

NEWS FROM BANDS.

PORT ROWAN.—We organized our Mission Band on Nov. 27th, 1898, the following officers were appointed:—Mr. Caldwell, President; Miss Lizzie Biddle, 1st Vice-President; Miss Ellis, 2nd Vice-President; Miss Audia Smith, Treasurer; Miss Leota Ellis, Organist; Lee Duncan, Murray McCornell and Charlie Killmaster, Solicitors; and myself as Secretary. The fee is to be 2c. a month, and we have decided to hold our meetings the second Sunday in every month.

JENNIE KILLMASTER, Sec.

LONDON.—The Mission Circles of the Talbot Street Church always have good meetings, but the Thank-giving services are particularly interesting, and the last was no exception.

The first heavy snow-fall of the season and a strike among the employees of the Street Railway were not among the list of things for which we felt grateful, but the memory of former meetings and the promised presence of Mrs. Eva Rose York counterbalanced the unfortunate combination of stormy weather and no street-cars.

A large number gathered to listen to Mrs. York's most enjoyable and profitable address.

Our much loved and painstaking Secretary, Mrs. Geo. W. Stuart, was presented with a "Life Membership Certificate" (Home), an honor which she had been coveting for another. Her surprise was complete, and our pleasure equally so. Attached to the invitations sent out for our meeting, were tiny silk bags, so dainty as to suggest gold dollars only, but while many had it in their hearts to line the pretty receptacles fittingly, our gifts were perforce smaller. We were glad to place them in the hands of Him who could feed five thousand with five barley loaves. His blessing fixes the value of all we do, give, or say.

Miss Johnson, of Adelaide St., and our own choir furnished the music, and after refreshments were served, our meeting closed, leaving us thankful that we were permitted to be thankful.

(Offering, \$51.50.)

M. E. S.

BEWLEY.—"The Cheerful Givers" Mission Band of Bewley Baptist Church was organized on June 14th, under the leadership of Miss A. Benson, who acts as President.

Our Band has 23 members, most of whom are quite young. The Band meets every two weeks, on Wednesday afternoons. We read some chapter together, and then the members select and explain verses which refer to missionary work, and one or more give missionary

readings. Then part of the work of some mission is explained by the President.

We have taken up the names and stations of the different missionaries, and the work that is being done in India, Quebec and among the Indians.

On August 10th, we had a very successful picnic on grounds near the church. The afternoon was spent in playing games, after which we had our tea.

A successful entertainment was given by the Band, on the afternoon of November 16th. Many interesting missionary readings and recitations were given by the members, and two instructive essays were read on the Grande Ligne and Canadian Telugu Missions.

The Band sang several very suitable songs. An offering was taken up, which amounted to \$4.48. The Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick closed the meeting with prayer, after which refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

At our last business meeting it was found that we had \$6.90 in our treasury. This we decided to divide among the missions, giving \$3 to the Canadian Telugu Mission, \$1.25 to each of the Manitoba and Grande Ligne Missions, and \$1.40 to the Home Mission.

E. MAY HENDERSON, Sec.

BARDVILLE.—Now for your questions, Bardville! It's a sort of village—a farming community, as for what association, in the words of the small boy, "We hain't got no association."

It's eleven miles north of Bracebridge, of which church I am a member.

No, there is no Baptist Church here, and no Mission Circle. It is a Methodist centre. The Salvation Army occasionally come. It is not strongly anything—unless careless.

I hesitated a little about proffering my request to be allowed to use the church and organize a Baptist Mission Band, but there was no hesitation worth mentioning in letting me do so.

When I spoke to the Minister about it, he said, "Allright, it will be a good thing for the children, and for the rest. I'm not afraid."

So the "I'll try" Band meets every other Sunday at 3 p.m. in the church. We have taken up the lessons of Miss Bard, lessons No. 1 and 2, and intend to go on pretty well through the series.

Every Tuesday it meets to sew. Beside the quilt, which is still in progress, thirteen photo frames, three sofa cushions and one pin cushion, have been sold, made first of course. We charge as little as possible for these and have only realized \$3.65 from them.

But we are enthusiastic. For instance, when there was a call for feathers to make dusters, two of the chil-