

organization of these Auxiliaries are to a large extent due to the earnest efforts of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Seymour and Mrs. Williams, President, Central Branch.

M. G. HAWLEY, *District Organizer.*

CHARING CROSS (October 13th).—It is now a little over a year since we reported to the OUTLOOK. During the intervening time we have been quietly working in the interest of our society and the mission work. Last October we held a social, when Mr. and Mrs. Fuce, who were leaving our vicinity were presented with tokens of goodwill and esteem from the members of the church. Mrs. Fuce was an earnest worker in our society and we miss her. Mrs. Hamil another of our members (a former President), has moved away, and we miss her cheerfully-rendered services to this society; also four others have left us during the year. May the Lord incline the hearts of some of our sisters in the church to join us and fill their places! On the 12th of last May the Rev. W. H. Butt delivered a lecture, entitled, "Over Sea and Land," illustrated with numerous stereoptican views; after the lecture he illustrated "Ten Nights in the Bar-Room," in the same manner. The audience greatly appreciated both the lecture and the views. The proceeds paid expenses, and left \$14.50 to be devoted to mission work. Our annual meeting was held on the 2nd of September. The old officers were re-elected with the exception of Mrs. (Rev.) Edwards; Mrs. (Rev.) Shaw taking her place. As the mite-boxes were not all in, a committee was appointed to collect and count the money within a few days. The proceeds amounted to over \$25 altogether. We have sent to the Branch Treasurer \$113.80. Financially our society has done better than last year, there being an increase of over \$7; but as regards the spiritual growth it does not improve as rapidly as we might wish. The interest taken in the monthly meetings does not come up to our earnest prayers and expectations, the attendance is so small. Still our meetings have been profitable; but we hope for better results for the year we have just entered upon.

LYDIA SHEPLEY, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM.—The annual meeting of the Chatham Auxiliary was of more than usual enthusiasm. There was a large attendance and the review of the year's work was encouraging. Mrs. Hadley, who for nine years had been so devoted and successful as President, though requesting a change, was unanimously re-elected. Mrs. Snook was elected Vice-President. Mrs. McKeough, who for ten years has filled the office with the utmost satisfaction, was again appointed Treasurer. Miss Metcalf, the efficient Secretary of ten years' standing, was also re-elected. Through the year the auxiliary has lost through removal two Corresponding Secretaries. To this position Mrs. Annis was elected. In connection with the annual meeting a district convention was held. Delegates were present from several different places, and there seems bright promise of organizing two or three new auxiliaries in the near future. In the evening a largely attended mass meeting was held, which was ably presided over by Mrs. Hadley. Miss Metcalf read a well prepared statement of the work of the auxiliary. Reports and cordial greetings were given by ladies from the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Anglican Churches. Charing Cross reported great success, and showed themselves to be a wide-awake auxiliary, full of zeal and enthusiasm. Interesting reports were given by the Mission Band, under their popular President, Mrs. S. G. Gardiner, and by the Cadets, who form a unique feature in the work here, under the leadership of Mrs. Barfoot. A very interesting and instructive address was

given by Mrs. Dickson, of London. The Rev. Mr. Annis also spoke in an encouraging manner. The annual meeting added much inspiration to the work here, and the auxiliary is looking forward to a larger membership and more successful year than ever before.

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#### FROM THE MISSION BANDS.

ALBERTON, P.E.I., (September 23rd).—I send you a short account of our Mission Band. It is called the "Bell and River Band." It was organized March 21st, 1891, by mamma. The following Officers were elected: President, Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Lawson; Vice-President, Miss Minnie Leard; Secretary, Lottie E. Lawson; Treasurer, Anson S. Leard. We organized with a membership of fifteen. One member has gone away and we have had an increase of four. We have pleasant talks about different Mission Fields, and readings, recitations and singing at our meetings. The members assist in the Woman's Missionary Prayer-meetings by giving readings and recitations. We had a little picnic in August, and sold refreshments. The profits were \$1.37. We have been working with "talent money," proceeds to help the missionary ship "Glad Tidings." Our net income for the year just closed is \$9.22. It was very interesting to hear how some of the members had increased their "talent money." Some had polished boots; others had bought seeds and raised vegetables and sold them; others had knit hose and sold them; others made cords and tassels for the windows, and pin cushions and sold them, and one little dot (four years old) brought fifteen cents, she said "She helped to scrub 'taters.'"

LOTTIE O. LAWSON, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM (October 5th).—Report from Gleaner's Mission Band.—We are very glad to report that we have had a very prosperous year, doing far better than we expected. The total membership for the year was 101, which is twenty-one more than last year. We had two entertainments, one on November 5th, the other on March 27th, both of which were very successful. We also gave an excursion to Lake St. Clair, the proceeds of which (\$59), were donated to the General Hospital. We held our first meeting after the holidays on September 19th, at which the following Officers were elected: President, Mrs. Gardiner; Vice-President, Mrs. Bagwell; Recording Secretary, May Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary, Mabel E. Richardson; Treasurer, Minnie Barfoot; Pianist, Edith Flint. We made altogether in the year, \$189.32. Paid out \$137.32, not including \$50 sent to the Crosby Home. We have had many cheering reports of little Nellie, and feel encouraged to do the work of the coming year with greater zeal than ever before.

MABEL E. RICHARDSON, *Cor. Sec.*

WOODHOUSE.—Our Mission Band held its annual public meeting in the Sunday-school hall, on the evening of September 14th. The chair was occupied by the President, Rev. J. R. Patterson. The meeting was opened by singing, prayer, and Scripture reading. Then followed the Secretary and Treasurer's reports, and a report from the Box committee. Miss Bird Tisdale gave an excellent recitation, entitled "One of our Lost Days." After singing Hymn 181, Master Clinton Smith recited "Two Pennies," and Miss Grace Boughner "Jesus Calling." "Sowing Light" was then given by six young ladies, Miss Colver represented Canada; Miss May Dixon, a French Nun; Miss Lizzie Colver, a Chinese; Miss Ada Lemry, a Japanese; Miss Evelyn Tisdale, an Indian; and Miss Lillian Smith, Christianity. The piece was well rendered and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. A very pretty motion song, "Jesus Bids