

the birthday box, \$1.80, was not so large as we hoped, but hope it will be used more freely next year. The profits of a sale of plain and fancy goods and a donation of \$2.00 from the Sunday-school gave us a total of \$17.25. Six of the members confessed their faith in the Saviour during the year, though only four have been baptized. Two little boys whose parents thought them too young are waiting patiently until time cures them of this hindrance. On the whole the majority of the members have shown themselves enough in earnest to do a considerable amount of hard work, and an increasing interest in the welfare of others, less highly favored than themselves. Owen Sound has contributed the largest sum to our foreign work, and is, therefore, the banner band.

The "Sunbeams," of Hamilton, organized in January of this year with 33 names enrolled. They have been steadily increasing until now they number 67. Their meetings have been profitable and instructive so far. They first took up the study of Japan, and continued it until even the youngest child had learned considerably more about that country than some of their parents knew. They are now occupied with China, and find it very interesting. They held an open meeting at which they gave the missionary exercise, "Over the World," the proceeds of which, with their fees, amounted to \$6.76, which has been sent to the treasurer.

The St. Thomas Juniors report a present membership of 98, composed of active and associate members, and their band of thirty "Little Pearls." They have had an increase of sixty during the year, and twenty have united with the church. They have forwarded the sum of \$8 for our foreign mission work, which, with contributions to various other departments, makes a total of \$21.40, the largest sum contributed by any of our bands this year. This is a most satisfactory report, and shows that the Juniors of St. Thomas are taken great care of by the church.

The Warton "Cheerful Givers" opened up their work again at Easter, and have been holding their meeting regularly, twice each month, since then, and I think we may confidentially expect a full and satisfactory report in a year's time. This band has been in operation almost, if not quite, the longest of any in the province, and its revival, after a brief rest, is one of the encouragements in our work this year. They have a membership of 25.

Our total membership, as reported, is 403. Total amount raised for all purposes, \$104.68. For our foreign

work, \$63.36 has been forwarded to the treasurer, being \$13 less than last year. Eleven bands have sent in reports, and these are all who are at work at present. One new band has been organized, one has been revived as a junior, while one junior, which has been at work for some years, reported for the first time. A very encouraging feature of our work is the fact that no less than 47 of our members have united with the church, and are preparing for active service in the Lord's vineyard by exercising their powers while they are young.

During the year we have been encouraged and cheered on our way by frequent letters from our beloved missionary, Miss Rioch. But perhaps the most apparent result of our children's work is the fact that Wang Hai, our adopted boy in China, has decided to be a Christian. I was hoping till the last to have heard from Bro. Meigs that he has before now carried this decision into effect, and also have received the promised photograph of the class of which he is a member. He will graduate, if all is well, in less than two years, and will soon after that be able to provide for himself, which will then make it possible to adopt another child, or spend the money in some other way. Taken all in all, we have far more to encourage us than to discourage us. While several of our bands and juniors have ceased working as such, we have gained others, and there is a marked growth in several which is truly gratifying.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. LEDIARD, Supt.

CHILDREN'S WORK FOR YEAR 1895-6.

Balance from last year, \$93 65  
Received from all s'ces 65 81  
—————\$159 46

Payments:

Supp't of Chinese boy, \$20 00  
O. C. W. B. M. for  
Japan work . . . . . 75 95  
Supt's travelling exp's,  
postage and stationery 7 20  
—————\$103 15

Balance on hand . . . . . \$56 31

Toronto, June 5, 1896.

Church News.

Items of Church News should be pointed and brief. What can be clearly written on a post card will be usually ample. To ensure prompt insertion all items for this department should be in the editor's hands at least five (5) days before the date of publication.

IONA.—We understand Bro. W. D. Cunningham has started a monthly week-night appointment at Iona.

LONDON AND AYLMER.—Bros. Geo.

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Fowler and R. W. Ballah exchanged pulpits, August 2nd.

BRACEBRIDGE.—Bro. A. C. Gray has been holding an interesting protracted meeting at Bracebridge. There were 21 baptisms and two restored.

LOBO.—Bro. T. L. Fowler visited Lobo in the interest of the college, Aug. 2nd. It was the first visit of the kind ever made in Ontario. Bro. Fowler was kindly received in Lobo. The brethren there believe we need the college. Bro. Fowler preached three times that day—twice in the church and once in a school house on the Lobo and Caradoc town line, where Bro. A. Sinclair has an afternoon appointment every other Lord's day. The editor of this paper spoke in Lobo, Aug. 9th—the hottest day of the season they say. The evening sermon was cut short by the oncoming of an electric storm. One of our brethren—Arch. McKellar—had his barn burned that night. He was opening his front gate on his return from meeting when the building was struck. Had he been a minute or two earlier the consequences might have been far more serious.

ROSEDENE.—Three made the good confession at our regular service, Aug. 16th. E. M.

ALDBORO.—Bro. W. D. Campbell held the "August meeting" on the Plains, Aug. 30th.

RODNEY.—Bro. W. D. Cunningham preached at Rodney, Aug. 23rd. It was an "August meeting." A brother who was present tells us there was a good attendance and good preaching. Bro. T. L. Fowler conducted special services the following week. There were seven baptisms, Aug. 28th, and Bro. Fowler is still continuing the meetings.

MOSA AND GLENCOE.—Lord's day, Aug. 16th, we spent with the Mosa and Glencoe churches—speaking at Mosa in the morning and Glencoe in the afternoon. We had never been at those points before. Bro. S. B. Culp, who has been preaching in Michigan for some time, spoke in Mosa a few weeks

ago, where there was one confession. Bro. Culp, we hear, is about taking up work at Troy, N. Y. The people at Mosa and Glencoe speak well of the students. Bro. Stafford visits them regularly at present.

RIDGETOWN.—Bro. J. C. Price, of Hiram College, has been preaching here for some time. The people like him well. Bro. Charlton preached here, Aug. 23rd, and Bro. Logan, Aug. 30th.

HARWICH.—"Harwich" here stands for four "appointments"—Creek Road, Bridge End, No. 9, Harwich, and Northwood. Bro. W. G. Charlton attends to this large parish. He expects to close his labors here about Oct. 1st. It is much to be hoped that a competent man will be secured to follow him. Special meetings were being held by Bro. Charlton, assisted by Bro. Price as singer, from Aug. 16th on. Bro. Bulgin dropped off on his way back to Ohio and preached Friday evening, Aug. 21st. Bro. Bruce McCully has been assisting Bro. Charlton during his vacation. He intends returning to Hiram College this fall. There were to be five baptisms at No. 9, Lord's day, Aug. 30th. Bro. A. C. Gray preached at Northwood and Bridge End that day.

WALKERTON, Ont., Aug. 22.—Dear Readers: I know you are all acquainted with the name and most of you with the face of our old father in Israel, Bro. Alexander Anderson, and many will feel not only surprised but delighted to hear that, although he has passed the 86th milestone of life here, he is still able to travel from Hamilton to Walkerton, and is now on a visit to his son and daughter, three miles west of here. And not only so, but imagine our delight on July 19th and August 2nd when he preached for us, speaking on 19th July from Jude i. 11 and today from Matthew i. 21, "He shall save His people from their sins." At both meetings we had fairly good audiences, and as we listened to those warm exhortations, faithful warnings and strong appeals to all to continue faithful unto death that we might have a right to the crown of life, humanly speaking, it seemed a pity that such a life could not be renewed. His words were well chosen, his thoughts clear and his voice good. He indeed had a message from God's word to the hearts of men. May God add His blessing, and to His name be the praise. We hope Bro. Anderson may yet be spared many years. His presence is helpful, his words are encouraging. We love him for what he is and for what he has done. Your brother in Christ,

T. WHITEHEAD.