

MITCHELL.—We are glad to report an increase in membership. Our June meeting was held at Mrs. Phinamore's. Devotional exercises, a Bible reading, the usual business, and a choice programme were followed by refreshments and an hour spent in social intercourse. We were sorry to part with Mrs. Mills and her daughter, who have been so helpful during their stay with us. Both at this meeting and a previous one held at the home of Mrs. Hurlburt, the attendance was large and visitors from neighboring auxiliaries were present.
M. B. F., *Cor. Sec.*

SACKVILLE, N.B.—During the past six months two united meetings of the Sackville and Upper Sackville auxiliaries have been held, and proved to be both interesting and profitable. Our public anniversary was held July 10th. Mrs. Humphrey presided, and after conducting a responsive Bible reading, in which several of the members took part, addressed the congregation in a few well chosen remarks, making an earnest appeal in behalf of our heathen sisters. The report of the Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Ogden, gave not merely a record of the work accomplished, but also set forth in a forcible manner the claims of our society upon our Methodist women. Miss Ethel Smith gave a touching recitation, and the Corresponding Secretary read an original paper. Mrs. D. Allison read "The Voices of the Women" with telling effect. We had a collection of more than eleven dollars, and we hope as a proof of the success of our meeting that there will be an enlarged membership. The little ones are becoming quite enthusiastic in raising money for the Coqualeetza Home. Three little girls held a parlor concert in May and raised nearly one dollar, and lately another concert was held under the leadership of Miss Katie Brecken and \$4.30 raised.
HATTIE STEWART, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—The year has been one of steady work and prosperity. The regular meetings have been of interest and profit. The missionary tea-meetings held at the residences of Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mrs. Marquand and Mrs. Gardiner, have been particularly well attended. Representatives from the societies of the other churches were present at the last one. Our President, Mrs. Hodley, occupied the chair, and gave a stirring address. The programme included a reading of great merit by Miss Richards, and a spicy address by the pastor on "Our Work in China." The interest in missionary work is steadily growing.

FROM THE MISSION BANDS.

COBBOURG.—Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Miss Bennett organized a mission band in the King Street church, Cobourg, on 1st of June, with a membership of seventeen. The members have decided to call their band "The King's Daughters," and intend beginning a quilt at their next meeting for one of the homes.

LAKEFIELD.—Lakefield has thirty-three members in its band, and has taken the name of "The Sunshine." They appear to be earnest workers and anxious for information on our missionary work.

BOWMANVILLE.—Notwithstanding the warm weather, the interest in our mission band work has kept up. At our regular meeting in July there was a very good attendance. We had a sewing meeting, and also sent five bouquets to the sick. We are going to have a picnic 17th of August, which the children are looking forward to with much pleasure. Our circle was broken on Monday the 8th by the death of one of our members a dear little girl nine years old. We made an anchor and wreath of white flowers and took it to her home with our loving sympathy.
M. A. BUNNER.

OSHAWA.—Our society is not very large, but you will be pleased to hear it is growing. We are trying to get the boys and girls interested, and with this end in view, we have them take part as much as possible in the exercises, and we give all who will take it five cents to work with and multiply. One little girl has made over \$1.50 from the sale of pen-wipers, and another eighty cents by selling popped corn. The older members have not been idle, as we prepared a box containing several quilts and warm winter clothing for the Indians of Saskatoon, N.W.T.

HELEN M. KEDDIE, *Cor. Sec.*

FROM THE DISTRICTS.

BRIGHTON DISTRICT CONVENTION.

THE first convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held at Frankford, on Wednesday, June 22nd, presided over in a very efficient way by Mrs. Luxon, District organizer, while Mrs. J. H. Ward was chosen as secretary. The morning session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President, assisted by Mesdames Platt and Taylor.

The President in her address expressed herself pleased with the steady growth of the Society on the District, also gave some kindly words of advice.

Paper on Japan by Mrs. H. Curry was much appreciated. A testimony meeting led by Mrs. Taylor, which by her thoughtful words and loving counsel will not soon be forgotten, closed the morning session.

A sumptuous dinner was prepared by the ladies of the Frankford Auxiliary, to which all present were cordially invited.

A very kind address of welcome was given the delegates by Mrs. G. Hendricks and responded to by Mrs. Walt, of Salem.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied by the reading of instructive and interesting papers, in which the following ladies took part: Miss A. Gunter, "The Destruction of the liquor traffic." Duet, Mrs. Ward and Curry. "Our work," Mrs. Walt. "The benefits we derive from being members of the Women's Missionary Society," Mrs. Massey. The question drawer being in the hands of Mrs. Platt, all were much pleased with the concise and very instructive answers.

A collection and the benediction brought to a close a very profitable and enjoyable convention.

In the evening of the same day an entertainment was held in connection with the same Society, consisting of addresses by Revs. R. Taylor and C. Adams; quartette by Rev. R. Taylor, Mr. Chapman, Misses Countryman and Huycke; recitations by Misses Chisholm and Bryant, well rendered; solos by Misses Caulfield and Palmer, and a very able address by Mrs. Platt. Refreshments were served by the members of the society who feel justly thankful for the success of the day.

Proceeds of the day and evening amounted to \$23.

A. WARD, *Sec.*

PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

THE Parliamentary Rules here given were published in a late number of the *Home Mission Monthly*. Though brief and simple, they contain all that is ordinarily necessary. We reprint them, thinking our workers will find them available, and we advise our members to paste them into their annual reports for reference: