

MISSION BAND REPORT.

As we turn to make our annual report of Mission Band work in Ontario West, there runs in our mind a stanza which mother often quoted to us in childhood:

"Time past we never can recall,

Of future time we are not sure at all;

The present only is within thy power,

Therefore improve the present hour."

A year fraught with opportunity and responsibility has slipped from us, but its influence goes on forever. "Touch but the heart of a child, and ages hence your finger marks will be felt upon him still." This writer's statement is pregnant with encouragement. We work, but what is accomplished in the present is not the end, for long after we may lie asleep the work which was begun in hearts young and impressionable, goes on. Each generation is the product of generations preceding; we reap where others sowed. Thus shall others reap where we sow. "No man liveth to himself." We are grieved to find Bands dropping from our ranks because of the lack of leaders. We rejoice that others hold bravely on their way in spite of difficulties and lack of previous experience. When is a better time to begin than now? Who is willing, with God's help, to open this work in places where there is now no Band? Band work is necessary; you know it. God gives it His approval and blessing; you have seen it. Then why hesitate? "Arise and build."

We have learned of the organization, or reorganization of ten Bands. One at Medina among Indian children is doing well. A Circle on the Oneida Reserve might also be termed a Band also, as the children work with the women, and funds are forwarded together. One Band reporting for the first time states: "We are only a little over a year old, but we are glad we organized, and we are trying to do our best." Another Band has made the gaining of new members a prominent feature, and have added twenty-two to their list. Fifteen have been made life members of the Home Mission Society, and six of the Foreign Mission Society. Of the latter five were in the Aylmer Band and one in the Delhi Band. Seventeen Bands which sent funds to foreign missions last year have not been heard from, but ten not reporting last year have sent money during this year. Walmer Road has doubled its funds. Altogether 116 Bands contributed \$1,421.44, and last year 119 sent \$1,536.26 to foreign missions. Hence though the loss in bands is only three, the loss in funds is \$114.82. This certainly does not represent all gifts, as some have aided the Famine Fund, the Japan Relief, the Leper Mission and Bolivia. One Band spent \$31.38 in placing necessary repairs on the room where they meet. The comparison as shown by the Home Mission treasury is somewhat more satisfactory, as 93 Bands sent \$880.64, as against 99 which last year contributed \$852.82, hence with a loss of six Bands, there has been a gain of \$27.87.

Some Bands have been blessed by gracious revivals. A sad note is sounded when some mention the loss of dear young members by death. "What thou doest do quickly" is impressed upon us daily. "Boast not thyself of to-morrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Now is ever the time for service, now the time for prayer, now the

time to do God's will in all things. May this year upon which we are entering be one of increased consecration, and enthusiastic devotion to the cause so dear to the heart of our Christ.

Yours in Band work,
SARAH STUART BARBER.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (WEST).

Receipts from Oct. 16th, 1906, to Oct. 20th, 1906, (inclusive.)

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

FROM CIRCLES.—Strathroy, \$9; Simcoe, (\$4 for bungalow), \$14; Georgetown, \$5.75; New Sarum, \$3.75; Alvinston, \$3.50; Wallaceburg, (\$1 for bungalow), \$4.25; Guelph, Trinity, \$11.15; Oxford, East, \$4.10; Bloomsburg, \$2; Mount Forest (\$3.82 special), \$7.03; Guelph, First Ch., \$11.75; Norwich, \$11; Wyoming, \$4.50; Fonthill, \$3.50; Hillsburg, \$4.65; Teeswater, \$5; London, Adelaide St., Y. L. (\$1.10 Thank-offering), \$23.60; Bethel, \$3.80; Dundas, (\$1.50 for bungalow), \$10.15; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$25 for Dr. Hulet), \$37.90; New Liskeard, \$4.80; Ingersoll, \$10.70; Onondaga, Second, (per Gen. Treas.), \$3.50; Hamilton, James, St., (\$11 for bungalow), \$34.66; Jaffa, \$3.13; Paris, (\$6 Thank-offering), \$11.25; Walkerton, (\$10.77 Thank-offering), \$13.17; Springfield, \$6.75; Boston, \$6; Port Arthur, \$7.25; Toronto, Immanuel, Y. L. \$4.25; Toronto, Jarvis St., for Dr. Smith's Hospital, \$160; Fingal, \$1; Cheltenham, (\$14 for Bible-woman, \$13.10; Thank-offering), \$27.10 Gladstone, (\$6.82 special), \$15.97; Ridgeway, \$2.12; Sparta, (\$6 Thank-off g, 30c. for bungalow), \$9.09; Dunnville, \$9.30; Toronto, Dovercourt Rd., \$8.60; London, Maitland St., Y. L., \$6.18; Brantford, Park, \$34.40; Aylmer, (to complete Mrs. G. Thompson's L.M., and to apply on new L. M.), \$46.15; Westover, (\$4 Thank-offering), \$19; Grimsby, \$5. Total, \$629.78.

FROM BANDS.—Cheltenham, \$1.70; Kingsville (M. B. & B. Y. P. U.), for L. Lazarus, \$4; Lakeshore, Calvary, on L. M., \$5; Peterboro', Park St., \$4.25; St. Mary's, for K. Mariamam, \$5.35; Eden, \$2; Brantford, Park, \$13.66; Strathroy, \$2.25; Colborne, \$3; Gladstone, \$5; Guelph, Trinity, for Bolivia, \$6; Sarnia, Brock St., (\$2 for Miss Corning), \$3.53; Norwich, \$4.85; Boston, \$3.40; Peterboro', Murray St., (\$1.40 from "Baby Band"), \$3.65; Dundas, \$5.71; Waterford, \$13.80; London, Adelaide St., Y. P. M. B., for Native Preacher, \$15; London, Adelaide St., Jr. M. B., \$2.60; New Sarum, \$3.12; Hagersville, for T. Gangamma, \$5; Springfield, 90c.; Sparta, \$1.36; Wallaceburg, for Matsa Martha, 60c.; St. George, for K. Mary, \$10.50. Total, \$126.23.

FROM SUNDRIES.—Collection, Union Meeting, Toronto Circles, \$5.43; Individual Contributions for Ladies' Bungalow site at Ramachandrapuram, \$765.65. Total, \$771.08.

Total receipts during these five days — \$1527.09
DISBURSEMENTS.—By General Treasurer, Ramachandrapuram land, \$775.65. Extras—For lepers, \$3.50; Bolivia, \$9.75; Bible-woman, Satyavedam, \$8; Native Preacher, \$15; Dr. Smith's Hospital, \$160.00. Total, \$771.09.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.—For "Among the Telugus," \$6.

Total disbursements during these five days \$977.90
Total receipts from Oct. 21st, 1905 to Oct. 20th, 1906 \$11706.88

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