

Report of the Victoria Mission Band

FOR 1890.

The end of the year 1890 brought our Band to the close of the fourth year of its existence, and although, in giving our report for the year, there are some things to cause regret, there are others for which we are very thankful.

Last year we had forty-three members; this year the number is fifty-four. This shows an increase of eleven; but there are still many in the Sunday School whom we would be glad to welcome to our Mission Band. Two of our members are also members of the Central Society.

During the year eleven regular meetings and one special Praise Meeting were held, at which the average attendance was twenty-one. When we remember that last year our attendance only averaged fourteen, we think the increase very encouraging. The meetings were well attended, with two exceptions, at one of which, in January, when so many people were ill, there were only eight present, and at the other twelve. Had it not been for the small attendance at these our average would have been much larger. The day on which our Praise Meeting—the first we have had—was held, there was a steady pour of rain, but twenty-five members, the greater number of them children from school, braved the storm, and we had a most enjoyable and impressive meeting, and the collection amounted to \$13.

A pleasing feature of our meetings this year is the increased interest shown in the work of Missions.

One part of our opening exercises is the repetition of a Scripture quotation, and it was a rare occurrence for any member to come without an appropriate verse.