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VICTORIA, ST. BARNABAS'.—The work of our Branch is still progressing, and the attendance very good. After three months' holiday we commenced our work for the winter by having our Annual Church Service, when His Lordship Bishop Perrin gave us an address and a motto for the year, "Gain Fresh Strength," which we are trying (with God's help) to do.

Our girls seem to take more interest in their work each month. We have twenty-five good members, but have lost several, as they are studying at school and do not feel able to give their evenings to anything else.

One of our girls was married, and we presented her with a marriage card in a pretty gilt frame. She was delighted with it and to think the Members thought so much of her. We often go to see her in her pretty little home.

We have arranged our work for the winter as follows:—First meeting in the month, sewing. We have not had sewing before, so this year we thought it would be a good idea to make some fancy and useful articles, then have a sale of work and garden party at the end of the summer, to encourage the girls to work and learn to sew and crochet.

We have a Reading Class held by Mrs. Taylor, an Associate. We choose a book and read it, then discuss it, and ask and answer questions; the one who can answer the most questions receives a little prize. These evenings prove very interesting, as quite a contest is carried on.

Dr. Mary McNeill still continues her course of lectures. We appreciate them very much, as they are very instructive, and we gain good practical knowledge by them. The Doctor gives these lectures gratis, so last year, to show our appreciation, we presented her with a silver inkstand and gold pen. The Doctor was delighted with the gift and expressed her thanks.

The Rev. J. B. Haslam, our Rector, still holds his Bible Class. We are studying Nehemiah this year. Several of our girls were confirmed this year, and I am happy to say nearly all of them are communicants and attend church regularly. We have had two girls transferred from England to our Branch; they arrived safely and are both in good situations in this city.

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