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OFFICERS

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FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS

MINUTES

The fortieth annual meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Windsor, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28-29, 1918.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 28

Evening Prayer was said at seven forty-five by the Rector, the Reverend P. C. Manzer. The sermon was preached by the Reverend J. W. Tripp of Richford.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

The Holy Communion was celebrated at seven a. m. by the Rector.

Morning prayer was said at nine o'clock, followed by a second celebration of the Holy Communion at half past nine, at which the Bishop Coadjutor was the celebrant.

The business session opened at ten fifteen, Bishop Bliss presiding, at the president's request. After the credentials were accepted the roll was called.

Delegates

Barre, Church of the Good Shepherd—Mrs. W. J. M. Beattie, Mrs. S. N. Parker, Mrs. F. W. Robinson.

Bellows Falls, Immanuel Church—Mrs. C. T. Allen, Mrs. C. H. Rich, Mrs. W. F. Perley.

Bennington, St. Peter's—Mrs. Joseph M. Ayers, Mrs. William H. Wills

Brattleboro, St. Michael's—Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Martin.

Junior Branch—Mrs. J. Canton.

Burlington, St. Paul's—Miss E. D. V. Lowry, Mrs. William Henderson.
Young Woman's Branch—Deaconess Louisa, Miss Jennie E. Lattin.

East Berkshire, Calvary Church—Mrs. F. S. Hutchinson, Miss Melissa Perley.

Enosburg Falls, St. Matthew's—Mrs. J. H. Mears.

Highgate, St. John's—Mrs. E. S. Stone, Miss Susan Rixford.

Middlebury, St. Stephen's—Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Stearns.
Junior Branch—Mrs. Grace Brown.

- Montpelier*, Christ Church—Mrs. C. D. Mather.
Newport, St. Mark's—Mrs. John M. Cunningham.
Northfield, St. Mary's—Mrs. Fred N. Whitney.
Poultney, Trinity Church—Mrs. Louisa Lewis, Mrs. H. P. Scratchley,
 Mrs. C. W. Humphrey.
Rutland, Trinity—Mrs. Joseph Reynolds, Mrs. Frank Pierce.
Shelburne, Trinity—Mrs. R. L. Saunders.
Springfield, St. Mark's—Mrs. W. L. Weymouth, Mrs. Eugene Spellman.
St. Albans, St. Luke's—Mrs. Hattie White, Mrs. Harry Palmer, Mrs.
 C. R. Arkinson.
St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's—Mrs. A. P. Grint, Mrs. C. A. Cramton.
Swanton, Holy Trinity—Mrs. A. O. Gates, Mrs. E. S. Stone.
White River Junction, St. Paul's—Miss Maud Burton, Mrs. J. F. Ullery,
 Mrs. Edwin Davis.
Windsor, St. Paul's—Miss Mary Evarts, Mrs. George Cross, Miss Mary
 Meirs.
Woodstock, St. James—Mrs. W. F. Jones. Junior Branch—Mrs. J.
 R. Pember.
 Summary—Total Branches, 22, Delegates 51.
 Women's Branches—46.
 Young Women's Branches—2.
 Junior Branches—3.

Following the roll call, Miss Wheeler, the President, read her annual address; then the reports of the various districts were read as follows:—Burlington, by Miss Smith; Rutland, by Mrs. Brown; Windsor, by Miss Wheeler for Mrs. Williams; Montpelier, Mrs. Denny; St. Albans, (no report, due to Mrs. Hutchinson's absence from the Diocese), St. Johnsbury, Mrs. Grint. The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and of the Treasurer were read and accepted. Mrs. Jones gave her report for the Juniors and Mrs. Reynolds for the Church Periodical Club.

At Mrs. Grint's suggestion, the balance of seven dollars left to be paid on Miss Elmendorf's type-writer was raised by personal subscription.

Noonday prayers were said by Bishop Bliss. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered for twenty-five years of service in the Diocese; also intercessions for those at war.

The president appointed the following committee on appropriations:
 Chairman, Mrs. Tyler, Brattleboro,

Mrs. Saunders, Shelburne,

Mrs. Jones, Woodstock,

Mrs. Brown, Brandon,

Mrs. Gates, Swanton.

Mrs. Hutchinson, East Berkshire.

Election of Officers

Officers were elected as follows:—

President, Miss Constance R. Wheeler.

Vice Presidents,

Burlington District, Miss Annie T. Smith.

Rutland District, Miss L. W. Lewis.

Windsor District, Mrs. F. C. Williams.

Montpelier District, Mrs. G. B. B. Denny.

St. Johnsbury District, Mrs. A. P. Grint.

St. Albans District, Mrs. John R. Cassidy.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. Y. Bliss.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Wills.

Treasurer, Mrs. F. N. Whitney.

General Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. W. F. Jones.

Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, appointed by Bishop Bliss, Mrs. J. Reynolds.

Auditor, Mr. Charles F. Chapman, appointed by the President.

Miss Wheeler explained the duties of the Educational Secretary and asked if any one fitted for the work could be nominated. Bishop Bliss suggested that Deaconess Louisa could visit parishes after Easter if her expenses were met by the Auxiliary. Following the discussion, the committee on appropriations was asked to consider the matter.

The Amendment to Article VIII substituting the words "April, May or June," for "September, October or November", which was presented at the last annual meeting, was voted upon and adopted. An amendment to By-Law III substituting "December 31" for the words "the first day of June", was also adopted.

The rector of St. Paul's announced that luncheon was ready and a recess was taken until 2:30 in the afternoon.

At half after two o'clock the meeting was again called to order.

The report of the committee on appropriations for the year 1919 was presented and accepted:

General Missions.....	\$500.00
(St. Augustine's School, Raleigh to receive \$200).	
Diocesan Missions.....	425.00
Printing, postage, expense of speakers.....	100.00
*Educational Secretary.....	150.00
Expenses of Officers.....	75.00
Bishop Hopkins Hall.....	100.00
Diocesan Altar Guild.....	25.00
Porto Rico.....	25.00
Junior Auxiliary (object to be designated).....	50.00

\$1,450.00

*(With the recommendation that the Vice Presidents add to the fund \$75.)

Miss Wheeler made an appeal for delegates to attend the Cambridge Conference.

Mrs. Denny moved that the number of Annual Reports be limited to 150 and the manner of printing be left to Mrs. Whitney.

Miss Wheeler urgently appealed for an increase in the United Offering.

Mrs. Denny nominated Deaconess Louisa for Educational Secretary. She was elected.

The Bishop urged the need of District Meetings being held with greater frequency.

This closed the business of the meeting and Mrs. Martin of Brattleboro offered a resolution of appreciation to the Rector of St. Paul's Church and the members of Windsor District for their generous entertainment of the fortieth annual meeting.

At four o'clock and at half after seven, Miss Dorothy Mills, was the chief speaker. She emphasized especially the economic outlook of our Mission work in China, incidentally giving many an insight into her own good work there.

The service of the evening closed the fortieth annual meeting of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL M. WILLS,

Recording Secretary

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

In Article VIII of our Constitution (a copy of which is at the end of the annual Report of 1917) you will find that the Executive Council, which consists of the Diocesan Officers of our Branch, are required to meet every year at the time and place of the Diocesan Convention. This meeting is of especial importance as it gives the Officers an opportunity to consult together. The President hardly knows how to get on without it because it makes it possible for her to bring questions before the Council which she ought not to decide alone, and which are difficult to decide through correspondence.

This year, to my great regret, this meeting did not take place, owing to the very trying weather which completely demoralized the Railroad schedules. Therefore we have no semi-annual meeting to report. It is the first time since I have been connected with the Branch that our meeting has not been held. I hope we shall not have such weather again just at the time of the Convention.

Another matter which has tried the minds if not the spirits of many of us is the change in the date of our Church's financial year. Instead of beginning our year June 1st, we now begin January 1st. This gives us for this year extra time to complete our appropriations for 1918. With seven months before us, we ought to exceed by a good deal, the \$1400 we voted to raise last October. The appropriations we are to make today will be for 1919, beginning with January 1st. We shall find it easier to raise money voted several months ahead of our year, than to go on as we have before voting to raise money for a year already nearly half gone.

A third subject to which I must call your attention, and which caused a great deal of interest at the April meeting of Diocesan Officers at the Church Missions House in New York, is the proposed war work of the Woman's Auxiliary throughout our country and wherever our Auxiliary is found. I was so fortunate as to be at that meeting and was greatly impressed by the deep sympathy and intense approval shown for the plan, proposed by the General Secretary, Miss Lindley, and endorsed by the Board of Missions, by the women present representing so many different Dioceses. The question before us was the same that is asked at present of all organizations "What can the Woman's Auxiliary do to help win the war, and afterwards in the time of reconstruction?"

Miss Lindley's plan for our special war work goes to the foundation. Our work as an organization rests upon a distinctly spiritual basis. We are trying to help win the world for Christ. That is what we exist for as a society. Without that great object full in view the Woman's Auxiliary can have no real life. So our special war work must be of a distinctly spiritual nature both now and in the future when the tremendous task of reconstruction is before us. Miss Lindley proposed that we should undertake to deepen the spiritual life of those around us many of whom are in so much sorrow and anxiety. This is a difficult quest, but it is possible and the plan meets with the cordial approval of the Board of Missions. The definite plan in outline is as follows. A few leaders, perhaps two or three, are to be found in each Diocese, who will prepare themselves for their work, by attending one of the Church Conferences held this summer and learning all they can there and in other ways. The Cambridge Conference is especially recommended. These leaders are afterwards to prepare messengers who will go out to Parishes, not their own, and endeavor to help deepen the faith and spiritual life of the women in house to house visiting and in such other ways as seem best in co-operation with the clergy. More detailed plans are to be sent out later. But in whatever way may seem best that we as a Diocesan Branch co-operate in this work, we can all help by individual prayerful preparation. Let us do this definitely when we go home from this meeting each of us in our private devotions praying for the leaders and messengers who will surely go out in many Dioceses, and we hope in our own and who

will have to have months of preparation before they begin their visits. Let us remember the great value and power of intercessory prayer and use it so truly and earnestly that this nation may come out of the War a Christian nation, not nominally only but actually—in deed and in truth, and so filled with the Holy Spirit that “the Comfortable Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received and truly believed,” even in the darkest parts of the world.

CONSTANCE R. WHEELER.

REPORT OF THE
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
FROM MAY 31, 1917 TO DECEMBER 31, 1917

BURLINGTON DISTRICT
BURLINGTON—ST. PAUL'S

Box, Rev. Horatio Gates, Milwaukee, Wis.	\$85.97	
		\$85.97

YOUNG WOMAN'S BRANCH

Box, Christmas gifts for Sunday School, Rev. E. J. Buttery, Norwich, Vt.	\$31.60	
		\$31.60

MIDDLEBURY—ST. STEPHEN'S

Box, Rev. J. H. Chapman for Anvik Mission, Alaska	\$ 8.00	
For District box, Oneida Mission.	14.00	
Parcels Post on two boxes.	2.36	
		\$24.36

SHOREHAM—ALL SAINTS'

For District Box, Oneida Mission.	\$ 3.80	
		\$3.80

VERGENNES—ST. PAUL'S

For District Box, Oneida Mission.	\$35.00	
		\$35.00
Total for District.		\$180.73

RUTLAND DISTRICT

BENNINGTON—ST. PETER'S

Toward box, Rev. C. T. Wright, Cass Lake, Minn. 45.62

\$45.62

BRANDON—ST. THOMAS'

Toward Box, Rev. C. T. Wright, inc. express. \$12.84

St. Agnes School, Kyoto. 1.55

Box, Rev. W. B. Thorn, Oneida Mission, inc. exp. 13.19

\$27.58

FAIR HAVEN—ST. LUKE'S

Box, St. Andrew's School, St. Andrew's, Tenn. \$25.00

\$25.00

Total for District. \$ 98.20

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

BARRE—CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

St. Andrew's School, Sewanee, Tenn. \$ 1.00

\$1.00

Total for District. \$ 1.00

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

ISLE LA MOTTE

Box, Rev. W. S. T. Dumville, New Meadows, Idaho. . . . \$5.00

\$5.00

Total for District. \$ 5.00

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

ISLAND POND—CHRIST'S CHURCH

St. Andrew's School, St. Andrew's, Tenn. \$ 1.00

\$1.00

LYNDONVILLE—ST. PETER'S

Oneida Mission	\$ 5.00	
		\$5.00

ST. JOHNSBURY—ST ANDREW'S

Box, Rev. Royal H. Balcom, Wind River, Wyoming	\$61.00	
		61.00
Total for District		\$67.00

WINDSOR DISTRICT

BELLOWS FALLS—IMMANUEL CHURCH

Christmas box, Mrs. Jane Schoff, Canaan, Vt., inc press	\$11.19	
Clergyman's suit	3.00	
		\$14.19

BRATTLEBORO—ST MICHAEL'S

For Box, Rev. Allen Jacobs, Oklahoma	\$25.00	
		\$25.00

WOODSTOCK—ST JAMES'

For Box, Rev. Allen Jacobs	\$40.00	
		\$40.00
Total for District		\$ 79.19

N. B. Due to the short period covered by the above report i e, from May 31 to December 31, items of work done and money sent by the following branches after January 1st, 1918 are not included:

Milton—Trinity Church, Shelburne—Trinity Church. Arlington—St. James', Castleton—St. Mark's, Hydeville—St. James', Manchester—Center, Zion Church, Poultney—St. John's, Rutland—Trinity, Montpelier—Christ Church, Northfield—St. Mary's, Websterville—St. John the Baptist's Mission, East Berkshire—Calvary Church, Enosburg Falls—St. Matthew's, Highgate Center—St. John's, Montgomery—St. Bartholemew's, Richford—St. Ann's, Sheldon—Grace Church, St. Albans—St. Luke's, Swanton—Holy Trinity, Concord—St. James' Mission, Hardwick—St. John the Baptist's Mission, Newport—St. Mark's, Chester—St. Luke's, Randolph—St.

John's, Royalton—St. Paul's, White River Junction—St. Paul's, Windsor—
St. Paul's.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AND BOX WORK BY DISTRICTS

Burlington.....	\$180.73
Montpelier.....	1.00
Rutland.....	98.20
St. Albans.....	5.00
St. Johnsbury.....	67.00
Windsor.....	79.19

\$431.12

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE L. BLISS,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 31st, 1917 to December 31st, 1917

Ervall M. Whitney treasurer, in account with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions for the period ending December 31st, 1917. The report extends over a period of seven months, from the ending of the old Church year May 31st. to December 31st, 1917, when the new Church year begins.

At the close of the year May 31st, 1917, there was a deficit of \$304.16 on our pledge for Diocesan Missions, which has since been made up. The amounts given for the deficit are as follows:

BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Middlebury.....	\$ 6.30
Middlebury Young Woman's Branch.....	.70
Middlebury " " ".....	1.75
Middlebury.....	3.47
Shelburne.....	10.00
Shoreham.....	2.00
Milton.....	1.00
Vergennes.....	20.00
Burlington.....	22.00
Burlington.....	7.00
Burlington, Miss Wheeler.....	7.00
Burlington District Meeting.....	2.58
Burlington Young Woman's Branch.....	1.50

Total for Burlington District..... \$ 85.30

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Montpelier.....	\$ 10.00
Barre.....	3.35
Barre.....	8.30
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Total for Montpelier District.....	\$ 21.85

RUTLAND DISTRICT

Rutland, Mrs. Mary Weeks.....	\$10.00
Bennington.....	5.75
Arlington.....	3.45
Poultney.....	10.00
Manchester Center.....	1.00
Forestdale.....	2.00
Brandon.....	4.25
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Total for Rutland District.....	\$36.45

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

East Berkshire.....	\$15.00
Highgate.....	7.00
Swanton.....	7.55
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Total for St. Albans District.....	\$29.55

WINDSOR DISTRICT

Miss Sheldon.....	\$ 2.00
Bellows Falls.....	10.00
White River Junction.....	3.75
Windsor.....	20.50
Brattleboro.....	10.00
Randolph.....	2.00
Chester.....	2.00
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Total for Windsor District.....	\$ 50.25

Total of all districts given for deficit.....	\$223.40
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The following contributed to the free will offering to meet balance of deficit: Mrs. J. M. Ayers, Mrs. H. E. Powell, Miss Susan Rixford, Mrs. Reid, Miss Whittemore, Mrs. Mead, Mrs. J. N. Roberts, Mrs. F. W. Howland, Mrs. Clara Brown, Mrs. Wm. H. Wills, Miss Murphy, Mrs. Dyas, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Warren Fisher, Mrs. M. C. Whittemore, Mrs. Mix, Mrs. J.

C. Stephenson, Burlington Young Woman's Guild, Mrs. F. C. Williams, Mrs. William Boynton, Mrs. F. F. Blodgett, Mrs. G. W. Davenport, Mrs. A. P. Grint, Mrs. F. D. Butterfield, Mrs. C. D. Waters, Mrs. H. M. Bell, Mrs. Gates, White River Junction, Mrs. G. Y. Bliss, Mrs. E. S. Stone, Swanton, Mrs. William Given, Mrs. S. N. Parker, Miss Jackson, Enosburg Falls.

Total amount of free will offerings for deficit \$82.03.

Total amount given for deficit, \$305.43.

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND

BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Burlington, St. Paul's.\$30.00

\$30.00

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Northfield, St. Mary's (Geo. & E. Nichols fund)\$ 7.00

7.00

RUTLAND DISTRICT

Bennington, St. Peter's.....\$ 7.75

Manchester Center, Zion Church..... 5.00

Rutland, Trinity Church..... 21.86

34.61

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

Enosburg Falls, St. Matthew's.....\$ 4.75

Sheldon, Grace Church..... 1.11

\$5.86

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's\$13.01

Newport, St. Mark's..... 15.12

Lyndonville, St. Peter's 8.05

\$37.18

WINDSOR DISTRICT

White River Junction, St. Paul's.....\$ 3.00

Windsor, St. Paul's..... 7.00

\$10.00

Total receipts from all districts acct. Genl. Fund.....	\$124.65
Offertory at Annual Meeting, St. Johnsbury	42.18
Total receipts for General Fund.....	<u>\$166.83</u>

RECEIPTS FOR SPECIAL GIFTS**FOR ST. AGNES SCHOOL, KYOTO, JAPAN**

Newport, St. Mark's.....	\$ 1.00
East Fairfield, St. Barnabas	3.00
Burlington, St. Paul's Young Women's Branch.....	6.00
Rutland, Trinity.....	1.00
Woodstock, St. James'.....	8.35
Swanton, Holy Trinity.....	2.00
Enosburg Falls, St. Matthew's	7.00
Sheldon, Grace Church.....	1.10
Springfield, St. Marks'.....	5.00
Bennington, St. Peter's.....	12.12
Bellows Falls, Immanuel.....	2.20
Brattleboro, St. Michael's.....	7.44
Windsor, St. Paul's.....	10.00
Juniors.....	2.00
Total for St. Agnes.....	<u>\$68.21</u>

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH, N. C.

(Typewriter for Miss Elmendorf)

Burlington, (Miss Wheeler sent direct).....	\$10.00
Burlington District.....	8.00
St. Albans District.....	8.00
Rutland District.....	6.50
Total for Typewriter.....	<u>\$32.50</u>

FOR ANVIK ALASKA

Juniors.....	\$ 5.00
	<u>\$5.00</u>

FOR PORTO RICO

Juniors, for Miss Jackson's work in Porto Rico.....	\$ 3.00
	<u>\$3.00</u>

FOR HONOLULU

Juniors for Honolulu	\$ 3.00	
		3.00
Total receipts for all specials		\$111.71

UNITED OFFERING RECEIPTS MAY 31st. TO DEC. 31, 1917

Burlington	\$ 5.00	
Middlebury	2.62	
Montpelier	10.00	
Middletown Springs	1.75	
Bennington	6.30	
Rutland	5.00	
Isle LaMotte	3.55	
Enosburg Falls	11.60	
Bellows Falls	10.25	
Brattleboro	24.41	
Randolph Center	5.00	
Chester	6.30	
Springfield	11.00	
Woodstock	3.00	
Lyndonville	1.84	
Total Receipts for United Offering		\$107.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Geo. Gordon King, Junior's gift, to Anvik Alaska	\$ 5.00	
Geo. Gordon King, Junior's gift, to St. Agnes School, Kyoto	2.00	
Expense of Speakers at annual meeting	51.74	
Expense for printing and stamps	3.95	
Miss Harriot Houghteling, St. Agnes School. Kyoto, Japan	66.21	
Miss Elmendorf, for typewriter, St. Augustine School	32.50	
Spencer W. Hindes bal. due on Dioc. Missions	304.16	
On dep. Ottawaquechee Svgs. Bk. Acct. United Offering	118.50	
Total amount of disbursements		\$584.06
Cash on hand in Northfield bank		221.03
Total Disbursements and cash on hand		\$805.09

SUMMARY

Cash receipts as follows:

Deficit of 1916—1917.....	\$305.43
General Fund.....	166.83
Acct. United Offering in Bank at Northfield.....	102.62
Acct. United Offering in Bank at Woodstock.....	118.50
Special Gifts.....	111.71
Total Cash received and in banks.....	\$805.09

Respectfully submitted,

ERVAL M. WHITNEY,
Treasurer

I have examined the foregoing account of Erval M. Whitney, treasurer of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and find the same correct.

CHARLES F. CHAPMAN, *Auditor*.

Woodstock, Vt., May 18, 1918.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY FROM MAY 31, 1917 TO DECEMBER 31, 1917

The report of the Junior work in the Diocese must necessarily be short as only nine Branches have reported any work done from May 31 to December 31st, 1917.

Barre, Enosburg Falls and Swanton reported work during Lent. Burlington and Montpelier have had no active Branches, but have contributed to the Junior appropriation.

The work for the Red Cross has been taken up by those usually most active in Junior work and in one parish, a happy solution of the problem was worked out by the young girls knitting squares for an afghan for convalescents in Red Cross hospitals at the same time they were receiving missionary instruction.

The Christmas boxes were sent to Miss Pauline Colby, missionary to the Indians in the Diocese of Duluth, and were greatly appreciated by her. The members of our Junior Auxiliary hold a large place in Miss Colby's affections and I am sure it is a joy to assist her and have a small part in her missionary work. Eight Branches sent boxes valued at \$69.92.

The Junior Appropriation of \$50.00 is to be equally divided between Miss Jackson's work in Porto Rico and a girl's school in Honolulu, \$9.25 has been given by three Branches for this purpose. For the united offering \$3.36.

I feel sure before the close of the year enough money will be raised to meet all our obligations and that the report of the Lenten work will be equal to other years.

Rev. Mr. Chapman wrote a most appreciative letter acknowledging the money sent him by the Junior Auxiliary of Vermont for the repairs in the church at Anik. It gave him so much pleasure that the young people of Vermont desired to help him in his work in Alaska and he assured them the money would be well spent. The amount was \$56.25.

BELLOWS FALLS—IMMANUEL CHURCH

Christmas box.....	\$ 7.10
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BENNINGTON—ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Junior appropriation.....	2.00
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BRATTLEBORO—ST. MICHAEL'S

Money sent Miss Colby.....	5.00
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MIDDLEBURY —ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Christmas box.....	5.50
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SHELDON—GRACE CHURCH

Christmas box.....	2.00
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ST. ALBANS—ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Christmas box.....	2.50
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ST. JOHNSBURY—ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Christmas box.....	\$10.05
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Box sent to Rev. R. H. Balcom, Wind River.....	21.00
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Junior appropriation.....	1.25
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United offering.....	.36
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\$32.66

WOODSTOCK—ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Christmas box.....	\$16.77
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Junior appropriation.....	6.00
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United Offering.....	3.00
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\$25.77

SUMMARY OF SIX MONTH'S WORK

Value of Christmas boxes.....	\$69.92
Junior Appropriation.....	9.25
United Offering.....	3.36

\$82.53

Respectfully submitted,

LENA N. JONES, *Gen. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE BURLINGTON DISTRICT

As this report covers only the time from May 1st to Dec. 31st, 1917, including thus the summer season when usually no work is done by the Auxiliary, it is necessarily short.

It will probably be incorrect also, as confusion resulting from change of dates has caused discrepancies between reports of secretaries and that of the vice-president. From two of the six Branches in the Burlington District no report has been received, although report blanks were duly sent by the corresponding secretary. I know of some work done in both these Missions, Shoreham and Milton, in the latter especially good work, but apparently the Auxiliary there is too modest to record it.

In view of the obstacles of sending either freight or express, it seemed best to send individual packages by parcel post from the Branches to Rev. Mr. Thorn for his Mission at Oneida, Wis., rather than to combine in a District box.

Shoreham, Middlebury, Vergennes, Burlington and Milton contributed whole value \$50.60; promptly acknowledged. The splendid work done in Shelburn belongs to 1918 and will be reported at the next annual meeting. The \$66.00 collected in this District for last year's deficit was reported at St. Johnsbury last October. There was given, too, an account of the District meeting held in Burlington, September 27th.

In addition to the general work of the District, from the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Burlington, there was sent a box to Rev. Horatio Gates, Milwaukee, Wis. From the Young Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's a box was sent to Rev. F. J. Buttery, Norwich Vt.

In August 1917 the Middlebury Branch sent a box to Rev. John Chapman at Anvik, Alaska. The \$15.00 reported as paid on the Parish apportionment by the Woman's Auxiliary of Middlebury, cannot be accounted as Auxiliary work. I give no report of money contributed for General Missions or for United Offering, as that is done by the treasurer.

I suppose I must admit that in the largest parish in the diocese there has been no Junior Auxiliary this winter, because no one felt that she could be the one to take charge. Nor was any president found for the Woman's Auxiliary in this same parish till late in the year, but the work was carried on by the former president. The Young Woman's Branch alone is sure and steadfast.

I fear that, as a rule, Auxiliary meetings are still held too rarely; in the largest parishes only once a month. Something in the nature of study or at least readings, has been pursued where practicable. This has been principally since December 1917 perhaps. At St. Paul's, Burlington a study of Missions throughout the world was taken up. That the world cataclysm has affected church work seriously—at least among ourselves we all know. For a right appreciation of and expression of our duty as regards missions in war time, I commend to your notice most heartily the article on "Piety and Politics", in the last "Mountain Echo", by the Rev. E. B. Holmes, Rector of St. Stephen's, Middlebury.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE T. SMITH, V. P.
Burlington District.

May 14th, 1918.

WINDSOR DISTRICT

While all the branches have been working as usual, the reports, in some cases look as though nothing had been done but this is due to the change of year. Four of the branches hold monthly meetings while three meet only through Lent, therefore, they have no work to report. It has been interesting looking over the questionnaire that was recently sent out to every parish. In Windsor District a communicant list of 469 parish women was reported and only 139 of them Auxiliary members. Why are the other 300 not members. The reports showed that while the Auxiliary members were interested in all church work the other women were not interested in the Auxiliary. The prevailing sentiment seemed to be that the lack of spirituality was at the bottom of the indifference shown.

Only two parishes report Junior branches, but six parishes reported only 90 young women between 18 and 21 and 75 girls between 8 and 18, the want of young people may be the reason for so few Junior Auxiliaries. During the year Windsor District has responded as usual to all the demands made upon it, and in spite of the other necessary work at this time, it would appear that the Auxiliary work is up to the regular standard. Two of the branches have worked for Valle Crucis and the others for a family box for the Rev.

Mr. Jacobs of Oklahoma, and a splendid box valued at \$180 has been sent to him.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA P. WILLIAMS.

REPORT OF THE RUTLAND DISTRICT

The number of Branches remains the same as in the last report, eight active and three Junior Branches. I have visited none of them, but have had several cordial invitations to do so. The District meeting I was invited to hold at Bennington in November was postponed on account of the rector's illness until Epiphany, when they would have a permanent supply, who could take charge of the services, but unfortunately it had to be given up. Severe weather, poor train service, and illness of the vice president made it necessary.

The appeals for box work were sent to all the Branches in November. The one for "Oneida Indian Mission" being selected for the District box. The personal box for Rev. Charles T. Wright care Lake Mission, was also undertaken by the district. The clergyman's suit was sent him in November by the Bennington Branch and, Brandon sent a parcel post before Christmas valued at \$12.84, and just after Easter I sent Rev. Mr. Wright and wife another box; this completed what was asked for in the appeal. Rutland and Arlington sent some very nice articles. I have received letters from them "expressing thanks for the remembrance in that far away country." He was especially thankful for the suit. Brandon sent a Christmas box to Rev. W. B. Thorn, Oneida Indian Mission, and after Easter the "District Box" was sent to the same place. Rutland, Poultney and Bennington contributed some very useful things. The package for the box from Poultney, showed the work done by their Branch, in making thirty-eight new garments for it. St. Luke's Branch and St. Luke's Guild work together in Fair Haven, they sent a box in December to Rev. Fr. Harrison, St. Andrew's, Sewanee, Tenn., containing an outfit for one of his boys, and a special gift as a thank offering from one of their members, was the paying for the services of a dentist and oculist for this boy. At all their meetings since St. Luke's Day they have sewed on children's things for the Belgian Relief, Red Cross work work turning out twenty garments a month. This work they will do all summer.

A corporate communion was celebrated in some of the parishes during the last week of the Pilgrimage of Prayer and an offering taken for St. Agnes School, Kyoto.

The blanks sent me by Miss Sturgis, the chairman of committee on Co-operation of Woman's Auxiliary, were sent to each Branch, and the returns

show there are in our District about eight hundred women on our Parish Rolls, one hundred and thirty-four girls under 18 and over 8 and seventy-two under 8. One hundred and thirty-five members of the Auxiliary are actively interested in our or more of the organizations in the parish. In some of the branches the need of the United Offering should be urged, and some one appointed to collect and send it to the Diocesan treasurer each year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA I. BROWN,

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Our four Branches have responded to calls for help outside the Diocese all have co-operated with all parish work. The Pilgrimage of Prayer was observed and in two parishes offerings for the Girls' School at Kyoto, Japan, were taken, amounting to \$17.21.

Our united missionary work was for the Indian Mission at Oneida Wisconsin, to the value of \$105. Clothing, bedding and other articles in great variety were contributed.

The Annual District meeting was held at Montpelier, May 22nd., with a good number present. Reports from each branch were given, showing very faithful work. Barre has suffered from removals, Websterville by illness and death, and Northfield in the retirement of the rector, but it is now in the care of a new rector, Montpelier has gained through the addition of new families. The Juniors in Barre and Montpelier were reported as doing good work but lacking in leaders. Interesting and helpful discussions were held on the closer co-operation of various women's organizations in the Church. Mrs. Whitney gave a very encouraging report of the money received from the District during the year. Mrs. Parker of Barre acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Rickert, who was elected to serve another year.

Addresses were given by Miss Wheeler and Deaconess Louisa on the need, beauty and benefit of true service and sacrifice. These were keenly appreciated. Rev. F. Barnby Leach and Mrs. Leach gave valuable assistance in music and in other ways.

That these District Meetings are helpful may be assured by the informal discussion of the question, "Shall we have these meetings once in two or three, instead of one year?" Several advised once in six months.

Respectfully submitted,

EUSEBIA M. DENNY.

THE REPORT OF THE ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

The aspirations of the Vice president of the St. Johnsbury district have not been realized as she had hoped. But very encouraging letters have been received from some of the Auxiliary Branches in the District and not as favorable from others, due to no rector in one place, which also effects Auxiliary work in another, but these good people have not entirely lost heart and hope for more encouraging things later.

Newport has done as well as usual, and they report "great ambitions for the year". Also "working on things for a box" and other lines of work to try and arouse interest. There are 12 active members in the Auxiliary who are always actively engaged in one or more of the other organizations of the Parish.

The organizations of St. Mark's co-operated with the Auxiliary in the Pilgrimage of prayer and work for boxes and in other ways.

Island Pond was sadly affected this past winter in Lent in all of its Church activities, by the town being quarantined for small pox and scarlet fever. The ladies of the church are putting forth every effort to pay off the mortgage on their rectory and have been very successful in paying off about half in two years. \$200 was paid on the rectory note since last October. There are 18 members in the Woman's Auxiliary. All of the auxiliary members are actively interested in two or more of the other organizations in the parish.

Concord has nobly done its part, tho greatly affected by the loss of so many of it's only too few helpers. But bravely on they push and to quote from their president's letter, "It must be like the Allies, I guess, we have to fight to win." At the time of sending a box of clothing to a Mission field a disaster occurred, which made it imperative that all should put forth every effort to help in the Mission, the utter destruction by fire of the home and all contents and clothing, of a family with eight small children. Helping this family was true Home Missionary work done by our faithful women in St. James'. There are only 9 women on the Mission Roll and 3 not included, total 12. They have, contributed to the United Offering, General Missions, Diocesan Missions and Valle Crucis Industrial School. All the women in the mission are active.

Hardwick, has been crippled the past winter in many ways, principally because of the departure of their missionary. They were unable to work for outside objects, so they reported; consequently their work was local.

Lyndonville has an Auxiliary membership of 25 and "some splendid workers." The report from there is "The past year has been unusually hard on account of so many other demands for time and money."

St. Johnsbury as always, devotes Lent to Missionary work, and as we sent by express a large box of warm clothing to the Rev. Royal Balcom

Wind River, Wyo., valued \$61. The Auxiliary devoted its time this year to our local Hospital needs, to the amount of \$20, and the fitting out of a destitute family with small children and husband in the hospital to the amount of \$25.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA J. S. GRINT,

Vice President St. Johnsbury District.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Current Periodicals sent regularly	47
Contributors of Current Periodicals	13
Odd Magazines and papers , Christmas and Easter cards	
Money sent, total	\$3.00

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE M. REYNOLDS

Vermont Correspondent of the C. P. C.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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, an Educational Secretary, General Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, a Treasurer and the Secretary of the Church Periodical Club. 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 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 meeting, 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 application for admission, credentials, reports, etc., to prepare for each annual meeting, and to do all else usually appertaining to her office; (f) of the Educational Secretary, to visit parishes in the interest of Mission Study and as far as possible to promote Normal study classes, (g) of the Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, to stimulate the interests 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; (h) 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 for each annual meeting and to do all else usually appertaining to her office. (i) It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to arrange the business for 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 privileges of the floor and to the right of voting. The privilege of the floor will belong to past officers.

ELIGIBILITY AND REPRESENTATION.

Article VII.—(1). To membership: Any organization of women of the Church in the Diocese presenting satisfactory credentials shall be eli-

gible 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 being a communicant of the Church shall be eligible to any office in its gift, but no member shall hold more than one office at a time.

(3) Delegates from Junior Branches will not vote under sixteen years of age.

MEETINGS

Article VIII.—The annual meeting of the Branch shall be held on such days of April, May or June 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 December thirty-first and send them to the Vice-President

of the district to be by her forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary without delay.

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.

