

Auxiliary was given, after which a missionary dialogue was effectively rendered by eight young ladies of the Mission Band. An instructive paper on "Woman's Work" was read by Mrs. John A. Grose, and selections of music given. At the close of the programme, a Japanese tea and reception took place. Eight young ladies, in appropriate costume, received the audience and served tea. A social hour was enjoyed, during which several ladies promised to become members. We trust our meetings will tend to a more intelligent understanding of the needs of the work. While grateful for the record of the past, we look for greater activity and zeal in the future.

FRANCES H. KNOX, *Cor. Sec.*

OAKVILLE.—Though this Auxiliary cannot report much progress either financially or numerically, it is still hopeful and determined to persevere in the good work of adding its mite towards the elevation of its heathen sisters. During the five years of its organization, wonderful to relate, death has not claimed a member, but other fields of labor has taken a goodly number, whose presence and help are much missed. With a membership of thirty, our average attendance at the regular monthly meetings is nine, when literature is supplied by the appointed committee, also at the public quarterly prayer prayer-meeting, and sometimes an original paper. Twenty-six OUTLOOKS were taken, fifteen reports and twenty leaflets distributed. A very unfavorable night prevented a large attendance at Miss Cartmell's meeting in November, 1889, but a full house greeted and enjoyed Mr. Kobayashi's address on Japan, in May last.

MRS. W. McCRAVEY, *Rec. Sec.*

FROM THE BANDS AND CIRCLES.

BROCKVILLE (Nov. 22nd).—The St. Lawrence Mission Band held its annual meeting in September. We decided that in the future we would take up some country at each of our meetings, and that during the month we would pray especially for the missionaries of that country. One girl is responsible for the programme of a meeting. An essay is to be written on the country, a map drawn with the mission stations marked, twelve questions are to be asked about the mission work, and a letter written to some missionary in the country. Two weeks ago we held a parlor social at the home of Mrs. M. White. A missionary programme was given and a collection taken up to aid us in sending a box to the McDougall Orphanage. The collection amounted to \$6.10.

MAGGIE CLARKE, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM (Nov. 21st).—At the first regular meeting of the "Gleaners," held after the Convention, it was proposed that our Band give an entertainment on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. As we had not much time in which to prepare, we were kept pretty busy, but our efforts were well rewarded. A very select programme, consisting of choruses, duets, solos and recitations, was rendered by the Band. The choice of the evening proved also to be a very happy one, as there was no other entertainment arranged for that evening, and it was a very pleasant way to finish up the welcome holiday. There was no entrance fee charged, but after the programme was completed, a collection was taken up, and the people were free to give as little or as much as they pleased. The collection amounted to more than \$15. At the close of the entertainment, and before the benediction was pronounced, the chairman, Rev. Mr. Annis, announced that the "Gleaners" had twenty-five yards of rag carpet for sale, which the weaver says is made up of the nicest, cleanest rags she has ever woven. We all feel proud of our success. There are now the names of seventy-five members on the roll, which increase at every

meeting. We are encouraged by our success thus far, and hope to do still more for our Master's cause this year than we did in the year which is past.

EFFIE LAFFERTY, *Cor. Sec.*

HALIFAX.—Halifax South Mission Band, organized in 1884 by Mrs. Joseph Hart, comprises three divisions,—the Corallines of Grafton Street; the Olive Branch of Robie Street, and the Sunbeams, the juvenile branch of Grafton Street. The total membership about seventy-two. Amount sent to the Branch Treasury during the year, \$217.61.

The Coralline Band meets on the first Friday of every month, from four to five. Programme consists of devotional exercises, reading of leaflets, letters, and other items of missionary interest, after which business matters receive attention.

Perhaps the most enjoyable and profitable hour spent in our Band during the year, was the afternoon of October 4th, when our delegate returned from her visit to the Branch meeting. Full of eagerness, bubbling over with enthusiasm, she related to us what she had seen and heard; told how she had enjoyed the reports, profited by the discussions, and gained by the information, interspersing her more studied sentences with many an "Oh, girls! I can't begin to tell you how nice it was! I am so glad I had the privilege of being there! I learned so much of the work. I just felt that I wanted to do ever so much more this year." That she did do ever so much more was demonstrated when the mite-boxes were opened, and that of this Coraline, "who did not stay at home," was found to contain near double the amount, no small sum, of last year. She had been sailing out into other waters, and had come back to her fellow-Corallines with large ambitions, and renewed desires to "arise and build." Her spirit was contagious. We all felt encouraged and inspired. Branch meetings may be wearisome, routine business monotonous, there may be at times the sound of a note almost discordant, yet, it is the harmony that prevails, the glad, bright hope for the future that accompanies us to our various spheres of labor, and sheds its influence on our fellow-workers.

Besides mite-boxes and members' fees, we have two ways of bringing in money which are certainly *institutions*, and may now be regarded almost part of our *constitution*, an annual concert given in November and Easter offerings.

At the concert a programme is provided, consisting of music, vocal and instrumental, and readings. As far as possible we try to furnish the entertainment from our own resources. At the intermission refreshments are served, and quits a thriving business done. This annual gathering has come to be an anticipated pleasure to our friends, and a decided source of revenue to the Coralines. The offerings at Easter are obtained in this way. At the beginning of the Lenten season, cards are distributed among the members of the Band, who solicit contributions from their friends. Any sum, however small, is accepted, but the aggregate sum is no trifle.

This year we are contemplating in addition to the old, new ways and means, not only to raise money, which, the constitution tell us, is a secondary consideration, but to promote the true missionary spirit among us. If the spirit is willing the flesh must be strong.

"For the heart
Giveth power to every art."

The Sunbeams meet fortnightly, and have little barrels given them in which to save their coppers. Weather and sickness during the past winter seriously interfered with their meetings, and the creditable sum realized by them in 1889, has this year fallen considerably short. They have