

(that will keep for another year). Their meetings are enjoyable, as many of the sisters take part (this is the secret of success—activity). They pledge \$30.00 for the coming year.

Erin—Has lost two members and gained three during the year, making their present number twenty-one. They have fulfilled their promise of \$25.00, and will pledge the same for next year. They made two quilts which were sent to Muskoka along with a box of clothing.

Collingwood—Members twenty-two; all seem to be deeply interested in the work and attend the meetings regularly (a hopeful outlook). Their fee is five cents per month, so all can join. Their promise was \$15.00 which was readily raised. You will bear in mind Collingwood is carrying a heavy burden.

Bozemanville—They have continued their meetings regularly; had for accessions during the year. One of their earnest workers has been called hence. They regret very much the loss of our dear Sister Baughman's valued assistance in their meetings. One has withdrawn, leaving a present membership of twenty-two. They forwarded a draft for \$35.00.

Guelph—The Lord has blessed the faithful sisters in enabling them to contribute \$30.00, although a number of their members have been removed during the year. They have now twenty regular and five honorary members. Their meetings have a spiritual tendency. Those who attend attend regularly. The O. C. W. B. M. day collection was not asked for, as it was thought best not to do so this year. Their money was wholly made up by themselves. The members of the C. W. B. M. and also the church in general acknowledged with thanks the receipt of \$75.00 from the O. C. W. B. M., balance of the pledge of \$100.00, made in June, 1889.

Ridgeway—Present membership, seventeen, of whom five or six meet at stated intervals and carry on the work. They realized from members' fees \$16; social at a sister's, \$9.00, O. C. W. B. M. day \$3.20—total \$28.20. They pledge \$25.00 for next year.

Galt—Every sister in the church is a member of the Auxiliary—just four. They pledged \$5.00 and paid \$5.20. They also have a quilt they want to donate to some mission.

Warton—Auxiliary is much weakened by removals this last year, but yet have paid \$17.50 into our treasury. They pledge \$10.00 for next year.

Aurora—Of this Auxiliary we have heard little. They have paid \$15.00 on pledge and \$5.00 on Minnedosa building fund.

Acon—Their pledge of \$12.00 has been fulfilled.

Kilguth—Are not many in number but have paid \$1.75.

Nassau—Was not heard from.

West Lake—There was an Auxiliary here in 1889, but have not heard from them since.

Faughan—There are a few sisters here who gave us \$5.00 last year. This year they have given \$4.

There are several individuals who paid into our treasury a goodly sum, viz: Bro. Leonard, American Consul, gave \$10; Jennie Fleming, Kilguth, \$10; Mrs. Cobb, Ashland, Wis., \$1; Glencairn, \$5; Miss Oliphant, London, \$2; Mrs. Dawes; Woodstock, \$5 for Minnedosa building fund. Those are all welcome contributors who will kindly accept our gratitude.

The reports this year are very encouraging; I wish they could be given in full, as I may have left out some things that might be of interest to you; I try to get in the facts; time and

space will not permit of much more. I have this to say in looking over the reports, I find there are sisters who live at some distance from their meeting place, who feel they cannot belong to the Auxiliary on that account, while they lose sight of the fact that they might be doing just as pleasing work in the sight of the Lord by helping financially as if they were present at every meeting. Let their prayers and their money go into the work, and the Lord Jesus will be glorified. They can pray at home and send their money.

When Morrison the Chinese missionary, the man of God who first gave the Bible to China in its own vernacular, offered himself to the directors of the London Missionary Society as a candidate, they enquired if he was willing to go simply as an assistant in one of the missionary schools? "Gentlemen," was young Morrison's noble reply, "while the temple of Christ is building, I am willing to be a hewer of wood or a drawer of water." In a moment they decided that a man who so loved his Saviour, who was willing to undertake any service for Jesus, was the fittest for the higher office of a missionary to the heathen. They accepted him as such, and the result proved that they were not mistaken in their judgment. If you love Jesus you will be willing to undertake any service your Lord and Master may appoint you.

And now—
Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be
In working or in waiting, another year for Thee,
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever deepening trustfulness, of quiet happy rest,
Another year of meekness, of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence "all the days,"
Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training for holier work above,
Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be
On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

On behalf of the Board,
MRS. E. McCLEURO, Cor. Sec.

Second Annual Report of the Children's Mission Band of Ontario.

Dear Sisters,—Before presenting my report it will be well to state briefly what was the result of last year's work, so that we may be able to judge more clearly what progress we have made during this year. Previous to the last Annual Meeting, there were eleven Children's Bands in existence, and, with the exception of four, were all organized during that year. Their combined work amounted to \$90.00, which was disposed of in the following way: Minnedosa Building Fund, \$20; Bilaspur Hospital, \$20; to help pay a native teacher in Japan, \$20. This left a balance of \$30, which was reserved to provide for an adopted child in China, to be chosen by Dr. Macklin. I wrote to the Doctor as soon as possible, stating what we wished to do, and asked what it would cost to provide for a child there, and after some delay he wrote, thanking the children for their offer, and stating that he thought it could be done for from \$15 to \$20. I forwarded \$20, requesting that a portrait should be taken of the child and sent to us, and hoping that the money would be needed as soon as it reached its destination. There has been, however, some unavoidable delay, until their school could be opened at Nankin. I learnt from the *Missionary Intelligence* for May that that event had taken place, and that there are many applicants as can be received, so that

it is quite probable that we may soon hear that our adoption of a child is an accomplished fact. Dr. Macklin suggested that he had better choose a boy of twelve or thirteen years of age, one either already a Christian, or likely to become one, and qualified to become a teacher, as the quickest way to obtain the greatest results.

The reports from the different Bands are exceedingly encouraging this year in every way. I have given them in the order in which they came.

The St. Thomas "Cheerful Givers" have been suffering this year for want of a leader, which has caused great irregularity in their meetings. Still there are some very pleasing things in their report: One is that they have been able to forward, with the help of \$6 from the Ladies' Auxiliary, the sum of \$21. The most pleasing feature of their report is, that five of their members have united with the church during this year, and have given to the Master the sweetest gift a child can ever bring to Him. Their present membership is about thirty.

The Band in Erin was organized in time to send in their names before the last Annual Meeting. They report a membership of thirty-four, showing that they have more than doubled during the year. They have raised altogether \$11.48, which, with the exception of \$1, has been forwarded to the treasurer. Their meetings are increasing in interest, and all are ready to take some part. This is a very promising report, and shows an earnest purpose to do good.

The Walkerton "Willing Workers" have been proving their title clear to their name, and have sent in a report which is most encouraging and will speak for itself. They have held regular meetings every two weeks, and their fees during the year have amounted to \$6.70. In November a special collection was taken up, which realized \$1.60, and which was invested in sewing material, and work was commenced which resulted in a sale by which they raised \$14.50. A concert the following week realized \$10.50. About three months ago one cent was given to each child to be increased as much as possible. The sum gained by this means was \$1.04. The proceeds of a concert given recently amounted to \$13.90, altogether making a grand total of \$46.64, \$45.00 of which was forwarded to the treasurer, and the small balance kept for home missionary work. They are feeling greatly encouraged, and they have good reason to be. Three of their members have united with the church.

A Children's Band has just been organized in Blenheim. There are fifteen names on the roll to begin with, and many of them almost babies. Time will cure them of that if the dear little "buds of promise" are spared, and I trust each one will blossom out into the fullest perfection of a Christian worker.

The "Workers for the Master," Everton, report a membership of thirty with an average attendance of twenty, and a loss of three. The receipts for the past year amounted to \$10, which was raised by voluntary offerings. They would like to employ a native teacher, and promise \$3 for next year. They hold their meetings monthly, spending part of their time in singing, reading and reciting. Sickness came along and hindered a proposed concert, which would doubtless have enlarged their financial report.

The Warton "Cheerful Givers" report a present membership of forty-nine, of which nineteen were added during the year. They have given two entertainments, which, with their fees, have amounted to \$15.03. A very important item in this report is that six members of the Band have united with the church during the year. This is as

it should be. Our children's mission work should have a direct tendency to lead them to the Saviour.

The Guelph "Buds of Promise" have been having a busy time this year. They have a present membership of twenty-five, being an increase of nine since our last report. A number of their members have left who belonged to the other churches and have started Bands of their own. This is no real loss to the work at large, and need not be a source of discouragement since they are at work somewhere. Two members of this Band have united with the church during the year. They have given two concerts, and with the proceeds of a birthday box and their fees have raised the sum of \$9.65. This Band has learned some useful lessons on the subject of Christian usefulness, which may afford a valuable suggestion to some one else. Sick visiting, both in the hospital and in other places, and caring for the poor and needy, have taken up some considerable portion of their time and attention. Such things will always keep their hands full of work and their hearts full of love. In their meetings, which are well attended, they have taken up China and India as a subject of study. I received from one of their Band a very neatly drawn map of China.

A report from Brant was a very pleasant surprise, as I know nothing whatever of the existence of a Band there. It was organized in June last year with a membership of five, which is now just doubled. The members live about five miles out of Walkerton, and as they were too far away from there they wisely resolved to have a Band of their own. They earn all their money by doing work for their mothers, and have sent \$4. The report of the year's work done by this brave little Band will do us all good.

The "Cheerful Givers" of Lobo have been resting on their oars this year, and have only raised two dollars (\$2), while last year they raised \$20. There were many reasons for their failure this year, some of them unavoidable, but the lack of one or two earnest hearts and willing hands was not one of them. It is cheering to know that the work has taken on new life and interest now, and much is to be hoped from the presence and help of our Sister Brenonstahl among them.

The "Golden Links" of Owen Sound were organized last July and have a present membership of thirty-five. They hold their regular meetings on alternate Thursdays, immediately after school closes. They have commenced a sewing circle in connection, which meets on the alternate weeks, but on Saturday afternoon, and so they have a meeting of some kind every week. This causes a great amount of hard work to the leaders, but will be productive of much good after a while. They have given two concerts during the year; one of these was given expressly to provide new books for the S. S. library. It was repeated in the hall of the Y.M.C.A., the proceeds being shared by their Association. So their Home Mission work has been a very important one, amounting to about \$25. Their payment to their treasurer was \$12.24.

The Toronto "Willing Workers" have been very busy and very successful during the past year. They have held sewing meetings during most of the time, the proceeds of their work with the contents of the birthday box amounting to \$27.50, which was applied to the furnishing fund of the new church. Their regular fees have amounted to \$3.62. Their present membership is twenty-six. Three have united with the church during the year.

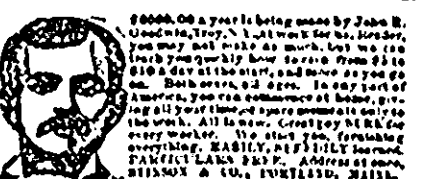
From Ridgeway I have received, but late, a report. Thirty dollars (\$30)

was forwarded from the "Cheerful Givers" there; this alone tells of much work done during the year. The fees for the year amounted to \$5.60. A concert in December realized \$3.60. The proceeds of a birthday box and a social gave the above total.

The Band in Wainfleet forgo to send in their report at all, but they have been busy. They have sent in \$10.10 during the year. Five of their members have united with the church.

There are thirteen Bands which have reported this year, only one which reported last year failing to do so. There are about 350 children in the Bands and the total amount of money raised this year is \$173.12, which, with the balance from last year, makes \$183.12. Twenty-four have united with the church during the year. I want to emphasize this fact. The primary thought in dealing with the children should be an educational one, and our highest aspiration as leaders should be to help to lead them to the Saviour. The sewing circle for our girls is an excellent idea, and will be productive of good in several ways at once, but "What can we do to interest the boys?" is a question asked by one of the Bands. If anyone can offer any suggestions on this subject they will be gratefully accepted. Concerts seem to have taken the attention to a great extent, and while the exercises are well chosen and are of a sacred character, the influence of such entertainments will be good. The beautiful songs and recitations will prove a useful factor in educating our children for work in the future, as well as have an influence for good on those who hear them. Visiting the sick and poor may prove a valuable suggestion to some who have not tried it, especially in our cities and towns.

As to disposing of the money raised this year, one Band has expressed a desire to adopt another child in China, but it must be a girl baby. Another would like to help build an hospital, another, to pay a native teacher. This is, however, a question open to the consideration of the sisters, and deserves their best attention. J.E.L.



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