

Maitland St., London, made Miss Susie Vrooman, of Marlborough, Asso., N.W.T., a full Life Member.

Twenty-four girls at Cocanada school, have received support from the Bands during the year, and 16 boys at Samulcotta Seminary. This number is not nearly so large as in some former years. Several of our largest and most influential Bands have become weary of the effort required to raise the \$17.00, and have notified the Treasurer that they "have given up the support of their student."

I wonder if these Bands realize what it must mean to the boy or girl in India, to be told that their young friends in Canada have become weary of working, and denying themselves for their sakes, and have ceased to support them.

A new feature of our work this year is the Baby Band, or Cradle Roll. This was mentioned at our last Convention in Ingersoll, since which time a number have been started. Murray St. Band, Peterborough, has 31 names on the roll, and \$6 00 to divide between Home and Foreign Missions. This enterprising and very successful Band has the honor of introducing the Baby Band into our Society, and other Bands have not been slow to follow their example. Miss Aldridge the Pres., has certificates which she will gladly furnish to any Band for 15c per doz.

A number of our Bands report having sent contributions to the "Famine Relief Fund," to the Indians of St. Peter's Reserve, to Bolivia, and to Fort Francis. Boxes of books and papers, barrels of clothing and quilts, etc., have also been sent to needy fields.

Some of our younger M. B. workers may not know that we have a Home Missionary of our very own. This is a great honor and privilege, but it also involves responsibility on our part.

No part of our Home Mission work is more fascinating, though none perhaps is attended with greater discouragements, than work among the French Canadians. If we keep our boys and girls well posted about Mr. Dutand's work, he will not lack for evidence of practical interest on their part.

We would also again urge upon our Band leaders the necessity of sending all their money through our own Treasurers, as only money that passes through their hands, can be reported by them. Bands of course have the privilege of designating their money to any field they choose, but let us remember that our regular work has the first claim.

Very appreciative words have been spoken by many of our leaders of the great assistance they have derived from the Missionary Bureau. This is a rich mine, at the disposal of all our workers.

Again we have to thank God for the good news of conversions among our young people, and for the many cheering assurances of ever-increasing interest in the work, which bid us hope and believe, that the coming year will be one of the brightest in our history.

A. M. TAPSCOTT, *Band Sec.*

BURK'S FALLS.—A Mission Band was organized here in July, 1900. We meet the second Sunday afternoon in each month. President, Mrs. T. Bingham; Vice-President, Ida Dodds; Secretary, Miss J. Follett; Treasurer, Minnie Menzie. We are sure the Band will be a help to our boys and girls, they are already taking a great interest in it and we hope to be able to report a good news of it very soon. One thing we are glad of is that a number of our Band members are Christians, and this will help to bring them into active service for their Master.

MRS. BINGHAM, *President.*

WATERFORD "I'll try Mission Band".—On June 14th, with the aid of Mrs. Davis, our Mission Band was reorganized with the following officers: President, Miss Roland; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. A. Mallatt; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Ethel Austin; Treasurer, Miss Ella Burke; Secretary, Mrs. Lula Duncombe.

Since then we have held four regular meetings, enjoying a short programme of a missionary character and a discussion on the different mission fields.

Our meetings are interesting and we believe that our members will become active workers in the cause of missions.

Our roll has increased considerably. We commenced with a membership of twelve which has increased to thirty-two. We have an average attendance of twenty-five members besides many, who meet with us each time, whom we hope in the near future to induce to become members.

We are sending \$5.51 divided between Home and Foreign missions. About one-half of this being raised by the junior Band (primary Sabbath School class.) We pray God will use our weak efforts to His honor and glory.

L. D., *Sec'y.*

CHINESE CHILDREN.

Almost every Chinese child of high station carries a fan. Fans are the rattles of Chinese babyhood. A Chinese nurse diverts her young charge with views of her swiftly-moved, gayly painted fan. With that same fan she cools for him the torrid air of the Chinese summer, and when he grows strong enough to walk, and totters about with Asiatic masculine arrogance upon his well-developed yellow legs, his apple-faced mother, if forced to criticise his momentary mode of life, is very apt to score his yellow shoulders with her pink perfumed fan; though, to be honest, a Chinese child is seldom struck.

Many Chinese children who have scarcely a garment, and rarely have a good dinner, have fans, and are experts in their use; for in China the manner in which a fan is carried, opened, used, and moved in almost as significant as it is in Korea. The nakedest Chinese boy will almost be sure to own a kite. Chinese children are as skilful as Japanese children in kite flying, and are almost as fond of it as are the children of Siam. They also delight in rolling the hoop and in playing battledore and shuttlecock.