

by we could gain further information from her. In this way we gathered much more minutely than we otherwise could have done, the methods of work which had proved most successful in other Bands.

Among many suggestions, some interesting reports were made showing that the entire amount sent to the Branch Treasurer, aside from the usual membership fees, was made from the sale of rag carpet. The Chatham Band is making a rag carpet and their President reported that it was being done with great enthusiasm and it will also be quite profitable. Others report very good income from their talents. The Centenary Church Band gave out 95 cents in 5 cent talents and in a few months they had gained over \$20. The largest sum of money raised by any Band or Circle was \$240.00, by the Queen's Avenue, London. The money was raised by fees, donations and one entertainment,—“The Feast of Days.” Through the kindness of a delegate from Galt, we have been supplied with a programme of this entertainment. The “Rainbow Social” and “The Feast of Days,” are reported as bringing in the most money of any entertainments held during the past year. The feeling is growing throughout the Society that our Missionary givings should be in the line of personal self-denial. The Light Bearers, of St. Thomas, reported very good work, nearly all of which was done by the members at home. One young lady gave over \$4.00 to the funds which she had earned from the sale of a very simple little article, at the same time she was studying for a second class certificate. This is the true missionary spirit and one which we should endeavor to cultivate. The Chatham Mission Bands, boys and girls in separate departments, are sending the greater part of their money to the Crosby Home. The boys, or Mission Cadets, support little Jimmie, and Indian boy, and the girls support an Indian girl; in this way they have a special interest in their missionary money. The report of the Mission Cadets was read by the Secretary, a lad of about 12 years. It was so highly appreciated by the Convention that it was ordered to be printed in the *Outlook*.

Thursday evening was devoted to the Mission Band work. Fine reports were read of the Mitchell Mission Band, Alma College, Centenary Church and a very fine paper on “Our Work” was read by Miss Webster, of Queen's Avenue, London, which will, by request of the Convention, also appear in full in the November *Outlook*. The much talked

of Banner was unfurled to the many hundreds of admiring eyes present. It is made of cream satin, bordered top and bottom with crimson plush; it has in a scroll of gilt letters, Mission Bands near the top and Western Branch at the bottom; at one side there is a lovely spray of flowers in oil painting, and with the usual trimming of gold bullion fringe and cord and tassels, it makes a very handsome and artistic piece of work.

For the benefit of those who have not read of this Banner before, we will explain that it has been donated to the President of the Western Branch to be given each year to the Mission Band which has the largest membership in comparison to the membership of the church. It was borne proudly away by the lady delegate from “The Grove.” The church membership at “The Grove” numbered 72 and the Mission Band 27. Hamilton First Church sent in one Mission Band member to 9.6 church membership. The successful competitor for the Banner reported one Band member to 2.6 church membership. The music on Thursday evening was furnished by the Chatham Mission Bands, accompanied by their pianist. Such stirring missionary music as “There's a cry from Macedonia,” and during the collection, a charming little selection, “Hear the pennies dropping,” were especially pleasing. It was a grand meeting. We find in our note books the words “How I wish every member of our Band were here.”

As will be observed, our report has only made mention of the matters referring to our Mission Band work. There is a possibility of legislation at the Board meeting which convenes in London, the 22nd of this month, whereby another year the Mission Bands will have greater privileges. At this time we have no separate returns of the contributions, and the Auxiliaries receive credit for our contributions. The total amount sent to the Branch Treasurer last year was \$6,618.25. Number of Auxiliaries 92, an increase of 7; number of Mission Bands 34, an increase also of 7; number of member 2,416; Mission Band members 936.

The Convention adjourned Friday noon to meet next year in Ingersoll. We read of the “Little leaven,” and we trust that each delegate who attended the Convention this year will carry home something that will create new interest and inspiration for the labors of another year, and through small individual efforts the whole Society may feel the reviving influence.