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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.

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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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THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
of the
VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,
Was Held In
Woodstock, Vt., May 22nd and 23rd, 1929.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd

At 7:45 o'clock, Evening Prayer was read by the Rector of St. James', the Rev. Lawrence Amor. At this service the Rt. Rev. Samuel B. Booth, Bishop Coadjutor of Vermont preached, using for his text the familiar words from St. John, "Peace be unto you." Bishop Booth quoted frequently from Miss Lindley's "Meditations" which were used in Washington at the General Convention.

THURSDAY, MAY 23rd

At 7:45 Thursday morning Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Booth, assisted by the Rev. Lawrence Amor. Immediately after, a very appetizing breakfast was served by our hostesses in the dining room of the New Parish House. A large number were served including both those who had arrived the day before and had attended early Communion and those who had arrived that morning, having had a very early breakfast and a long drive.

At nine o'clock, Morning Prayer was read by Bishop Booth and the business session followed this at 9:45. The Bishop Coadjutor presided, assisted by the President, Mrs. Wm. H. Wills of Bennington. The committee on Credentials was as follows:

Mrs. G. R. Brush, Arlington,
Mrs. Douglas, Brandon,
Mrs. Gulley, St. Albans.

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

Arlington, St. James'—Mrs. G. R. Brush, Mrs. A. E. Buck, Mrs. Ezra Benedict.

Barre, Church of the Good Shepherd—Miss Bessie Spear, Mrs. Wm. Lapointe, Mrs. M. D. Lamb.

Bennington, St. Peter's—Mrs. Wm. H. Wills, Mrs. Frank Hurley, Mrs. W. Cutting.

Brattleboro, St. Michael's—Miss Faith Tyler.

Burlington, St. Paul's—Mrs. Vedder Van Dyke, Mrs. E. S. Isham, Miss Bessie Dixon.

Brandon, St. Thomas'—Mrs. Moses Douglas, Mrs. Gilbert Howland.

Chester, St. Luke's—Mrs. George D. Child, Miss Hattie Gibson.

Fair Haven, St. Luke's—Mrs. Vail Allen, Mrs. A. B. Clift.

Manchester Center, Zion Church—Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Lee Bourne, Mrs. A. W. Harrington.

Manchester Center, Junior Auxiliary—Miss Bessie A. Brown, Miss Edith A. Shaw.

Middlebury, St. Stephen's—Mrs. Edric Weld, Mrs. J. E. Dewey.

Montpelier, Christ Church—Mrs. Thomas Dewey, Miss Gertrude Meinecke.

Northfield, St. Mary's—Mrs. John McCormick, Mrs. Alson Edgerton, Mrs. T. V. Sherman.

Richford, St. Ann's—Mrs. R. M. Pelton, Mrs. E. L. Child, Mrs. W. Rioden.

Rutland, Trinity Church—Mrs. Helen Farmer, Mrs. Margaret Start, Mrs. George Lassor.

St. Albans, St. Luke's—Miss Susan Rixford, Mrs. Gulley.

St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's—Mrs. Glenn V. Mooney, Mrs. Mary E. Furse, Mrs. Eugenia Stewart.

Shelburne, Trinity Church—Mrs. Sherman Quimby.

Shoreham, All Saints'—Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. Wm. Farnham.

Vergennes, St. Paul's—Mrs. B. T. Field, Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Mrs. D. T. Donnelly.

White River Junction, St. Paul's—Mrs. Frank Barnes, Mrs. Fay Eliot, Mrs. George Morse.

Windsor, St. Paul's—Mrs. Dana M. Coy, Mrs. Geo. B. Cross, Mrs. Robert C. Wilson.

Woodstock, St. James'—Mrs. Carrie Wells, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Farwell.

Mrs. Wills read her annual report as President. This was accepted and enjoyed as well. All of the reports are given in full in the following pages of this Annual Report.

Mrs. Wills announced the offer of an annual gift of \$100 to the Woman's Auxiliary by some one who is very deeply interested in the work, provided \$400 could be raised to go with it. Before we separated two ladies offered \$50 each and we are very hopeful that the amount will come in, in gifts of \$50 or \$100.

Bishop Booth spoke of the dedication and open house which will take place at Rock Point August 6th and invited all of us who could do so to be present.

Proof sheet copies of the Treasurer's and Supply Secretary's Reports had been passed around. The Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Purley, was much missed, but we were glad to know she was

enjoying a trip to Alaska. Great regret was felt for the illness of Mrs. Rickert, our Supply Secretary, who has been such a painstaking and beloved officer. Both these reports were approved and accepted.

The following reports were read and accepted and are printed in full:

Educational Secretary, Mrs. Fulweiler.

Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. Wm. Jones.

Periodical Secretary, read by Miss Robie in Mrs. Reynold's absence.

Burlington District, Mrs. Waterman.

Rutland District, Mrs. Gipson.

St. Albans District, Miss Rixford.

Montpelier District, Miss Meinecke.

Windsor District, Mrs. Cain, read by the Secretary.

St. Johnsbury District, Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Jones of Woodstock spoke of the Corporate Gift and explained that one half would go toward the much needed water supply at the Indian Mission, where our own Miss Adaline Ross is.

Mrs. Wills called our attention to the effort to rebuild St Luke's Hospital in Tokio, Japan. Individual gifts are solicited and may be sent to Mrs. W. F. Perley, Bellows Falls, who is acting as treasurer of the fund for this Diocese. This hospital is recognized by the government of Japan and is a wonderful means for bringing the two countries together.

The Appropriation Committee which consisted of:

Mrs. Field of Vergennes, Chairman

Mrs. Edgerton of Northfield

Mrs. Buck of Arlington

Mrs. Watson of Lyndonville

Mrs. Rioden of Richford,

made the following recommendations:

General Missions	\$ 400.00
Diocesan Missions	450.00
Printing and Postage	100.00
Supply Secretary	15.00
Church Mission of Help	350.00
Miss Elmendorf	135.00
Juniors for Miss Elmendorf	15.00
Wellesley Conference	35.00

	\$1,500.00

This appropriation was adopted.

Bishop Booth made a plea for as generous an appropriation as possible for the Church Mission of Help. He spoke of the real practical work going on and of the way these girls and young women are given a home and good influence at Rock Point while they are re-adjusting their lives. This Church Mission of Help is the only social work carried on in the Diocese.

The Rev. W. J. Brown of Manchester Center spoke of the new Church Army van and of what was needed to equip it. In a very short time the required number of sheets, pillow cases, blankets, quilts, towels and an old trunk had been promised. Without doubt we are all fond of the Church Army Van and appreciate the good work done by the fine young men who in this way reach the rural parts of the Diocese.

The nominating committee was as follows:

Mrs. Charles Wilson of Vergennes, Chairman

Mrs. Edgerton of Northfield

Mrs. Tasker of Brattleboro.

They brought in the following names:

President, Mrs. William H. Wills, Bennington.

Vice Presidents:

Burlington District, Mrs. A. Edric Weld, Middlebury.

Montpelier District, Miss Gertrude Weinecke, Montpelier.

Rutland District, Mrs. Vail Allen, Fair Haven.

St. Albans District, Miss Susan Rixford, E. Highgate.

St. Johnsbury District, Mrs. H. G. Watson, Lyndonville.

Windsor District, Mrs. Geo. D. Child, Chester.

Secretary, Mrs. Edwin W. Lawrence, Rutland.

Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Gipson, Brandon.

Educational Secretary, Miss Edith A. Shaw, Manchester Center.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Perley, Bellows Falls.

General Secretary, Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. Wm. F. Jones, Woodstock.

The report was accepted and all the officers elected on one ballot cast by the Secretary. Bishop Booth appointed Mrs. Joseph Reynolds of Burlington Secretary of the Church Periodical Club.

It was announced that Mr. Charles Chapman of Woodstock, who has served so long as Auditor had been obliged to resign. The Secretary was instructed to express our appreciation of Mr. Chapman's faithful service. The Secretary was also instructed to write Bishop Hall a note expressing the Auxiliary's regret that he was unable to be present. And to send

an expression of sympathy to Miss Constance Wheeler, Mrs. Joseph Reynolds and Mrs. Rickert for the illness which made it impossible for them to meet with us as usual.

Mrs. Waterman of Burlington spoke of the delightful way in which we were entertained in Woodstock and a rising vote of thanks was given.

At 12 o'clock we adjourned to the Church for Noonday Intercessions. The United Thank Offering was received which amounted to \$475.60. The dedication of the new Church Army Van took place directly at the door of the Church.

At 1 o'clock a delicious and substantial luncheon was served in the Parish dining room to over one hundred people. The atmosphere was a very social one and the noon relaxation greatly enjoyed.

At 2:30 o'clock the Convention re-assembled once more for the afternoon session. We were fortunate in having most interesting speakers, the first being Miss Edna Eastwood of the Church Missions House, who spoke on the work for isolated people. Miss Eastwood said that this work has grown out of the people's need rather than being a promotion of the Council. We, who are living in towns and cities, where we have all of the advantages of church services and church life, do not realize the plight of those who are far even from the Mission churches. Back in the hills there is no Sunday School for the children, no one to baptize or confirm or conduct services. It has been suggested that there be a supervisor for each Diocese, connected with the Bureau of Education in Washington and a pastor for the isolated who could send out sermonettes and through Home Study Courses care for candidates for Confirmation. This question of the spiritual need of the isolated is a vital one and perhaps few of us have given it much thought.

Our own Church Mission of Help Secretary, Miss Doris Wright, spoke next of the progress made in that field and without doubt all felt, after hearing Miss Wright, that the need for this work is great and that a great deal of practical help is being given. Within the past year Miss Wright has been bringing the girls whom she found in great need of a home and Christian influence to Rock Point, where there seems to be room for all and where it is possible to set them to work at domestic tasks. Now there are thirteen girls and three babies living there. Those who probably have never experienced much in the way of kind and religious influence become accustomed to daily family prayers and frequently prayers in the Chapel. Surely such an experience cannot be in vain.

Miss Marguerite Ogden of Portland, Me., who is the Provincial representative on the National Executive Board, spoke on her experiences in the Study of Personal Evangelism or Personal Religion. Miss Ogden gave a forceful talk, dividing it into five topics: The ministry of books, the ministry of contact, the ministry of the spoken word, the ministry of example, and the ministry of Holy Communion.

And last, Bishop Booth spoke, commending the Woman's Auxiliary on the outward work and accomplishment which has come out of their inward faith and inspiring them with enthusiasm for the coming year's work. With the words, "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" ringing in our ears we came out into the late afternoon and drove home through a truly perfect early evening, grateful for the inspiration of our meeting, for the charming Woodstock hospitality and for the beautiful Vermont hillsides which are our own.

FLORENCE R. LAWRENCE,
Secretary, Woman's Auxiliary.

REPORT OF THE SUPPLY SECRETARY
 of the
 Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary
 to the
 National Council,

From January 1, 1928 to December 31, 1928.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Burlington—St. Paul's

For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	\$ 100 00
For Mary Fletcher Hospital	21 62
For Supply Department	15 00
For Rev. Arthur Richardson, P. I.	5 00
For Church Periodical Club	5 00
	————— \$ 146 62

Burlington—Young Woman's Branch

For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	20 00
Middlebury—St. Stephen's	

For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	\$ 22 16
For Supply Department	6 00
For Supply Department	6 16
For St. Mary's in the Mountains	6 44
For Restoration at Rock Point	1 00
For Church Mission of Help	5 00
	————— 46 76

Milton—Trinity Mission

For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	13 50
Shelburne—Trinity Church	

For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	\$ 23 50
For Supply Department	10 00
For Room at Rock Point	100 00
For Church Periodical Club	5 00
	————— 138 50

Shoreham—All Saint's Mission

For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	\$ 13 00
For Easter Box for Hospital	5 00
For Church Mission of Help (Box)	12 00
	————— 30 00

Vergennes—St. Paul's

For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	\$ 12 00
For Miss Mary A. Bremer, Shanghai, China .	5 00
For Supply Department	6 50
For Morgan Memorial	10 00

For Missions (paid St. Paul's Parish in monthly payments)	186 00	
		222 50
Winooski—Trinity Mission		
For Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.	\$ 15 00	
For Supply Department	5 00	
		20 00
Total for District		\$ 637 88

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Barre—Church of the Good Shepherd		
For Mother Rose Ann, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	\$ 11 42	
For St. Andrew's School	2 00	
For Mediator Mission	18 65	
For Spirit of Missions for Library	1 00	
For Near East Relief	3 00	
		\$ 36 07

Bethel—Christ Church

No report.

Montpelier—Christ Church

For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C. ...	\$ 40 00	
For Auxiliary Missions	82 00	
		122 00

Northfield—St. Mary's

For Lenten Work	\$ 15 00	
For Advent Work	9 00	
For Florida Relief	3 00	
For Rural Missions	4 00	
		31 00

Websterville—St. John the Baptist Mission

No report.

Total for District		\$ 189 07
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RUTLAND DISTRICT

Arlington—St. James

For Rev. Thomas J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency, S. D.	\$ 14 00	
For Church Mission of Help (sheets and pillow cases)	16 61	
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	3 00	
For Church Mission of Help	15 00	

For Corporate Gift	5 00
For Red Cross Relief in Florida	5 00
	—————\$ 58 61

Bennington—St. Peter's

For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	\$ 78 89
For Additional Gift to above	7 65
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	10 00
	—————
	88 89

Brandon—St. Thomas'

For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	\$ 25 00
For Church Mission of Help	20 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	5 00
For Corporate Gift	10 00
	—————
	60 00

Fair Haven—St. Luke's

For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	7 00
Forest Dale—Grace Church	
For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	\$ 10 00
For Church Mission of Help (cash & supplies)	30 00
	—————
	40 00

Hydeville—St. James'

For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	5 80
Manchester Center—Zion Church	
For Town Farm, Manchester	\$ 15 00
For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	10 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	5 00
For Church Mission of Help	200 00
	—————
	230 00

Middletown Springs—St. Margaret's

For Middle River Mission, Fletcher, Va.	\$ 26 00
For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	5 00
For St. Mary's in the Mountains, Sewanee,	
Tenn.	5 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	1 00
	—————
	37 00

Poultney—St. John's

For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	\$ 7 00
For Church Mission of Help (2 boxes)	20 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	10 00
For Church Mission of Help (cash)	4 56
	41 56

Rutland—Trinity Church

For Rev. Thos. J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency,	
S. D.	\$ 150 00
For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	26 00
	176 00

Total for District	\$ 762 51
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ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

East Berkshire—Calvary

For Supply Department (pillow cases & towels)	\$ 10 14
East Fairfield—St. Barnabas'	
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C.	2 00
Enosburg Falls—St. Matthew's	
For Rev. J. B. Walker, Sumter, S. C.	\$ 30 00
For Supply Department (2 boxes)	30 00
For Church Mission of Help	12 00
For Supply Department (cash)	1 00
	73 00

Highgate Ctr.—St. John's

For Trinity House, Richlands, Va.	\$ 3 80
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C.	2 00
	5 80

Grand Isle—Lady Chapel

For Rev. J. B. Walker, Sumter, S. C.	\$ 13 41
For Church Mission of Help	5 00
	18 41

Isle LaMotte

No report.

Richford—St. Ann's

For Rev. J. B. Walker, Sumter, S. C.	15 00
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Sheldon—Grace Church

No report.

St. Albans—St. Luke's

For Rev. Aaron B. Clark, Sisseton, So. Dakota	\$ 28 00
For Local Charity	15 00

VERMONT BRANCH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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For Supply Department	1 00
	—————\$ 44 00
Swanton—Holy Trinity Church	
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C....	\$ 15 00
For Church Mission of Help (articles)	15 00
For Church Mission of Help (cash)	15 00
For Supply Department	1 00
	————— 46 00
Total for District	\$ 214 35

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

Canaan—St. Paul's Mission	
For Mary K. William's Home for Girls, Frankfort, Ky.	\$ 10 50
Concord—St. James Mission	
No Report.	
Hardwick—St. John the Baptist Mission	
For Mary K. William's Home for Girls, Frankfort, Ky.	10 50
Island Pond—Christ Church	
For Mary K. William's Home for Girls, Frankfort, Ky.	\$ 25 00
For Church Mission of Help	6 25
	————— 31 25

Lyndonville—St. Peter's Mission

For Mary K. William's Home for Girls, Frankfort, Ky.	\$ 16 76
For Church Mission of Help	5 00
	————— 21 76

Newport—St. Mark's

For Supply Department	\$ 53 10
For Church Mission of Help	15 00
	————— 68 10

St. Johnsbury—St. Andrew's

For Mary K. William's Home for Girls, Frankfort, Ky.	28 19
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Total for District	\$ 170 30
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WINDSOR DISTRICT

Bellows Falls—Immanuel Church

For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C....	\$ 7 44
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For Subscription to Spirit of Missions for Rockingham Library	1 00
For Corporate Gift	3 00
	_____ \$ 11 44
Brattleboro—St. Michall's	
For Mrs. Gallie Fitzgerald, Honolulu, T. H....\$	5 00
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C....	12 95
For Church Mission of Help	11 78
For Spirit of Missions	1 00
For Church Periodical Club	1 00
For Corporate Gift	9 40
	_____ 41 13
Chester—St. Luke's	
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C....\$	7 50
For Children's Aid	10 00
For Bible Women in China	1 00
For Corporate Gift	4 00
	_____ 22 50
Springfield—St. Mark's	
For Church Mission of Help	3 00
White River Junction—St. Paul's	
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C. .	10 00
Windsor—St. Paul's	
For Supply Department	\$ 8 00
For Church Mission of Help	10 00
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C....	15 00
	_____ 33 00
Woodstock—St. James'	
For Church Mission of Help	\$ 35 30
For Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C....	20 56
For Church Mission of Help (pillow cases)....	10 00
	_____ 65 86
Total for District	\$ 186 93

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR DISTRICTS

Burlington District	\$ 637 88
Montpelier District	189 07
Rutland District	762 51
St. Albans District	214 35
St. Johnsbury District	170 30
Windsor District	186 93
	_____ \$2,161 04

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

Rev. Walter G. Kings, Antigo, Wis.....	\$ 199 16
Rev. Thomas J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency, S. D.	308 34
Rev. J. D. Walker, Sumter, S. C.	45 00
Mis Mary Bremer, Shanghai, China	5 00
Mrs. Gallie Fitzgerald, Honolulu, T. H.	5 00
Mother Rose Anne, St. Thomas' Virgin Island (1927)	11 42
Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, S. C.	138 10
Mary K. Williams-Home for Girls, Frankfort, Ky.	90 95
Trinity House, Richlands, Va. (1927)	29 00
Supply Department	140 90

	\$ 972 87

Respectfully submitted,

ERMINA C. RICKERT,
Supply Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kate W. Perley, Treasurer, in account with the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council for the year 1928.

Our deficit was only \$25.00 and the Junior's \$25.00.

Deficit of 1927.

Montpelier, Christ Church	\$ 82 00
Windsor, St. Paul's	25 75
Brattleboro, St. Michael's	10 00
Newport, St. Mark's	10 69
White River Junction, St. Paul's	10 00
Norwich, St. Barnabas'	10 00
Bellows Falls, Immanuel	10 00
Woodstock, St. James'	5 00
Chester, St. Lukes'	4 00
	\$ 167 44

Receipts for General Fund, 1928.

Mrs. W. Seward Webb	\$ 200 00
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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 85
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	5 68
Middletown Springs, St. Margaret's	3 00
Rutland District Meeting	11 73
	\$ 301 26

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

St. Albans, St. Luke's	\$ 20 00
Richford, St. Anne's	17 50
Enosburg Falls, St. Matthew's	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

	\$ 100 00

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Montpelier, Christ Church	\$ 85 00
Northfield, St. Mary's	26 95
Barre, Good Shepherd	25 00
Bethel, Christ Church	5 00
District	8 05

	\$ 150 00

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's	\$ 50 00
Newport, St. Mark's	53 35
Lyndonville, St. Peter's	10 00
Hardwick, St. John Baptist	2 60
Concord, St. James'	1 50

	\$ 117 45

WINDSOR DISTRICT

Windsor, St. Paul's	\$ 33 81
Brattleboro, St. Michael's	66 78
(\$5.00 designated for Bible Woman in China)	
(\$6.78 designated for Church Mission of Help)	
Woodstock, St. James'	60 00
White River Junction, St. Paul's	25 00
Springfield, St. Mark's	20 00
Nodwich, St. Barnabas'	10 00
Chester, St. Luke's	6 00
(\$1.00 designated for Bible Woman in China)	
Bellows Falls, Immanuel	58 55

	\$ 280 14

SPECIALS

Mrs. Mary DeForest Weeks, St. Margaret's School	\$ 15 00
Annual Meeting Offering, famine sufferers in China	20 00
Annual Meeting Offering, Dr. Chapman's work	29 50
Diocesan Altar Guild account, Burlington Bank	93 93

From sale of Auxiliary envelopes	1 11
	— \$ 159 54
Junior Appropriation 1927, Miss Elmendorf..	\$ 5 00
Balance returned by Miss Clark, Educational Secretary	7 96
Check No. 248, date Sept. 16, 1925, from Shel- burn to Archdeacon Wentworth never re- turned for payment	2 00
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Receipts for deficit, General Fund, Special and Juniors	\$1,790 79

United Thank Offering.
BURLINGTON DISTRICT

Burlington, St. Paul's	\$ 187 00
Shelburne, Trinity	20 00
Middlebury, St. Stephen's	44 30
Vergennes, St. Paul's	17 00
Winooski & Essex Junction, Trinity	4 15
Shoreham, All Saints	5 00
	— \$ 277 45

RUTLAND DISTRICT

Rutland, Trinity	\$ 347 00
Bennington, St. Peter's	60 00
Brandon, St. Thomas'	39 46
Manchester Center, Zion's	41 04
Arlington, St. James'	85 00
Poultney, Trinity	33 25
Fair Haven, St. Luke's	13 00
Hydeville, St. James'	1 00
Wells, St. Paul's	9 67
Middletown Springs, St. Margaret's	4 00
	— \$ 633 42

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

St. Albans, St. Luke's	\$ 26 00
Richford, St. Anne's	14 00
Enosburg Falls, St. Matthew's	30 07
Swanton, Holy Trinity	11 75
Grand Isle, Lady Chapel	77 50
East Berkshire, Calvary	5 00
Isle LaMotte	5 00
Miss Mary L. Gates	10 00
	— \$ 179 32

MONTPELIER DISTRICT

Montpelier, Christ Church	\$ 25 35
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Northfield, St. Mary's	14 55
Barre, Good Shepherd	12 24
	—————\$ 52 14

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT

St. Johnsbury, St. Andrew's	\$ 66 85
Newport, St. Mark's	11 10
Lyndonville, St. Peter's	31 24
Concord, St. James	1 00
Canaan	5 00
Hardwick, St. John Baptist	5 17
Island Pond, Christ Church	22 06
	—————\$ 142 42

WINDSOR DISTRICT

Windsor, St. Paul's	\$ 67 40
Woodstock, St. James'	55 00
Brattleboro, St. Michael's	49 00
White River Junction, St. Paul's	21 31
Springfield, St. Mark's	8 96
Chester, St. Luke's	8 05
Bellows Falls, Immanuel	50 05
	—————\$ 259 77
In memory of Caroline A. H. Canfield	\$ 6 00
Mrs. Mary DeForest Weeks	10 00
Certificate from Church Missions House	1 07
	—————\$ 17 07

Receipts for United Thank Offering, 1928....	\$1,561 59
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SUMMARY

Total cash receipts for 1928.....	\$3,352 38
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1928, General Fund....	85 92
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1928, Juniors	25 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1928, United Thank Offering	1,847 58
Interest on United Thank Offering	37 49
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	\$5,348 37

Disbursements

Esme A. C. Smith, Treas., Diocesan Missions 1927....	\$ 100 00
Lewis B. Franklin, Treas., General Missions, 1927....	100 00
Junior Appropriation 1927, Miss Elmendorf.....	5 00
Esme A. C. Smith, Treas., Diocesan Missions, 1928....	400 00
Lewis B. Franklin, Treas., General Missions, 1928....	400 00
(\$6.00 designated for Bible Woman in China)	

Church Mission of Help	100 00
(\$6.75 designated from Brattleboro)	
Miss Elmendorf	150 00
Bishop Hopkins Hall	100 00
Repairs on Bishop's House	50 00
Educational Secretary:	
Miss Helen Clark	\$ 5 00
Wellesley Conference	55 00
Towards Expenses	30 00

	90 00
Supply Secretary	25 00
Juniors, Church Army Work, 1926 money	25 00
United Thank Offering	3,335 55
Specials:	
St. Margaret's School, Tokyo	\$ 15 00
Famine Sufferers in China	20 00
Dr. Chapman's Work in Alaska	29 50
Restoration Fund, Rock Point	93 93

	158 43
Printing:	
Certificates and Programs	6 75
500 postal cards and printing	6 75
Annual Reports & Miss Wheeler's paper..	121 50

	135 00
Postage:	
Stamped envelopes for Treasurer	1 10
Express on book to Auditor	76

	1 86
Speaker: Annual Meeting	6 06
Towards expenses Executive Board	5 00
Little Auxiliary envelopes	2 40

	\$5,189 30
Cash on hand, check account	\$ 6 30
Cash on hand, Education Secretary	41 66
Cash on hand, United Thank Offering	110 63
Interest on United Thank Offering since Oct. 1,	48

	159 07

	\$5,348 37

Respectfully submitted,

KATE W. PERLEY,
Diocesan Treasurer.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In preparing any resumé of work accomplished there is a dilemma presented by the peculiar condition of a fiscal year beginning in January and an annual meeting held in May; however, it may be permitted in a report of this nature to follow the division of time our minds would naturally make, from one annual meeting to the next.

The outstanding event of October was, of course, the Triennial at Washington. To those who were privileged to be there,—there were fourteen of whom I know from the Vermont Branch—it was an ascent to the mountain top from which we glimpsed far reaches, never quite possible of description. The general theme of the Triennial—speaking from the Auxiliary viewpoint—was “Christ and Human Relations.” Thro’ three weeks His Veritable Presence seemed with us in increasing power. It is possible only to indicate the onward unfolding of that theme, beginning with that wonderful early morning presentation of the U. T. O. with its preparatory service of hymns and meditations on certain phrases in them, the familiar and beautiful

“*Oh Master let me walk with Thee*”
and the meditation on the words

“*In lowly paths of service free.*”
and

“*Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy Tone.*”
with it meditation on

“*Teach me the wayward feet to stay
And guide them in the homeward way.*”
and another

“*Oh for a closer walk with God.*”
all this in preparation for the Eucharist which followed when the great Thank Offering of two lives of service, and money was laid upon the altar while we sang over and over again from full hearts, the offertory hymn—“Holy Offerings, Rich and Rare.” At the vast missionary mass meeting of that evening, Dr. Sturgis spoke as perhaps only he could on the “World for Christ,” and on the quiet and freshening day of Intercession, we were directed in our thought of Christ in His Human Relations—to the family, intellectual, industrial and economic life in international and interracial relations, and to the life of the Church and individual life.

So this theme unfolded, to the close when in symbolic pageantry, the world of all times and places, streamed with uplifted

hands to the Triumphant Cross of Christ, while through all its unfolding, there ran from day to day for a few quiet moments at noon, like the main motif in a great piece of orchestration Miss Lindley's meditations—"Then the same day—at evening—when the doors were shut—came Jesus."

It was with this realization that we left Washington, that all our endeavor can be of no worth unless as individuals, we may shut the doors that Jesus may come. This is the purpose of my rather extended account of the Triennial, this is the thought which I hope you will carry home from this meeting, that in a world never so noisy and never so distracting, as now, we may practice the shutting of the door, and in the ensuing quiet may feel the Power of Christ with us. Then when the door is reopened, we shall meet life and its privileges and responsibilities as Christians should.

During this coming year may we as branches emphasize the quiet side of our work, in holding at least one Corporate Communion near the Feast of the Annunciation, when the U. T. O. may be presented, may we, too, continue the study classes which are coming as I notice in the Mountain Echo to be used by fully two thirds of the branches. Our goal is "*every* branch a learning one." With information all other activities have a way of being done! And this brings me to a request. I would like each branch to have access to "The Mt. Echo" and form a habit of reading each issue. It will prove a great saving of postage and time if the officers may avail themselves of the space so generously given the Auxiliary for messages which otherwise must be sent to each branch.

We regret the continued illness of Mrs. L. R. Rickert, our Supply Secretary, who has worked faithfully and lovingly to bring that department up to its present state of efficiency. We are grateful to Mrs. W. C. Gipson for the capable way in which she has taken up the work so that there has been no perceptible interruption.

Mention must also be made of the splendid response given by the branches and individuals to an appeal sent out in the early fall for help in equipping the rooms to be used by the Church Mission of Help in the Institute building at Rock Point. At Christmas time personal boxes were sent the girls by interested women in each district. I ask for your continued interest and for neighborly visits from any of you who may be near Burlington.

The solicitation of funds for St. Luke's Hospital, Tokio, while not strictly an Auxiliary activity, has been handled through our existing organization.

So closes the most successful year along every line of work, since I have had the joy of being your president. I ask for your continued co-operation.

HAZEL M. WILLS.

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

From January 1st, 1928 to December 31st, 1928.

There were Christmas gifts sent to 101 children, ages from babies in arms to boys and girls fourteen and fifteen years old. In the missions at Valle Crucis and Edneyville, N. C. most appreciative letters of thanks were received from the missionaries in charge, giving the Juniors in Vermont a glimpse of what it means to children in Mission Schools to receive this Christmas cheer. All gifts were sent gayly wrapped in bright tissue paper.

\$25.00 was given to Diocesan Church Missions of Help—By the branch in Brattleboro \$5.00, by Woodstock \$17.00, by St. Albans \$3.00.

The Christmas boxes valued at \$50.00 were sent by the following branches:

St. Paul's, Burlington.....	\$30.00
Zion Church, Manchester Center	10.00
St. Mary's, Northfield	5.00
St. James', Woodstock	10.00
Two branches sent Easter boxes valued at \$20.00:	
St. Luke's, St. Albans	\$10.00
St. James', Woodstock	10.00

This year, 1928, is the first since 1910 that the Branch at Barre has reported no work, the reason being the serious illness of the very unusual leader, Mrs. Rickert. We would express our appreciation of what has been accomplished by her and pray she may soon be restored to health.

The Birthday Thank Offering amounted to \$66.00 for the Trienium of 1925-28 and was given to the Hooker School in Mexico. The object to which the next offerings will be given is the Children's Ward in St. Luke's Hospital in Tokio, Japan.

LENA F. JONES.

REPORT OF BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

From January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929.

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

Your Vice President begs to submit the following report.

For the first time since taking over this work it has been possible to visit every Branch in the District. Each Branch has engaged in some form of missionary activity and most Branches have followed many lines of work.

Our Advent assignment, a very considerable one, was a box for the Rev. Walter G. Kings of Antigo, Wisconsin. Every Branch met its obligations. As a part of its quota Vergennes sent a Christmas box to Miss Mary A. Bremer in Shanghai, China.

Our share of the General Fund, \$300 was forth coming. Branches responded generously to the work of the Supply Department. We do this work in Lent.

The District meeting in Trinity Church, Milton, in late September was well attended and most inspiring. The members of the Milton Branch by their cordial reception and gracious hospitality gave assurance of their hearty cooperation in our work.

The year following the wonderful Triennial which it was my great privilege as one of your delegates to attend, should be filled with missionary zeal and result in good works.

ELLA H. WATERMAN,
Vice President, Burlington District.

REPORT OF THE RUTLAND DISTRICT.

January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929.

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

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

There was not a district meeting held during the summer, as has been customary in Rutland District. Mr. Brown very kindly invited us to hold a district meeting at Wells, August 21st. in connection with the Church Army rally but it did not seem advisable to hold a district meeting at this time. However, Mr. Brown sent invitations out to the different branches in the district, so the Woman's Auxiliary was represented at the rally.

We did hold a meeting November 4th at Rutland. Mrs. Wills and Mrs. McKee gave very interesting talks on the General Convention. The Advent work was assigned the different branches. The collection which amounted to \$11.73 was sent to Mrs. Perley for the General Fund.

The Lenten box of 1928 went to Trinity House, Richlands, Va., and consisted of dispensary supplies. The Advent box to the Rev. Thomas J. Rouillard, Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota. I received letters acknowledging and thanking us for these boxes from both Mr. Wilson of Trinity House and Mr. Rouillard. Study classes were held in all of the branches I have heard from. The Rutland district contributed \$285.00 to the Church Mission of help.

FLORENCE R. GIPSON,

Vice President, Rutland District.

REPORT OF THE MONTPELIER DISTRICT.

January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929.

The Montpelier District has shown the usual activity during 1928.

The Branches have worked for Trinity House Mission, Richlands, Virginia and Mediator Mission, Edisto Island, South Carolina.

Through a personal visit to Bethel there is much encouragement for future work of the Auxiliary there. They were able this year to assist toward the General Fund which, with their help, we were able to meet in full.

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Montpelier District of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, was held in Barre on September 20th in the Church of the Good Shepherd with good attendance. The services began at ten o'clock with the celebration of Holy Communion.

The business meeting followed.

Words of welcome were extended by the Rector, the Rev. Stanley C. Ripper, with response, by the Rev. H. W. Fulweiler of Northfield.

Report of the Secretaries showed parish activities.

A call from the Church Mission of Help was met with generous response from those present.

True to his promise of the year before Mr. Fulweiler told us more of his experiences among the Indians of South Dakota. He showed samples of their industry and pictures of their people.

The Right Reverend Samuel B. Booth conducted the Noon-day Intercessions and later addressed the meeting with his usual kind council for our work. The District Vice President who was sent as delegate from Christ Church gave a full report of the 50th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council held in St. James' Church, Arlington, on June 13th and 14th.

Mrs. H. W. Fulweiler who has succeeded Miss Eola Clark as Educational Secretary of this Diocese brought us her message from the Wellesley Conference where she was sent by the Auxiliary in preparation for her work in organizing Discussion Groups for Mission Study. Through her effort this work has met with ready response and much interest.

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

REPORT OF THE ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.

From January 1st, 1928 to December 31st, 1928.

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

From one of my ten branches I have not been able to get any report so that leaves nine that are active.

We have worked for two missions in South Carolina—Holy Comfort in Sumter and Mediator, Edisto Island, Charleston—also the Supply Department.

We have contributed to the Church Mission of Help, the Swanton Branch sending a large assortment of various household articles for use at Rock Point. The United Thank Offering was not forgotten and our quota of one hundred dollars to the General Fund was in the hands of the State Treasurer before the end of December.

The usual Island District meeting had to be cancelled owing to the early summons to Chicago of Dr. and Mrs. John Henry Hopkins. But on November 8th a most inspiring District Meeting was held at St. Luke's, St. Albans. I think much of the inspiration was due to the "Spirit of the General Convention" at Washington which it was my privilege to attend. Bishop Booth the principal speaker, talked on what seemed to him its outstanding features. Mrs. Waterman entertained us with a graphic and interesting description of the doings of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Rev. M. W. Ross, the Rector, read an account of the golden Alms Basin used at the U. T. O. Service. Miss Wright was there and spoke on the Church Missions of

Help and the work done at Rock Point, and Mrs. Fulweiler spoke on Africa which was our subject for this year.

The offering which amounted to nine dollars was sent to Porto Rico and Southern Florida Relief work and the work at Rock Point.

I visited one branch giving an account of the General Convention. May the inspiration and help received especially from the great open air meeting and the United Thank Offering service of the Woman's Auxiliary at Washington ever remain with us and be a help to inspire others.

SUSAN K. RIXFORD,

Vice President, St. Albans District.

REPORT OF THE ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT.

Respectfully submitted to the Officers and Members of the Vermont Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary:

We were very glad to have with us at our District Meeting, Bishop Booth and Mrs. Fulweiler. The meeting was held on September 24th at Christ Church, Island Pond and opened at eleven with a celebration of the Holy Eucharest, Bishop Booth and the Rev. J. Louis Clarke being the celebrants. The offering was later sent to Miss Doris K. Wright for the Church Mission of Help. After a delicious luncheon served by the Auxiliary of Christ Church, Bishop Booth gave a splendid informal address and Mrs. Fulweiler talked in an interesting manner on the subject of Mission Study. The box work was then distributed and after a genial cup of tea the company dispersed. There were about fifty present at the meeting and although the three smaller branches, Hardwick, Concord and Canaan, were not represented, it is hoped they may be able to attend a meeting in the near future.

Requests have been made for contributions to the General Fund, the United Thanking Offering, the Corporate Gift, the Church Mission of Help, and St. Luke's, and the District as a whole has responded very well.

I feel sure that our Diocesan coffers would all be filled to overflowing, had each Auxiliary member been able to attend the General Convention so that she might realize more fully the great work her Church, with her help, is accomplishing.

THEA POWERS WATSON,

Vice President of St. Johnsbury District.

REPORT OF THE WINDSOR DISTRICT.

From January 1st, 1928 to December 31st, 1928.

Six of the seven branches of Windsor District responded generously to all appeals. The box work for Advent was for the Mediator Mission in South Carolina, and a personal box was sent to Mrs. Gaelic Fitzgerald in Honolulu. The various reports show increased interest in the work of the Church Mission of Help.

No District meeting was held during 1928. It did not seem advisable to try to hold one again in Brattleboro as it is so far south, and none of the branches asked felt prepared to hold one. With a new Vice President more centrally located in the state, perhaps there will be better results.

The value of boxes, and our contribution towards the General Fund and Corporate Gift, are included in other reports.

IOLA C. CAIN,

Vice President, Windsor District.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB.

Annual Report of the Secretary.

January 1st, 1928 to January 1st, 1929.

Current Periodicals, sent regularly	57
Number of Donors of Periodicals	27
Books, Theological and Secular	10
Odd Magazines and Papers, full years	7
Christmas and Easter Cards	38
For Library Fund	\$20.00

MRS. JOSEPH REYNOLDS,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

As a preparation and beginning for the year's educational program in the Diocese of Vermont, you made possible the attendance of your Educational Secretary at the Wellesley Conference last June. I wish that I might fully impress upon you the vital importance of a conference of this kind to the educational work. In no other way, I most emphatically believe, may the Secretary be so thoroughly informed as to the coming year's plans and methods of study as in these few days of corporate thought and conference; the inspiration gained is invaluable.

Do send your new Educational Secretary to Wellesley this June!

In the early Autumn, the course of study for the year was presented in four of the six districts: Montpelier at Barre; St. Johnsbury at Island Pond; Burlington at Milton; and St. Albans at St. Albans. These meetings were turned into Mission Study Classes on Africa and thus a demonstration of the method of conducting such a class, realized. Bishop Booth was present at these meetings and his word of commendation for the entire educational plan was very helpful. The response and enthusiasm of the women was most encouraging and now that the year's reports are in, I feel that results have more than equaled my hopes and expectations.

The work was outlined in the "Mountain Echo" for January, for those who had been unable to attend district meetings. Form letters with an enclosure of the leaflet "Intercessions for Africa" were sent early in February to all Branch Presidents from whom I had not already heard. During the year, I have written more than fifty personal letters and thirty-six form letters. The Lending Library of supplementary reading has been used by a number of individuals and groups throughout the Diocese.

In looking back over the year past and judging from reports sent me by five of the six districts, I feel that work accomplished in this our second year of unified diocesan endeavor in education is gratifying.

St. Johnsbury reports study classes on Africa held in five of the six branches, and many subscriptions to the "Spirit of Missions" and the "Living Church." The women of St. Andrew's Church, St. Johnsbury, spent a day each week during Lent, at their work. There was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at nine in the morning followed by Meditations and the remainder of the morning on supply work; prayers at noon; dinner in the parish rooms; and then the study of Africa. Splendid interest and attendance is reported.

In Burlington District five of eight branches studied "The New Africa" by Dr. Fraser, Vergennes using slides on Africa from the Church Missions House with a speaker from the West African Coast. Two other branches had study classes on other subjects, and the remaining branch bought several copies of "The New Africa" although there was no organized class.

"The New Africa" was used in two branches in the St. Albans District, while readings on other topics were had in three other groups.

Montpelier District reports classes on Africa in two of its five branches, with many subscriptions to the "Spirit of Missions."

I have no definite report from Rutland District. Its Vice President, however, feels sure that several groups did have study classes.

No report from the Windsor District has come to me.

I heartily appreciate the loyal support of my co-workers, the President, the Vice Presidents, and the District Educational Secretaries. Without their generous help this year could not have been the year of joy in achievements won which it has become to your Educational Secretary.

May God bless our work and bring us nearer to Him, "who has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth" and nearer to each other in our common study and prayers.

MARY L. BOYLES FULWEILER,
Educational Secretary.

Financial Report of Educational Secretary.

RECEIPTS

From Mrs. Perley, for Wellesley	\$ 55.00
For running expenses	30.00
Sale of Missionary calendars	6.40
Sale of Text books and maps	20.00
Postage40

	\$111.84

EXPENSES

For Wellesley	\$ 55.00
For Missionary Calendars	10.00
For Textbooks and Maps	15.04
For Leaflets60
For Books and Diocese	2.53
For Postage and Stationary	2.96
For Typeing	3.50
For Traveling Expenses	8.86
For Office and Supplies	1.55
For Telephone	1.27
For Textbooks for Leaders90
Refund25

	\$102.46
Cash on hand	\$ 9.38

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 synopsis 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 Diocese 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.

QUORUM

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

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.

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

NAME.

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

OBJECT.

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

OFFICERS.

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

ELECTIONS.

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

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

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

PRIVILEGES OF OFFICERS.

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

ELIGIBILITY AND REPRESENTATION

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

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

MEETINGS.

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

QUORUM.

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

AMENDMENTS

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

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

BY-LAWS.

1—NOMINATION

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

2—APPROPRIATIONS.

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

3—REPORTS.

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

4—ANNUAL DIRECTORS.

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

5—DELEGATES.

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

6—VACANCIES.

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

REPORT OF THE
Missionary Work of the Clergy

OF VERMONT, READ BEFORE THE VERMONT BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, JUNE 13, 1883.

In endeavoring to give you a sketch of the present aspect of Missionary work in the Diocese of Vermont, I shall begin with the account given by the Rev. Dr. Bailey of his work in Fairfield, and at Rice Hill, in Sheldon.

In Fairfield a heavy loss to the Church has been felt, in the death of both the Senior and Junior Wardens, and in the removal of one of the three chief supporters of the Church. The Parish has since appointed a new set of officers, and Dr. Bailey has done his best to impress upon the younger members a sense of the necessity for keeping up the services. A very few are making faint endeavors to that end.

The Congregationalists of Fairfield are in a moribund condition likewise, having closed their doors for some time. Hence, unless our people bestir themselves there is danger that the entire Protestant community of Fairfield will relapse into ungodliness. At Rice Hill, six miles distant from Sheldon village, Dr. Bailey has for many years held Missionary services. There is a little Sunday school there of about twelve scholars, kept up by the constant effort of Miss Kate Whittemore. Her labors, he says, have made this part of the Parish among the most productive that he has,

The next in order comes the report of Rev. Mr. Atwell, of Newport. He says that they have opened two substantial churches, one at Newport and one at North Troy. This has had a good effect, resulting in a large attendance on the services and a livelier interest in the Church. The Irasburgh Mission has been given up for the present, as many of those interested in it have moved away. In the matter of *giving* the people have been so liberal as to put to shame some larger and more wealthy Parishes. The only difficulty this Missionary experiences is an insufficient salary, Newport being an expensive place to live in, and a horse being necessary to the prosecution of his work. He receives but \$800.

Last winter, as you are aware, was excessively severe, but Mr. Atwell states that notwithstanding that he only missed a single appointment. On one occasion he went over to North Troy on a snow plow, an experience which he did not find exactly enjoyable.

Christ Church, Island Pond, was a Mission, established a few years since by the Rev Louis A. Arthur, which, after Mr. Arthur's departure to another field, was taken in charge by the Rev. Frederick C. Cowper for one year and seven months. This Mission was named St. Titus-in-the-Woods. Mr. Cowper states that last summer, through the liberality of the Bishop and the Snnday school of St. Paul's, Burlington, he was provided with seventy-five volumes, which has constituted a very valuable library to the people of the Mission, which he considers a most potent agent for good in out-of-the-way places such as this.

During his Rectorship at Island Pond Mr. Cowper did such aggressive work for the Church as lay in his power. One occasion he went over the border into New Hampshire, to the town of Colebrook, preaching to a small congregation in the morning at a school house. In the afternoon he was permitted to preach to two hundred persons in the Congregational church of Colebrook. The people seemed pleased, and one of the chief citizens remarked that the service was "beyond criticism."

On one occasion this Missionary was on his way to another village of Island Pond, when he passed a house reported to be haunted. Seeing a lot of children at the windows, he approached, and on entering the house found them to be the children of a man whom he had occasionally seen at his services. He had given him a prayer book and an illustrated Catechism for his children, who were afterwards brought to Church, though they had but scanty clothing, being very poor.

For some time now this man has been Sexton of the Church at Island Pond, and he spoke to Mr. Cowper about the village of Westmore, seven miles off.

This is a well-to-do farming district, largely composed of people from the old country who still retain their love for the mother Church. The Sexton above mentioned had a wife who was related to many families in Westmore; hence the interest shown in extending the Church's operations in that quarter. She assisted Mr. Cowper in arranging service in the Fuller school house, on the beautiful Westmore mountain. On the Sunday after Ascension Day Mr. Grant, Senior Warden at Island Pond, took Mr. Cowper to Westmore, where services were held before a congregation of forty persons, who were reverent and attentive. After Church they went to Mr. Fuller's house, and baptised two children. The Westmore people being anxious for another service, Mr. Cowper went again on Trinity Sunday, and found the school house packed with an assembly of seventy-nine persons; baptized two more children and named the Mission, the Ascension. This is an important point for aggressive work. This, the key to the Clyde Valley, leads up to Newport. Two miles from the Fuller school house lies the village of East Charleston, with a large meeting house, that might be gained by a judicious clergyman, who should first have established the Westmore

Mission. The said meeting house is sometimes in the hands of the Methodists, at others in those of the "Free-willers." At this point three or four hundred dollars might be raised on the ground for a persevering Missionary. Mr. Cowper concludes his report by describing the baptism of the sexton's children, five in number. He says the baptism of the two eldest, who were twin boys, was the most impressive he ever held.

Rev. Mr. Westover, of East Berkshire, holds a Mission service at Center Berkshire every fortnight, where he has an attendance of say fifty, including eight or ten communicants. He has a drive of four miles to this point. Rev. Thomas Burgess, of St. Luke's, St. Albans, writes regarding the Parish of Holy Trinity, Swanton, of which he has charge at present, that they have a good attendance, and that their wants are supplied with aid from the Missionary Board. The Church is not quite strong enough to have a Rector of its own, but there are many signs of a healthy growth, and if they could have a minister to give his whole time to them there would soon be a strong Parish among them. The Church building is in good condition and comfortable. Mr. Burgess drives nine miles to perform his service in Swanton,

The Missions next in order are those of Winooski and Shelburne, under the care of the Rev. J. Isham Bliss. The strength of the former is derived from a body of American Protestants, mostly connected with the manufacturing interests there. As a consequence removals from among them are frequent. Yet the prospect is rather in favor of the growth of the Church, as from its favorable situation Winooski is likely at any time to increase its business interests. The majority of the Church members do all they can, with their means, and the year has been encouraging for the Mission.

Shelburn, although organized as a Parish, is, properly speaking, a Mission. Its members are mainly of the farming class, living at long distance from the Church. They are not numerous, but faithful to the services in all weathers. Their Church was burned some years ago, and they have since felt unable to rebuild it. An inexpensive but suitable edifice is what they need most.

From Poultney the Rev. E. H. Randall writes that the Mission at Wells holds its own, but *grows* not much, the population being scattered. He says he needs a Deacon to work with him in the care of Wells, Tinmouth, Middletown, Fairhaven, Hydeville, and perhaps Castleton, using Poultney as a headquarters. There is ample work for two Deacons, not ambitious to become Priests, at this point. Would that we could find them! Until we have something of this kind, Mr. Randall thinks the Church in *that* region will fail to accomplish the best work for the evangelizing of the people.

A brief but very interesting report comes from the Rev. Howard F. Hill, of Christ Church, Montpelier, who gives an account of Missionary labors performed at five points, with one other in prospect at Bar-

re. He performs a service at the town farm once a month; attendance, ten to fifteen persons. Lately he administered the Holy Communion to several persons, including a dying woman, who had previously not received for fifteen years.

At Wright's Mills he holds service every six weeks, when travel will permit. This Mission is a union affair, and the attendance usually numbers from fifty to seventy. At Fayston he has lately held two services, for that town and Waitsfield. The distance from Montpelier is twenty-five miles, (a very long drive, as I think,) and the service has been held in a school house, which has been densely pack'd. He has baptized here nine persons; descendants of members of the Church in Ireland. He has been heartily received, and believes that services could be held at this point to the great profit of the people who welcome him, as being able to reach a class of persons deeply attached to a liturgic Church, and who could not be reached by the denominations. During the residence there of Hon. Roderick Richardson regular services were held in Waitsfield. The Communion was here given to an aged Christian who had not received for twenty years. Mr. Hill hopes, God willing, to continue this work, and also to open another in Barre, where there are some foreign Church people. He has not yet developed the work enough to state what wants he shall have, to the ladies of the Auxiliary. At another meeting of the Convention, probably, he will be able to tell us something that we might do to help him.

The Rev. Mr. Denslow, of Rutland, writes that since the departure of Rev. Mr. Lee, in December, he has had charge of the Mission at West Rutland. The Parish needs only kindly sympathy and such aid as it has heretofore received from the Missionary Committee, and about \$130 from the Land Agents for West Rutland, Hydeville, Castleton and Fairhaven. The last named is soon to go into the hands of Rev. E. H. Randall. With such contributions, therefore, as the West Rutland people think they can guarantee, the Missionary for these points, except Fairhaven, may expect about \$800 per year as stipend. They have a good church building in West Rutland, which has lately been painted, and a fine lot adjoining, for a Rectory, has been fenced in. The erection of a Rectory would be a great source of strength to the Parish, as well as its clergyman.

Mrs. E. L. Wyman, Secretary of Zion Church, Factory Point, sends an interesting account of the persevering struggle against adverse circumstances of this Parish, which I condense for your information.

For more than twenty years, except during two short periods, this Parish has had no Rector. Notwithstanding many difficulties, which are now happily nearly settled, regular services have been kept up all this time by a Lay Reader, and Sunday school as well, so that the children have been carefully trained in all parts of Church catechism, as ordered in the baptismal service.

The ladies of the Parish also have continued their Society meetings,

and have done much towards beautifying and improving the Parish Church, which had become somewhat shabby. They have also done their share of Missionary work in the Auxiliary, and it is mainly due to them that the services have been kept up during the period of the adversity of the Parish. During the past six months an unusual degree of interest has shown itself, not only in the Church but outside of it in the village. Mrs. Wyman thinks that if they could get a good Rector there would be an excellent prospect for the Church at Factory Point; as it is, the Rev. Mr. Graves, of Bennington, has given them one weekday service since Ash Wednesday up to May 20th, and has baptized eleven persons. Attendance has ranged from forty to seventy, and at the Bishop's visitation eight were confirmed. Mr. Graves also holds Mission services at Shaftsbury, Pleasant Valley, and Bennington.

Since December, 1881, Church services have been held in Richford, by the Rev. B. W. Atwell and others. Two resident gentlemen of Richford have acted as Lay Readers, and the Rev. Messrs. Westover, of Berkshire, and Lummis, of Glen Sutton, Province of Quebec, have given occasional services. In the autumn of 1881 the Bishop visited the Mission and confirmed three persons. Services were continued till the spring of 1882, when the persons petitioned the Bishop for a Missionary. Being at that time a candidate for orders, the Bishop commissioned Mr. G. H. Bailey to act as Missionary at this point. In June, 1882, Mr. Bailey began his ministrations, and has kept them up ever since. He has been supported mainly by the contributions of the people in Richford, and has lived among them since the 1st of July. From the spring of 1882 until now, except during the heavy snows of the winter, the attendance has been about sixty in the morning and ninety at evening service. One fine Sunday the congregation at evening reached one hundred and twenty persons. Since Mr. Bailey's assumption of this Mission, six persons have been baptized and nine confirmed. They now worship at the town hall, which is inconvenient, as they are obliged to move their chancel arrangements, which are really good, to make way for all sorts of traveling shows, etc.

With the aid of the Rev. Mr. Atwell, Mr. Bailey has organized this Mission with a regular staff of officers, and they have an excellent choir. They have a subscription amounting to \$850 towards a church, and have had promised something more by the Woman's Auxiliary. They have also had three-quarters of an acre of ground presented for a building lot. They need, however, about \$400 more to put up a suitable building. The greatest obstacles to the Missionary's labors, here as elsewhere, are prejudice and entire ignorance of the character of the Church, and everything connected with it. The Methodists, Baptists, and Seventh-Day Baptists are always wrangling among themselves, which produces much infidelity and general mischief, while the Roman Church, composed chiefly of Canadian French, is strong only in members, great laxity and indifference being prevalent among them. Mr.

Bailey thinks that it would not be exaggeration to say that in Richford three-quarters of the male and one-fourth or the female population are avowed unbelievers, though some make this a mere pretext for doing nothing for religion.

It is obvious, therefore, that the Church is immensely needed at this point, as a refuge from the melancholy strifes and divisions prevalent among the other religious bodies there. Dr. J. W. and Dr. N. F. Hamilton, two brothers, have paid towards Church expenses about \$300, besides as much more in subscriptions for the new Church. The first named, with his wife, have been confirmed. The Mission lacks material for use in the Sunday school, and especially library books. The Missionary would be glad if some of the Parishes might spare him some of the books which have been worked out in their libraries.

The Parish of Montgomery is now attached to the Richford Mission, which gives Mr. Bailey a ten-mile drive after morning service and Sunday school, and in the evening he returns in time for a second service at Richford.

The last report on the list, that of Rev. Gemont Graves, Burlington, is the most comprehensive and interesting yet received. In order to show you what this zealous servant of Christ accomplished during the year, I will first recapitulate his figures, and then give you a sketch of his work. For the past year he has served in five Missions—380 individuals, including 126 communicants. He has received from them \$266,47 as salary. The services held among them, including Lay services, were 205; private communions administered to the sick, 9; contributions to Missions amounted to \$43,79; the miles traveled by the Missionary, 2,800, and the pastoral calls and other interviewers with the people were several thousand. It seems to me that this is a fine showing, as the result of one man's exertions. Mr. Graves goes to Cambridge Center once a month, and holds worship with a Parish of about 100 persons. The average contributions to salary at this point are 28 4-9 cents per individual annually. Mr. Graves boards around, at a score of different places. He serves Jericho, fourteen miles distant, on the same Sundays, hiring a horse for the journey. He says that sometimes, in bad weather, he has to travel by rail, on a hand car or railroad velocipede, at the risk of his neck, or hails a passing train; is sometimes late at Jericho, but, to their credit be it spoken, the people under such circumstances are *very patient!* An interest in the Church is reviving at Cambridge Borough, one-half mile west of Cambridge Centre, and they hope to have services there this summer. There being no Lay Readers in this section, there is urgent need of clerical aid for the Mission. At Pleasant Valley, two or three miles south of Cambridge Centre, the Bishop lately held an interesting service, probably the first ever held there. At Cambridge Centre itself a small Church is much needed; also tracts and religious books for distribution. Calvary Church, Jericho, includes a body of thirty-eight persons; com-

municants 13; \$172 was raised there, partly with the assistance of summer tourists. These latter have been very liberal in contributing money for the various needs of the church building, etc. The Church needs about \$220 for repairs; \$70 of this is already collected. Last year the people paid the Missionary \$85.91 as salary. The Church is insured, and without debt. There is need of an extra surplice at this point, for occasional use.

Emmanuel Mission, East Georgia, twenty-one miles from Burlington, by rail, comes next, and was begun in 1863 by Miss Sarah Ann Hyde, now in Paradise. She built the Church, with the assistance of Rev. Francis W. Smith, who was its first Rector, and defrayed nearly its entire cost. Hence it is now her memorial, and the noble example she set its people during her life time is bearing excellent fruit, now that she is at rest. This Mission contributes \$52.19 to the salary of its pastor. The people usually carry him to Milton on the same Sunday, for another service, though he sometimes goes on foot. The Missionary holds school house services at Checkerberry, in Milton, and at three other points in Milton.

The little Church at Georgia is composed mostly of poor people, and is doing much good to the whole region. Thirty-three services were given last year. There is no Lay Reader, and the men are very few. Last year the Bishop confirmed five at this point, one being a blind girl of twelve years. She was then in her last illness, and died soon after, in full hope and ardent faith. Her grandmother and father were confirmed at the same visitation, and two other women, one a young matron, the other an aged invalid, were also confirmed at their homes, and now all of the five, save one, rest at peace in Jesus.

On one winter day the Missionary, having heard of a family who were nearly all suffering with a dangerous disease, went to them, and before he left succeeded in persuading them to be baptized. He remarks that a travelling Missionary often has such opportunities of planting the seeds of religious faith, and it is a pity we had not a larger force of itinerants. Trinity Mission has 37 individuals enrolled on its books; 17 communicants. They gave last year \$44.05 towards salary of the Missionary, and \$10.84 for Missions; 42 services were held last year. This Mission is supported mostly by women, a fact which you have observed seems to be the common experience throughout the State. There is a certain monotony observable in the unfailing tributes to female devotion on the part of the clergy. We should like to see it varied once in a while by similar tributes to the zeal of the men of the Church. At this point there are needed ecclesiastical furniture, conveniences, and Lay Readers.

The fifth Mission on Mr. Graves' circuit is Christ Church, Buck Hollow, one of the oldest stations in the Diocese. Individuals here number 40; Missionary's salary \$49.21. It has a Church and Rectory and no debts, and is devoted to the faith. The hospitality of the

people of Buck Hollow is proverbial. They always go for the Missionary to Fairfax or Georgia station, the latter seven miles off, and return him thither again. They need more library books, funds for Church repairs, and more services. Some interesting young people are growing up here to be the future hope of the Church. Forty-two services have been held in Buck Hollow the past year, and many Lenten services were well attended. The five Missions just described are served more easily from Burlington than any other point, and are situated in three counties.*

In conclusion, I must refer to the Mission of Christ Church, Guilford, near Brattleboro, Rev. W. G. Collins, Rector. The report from them states the Church has lost heavily by deaths and removals, and the indifference of the remainder is worse yet to contend with. The people contribute but little, besides the Land Agents' allowance, \$37.00, to the Missionary's support. There are but eight families on the list remaining, and the Church is in fair condition, possessing also a neat Rectory. Mr. Collins thinks that if a man could be found who could live there on very little, keeping a school, perhaps the Church might grow. The conditions at this point are obviously discouraging. The services are held twice a month in summer and occasionally in winter.

I have now completed the tale of labors performed by the clergy of the Diocese, as compiled from their written statements. You will observe that there is immense need of the utmost exertion on the part of your honorable association to meet even in part the wants of our hard-working Missionaries. I do not think it so necessary, however, to urge exertion on our part, as a free, fair and candid discussion of the best *methods* to be pursued.

The difficulty is to choose what to do most wisely, since we can hardly hope to do all we would desire. It seems to me, however, that the burdens of Church work are very unequally divided. If only those who do the most would realize that it is quite as much our duty in this world to *compel others* by all legitimate means to do *their share* of the work as to do our own part conscientiously, we should not only be more successful in aiding the clergy, but should better fulfill the command of the Apostle, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." There is too much individualism apparent in our modes of working. One of the clergy, in a note appended to his report, remarks that he hopes the ladies of the auxiliary will not forget to credit those of the clergy who are settled Rectors with the exertions they make for Missions, which are not acknowledged by the Church at large, and which adds nothing to their meagre salaries, although their labors are thereby much increased. I confess I myself was much surprised at the extent of the exhibit which I have endeavored to condense for you, and plead guilty to having done injustice to the Missionary labors of the clergy, through ignorance. Now that we know certainly what the Church is really doing for us, we need no further incentive to increased and steadfast exertion for her.

Woodstock, Vt., June 10, 1883.

LAURA FAY SMITH.

*Corrections of or additions to these statistics, having been brought down to a later date, may be found in the respective Mission reports, as contained in the Convention Journal of 1883.

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THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

BY MRS. THEODORE B. FOSTER, PRESIDENT.

With the cordial consent of the Editor this column will hereafter be devoted to the interests of the Woman's Auxiliary. The object is to inform the readers of THE ECHO of the work which is being done by the women of the Diocese. In view of the fact that there is a widespread misunderstanding about the work of the Auxiliary, it seems necessary to explain the objects of our Society. A great many women have the idea that we are simply a league of parish sewing societies, engaged from time to time, or at stated seasons, in the preparation of what are called missionary boxes. It may be said once for all that such a notion is quite erroneous, and is distinctly detrimental to our efficiency as an organization. The primary object of the Woman's Auxiliary is to interest the women of the Church in the work of the Board of Missions, and to assist that work *by every means in its power*. To accomplish this object the Society desires to have representatives in every parish and mission in the land; and, wherever possible, an organized parochial branch. The methods upon which it relies must commend themselves to all who believe in missions; indeed, it is difficult to see how any interest in mission work can be maintained apart from these methods. Let us specify them briefly.

1. PRAYER. The Auxiliary is a league of intercessory prayer. It has its own collect which all its members are expected to use *daily*. At all the meetings of the branches prayer is made the first duty.

2. STUDY. Without some knowledge of what is being done by the missionaries, it is idle to expect any sustained interest in this great work of the Church. Accordingly the Auxiliary aims to supply information, and affords all its members the opportunity to acquire it. The Auxiliary is thus an educational league. It seeks, by its own publications, and those of the Board of Managers, to keep its members posted as to everything that is going on in the mission field. It has originated a scheme of systematic study for the use of organized classes, the results of which have already been very gratifying.

3. GIVING. The Auxiliary aims to assist the work of missions by systematic contributions. The "Auxiliary envelopes" are supplied for the use of all members of parochial branches. As the funds are collected they are forwarded to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Branch, and are appropriated annually for different objects as voted by the delegates. A special offering is made once every three years—at the time of General Convention—for some object which has been designated in advance by the Woman's Auxiliary of the entire Church. This

has the appropriate name of "The United Offering." It is, of course, an "extra," and is entirely distinct from the regular contributions of the members or the branches.

As one form of giving, as one means and a very important means of assisting the missionaries, many of whom have very meagre stipends, we have the preparation of the missionary boxes; and this work, like all the other work of the Auxiliary, is reduced to a system. Undoubtedly it is as much of a blessing to the givers as to the receivers. Women can often give time and work in this way where they can give little or no money. But we must say again, and very positively, that it is a serious mistake to regard this as the sole or even the principal work of our Society. We cannot expect all the Churchwomen to engage in this particular form of our work, for which many of us are unfitted, but we do aim to interest all in the work as a whole. It is hoped that this explanation of our objects will have some effect in commanding the Auxiliary to those Churchwomen of Vermont who have hitherto held aloof or have manifested little sympathy with our endeavors. These statements are, in substance, what has already been said by the Auxiliary itself.

E. Porter. There were 14 communicants—two of them "male." A few services were held at irregular intervals in what is now the Universalist church at an hour when it was not otherwise in use.

After the consecration of Bishop Bissell in 1868 more frequent services were held, chiefly by the Rev. C. S. Hale of Bellows Falls (aided by pupils from St. Agnes' Hall) and the Rev. Dr. Douglass of Windsor. For one year, 1868-9, the Rev. J. W. McIlwaine was in charge—the *only resident* pastor the Mission has ever had. During the year 8 were baptized and 4 confirmed. At the end of the year funds failed, and there was another hiatus in the history of the Church in Springfield for nearly 20 years.

In 1887 the Rev. C. W. Coit, rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, N. H., was called to attend the funeral of a young lady, who together with a friend had a little while before consulted the rector at Chester concerning confirmation. Beginning soon after this visit, Mr. Coit for about two years held services regularly, first in private houses, and afterward through the kindly courtesy of the Congregationalists, in their "vestry." His devoted service, given gratuitously, was most efficient and is most gratefully remembered. Under him 6 were baptized, 4 confirmed, and 6 buried; a Mission Vestry was organized with A. M. Allbe, Esq., as Warden, and Mr. H. T. Bowtelle, Treasurer; number of communicants, 18.

From Sept. 2, 1888, until Easter, 1892, the Rev. E. N. Goddard of Windsor was in charge, holding service on alternate Sunday afternoons as regularly as a sixteen-miles' drive, each way, over a very hilly road and in all sorts of weather and under diverse road conditions, might permit. Services were held at first in the rooms of the W. R. C., and afterward in the G. A. R. Hall, for the use of which the ladies paid \$1.50 for each service. Baptisms, 4; confirmations, 2; burials, 1.

In January, 1892, I became "Diocesan Missionary," and held my first service at Springfield on March 13 following. After two or three other visits at irregular intervals, I went regularly for one Sunday in every month, from Oct. 1892 to June 1898 inclusive, holding service in Golden Cross Hall, hired for the purpose by the ladies. During the summer and fall of 1894 the Rev. V. M. Haughton, rector of St. Luke's Church, Charlestown, N. H., officiated in the afternoon of the Sundays when I went not. Baptisms, 9; confirmations, 7; burials, 6; number of communicants, 23. About this time the Ladies' Society became affiliated with the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese.

Beginning in July 1898 the Rev. A. H. Wheeler, who had succeeded to the rectorship at Charlestown, officiated every Sunday for about a year, celebrating the Holy Communion on the morning of one Sunday in each month, and holding an afternoon service on the other Sundays. In the summer of 1899 the Rev. B. F. Lassiter succeeded Mr. Wheeler in both cures, and is still in charge at this writing. He has baptized 5, presented 3 for confirmation, and buried 3; number of communicants, 30. Until the building of the Church, services were held for some time in Odd Fellows Hall.

But the Church has finally been built. Nearly seventy years after helping to build the "Union House," our interest in which was long ago lost, and after years of going "from pillar to post," for the most part meeting in halls up two flights of stairs for irregular and spasmodic services, hoping against hope that they might sometime have a modest building of their own, in which they might worship with

Strayed, Stolen, Lost, etc.

The following is a copy of a unique notice affixed to the Church door at Whitechurch, London:

Missing, last Sunday, some families from Church.