

Frederickton had offered money prizes for good attendance and Scripture verses, the money to go to the band.

The Talent system was discussed and approved. It had worked well in many bands.

Mite boxes had proved one of the very best means—a means of grace as well as of help to the funds.

There were two memorials, relating to bands prepared for Board. One, to enable a band having 40 members or raising \$100 to send a delegate to branch; another, to allow two smaller bands on country circuits on the same conditions to combine and send a delegate.

The devotional exercises were all helpful and impressive, as well as the consecration meeting, led by Mrs. Lawson. One of the devotional meetings was in the interests of Bands and Band leaders. Mrs. Dr. Johnson on that occasion spoke feelingly of the necessity and advantage of bringing the boys into the work, and the retiring Band Cor. Sec. Mrs. Howard, spoke hopeful and encouraging words. Where opportunity for testimony was given, many witnessed to the added power and joy that had come into their lives through this work.

The Editor of PALM BRANCH made a plea for it, showing that efforts must be doubled and redoubled before it can be called a success financially. This led to a discussion and we were glad to find our little paper so well appreciated. The President earnestly requested members to do all they could to increase the circulation.

Early in the meeting Miss Blackmore, our returned missionary, was introduced to us, also Mrs. Hart, as the Mother of Missionaries—she is the mother of Miss Sadie Hart, whom so many of us know and love, now Mrs. Spencer, but still a missionary to the Indians, and Miss Lizzie Hart, just returned from Japan on furlough. Another daughter is preparing to go out as medical missionary to China!

Miss Blackmore, who is already a favourite with us, gave us some interesting facts of the work in Japan. Told us about the Industrial school in Kanazawa, composed of girls whose fathers could not afford to support them while receiving instruction. The missionaries had therefore conceived the idea of making these girls self supporting, by taking orders for work—embroidery on silk and other materials. They also depended on Canadian friends to help them in their plan. Miss B. quickly sold all the samples she had brought. These girls had not only hitherto supported themselves, but saved a little of their money to send to China to help the work there, so they, in their turn, had become Missionaries.

All the public meetings were very interesting—

the first being a reception accorded us in the beautiful new church, in which we listened to fine, sweet music and kind greetings from ministers and people.

And last but not least came the Band public meeting, presided over by Mrs. Howard. The choir was composed of little girls, who sang very sweetly. Miss Blackmore told of her little girls in Japan. Mrs. Dr. Johnson, in well chosen words, presented the Banner to the delegate from Margate band, one of whose members, Miss Durant, had won it by her "Knowledge of our fields and workers." Another Island girl, Miss Large, had won our President's prize for learning the largest number of hymns in our "Hymnal."

So ended this pleasant and profitable Branch meeting. Next to be held in Sussex.

### Band Echoes from Board.

I had the good fortune to be elected a delegate to the 13th annual meeting of the Board of Managers of our B. M. S. to be held in the town of Coburg Ont. Coburg is a beautiful town on the northern shore of Lake Ontario. I wish I could describe to you that lake as I saw it, on the last morning of my stay—the sun shining through the silver mist that overhung its blue waters—it remains a lovely picture on my memory.

Coburg has long been an educational centre, having till recently been the seat of Victoria College now transferred to Toronto.

Our first session was held in Division St. Church Tuesday, October 16th. Forty-five delegates responded to their names, 7 from the Maritime provinces; 1 from British Columbia. There were also 4 young ladies present—returned missionaries from Japan—home on furlough.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Gooderham of Toronto, ably assisted by her 1st Vice President Mrs. Dr. Carman of Bellville. The report read by our indefatigable Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Strachan, was most encouraging. It showed that we have 271 Mission Bands; a membership of 6,434; a total membership in one society of over 20,000. Think of it! Twenty thousand women and children in this Canada of ours, banded together! For what? That we may help those other women and children who are still groping in the dark; still suffering physical and mental torture because in their benighted land, they have never yet heard the joyful sound of the Christmas bell. We are helping them, but oh, how slow it seems, how much remains to be done. The Church has as yet, only sent out one Missionary to overy 400,000 heathen! Suppose there was only one doctor in the