

REPORT OF MISSION BANDS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND
QUEBEC, 1918-19.

There is much cause to "Thank God and take courage" in the report of the children's work for the past year. God has been very gracious to us in raising up leaders. The women of our Circles are realizing the necessity for Mission Bands in connection with our Circles. The children have accomplished much in the acquirement of missionary knowledge, planning of work, Scriptural methods of giving, and, above all, a growing desire to serve their Lord and Saviour better.

Much still remains to be desired, none must slacken or feel content that all is well; to stand still is to fall back; we must continually strive to rise to higher better service.

At the beginning of the year typed circulars were sent to each Band, suggesting plans of work, and advising as to best studies to be taken up.

Children sent large numbers of picture cards and rolls, work bags, dolls, etc., to our schools in India.

Some ingenious methods of earning money to fill mite-boxes were employed. One little maiden sold "missionary puppies." A Band was loaned a field in which beans were planted, and the proceeds disposed of. A tea party was given by another little member, and self-denial books helped the mission cause.

A Band enlists old and young in its ranks, one, over 60 years of age, does not think himself too old to learn and to help.

Grande-Ligne has the honor of being the only summer Band, meeting only when Feller Institute is not in session—accomplishing as much as other Bands in the time. Two Bands have branches in near-by villages. One branch overcame the loss caused by the influenza epidemic by extra meetings, and another invited the Sunday School to a Thanksgiving in order to make up.

One memorial life membership is reported.

In one village some children walk four miles to attend meetings.

The influenza epidemic and coal shortage interfered much with Band work, but, by God's goodness, great things have been done. Contributions are more than double those of 1916-17, and all come from the loving service of the children themselves.

Eleven new Bands have been enrolled and five have been reorganized on a better basis. The difficulty has always been to secure good and willing leaders; but, no doubt, these sixteen new Bands are the outcome of a quickened desire for greater usefulness amongst the women of our Circles, as well as a fuller appreciation of their duty and privilege.

The Band is a branch of the Circle, their work and interests are in common.
R. RAMSAY, Secretary.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE W.B.F.M. SOCIETY
OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, OCT. 9TH, 1919.

Your Secretary begs leave to report the following:—

There have been four regular meetings of the Board and two special meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of 22 at the regular meetings. The Executive meeting on Jan. 17th was held at the home of our President, to consider Miss Murray's salary, while home on furlough. It was decided that her furlough allowance be \$500.00 per annum, and (on account of the high cost of living) a bonus of \$100.00.