

McCamus, Vice-Presidents; Miss Aull, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Ashley, Treas.; Mrs. C. G. Row, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. L. Grills, Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Brenton, Mrs. Scholes, standing committee; with Mrs. J. D. Vandusson as OUTLOOK collector, and Mrs. Cobb as collector for Auxiliary.

Laura Row.

MARKHAM SELF-DENIAL MISSION BAND.—This band, under the leadership of Mrs. (Rev.) Jos. Young, gave a very interesting programme in the Markham Methodist Church on the evening of August 25. The programme was rendered in the following order: Scripture lessons, by two little girls; calling the roll, by Miss Emma Young, each one answering to his name by repeating a text of Scripture. Then followed singing and recitations by members of the band, which were much appreciated. The collection amounted to nearly six dollars. Rev. Mr. Pickett gave a very interesting address on the "Harvest." He is a pleasant speaker and one that can interest little folks. The refreshments, provided by Mrs. Young, were supplemented by a treat of candies from Mrs. Waller. Altogether the evening proved to be very pleasant as well as profitable.

LORETTA CROSBY, Sec.

REDNERSVILLE CENTRE CHURCH.—In reading of missionary work done in other places our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that He has given us a desire to do something for Him. Although the attendance at our monthly meetings is not what we would like, still we know that God is with us and is blessing our work. Since we were organized we have never lost a sister by death, for which we feel very thankful. We take the LEAFLETS and OUTLOOK, and we find them very interesting. We had an open meeting on June 19. Mrs. Platt, of Picton, Mrs. (Rev.) Robinson and others taking part. Our collection at the close was \$4.41. On Aug. 19, we had an ice cream social at Mrs. W. E. Delong's, which was in every way a grand success. The Rev. Mr. Duprau, our pastor, occupied the chair. Proceeds, \$27.10. Two years ago we sent a box of bedding to Dr. Bolton's Hospital. Last year we sent a valuable box to Powassan. We have not decided where we will send our box this year. We hold our monthly meetings the first Wednesday of every month; and we meet at the home of one of our members, to sew, once a month. We take up a collection for missionary work. While doing for others we feel that God does bless us. We have some new members this year, and intend to go on growing. We shall reap if we faint not.

MRS. STANTON FOX, Cor. Sec.

SMITHVILLE.—In looking over the past year's labors, surely we have reason to thank God that His blessing has in so large a measure attended our efforts. Though few in number, we have striven to keep up the interest, with the hope always before us of reinforcements. A number of our members live a distance from the church, and we have adopted the plan of meeting at the members' homes, and we find the plan works admirably. Apart from the impetus given to our missionary zeal, and the gain to ourselves spiritually, our meetings together benefits us by cultivating a higher standard of social intercourse, and the literary programme given is always replete with interesting facts concerning missionaries now in the field, which is not only calculated to reach and touch the heart, but is full of important matter with which to store the mind, and has a reflex influence in cultivating and developing the latent talent of the church. Thus we try to keep the two-fold object in few, that while storing our minds with missionary information, our sympathies are awakened and drawn out in tender and loving regard for our degraded sisters.

MRS. H. F. BRIDGMAN, Cor. Sec.

STONEY CREEK.—In looking back over the past year we are thankful for the progress we have made, having had the presence and blessing of the Master with us in our work for Him. Our society has increased in interest and membership. We have now two life members and forty-four annual members, including five honorary. The success of our Auxiliary is largely due to our ex-president, Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Hockey, to whom was presented a life-member's certificate as a token of appreciation. August 24th, Rev. J. W. Saunby treated us to that inspiring lecture of his, "Sunrise in Sunrise Land." Mite-boxes were a success.

S. O. C., Cor. Sec.

ZION CHURCH, WINNIPEG.—Since last report our work still continues to prosper. A garden-party was arranged for, but, the weather being unfavorable, a social was held in the church instead. In May the members of our church were visited and asked to help in our mission work. Several promised to join us the coming year, and we got twelve new subscribers to the OUTLOOK. Miss Swayzie, of Norway House, gave us a very interesting account of her work among the Indians, and also sang to us in the Cree language. We feel that God has richly blessed us in our work, and we are looking for greater success in the future.

MARY A. DOUGLAS, Cor. Sec.

CHARING CROSS.—The making out of our annual report reminds me that it is nearly two years since we wrote to the OUTLOOK. Last year we sent \$110.75 to the Branch treasurer; this year, \$137.00. Our OUTLOOK committee have succeeded in getting thirty-five subscribers to your valuable paper. Twenty of our members take the *Monthly Letter*. We have just completed an autograph quilt which brought us in \$71.00 clear of expenses, and we have the quilt to sell or give away yet. We have been encouraged by the Master's presence in our meetings, and are hopeful that missionary zeal will increase among us, and that our work may be crowned with success.

LYDIA SHEPLEY, Cor. Sec.

ST. MARY'S.—We are very glad to be able to report that the interest in the work of our Society seems to deepen, and we pray that the presence of our heavenly Father may be felt in the hearts and homes of each one of us. Our monthly meetings are held at the homes of the members, and are very well attended. The first hour is devoted to readings, recitations and work; the second hour to business. We have eighty-four subscribers to the OUTLOOK. Self-denial week was observed, and as a result \$20 was raised and forwarded by our treasurer to assist in the building of the hospital at Chen-tu, China. We have also a Mission Band; their meetings are held every second Saturday at the homes of their members. They have pieced two quilts which were quilted by members of the Auxiliary, and are to be sent to some mission field.

ADDIE E. ROBERTS, Cor. Sec.

SALEM.—Our Auxiliary is slowly but surely working its way. The members are steadily increasing. We held a very successful social in June—proceeds, \$14.75—and have made \$28 with an autograph quilt. We have also started our fall box of clothing.

DAISY COCHRANE, Cor. Sec.

## My Thanksgiving Box.

I HAD often heard of mite-boxes, and even read touching stories about them, but I couldn't seem to believe in them very much. Of course, when the regular offerings for missions were called for, I wanted to contribute my share as other folks did—as much as I could spare at a time. Then, too, I didn't see that I had anything especial to be thankful for. Dinner, supper and breakfast, of course, and my husband and children; but most of the latter had left me either for homes of their own or for the better country, and my heart was often heavy sorrowing for them.

So when Mrs. Heath, the president of our Missionary Society, begged us to take one and try it, I demurred. It would be no use, I urged. But our pastor's wife arose and proposed that as many others had found it a good way, we should try it for a year. At the end of that time we would open the boxes and have a full and free conference as to what they had done for us and the cause. And so, quite reluctantly, on my part at least, we took the boxes home.

As I went into my cosy sitting-room I am afraid I slammed my little box down rather hard upon the mantle, saying: "You may stay there if you want to. You are rather ornamental in your blue and gold; and when the year is up I'll lump my mercies and put something in for the whole year. Who wants to be paying for the mercies at a penny a time?"

"What is that, mother?" said my daughter May, the only one left at home, a graceful, dark-eyed girl of twenty—the very joy and richness of her mother's heart. "Oh," she said, "I see. It is one of those thanksgiving boxes," and, lifting it up, she read up on one side: "Giving thanks always for all things;" on the other side: "What shall I render unto the