

solved that difficulty, and suggests a programme in each monthly leaflet. Its best feature is that it provides for all taking part. The meeting is not the president's, nor yours—missionary hobbyist—but ours (with a capital O). Better still, it is the Master's—all capitals.

This brings us to the source of inspiration—the Divine essential. The ancients sought after the simple elements in nature, and out of millions of combinations, reduced them to four! And so, out of the multiplicity of missionary duties, that seem to be ever increasing, like the complications in machinery that has not reached a perfected state, it is well ever to keep before us the one elemental maxim of our missionary creed: "I believe"—what?—"that I am my brother's keeper!" "No!" says the disobedient son, "I'm not my brother's keeper. Let him look out for himself." That is the murderer's creed!

Every Christian *is* his brother's keeper—whether that brother (Christ's definition for neighbor) be Chinese, African or white—at home or abroad; whether he be respectable or disreputable, civilized or uncivilized; and God will not forget this when we come pleading "Lord! Lord!"

Every true missionary sees the word "Brother" written on the brow of every fellow-creature; and every true member of a Woman's Auxiliary prays that she may catch the import of this awful truth. And why awful, when it is Christlike? Ah! Why?

Abraham, you lovely grand old man, whose only fit companion is your God, what are you doing among those slain animals? "These are the sacrifices for my Lord." "Why stand waiting?" "That I may permit no fowls to come near them." And lo! an horror of great darkness comes over him as he sleeps in obedient waiting, but only to form a background for the meteoric illumination that shall presently play on its surface. The waking eyes of Abraham shall behold his God, walking amid and owning the sacrifice.

Oh, God of Abraham! the same yesterday, to-day and forever; our sacrifice of offered hearts are before Thee. Do thou accept them. M. H.

Owen Sound, June, 1894.

New Mission Bands.

LONDON.—Mrs. McMechan, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, in London, met the "Pearl Gatherers," in the Parlor of the Colborne Street Methodist Church, for the purpose of organizing a Mission Band under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Society of Canada, and gave a very interesting account of the work done in Japan and other places. During the last six months Miss Patricia Murray has been instructing her afternoon class of thirty members along the lines of Missionary work, and the said class will retain its name of "Pearl Gatherers." Election of Officers are as follows: Miss P. Murray, President; Mrs. Wm. Henderson, Vice-President; Miss Minnie Hance, Recording Secretary; Miss Eva Wheaton, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Mary Winterbottom, Treasurer; Miss Lilla Garner, Organist. A Programme Committee was appointed. The number of members at present is thirty-five.

SELBY.—This Auxiliary was organized in November, 1892, by Miss Hawley, of Bath, with a membership of twelve. For months the very life of the infant Society wavered in the balance. But as the Christian women of the community came to understand their duty and their privilege in reference to this organization of the Church, they gladly came to the rescue, and we have good reason for looking hopefully to the time when every woman whose rightful place is with us, will be earnestly engaged in this work. For this we are working. Last year we sent to the Branch Treasurer, \$20.50; this year, for the first three-quarters, \$45.00. We have held one public meeting, at which Mrs. Massey was present. Her earnest and stirring appeal did much towards arousing the present lively interest in Missions. One young man that evening gave \$5.00. Our membership is now thirty-seven. Mrs. Henry Wilson is our President. We are taking thirty *Leaflets* and eight

Outlooks. Quite a number have mite-boxes, and we have also a mite-box in the church. Our meetings are felt to be profitable in many ways, and are greatly enjoyed. Already we have come to a deeper realization of the Divine truth that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
MRS. WM. VALLIAU, *Rec.-Sec.*

CURRIE'S CROSSING.—An Auxiliary was organized here about two years ago. During this period we have lost some of our members, but others have taken their places. At an "At Home," held in May, Rev. F. A. Cassidy gave us a very interesting address on his work in Japan. May God fill our hearts with love for our sisters who are less privileged than we, that we may be more willing to sacrifice some of our pleasure in order to help send them the Gospel.
S. J. R., *Cor. Sec.*

Words From Workers.

ST. STEPHEN, N.B.—A most appropriate service was held on Easter Sunday evening, under the auspices of the W.M.S., ably assisted by the members of the Sunday school and choir. A programme, consisting of responsive readings, recitations and music, taken from the Resurrection story and conversion of the world, proved most interesting and profitable. On Thursday, April 5th, we held our Easter thank-offering service. The opening of the envelopes containing the Easter offering from members added greatly to the interest of the meeting, each accompanied by a suitable text of Scripture. The offerings, amounting to \$18, were in aid of the hospital work in China.
N. W., *Cor. Sec.*

WINCHESTER.—We are glad to be able to state that our Society is progressing favorably. The average attendance at our monthly meetings has been twenty-three, beside a number of visitors. Ten members have been added in the past half year. Total number of members, seventy-two. The use of the suggested programmes in the *Monthly Leaflet* has been beneficial in creating and maintaining interest in the meetings. An appeal by letter was made to each lady member of the congregation, in view of the thank-offering, and resulted in a large audience assembled to hear the interesting and instructive address by Mrs. Gooderham, General President of the Woman's Missionary Society. Amount of thank-offering, \$46.50. We hope that the final report at the close of the year will be equally as good, if not better, than last year.
J. R., *Cor. Sec.*

OAKWOOD.—The Auxiliary of our W.M.S. has been doing good work. The esteemed President, Mrs. R. G. Webster, entertained at her home the members, who spent the afternoon making quilts for another box, and in the evening the gentlemen were invited to unite with their wives around a well-furnished tea-table. We sent a well-filled box to the Indians of Gibson Reserve. Mrs. ——— address at a public meeting in the fall was well received, and a good collection was given. Some of the members visited another appointment on the Circuit (Eden), and as a result an Auxiliary was formed there. The Eden friends gave an excellent entertainment on Easter Monday, and took a collection as Easter offering for China, \$6.57. We have also organized in this village a Mission Band named "Do What we Can Band," with seventeen members, with Miss Silverwood as President. The auxiliary gave an entertainment on the evening of Good Friday. It was very encouraging. Some 163 were present, and gave us for China \$16.31, an average of 10 cents each. The Secretary, Miss Foster, gave, in well-chosen words, a beautiful report of the work. Addresses were given by Mrs. F. Hardy and Mrs. T. Bowes, sr., which were well received. Nettie and Laura Webster each gave a recitation on mission work. We were cheerfully and ably assisted by our church choir. But nothing elicited more applause than the singing of two pieces by five little girls, Estella Rennie, Maud Staples, Kate Bowes and Laura and Nettie Webster. Much credit is due to Mrs. D. Dundas who trained the girls and presided at the organ while they sang. At the close of the intellectual feast all were invited to the basement, where a lunch was given. In all a most delightful time was enjoyed.

H. E. WEBSTER, *Cor. Sec.*