

GRAND MANAN.—An Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was organized here, October 24th, 1889, by Miss M. A. Cochrane, of St. Stephen, N.B., with a membership of eighteen and two honorary members, Rev. A. C. Dennis, and Mr. T. C. McCutcheon. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. E. Fraser; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. George Schofield; 2nd Vice-President, Miss V. Guptill; Treasurer, Miss J. Bancroft; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. Bancroft; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. A. Fraser. With God's help, we trust that we may do something for the salvation of souls, realizing that all things work together for good to those that love God. E. A. FRASER, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—The Chatham Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society held their annual meeting September 25th, at which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Hadley; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Snooke; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. George McKeough; Recording Secretary, Miss Metcalf; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Treleavan; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. McKeough. A tea and entertainment was given in the evening, entertainment opening with a very impressive address by the President. We commenced the year with twenty-seven members. Donations, \$12.50. Proceeds of tea, \$14.59.

WATFORD.—On the 23rd September Mrs. (Rev.) Brown, of Strathroy, organized an Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society here with a membership of eleven. In a day or two we had added five other names, making sixteen in all. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. Thompson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Virgo; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. Mitchell; Recording Secretary, Miss Jennie Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jos. Philp; Treasurer Mrs. T. B. Taylor. Mrs. Virgo was appointed to obtain subscriptions for the OUTLOOK.

MRS. J. PHILP, *Cor. Sec.*

FROM THE BANDS.

The Young People's Mission Band of the First Methodist Church, Hamilton, held its third annual meeting on Monday evening, October 6th. The attendance was good. The report for the past year was most satisfactory, the Band having sent \$120 to the Treasurer of the Western Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society during that time. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. H. Gayfer; Vice-President Mr. T. Hazel; Recording Secretary, Miss L. Davis; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss M. Magan; Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. Dexter; Treasurer, Mr. E. Hunter. The membership of the Band numbers forty-seven, and its prospects are excellent.

A. DEXTER, *Cor. Sec.*

COQUALEETZA HOME AND SCHOOL

ON Sunday November 3rd, the above named institution was formally dedicated, the Rev. E. Robson, Chairman of the District, conducting the dedicatory service. Quite a number of the white friends of the surrounding neighborhood were present, thus showing their appreciation of the work being done by the Woman's Missionary Society. Earnest prayers were offered for the teachers, that they might be endowed with wisdom from on high; and for the children, that they all might be led to the Saviour in their early childhood, and that they in turn might go out and teach others about God, and point the lost ones to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world,"

We trust that our numerous friends in the east will not cease to pray for our prosperity.

C. M. TATE.

CHILLIWACK, Nov. 5th, 1889.

ERRORS OF ROMANISM.

BX MRS. J. ROSS.

THE reasons of the Church of Rome for withholding the sacred Scriptures from their people, become quite obvious, as we continue to compare their teachings with those of Holy Writ. In looking into their own accredited version, the Douay Bible, the letter of the ten commandments is very nearly like our own. But instead of giving in their manuals and catechisms the pure word as it is in their own authorized version, they blasphemously mutilate and rearrange the holy canon, written upon the sacred tablets by the finger of God Himself. The second commandment is entirely omitted, as it so emphatically forbids the making of any graven image, the likeness of anything in the heavens above, or of the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth; the bowing down to them or serving them. For this command they substitute the third, and so on to the tenth, which they divide into two to make up the number. What a terrible responsibility do they assume when they so directly disobey the distinct command of God (Deut. iv. 2:) "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God." Again, Deut. xii. 32: "Thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from."

It is expressly stated on page 451 of the Mission Book, "The infallible Word of God is the only true ground of faith"; and yet on page 252 it declares, "The Word of God is not contained in the Bible alone, but also in the traditions of the Church." But unfortunately, as did the Jews, in the words of our Saviour (Matt. xv. 13): they too often "transgress the commandments of God by their traditions." These traditional teachings embody the errors formerly mentioned, with multitudes of others quite as antagonistic to the simple truth as it is in Jesus. Many of them are really more absurd and ridiculous than dangerous; such as wearing the scapular, venerating relics—old bones of the saints, splinters of the cross, etc.—to which is often attributed amazing miraculous power. The scapular is considered specially sacred. This is usually a piece of woollen cloth, blessed by some dignitary, and worn in the pocket, on the arm, or around the neck or waist. An instance of its remarkable power lies before me in one of their sacred books. It is said that "about the year 1251 the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, an English Carmelite, and giving him the scapular, assured him that all who should die invested with it would be saved from eternal fire." Were these poor deluded ones but taught, instead, to look to "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world," to rest simply upon the finished work of Jesus, how lightly would they regard such childish superstitions. Well do the words of the blessed Master apply to these blind guides, "Thus have ye made the commandments of God of none effect by your traditions." "In vain do ye worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

CORRECTION.—In the paper in the October number, on the "Errors of Romanism," there are two or three misprints, which materially affect the meaning. The first occurs in the second sentence, where *adoration* should have been *veneration*. Again, further on, where *so many such prayers*, should read, *so many such pagans*, and in the last sentence the word *superstitions* should have been *misrepresentations*.