

evinces a practical sympathy with our work, and his wife, who was its first President, has just been re-elected, with the other officers, to fill another term. The *OUTLOOK*, of which we have a goodly number in circulation, is a valuable help in circulating information and stirring the people's sympathies. Knowing that our cause is good, trusting in God for His blessing, and with a staff of officers interested in their work, we enter upon another year full of inspiration and hope.

MRS. W. BRAGG, *Cor. Sec.*

#### FROM THE MISSION BANDS.

CHATHAM (Sept. 16, 1890).—As you have not heard from our Band for some time, it was thought that the best way of letting you know what we have been doing was to send you the following report for the year, which was read by the Recording Secretary, Jennie Bedford, at the yearly meeting of the Auxiliary, on Thursday, September 11. "At the annual meeting of the 'Girls' Mission Gleaners,' held in September, 1889, the officers elected for the coming year were as follows: President, Miss Cowan; Vice-President, Mrs. McKeough; Secretary, Jennie Bedford; Cor. Sec., Effie Lafferty; Treasurer, Minnie Barfoot. The meetings were opened either by singing the Lord's Prayer, or by singing and prayer, and were closed by singing followed by the pronouncing of the benediction. We were first employed in making the clothes for our little girl in the Crosby Home. These were finished and sent by the last of October, which, with the expense of sending, cost us about \$9.43. Our thoughts were then centred in the getting up of a concert, which was held in December, by which we cleared about \$20. We next started a rag carpet, in order to give the younger members employment, for little hands are sometimes more willing than those of older ones. The work for the May Fair, the making of aprons, hassocks, etc., then occupied our time, and the money we raised in this way amounted to \$19. One special way we have of making money is by having a collection plate in which is received any number of cents which any member may feel inclined to give; sometimes it is money which they have refrained from spending for any personal pleasure. Another way is by the birthday box, in which any member having had a birthday may deposit the number of cents that she is years old; and by an autograph quilt, on which will be placed the names of any who will kindly pay ten cents for such a purpose. The number of members now enrolled is eighty. Amount of money from membership fees \$4. The number of meetings held was twenty-one. The average attendance was about eighteen smaller than it would have been had there not been so many rainy Saturdays. Total amount of money received, \$66.83; total amount of money expended \$15.48; on hand, \$51.35. This, probably, is all the work which I could here recall, but perhaps in the great blank future, when we of the band are all grown to be women that then, in our many hearts, we may recall many Saturday afternoons profitably spent in fitting ourselves for the many vocations in life to which we will then have been called. We hope that the end of our next year may find us progressing more rapidly than we have ever done before in our mission work and Christian warfare, and that each of us will set about our individual task with renewed strength and vigor, and, no doubt, we shall reap abundantly the fruit the seed of which we are now sowing."

EFFIE LAFFERTY, *Cor Sec.*

CHATHAM.—A very interesting entertainment was given under the auspices of the Mission Band, in the Park Street Church, Chatham, on Thursday evening, October 9th, in connection with our Western Branch meetings. The Mis-

sion Band being composed of a number of little girls, who completely filled the choir gallery. The meeting opened by singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," the Rev. J. W. Annis engaging in prayer. "A cry from Macedonia," sung by the Mission Band, was then given, followed by a *resumé* of our Branch Mission Bands, read by Miss Cosford, of South London; also report of Mitchell Mission Circle, by Miss Phinhamore. A duet was then given by Misses Shaw and Gammage, and a report of Centenary Church Mission Circle, Hamilton, read by Miss Knight; then a duet by Misses Scane and Lamont. Our President, Mrs. Burns, now prepared us for a surprise, and quite a pleasing departure, by introducing Master Eddie White, the Corresponding Secretary of the Chatham Mission Cadets—a Society numbering 42 boys, banded together to aid in mission work, their special object being the support of a little boy in the Indian Home, whom they named "Johnny," and for whom they feel greatly interested, writing to and receiving letters from him, which are read at their meetings. They have a lady president, their other officers being boys. We hope at some future time to furnish the *OUTLOOK* with a full report as given by this very unique and praiseworthy organization. We wish our boys, in all our churches, would follow the noble example of the "Chatham Cadets." The Mission Band then gave a very pretty number, followed by a paper from Miss Webster, of Queen's Avenue Church, London, on "General work by Mission Bands," and Queen's Avenue Church Band in particular. The report from Alma College by Miss Greenham told of moneys raised and sent to India, to the French Institute, and to the Tokyo Girls' School. Reference was made to the fact that Alma College had prepared and sent out one efficient laborer (Miss Winemute), and the day may not be far distant before another follows her; and gratitude was expressed that the cause of missions is being pushed forward in the colleges. Misses Gammage and Shaw sang very sweetly another duet, accompanied by a little girl pianist. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presented a statistical report of the Mission Bands, showing the relative number of each Band, compared with the membership of the church to which they belong. Singing again by the children. The presentation of a beautiful banner, so kindly donated by Mesdames Owrey and Screaton, of the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, was then made to the Branch, for competition by Mission Bands; the Band having the largest membership in proportion to its church members, to be the recipient for the year. The "Grove" Mission Band, London township, won the honor of being the possessor of this handsome trophy, and it was presented to them by the President. Miss Etta Webster came forward and gracefully accepted the banner in the name of the Band. Rev. Mr. Annis congratulated them on their success, at the same time challenging the other Bands to hearty competition for the next year. The collection was then taken up, and the singing of "God be with us till we meet again," closed this very delightful entertainment.

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ENGLAND has done honor to the Negro race by her treatment of Bishop Crowther, the native bishop of the Niger district, in Africa. Everywhere he was kindly received there, and a great farewell meeting was held recently in Exeter Hall, London, in his honor. The New York *Sun* justly says, editorially, of him: "Bishop Crowther is a man whose history proves that some branches, at least, of the Negro race are capable of large development." He is the only non-European Bishop that has been consecrated since the days of the early Church.