

greatly to the interest of the meeting. At the missionary prayer-meeting, a committee of ladies distribute leaflets, including the monthly letter which our members are asked to hand to this committee after reading, so that news from the mission fields may reach as many as possible.

M. A. POWELL, *Cor. Sec.*

PARKDALE.—Recognizing the fact that great good is often accomplished by the simple relation of cheerful tidings, stirring others up to emulation, or encouraging them where faith and hope may have begun to flag, I ask a few lines of space to tell of what progress is being made in the missionary work in Dunn Avenue Church, Parkdale. We have a very large church, built about two years ago. In consequence of the one previously built having become too small within about three years of the time of its erection, and of the rapid growth of this part of the city, the Board of Trustees had sufficient missionary spirit to make the capacity of the new edifice somewhat greater than was at that time demanded, so that a similar difficulty would not have to be confronted again at least in the near future. The result of that thoughtful and liberal action is that our people are now bearing a financial burden considerably heavier than they would have had to bear had they built for themselves alone. It was cheerfully undertaken, however, and notwithstanding that the temporary reaction in real estate values has somewhat checked the rapidity of the increase in population, and consequently retarded the progress that was anticipated in reducing the amount of the debt, yet our people are devoting themselves faithfully to the work. Those who come in from elsewhere seem, as a rule, appreciative of the foresight and liberality that provided so elegant and comfortable a church home for them, and they too respond cheerfully to the call for necessary contributions. It might be imagined that because of the weight of the church debt, our missionary and other schemes would be slighted, or that those who more immediately bear the burden of responsibility would discourage their support. It is gratifying to be able to report, however, that these are well sustained, and that our own loved Woman's Missionary Auxiliary is rapidly progressing. A few weeks ago our pastor, whose heart yearns for the success of the work, and whose earnest and devoted wife is our president, set apart a Wednesday evening for a Woman's Missionary prayer-meeting. One of our ladies gave an excellent address and another read a pointed and pathetic appeal. At the close one of the trustees made his wife and daughter members. The latter has since been very active, and has, in company with one of our older members, been instrumental in bringing in quite a number of others. Last Wednesday afternoon that talented missionary speaker, Mrs. Harvie, met a large number of our ladies as well as some from neighboring churches, and by her simple narration of the needs of the work, and an earnest appeal, she evoked considerable enthusiasm. Ten new members were enrolled at the close of the meeting. The employment of evolutionary committees for visitation and invitation is having a decidedly beneficial effect, both on the attendance and interest manifested at our meetings. The last monthly meeting was the most largely attended of the present year, and since the annual meeting no less than nineteen names have been added to the roll which were never there before. As we have decided on having, and have been fully granted the privilege of having our prayer-meeting quarterly, we expect shortly to hold another, and are looking forward to encouraging results, as every effort we make seems to meet with the divine blessing of a gratifying prosperity. E. A.

VANESSA (November 20th, 1891).—A special meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society Auxiliary of Teeterville

Circuit was held on November 10th, at the residence of Mrs. H. Forse, Windham Centre. In honor of the birth of our noble Society a quilt was quilted and donated with some clothing to the Chilliwhack Mission, B.C. In the evening a lecture was given by the Rev. R. Hobbs, of Ingersoll. The subject was: "Our Ability and How to Measure It," which was very instructive and beneficial to our Society. But, owing to the downpour of rain, our attendance was very small. But we hope in the near future to secure Mr. Hobbs for another lecture, and to be able to greet him with a full house, as all who listened to the lecture were delighted, and think Mr. Hobbs is just the right man in the right place.

WOODSTOCK, N.B. (November 27th, 1891).—On Thanksgiving Day, at 3 p.m., our Auxiliary held a special meeting of prayer and praise to God our Father above for His numberless blessings to us individually and as an Auxiliary. There was a large gathering, and a glorious meeting, and the presence of the Master was there. It was truly a season of rejoicing. When we consider the many, many blessings showered upon us during the past year we cannot but shout, "Praise the Lord for all His benefits." We earnestly desire that the coming year may be one of complete consecration to the work our Father would have us do, and that as individual members, we may deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow where He leads. The collection was sixteen dollars. May the dear Saviour help us to lay up our treasures above, is the sincere prayer of one in the work.

Mrs. R. B. JONES, *Cor. Sec.*

FROM CENTRAL BRANCH.

SINCE our Branch meeting Bands have also been organized in Warkworth, Whitby, and Maple, the last named having a membership of forty-eight. We would like to remind some auxiliaries in the Central Branch of promises made last year as to engaging in Juvenile Mission Band work, and we trust each Auxiliary will take into consideration the advisability of interesting the children in missionary work.

A. M. BASCOM, *Cor. Sec.*

FROM THE MISSION CIRCLES AND BANDS.

SCHOMBERG.—Three months ago our President, Miss Hughes, distributed \$1.10 amongst twenty-two of our young members, giving 5 cents to each. The children worked well with their money, making taffy, tissue paper flowers and several articles of fancy work, which they sold, thus making \$1.10 amount to \$15.58. A few weeks ago we held an entertainment; our enthusiastic President (Miss Hughes) presided, and after an earnest but short address directed the carrying out of an interesting programme of songs, recitations and dialogues. Miss Dennis rendered efficient aid by conducting a Japan exercise. During the evening the children related how they had invested the talent money, which interested the audience greatly. No admission was charged, but a collection was taken which amounted to \$9.05.

A. WALKINGTON, *Cor. Sec.*

PETERBORO' (Feb. 5th, 1892).—On January 28th, in the George Street Methodist Church, of this town, we organized a Mission Circle called "Peterboro' Light Workers." The following officers were elected: President, Miss Sanderson; First Vice-President, Miss Shortly; Second Vice-President, Miss L. Rutherford; Treasurer, Miss Maud Detcher; Secretary, Miss Alice Fife; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Luella Morrow; Organist, Miss Winnie Dobbin. Our