

revelation to those of more advanced years. After the programme the guests were invited to an exhibit of the children's work, and were served to an Indian tea by girls in Hindu costume. The display of work disclosed the fact, that the girls and boys have been faithful and enthusiastic at both the regular meetings and the busy work meetings.

Much of the credit of the success of the busy work department is due to the quiet and faithful oversight of Miss Fannie Laine.

The reports of the various committees were received with enthusiasm. Francis Leaver, captain of the Boys' Rubber Brigade, reported \$12.26 earned from the sale of old rubber and papers. The report from the autograph quilt, by Gladys Brown, showed that \$29 had been raised. The treasurer's report, presented by Donald Hooper, was gratifying. Receipts, \$76.07; disbursements, Home Missions, \$18; Foreign, \$18. In addition the Band had the honor of making Mrs. John McLaurin a life member of the organization. In parting for a season the Band does so in anticipation of a happy re-union in the fall, when a Home Mission study will be undertaken, and the King's Band will re-enlist in His service with renewed zeal.

Mary McDiarmid.

Kensington Ave., Hamilton.—We organized our Band last October; since then, have had successful meetings and made wonderful progress. Our membership at first was thirty-five, and in six months has increased to eighty-five. Our average attendance is from seventy-five to one hundred, the highest being one hundred and fifty, which was an open-meeting, and we were fortunate in having as the speaker of the evening Miss Jule Somerville, of the James street church, who spoke to the children on "Talents." Some of our interesting meetings have been arranged with the use of model dolls and homes of Africans and Indians, also trips have been conducted by the children to Bolivia, Grande-Ligne, and our mission work in India. Four weeks ago talent money, in sums of 10 cents each, was distributed to thirty members, and the total amount returned from this was \$25.75. Besides this we have raised in the regular way \$13.36, making a total of \$39.11.

Rosine Fisher, Secretary.

Hartford.—On Sunday evening, July 14th, our Mission Band held their annual thank-offering meeting. A good programme consisting of songs and recitations, was given by the members of the Band. Miss Ida Byerse, of Simcoe, returned missionary of India, was with us, and gave us a very interesting address on the girls boarding school at Cocanada, which was very much appreciated. The meeting was well attended, and the offering amounted to \$8.73.

Irene Van Loon, Secretary.

### A FRIENDLY MESSAGE.

The Woman's Band of British Columbia, carried out the following program at the woman's session of the British Columbia Convention held Wednesday afternoon, June 26th, in New Westminster.

Devotional exercises.

Appointment of committees.

President's address—Mrs. E. A. Postill, New Westminster.

Provincial Secretary's report—Mrs. S. E. Stephens, Vancouver.

Hymn.

Address—Dr. Margaret McKellar, of Neemuch, Central India.

Collection.

Music.

Address—Mrs. A. A. McLeod.

Report—Nominating Committee.

Announcements.

Benediction.

On Friday morning at 10.30, there was held a conference and round-table talk. Matters pertaining to the work were freely discussed. Through the kindness and courtesy of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society, we enjoyed the treat of hearing Dr. McKellar, who is a much experienced worker.

The Executive did cast longing eyes toward our own beloved worker, Dr. Allyn, now in Edmonton, but our better judgment overruled our desires. We were much in prayer for God's leading and blessing at our annual gathering, praying the dear Lord shall abundantly bless and use us for the advancement of their cause. The sisters of the East and West are one in purpose and aim, and even the small dividing line is now withdrawn, thus making us actually one.

May we all with ever increasing zeal push on. Be forward. Ours is to educate and inspire. S. E. Stephens.