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of the usual summer fancy work, and which were a rich harvest for the missionary boxes to be sent out in the fall.

Last of all came Caroline Wheatley's, of the pure white ribbon. Caroline was the cripple, the dearly loved invalid of the Circle, whose paralyzed fingers could neither sew nor write for the cause of missions, whose poor, lame limbs could carry her but rarely to a missionary meeting, but whose sheaf, strange to say, seemed larger and more enduring than any of the others.

On the white wall opposite, the Magic Ray burned clear and luminous, and at first it was hard to see what lay within the mirage. At last, in a wonderful way, it was made manifest that the dazzling cloud was one of prayer, which, in the midst of patiently borne suffering, Caroline had all summer been sending up for the cause of foreign missions—that one great passion of her life which, but for her physical limitations, would have sent her out for a work among mission fields. But her sheaf was of all the largest, and the building fairly dazzled by the purity of its whiteness.

As the audience began slowly to come out of the spell which the strange scene had wrought, they looked around for the mysterious stranger; but he had disappeared, and only the pile of tested sheaves and many a startled conscience were left to bear witness to the lasting effect of the Harvest Mission Festival.

#### N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH.

The twelfth annual meeting of this Board was held at Sackville, N. B., Sept. 28th, 29th and 30th. Sixty delegates were present. President in the chair, but owing to the absence of Miss Stewart, Cor.-Sec., Miss Palmer was obliged to take her place much of the time while Mrs. J. D. Chipman occupied the chair. The devotional exercises were earnest and impressive. The reports of district organizers were interesting and for the most part satisfactory. Tuesday evening the ladies of the Sackville Auxiliary regaled the visiting delegates with a very excellent tea and a pleasant social hour was spent. One very pleasing feature of the entertainment was the offering of flowers to the visitors by the young ladies of the Mission Bands. The public anniversary was a success—a good audience, good music and a good programme. Mrs. Thomas Hart, in an admirable way, gave greetings to the delegates, responded to by Miss White, of Charlottetown. Miss Veazey, returned missionary from Japan, was then introduced, and held the interest and attention of all while she told of the needs of of Japan; of the advantage of native workers over foreigners, a strong reason for girls' schools; of the example of Christian women; of the necessity for the Industrial School and many other matters of interest. Miss Veazey is a clear, forcible speaker, with a pleasing well-modulated voice. Mrs. Archibald, Preceptress of the Ladies' College, gave an eloquent and persuasive plea for missions. The Treasurer reported

amount sent to her \$5,021.94. Cor.-Sec's. report 77 a total membership of 1,633. Mrs. Turner Band Cor.-Sec., reported 56 Bands with 1,222 annual and 56 life members, an increase of 111 members. Money raised during the year \$1,182.20. Wednesday was devoted to Band work. A good paper on "helpful characteristics for good Band membership" by Miss Veazey, of St. Stephen, was read. The skilful Band Leader should be able to see that members cannot be interested in subjects about which they know nothing, and so leaders should be enthusiastic and filled, in order to inspire the members. They must have ingenuity in devising programmes and entertainments to increase the income, with tact to discern what each can do and set them at work—but this paper was voted to be printed in PALM BRANCH. The Editor of that paper reported 2,829 subscribers—1,106 in this Branch. The Banner had been won by the Coqualeetza Band, Charlottetown, and was given to its representative, Miss Mellish. The basis of competition had been the increase of subscribers to PALM BRANCH, and that enterprising band had an increase of 119—other bands received very honorable mention. The Marysville Band having a subscription list of 115; Sackville Band, 52; Margate, 72; Moncton, 37; and many others of which time would fail to tell. Miss Veazey gave a delightful Map Study on Japan. It was regretted that Miss D'Orsay's paper "The Longed for Leader," did not arrive.

The officers elected for the new year are as follows:

Mrs. J. D. Chipman, President; Miss Stewart, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Johnson, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Thomas Hart, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. Mac-michael, Recording Secretary; Miss Palmer, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Strong, Treasurer; Mrs. Turner, Band Corresponding Secretary; Miss Hyde, Representative to Conference.

#### BANNER COMPETITION.

The basis of Competition for the Banner will be announced next month.

#### NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

Miss L. M. Smith, Sec'y. of "Bonair" Mission Band, writes: The annual meeting of the "Bonair" Mission Band was held on Sept. 5th. A goodly number were present and evinced unusual interest. God has been with us during the past year, and we are looking to the same source for guidance, help and prosperity through the year upon which we have just entered. Having no Parent Society, persons of all ages are admitted to the Band, and at present the membership numbers between forty and fifty.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Mrs. Robert Reynolds, President; Mrs. Charles Nickerson, Vice President; Miss Smith, Recording Secretary; C. J. Sholds, Treasurer. Sincerely do we hope that we may realize more fully than ever before the importance of our mission, viz. To aid in sending the Gospel to those who are in heathen darkness.

MARCLA B. BRAINE,  
Mission Band Cor.-Secretary.