

Teetzel. We have made seventy dollars already by entertainments and other ways, and are now making a quilt.

MISS SADIE CLARK, *Cor. Sec.*

SEAFORTH.—A deputation of the Woman's Missionary Society met the young people of the Methodist Church, Seaforth, on January 7th, 1890, for the purpose of forming a Mission Band. Eighteen enrolled their names as members. We named the Band "Whosoever Will." The following officers were elected: Ella Smith, President; Annie Grey, First Vice-President; Della Livens, Second Vice-President; Nellie Beattie, Recording Secretary; Florence Johnson, Secretary; Mary Casson, Treasurer; Birdie Young, Organist; Alice Daley, Corresponding Secretary; a Committee on Literature, Miss Livens, Miss Doble, Miss Casson and Miss B. Crich. We meet on the second Friday of each month. We are hoping to extend our list of membership and to arouse more fully the missionary spirit among the young people.

ALICE DALEY, *Cor. Sec.*

CHATHAM, ONT.—The first entertainment of the Park Street "Mission Gleaners" for the present year was held on Monday evening, December 16th, in the Sabbath-school room. Quite a large audience gathered. The doors were opened at seven o'clock, and from that time till eight, when the programme commenced, the sale-table was open for purchasers. All the articles on the sale-table were donations made by the member or friends of the "Gleaners." The school-room was tastefully decorated with flags and sheaves of wheat, emblematic of our name. A short but select programme was rendered by the Band. By our entertainment we cleared upwards of twenty-one dollars. At the yearly meeting in September last the following officers were elected: President, Miss Cowan; Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. McKeough; Treasurer, Minnie Barfoot; Recording Secretary, Jennie Bedford; Corresponding Secretary, Effie Lafferty. This year we have between seventy and eighty members, and the number on the roll is steadily increasing.

EFFIE LAFFERTY, *Cor. Sec.*

### NEWS FROM JAPAN.

I HAVE received to-day a very interesting and most cheering mail from Japan, some of the contents of which cannot fail to deeply touch the hearts of the readers of the OUTLOOK, and prove how our noble missionaries there have won the love of the warm-hearted Japanese.

It is known to many that the Rev. Dr. Cochran was dangerously ill for many weeks. I give an extract from Mrs. Cochran's letter:

"MY DEAR MRS. LAUDER,—We have passed through trying times lately. Dr. Cochran, in company with the Rev. Mr. Saunby, started out on an evangelistic tour. They left Tokyo on the 14th September. Dr. Cochran took very ill the third day after they left home. They remained in a Japanese hotel and called in a native physician, who could do very little for the patient; so they left there and went to another place, where they remained a week, and the patient improving some, it was thought they might try to reach home; but the roads were broken and they were turned aside, and reaching Kobe, an open port, a foreign physician forbade the patient going farther. By this time my husband was a very sick man, and I was telegraphed for, and went by steamer three hundred miles. We were obliged to stay five anxious weeks in Kobe, not knowing whether my dear husband would ever recover, or see his home again. But the Lord was very good to us, and, I am thankful to say, he is quite recovered, and we

reached home on the 3rd of November. We never knew how many friends we had in Japan until our stay in Kobe. Letters came to us from all sides, and special prayers were offered in the church in Tokyo, also in Yokohama, and in all the prayer meetings. I wish you could read one-half of the many letters from our Japanese friends. . . . The three last ladies sent out by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are a great acquisition to the staff. Miss Blackmore gave me your message."

I copy a Japanese letter, written by one of the students:

"DR. AND MRS. COCHRAN,—We heard a few days ago, from one of our teachers, that Dr. Cochran was getting better. How has he been since? We are very anxious to know the state of his illness, though we believe he is improving gradually. ✓ We are very sorry he is so unfortunate that he is compelled to keep his sick-bed away from his own home. But our loving Lord is with him wherever he goes, and giving His rich grace upon him who is one of His best servants. So we believe that Dr. Cochran had, and is having, ample spiritual consolation from Him. During last week we held special prayer-meeting in our school-room, and prayed our Lord for the recovery of Doctor's sick. We are sure that He heard our prayers. ✕ To Mrs. Cochran, we wish that she may continue in her best health, and hope that her present hard work may not injure her health at all. May Lord bless and enable you both to come back to your own home at Azabu, where your friends and affectionate students are waiting.

"We are, your ever faithful,

"S. YEBARA,

"And other students in dormitory."

Another Japanese says: "We had been surprised very much to hear that our beloved Doctor fell on a disease suddenly, on the way to go to Kanazawa, and had to stay at Kobe, waiting for restoration of strength."

### ERRORS OF ROMANISM.

BY MRS. J. ROSS.

HAD due consideration been given to these topics at the outset, the Romish doctrine of baptismal regeneration should have been first in order; baptism being the initiatory rite of the Church. However late of notice, we consider it one of the most serious errors amongst the many by which its adherents are led astray. The ritualistic teachers of the Church of England, we regret to say, retain and teach this erroneous doctrine. In one of their catechisms their children are taught, in answer to the question, "What does baptism do for you?" to answer, "By baptism I am made regenerate, a child of God, and an heir of everlasting life." In the Roman Catholic Catechism lying before me, the two first questions on the subject of baptism are as follows: "(1) Q. What is baptism? A. Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration, by which man is born again to eternal life, by the washing of water and the Word of God. (2) Q. What are the effects of baptism? A. The principal effects of baptism are, (1) the pardon of sin, whether original or actual; (2) the infusing of sanctifying grace into the soul; (3) the indelible impress of the Christian character." If this be true, no baptized person can be lost; their sins are pardoned, they are born again to eternal life, and have the indelible impress of Christian character. And yet, how is it that many upon whose heads the baptismal waters have been sprinkled or poured in infancy, and even adults who have submitted to the rite by immersion, have gone down to drunkards' graves and been cut off in the midst of most criminal vices, without a moment's time for repentance? Of such Jesus says, "they cannot inherit