

LOCKSLEY.—Our Auxiliary is progressing, and we feel much encouraged with the prospects for the future. The hearts of the people are being opened to the work, and their interest greatly aroused. A missionary prayer-meeting was held last quarter with great success in many ways. The Lord richly blesses our feeble efforts, and never fails to supply us with manna from on high. "Glory to His name." But with deep sorrow we mourn the loss of one dear sister, Carrie Sparling, who passed peacefully away on June 21st, 1891. We wish to give some expression of loving appreciation of her faithfulness and zeal in the work of the Lord, both at home and abroad. Her place will not easily be filled. As Vice-President, her counsel and encouragement was willingly and cheerfully given, though not being able to attend the meetings for the last five months. When our Treasurer resigned, she accepted the office, though very often having to do the work in bed. We cheerfully sacrifice her counsel and companionship in this life, looking forward to a reunion in the land that is fairer than day. There'll be no parting there.

PRESIDENT.

OTTAWA.—The closing meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society in connection with the Dominion Church was held on Tuesday, June 2nd, in the Sunday-school Hall. There was a good attendance, composed of members of the three Auxiliaries—Eastern, Western and Dominion Churches. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Ryckman, President of the Dominion Branch. Reports were presented, showing the Auxiliaries in a flourishing condition. An able address was delivered by Mrs. Gooderham, of Toronto, on our own special mission work, and she also gave us a very sad account of the state of our sisters in India. Mrs. W. H. Walker read a very interesting paper on the subject, "What we owe the Jews." Music and singing were enjoyed, after which refreshments were served by the young ladies of the Mission Band, and a happy and profitable afternoon brought to a close.

T. B. S., *Cor. Sec.*

LONDON (Queen's Avenue).—The past quarter has been a good and prosperous one for our Auxiliary. There is a growing desire to help on the glorious work on purely Scriptural lines, and to adopt more and more the plan of what is generally called straight giving. The Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Eccles, continues to give \$60 a year for the support of a Bible-woman in Japan. Our beloved pastor, Rev. George Boyd, gave a centenary address on the 21st of April, in aid of our work. The lecture itself was admirable, stirring and powerful, and will not soon be forgotten; and the proceeds proved a valuable addition to our funds. On the same evening, Mrs. Boyd was presented with a life-membership of our Auxiliary, and with an address showing our appreciation of her loving interest and zeal in the cause of missions. We have, as usual, to thank our Mission Circle for material aid given to us. Many of the members of the Auxiliary are working on what is called "The Talent System," the result of which will not be known fully till September. Our number now is 114 since our crusade, and we hope to go on adding to our list, and doing better work for the Master, and to work with a single eye for His glory.

Yours faithfully,

J. EVANS, *Cor. Sec.*

FROM THE BANDS.

INGERSOLL (July 6th, 1891).—A Mission Band was organized by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of King Street Methodist Church, on April 10th, 1891.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. D. W. Snider; Vice-President, Miss M. Davidson; Secretary, Miss M. Barr; Treasurer, Miss W. Ross. The first regular meeting was held Saturday, May 9th, about twenty being present. The name of "Mite Mission Band" was chosen, and about twenty mite-boxes have been distributed among the children, in which to gather the membership fee.

MARY BARR, *Cor. Sec.*

WINSLOE, P.E.I.—A Mission Band, called the "Skylark," was organized on May 9th, the following officers being elected:—President, Mrs. W. J. Kirby; Vice-President, Sarah Holman; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Minnie Sanders; Recording Secretary, May Pickard; Corresponding Secretary, James Turner; Treasurer, Leslie Bryenton. We, at the present, have a membership of twelve. The first monthly meeting was held at the parsonage, Saturday afternoon, June 5th. The children had been requested to find all they could about Japan during the month, and what they wrote and what they said showed great searching. We are expecting great things from this Band. Shall write again soon.

JAMES TURNER, *Cor. Sec.*

LONDON.—A large number of ladies, representing the various Auxiliaries and Mission Bands of the Woman's Missionary Society of city and suburbs, met in the Wellington Street Methodist Church to hold their quarterly union meeting, Mrs. (Rev.) G. W. Henderson presiding. The secretaries of the following city Auxiliaries presented encouraging reports:—Queen's Avenue, Dundas Centre, South London, London West and Wellington Street. The country Auxiliaries reporting were Westminster and St. John's. The Mission Circles reporting were Dundas Centre, Queen's Avenue and South London. An admirable paper was read by Mrs. McMechan on "The Need of a Special Paper for the Woman's Missionary Society." Mrs. Wright gave a most interesting talk on "The Relation of Women to Mission Work," and "What Claims the Work has on us as Women," being an urgent and effective plea for women's work. The exercises were varied by a solo rendered by Miss Raymond, Mr. Pococke presiding at the organ. After the meeting was concluded an adjournment was made to the lecture room, where refreshments were served and a most enjoyable social time was spent by all present.

CASTE IN INDIA.

BY MRS MESSMORE.

THE following paper by Mrs. Messmore, late of Brantford, a former Vice-President of the Western Branch, will be read with great interest. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Messmore labored in the mission-field of India several years. Mrs. Messmore came to this land for the education of her children. She rejoined her husband in India some time ago. While in our ranks she did us grand service, and her name is fragrant with blessed associations:—

One of the most remarkable things found in the Hindoo nation is its system of castes. A system maintained from time immemorial, and originated and planned by no one knows whom.

Sometimes we have thought it may have had its origin in the distinction God ordered between His people and the heathen; or later, the self-made separation of the Jews from the surrounding tribes or nations: for often modes of worship, and their ways of doing things, more than hint that the Hindoos have, way back in the ages, known the God whom we worship