

WINCHESTER.—“Roseveer” Mission Band was organized January 18th, 1892, with 14 members. We have since added 18 new members; seven of these are honorary members, the average attendance being fifteen. We have raised during the nine months, \$28.30; our expenses have been \$3.30, leaving a balance of \$25, which we paid over to the Auxiliary. It is, perhaps, necessary to mention that the above amount has been raised partly by fees from members, but principally by getting up a Mission Band quilt and fancy work. When we sell the quilt, our treasury will be replenished by the amount realized. We found that the boys were difficult to interest in the work. For this purpose we held an Indian pic-nic for them, when we read and told stories about the Indian life and habits. We did some home work also, by getting the boys interested in a poor boy, and subscribing a cent a piece to make him a member. The poor boy is ill, and unable to attend the meetings, but a real sympathy was created in his welfare and comfort. We trust that this will result in good to the boy, and also to those helping him. Altogether, the prospects of our juvenile Band becoming useful and interested in the work of Missions, are very fair, indeed.

CLARA MIDDAGH, *Sec.*

PORT DOVER.—The Port Dover Mission Band held their annual meeting on the 20th October, when the mite-boxes were opened and reports of investment money made: Miss Giles, by selling needles, made sixty cents; Miss Copway invested in materials for paintings and fancy work, and increased her penny to seventy-five cents; Minnie Gerrard bought radish seed and grew radishes, which she sold and invested the proceeds in fancy work and made fifty cents; Harry Varey increased his to sixty cents. Total raised by investment money, mite-boxes, membership fees and social, \$23.27.

MAUD COOKMAN, *Cor. Sec.*

“THE GLEANERS,” CHATHAM, ONT.—We feel very grateful for a year of success and progress, due mainly to the hearty co-operation of the officers and members in all our undertakings. Our membership this year is 118, an increase of seventeen on that of last year. We held twenty-two meetings this year, the average attendance being forty-five, seven more than that of last year. We raised the fifty dollars for Nellie by an entertainment, membership fees, autograph quilt, talents, donations and collections. When this was done we determined to do something for our general hospital. By an entertainment we cleared \$47.63, and the expenses being deducted we handed over \$39.25. During the summer months “The Gleaners” and “Cadets” gave two joint excursions, and the proceeds \$55, was also given to the treasurer of the general hospital fund. We have therefore raised, clear of all expenses, \$144.83. At Christmas we distributed some useful presents among a few needy families. We also made a scrap-book at Easter and sent it to Nellie in the Crosby Home. But a still more important work for which we owe thanks to God was the conversion of nearly every unconverted child in the Band during last winter, and for six young ladies offering their lives for Foreign Mission work if called. During the year one little member was very suddenly severed from our midst, and as we meditate on the pure young life so innocently lived out here, we would each wish to some day join her in all her happiness. At the annual meeting we elected the following officers for the year now opening: President, Mrs. Gardiner; Vice-President, Mrs. Brock; Recording Secretary, Daisy King; Corresponding Secretary, Jennie Bedford; Treasurer, Mabel Richardson; Pianist, May Mitchell. With these officers and an energetic working committee, we hope to record greater progress than ever before.

JENNIE BEDFORD, *Cor. Sec.*

BARRIE.—A junior Mission Band was organized here last October, by Miss Jennie King, President of the “Gleaners” Mission Band, Mrs. G. D. Ellis, and Miss Ida King, the latter two being appointed superintendents. The following

were elected as officers: Master A. E. Williamson, President; Master Chas. Lower, 1st Vice-President; Louise King, 2nd Vice-President; Master Harley Whitebread, Recording Secretary; Hugh Galbraith, Corresponding Secretary; Maud Plaxton, Treasurer; Master Milton Somers, Assistant Treasurer; Maud Hayward, Organist; Maggie Freek, Assistant Organist. Our roll numbers sixty-two members. Meetings are held fortnightly, on Sunday afternoon, when papers are read on China, Japan, North-West and British Columbia, and French-Canadian work. The society is known as the “Binders” Mission Band. HUGH GALBRAITH, *Cor. Sec.*

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER, 1892.

Brandon Auxiliary .....	\$21 00
Portage la Prairie Auxiliary .....	19 70
Grace Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg .....	37 25
Calgary Auxiliary .....	9 00
Nova Scotia Branch .....	563 24
British Columbia Branch .....	130 70
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch .....	546 79
Eastern Branch .....	903 47
Central Branch .....	2400 00
Western Branch .....	1566 00

Total .....

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## Missionary Readings.

### Missionary Trials and Hardships.

BY THE REV. J. E. SCOTT, PH.D.,

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MISSIONARIES very seldom write or speak of their trials or hardships. Why? First, because they “endure hardship as good soldiers.” Second, because their trials are usually so different from the romantic kind of suffering, such as belonged to the time of the Crusades. As a rule, in these days a missionary’s trials do not consist in having no support, or in having no house to live in, or in being physically molested. He is, as a rule, not in danger of being eaten of cannibals, or attacked by savages, although there are some places, as in Africa and China, where there is danger of the latter. Nor is his life a dreary, joyless, drag-along sort of life in which there can be no real pleasure, or exercise, or amusement. (Some missionaries have been known to play tennis, and many of them have “pony carriages!”)

But, nevertheless, there are most palpable and real trials and sufferings for the missionary. First, he is separated by many hundreds of miles from his relations and friends, many of whom he must part with forever in this life. Romance may say that is easy, but nature says separation from mother and father, and brothers and sisters is hard. Think of a daughter leaving home and dear ones to go off thousands of miles with no thought of return. Then there is the separation from home environments. Take a man accustomed to association with men of letters, and books and periodicals, and who has a taste for all that goes to make up our Western Christian civilization, for music, painting, poetry, esthetics, for refinement, and culture and purity—think you he will not feel his isolation from all, or most of these, in a far-off heathen land? Again, many a man has, for Christ’s sake, to give up flattering personal prospects—the gratification of a laudable ambition—perhaps a lucrative position, or the prospects of a “career,” in going out as a missionary. He must consent to take so far as this world is concerned, a lower position; he must expect less vigor, less physical, mental, and intellectual vigor—and even his moral nature is often severely tested and tried. This is a trial to many, although they go forward to duty without a word. Often climate is the missionary’s enemy. Born in a temperate he spends his life in a