



SECLUDED PATHS.

Restless and unsatisfied,
 "Of what use is life?" I cried,
 "All my wishes are denied."

"All my duties trival seem,
 I have energies, I deem,
 What I could be, oft I dream!"

"Yet I cannot see my way
 From this spot whereon I stay,
 So hope faileth—day by day."

Then a voice was at my side,
 "Let my conduct be thy guide,"
 ('Twas His voice,—the crucified!)

"Law and Prophets to fulfill
 Was my life devoted still,
 For I came to do God's will."

"What that will? The Scripture saith
 Thirty years of Nazareth,
 Three years of public work—then death."

"Thirty years unknown I trod
 Galilee's sequestered sod,
 But my life was *known to God*."

"Daily life at Joseph's call,
 Daily life mid duties small,
 Yet I was the Lord of all."

"Daughter, if thy life be true,
 Thou a blessed work shalt do,
 Though unknown to mortals' view."

"I shall know it. I shall see,
 When with willing heart and free
 Thou *obedient art to me*."

"All thy quiet life I know,
 For I planned it long ago.
 Wouldn't thou that it were not so?"

"I have given all for thee,
 Give thy quiet life for me,
 So it shall transfigured be."

"Now in these sweet words I rest,
 And have ceased my anxious quest.
 For the *Mist'er knoweth best*."

—Copied from an English Magazine.

WHAT ONE LITTLE GIRL DID.

THERE are ninety villages belonging to the city of Tyre, in Syria. Up to twenty years ago, there had not been a Bible or a missionary teacher among them.

At Beirut there was a little Syrian girl, going to a mission school. She had learned of Jesus, and how to read the Bible, the precious book that told of Him. Oh, how she loved her Bible! and the more she learned to love it, the more she wanted others to know about it, to love it too. Are you that way, little reader?

When vacation came, she went to her home, which was one of those villages of Tyre, of which I have told you. She sat under the trees, reading her precious book. The people came to her and asked her what she was reading. "O such a beautiful, beautiful Book!" she replied, "Do you not want to hear it?" They told her they did. She began to read. Soon the crowd increased.

Every time she sat under the trees, reading, the people would come flocking about her, hungry to have the messages in the precious Book. So many hungry ones, and only one little girl to give them the words of eternal life! But how patiently and faithfully she did her part, all that one little child could do!

When she went back to the mission school, the hungry people sent a message by her, begging for a teacher who could come and stay with them. O how piteously they begged! but there was no teacher to go. There were really not enough for the mission school itself.

The next year the people begged again, and again the next and the next year.

At the end of five years what do you think happened? A missionary teacher was sent to them. And whom do you think it was? No less a person than the little girl who had first read to them the precious words of

truth, sitting under the shade of the village trees, the little girl now grown to be a woman. What a glad day that was!

There are now in that city where the little girl first taught and read the Bible, twenty-nine Christian schools and over three thousand children who know Jesus, and it has all come about through that one little girl's patient and earnest seed sowing.—Little Worker.

A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIRL IN CHINA.

A LITTLE girl connected with the American Methodist Mission in China has sent to friends in this country the following account of what they do in their school on each day:

- "At 6 a. m. We get up.
- At 7 a. m. Eat our rice.
- At 8 a. m. Pray alone in our room.
- At 8.30 a. m. Go into school.
- At 11 a. m. Write characters.
- At 11.30 a. m. Eat our lunch.
- At 1 p. m. Go into our school.
- At 3 p. m. Sew on our clothes.
- At 4 p. m. Eat our rice.
- At 5.15 p. m. Sing.
- At 6 p. m. Study.
- At 8.30 p. m. Go to sleep.

"I have read 'The Christian Three Character Classic,' the Catechism and St. Matthew, also six Chinese classics. I thank you because you spend so much money and heart for me. I am thirteen years old.

Your loving friend,

WEN HING.

METHODS FOR MISSION BAND WORK.

IN planning the work for our Mission Bands and Circles we must keep in mind the two aims viz: first, to develop a missionary spirit; second, to raise money to aid in sending the glad tidings to heathen lands. The first of these is by far the most important one, for when we have a missionary spirit, or in other words, the spirit of Christ, we will do all in our power to forward His work in every part of the world.

"How can we interest our Band members?" is a question which presents itself to every Band worker. Realizing that no one can be interested in a matter about which he knows nothing, our first effort should be to give a general knowledge of the work carried on by our W. M. S. With a map of the world before us teach the various mission fields in connection with our work,

their names, locations and the number of workers in each field. It would be interesting to tell how the work was started in each place, if such information could be obtained. But at least each member should know the names of the countries where our missionaries are.

*Then it seems to be the best plan to choose one field for special study during the year, learning everything possible about it; the size, population and climate of the country; customs and civilization of its people; its chief towns and industries.

Let each child make an outline map of the country, some of the older ones making a large one for the wall. In this map mark only the mission stations, placing above each one the date or year in which work began there. After this is done, take one station at a time, learn the names of the missionaries sent there by our Woman's Missionary Society, and what form the work takes, whether industrial, school, orphanage or evangelistic work alone. After the missionaries' names are learned, the children feel in a manner acquainted with them, and it is much easier for them to get items for the meetings, and they will watch quite eagerly for names they know.

Last winter in our Circle we studied Japan in the manner described, and found it quite successful. We selected Japan for our venture because Miss Veazy was living within two miles of us, and had promised us an afternoon.

For variety, some days through the year, might be devoted to sewing of some kind, or other manual work which suggests itself. Songs or recitations by members of the Band, are appreciated; but these should come before the lesson, and should not appear too often. We should ever keep in the minds of all the object of our meetings.

A good way to encourage scripture reading among the members is to have a verse of scripture repeated by each at roll call, and surely this will help our young people to catch the spirit of the great Master, who went about "doing good."

AMY D. YOUNG,

Pres. Vineyard Workers' Mission Circle.
Milltown, N. B.

*Is this the best plan? We ask for information.

THE KINGDOM.

Oh, matchless honor, all unsought,
High privilege surpassing thought,
That Thou shouldst call me, Lord to be.
Linked in work fellowship with Thee:
'To carry out Thy wondrous plan,
To bear Thy messages to man
'In trust' with Christ's own word of grace
To every soul of human race.

—Miss. Review.

A little five-year-old Chinese boy in a Christian family had to stay from school to care for his little brother. Finally his desire for learning overcame his brotherly affection, and he said to the baby: "You go back to God, so I may go to school."

M. F. C.

THANKSGIVING.

RECITATION.

Thank God that on a thousand hills
His summer gift the landscape fills;
And reapers in the joyous morn
Are busy with the ripened corn.

Thank God for coverlets of snow
That kept the corn-seed warm below;
And for the patient Mother Earth,
That nursed and fed it from its birth.

Thank God for all the generous rains,
And the hot sunshine on the plains;
And that the season's gray and gold
Brought increase of a hundred-fold.

Children's M. S.

FIELD STUDY FOR NOVEMBER.

OUR subjects for prayer and study this month—
"Medical Missions, Deaconess Work." You will
find our Field Study in the October number.

We quote from the *Missionary Review*: "Livingstone used to say, 'God had only one Son, and He gave Him to be a Medical Missionary.' Medical missions often remove prejudice, for when a man is sick he will usually seek the physician from whom he has most hope of help.

In the science of medicine—if medicine can be called a science—while some valuable remedies should be ascribed to missionaries, their great work has been in disabusing the minds of whole nations and peoples on the power of charm and philters and superstitious knicknacks, and in displacing them with medicines of undoubted value."

DEACONESSSES.

These are the words of Bishop Newman of the M. E. Church: "There is nothing in the services of the church that breaks up the fountain of my nature and stirs the depth of my soul so much as when I consecrate these deaconesses to the Master, for I consecrate them to a life of suffering. There is all there is of it—not their own suffering, but the suffering of others; their's for the Master in this regard. Henceforth you are to go forward where the sick are to be cared for, where orphans are to be watched over, where the sinner is to be reclaimed. You have given yourselves a glorious mission; it is a consecration to a life of suffering. And today you leave the world, its pleasures and its honors, and before God and His holy angels and this congregation you consecrate yourselves to this life of suffering. God be with you!"—*Miss. Review*.

We have not found time to prepare the Field Study for December this month, but hope to get out that month's Palm Branch in time for the leaders to prepare it for the Bands. By the way, will not some one volunteer to write it for us? The subject is "The Extinction of the Liquor, Opium and Slave Trades, and all covetous hindrances to Christianity." It ought to be an easy thing for any Canadian to write it, now that Canada has so nobly acquitted herself in the late contest. We never felt before so proud of our growing country.

An urgent invitation has come to Mrs. Mary H. Hunt to visit Japan next year to introduce scientific temperance instruction into the public schools of the empire. Until lately the minister of education upon whom so much depends, was not approachable, was, in fact anti-foreign, but Hon. Hamo, former president of the Imperial University, now holds that office, and is most desirous of introducing western methods and teaching. The door is open—they want the text books on temperance physiology used in this country, and they are waiting for a leader.—*Miss. Review*.

When Miss Williard was once asked what was the greatest need in the temperance cause, she replied: "Keep pounding on the nail: I have no new revelation. I know of no magical method, but hard, honest work." Not only is this a great need in the temperance work, but in every other.—*Miss. Review*.

THE COMPANY WHO TRY.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Yes, I love the little winner,
With the medal and the mark;
He has gained the prize he sought for,
He is joyous as a lark.
Every one will haste to praise him,
He is on the honour list;—
I've a tender thought, my darlings,
For the one who tried, and missed,

One? Ah, me! They count by thousands—
Those who have not gained the race,
Though they did their best and fairest,
Striving for the winner's place,
Only few can reach the laurel,
Many see their chance slip by;
I've a tender thought, my darlings,
For the earnest band that try,

'Tis the trying that is noble;
If you're made of sterner stuff
Than the laggards who are daunted
When the bit of road is rough,
All will praise the happy winners;
But, when they have hurried by,
I've a song to cheer, my darlings,
The great company who try.

PALM ✻ BRANCH.

PUBLISHED EVERY MONTH.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

S. E. SMITH, EDITOR.
 SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, 15 CENTS A YEAR.
 FOR CLUBS OF TEN OR MORE TO ONE ADDRESS, 10c. EACH A YEAR.

All Band reports and notes must be sent through the Branch Band Corresponding Secretaries.

All other articles intended for publication, all subscription orders with the money, must now be sent to

MISS S. E. SMITH,
 282 Princess Street,
 St John, N. B.

ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER, 1898.

BRANCH REPORT.

THE N. B. and P. E. Island Branch meeting was held in Fredericton, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 5th. There was in attendance 72 delegates. Mrs. J. D. Chipman in the chair. The opening exercises led by Mrs. Cliff, of Fredericton, were impressive and helpful. The reports of organizers showed that progress was being made all along the line. The Cor. Secty's report showed 1,634 annual members, and 93 life members. Treasurer's report money raised during the year, \$5,559.60; sent to Br. Treas. \$5,375.09, an increase over last year of \$335.35. Band Cor. Secty's report gave 56 Bands, 1,270 members, 1,203 an. mem., and 67 life mem. Amount raised by Bands \$1,052.02

Delegates and visitors were kindly entertained at tea in the church by the ladies of the Auxiliary on Wednesday evening, after which the public anniversary meeting was held. Mrs. Chipman presided with ease and grace. Her "President's address" was fine, and much appreciated. Miss Nan Thompson sang a sweet solo, "Cross and Crown," with good effect, and the choir rendered fine music. Miss Palmer, in giving her Cor. Secty's report, showed why the W. M. S. existed. Miss Maggie Smith, returned missionary from Chilliwack, for half an hour deeply interested the large audience with her account of the Indian boys and girls of the Home—their application and industry. This had been a blessed year for them; nearly all had come out on the side of Christ, and they showed this fact in their daily lives and conversation. She also told the interesting story of Peter's conversion. Miss Smith has a good presence, and is a very pleasing speaker. The Banner was presented to Mrs. Chipman by Mrs. Turner, retiring Band Cor. Secty, it having been won by the Torch Bear-

ers' Band of St. Stephen, for the largest combined percentage of increase in membership and subscriptions to Palm Branch.

There were some excellent papers read and discussed at this Convention. Mrs. W. B. Coulthard's—subject, District Work, was voted to be printed as a leaflet. One or two points from Mrs. Rice's paper of Milltown, on Opportunities, Decisions, etc., of Conventions may be given, as they are for Band Workers as well. To gain an effective result one must come gladly—full of anticipation, believing that we are going to gain a blessing and go back encouraged. Come in a receptive mood—come as a representative. While there acquire an acceptive mood—think out the ideas introduced so as to make the help practical; yield gracefully, if needs be, to the opinions of the majority. A helpful paper written by Mrs. Sherrard, of Moncton, on "Methods of Band Work," was read by Mrs. Bartlett. Also one advocating a collegiate course in Mission Studies for Bands, written by Miss Young, of Milltown, was read by Mrs. W. B. Coulthard. We hope to be able to publish both these papers in Palm Branch. Miss Mellish, of Charlottetown, being absent, her paper on the "Semi-Centennial" was read in a very inspiring and appreciative manner by Mrs. Goff, and was received with enthusiasm. We are pleased to give our readers half of this bright paper in the present issue. Would that we could hasten on the happy time! Mrs. W. B. Coulthard gave an instructive and interesting Band lesson, illustrated by use of the blackboard, to her little workers, who acquitted themselves admirably, seemingly quite at home with the mission history of Tokio, Japan.

The following was adopted as a bye-law:

Each Band shall have a leader, who shall be appointed by the Auxiliary to which it belongs. If there be no Auxiliary the leader shall be appointed by Mission Band Cor. Sec. Circles to appoint their own Presidents.

PALM BRANCH REPORT.

Number of subscribers, 2,619; Ontario and Quebec 1,065, Nova Scotia 577, New Brunswick 623, Prince Edward Island 230, Manitoba 73, British Columbia 32, Newfoundland 13, United States 1. The editor made a plea for more subscriptions and contributions if Palm Branch be continued. St. Stephen Band had won the banner, having an increase of 51 members, but White Violets, of Sackville, had come close behind, while Steady Helpers, of Sackville and Active Workers of Marysville were foremost among those who deserved honorable mention, because of steady support. During one of the sessions a vote of thanks was given to Miss M. B. Smith, of St. John, for her gratuitous work on the beautiful banner.

A very impressive consecration service was held by Mrs. F. Thompson, of Fredericton, after which the com-

(Continued on 8th page.)

[This paper is supposed to be written in 1935, when our Society would be 50 years in existence.]

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY--1885-1935.

BY ANNIE E. MELLISH.

"Mrs. Elano will now give us a few reminiscences of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch."

So announced the chairman at the grand celebration of the Woman's Missionary Society. An old lady, with silver-white hair and face radiant with memories of other days, slowly arose. "My dear friends, she began, "It is not my intention tonight to give a history of our Branch, but merely to mention a few of the leading facts that have been instrumental in its success.

Allow me to carry you back forty-one years, when, with my little twin sister, I first joined a Mission Band. We met once a week, and our beloved president, Miss Joy, seemed to devote her whole life to Band work. She was always the first at the meeting and the last to leave, and proved equal to every emergency. On one occasion a large number of the members were absent. Some were out driving, some coasting and skating, and even the programme committee were reported to be at a birthday party. On hearing this, Miss Joy looked grieved and disappointed. In a moment, however, she was smiling, as usual, and called the members present to the platform to take part in a Missionary Bee—a review of the work of the previous three months. She then drew on the blackboard a willow tree. The roots entwined with each other were labeled Sunday-school, Local Church, Woman's Missionary Society and General Missionary Society. Then straight through them all she wrote in large letters L-O-V-E. The first knot on the trunk of the tree stood for Mission Bands, the next one Auxiliaries—a little larger and higher up; the next Branch; then, in the centre from where the boughs spring, Board. The end of each bough represented a Mission Field, and so explained through what channels our money is sent to foreign lands. We were all intensely interested and really felt as if we were connected with something. The meeting closed as usual, but what was our surprise on returning suddenly to the class-room to find our dear President sobbing as if her heart would break. We asked her if she were ill. "No, not ill," came the faltering reply, "but so weary and disheartened. If only the Auxiliary would feel a little responsible, if only they would help just a little." Here she suddenly stopped and begged us to forget that she had spoken. Forget! those words are as memorable as the first shot fired in Cuba!

The following year a great wave of sympathy spread over the entire Branch for Band workers. The Auxiliaries began to see that the success of the W. M. S. depended on the training of the young—that the future officers of the Auxiliary's Board and Branch were the children. They began to realize

the position held by the leader of a Circle. They saw her standing alone with a limited supply of literature, facing the many counter attractions and secular societies eager to claim the time and talents of the members, and that strenuous efforts were necessary to keep them within the Missionary fold. The ladies began to see that their monthly meeting with its given subject and programme, under the direction of an efficient committee, was very different from a weekly meeting of forty or fifty bright, active and talkative young children, for whose instruction, entertainment and bank account the president alone was responsible.

So the Auxiliaries began to pray not only for suffering women and children in foreign lands, but more than ever that the brave young workers at home might have sustaining grace in guiding aright the footsteps of the tender lambs. Then they commended, encouraged and upheld the President. They subscribed for "Palm Branch," supplied cake, candy, and lemonade when necessary. They attend all entertainments given by the Band and invited them in a body to assist in their concerts and public meetings. They appointed a committee, not only to visit the Band but to take charge of the meeting once a month—in short, they became as interested in the welfare of the Band as a fond mother is interested in the welfare of a child. Up to that time a great deal had been written on the necessary qualifications for successful Band leadership, on hints and suggestions, etc.—telling what a president must do and must not do, must say and must not say, until the list of requirements become so appalling that very few had the moral courage to take the position. But when the Auxiliaries arose to their sense of obligation it soon became evident that any person with ordinary intelligence who loved the Lord and little children, and said in her heart, "With God's help I will do the best I can," that person had the fundamental qualifications for successful Band leadership. True, she may have been discouraged at first, but with the Auxiliary, at her back she soon learned to apparently sink the dignity of her office into oblivion and become as one of the children—yet to hold a tight reign and to command their respect. She soon learned to open and close the meetings promptly, to have no favorites, to divide the honors equally, to have as many in office as possible; to call for weekly reports, to examine their books, to have the programme varied, to interest the children in the local church work, to dwell upon the bright side of mission work, emphasizing the fact of the thousands that are saved rather than the millions that are murdered. She learned to take an interest in the last letter of a travelling sister, and the new tooth of a little brother—to become acquainted with the different homes and interested in the children's pleasures and ambitions, and so win their love and confidence. These little acts are trivial in themselves, but are truly stepping stones to the greater things. For when a child's sympathies are enlisted in any cause, through the influence of a beloved leader, it means a devoted interest in their work, and very often results in a consecrated life of service.

(To be continued.)



Address—Cousin Joy, 282 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

Dear Cousins, we are pleased to see from your letters a growing interest in the Bands, and Cousin Joy is not the only one who is pleased either. Your leaders are pleased, for they feel that they do not give their valuable time and thought in vain, when they see the results of their teaching. The whole society is pleased, because that is one of its chief aims—to educate the young people in mission work, so that by and bye they may take the places of those who now stand in the front ranks. And better than all Jesus is pleased when He sees the children in earnest and doing His work for love of Him.

We are glad too when you tell us that the Palm Branch is a help to you in your work. One of the Cousins from Manitoba told us last month that it gave her "fresh courage to work hard in order to help win Japan for Jesus." Wasn't that lovely? That is what we all want—"fresh courage," especially when we are just setting out on a new missionary year.

Some of you have been delegates, no doubt, to your Branch meeting. We wish more bands could send delegates, for there is great help to be found at the Branch meeting. We hope those who did go have taken home a store of good things for those who stayed at home.

Here is something good for you all who are missionary bees.

MISSIONARY BEES.

There is a man in England who has the initials of the Foreign Missionary Society which he supports marked upon a certain proportion of his bee-hives, so that the bees in those hives may work with all their well-known industry to send the gospel to the heathen.

Humming and buzzing, not in play,
Working hard all the summer day.

Laying up through the sunny hours
Stores of wealth from the fragrant flowers.

Wealth to be given, Lord, to Thee,
Maker of sun and flower and bee.

Sweeter than honey are words that tell
Love of Jesus, Emanuel.

L. E. H.

--Selected.

Dear Cousin Joy—I now take much pleasure in writing to all my cousins. I think that this is the second time that I have written to you. I take the Palm Branch, and take much pleasure in reading its contents and making out the puzzles. Now I have myself formed a puzzle, and if you wish to publish it you may, but hoping that I will not take up much room I now close.

Aultsville, Sept. 13th '98.

JAMES FRASER.

Dear Cousin Joy—I am a little girl, eleven years old, and belong to the Blackmore Mission Band, of Ritecy's Cove. I have four sisters, two of which belong to the Band. We take the "Palm Branch," and like it very much. Our Band, which is composed of thirty-three members, meets once a fortnight, on Saturday afternoon at two p. m. I always look forward with great delight to the Band meeting, knowing that we have a good time together in talking about our work. I wish the Palm Branch and all the Mission Bands good success.

Your loving cousin,

Ritecy's Cove.

SADIE RITCEY.

Dear Cousin Joy—I love to write letters, do you love to get them? Sometimes I think your ears must burn when we are talk of writing to you. I love to find out the puzzles and I am going to try to make one soon all by myself. I won't let anybody help me. You need not put it in if you don't want it, but I hope you will.

Your loving cousin,

MAUDE T.

Dear Cousin Joy—I take the Palm Branch and so feel quite well acquainted with you and my cousins. It is very nice to hear from those I know. I like to make out the puzzles. It is nice work for the evenings, especially the winter evenings. It is fun as well as work. I think I know the answers to the October puzzles, Palm Branch and a "Name for Christ."

Your loving cousin,

Jones' Creek.

OLIVE JONES.

PUZZLES FOR NOVEMBER.

I am composed of 17 letters.

My 17, 12, 1, is the name of a small animal.

My 2, 11, 8, 15, is the place of the evil.

My 4, 5, 6, 3, is a command.

My 13, 16, 10, is used in catching fish.

My 7, 9, 14, is something to hang things on.

My whole is one of Izaak Walton's greatest poems.

Aultsville.

J. FRASER.

I am composed of 15 letters.

My 14, 8, 5, is a color.

My 2, 13, 4, 5, 6, is to lift up.

My 1, 2, 3, 7, is to ask.

My 12, 11, 9, is to permit.

My 9, 8, 3, is a drink.

My 10, 6, 3, 12, is what Christ did when on earth.

My whole is a command in the Bible.

St. John.

CHARADE.

E. S.

My first is an adjective that has an interest for sick people.

My second is a word meaning a message or commission

My third is a conjunction.

My fourth is a lady devoted to good works.

My fifth means employment.

My whole is a subject in which we ought to be much interested this month.

Cousin Joy.

PENNIES OR PROMISES.

"If I had heaps of yellow corn
And fields of waving wheat,
I'd quickly send a cargo where
They've not enough to eat.

I'd load a ship myself, alone,
With grain of every kind,
And make my harvest offering
The best that I could find.
Or if I had just money, why,
That, too, would do much good,
For it should go to India
To buy the children food."

'Twas little Rob who said these words,
So generous and so bold;
What he would do when he was rich
He very often told.
But oh! this same dear little boy,
When dimes he had to spend,
Bought something for himself alone—
Had none to give or lend.
But I think that if Rob expects
To be a generous man,
He'd better practice when he's small
By giving what he can.

—L. A. S. in *Children's Missionary Friend*.

A SUCCESSFUL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

(Continued.)

A year rolled swiftly by. One Sabbath morning Mr. Rushton preached a missionary sermon to his hearers. At the close he said, "I think there has been a feeling of interest in foreign missions growing among us, and I thought I would speak on the subject and ask you if you would not like to organize a society."

Deacon Coldstream sprang up to reply, and every one felt the cause was about to receive its death blow.

He began by telling what a terrible time they had raising the minister's salary and enlarged upon the subject until Mr. Rushton felt he was a worm of the dust, unworthy of his hire.

Then he went on saying how hard the times were, etc., until every one felt as if he was well started toward the poorhouse when he sat down.

To every one's amazement Mr. Grace immediately arose.

"I am going to tell you of a missionary society already in our midst. I hope the younger members will forgive me telling of their brave efforts and entire success. Most of you know that Mr. Sweet's girls are taking care of a Chinese baby; but I am sure you do not know how they have done it. Violet has been every Saturday into a neighbor's kitchen and done her cooking. Dot has done plain sewing for anyone who wished it. Rose has washed her aunt's dishes all the year when required, and Ruth has made a day nursery of her

mother's sitting-room and taken care of babies at five cents an hour. And little Avis has run errands for a lazy old neighbor and earned her full share."

Everyone knew that Mr. Grace meant himself, but they did not know he had actually lain awake nights thinking up errands suitable for an eight-year old!

"When I tell you these girls have neither neglected school or home duties, you will understand how faithful and unselfish they have been; and Avis says: 'We are going to do it again next year; we are so happy helping Jesus.'

"My friends, how many of you want to organize a church missionary society and share this happiness."

Almost the entire congregation arose to their feet, signifying their desire to do so.

Oh, those dear girls! They builded better than they knew.—Mary S. Hitchcock, in *Children's Miss. Friend*.

A MISSIONARY HERO.

BY MRS. MARTIN WELLES.

[In her Circle Mrs. Welles has taught the children about some of the heroes of missions in the following manner: She first told the story of the life, then asked the questions, and finally gave the children the blanks to fill in at home and return at the next meeting. We are glad to give other leaders the benefit of so wise a method.]—*Mission Dayspring*.

NOW, children, I am going to tell you a story about a missionary hero and I want you to listen with both your ears and not be like those idols that have ears that hear not, for when I get through we are going to have questions on what I have read, and I want each one to answer them right. I will read very slowly:

I will tell you about a man who is called the Father of Missions, for he lived one hundred years ago in England. His name was Carey, and he was a poor man and was a shoemaker. After he gave his heart to Jesus he also gave his life, and as he sat at his shoemaker's bench, pegging and sewing shoes, he kept a book open in front of him and in this way learned Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Dutch, and French. One hundred and three years ago he started out alone for India, that great land so full of people who knew nothing of the dear Lord Jesus.

Some one said, "There is a gold mine in India; who will explore?" Carey answered, "I will go down, but you, brethren, must hold the ropes." Can any of you tell me what he meant by that? He worked there for forty years, preaching and teaching the people about Christ, writing our Bible in their language, so they could read about Him themselves, and fighting the government, who did not want the people taught about

Christ, and trying to get them to make laws against Suttce. Who knows what that was? When he died he was known all over the world for a life given entirely to Christ and as one who left to the world a great work—the Bible written in twenty-four different languages.

QUESTIONS.

1. Who is called the Father of Missions?
2. How long ago did he live?
3. In what country was he born?
4. Was he a rich man?
5. What was his trade?
6. How was he in the habit of studying?
7. Where did he go as a missionary?
8. What did he say about going down into a gold mine?
9. What did he mean by this?
10. How many years did he work there?
11. What kind of work did he do?
12. What does "Suttce" mean?
13. Into how many different languages did he translate the Bible?

William Carey was born in _____ and was a _____ He went to _____ in 17____. Besides preaching and _____ he translated the _____ into _____ different languages.

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Nova Scotia Branch.

LA HAVRE ISLAND.—The "Maggie Smith Circle reports fourteen annual and two life members. Beside the regular meetings two very successful public meetings were held. Thirteen copies of Palm Branch are taken. Five dollars and sixty cents were raised during the year."

SHELBURNE.—In spite of a much smaller membership this year, the "Silver Stream" Circle has increased its funds. The removal of two life members, the former pastor's daughters, leaves only one life member to be reported this year. Mrs. Quinlan, the district superintendent, but her interest in the Band work will never decrease.

LAWRENCE TOWN.—The "Hopeful" Band has had a successful year. The interest has been sustained, and good meetings held. Before departure for a new circuit the pastor's wife was made a life-member. Twenty-five dollars of the amount raised goes to support the Indian girl, Katie Price, in the Crosby Girls' Home.

MARCIA B. BRAINE,
Band Secretary.

124 Tower Road, Halifax.

We hope to hear that the very efficient Band Cor. Sec. of this Branch has been returned to office, for we are much indebted to her for her faithfulness in sending us so constantly notes from the bands.

A N. S. correspondent writes: "I have just returned from Branch meeting. We had very pleasant services all through; the most pleasant Branch meeting for years, those said who should know. I heard Palm Branch spoken of most highly."

N. B. and P. E. I. Bands.

It is with pleasure that I introduce to you your new Band secretary, Mrs. Byron Coulthard. Mrs. Coulthard is a lady who has a deep interest in missionary work, and is eminently qualified for the office to which she has been elected. I bespeak for her the same cordial sympathy and assistance which you have given me.

IRENE TURNER.

(Mrs. Coulthard is a delegate to Board, and therefore cannot speak for herself just now. But we hope to hear from her next month, when she will also give you the basis of the Banner competition for this new year. The retiring secretary, Mrs. Turner, was given a rising vote of thanks during Branch meeting for her help to the President in the care of the Bands.)

(Continued from 4th page.)

PALM BRANCH REPORT.

munions was partaken of. On Thursday evening Miss Palmer gave an interesting and instructive talk on Our Missions, illustrated by lime-light views.

A resolution of condolence was moved, expressing deepest sympathy with Mrs. Ross, of Montreal, president of the Gen. Board of Managers, in her bereavement. A letter of sympathy to be written by Miss Smith.

Miss Buttimer, of Salmon Beach, was introduced and very earnestly addressed the meeting. She said the great need of trained nurses for China had been long on her mind, and she had offered herself for the service, but had been unable to pass the required medical examination. Much sympathy was felt for Miss Buttimer, who had been engaged in San Francisco in deaconess and other Christian work, and whose testimonials were of the highest order.

Dr. Inch, superintendent of education, visited the meeting, and expressed his interest and sympathy with the ladies in their great work. A paper on Parlor Meetings from the North End Auxiliary was read and discussed.

Officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Chipman, president; Mrs. Macmichael, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Johnson, 2nd; Mrs. Hart, 3rd; Miss Palmer, Cor. Sec.; Miss Stewart, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. W. B. Coulthard, Band Cor. Sec.; Mrs. S. E. Reid, auditor. Delegates to Board elected were: Miss Henderson, North End, St. John; Mrs. W. B. Coulthard, Fredericton, Mrs. Goff, Charlottetown. The Branch received two invitations for next year, one from Woodstock, the other from Charlottetown. Charlottetown's _____