

It is a good plan to have the suggested programme read at the previous meeting to arouse the interest, and give something to be looked forward to.

Almost the first thing which catches the eye as we take up the leaflet is, "Subject of prayer for the month." In these few words we have another bond which draws us all—from east and west, north and south—to bow at one common mercy-seat with hearts united to ask for the same thing. Is not this a wonderful source of power and blessing? I fear in some Auxiliaries this part of the leaflet is too lightly passed by. In some places the subject presented is made the one of study for the month, so that the whole thought is directed to one object.

Connected with this subject is our Sunday hour of prayer. When the question was asked in our Auxiliary, "How many have observed this hour during the year?" I felt it cause for shame and sorrow that so few could respond. Loss to ourselves, to our home work, to our missionaries, and to those we hope to reach and save, must result from neglect in this particular.

Were our hearts so full of the work, that with Paul we could say, "Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers," the influence would be felt to the remotest part of the mission field.

The hour is set apart, and the subject is mentioned month by month, that unitedly and systematically we may remember the work. Let us faithfully resolve to do so.

Other means by which the leaflet may be rendered more efficient and helpful may be thought of.

Let us in the coming year seek by reading, and lending, and giving and talking—by using it in every possible way—to keep ourselves fully alive and in sympathy with what is being done, and to inspire the uninterested ones to "lift up their eyes and look on the fields," that they may see "they are white for the harvest," and may be led to take their place among the laborers.

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J. E. CARMAN.

Words From Workers.

MOUNT FOREST.—Death has entered our circle for the first time and taken from our midst a faithful sister, Mrs. (Rev.) W. Morton, who died Thursday, March 22nd. Through sickness in her family she had not been able to attend our meetings regularly for the last year; still, she was always ready to help in any way she could. We feel that she has been taken from a life of earthly trial to be forever with the Lord.

BELLE HAMPTON, *Cor. Sec.*

MOUNT FOREST.—Our Auxiliary gave a tea in the church parlors on Good Friday evening, to which we invited all interested in the work of the W.F.M.S. On the table we placed a basket for thank-offerings to be applied to Dr. Gifford's hospital work in Chen-tu; the offering amounted to \$24. We also took the names of two new members. We are thankful to report that our society is growing in interest as well as members.

B. H., *Cor. Sec.*

SPENCERVILLE held their annual Easter service in the church, March 25th. The subject for the meeting was "China." The programme consisted of an address followed by readings and recitations, interspersed with choice selections of music. A fine display of flowers showed the interest manifested by the flower committee. The collection amounted to \$20. Mr. Wm. Bennett presided over the meeting, which was a success.

MRS. McLEAN, *Cor. Sec.*

BRANTFORD, COLBORNE STREET.—According to the suggestion in the *OUTLOOK*, our Auxiliary held an Easter thanksgiving meeting on Wednesday afternoon, March 21st. We sent out letters to all the ladies of our church congregation, containing a cordial invitation to be present at the meeting. Each lady was requested to place her gift, together with an appropriate text, in a sealed envelope, and hand it to the president. The envelopes were opened at the meeting, and the texts read, which were exceedingly well chosen and very helpful. We realized \$14.35 in aid of the special object—the new hospital at Chen-tu, China.

EMILY E. BAKER, *Cor. Sec.*

VICTORIA, B.C.—A public meeting was held in the parlor of the Centennial Methodist Church on February 22nd, when an eloquent and soul-stirring address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Winchester, returned missionary from China. As we listened to the recital of his thrilling experience and his soul-stirring appeal, we felt verily guilty in that we allowed anything to interfere with the prosecution of this great missionary work. Our consecration was renewed and our determination strengthened to push on. Results:—a greater interest in, and a better attendance at, our Auxiliary meetings.

MRS. ELLEN CHAPMAN, *Pres.*

ZION CHURCH, WINNIPEG.—The meetings of our Auxiliary, which are held on the first Thursday of the month, are increasing in interest. We have an average attendance of thirteen, and our President, Mrs. Godley, is fully in sympathy with the work. On the evening of March 8th, we held an open meeting in the church. A good programme was prepared. The Rev. J. M. Harrison gave an interesting address on "Mission Work;" reports were read, and an interesting chat on Japan by four young ladies in Japanese costume. There were also several selections of music. Collection was taken up by the ladies of the society, amounting to \$22, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. We have received three new members, and we feel encouraged to go on. Our prayer is that God may use us as a means to spread His glorious Gospel.

MRS. M. A. DOUGLAS, *Cor. Sec.*

VANCOUVER.—Homer Street Woman's Missionary Auxiliary held its thank-offering service at the home of Mrs. Connan, one of its most energetic members, the exercises being conducted by its most efficient President, Mrs. (Rev.) Coverdale Watson, who followed the "Suggested Programme" in spirit if not strictly in letter. Appropriate hymns, prayers, Bible-readings—"That Missionary Baby," read by Mrs. Rumble; "Thanksgiving Ann," by Mrs. Geo. Martin; "Bible Reasons for Being Thankful," by Mrs. Watson—were all well calculated to foster a thankful spirit. When Miss Wintemute and Mrs. McTaggart opened the envelopes, read the Scripture verses enclosed, and announced that \$20.00 had been thus unostentatiously contributed towards Dr. Gifford's hospital, the 25 members present were much encouraged. A lovely five-o'clock tea enhanced the afternoon's enjoyment.

E. M'CRANEY, *Cor. Sec.*

TEESWATER ONTARIO.—The meetings of the Willing Workers' Mission Band, under the superintendence of Mrs. J. H. Field, are increasing in interest and instructiveness. From a successful entertainment, on Feb. 15th, we realized \$11.25; and \$2.22 have already been handed the Treasurer, the result of the one cent taken by several members to increase by their own ingenious efforts. Birthday offerings, thank offerings and mite-boxes have added \$3.90 to our treasury.

From a quilt with names on, at five cents a name, we received \$1.75, and sent the quilt—with other articles from the Auxiliary—to Rev. A. Salt, of the Parry Island Mission. We have 50 names on our roll, and have adopted "fee cards" and a red-ribbon badge to be worn by each member. Seventeen subscribe for *The Palm Branch*. A delegate was sent to the Convention held in London March 20th to 22nd.

M. NIXON, *Cor. Sec.*

GREENWOOD (Cobden).—Beginning the year a little discouraged, owing to the prevailing cry of hard times, and, as we thought, no new plan by which to increase the funds and interest in our work. We were to look each other in the face and ask: "What shall we do this year?" For answer: "Trust the Lord for voluntary givings, and no socials; instead, monthly missionary prayer-meetings." Now at the close of the half year, we see that the Lord has indeed worked for us. In response to an appeal made to the sisters in the church (at Easter), in aid of hospital work in Chen-tu, China, the sum of \$33.00 was handed in to our President at a missionary prayer-meeting, enabling us to send \$50.00 to the Branch Treasurer for the half year. We take twenty *Letters* and nine *OUTLOOKS*. Our monthly meetings, although small, are seasons of mutual love and fellowship. Our prayer is that the remainder of the year may be equally successful, and that by God's help we may win many more to help with this blessed and noble work.

MRS. J. C. THOMPSON, *Cor. Sec.*