

whole year reduced to ashes, but we grieve most for the poor people who, during the intense cold of next winter, will miss the warm clothing. In the bales were seven new quilts, two of them pieced by a dear old lady of 85, another completely made by a member who had been ill and unable to attend our meetings for nearly a year; two were the work of our Girl's Auxiliary. The bale for Emmanuel College contained among other things, our boy's outfit—he is now 13 years old, the son of a deceased Missionary teacher and catechist. The Girl's Auxiliary had taken such pleasure in providing warm underwear, ties, shirts and handkerchiefs; they had also contributed 17 new warm petticoats, and six surprise-balls, in bags, for the girls in the college. There were also several small gifts for our boy, George Henry Hope, a new Prayer book, and a little boy had sent his own game of Go-bang." . . . Assuredly the sympathy of every W.A. worker will go out to the Port Dover Branch in this trial, the first of the kind that has ever befallen a Huron Branch, for we all know how we love our bales, even as if they were living things; we know the pleasure there is in gathering through the year the things to go in them, and the amount of time and labour bestowed on their contents. These were such splendid bales—your Acting Editor had the privilege of inspecting their contents—containing 181 good articles of men and boys' clothing, 93 articles of women's and girls' clothing, 29 articles of infants' clothing, besides 37 pairs mitts, sheets, pillow-slips, groceries, etc.; and we must remember that the Port Dover is not a large city but just a *village* Branch. The actual value of the bales was at least \$200, and that sum would not replace all they contained. In a later letter the President writes, "We had a special meeting and decided to do the best we can towards getting another bale for the College, already some things have been sent us and people seem so sorry for us, that I am in hopes we shall be able to make quite a good parcel." With regard to the Fort a la Corne bale, the Diocesan Dorcas Secretary writes, "Christ Church London has already sent an excellent bale to Fort a la Corne, and New St. Paul's, Woodstock, has one nearly ready which I think they will be willing to send there, and two bales is all Huron is asked to supply to this Mission," Thus in our *Auxiliary* work we help each other, but still the loss has been great; and many will think regretfully of all that warm clothing lost to those needing it. What an incentive our W.A. work is to us, is proved by the loving energy with which the Port Dover Branch has set to work at once to do what it can to remedy its misfortune. Woodstock (Old St. Paul's)—We had the great pleasure of giving a Life Membership and gold badge to our esteemed Recording Sec., Miss Anna Frizelle, at our closing meeting in July. It was a tribute to her faithful and most efficient discharge of her duties as Recording Sec., an office she has held by a unanimous vote at every Annual Meeting time. Our Branch was formed nine years ago.