd Society.

President ex-officio, Rev. Brian Robarts, rector.

Vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Ranney.

Secretary, Miss Isabel Corchner.

Number of members, 18 little girls from 5 to 12 years of age.

Number of meetings for sewing, 26

Average attendance, 9

One barrel Christmas gifts and clothing for St. Luke's Hospital, care of Rt. Rev. D. D. Wells, Spokane, Wash. Territory,	Value \$21 00
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BELLOWS FALLS—Immanuel Church.

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

Vice-president, Mrs. Sanford.

Secretary, Miss Katharine Wilhelm.

Number of members, 18

Number of meetings held during the year, 28

Average attendance at meetings, 8

One box sent to St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, N.C. for Diocesan Mission Chapel,	Value \$12 00
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Instructions on Missions once a month by rector or ladies in charge.

BENNINGTON—St. Peter's Church.

Name of Society—Helpers of the Christ Child.

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

Vice-presidents, Mrs. Charles Burt, Mrs. J. J. Jubb.

Secretary, Miss Hazel McLeod.

Number of members,

Number of meetings,

Average attendance

Foreign—For Woman's Hospital, Shanghai, cash,	Value \$10 00
Domestic—Patchwork quilt, Anvik,	2 57
General—United offering.	5 00
Diocesan—For Mountain Echo,	3 00

Total, \$20 57

BURLINGTON—St. Paul's Church.

President ex-officio, Rev. Geo. Y. Bliss, rector.

Vice-president, Miss Constance R. Wheeler.

Secretary, Miss Mary Hudson.

Treasurer, Miss Florence Barlow.

Number of members,	21	
Number of associate members,	4	
Number of sewing meetings,	21	
Number of Study Club meetings,	5	
Average attendance at sewing meetings,	11	
Average attendance at Study Club meetings,	12	
		Value
One box sent to St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, North Carolina, Dec. 1, value \$30.00, (\$10.00 of this amount being in second-hand articles.)		\$30 00
Balance of scholarship for St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.		35 00
Cash towards next year's scholarship at St. Augustine's.		20 00
United Offering sent in September, 1901.		2 10
Instructions or readings by the pastor or vice-president.		

EAST BERKSHIRE—Calvary Church.

President ex-officio, Rev. William Walker, rector.
 Vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Perley.
 Secretary, Miss Katharine G. Wadleigh.

Number of members,	10	
Number of meetings,	20	
Average attendance,	5	
Cash for United Offering,		\$5 00
Instructions and readings by rector and ladies in charge.		

NORTHFIELD—St. Mary's Church.

1900.

President ex-officio, Rev. George G. Sutherland.
 Vice-president, Mrs. Allan D. Brown.
 Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Helen M. Kenyon.

Number of members,	16	
Number of meetings,	4	
Average attendance	4	
		Value
One box for Christmas sent to poor whites, North Carolina.		\$7 00
Readings on Missions by a member.		

1901.

President, Rev. George J. Sutherland.
 Vice-president, Mrs. Allan D. Brown.
 Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Abba A. Averill.

Number of members,	7	
Number of meetings,	6	
Average attendance,	3	
Prayer books for Shoreham Mission,		\$2 00
One box to poor whites, North Carolina,		8 00

One box to Mrs. Buford, Lawrenceville, Va.,	10 00
One box to Archdeacon Spurr, Moundsville, Virginia,	10 00
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	\$30 00
United Offering,	6 00
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Total,	\$36 00

RUTLAND—Trinity Church.

Girl's Branch.

President ex-officio, Rev T. B. Foster.
 Vice-president, Miss Carrie E. Daniels.
 Secretary, Miss Ellen R. Wood.
 Treasurer, Miss Carrie E. Daniels.

Number of members,	11	
Meetings held weekly.		
Cash for United Offering,		\$2 25
Box—An outfit for an Indian girl at St. John's School, Fort Bennett, South Dakota,		\$40 00
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Total,		\$42 25

Boy's Branch.

President ex-officio, Rev. T. B. Foster.
 Number of members, 18
 Instructions by rector.
 Work—50 filled candy bags toward girls' box.

ST. ALBANS—St. Luke's Church.

1st Society—St. Agnes' Guild.

President ex-officio, Rev. W. H. Benham.
 Vice-president, Miss Louisa Brainerd.
 Secretary, Miss Brainerd.

Number of members,	20	
Number of meetings,	14	
Average attendance.	7	
		Value
During Lent sent a bundle for Mrs. Buford's Hos- pital,		\$6 00
Sent Rev. D. W. Paxton, Cairo, Ill., cash,		5 00

2nd Society—Helping Hands.

Weekly meetings, average attendance	7	
Work sent to Mrs Buford's Hospital,		\$15 00

(Instructions given regularly to both branches by the
 Vice President.)

Recapitulation—

Domestic, (whites)	\$ 38 57	
Colored,	143 00	
Indians,	42 00	
Foreign,	10 00	
Diocesan,	5 00	
United Offering,	20 00	
Total,	\$258 57	\$258 57

With regret I must say that the interest in the Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in Vermont seems to me to be declining instead of increasing. Very few of our rectors care to incite their women to look up the children of the parish—boys as well as girls—or to encourage them when started from their own desire, by personal suggestion or supervision.

The idea of the Junior Auxiliary is to develop in our church children their responsibility as baptized members, to work and work to advantage in the church to which they belong, where they soon will have to take their parents' places in the support and care of Christ's Glorious Institution, the church, missions being the life of the church.

We have not nearly so many working branches as in former years, nor the desire for them, apparently. We have had three societies in St. Paul's, Burlington:—the Young Woman's Branch, the Julia Emery and the Boys' Guild. We had one each in Middlebury, Brandon, Manchester, Arlington, Montpelier, W. Randolph, Swanton, Enosburg Falls, Richford, St. Johnsbury and Island Pond. Where are they now?

I have been much out of the Diocese the past year and the fault may be mine; but three times—last fall before I went West and especially this spring before going abroad and again since my return—I have tried by correspondence to find out who were working and for what, and to obtain permission to visit the parishes with a view to promoting mutual acquaintance between the General Secretary of the Vermont Branch of the Junior Auxiliary and the rectors of various little studying societies already at work, of others with the hope of starting the interest where it never had been, and renewing it where it had died out. I did not ask for traveling expenses. They had kindly been provided for long ago through the unexpected personal kind gift from Col. Smith of the C. V. R. R. of a mileage book—not yet exhausted; but I did ask entertainment over night. Perhaps I asked too much.

In my enthusiasm I had arranged with Miss Emery for the use of stereopticon views of various missions in the far West and South, in our foreign stations, in China, Japan and Liberia. I planned to devote six weeks in May and June to this work. But as replies from the rectors came slowly in (a number taking no notice of my request) to the effect that they had no Junior Society; I might come if I wished to; they had no money in the treasury, but they would try to entertain me if I would give as long notice as possible beforehand—I gave up the whole project. I have visited just three places this year:—Bennington, Arlington

and Barre, all of which are doing what they can, and where my reception was most cordial and kind.

However, I am convinced that my day for work in Vermont is about over and most likely my successor in office will be able to succeed far better than I have done. Thanking you for your patience with me in the past, I shall always remain in the future as I am at present,

Your cordial friend and well-wisher,

CAROLINE A. H. CANFIELD,

(Gen'l Sec'y Vt. B. Ju. Aux.)

Report of the Church Periodical Club.

The sixth annual report of the "Church Periodical Club" in Vermont is much the same as the record given in former years.

We are sending regularly, each month or week as they appear, about seventy periodicals; while a number of books have been donated during the year for use in reading rooms. Also many odd numbers of magazines, pictures, cards etc., have been given for distribution, either to persons living in rural districts or among children in Sunday-schools.

We have apparently reached the "limit-line" of our interest in the work of the C. P. C., and often it is very difficult to keep even the little spark of zeal burning. We, of course, recognize this work to be one of the minor ways of helping to brighten the lives of others. Yet the grateful letters received from the recipients of reading matter given through the efforts of the Church Periodical Club must prove that such effort is surely worth the making.

Now that the work of the C. P. C. is under the direct rule of the Woman's Auxiliary may we hope that greater interest may be felt, in each parish of our diocese, in this special branch of woman's work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. ARTHUR

Vt. Correspondent C. P. C.

REPORT OF THE BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

The report of Burlington District, comprising, as it does, four quite prosperous parishes—Burlington, Middlebury, Vergennes and Shelburne, with Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary doing active work under competent parochial officers as their leaders, and three small Missions—(two inoperative) Jericho and Winooski, does not afford material for an extended report outside of that coming under the head of parochial branches.

I was asked to go to Milton in February and was most cordially received by the Juniors and some of the women, (although the Woman's Auxiliary as a parochial organization had disbanded). They all wished to do some work and finally decided to

work for the district box. The united offering was discussed, also some plan for missionary reading or study. Although the mission is small as to members and material wealth, I was impressed with the fine possibilities there yet to be developed in the efficient and capable women and young women whom I met.

Winooski being without a resident missionary I obtained permission of the Bishop to go there for the purpose of re-organizing the Auxiliary if possible. I called upon two ladies and advocated the cause as best I could, expressing a hope that a beginning might be made in work, if only to send a small package in the district box, explaining and leaving some of the united offering leaflets, and offering to meet the women of the mission at any time if I could be of service. I received a note from one of the ladies shortly after discouraging as to the prospect of organizing a branch at present. I am quite sure something has been done for missions through the offertory there, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson, under whose ministrations they are at present, intimated to me recently that something would probably be done in the near future (presumably) towards forming a branch.

I have had some correspondence with a lady in Jericho, who was formerly a member of the Woman's Auxiliary but she is the only one left there now, and although she has not lost her interest and occasionally sends a donation, the infirmity of years prevents any active service.

In Burlington we had meetings for work during the winter with some reading and one parlor missionary meeting addressed by Bishop Hall in a general talk concerning missionary boxes and other work of the Auxiliary, also upon the conditions in China prevalent at that time, drawing special attention to Bishop Graves' letter in the Churchman of the previous week. A meeting of officers was held in Burlington in February at which time our President gave an earnest and helpful talk to quite a large gathering of women in the Chapel. A really valuable district box was sent at Easter to a missionary in northern Vermont, a box to be proud of. I am sure it would have delighted Miss Emery's heart. Many of the garments and suits, shoes and stockings bought outright were of the nicest and the work on things for the family and household showed most painstaking care. To a Priest with a meagre salary, seven mouths to feed and bodies to keep warm and otherwise care for and a tired mother with the ceaseless demands of a household and small children requiring constant attention and only two pair of hands to do it all, such a box must be a veritable God-send and it was most gratefully appreciated.

I cannot close without congratulating my sister Vice-Presidents, especially in the St. Albans and Windsor Districts for the successful and inspiring district meetings they have been able to call together and manage with so much efficiency. Though not from lack of desire or interest, my endeavors in this respect have met with disappointment. I shall leave it to my successor to inaugurate this most important and helpful work of the District, hoping that any efforts she may put forth in this direction may meet with hearty response and co-operation.

MRS. JOHN C. FARRAR,
Vice-President of Burlington District.

REPORT OF THE WINDSOR DISTRICT.

My second annual report is a pleasure to make, as a decided advance has been made during the past year by the Woman's Auxiliary in Windsor District which is particularly encouraging in these days of multiplied beneficent organizations which tend to direct the attention of some of the ablest daughters of the Church.

For however excellent an organization may be in itself it is becoming more and more apparent to the careful observer that the increasing number of organizations tend to lessen the interest and devotion in the work of Christ's Church and to foster a spirit of indifference. "How gladly the powers of darkness would have us to be filled with an immense multiplicity of various considerations and involved in manifold endeavors so only thereby they might withdraw our energies from what is of vital consequence and lead us to be less mindful" of the duties and privileges of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Concentration of effort in that which is given members of Christ to do by the terms of the baptismal covenant is necessary for the accomplishment of that which all the faithful long for, the coming of the Kingdom of God. The advance made in this District may not be measured by dollars and cents. It is in more faithful and intelligent interest and in clearness of purpose. And while there is yet very much to be desired and a number of the branches have yet to see the possibilities that lie before them in the missionary work, feeling already overburdened in the necessary parish work and failing to realize the truth that the more one does for others the more will be done for one's self and that to be self-centered, to think only of parish needs brings stagnation and death. Yet we take new courage in that a good beginning has been made. Resolved to labor faithfully and persistently for the realization of the aims of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, knowing too that the power of the organization will be according to the depth of spiritual life and consecrated zeal in the individuals that compose its membership. Last year there were three branches in this District which according to report failed to do any missionary work outside the parish. This year only one.

Last year no district meeting was held. This year a successful one was held Feb. 13th in Brattleboro (more especially for the southern part of the District). The prevalence of much sickness at the time prevented a large attendance, but it was evident that the few who did attend felt repaid for their efforts. Three priests and eight delegates were present besides the members of the Brattleboro branch. Holy communion was celebrated at 10.30 a. m. by the Rector of St. Michael's Church, the Rev. E. T. Mathison, assisted by Rev. J. O. Davis of Chester.

The business meeting opened at 11.15, preceded by an address of welcome from the Rector of St. Michael's. Informal reports were made by delegates from each parish branch present and letters were read from those branches unable to send delegates. Then followed an able paper on Archdeacon Joyner's work in South Carolina by Mrs. G. L. Burnside of Bellows Falls.

Noon prayers for missions were read by Mr. Mathison. Then some accounts of work among colored people were given by Rev. Messrs. Mathison and Davis and a paper on "Our Colored Work" was read by Miss Sheldon. The delegates were entertained at lunch by the ladies of the Brattleboro branch at their homes.

At 3 p. m., the meeting was resumed opening with the Auxiliary prayers read by Mr. Mathison. "What is the Woman's Auxiliary" was the subject of the first paper prepared by the vice-president. An interesting paper on Japan was read by Mrs. Everett Knight of Springfield and one on the Universities Mission in Africa, written by Miss Constance Wheeler of Burlington and kindly loaned for the occasion, was read by Mrs. D. L. Sanford. Addresses were made by Rev. D. L. Sanford on "The Advantages of District Meetings" and by Rev. J. O. Davis on the "Comparative difficulty of missionary work in the first and present ages of the church."

At 7:00 p. m., after evening prayer, Mr. Mathison preached a stirring sermon from Isa. 32:8. The offerings amounted to \$9 and were divided equally between the united offering and Diocesan missions.

It was intended to hold a second district meeting for the northern part of the district (as well as the southern) in June or July, but a combination of adverse circumstances made it almost impossible to do so. Another evidence of the advance made is in the larger number of copies of the Spirit of Missions now in circulation in the District and also in the increasing interest manifested in papers prepared by different members of the Auxiliary on missionary subjects. By far the most instructive and interesting way to study missions is to prepare papers to read in the class.

In response to a request for work from one of the branches early in Advent, Miss Emery suggested that a district box be prepared for Archdeacon Joyner's work, but as his appeal is for everything usable and make-over-able it seemed possible and preferable that each branch separately send a barrel or half barrel of things usable and avoid the extra cost of freight to a central starting point as well as the confusion and delay I felt sure would result in attempting to send a district box. Eight of the thirteen branches acted upon the suggestion five sending barrels valued at from \$10 to \$20 each. One branch sent money instead of clothing which was of course quite as acceptable.

The united offering was remembered by most of the branches in the District and several branches observed Oct. 3d by special meetings, the one held by Windsor branch being particularly interesting. It was held in Church in the afternoon with twenty persons present. The meeting was opened with an appropriate service by the rector followed by four carefully prepared papers by members of the Auxiliary. One was a history of the Windsor branch during the seventeen years of its existence with summary of all work done. Another paper by Mrs. Tuxbury on The Colored Work was very interesting and one by Mrs. G. L. Burnside of Bellows Falls on Archdeacon Joyner's work was much enjoyed.

The Auxiliary is fortunate in having one devoted woman in the District who is able to visit neighboring parishes, to give personal help and instruction, all of which is most gladly received,

BELLOWS FALLS BRANCH

Took a decided step forward when in May the Woman's Auxiliary separated from the parochial society and with separate officers started out to hold monthly meetings. Interesting papers have been read at each meeting. At the August meeting Mrs. Foster, president of the Diocesan branch, was present and made a special plea for the united offering. She also urged that study classes for missions be formed and that the members should try to increase the circulation of the Spirit of Missions.

The study class has been formed, our colored work being the first subject, and work for Archdeacon Joyner begun at the October meeting. It is probable that more than one class for mission study will be formed as it is found advisable to limit a class to eight members to accomplish the best results.

This branch sent a barrel early in Advent to a mission school in West Virginia, containing second-hand clothing, toys and gifts for Christmas. Through Lent the Auxiliary worked for the Oneida Indians under the care of the Rev. F. W. Merrill, at Oneida, Wisconsin.

It is particularly encouraging to have so good a report from this large and influential branch and it is earnestly hoped that smaller and less favored branches will be able in some measure to follow their good example.

BETHEL BRANCH

Had its share in the united offering and in the work of the Diocesan branch as usual. With a settled Rector now in charge of this parish it is hoped that new courage will be taken and fresh effort made for increased devotion and service.

BRATTLEBORO BRANCH

Has the honor of having had the first district meeting under the new arrangement and we are indebted to St. Michael's branch for the gracious hospitality extended.

The branch reports more work than last year and it is hoped that the systematic study of missions may be undertaken in the near future.

CHESTER BRANCH

Worked for Archdeacon Joyner during Lent and a valuable barrel was sent after Easter.

PROCTORSVILLE BRANCH

Has not attempted any work outside the mission this year and has recently suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Todd.

RANDOLPH AND RANDOLPH CENTER BRANCHES

Shared in the work for Archdeacon Joyner and in the united offering. Parochial work occupies these branches very largely, though mission study is continued with good results.

ROYALTON BRANCH

Though small, does a very excellent work and is very much alive to all the duties and privileges of the organization, as \$55 for the united offering indicates.

The members of this branch are so few in number and so occupied with domestic duties that they have found it easier and fully as acceptable to give money instead of sewing, and in mission study they have instituted an individual study of the missionary field, each one taking and continuing from month to month a mission, or, when such is small, more than one. This is systematic study. A plan others similarly situated might follow.

NORWICH BRANCH

With its eight members has continued to do good work and a lively interest is sustained.

SPRINGFIELD BRANCH

Has been very active during the past year, and excellent work has been accomplished. It was the first to engage in the work for Archdeacon Joyner and the monthly meetings of the mission class have been continued throughout the year.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION BRANCH

Joined with Windsor Branch in sending a nice contribution to Archdeacon Joyner's work.

WOODSTOCK BRANCH

Worked faithfully for two little motherless girls in Virginia daughters of a missionary, and sent them an Easter box of nearly one hundred dollars value. This branch holds monthly meetings, at which addresses are made and papers read. It's share in the United Offering was a large one also. This branch has a record of faithful work for many years that few branches of its size can surpass.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Has visited only three of the branches during the past year, but frequent correspondence has been kept up and a better acquaintance made with each branch, and a cordial sympathy is felt for each.

A complaint is sometimes heard of the constant appeals to give. One can only give what one has received, whether in material or spiritual things. "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." "If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou has little do thy diligence gladly to give of that little." May it not be true of many of us that our capacity for both receiving and giving may be largely increased?

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. SHELDON,

Vice-President Windsor District.

REPORT OF THE RUTLAND DISTRICT.

A meeting of the district branches of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in Trinity Church, St. John's Parish, Poultney, June 11, with representatives present from seven of the parishes. The day was begun with a celebration of the Holy Communion. Addresses were made during the day by the rector, Rev. J. Malcolm Smith, Rev. Theo. B. Foster of Rutland, Rev. Philip Schuyler of Bennington, Rev. S. H. Watkins of Arlington and Rev. S. H. Hilliard, Sec. of the New England Department of the Church Temperance Society. Their words served to renew our interest in missionary work in general and in particular as did letters from workers in China and among the colored of South Carolina. We were also reminded forcefully of the work that may be done in our own gates and the need of supporting the Diocesan missions. An appeal for an outfit for an Indian girl of St John's School, Ft. Bennett, met with ready response from all the delegates present, and each branch undertook to furnish a part. The collection taken at this meeting amounted to about nine dollars and was voted for the Chinese missions. \$1.44 was afterwards given for Diocesan missions. Evening service was held at five p. m., which closed the meeting.

The district box was finished and started on its long journey to South Dakota the first week of October. The box of clothing, including the freight and a good mattress for the school, was valued at about \$50.00. Other Auxiliary work done in the District includes boxes for Miss Buford, St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School, St. Elizabeth, S. D., a clergyman in Alabama and others.

Though fourteen parishes and missions are counted in the Rutland District, they have not all branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mite boxes for the united offering were used in at least six.

Bennington started in October a mission study class. The class in Rutland met every other Friday all winter and has done good work. A recent request for information how to start a study class was received from Poultney and a pamphlet sent them.

The Guild of Trinity Parish, Rutland, has been re-organized as a parochial branch of the Woman's Auxiliary with parish officers.

Respectfully submitted.

MABEL R. CHAFFEE.

REPORT OF THE ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.

The St. Albans District numbered at the opening of this annual meeting ten organized branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. I have the pleasure of presenting the names of three other parishes or missions who desire to be admitted to the Vermont Branch:—Enosburg Centre, Highgate and East Fairfield.

Enosburg Centre has long been auxiliary in everything but name, and it is a satisfaction to at last number with us this band of women who have done such efficient work in the past.

Highgate had a branch of the Auxiliary years ago. But this present branch was formed during the past year, and if continued along the line begun will be an example for some older branches to follow. Their meetings are always opened or closed with prayer, missionary reading is done, and in the United Offering every woman of the branch had her share, thus giving more in one year than many who had the three-years' opportunity.

East Fairfield is but newly organized as a mission, and the fact of the Woman's Auxiliary springing into being almost as soon as the mission itself, is most encouraging. I must add in simple justice that the formation of these new branches, now applying for admission, is due to the zeal of the clergy in charge and the earnest women themselves rather than to the efforts of the vice-president.

I shall not enumerate work done or money given by each branch, as a double report of this is unnecessary. The amount and quality of work has equalled and perhaps exceeded former years. And so far as I can learn more money has been given toward different missionary objects than ever before, Enosburg Falls rather taking the lead in this respect. Each branch has made some contribution to the work of the Auxiliary. The district box sent to the Indian work under the Rev. J. Maggrah, White Earth, Minn., was valued at \$107.95.

Another united work of the District was the raising of \$25 toward the support of a little colored child in St. Mary's Orphanage, Baltimore. All but one branch in the District contributed. I mention this particularly because, so far as I know, this is the first united offering of money, for any special object, given by the District as a district. The Sister in charge at St. Mary's wrote that this money seemed an immediate answer to prayer.

I think too that more money than heretofore went from this District to the united offering. And what is better, an appreciation of what our united offering is has been awakened, the result of which I am sure will tell in the future.

As to the real life of the Auxiliary there is encouragement. The missionary reading at the meetings is coming to be expected, and not an innovation to be questioned a little. In nearly all branches prayers open or close the meetings, and many individuals have the prayers for the Auxiliary for their private devotions.

We have here as everywhere the careless, the uninterested, the indifferent, even present at our meetings; and often our first duty lies in convincing those in our own Jerusalem how real and how dear is the privilege of sharing in sending out the light. Our New England reserve hinders our giving the loving invitation, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." And that same reserve perhaps hinders the seemingly indifferent ones from showing the interest they at heart feel.

Our district meetings do much in the way of breaking this reserve, and drawing us all nearer together. We have had two meetings in the past year, both full of blessing to those who attended.

The first was held at Richford, December 11 and 12, begun in bitter cold and snow, warmed by the welcome we received. The hospitable rectory was opened to receive as many as possible for

entertainment and all of us for our luncheon Wednesday. The Rev. and Mrs. Coffin from Glen Sutton, Province of Quebec, were present. Mr. Coffin and Mr. Simonds gave the addresses Tuesday at evening prayer. Wednesday, morning prayer and the celebration of the holy communion, with noon-tide prayers for missions, were the services. The Rev. Mr. Walker, of East Berkshire, gave us a beautiful and helpful sermon. A business meeting was held and reports made. After our lunch we remained at the rectory and Mrs. S. Borden Smith, of Swanton, read an excellent paper on "The Auxiliary, Its Real Aim and Object." We look back upon this meeting with special affection as since then the Rev. and Mrs. James Simonds, who have done so much, not only in their own parish but wherever possible, in the interest of missions, have gone from us to new fields.

Our second meeting was a contrast to the first as regards weather, being held on two beautiful summer days, July 9 and 10, in East Berkshire. A sad summons having come to the rector of the parish, the Rev. Mr. Walker, to attend the funeral of a nephew, prevented his being with us, which was much regretted. But the arrangements had been so perfectly made that all in connection with the meeting went on smoothly.

The Rev. Mr. Simonds came to take charge and he with the Rev. Mr. Beattie, of Enosburg Falls, preached at evening prayer. A meeting of the Juniors was held in the afternoon. The missionary work among the children of this parish was among the first begun in the State, and has been faithfully continued. On Wednesday, morning prayer was read as is the custom daily of this parish. At 10.30 o'clock the holy communion was celebrated and a most spiritual sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Leach, of Sheldon, on "Sanctify the Lord God in your Hearts."

A business meeting followed, reports being made, and other matters of interest to the District talked over. Our business meetings are quite informal, but perhaps none the less helpful.

Miss Anna Lawrence, of Hannah Moore Academy, gave us an account of the method of missionary study used by her in conducting a mission study class among the pupils. We are glad to learn that some of her suggestions have been already adopted by those who heard her. After noon-tide prayer we adjourned to the pleasant home of Mrs. Daniel Moren where a bountiful lunch was served. We returned to the Church at 2.15 o'clock for a continuation of the business meeting. At this time two fine papers on China were read,—“The Present Condition of our China Missions” by Mrs. James Simonds, and “China Schools and Hospitals” by Miss K. Grace Wadleigh. This latter paper has done further good by being loaned to different branches of the Auxiliary.

In closing I want to mention one bundle that came to the district box. A devout churchwoman living on a farm gathered the children near her together and sent a beautiful quilt and some little garments as their contribution. I have since learned from the rector of the parish nearest her that most of his last confirmation class came from the efforts of this same woman. This seems to me a very lovely answer to the objection sometimes made of being too

few in numbers, too limited in opportunity, too busy to form a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

And as we again come together for our annual meeting, the remembrance of the help and inspiration given us last year by the presence of dear Mrs. Twing, gone on into the Church Expectant, is strong upon us. And when we have such examples of devotion and self-consecration before us, "our hearts are brave again and arms are strong," and we pray earnestly "O, God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train."

LOUISA BRAINERD.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AS REVISED AND ADOPTED.

NAME.

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

OBJECT.

Article II.—Its object shall be the acquirement and diffusion of missionary intelligence and the increase of missionary activity among the women of the Church in the Diocese.

OFFICERS.

Article III.—The officers of the Branch shall be a President, as many Vice-Presidents as there are Missionary Districts in the Diocese—one for each District—a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a General Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, and a Treasurer. These shall, together, constitute the Executive Council.

ELECTIONS.

Article IV.—(1) To office: Officers shall be severally elected by ballot at each annual meeting; the mode of nomination shall be defined in the By-Laws. (2) To membership: Applications approved by the Executive Board shall be presented after roll-call at the annual meeting by the Corresponding Secretary.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Article V.—It shall be the duty (*a*) of the President to preside at all meetings of the Branch and its Executive Council (except when the Bishop of the Diocese is requested to preside *ex-officio*), to appoint from among the newly elected Vice-Presidents a *First* Vice-President, to appoint all the committees save when the Assembly claims the right to do this, and to do all else usually appertaining to her office; (*b*) of the First Vice-President, to perform the duties of the President in her absence; (*c*) of all the Vice-Presidents to act under the President as Directors of the Branch in their respective districts—their duties as such being defined in the By-Laws—and to prepare for each annual meeting synopses of work done during the year in their districts; (*d*) of the Recording Secretary, to give notice of all general meetings of the Branch and make necessary arrangements with the railroads; to keep a roll of the delegates in attendance and a record of such meetings, to be printed annually; (*e*) of the Corresponding Secretary, to conduct the correspondence of the Branch with the affiliated associations, the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary and others; to send out blanks for applications for admission, credentials, reports, etc.; to prepare a report for each annual meeting, and to do all else usually appertaining to her office; (*f*) of the Secretary of the Junior Aux-

iliary, to stimulate the interest in and knowledge of missions and to unify the missionary work of the children of the church, both for objects within and without the Diocese; (g) of the Treasurer, to take charge of all funds of the Branch; to pay out the same upon its order or that of the Executive Council; to prepare a report of each annual meeting, and to do all else usually appertaining to her office. (h) It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to arrange the business of each annual meeting, posting the same beforehand in the porch of the church where held, and to arrange in general the work of the Branch.

PRIVILEGES OF OFFICERS.

Article VI.—The officers of the Branch shall be entitled, at all meetings, to all the privileges of the floor.

ELIGIBILITY AND REPRESENTATION.

Article VII—(1) To membership: Any organization of women of the church in the Diocese presenting satisfactory credentials shall be eligible to membership in the Branch, to which it shall report its missionary work, except such as is done in its own parish. The first organized society in each parish may send three, and those subsequently formed two, delegates to the annual meeting; but no delegate shall be entitled to a seat until her credentials have been accepted.

(2) To office: Any member of the society shall be eligible to any office in its gift, but no member shall hold more than one office at a time.

MEETINGS.

Article VIII.—The annual meeting of the Branch shall be held on such day of September, October or November as the President may appoint. The semi-annual meeting of such Diocesan officers and delegates to the previous annual meeting as may be able to attend, shall be holden on the day and at the place where the Diocesan convention is held.

QUORUM.

Article IX.—A majority of delegates present shall constitute a quorum for amendments to its constitution.

AMENDMENTS.

Article X.—(1) Amendments to the Constitution of the Branch must be presented on paper at an annual meeting and be voted upon at the next annual meeting.

(2) Amendments to the By-laws may be presented and voted upon at any general meeting, but all the By-Laws must accord with the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

1—NOMINATION.

The officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor.

2—APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriations for the year shall be made at the annual meeting, at which time an Auditor shall be appointed by the President.

3—REPORTS.

Each organization in the Branch shall fill out report blanks for the year's work, ending with the first day of August, and send to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks before the annual meeting.

4—ANNUAL DIRECTORS.

The duties of the Vice-Presidents shall be to direct the work in their respective districts; to form classes for missionary study; to disseminate missionary literature; to visit and encourage existing Societies, and to form new ones where none exist, and to arrange for such district meetings as shall subserve these purposes. They shall obtain the President's approval of their plans of work, and shall, from time to time, confer with her about them.

5—DELEGATES.

The names of the delegates to the annual meeting shall be sent as early as practicable, both to the Recording Secretary and to the Secretary of the organization which is to entertain the Branch.

6—VACANCIES.

In case of a vacancy arising in any Diocesan office, the place shall be filled by the Executive Council until the next annual meeting.

