

powerful help we are trying to work, watch and pray in His vineyard; feeling that our lives are songs,

"God writes the words,  
And we set them to music at pleasure;  
And the song rings glad, or sweet, or sad,  
As we choose to fashion the measure."

EMMA H. BAKER, *Cor. Sec.*

NORTHFIELD CENTRE.—Our Auxiliary was formed in March, 1891, by the District Organizer, Mrs. Phelps, who has since been a true friend to the Society. At its inception it had eleven members, and although two of these have removed, it now has a membership of seventeen. There have been held twelve regular monthly meetings and two public meetings, all of which were very successful. The success of these meetings and the progress of the Society has been to a great extent, the result of the efforts of our President, Mrs. Costen, and of the kindly encouragement of our pastor, Rev. W. N. Vollick. We hope to increase our membership, and to organize a Mission Band, in the near future. We have sent to the Branch Treasurer \$36.

JENNIE RAND, *Cor. Sec.*

BEAMSVILLE.—The interest in missions is steadily increasing in this Auxiliary, and while we regret the indifference of some, we are thankful for the few who are faithful in their attendance at the monthly meetings, and do what they can to assist in the work. At the March meeting "A Talk on Mite-boxes," was read by Mrs. Tufford, and was well received. As a result, six mite-boxes were distributed at the next meeting. We are arranging for a public meeting to be held some time in May.

*Recording Secretary.*

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The King's Messenger Band of St. John, N.B., held a very successful concert and social on Thursday evening, March 17th. Great praise is due to the children for the way they performed their parts; one little girl acting as chairman, and four little girls brought down the house in their lullaby song, with their dolls in their arms. After the programme the little girls, dressed in their caps and aprons, passed around the cake and coffee, and at the close of the evening we found that the proceeds were nearly \$12.

ALICE C. SPRAGUE, *Cor. Sec.*

GAGETOWN, N. B.—The ladies of this Auxiliary held an interesting public meeting on the evening of March 17th, presided over by the President, Mrs. A. S. Corey, in her usual creditable manner. The programme of music, reports, reading of papers original and otherwise, was of good interest, and an address from the pastor, Rev. A. C. Dennis, was both profitable and encouraging. The direct benefits derived from this meeting, were a good collection of \$7.50, and six names to be enrolled as members.

LEORA SIMPSON, *Cor. Sec.*

TORONTO, WESLEY CHURCH.—This Auxiliary held its usual quarterly prayer-meeting on Wednesday, March 30th, when we were favored by a very powerful and touching address by the Rev. Dr. Potts, on the work of women in connection with the Church generally, but especially with regard to missions. The attendance was excellent, and the collection, \$15.08, far above those taken on preceding occasions. Dr. Potts' welcome visit to our Auxiliary was followed on the next Tuesday afternoon, April 5th, when Mrs. John Harris, that well-known worker in all that is good and philanthropic, spoke in the school room to an interested and attentive audience of ladies. We hope to see the effects of her soul-stirring words in an increase of num-

bers, work and funds. Several ladies enrolled their names at the close of the meeting, and others voluntarily contributed their mite. Our Auxiliary has greatly increased under the faithful and efficient presidency of Mrs. (Rev.) Chambers during the current year, and in view of the "fields white unto the harvest," we crave further privilege in sending forth laborers who, when their life's work is ended, shall bring "their sheaves with them."

S. CARTER, *Cor. Sec.*

INGERSOLL.—On Sunday, March 27, the Rev. J. S. Ross, of Woodstock, gave a short but very encouraging address to the Mission Band of Charles St. Church, when the beautiful banner presented by the Woman's Missionary Society, was on exhibition for the first time. On the following Monday evening the band gave a sugar social and literary entertainment at which they offered for sale a number of useful and fancy articles. A good programme was given, consisting of music, missionary readings, recitations, etc. Proceeds, \$13.35.

MRS. BERRY, *Rec. Sec.*

HUNTINGDON.—We have realized that in working, planning, and giving, we have been richly blest; while the presence of the Master has often cheered and refreshed us in our meetings. At our first meeting this year, a member (who annually takes a large number of prizes at our County Fair), suggested that we give our prize money toward furnishing a room in the French Institute. The ladies present willingly assented; to this a number of offerings were added, and \$30.00 sent. This has been supplemented by an Easter thank-offering of \$24.00. Rev. C. T. Cocking was with us in December, and gave his lecture on Japan, illustrated by lime-light views, which was both interesting and profitable, netting to us \$25.00. We feel encouraged, and trust that this year's efforts may far exceed those of the past.

A. C. DALGLIESH, *Cor. Sec.*

#### THE MISSION BANDS.

BARRIE GLEANERS.—On the evening of Tuesday, March 27th, the young ladies of the Mission Band gave an "At Home" in the lecture-room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A very enjoyable time was spent by the large number who were present. A good programme, consisting of music, readings, recitations, etc., was given; Mrs. Parker, President of Barrie Auxiliary of the W. M. S., filling the chair. Ice cream and candy had a continuous call during the evening, and crazy tea was served during intermission. A number of fancy and useful articles were sold, which were given by the members of the Band. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Parker, gave a short address, after which the meeting was brought to a close by singing and prayer. Receipts about \$40.

LIZZIE CROSS, *Cor. Sec.*

#### NEWFOUNDLAND ORPHANAGE.

DEAR MRS. STRACHAN,—Just about a year ago I sent you a short account of our Christmas contributions for the orphanage. This will be a similar letter, I am afraid, and yet I feel as though I ought to write it.

In August Mrs. Pitts and myself sent a circular to every Methodist minister in the Conference, asking that the day-school children send contributions of vegetables to the orphanage. Nearly all responded, and the result was about one hundred barrels of potatoes and a limited supply of turnips and cabbage. The yearly bags were sent out throughout the city, and resulted in an abundant supply of necessary stores, oatmeal, rice, split peas, tea, sugar, beans, apples, and a host of smaller stores, too numerous to men-