

LAKEFIELD BRANCH. By the death on August 29th, of Mrs. Catharine Parr Traill, whose literary fame and longevity are known throughout Canada, the Lakefield Branch of the W.A. loses a member who has for many years taken a deep interest in all the work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Traill was born in London, Kent, on January 9th, 1802. She was the youngest sister of the Miss Stricklands that wrote "The Queens of England." In 1832 she married Capt. Traill, and came with him the same year to Canada, settling on the shore of Lake Katchewanook. The remainder of her long life, 67 years, was spent between Ashburnham, Rice Lake and Lakefield. Her writings are too well known to require enumeration here; it is sufficient to remark that she never lost her love of nature and her talent for literature. Her life was prophetic of that age to the threshold of which we have now come, in which it is recognized that the science which comes of patient investigation of nature is harmonious, not hostile, to religion. What Mrs. Traill learned of nature strengthened her faith in God; consequently she was a warm friend and diligent member of the W.A., evincing in particular a great interest and sympathy for the Indian, many of whom feel the loss of her as much as the large circle of friends who cherish and revere her memory.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF JUNIOR BRANCHES.

In July and August I sent out Annual Reports to all Junior Branches, with the places and names clearly marked, as well as the Reports of the Junior Secretary and Treasurer, thereby hoping that all will be carefully read and remembered as a stimulus to increased work for next year. St. Clement's in East, St. Margaret's and St. Stephen's have reported their Branches to me as re-organizing for work. In St. Margaret's, the boys have a separate evening now, instead of all the Junior Branch working together, and both opened last week, under the special direction of the Rector. From Ashburnham I have an encouraging letter; and a representative is much wished for. St. Alban's will indeed regret the absence of their faithful Superintendent, Mrs. de Pencier, and we hope the work at Uxbridge will gain fresh impetus from her experience and zeal. St. James' Junior Branch has not as yet been re-organized, but we will trust that the appointment of a new Superintendent will be soon effected, and the bright example of those who for so long have assisted in every