

V. "The President lives six miles from town, yet the children are interested in missions."

VI. "More interest, meetings better attended, more money raised, but no new members, as there are none to get."

During the year, the following have been constituted Life-members of Bands. Of the H. M. Society, Mrs. Minnie, of Toronto, by the Maitland St. Band, London; Miss Ada Louise Firatbrook, of Jarvis St. Band, Toronto, by her father; Miss Annie Hutchinson, by Murray St. Band, Peterborough.

And of the F. M. Society, Miss Ada W. Aldridge and Miss Annie Croley, also by Murray St. Band, Peterborough.

A number of Bands have sent money and boxes of clothing to H. M. churches. Dolls, picture dolls, toys and quilts have been sent to India. One Band raised twenty-three dollars through the mite boxes, and strongly recommends their use to others. The funds of more than one Band found their way to other missionary organizations; the officers not knowing the importance of loyalty to our own Treasurers.

Special mention might be made of the work of several Bands. The Mt. Forest Band shows an increase of ten dollars, and Baillieboro', five dollars and forty cents, for the H. M. Society; while Port Hope and many others have done nobly for the F. M. Society. Let us look forward with still greater confidence that our Bands will increase in every good word and work, and praying earnestly for the conversion of our boys and girls, and their consecration to that work so near the heart of our Lord, the work of missions.

LEAN HARD ON JESUS.

Lean hard, sad heart, on Jesus, He knows thy secret grief,
And swift He is to succour, so swift to give relief.
Then let come cloud or sunshine, or skies be dull or clear,
Lean hard, sad heart, on Jesus, for thou hast nought to fear.

With Him 'tis ever sunshine, and clouds are far away,
With Him there is no darkness, but fall meridian day.
Tho' winter's blast or summer's balm, or life, or death,
should come,

Lean hard on Him, dear troubled heart, He's pledged to bring thee home.

Oh, trust Him, heart: cast all thy care on Him who cares for thee,

The clouds must break, at "evening time" thou His "clear light" shalt see:

The setting sun in richer beams shall make thy evening best,
With all thy weight then lean on Him, and in His purpose rest.

Thou dost not see thy morning joys amidst thy evening fears,
Thou dost not see that morning songs result from evening tears,

'Tis when the darkness blackest hangs, like pall of deepest night,
That morning breaks, and ushers in the longed-for orient light.

The dimness of those doubting eyes shall soon have passed away,

And fulness of Divine surprise shall be your joy for aye,
And trials, crosses, sufferings past, now hard to understand,
Shall be explained, where darkness dies, in our Immanuel's land.

THE LATE W. H. BURTON (of Dalston).

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