

first loss by death which our Auxiliary has sustained, though our membership has always been quite large and in existence some seven years. *CARRIE E. HARRISON, Pres.*

BRANTFORD (Brant Avenue).—Our monthly meetings are very well attended; we find them interesting as well as profitable. We have had some very instructive papers read, which not only add to the interest of the meeting, but are very beneficial to the members. Our Auxiliary has sustained a great loss in the death of our dear sister and Vice-President, Mrs. Brethour. We have lost a sister prized and beloved, but heaven is the richer for her presence, and what is sorrow to us is eternal joy and felicity to her. May the remembrance of her devoted consecration to His service prove one more attraction to draw us heavenward. Especially do we commend our dear President, Mrs. White, to the fatherly care of our God the Divine Comforter in her time of sorrow and bereavement. If "One member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

"We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."

We pray that our Heavenly Father may direct us in our work, and that our members may increase in number.

S. E. ROSE, Cor. Sec.

SARNIA.—A social under the auspices of the Sarnia Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, was held in the lecture room of the church on Wednesday evening, April 29th. A fine programme was given by friends of the Society, after which an address was read and presented, together with a certificate of life membership in the Woman's Missionary Society, to Mrs. Cullen, to whom the credit of organizing the Auxiliary is due. Mrs. Cullen replied to the address in feeling terms. Refreshments were served, and social conversation filled up the time until the hour of closing. Regret is generally felt and expressed among the membership of the church that the time is drawing so near when Mr. Cullen and his family will be removed to another field of labor. The text of the address was as follows:—

SARNIA, April 29th, 1891.

DEAR MRS. CULLEN,—

As this, in all probability, will be the last social gathering in connection with our Woman's Missionary Society while you go in and out among us as our leader, we cannot let you go without saying that you have been to us a bright example of patient, untiring energy in the Woman's Missionary cause. We have learned to look upon your work among us as "a work and labor of love;" the free-will offering of one whose heart is so impressed with what her Lord has done for her, that she cannot do too much for Him. While we regret your departure, and shall miss your Christian counsel, we cannot but rejoice to know that wherever you go the Woman's Missionary cause will have an earnest advocate. We beg you to accept this certificate of life membership as a token that we appreciate what a benefit this Society has been to ourselves in "stirring us up by way of remembrance," of our duty to our sisters in heathen lands, as well as the great privilege of taking some humble part in the evangelization of the world.

M. A. BEATTY, *1st Vice-Pres.*
E. WHEATLEY, *2nd Vice-Pres.*
E. MAJOR, *Treasurer.*
C. J. LAWRENCE, *Cor. Sec.*
H. A. ADAMS, *Rec. Sec.*

SHELBURNE (March 30th, 1891).—As an Auxiliary we are working along amid many discouragements, but we have the Master's approval upon the work done, and we are determined by His help to continue on. During our first quarter, death visited two of our homes—in one took a mother who is greatly missed from our circle, and in the other a child. We are hoping and praying for deeper interest in missionary work. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Our officers are as follows:—President, Rev. Mrs. McTavish; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Barr; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. A. B. Noble; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Crocker; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. James Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Bretz.

MRS. JAMES WILLIAMS, Cor. Sec.

BAIE VERTE, N.B. (15th May, 1891).—At the May meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society a resolution was passed that we convey an address, expressive of our sympathy to our pastor, Rev. L. S. Johnson, on the death of his beloved wife, who, after a brief illness, fell asleep in Jesus, on 29th April, 1891, aged 38 years. The following address was duly presented:—

"It is with no ordinary feelings of sadness that we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, approach the subject which draws forth expressions of our deepest sorrow and tenderest sympathy, at the great shadow which has fallen upon you and upon your darling children, who must henceforth forego the loving care and sweet companionship of mother. How dark and mysterious the dispensation seems, which so suddenly deprives the family circle of her whose bright and joyous spirit was ever a source of strength, and society of one whose cultivated and practical intelligence shed its elevating influence on every department of Christian work, evoking its love by the pleasing earnestness faith which she identified herself with whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, always choosing the humble and less attractive part, her refined and sensitive nature declining positions of more conspicuous publicity. At the last prayer-meeting she was permitted to attend, it was evident to all she was rapidly stepping heavenward, her testimony being full of a glorious hope of immortality.

"Memory is fragrant with the hallowed feeling which pervaded while our dear sister led in the closing prayer of her final meeting with our Auxiliary; lingering in supplication, as if reluctant to part with the "moments so rich in blessing which before the cross we spent." We would bow in humble and lowly submission to this mystery of Infinite Love, realizing that this love which at the grave of Lazarus wept sympathizing tears with like sorrow, will also, by His grace, strengthen, comfort and sustain you and your dear family with the sweetest joys of resurrection.

"In hope of the glad reunion where

"No slightest touch of pain,
Nor sorrow's least alloy,
Can violate our rest, or stain
Our purity of joy.
In that eternal day,
No cloud nor tempest rise,
There gushing tears are wiped away
For ever from our eyes."

O. S. CHAPPELLE, Cor. Sec.

On behalf of Baie Verte Auxiliary of Woman's Missionary Society.

FROM THE MISSION BANDS.

—CHATHAM (April 16).—On the evening of Good Friday, the "Gleaners" gave an entertainment in the Sunday-school rooms. An excellent programme, consisting of