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The Prayer for the Woman's Auxiliary

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless, we pray Thee, our work for the extension of Thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift to us of Thy beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labour diligently and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their God and Saviour. We ask this for His dear sake.—Amen.

The Prayer for the United Thank Offering

O, Lord, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send forth more labourers unto Thy Harvest, and to grant them Thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field, and draw us into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly, as Thou hast given to them. Accept, from grateful hearts, our United Thank-Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service, and bless it to the coming of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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350 of the 1500 answered the appeal and the General Secretary began her work of corresponding with and arranging work for these parish secretaries.

"But"—says the historian of these days, Miss Julia C. Emery, "there were the existing societies to be dealt with, and it took time and patience and wisdom and generous and loving forbearance to bring these societies, formed in advance of the Woman's Auxiliary, to realize the value of union and co-operation with the larger body, which while centering at the Missionary head-quarters was instituted to reach out among the women of the Church. The difficulty was solved by the establishment of the new Auxiliary along the lines of the Church herself, not only parochial but diocesan."

In 1876 Miss Emery married the Rev. A. T. Twing (one of the three Secretaries and later General Secretary of the Board of Missions) and was succeeded by her sister Miss Julia C. Emery, who carried on the work for forty years with so much ability and quiet patient perseverance that there is now a Diocesan Branch in every one of our Dioceses and 4000 parochial Branches in all.

Here let me quote Miss Emery again as this contains a reply to the question:—"Are all female members of the Church also members of the Woman's Auxiliary?" a question which is often asked and to which mistaken answers are often given by the clergy as well as by members of the Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Emery (and who should know better?) writes:—"It has therefore come to pass that while every baptized woman—by virtue of her Baptism is a member of Christ's Body, the Church,—*may be, if she will*," (please note those words) and individual member of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions such women banded together in any one parish, with the Rector's approval, form a parochial Branch and these parochial Branches within a Diocese, banded together with the Bishop's approval form a diocesan Branch."

Now I think we are prepared to take up the history of the Woman's Auxiliary in our own Diocese.

There had been parochial societies of women in this Diocese working independently of each other, and doing whatever kind of work appealed to them for the moment for some time. This was quite in accordance with the individualistic attitude of the people of Vermont from the beginning of its existence, as a state, whether considered geographically, politically or religiously. After examining the history of Vermont one can hardly blame the people for this tendency.

But at the Diocesan Convention of 1877, which met at Rut-

land June 13-14, a group of women from ten parishes, who had begun to understand the need of corporate Missionary effort, sent a petition to the Convention. The petition was signed by seventeen women seven of whom were from Trinity church, Rutland, and two from St. Luke's Church, Chester.

It was as follows:—

"We the undersigned, interested members of the one Catholic and Apostolic Church, feeling most deeply the truth and importance of the Rev. Mr. Roberts' suggestions in his able and comprehensive sermon last evening, do hereby signify our desire for organization in which we may be directed in our Church work, and do petition that the Convention now assembled will not fail to place this matter in such definite form that each and every Rector may be upheld and encouraged to take the lead and each and every Parish realize and recognize its responsibility both as an individual organization and as a member of the Convention."

The signatures follow:—

Mrs. Mary A. B. Hull, Christ Church, Montpelier.

Mrs. Daniel C. Roberts, St. Thomas Church, Brandon.

Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield, St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

Mrs. A. B. Flanders, } St. Luke's Church, Chester.

Miss E. M. Fullerton, } St. Luke's Church, Chester.

Mrs. R. Haskins, St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro.

Mrs. J. B. Jones, St. James Church, Woodstock.

Mrs. C. R. Brewer, Christ Church, Enosburg.

Mrs. J. Burdette, St. James' Church, Arlington.

Mrs. E. H. Randall, St. James' Church, Poultney.

Mrs. E. F. Cooke,

Mrs. Levi G. Kingsley, }

Mrs. F. W. Hopkins, }

Mrs. W. H. B. Owen, }

Miss S. N. Rice, }

Miss Mary C. Wooster.

Trinity Church, Rutland.

We owe much to these women who were able to rise above the narrowness of parochialism and take the initial step towards Catholic comprehensiveness. Pioneers are generally misunderstood and criticised. No doubt these were when they brought the matter before the women without vision in their respective parishes. But their perseverance was rewarded.

This petition was read and referred to a committee to report at the next Convention. It will interest some of our older members to know that the committee consisted of the Rev. D. C. Roberts of Brandon, Col. F. E. Smith of Montpelier, and the Hon. George Briggs of Brandon.

At the Diocesan Convention of 1878, which met in Burling-

ton at St. Paul's Church June 5-6, this Committee reported (partly) as follows:—

"The organization of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in this Diocese is well on its way towards completeness. The ladies of several Parishes in the Diocese, having associated themselves together for Missionary work and after consultation with the Bishop and members of the Committee met together in St. Paul's Church, Burlington on the 4th inst., and after addresses from the Bishop, the Chairman of your Committee, the Rev. Dr. Twing (Secretary of the General Board of Missions of the Church) and Miss Emery of New York, the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the General Board of Missions, organized and adopted the Constitution," a copy of which was appended to the report.

The Committee ended the report by recommending two resolutions, as follows:—

"RESOLVED: That this Convention recognizes the effective work done by the Woman's Auxiliary Societies in the several Parishes, and of other similar organizations.

"RESOLVED: That such organizations properly formed and recognized by the Bishop of the Diocese and recommended by the Rectors of Parishes, have authority to make reports of work to be received by this Convention, filed with the Secretary, and if so voted, to be printed in the Journal."

Apparently these resolutions were accepted as the Annual Report of the Woman's Auxiliary appeared from that time in the Convention Journal until 1898, when it was published by the Auxiliary itself and has been ever since.

The Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church was now on its feet and has survived in spite of its long name, the only change in the title being: "to the National Council" instead of "to the Board of Missions".

In his Convention Address of 1878 Bishop Bissell explained why he had thought it wise to organize a Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

After referring to the efforts to form societies of women in connection with the (national) Woman's Auxiliary he states that very few congregations could afford to sustain such organizations in exclusively promoting interests outside the Parishes. But he also alludes to the difficulties in meeting the financial needs of the Diocese which seemed to be increasing "in a way that was bidding fair to stop or greatly contract the extension of the Church in Vermont" and he adds that very few men have the leisure to raise money for these purposes. "And so situated"

he continues, "it seems to me a case in which we may very properly invoke the assistance of the women of the Church."

With these considerations before them the women began in a somewhat tentative way as far as assisting the work in the Foreign field was concerned and the money reported for the first few years was almost wholly for Parochial or Diocesan purposes. But many boxes were sent to Domestic Missions and Missionaries, which included Missions among the Negroes and Indians.

For the first five years the Treasurer's Report was incorporated in that of the Corresponding Secretary, after that time the reports were read separately by the respective officers.

At the annual meeting of 1879 the resignation of Mrs. E. J. Phelps, of Burlington, who had been appointed President by Bishop Bissell in 1878, was laid before the meeting by him and Mrs. Charles Clement of Rutland was elected in her place. Mrs. J. Isham Bliss of Burlington began her work as Corresponding Secretary at this meeting, which office she held for five years, and was succeeded by Mrs. Charles E. Allen of Burlington. One cannot say enough in praise of the conscientious and accurate work under difficult and confusing conditions shown in the reports of these officers. Three Vice-Presidents were elected at this meeting. At the next meeting, in 1880, the report for the year, omitting the Parish work, was as follows:—

Box work for Domestic Missions,.....	\$711.80
Money for Domestic Missions	23.14
Money for Diocesan Missions	85.35
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Total	\$820.29

This was beginning in a small way but the advance was steady. In 1882 we find:

Boxes and Money for Domestic Missions.....	\$1474.63
Money for Diocesan Missions	329.88
Money for Foreign Missions	129.50
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Total	\$1934.01

The next two meetings:—1883 and 1884, must have been most interesting and various changes took place. In 1883 we note four changes:—1st. The Reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, which had been read together, were separated. 2nd. The time of the Annual Meeting was changed from the time and place of the Diocesan Convention in the spring (May or June), to the fall. 3rd. The Holy Communion was celebrated

in connection with the Annual meeting for the first time. And, 4th, It was voted to adopt a motto for the Branch:—"Non sibi sed aliis". This motto appeared on the first page of the Annual Report until 1891. Why it was discarded then I do not know. It is to be regretted that it has disappeared, and in passing I would suggest either that it be revived, or that some other motto be assumed by the Vermont Auxiliary. The best motto I know is that of the Canadian Auxiliary:—"The love of Christ constraineth us" which is full of inspiration, and which the Canadian Auxiliary will gladly share with us if we wish to assume it.

Miss Emery had been at the meetings of 1879 and 1880 and had spoken helpfully to the delegates. At this meeting (1883) a letter was read from her calling attention to the need of offerings for Foreign and Domestic Missions, also a letter from Mrs. Charles Clement earnestly presenting the great need of the Church in the unoccupied portions of the Diocese. These letters seem to have been discussed freely and with difference of opinion.

It is interesting to note a Resolution which was adopted at this meeting, as it was the beginning of our system of appropriations, and of the name:—General Fund, which has always been applied since then to the whole amount of appropriations, and which is apt to puzzle new-comers,—officers as well as delegates. The Resolution was as follows:—

"RESOLVED, that if the sum of \$200.00 be raised for a General fund, \$50.00 shall be appropriated to the Rev. Henry Dunlap's colored schools in Georgia: \$25.00 to the Woman's Hospital in Wuchang, China; \$75.00 for the Mission work of the Rev. E. H. Randall, and \$50.00 to be equally divided between the Sunday Schools of the Rev. Gemont Graves and the Rev. G. H. Bailey. If more than the \$200.00 be contributed it shall be equally divided between these Missionaries for use in their Missions."

In his Convention address of 1884 Bishop Bissell made a strong appeal for more real interest in the Missions of the Church as a whole. He said:—"A parish that tries to live, isolating itself, fixing the attention of its members solely upon its own needs, and neglecting the work which Christ has committed to His Church, is teaching its people to be selfish and narrow-minded."

This same year the Vermont Auxiliary began its new venture of having the annual meeting in the Autumn. Great interest was shown on the part of the women in general at this sixth meeting of the Branch, who were probably aroused

to greater effort by the Bishop's words.

Some women of means who had the needs of the Diocese much at heart had stirred up the mind of the meeting, and as a result the Auxiliary assumed responsibility for a large part of the salary of the Missionary in charge of the southern counties. This was made possible by generous gifts from Mrs. Charles Clement (the retired President) whose earnest letter of the year before showed how deeply she loved the Church and desired to extend it in Vermont.

Very wide-awake papers were read at this meeting by members of the Branch which were printed in the Convention Journal. Mrs. Henry J. Watson of St. Albans read a paper on the "Importance of a larger circulation of the Spirit of Missions in our Diocese." She stated the somewhat startling fact that in the Congregational Woman's Board of Missions in Vermont 35,000 copies of their Missionary Magazines were taken, whereas we were only taking 58 copies of the Spirit of Missions.

Another paper, by Mrs. F. N. Smith of Woodstock, on "Woman's Work for the Church in Vermont, its Successes and Failures" is well worth reading. It is written with intense feeling, almost at a white heat in its appeal for better and higher ideals for women, and it is most interesting in connection with our present developments. At the end she says:—"The prime safety of any state lies in the virtue, patience and devotion of its women. Once let us, who are the conservators of the morals of this world, permit the standard of true womanhood to be lowered among us and a night as dark as that which shrouded the declining days of the Roman empire will descend on this Republic, and we shall present a spectacle of the mightiest and most hopeless ruin the world has even seen."

At the annual meeting of 1886 the Vermont Auxiliary, having learned from the Connecticut Auxiliary that such an arrangement worked well with them, decided to divide—for their work—the Diocese into five Missionary Districts with a committee of ladies from each District to arrange for Missionary meetings to be held during the year. Mrs. T. H. Canfield of Burlington was appointed to visit these Districts, when requested to do so, and to help in the work as far as possible. This was perhaps a precursor of the office of Educational Secretary which we now have. The members of the committees were afterwards called District Managers. There were at first four and later two elected for each District.

A steady increase in the Southern Counties Fund marked the next two years. In 1888 it stood at \$1022.00 while the appro-

priations for other purposes amounted to \$580.00.

This was the financial situation at the end of the first decade of the Auxiliary's existence in Vermont, the Box work going on much as in 1880.

Here it seems advisable to mention two matters of interest: First, the admission of Parochial Societies into the Diocesan Auxiliary, and secondly the individual women most prominently connected with the work during these ten years.

By 1888 almost one of the societies of women doing Missionary work in the Diocese had been admitted according to the second By-law in the Constitution, as it then stood, into union with the Diocesan Branch. Practically each Parish had a Parish Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, which meant that they were entitled to send delegates to the meetings of the Diocesan Branch. In 1888 thirty-seven societies had been admitted. Some of the earlier admitted societies were those in:

Arlington, Bennington, Burlington, Montpelier,
Poultney, St. Albans, Rutland, Shelburne, Woodstock,
Brandon, Factory Point (now Manchester Center),
Georgia, Bellows Falls, Chester, Swanton, Winooski,
Brattleboro, Northfield, Sheldon, Vergennes.

All the thirty-seven societies having once been regularly admitted must surely remain permanently Parish Branches of the Diocesan Auxiliary, whether they are active or not. When a new Rector finds no active Auxiliary work going on and doubts whether there is a Parish Branch in your Parish, refer him to the early reports in the Journals of Conventions. It only needs to be revived. Otherwise societies would be admitted over and over again, for I am sorry to say Missionary activity does sometimes die out in a Parish Branch either from negligence on the part of the women themselves or negligence on the part of their Rector. I find some few Branches have been admitted more than once, which shows carelessness all around, as I think you will all agree.

To go on to our second point of interest:— the outstanding women during the first decade. These were so far as I can ascertain:

Mrs. Charles Clement of Rutland, who was actually our first President. She was full of earnest and unflaging interest in the extension of the Church in Vermont and gave through the Auxiliary most generously towards Missionary enterprises in the Diocese.

Mrs. H. H. Baxter, also of Rutland and later our President for three years, was also a generous giver. Others who were very active and helpful were:—

Mrs. J. Isham Bliss of Burlington
Mrs. John N. Baxter of Rutland
Mrs. Thomas H. Canfield of Burlington
Mrs. Theodore A. Hopkins of Burlington
Mrs. Charles E. Allen of Burlington
Mrs. Edson P. Gilson of Rutland
Mrs. Edward L. Wyman of Manchester Center
Mrs. Jesse Burdette of Arlington
Mrs. Charles E. Parker of Vergennes.

I shall refer to some of these pioneers later.

The second decade of the life of the Vermont Auxiliary saw many changes.

Through the activity of Mrs. Canfield a good deal had been done in securing offerings from the Sunday School. The amounts reported in this direction for the next few years seem large, but we must remember that the Children's Lenten Offering, which is now sent to the National Council for the Missionary work of the Church, was not then in existence.

In 1889 the Vermont Woman's Auxiliary assumed the responsibility of the salary of the Rev. Benjamin W. Atwell who had been appointed General Diocesan Missionary, which amounted to \$1500.00. This would not have been possible had it not been for Mrs. Clement's and Mrs. Baxter's, and a few smaller but no less generous gifts. Whether it was a wise thing to thus relieve the men of the Diocese from their responsibility for this important Diocesan work is questionable. But it was prompted by zeal and devotion. The appropriations aside from this amount were \$243.00.

From time to time the Vermont Auxiliary has been privileged to be addressed by some of the most noteworthy and some of the most saintly Missionaries not only in our Branch of the Church but in the world. At one of our earlier meetings Bishop Boone of Shanghai, that intrepid soldier and servant of our Lord, spoke to the women, and in 1890 Bishop Hare, of South Dakota,—of blessed memory—addressed them. The offerings at this meeting amounted to \$109.27.

The Vermont Branch was never forgotten by the Board of Missions, and at this meeting Dr. Langford, then General Secretary of the Board was one of the speakers. At the meeting of 1891 four delegates were elected to attend the Tri-ennial of the National Auxiliary which met in 1892. In June 1892 a District meeting was held in Rutland at which Bishop Bissell addressed the Auxiliary for the last time. He died a little less than a year from that time:—May 14th, 1893.

The folowing meeting was held in Woodstock Oct. 4th, 1893.

The year before the Auxiliary had found it better to share the Diocesan Missionary's salary with the Missionary Board of the Diocese and had agreed to give \$750.000 towards it. But this year the Diocesan Missionary Board found itself unable to continue its part of the salary, and the Auxiliary voted to become responsible for it until the next Diocesan Convention, at the rate of \$1600 a year. Dr. Harris was then Diocesan Missionary. Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Charles Clement and Mrs. Webb gave largely to this fund. A Resolution was adopted at this meeting which reads as follows:—

“RESOLVED: “That the work of the younger Societies be united under the name of the Junior Auxiliary with a Secretary who shall be one of the General Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary.”

Mrs. T. H. Canfield was elected Secretary.

On the Feast of the Purification of the following year (Feb. 2nd, 1894) our present Bishop was consecrated.

The Annual meeting of the Auxiliary took place in Burlington that year October 15th, 16th and 17th. The evening of the 15th a sermon was preached by the Bishop, who also celebrated the Holy Communion the next morning at 7:30. The business meeting began at 10.00 a. m., after Morning Prayer, with the President, Mrs. Laura M. Gray, a daughter of Bishop Bissell, in the Chair.

A good deal of time seems to have been given to discussing amendments to the Constitution which had been presented by Mrs. Canfield at the previous meeting. These amendments were adopted, but as the whole Constitution was altered in 1898 it is not important to consider them here. The appropriations were largely for the Diocese. Several Parishes pledged \$159.00, between them, for Barre where a Church was to be built and this amount was over and above the \$100.00 pledged by the Branch for the same purpose. \$50.00 was voted for the United Offering at this meeting, and the report of the Junior Auxiliary's work and money offerings from Easter 1894 to Easter 1895 was \$381.17.

In 1895 and 6 the Vermont Auxiliary lost two of its most valued members:—Mrs. Charles E. Allen and Mrs. H. H. Baxter, memorials of whom were read at the Annual Meeting of 1896. For thirteen years Mrs. Allen was Corresponding Secretary of the Branch and performed the duties of that office with conscientious accuracy, and with a continued interest in the Auxiliary. As the memorial says:—“She served the Auxiliary with hands and head and heart.”

Mrs. Baxter was, for three years, President and “always the wise adviser and sympathetic friend” of the Vermont Aux-

iliary. "She was royally generous, gentle and self-sacrificing" says the memorial. It is a help and inspiration to have such women to look back to. We may well be thankful for their examples of faithfulness and loving interest.

At the next Annual Meeting it was voted to discontinue the appropriation for the Diocesan Missionary. After some discussion it was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider and report on amendments to the Constitution, such amendments, when reported, to be published in *The Mountain Echo* and acted upon at the next Annual meeting. The Committee appointed consisted of:

Miss Julia Jackson of Brandon, Chairman

Miss M. J. Johnston of Northfield,

Mrs. E. L. Temple of Rutland.

This work was carried out by the Committee, assisted by the Bishop, and the result was our present Constitution which has only been altered since then in minor ways. I have here a copy of the earlier Constitution which any who wish to do so can examine. It is interesting as showing how much progress has been made in business-like methods among the women. It does not seem possible that any one could accept such a document at present.

The Auxiliary voted in 1898 to print the Annual Report at its own expense, separately,—for the future.

In 1899 a new decade began for the Vermont Auxiliary. At the Annual meeting of this year the Branch voted to try to raise \$5000 for the Vermont Diocesan Schools. The appropriations amounted to \$630.00, \$200 being towards a scholarship at Bishop Hopkins Hall. The death of Mrs. E. L. Wyman of Manchester Center was recorded at this meeting. She had succeeded Mrs. John N. Baxter of Rutland as Treasurer and had held that difficult office with unfailing interest and skill for twelve years. The resolutions which were adopted by a rising vote, expressed the keen sense of loss felt by the Vermont Auxiliary in the death of this devoted officer. She was succeeded by Mrs. Charles E. Parker of Vergennes after a few months service on the part of Mrs. J. W. Cramton.

At the meeting of 1900 Mrs. Canfield read a short history of the Branch, which she had prepared with care, and which extended over twenty-one years. As one of the charter members of the organization she spoke with knowledge of the earlier difficulties it encountered and with gratitude for the help the Branch received from members of the Diocesan Convention in

those early days, especially from the Secretary of the Convention, who was responsible for publishing the Reports, and also for Miss Emery's helpful instructions.

The annual meeting of 1901 voted to change the number of Districts from five to six, the new one being the St. Johnsbury District. The United Thank offering, which was sent from Vermont to the Triennial in California this year, amounted to \$630.64. The Vermont Branch was beginning to realize the importance of this general offering from all the women of the Church.

In 1903 the Bishop, who generally presided at the request of the President at the Annual meetings, and who always brought order and good cheer with him, was unable to be present. He sent a letter which was read by the President, Mrs. M. Lloyd Woolsey, in which he warned us not to be over-anxious that offerings should pass through our own organization. "If"—he continued,—"as church women you can help your several parishes and missions to do better in the way of missionary offerings and missionary interest it may be better than that there should be larger contributions from the Woman's Auxiliary." The appropriations, however, continued to increase, and this year we felt a real gain had been made when it was voted to raise \$1000.00.

In 1905 the Windsor District sent its Vice President to the Summer Church Conference at Richford Springs, N. Y. If each District of our Vermont Auxiliary would raise money for sending its Vice President to one of the inspiring Summer Conferences of which we are now offered a number, it would bring untold good to the District and to the whole Diocese.

The next three years were most encouraging from a financial point of view, for the receipts exceeded the appropriations for the General Fund to the great satisfaction of our good Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Parker. On the strength of this the appropriations were set at \$1500.00 in 1908 when sixty-eight delegates were present at the Annual Meeting in Rutland. And so we ended another decade.

The next year's report showed a deficit of \$195.20. This was more than made up in the following year when the appropriations (\$1500.00) were exceeded. In 1910 the fund which the Vermont Auxiliary was raising for Bishop Hopkins Hall had reached the amount of \$1806.85; it was then, by vote of the annual meeting of 1909, paid to the Trustees of the Diocese for the School. So our responsibility ceased in that direction, but we have continued to appropriate what we found we could, each year since then for the School. In 1911 there was a falling off

again, also in 1912 and 1913. These deficits were met in 1914 and \$1566.78 was reported for the General Fund. At this high water mark Mrs. Parker, our Treasurer, felt that she must resign. She was succeeded by Miss Alice G. Sheldon of Windsor.

But the shadow of the world war was bringing anxiety and confusion everywhere at this time and the finances of the Vermont Auxiliary suffered, although the courage and perseverance of the Branch were not abated. For the next three years the appropriations, including the \$50.00 given by the Juniors, did not exceed \$1460. But the interest in the United Thank Offering did not fail and in 1916 \$800.05 was presented at the great Auxiliary service at St. Louis, as Vermont's share in that offering.

At the meeting in 1917, although "the special" pledge of \$300.00 for the Mission in Sagada, P. I., was met, there was a large deficit (\$304.16) in the General Fund. Miss Sheldon resigned at this meeting as Treasurer and was succeeded by Mrs. F. N. Whitney of Northfield. Mrs. Charles E. Parker's death which occurred this year was memorialized at this meeting. She had served the Vermont Auxiliary in one office after another from the beginning of its existence with faithful and loving interest.

The change in the year at the Church Missions House in New York, involved the same change in all Diocesan Branches as far as financial reports were concerned, so in 1918 our financial year was changed from May to December. In 1919 our Treasurer's report was most satisfactory, for all pledges had been met as well as the deficit of 1917 and a small margin over the appropriations of the year before. At this meeting (May 1919) we ventured to bring up the appropriations again to \$1500.00. Mrs. Whitney resigned the following February and our present Treasurer was elected. The following year Mrs. Webb, who had so generously sent \$400 each year for twenty-five years to the Auxiliary felt obliged to reduce the sum to \$200. A deficit followed of \$350. but it was met in 1921.

The Annual Meeting of this year (1920) was fortunate in having for speakers Miss Corey of Massachusetts, a prominent member of the Executive Council of the National Auxiliary and Mrs. Wade, the Supply Secretary at the Church Missions House. These two National Officers explained the changes that were being made through the Auxiliary having been entrusted with more responsibility by the National Council. The result was that certain changes were gradually made in the Constitution of the Vermont Auxiliary but they were of a nature that did not

alter any important parts of the Constitution. These changes were completed in 1924.

In 1921 the death of Miss Julia C. Emery occurred. She was mourned by the whole Auxiliary. To the Vermont Branch she had been a helpful friend from the beginning, and in 1922 a resolution expressing the Branch's appreciation of her faithful and kindly service was adopted.

Our own Auxiliary met with losses in the last decade in the death of Mrs. Lapham of Shoreham and Mrs. Mead of Hartford, both earnest faithful workers though never Diocesan officers. Their absence has been felt at our annual meetings where devoted Christians like them are always needed. One would like to say more of others who helped to carry the Auxiliary through some difficult times with unfailing hopefulness and courage, but time fails to record much that would be of interest. In looking back one sees that we have had many opportunities for growth in the inspiration given by the speakers at our annual meetings. Bishop Tuttle, our presiding Bishop for many years, spoke to the Auxiliary in earlier days and aroused enthusiasm. Later Bishop Graves of Shanghai; Bishop Brent, then of the Philippine Islands; Bishop Nelson of Atlanta; Bishop Brewer of Montana; Bishop Burleson of South Dakota, (then Editor of *The Spirit of Missions*); Dr. Chapman of Alaska; Dr. Ridgeory of Nanking and Dr. Glenton of Hankow, all these and others have done much to keep our ideals before us. Then we have had real inspiration brought to us by Miss Lindley the faithful successor of Miss Emery, and last but not least our own Bishop has always held before us the highest standards and encouraged us to persevere. Surely we ought to make progress in handing on to others what we have received.

Financially the Vermont Auxiliary has never done so well as during the past few years, when the plan for assigning the amount needed from each District to meet our appropriations has been carried out successfully (which appropriations we still keep at \$1500.00) in spite of slight deficits owing to the failure of some Districts to meet their assignments before the end of the year. The Box work has steadily increased,—the latest report for the year 1926 bringing the valuation to \$2222.34. Besides this that most attractive offering:—The United Thank Offering has steadily increased. Let us hope our next contribution to it at Washington will exceed our last which was presented at New Orleans and amounted to \$2482.06. Then we have contributed creditable amounts, at the last three Triennials, to the special objects (known as the Corporate Gifts) presented to us by the National Auxiliary. And the Church Mission of Help

is now receiving financial assistance from us as well as our prayerful interest.

Certainly we have never had better or more devoted officers than at present in the Diocesan Branch. It remains for us to uphold them with all the sympathetic cooperation in our power. We are apt to forget how much we owe to them. We are greatly blessed in those who hold the four most difficult offices:—the President, the Treasurer, the Supply Secretary and our excellent Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary. May they long be the last!

I must add a word regarding District Meetings. They have grown in value to all concerned, and the Reports of the Vice-presidents give interesting accounts of them from year to year. Often excellent speakers have responded to the invitations of the Vice-Presidents and none have been more helpful than Daconess Stewart who has often spoken in the Diocese of her work in China, which has been of a remarkably fine quality. Deaconess Stewart was influenced, by attending a meeting of the Auxiliary in Rutland, to become a Missionary.

We sometimes forget that our aim to increase Missionary interest throughout the Diocese (see Article II of our Constitution) while but feebly carried out, is nevertheless bearing fruit and that a very real blessing follows every effort which we honestly and lovingly offer to our Lord.

If we try much more faithfully and perseveringly and lovingly to awaken those who fail to use their minds in these matters (especially the younger people, both men and women, boys and girls) to a sense of their responsibility as Christians to do all in their power to extend the Kingdom of Christ both at home and abroad—the history of the Vermont Auxiliary for the next fifty years will show a progress undreamed of, and, with the mark of the Cross on it, every undertaking will be blessed by Him whom we love and therefore really desire to serve.

CONSTITUTION
OF THEVermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the
Board of Missions.

Adopted at Burlington, June 4, 1878, with By-Laws as in 1879

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE V.—The President shall preside at all meetings, unless the Bishop of the Diocese be present, or chooses to preside ex-officio.

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

ARTICLE VII.—The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Branch and shall pay out the same according to the direction of the Association.

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

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

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

ARTICLE XI.—It is recommended, in case the Convention of the Diocese approve that course, that members of the associations, under the direction of their clergy, charge themselves

with the circulation of the pledges for our Diocesan Missions, and if necessary the collection of the same.

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

ARTICLE XIII.—By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution may be adopted or altered at any meeting.

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

BY-LAWS

BY LAW 1. Any society or association of women working for either of the objects indicated in the Constitution may be received into union with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions at any annual meeting of the same by a vote of a majority of the members present upon presenting a certificate from the Rector of the Parish, or the Missionary in Charge, or in the absence of either of the Senior Wardens, setting forth that such society or organization is duly organized for Church work.

BY LAW 2. The Convention of the Vermont Branch shall be composed of delegates from the several societies in union with the Branch, who are hereby authorized to vote upon all questions upon presenting credentials signed by the President and Secretary of the society which they propose to represent certifying that they have been duly elected at a regular meeting of said society as delegates to the Convention.

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

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

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

THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

was held in

Arlington, Vt., June 13th and 14th, 1928

The Manchester and Arlington Branches Entertaining.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th

At eight o'clock Evening Prayer was read by the Rector, the Rev. George R. Brush, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Brown of Zion Church, Manchester Center.

Addresses were given by Mr. Randall Norton, Headmaster of the Preparatory School of St. Johns College, Shanghai, and by Deaconess Gertrude Stewart, who has been a missionary in China for twenty years. Great interest was felt in hearing from those who really know and understand China. Although deplored the great trouble there, both speakers expressed the belief that the seeds of Christianity have been so well sown that ultimately the harvest will be great.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14th

At half past seven Thursday morning, Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, assisted by the Rev. Geo. R. Brush, the Rev. W. J. Brown and the Rev. S. H. Watkins.

Breakfast was served by the ladies in the rooms beneath the church. At nine o'clock Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Geo. R. Brush, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Brown.

At nine thirty o'clock, the business session of the Auxiliary was called. Bishop Hall presided, assisted by the President, Mrs. William H. Wills. The credentials committee was appointed as follows:

Chairman, Miss Bessie Brown, Manchester Center,

Mrs. Harrington, Middlebury,

Mrs. Wm. Jones, Woodstock.

After the report of the chairman, the roll was called, and following are the names of the delegates:—

Arlington, St. James'—Miss Laurette M. Marble, Mrs. M. S. Goewey, Mrs. Frank N. Canfield.

Barre, Church of the Good Shepherd—Mrs. Wm. Lapointe, Mrs. Sherman Parker.

Bennington, St. Peter's—Mrs. E. H. Holden, Mrs. J. M. Ayers.

Brattleboro, St. Michael's—Mrs. Carl F. Cain, Mrs. Davis.

Burlington, St. Paul's—Miss Alice Clapp, Mrs. John Waterman.

Brandon, St. Thomas'—Mrs. A. L. Eaton, Mrs. Clara Brown.

Chester, St. Luke's—Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Gibson.
East Berkshire, Calvary Church—Mrs. C. M. Rublee.
Fair Haven, St. Luke's—Mrs. G. G. Miller, Mrs. Florence Cleft.
Lyndonville, St. Peter's—Mrs. Thea Watson.
Manchester Center, Zion Church—Mrs. Fred Cook, Mrs. Otto
Bennette, Mrs. Charles Deucle.
Junior Auxiliary—Miss Bessie Brown.
Middlebury, St. Stephens'—Mrs. Geo. W. Leonard, Mrs. Isaac
Steins, Mrs. Etta Harrington.
Northfield, St. Mary's—Mrs. H. W. Fulweiler.
Montpelier, Christ Church—Miss Gertrude Weinecke.
Middletown Springs, St. Margaret's—Mrs. Randall Norton.
Richford, St. Ann's—Mrs. E. L. Child.
Rutland, Trinity Church—Mrs. Morgan Ashley, Mrs. Margaret
Start.
St. Albans, St. Luke's—Miss Susan Rixford.
St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's—Mrs. O. W. Craig, Mrs. J. W.
Scott
Shelburne, Trinity Church—Mrs. William Fennett.
Springfield, St. Mark's—Mrs. G. D. Child.
Vergennes, St. Paul's—Mrs. B. T. Field, Mrs. Arthur Piper.
Woodstock, St. James'—Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. Frank Cabot.

Owing to the condition of the roads, several branches were
unable to send delegates.

Two new branches were admitted to the Auxiliary, St.
Paul's, Canaan and St. James', Concord, in St. Johnsbury Dis-
trict.

The Treasurer's report was read and explained by the
Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Perley. The report of the Supply Sec-
retary was read and explained by the Supply Secretary, Mrs.
L. R. Rickert. Proof sheet copies had been previously passed
to the delegates. Reports were read by the following officers,
all of which reports are printed in full in the following pages:

Secretary of Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. W. F. Jones.
Secretary of Church Periodical Club, Mrs. Joseph Reynolds.
Educational Secretary, Miss Eola Clark.
President, Mrs. Wm. H. Wills.

Vice Presidents,
Burlington District, Mrs. J. A. Waterman.
Montpelier District, Miss Gertrude Meinecke.
Rutland District, Mrs. W. C. Gipson.
St. Albans District, Miss Susan Rixford.
St. Johnsbury District, Mrs. H. G. Watson.
Windsor District, Mrs. Carl F. Cain.

In connection with the report of the Montpelier District Bishop Hall spoke of the gifts for flood relief that had passed through his hands. It was interesting to hear that the Mississippi Flood Relief Committee sent to Vermont \$5,000.00, money that had been given them by the National Council and had not been used. It seemed very nice that it was so promptly passed on to Vermont in her need. Bishop Hall also spoke of the terrible damage to Christ Church in Montpelier and to the church in Proctorsville and of their very fine spirit in carrying on notwithstanding.

Mrs. Jones announced that the \$100.00, the Corporate Gift from the women, which is made at the Triennial Convention, is all in hand.

Mrs. Wills appointed the following on the appropriations Committee:

Chairman, Mrs. Jones, Woodstock.
Miss Meinecke, Montpelier.
Mrs. Fenwick, Shelburne.
Mrs. Craig, St. Johnsbury.
Mrs. Ashley, Rutland.
Mrs. Rublee, East Berkshire.

Mrs. Ayers reported for the Nominating Committee, the others on the committee being, Mrs. G. R. Brush and Mrs. C. M. Rublee.

The following names were presented and elected:

President, Mrs. Wm. H. Wills.

Vice-Presidents,

Burlington District, Mrs. J. A. Waterman.
Montpelier District, Miss Gertrude Meinecke.
Rutland District, Mrs. W. C. Gipson.
St. Albans District, Miss Susan Rixford.
St. Johnsbury District, Mrs. H. G. Watson.
Windsor District, Mrs. Carl F. Cain.

Secretary, Mrs. Edwin W. Lawrence.

Supply Secretary, Mrs. L. R. Rickert.

Educational Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Fulweiler.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Perley.

Secretary Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. W. F. Jones.

Bishop Hall appointed Mrs. Joseph Reynolds Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, and Mrs. Wills appointed Mr. Charles F. Chapman Auditor.

Mrs. Fulweiler was also elected our representative to the Wellesley Conference.

Rules were read governing representation at the meeting of

the Auxiliary which will be held in Washington, D. C., at the time of the General Convention in October.

The election of delegates and alternates took place with Mrs. Frank Pierce and Mrs. Holden as tellers. The following were elected delegates:

Mrs. Wm. H. Wills, Bennington.
Mrs. W. F. Perley, Bellows Falls.
Mrs. W. F. Jones, Woodstock.
Mrs. J. A. Waterman, Burlington.
Mrs. J. E. McKee, Bennington.

The alternates are:

Miss Susan Rixford, East Highgate
Mrs. H. G. Watson, Lyndonville.
Miss Meinecke, Montpelier.
Mrs. Carl F. Cain, Brattleboro.

The Nominating Committee for 1929 were elected as follows:
Chairman, Mrs. Charles W. Wilson, Vergennes.

Mrs. Edgerton, Northfield.
Mrs. Fasher, Brattleboro.

Noonday Intercessions were said at 12 o'clock at which time Miss Emily Tillotsan was remembered in prayer. The presentation of the United Thank Offering took place at this service. The amount received being a little over \$800.00

A delicious and substantial luncheon was served at Bentley Farms, after which the delegates returned to the church, where an informal Church Mission of Help Meeting took place in the church proper, while a business meeting of officers was held downstairs. The Rev. W. J. Brown had charge of the C. M. H. meeting, and announced that Mr. S. H. Blackmer would be the new treasurer. It is hoped to interest the parishes in raising a regular contribution to that budget which is about \$3500.00. This most worthy work, which is the only kind of Social Service Work done by the Episcopal Church in Vermont, has been going on now for three years and we are convinced it is well worth our hearty support. Miss Doris Wright our new secretary, spoke briefly in regard to the work.

At three o'clock the full convention assembled to listen to Mrs. Arthur Gammock, representing the National Council, who spoke on Woman's Work in the Church, that is, the Auxiliary, the United Thank Offering and the Corporate Gift. Mrs. Gammock spoke in place of Miss Lindley, who was unable to be present, but sent a telegram of congratulation of the 50th Anniversary.

Mrs. Gammock stressed the fact that Women want the church for their children and are able through it to influence young people. A layman, when asked what he thought were the uses of the church in the world, replied: "First, the church keeps Christ in the World; Second, the church is Social, it is a great bank of social experience; Third, the church keeps us reminded of common every day virtues."

Mrs. Wills spoke briefly on the 50th Anniversary, referring to the many interests and activities of the present day woman compared to the one or two of the pioneer women. Mrs. Wills advised each woman to figure out her values alone and then to maintain that proportion.

Bishop Hall then read Miss Wheeler's most excellent History of fifty years in the Auxiliary. This was greatly enjoyed by the members and Miss Wheeler's work was deeply appreciated as was shown by the enthusiastic vote of thanks accorded her. This history of the Auxiliary is printed in full in early pages of this report.

The following appropriations were voted:

General Missions	\$400.00
Diocesan Missions	450.00
Printing, postage, etc.	100.00
Supply Secretary	25.00
Bishop Hopkins Hall	100.00
Church Mission of Help	150.00
Miss Elmendorf	125.00
Miss Elmendorf, Juniors	25.00
Rock Point Restoration	100.00
Printing Miss Wheeler's History of Auxiliary	25.00

	\$1,500.00

It was voted also to apply to the repairs at Rock Point the sum of (\$92.00) which was a separate Alter Guild account, belonging to the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Jones of Woodstock invited the Auxiliary to hold its 51st Annual Meeting in Woodstock next year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

FLORENCE R. LAWRENCE,

Secretary.

Semi-Annual Meeting of Executive Council.

The Semi-Annual meeting of the Executive Council was held in Burlington at St. Paul's, October 5th, 1927. Mrs. Rickert, the Supply Secretary spoke of the work accomplished and that planned for the coming year. She emphasized the need of good second hand clothing. The condition of the Supply Department is encouraging, there being evidence of more general understanding of and interest in that branch of the work.

Miss Eola Clark, the Educational Secretary, was present and explained her plans for work during the winter, hoping to hold an Intensive Day in each district along the lines of the National Program.

The matter of reporting the educational work in each district was brought up. Church Mission of Help also was discussed and plans for publicity work toward the membership drive.

Luncheon was served at a Tea Shop near.

FLORENCE R. LAWRENCE, Sec.

REPORT OF THE SUPPLY SECRETARY

of the

Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary

to the

National Council,

From January 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Burlington—St. Paul's

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	\$ 87 55
For sewing for Mary Fletcher Hospital.....	13 20
For Church Periodical Club	5 00
For Corporate Gift	25 00
	————— \$ 130 75

Burlington—Young Woman's Branch

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	\$ 38 00
For Vermont Flood Relief	49 90
	————— 87 90

Middlebury—St. Stephen's

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	\$ 28 00
For Supply Department	30 00
	————— 58 00

Milton—Trinity Mission

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	\$ 16 45
For Corporate Gift	5 00
	————— 21 45

Shelburne—Trinity Church

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	20 75
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Shoreham—All Saint's Mission

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	13 68
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Vergennes—St. Paul's

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	\$ 28 00
For Supply Department	10 00
For Local Charity	10 00
For Church Periodicals	5 00
For Corporate Gift	10 00
For Rev. A. Hayes, Detour, Mich.	1 00
For Restoration, Christ Church, Montpelier, Vt.	20 00
	————— 84 00

Winooski—Trinity Mission

For Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	\$ 18 50
For Supply Department	5 00
For Vermont Flood Relief	10 00
For Corporate Gift	5 00
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	38 50
Total for District	\$ 455 03

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Barre—Church of the Good Shepherd

For Deaconess James, Batesville, Va.	\$ 5 28
For Rev. A. C. McCabe, Dyersburg, Tenn.	7 56
For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C.	52 86
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	23 11
For Supply Department	22 25
For Quilts for Red Cross	7 00
For Mississippi Flood Relief	5 00
For Diocesan Missions	10 00
For District Deficit	2 00
For Cards for Sick	3 04
For Spirit of Missions for Library	1 00
For Corporate Gift	5 00
	—————
	\$ 144 10

Bethel—Christ Church

No work.

Montpelier—Christ Church

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii.	\$ 21 18
For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C.	12 54
For Local Social Service	20 00
For Expenses of Delegates to Annual Meeting	16 00
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	79 72

Northfield—St. Mary's

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii.	\$ 25 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	8 89
For Corporate Gift	5 00
For District Deficit	2 00
	—————
	40 89

Websterville—St. John the Baptist Mission

For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C.	2 00
Total for District	\$ 266 71

RUTLAND DISTRICT

Arlington—St. James'

For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C....\$	12 30
For Rev. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.	5 34
For Red Cross	5 00
For Bishop Hall Fund	5 00
For Church Mission of Help	25 00
For Church Army Van	10 00
	—————\$ 62 64

Bennington—St. Peter's

For Rev. Milton M. Weston, Tarboro, N. C...\$	96 40
For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii.	27 56
	————— 123 96

Brandon—St. Thomas'

For Rev. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.....\$	25 00
For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C. ...	30 00
For Corporate Gift	10 00
	————— 65 00

Castleton—St. Mark's

No report.

Fair Haven—St. Luke's

For Mrs. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.\$	20 00
For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C. ...	15 00
For Supply Department	2 00
	————— 37 00

Forestdale—Grace Church

For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C. ...\$	5 00
For Rev. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.	5 00
	————— 10 00

Hydeville—St. James'

For Mrs. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.	6 07
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Manchester Center—Zion Church

For Rev. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.\$	25 00
For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C. ...	20 55
For Church Mission of Help	10 00
For Local Social Service	20 00
	————— 75 55

Middletown Springs—St. Margaret's

No report.

Poultney—St. John's

For Rev. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.	2 15
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Rutland—Trinity Church

For Rev. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.	\$ 100 00
For Vermont Flood Relief	10 00
For Supply Department	20 00
For Red Cross	25 00
For Corporate Gift	90 00
	245 00

Total for District	\$ 627 37
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ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

East Berkshire—Calvary

For Supply Department	\$ 9 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	3 00
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	\$ 12 50

East Fairfield—St. Barnaba's

For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	\$ 1 80
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	2 30

Enosburg Falls—St. Matthew's

For Vermont Flood Relief	\$ 10 00
For Supply Department	17 00
For Sisseton Mission, Sisseton, S. D.	73 00
For Diocesan Missions	45 00
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	145 50

Highgate Center—St. John's

For Supply Department	\$ 20 00
For St. Luke's Church, Brown's Valley, Minn.	1 00
For Christ Church, Montpelier	5 00
For Red Cross Flood Relief	5 00
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	31 50

Grand Isle—Lady Chapel

For Sisseton Mission, Sisseton, S. D.	\$ 25 44
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	25 94

Isle La Motte

For Church Periodical Club	\$ 1 00
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	1 50

Richford—St. Ann's

For Sisseton Mission, Sisseton, S. D.	\$ 15 00
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	15 50

Sheldon—Grace Church

No box work.

St. Albans—St. Luke's

For Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C.	\$ 21 75
For Vermont Flood Relief	15 00
For Mississippi Flood Relief	6 00
For Restoration of Church at Underhill.....	25 00
For Local Social Service	12 50
For Expenses of Delegates to Annual Meeting	14 54
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	85 29

Swanton—Holy Trinity Church

For Sisseton Mission, Sisseton, S. D.	\$ 25 00
For Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, Japan	50
	25 50

Total for District	\$ 345 53
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ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

Concord—St. James' Mission

For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	\$ 10 00
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Hardwick—St. John the Baptist Mission

For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	6 75
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Island Pond—Christ Church

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii.	\$ 5 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	25 00
	30 00

Newport—St. Mark's

For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	\$ 16 20
For Supply Department	35 10
For Red Cross and Local Charity	27 70
	79 00

Lyndonville—St. Peter's

For Local Charity	\$ 5 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	8 70
	13 70

St. Johnsbury—St. Andrew's

For Mississippi Flood Relief	\$ 30 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	40 00
For Corporate Gift	50 00
	125 00
Total for District	\$ 264 45

WINDSOR DISTRICT

Bellows Falls—Immanuel Church

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii. \$	6 22
For Mother Rose Anne, St. Thomas, Virgin Isl.	5 15
For Corporate Gift	4 00
	\$ 15 37

Brattleboro—St. Michael's

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii. \$	6 58
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	4 35
For Mother Rose Anne, St. Thomas, Virgin Isl.	9 00
For Miss A. M. Mohler, Tokyo, Japan	5 00
For Church Mission of Help	13 00
For Expenses of Delegates to Annual Meeting	5 14
For Vermont Tuberculosis Association	5 00
For Church Periodical Club	1 00
For Spirit of Missions for Library.....	1 00
For Corporate Gift	5 00
	55 07

Chester—St. Luke's

For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	5 50
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Springfield—St. Mark's

For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	3 00
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White River Junction—St. Paul's

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii	
and Mother Rose Anne, Virgin Is.\$	19 42
For Rev. A. R. P. Keyes, DeTour, Mich.	5 00
	24 42

Windsor—St. Paul's

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii.	\$ 15 00
For Mother Rose Anne, St. Thomas, Virgin Is.	14 18
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	4 00
For Corporate Gift	7 00
	40 18

Woodstock—St. James'

For St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, Hawaii.	\$ 8 00
For Mother Rose Anne, St. Thomas, Virgin Is.	15 00
For Corporate Gift	20 00
For Deaconess Stewart	5 00
	48 00

Total for District	\$ 191 54
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TOTAL AMOUNTS FOR DISTRICTS

Burlington District	\$ 455 03
Montpelier District	266 71
Rutland District	627 37
St. Albans District	345 53
St. Johnsbury District	264 45
Windsor District	191 54
	\$ 2,150 63

TOTAL OF WORK DONE IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS
FROM CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE

Rev. Daniel Corrigan, Portage, Wis.	\$ 251 48
Rev. Milton Weston, Tarboro, N. C.	284 96
Mother Rose Anne, Virgin Islands	43 33
Rev. Alex McCabe, Dyersburg, Tenn.	7 56
Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, S. C.	170 00
St. Elizabeth's Mission, Honolulu, T. H.	114 04
Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	156 80
Sisseton Mission, Sisseton, S. Dak.	138 44
Supply Department	128 10
Three \$5 Christmas boxes	15 00
	\$ 1,309 71

Respectfully submitted,

ERMINA C. RICKERT,
Supply Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bellows Falls, Vt., January 1, 1928.

Kate W. Perley, treasurer, in account with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council for the year 1927.

We had a deficit of only \$167.78 this year, and the Junior's \$5.00.

Deficit of 1926.

Mrs. W. Seward Webb	\$ 200 00
Arlington, St. James'	10 00
Shelburne, Trinity	50 00
Vergennes, St. Paul's	2 00
Burlington, Young Women's Branch.....	10 00
Bellows Falls, Immanuel	1 00
Burlington, St. Paul's	5 00
Brattleboro, St. Michael's	5 00

	\$ 283 00

Receipts for General Fund, 1927

Mrs. W. Seward Webb	\$ 200 00
Annual Meeting Offering	14 00
Mrs. Mary De Forest Weeks	10 00
Mrs. J. M. Ayres, Special fund for Educa- tional Secretary	100 00

	\$ 324 00

BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Burlington, St. Paul's	\$ 150 00
Burlington Young Women's Branch	25 00
Shelburne, Trinity	50 00
Middlebury, St. Stephen's	25 00
Vergennes, St. Paul's	20 00
Milton, Trinity	10 00
Winooski & Essex Junction, Trinity	10 00
Shoreham, All Saints	10 00

	\$ 300 00

RUTLAND DISTRICT

Rutland, Trinity	\$ 125 00
Bennington, St. Peter's	75 00
Brandon, St. Thomas'	40 00
Manchester Center, Zion's	20 00
Arlington, St. James'	10 00
Poultney, Trinity	10 00

Fair Haven, St. Luke's	10 66
Hydeville, St. James	5 70
Middletown Springs, St. Margaret's	5 00
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	301 36

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

St. Albans, St. Luke's	\$ 20 00
Richford, St. Anne's	17 50
Enosburg Falls, St. Matthews'	17 50
Swanton, Holy Trinity	12 00
Sheldon, Grace Church	5 00
Grand Isle, Lady Chapel	5 00
Highgate, St. John's	5 00
East Berkshire, Calvary	5 00
East Fairfield, St. Barnabas'	5 00
Isle La Motte	4 00
District	4 00
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	100 00

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Barre, Good Shepherd	\$ 25 00
Northfield, St. Mary's	20 00
Montpelier, Christ Church	7 00
	-----\$
	52 00

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's	\$ 50 00
Newport, St. Mark's	45 00
Lyndonville, St. Peter's	10 00
Concord, St. James'	3 00
Hardwick, St. John the Baptist	4 25
	-----\$
	112 25

WINDSOR DISTRICT

Windsor, St. Paul's	\$ 49 50
Brattleboro, St. Michael's	55 00
(\$5.00 designated for Bible Woman in China)	
Woodstock, St. James'	60 00
Springfield, St. Mark's	20 00
Bellows Falls, Immanuel	53 75
	-----\$
	238 25

JUNIORS

Miss Elmendorf	\$ 20 00
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SPECIALS

Shelburne, Mountain Echo (\$10.00 for 1926)	\$ 20 00
Burlington, Institute at Rock Point.....	5 00
Brattleboro, Institute at Rock Point	6 75
Brattleboro, Church Army Van	5 00
	_____ \$ 36 75

Receipts for deficit, General Fund, Juniors and Specials	\$ 1,767 61
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United Thank Offering

BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Winooski & Essex Junction	\$ 4 37
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RUTLAND DISTRICT

Rutland, Trinity	\$ 77 07
Bennington, St. Peter's	50 00
Arlington, St. James'	72 59
Poultney, Trinity	33 65
Manchester Center, Zion's	48 12
Hydeville, St. James'	7 83
Fair Haven, St. Lukes'	9 00
Middletown Springs, St. Margaret's	4 25
	_____ \$ 302 51

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

St. Albans, St. Luke's	\$ 9 78
Grand Isle, Lady Chapel	41 00
Enosburg Falls, St. Matthews'	27 25
Isle La Motte	6 00
Richford, St. Anne's	13 00
East Berkshire, Calvary	5 00
Miss Mary L. Gates	25 00
	_____ \$ 127 03

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Montpelier, Christ Church	\$ 10 00
Barre, Good Shepherd	26 00
Northfield, St. Mary's	16 40
	_____ \$ 52 40

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's	\$ 70 10
Island Pond, Christ Church	20 37
Newport, St. Mark's	4 72
	_____ \$ 95 19

WINDSOR DISTRICT

Windsor, St. Paul's	\$	83 93
Woodstock, St. James'		61 17
Brattleboro, St. Michael's		66 28
Bellows Falls, Immanuel		43 10
Springfield, St. Mark's		13 95
White River Junction, St. Paul's		20 00
Ludlow		10 00
	—————	\$ 298 43
Mrs. Mary DeForest Weeks		10 00
Receipts for United Thank Offering 1927..	\$	889 93

SUMMARY

Total cash receipts for 1927	\$	2657 54
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1927, General Fund..		39 12
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1927, Juniors		25 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1927, U. T. O.		906 12
Interest on United Thank Offering.....		51 53
	—————	
		\$ 3,679 31

Disbursements

Esme A. C. Smith, Treas. Diocesan Missions (1926) ..	\$	175 00
Lewis B. Franklin, Treas. General Missions (1926) ..		150 00
Junior Appropriation (1926) Church Army Van....		25 00
Esme A. C. Smith, Treas. Diocesan Missions (1927) ..		350 00
Lewis B. Franklin, Treas. General Missions.....		300 00
\$5.00 designated for Bible Woman in China)		
Miss Elmendorf		150 00
Juniors for Miss Elmendorf		20 00
Bishop Hopkins Hall		100 00
Repairs on Bishop's House		40 00
Church Mission of Help		100 00
St. Margaret's School, Tokyo		50 00
Supply Secretary		25 00
Church Periodical Club		10 00
Educational Secretary—		
Traveling expenses	\$	5 68
Books for Mission Study		5 62
From Mrs. Ayres' Fund		35 00
	—————	
		46 30

Specials—

Shelburne, Mountain Echo	20 00
Brattleboro, Church Army Van	5 00
Brattleboro, Institute Rockpoint.....	6 75
Burlington, Rock Point	5 00

	36 75

Printing—

Annual Reports	90 00
Course of Lenten Study	16 95

	106 95

Postage—

Programs, Stamps and Envelopes for Annual Reports and Stamped En- velopes for Secretary	9 05
Stamps and Express for Treasurer	1 76

Speaker, Annual Meeting	10 81
Annual Provincial Assessment	10 00
Towards expenses Executive Council.....	10 00
	5 00

	\$ 1,720 81

Cash on hand	\$ 32 22
Cash on hand, Educational Secretary.....	78 70
Cash on hand, United Thank Offering.....	1,796 05
Interest on United Thank Offering.....	51 53

	1,958 50

	\$ 3,679 31

Respectfully submitted,

KATE W. PERLEY,
Treasurer.

Fund in Burlington Savings Bank of \$92.09 for Diocesan
Alter Guild.

I have examined the foregoing account of Kate W. Perley,
Treasurer of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and
find the same correct.

CHARLES F. CHAPMAN,
Auditor.

**REPORT OF THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY TO THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL.**

For the Year 1927.

The work of the Junior Auxiliary for the year ending Dec. 31, 1927 has been along the same lines as other years. The difficulties have been the same too, lack of leaders. Somehow we seem to fail to have the vision to see the possibilities the enthusiasm of young girls have who are taught the joy and opportunity of serving the Master by carrying out His last commands and how they can be the inspiration for the future of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary. However there is the cheerful side—the efficient and thorough work that is being done by those in charge of Branches at present.

Careful study of missions and the fact emphasized that each young girl is needed in the Master's work and each one has a part to do for others—all of which is encouraging.

The material side of the work is the preparing of the Christmas boxes—each child to receive one joyful and one useful gift. These gifts are mostly made by Juniors and very carefully too, and really give more pleasure than we can estimate as well as to cement friendships between those who give and those who receive. This was especially true of this year's boxes which were sent to colored boys in All Saints' Mission, Everett City, Georgia and the Mission of the Good Shepherd, Warrentus, N. C. These children have little in their lives in the way of real joy except what comes to them through the Missions and the teachers.

\$125.00 was given Miss Elmendorf at St. Augustine School, Raleigh, for which she sent her thanks to the Juniors and her home Diocese.

BARRE—CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD	
Christmas Box	\$ 5 58
Junior Appropriation	10 00
	—————
	\$15 58

BRATTLEBORO—ST. MICHAEL'S	
Christmas Box	\$ 4 00
Junior Appropriation	2 00
	—————
	6 00

BURLINGTON—ST. PAUL'S	
Christmas Box	25 00

MANCHESTER—ZION CHURCH	
Christmas Box	10 00

RUTLAND—TRINITY CHURCH	
Christmas Box, G. F. S.	5 00

ST. ALBANS—ST. LUKE'S

Christmas Box	\$ 6 00
Junior Appropriation	3 00
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	9 00

WOODSTOCK—ST. JAMES'

Lenton Box	\$ 5 00
Christmas Box	15 00
Junior Appropriation	10 00
For Parish House	5 00
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	35 00

Making a total for box work and money of....	\$95 58
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LENA N. JONES; Sec.

REPORT OF BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

From January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928.

To the Officers and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Vermont Branch:

Your Vice-President has the honor to submit the following report.

Our first activity should be Lenten Study. All Branches have carried on some form of study during the year.

The amount of work done for the Supply Department during the season and the growing interest in this Department are most gratifying.

The assignment for us was a personal box for the Rev. Daniel Corrigan of Portage, Wisconsin. Every Branch filled its quota, sent it promptly and received a most appreciative letter from the Missionary. Our share of the General Fund was raised and sent in *on time*, before January 1.

Six of the eight Branches have been visited and found very much alive. Roads and floods made it impossible to meet with the other two. These annual visits are a delight to the Vice-President.

Our District Meeting was held in Vergennes on the eleventh of September. We regretted the absence of the rector, Rev. A. B. Crichton, who was attending an important meeting in connection with the retreat for clergy at Rock Point.

Before the regular session all present joined in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with the Rev. Joseph Reynolds as celebrant.

During the morning session Miss Eola H. Clark, Educa-

tional Secretary; Miss Mary Maud Patrick, President of the Young Women's Branch of Burlington; Mrs. Joseph Reynolds, Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, and Mrs. William H. Wills, our President, gave helpful talks. Thirty delegates were present and six Branches represented. We were glad to have a letter of greeting from Bishop Hall.

Following luncheon which was served in the hospitable home of Mrs. V. M. Waterman, who was assisted by local Auxiliary members. Deaconess Gertrude Stewart gave a most graphic description of the situation in China and spoke with great faith in its future.

When Vermont suffered disaster last November some expressed a fear that our missionary work might suffer also. But it was done just as thoroughly and even more promptly than usual.

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."—Matt. 7:24.

ELLA H. WATERMAN,

Vice-President, Burlington District.

REPORT OF THE MONTPELIER DISTRICT.

January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928.

The Parishes of Randolph, Royalton and Bethel are so small the clergy finds it necessary to apply their funds and efforts to local interests. This leaves much of the work of Montpelier District to Barre and Websterville, Northfield and Montpelier. They have all worked during Lent for Epiphany Mission in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and for St. Elizabeth's Mission in Honolulu, and their Advent Work was for Trinity House Mission in Richlands, Virginia.

Letters of appreciation have been received from the brave souls who are carrying on these Missions.

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Montpelier District was held in Christ Church, Montpelier, on Monday, May 23rd, 1927. The services began with the celebration of Holy Communion at 10 A. M. The meeting was then organized for business. Words of Welcome were extended by the Rector, the Reverend F. J. Knapp, with response by the Reverend W. H. Fulweiler of Northfield.

Reports of the various secretaries showed all of our parishes active, holding their regular meetings, observing their financial obligations, and trying in every way to be worthy of their trust.

Mrs. E. R. Rickert described the Box work and the need of having articles on hand for cases of emergency.

The Junior Auxiliary in Barre is especially worthy. They conduct their own meetings by themselves, meet all of their obligations, and are doing splendid work.

Mrs. Thomas Dewey reported the 49th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council held in Trinity Church, Rutland, Wednesday, May 11th, 1927.

Miss Eola Clark of Burlington, Educational Secretary of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, told us of her work as teacher in St. Mark's Mission, Nenana, Alaska, and Reverend W. H. Fulweiler of Northfield told us of his work among the Indians in South Dakota, where the Indian women have a large and active Auxiliary. This meeting was very helpful and inspiring.

Miss Clark came again to Montpelier on Wednesday, October 19th, with Mrs. Wills to organize Discussion Groups for Mission Study. This meeting was held in the Parish House with good attendance and much interest. Mrs. W. H. Fulweiler of Northfield, who is Educational Secretary for Montpelier District, reports a growing interest in Mission Study.

GERTRUDE W. MEINECKE,
V. P. Montpelier District.

REPORT OF THE RUTLAND DISTRICT

January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928.

To the Officers and Members of the Women's Auxiliary, the Vermont Branch:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Rutland District.

During the year two district meetings were held, namely:

One at Arlington, July 14th, and one at Fair Haven, Nov. 3rd, at which time the Advent Box work was assigned the different branches and Miss Clark outlined a course in study classes.

Rutland District was most fortunate as far as the results of our Vermont Flood were concerned and in no way was the box work affected by it, so we were able to fill our quota.

The Lenten box of 1927 went to the Boy's School, Epiphany Mission, Spartansburg, South Carolina, and one box to Honolulu, St. Elizabeth Mission. The advent box to the Rev. Milton Weston and family of Tarboro, North Carolina. I received a most interesting and grateful letter from Mrs. Weston, acknowledging the box and have reason to believe each branch heard from her.

Study classes of some form were held in all the branches of the district. In many but not all the suggested course of study was followed.

The last year has brought many unusual demands for relief work, so I feel the different branches of the Rutland District have done well in filling their quota of Auxiliary work.

FLORENCE R. GIPSON,
Vice President, Rutland District.

REPORT OF ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.

From January 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927.

*To the Bishop, Officers and Members of the Woman's Auxiliary
I beg to submit the following report:*

During the past year our work was for Sisseton Indian Mission, Sisseton, S. D., Trinity Mission, Richland, Va., Flood relief work and for the Supply Department. Sent a gift of five dollars for Christmas to Miss Scherewsky, Kyoto, each of the ten branches contributing their share towards this gift. St. Luke's branch, St. Albans, gave twenty-five dollars towards the restoration and opening of the church at Underhill.

A gift of thirty-two dollars was sent to Bishop Booth towards the restoration of the Vermont Episcopal Institute at Rock Point. This was the offering taken at the District Meeting held at the home of Mrs. F. M. Peters, South Hero in August, accounts of which have been given elsewhere.

Have contributed to the Corporate Gift and the United Thank Offering besides paying our apportionment of one hundred dollars towards the General Fund.

I regret to say that our usual fall District Meeting which was to have been held in Swanton we were obliged to cancel owing to flood conditions but are hoping for one this fall.

A very little has been done in the way of Missionary Study.

SUSAN K. RIXFORD,
Vice President, St. Albans District.

REPORT OF ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928.

I respectfully submit the following report to the Officers and Members of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary:

St. Johnsbury District now has seven branches: St. Johns-

bury and Lyndonville, Hardwick, Newport and Island Pond, and Concord and Canaan. The last two were organized early in the fall of 1927.

The District Meeting, the first in many years, was held in St. Andrew's Parish House, St. Johnsbury, on the afternoon and evening and the following morning of September the fourteenth and fifteenth, 1927. At one time or another during the meeting there were forty members present, representing all but one of the branches. Mrs. Wills, the Diocesan Auxiliary President, kindly consented to come, bringing with her in her car Miss Eola Clark the Diocesan Educational Secretary. Soon after their arrival the box work was distributed and the meeting opened. Mrs. Wills and Miss Clark gave addresses full of inspiration, after which the remainder of the afternoon was spent in getting acquainted. A delicious supper was served by the ladies of St. Andrew's, after which Miss Clark conducted a study class in preparation of the study of the textbook "The Church Awake." On the following morning the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. Ora W. Craig, Rector of St. Andrew's, who gave a brief address. Mrs. Wills also gave an encouraging address, on "The United Thank Offering." The collection of a little more than five dollars was sent to Mr. Esme Smith to be used toward repairing the Episcopal Institute. A continuation of the study class followed, after which the meeting was adjourned. The hospitality of the ladies of St. Andrew's was very much appreciated.

In Advent, all the branches of the District sent boxes to Trinity House, Richlands, Virginia. Thank Offering Boxes were provided for all who did not already have them. The study classes, undertaken by every branch, have been a source of inspiration and instruction.

Each branch has responded well to whatever was requested which was very much appreciated. The Rev. and Mrs. Ora W. Craig have been most helpful throughout the year and to them much credit is due for renewed interest in the work of St. Johnsbury District.

THERA P. WATSON,

Vice President of St. Johnsbury District.

REPORT OF WINDSOR DISTRICT.

January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928.

A District Meeting was held in Brattleboro, at St. Michael's Church, October 13th, with Miss Eola Clark as speaker. Unfortunately, a rainy day kept many at home, but eleven were

present at the Communion service, study classes and luncheon. The collection of \$6.75 was voted for the Institute at Rock Point. Advent work was discussed and Mrs. Jones spoke about the Corporate Gift.

Lenten boxes were sent to Honolulu by five of the branches, and Advent work was done by all seven. The total amount given for the District including the Corporate Gift, was \$191.54, for the General Fund, \$238.25.

IOLA C. CAIN,
Vice-Pres., Windsor District.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

From January 1, 1927 to January 1, 1928.

Annual Periodicals, sent regularly.....	60
Donors of above Periodicals	30
Prayer Books and Hymnals	3
Books, Theological and Secular	42
Christmas and Easter Cards	55
Pictures, Games, Scarfs, Books, etc.	4
For Mission Libraries	\$21.00

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

April 13, 1928.

At this early date it is impossible to prepare an adequate and complete report of the educational work in the Diocese of Vermont. But I trust that the report of each Vice President will show the work accomplished in each District, and so I need speak only of the general efforts.

The first step which was considered necessary in the work was for the Educational Secretary to attend Wellesley Conference. I cannot over emphasize the importance of this now that you must elect a new Educational Secretary, please do consider sending her to Wellesley. In the ten days of study and conference there one gains a vision and grasp of the entire plan and method of work which months of study at home would not give.

In the fall the President and Educational Secretary set forth on a campaign of visiting and teaching. It was our aim to reach every district of the Diocese. The first visit was in September at a District meeting in Vergennes. Later in the month we went to St. Johnsbury. This was really our banner

meeting. We were able to have three classes and thus thoroughly demonstrate a Mission Study Class. The President spoke twice on the general work of the Woman's Auxiliary. The support and loyalty which was shown there was most encouraging and letters which have come in since have told of several new classes started in that District.

At Brattleboro, Montpelier and Fair Haven the rain interfered with the attendance, but those who did attend were interested in the work and judging from the letters have evidently "carried on". The flood with it's disastrous results prevented a visit to the St. Albans district. But we spread the news of the educational campaign by means of the messages in "The Mt. Echo" and by circular letters which were sent to every Branch President not present at a District meeting. The sale of the books has been most encouraging not only from the standpoint of the profit of \$10.69—but also because the distribution of over sixty text books seems indicative of many classes all over the Diocese. Of course there were others who had the books but purchased them direct from New York. In Rutland, besides purchasing the text book the rector also bought the entire set of books suggested for supplementary reading. There was also a sale of about forty Church Missionary Calendars and several subscriptions to "The Spirit of Missions". This educational work has been loyally and ably supported by the President, the Vice Presidents and District Educational Secretaries. Surely through our study and prayers we in this Diocese, this Nation and on to the "uttermost parts of the earth" have been more firmly united in the one mystical Body of Christ. May God bless you in your work.

EOLA H. CLARK,
Educational Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received of Mrs. Perley:

Wellesley	\$35 00
Books for Diocese	5 62
Carfare to Brattleboro	5 68
Typeing	5 00
Profit on Books	10 69

	\$61 99

Expenditures:

Wellesley	\$35 00
Books for Diocese	5 62
Carfare to Brattleboro	5 68
Typeing	5 00
Postage and Stationery	2 73

	\$54 03
Cash on hand	7 96

	\$61 99

EOLA H. CLARK,
Educational Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

In looking back over the work of the year past, there is much ground for encouragement.

The plan of visiting each branch which was suggested at the last meeting did not seem feasible so that a compromise had to be made in attempting to be present at the District meetings. Such meetings were attended in Arlington, Vergennes, St. Johnsbury, and Montpelier and those held in Brattleboro and Fair Haven would have been included if the heavy rains of October and November had not prevented. An invitation to the meeting in Grand Isle also could not be accepted. I was invited to the Fiftieth Annual meeting of the Maine, Rhode Island and Massachusetts Branches, but had to refuse.

Just before the Feast of the Annunciation, cards were sent out asking the branches to hold a Corporate Communion on that day, at which we should pray together for the work of the Auxiliary and collect the United Thank Offering. Cards were also sent to branches where the Corporate Communion was not possible asking as many as could to meet together for prayer, or that failing, to pray individually so on the Feast of the Annunciation there were, I know, many prayers to God for our work. I hope this may be made a Day of Prayer each year among our women. It could not help but be a great source of strength.

This report would not be complete without some appreciation of the work done by Miss Eola Clark, the Educational Secretary. She has, with untiring zeal and unusual ability, laid splendid foundations in establishing a unified method of Mission Study among the Branches. I should like also to express admir-

ation for the way in which the work of the recording secretary, Mrs. Edwin Lawrence, has been done. There is a great amount of detail, carefully attended to, which we are apt to take for granted, but which has been done in an unusually capable manner. Montpelier District is to be commended for meeting its obligations in spite of unusual conditions, and St. Johnsbury District for its renewed activity under the leadership of its vice president, Mrs. Homer G. Watson.

To all of you, officers and members of the Vermont Branch, I wish to give my heartfelt thanks for your splendid cooperation, it is your loyalty, your faithfulness and your fine spirit which have made this year a successful one and the work of your president one of deep joy.

HAZEL M. WILLS.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Vermont Branch Woman's Auxiliary

NAME

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be known as the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

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. This shall be understood to include social service and religious education.

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 Secretary, a Supply 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; Election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting, the mode of nomination and terms of office being defined in the By-Laws. (2) To membership; Applications approved by the Executive Council shall be presented after roll-call at the Annual Meeting by the 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 pertaining 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 the respective Districts—their duties as such being defined by the By-Laws—and to prepare for each Annual Meeting synopses of work done during the year in their Districts; (d) of the Secretary to give notice of all regular meetings of the Branch, to keep a roll of the delegates in attendance, and a record of such meeting, to be printed annually; (e) of the Supply Secretary, to conduct the correspondence of the Branch with the Supply Department of the Church Missions House, New York, to send out quotas to local Branches, and the blanks for reports, and to have charge of the Diocesan Bureau of Supplies, if such a bureau is established, to send out blanks for application for admission, credentials, reports, etc.; to prepare for each Annual Meeting; (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 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; (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 and announce 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, also to visiting officers from other Dioceses or from the National Auxiliary.

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 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 held on a day and at a place appointed by the President.

QUORUM

ARTICLE IX.—A majority of members present shall constitute a quorum for amendments to its Constitution.

AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE X.—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 By-Laws must accord with the Constitution.

By-Laws.

1—NOMINATION

The officers of this Association shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee of three, said Committee to be elected at the preceding Annual meeting.

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 in any Diocesan office, the place shall be filled by the Executive Council until the next Annual Meeting.

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

June	1879	Bellows Falls, Mrs. Charles Clement, President.
June	1880	Montpelier, Mrs. Charles Clement, President.
June	1881	Burlington, Mrs. Charles Clement, President.
June	1882	Rutland, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins, President.
June	1883	St. Albans, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins, President.
Oct.	1884	Rutland, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins, President.
Oct.	1885	Vergennes, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins, President.
Sept.	1886	Brandon, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins, President.
Oct.	1887	Bellows Falls, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins, President.
Oct.	1888	Burlington, Mrs. T. A. Hopkins, President.
Nov.	1889	St. Albans, Mrs. H. H. Baxter, President.
Oct.	1890	Rutland, Mrs. H. H. Baxter, President.
Oct.	1891	St. Johnsbury, Mrs. H. H. Baxter, President.
Nov.	1892	Chester, Mrs. L. M. Gray, President.
Oct.	1893	Woodstock, Mrs. L. M. Gray, President.
Oct.	1894	Burlington, Mrs. L. M. Gray, President.

Sept. 1895 Bennington, Mrs. L. M. Gray, President.
Oct. 1896 St. Albans, Mrs. L. M. Gray, President.
Oct. 1897 Bellows Falls, Mrs. E. P. Gilson, President.
Nov. 1898 Rutland, Mrs. E. P. Gilson, President.
Oct. 1899 Montpelier, Mrs. E. P. Gilson, President.
Nov. 1900 Bennington, Mrs. T. B. Foster, President.
Nov. 1901 Middlebury, Mrs. T. B. Foster, President.
Oct. 1902 Northfield, Mrs. M. L. Woolsey, President.
Sept. 1903 Brattleboro, Mrs. M. L. Woolsey, President.
Nov. 1904 Enosburg Falls, Mrs. M. L. Woolsey, President.
Oct. 1905 Burlington, Mrs. W. L. Woolsey, President.
Oct. 1906 Bellows Falls, Mrs. M. L. Woolsey and Mrs. Tyler,
President.
Oct. 1907 St. Albans, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Sept. 1908 Rutland, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Oct. 1909 Montpelier, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Nov. 1910 Bennington, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Oct. 1911 St. Albans, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Oct. 1912 Woodstock, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Sept. 1913 Burlington, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Nov. 1914 Enosburg Falls, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Oct. 1915 Brattleboro, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Nov. 1916 Montpelier, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
Oct. 1917 St. Johnsbury, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
May 1918 Windsor, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
May 1919 Middlebury, Miss C. R. Wheeler, President.
May 1920 Rutland, Mrs. George Y. Bliss, President.
May 1921 St. Albans, Mrs. George Y. Bliss, President.
May 1922 Bellows Falls, Mrs. George Y. Bliss, President.
May 1923 Montpelier, Mrs. George Y. Bliss, President, but
unable to be present.
May 1924 St. Johnsbury, Mrs. F. N. Whitney, elected.
May 1925 Bennington, Mrs. Fred N. Whitney, President.
May 1926 Burlington, Mrs. Fred N. Whitney, President, but
unable to be present.
May 1927 Rutland, Mrs. William H. Wills, President.
June 1928 Arlington, Mrs. William H. Wills, President.

