

more work for them." This is a very good way to have the work reviewed in the minds of the children.

We held two or three entertainments during the year. Last year we gave a garden 'social', held during the day. At another time we held a garden party on Mr. Fisher's lawn, which was beautifully illuminated, at which we realized \$28 over expenses. When our Anniversary came we held a "Japanese tea party." Perhaps you would like to know what a Japanese tea party means. Well, the custom in Japan is, for people dining out, to carry away the dishes used as a "souvenir." We purchased three hundred small cups and saucers; the hall was well filled; each one got a cup and saucer, a cake and sandwich; the waiters dressed in foreign costumes. It created a good deal of amusement, and altogether was a good entertainment and those who missed it were sorry.

We are making a Missionary quilt, on which we have raised \$25, and we are now beginning to prepare for a Bazaar, which we will tell you all about at another time.

K. M. F.

Another Band.

DUTTON ONT:—On the 18th of March under the management of Mrs. Welter of St. Thomas, we organized a Mission Band in connection with our Sunday School, for the aid of foreign mission. The following officers were appointed: Mrs. McLean, *Pres.*; Miss Milton, *Vice-Pres.*; Miss McIntyre, *Sec.*; Miss McLean, *Treas.*

We call our band the Cheerful Givers, and hope not only to be able to do a little financially in support of the gospel abroad, but also in studying mission work, to be encouraged and strengthened in the work at home...

April 25th, 1885.

N. MCINTYRE, *Secretary.*

Maritime Provinces.

TRURO, N.S.—A THANK-OFFERING.—To the Treasurer of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Please find enclosed a cheque for \$100.00 (one hundred dollars), a special contribution from Truro church for Foreign missions. It is a thank-offering for what God has done for us of late. It is the contribution of many, the largest amount contributed not exceeding five dollars. The raising of it was no trouble. It was suggested by a brother in our last mission prayer meeting, and passed upon unanimously in less time than it takes to write it. It required no committee of collectors or circulating of papers, voluntary contributions were called for, and it did our hearts good to see them come in. If any did not contribute it is their loss and we are sorry for them. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth," &c. Of course we do not intend that this special offering shall affect our quarterly contribution to the convention scheme.

J. E. GOUCHER.

CHESTER, N.S.—The Chester Mission Band gave a concert a short time since, and took \$25, which was sent to constitute Mrs. Charles Hexford a life member of the W. M. Union.

P. M. R.

An Ideal Young Ladies' Missionary Meeting

They were gathered, sixty of them, bright, enthusiastic, intelligent young ladies, in the parlor of the church one

pleasant Thursday afternoon in January. The meeting was opened with singing which was spirited, and a prayer, short, earnest, sympathetic, by one of the young ladies. Then came the reports of the secretary and the treasurer. Then followed reports of the fortnight's work from the chairmen of the respective committees. These reports, which might be oral or written, were not allowed to exceed three minutes.

The Committee on Membership reported—as the result of their two weeks' work—that there were seven young ladies present who would join the society. Five more had promised to join at some future meeting. The seven who were present were invited forward, introduced to the president, secretary, and treasurer, and afterward to the society, and asked to sign the constitution and pay their membership fee.

Next came the report of the Committee on Visiting the Sick and the aged. Forty calls had been made. Many of the aged had been read to for an hour daily. The Bible, the daily paper, a story from some weekly or poems, were enjoyed according to the personal desire of the hearer. In some instances tracts had been left, and old copies of some weekly papers loaned. Where it was considered desirable, or the young lady felt equal to it, prayer was offered with the ill and infirm ones.

The Committee on Entertainment reported that the Rev. Dr. B— could be secured for a lecture on the third Thursday evening in March, and recommended that the society have him lecture for them on that evening. The head of the Committee on Prisons and hospitals gave the number of tracts, papers and Bibles distributed among the prisoners, and the number of illustrated periodicals and delicacies carried to the invalids.

The Committee on Southern Work stated that there were old Bibles, hymn books, and library books sufficient to send to one colored school in North Carolina. They needed re-covering, and the materials were all there ready. The Committee on Comforts for Benevolent Institutions reported plenty of material on hand for the workers present, and that a quilting-bee would be held at the residence of the president the following evening, to finish such quilts as were pieced.

At the close of the reports a recess of ten minutes was announced by the president. Soon all was bustle and confusion; but at the call of the bell quiet was immediately restored.

The subject for discussion that day was, "The Customs of India." While the literary exercises were in progress the young ladies were busy with their hands, making garments for the poor, piecing bed-quilts, and covering the old, worn books for the colored school in the South. No doubt they missed here and there a sentence of the able address of the president; they lost an occasional thought in the original essays read by two of the young ladies, but they joined with exceeding interest in the animated debate which followed.

When it was time to pack the box, while the committee whose duty it was to attend to it was busy with it, I heard such exclamations as the following:

"What a pleasure it is to come to these missionary meetings since Mrs. P— was our president!"

"It really does seem as if we accomplished something doesn't it?"

"I had no idea 'The Customs of India' would be so interesting."

Would to God that all through the length and breadth of our land there were thousands of just such active aggressive young ladies' missionary societies! There may be if we will but pray for it and work for it.—*Christian Advocate.*