

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

We have much pleasure in reporting two new Mission Bands organized last quarter. One organized by Mrs. Copeland, at Deseronto, Oct. 11th, called "The Pansy" Mission Band. The Secretary reported 45 members at last meeting, with a lively interest in the work. Eleven subscriptions have been secured for PALM BRANCH, with prospect of many more. The second one organized by our Branch President, Mrs. Platt, Dec. 5, called "Kilborn" Mission Band, President, Miss. M. Domkley; Cor. Sec., Master Stanley Dancoy.

Claremont Mission Band has been reorganized and taken up the work with renewed energy. President, Mrs. Leggott; Cor.-Secretary, Miss Bertha Cooper.

Bath "Gleaners" Mission Band has been reorganized with present prospect for a successful New Year. Meetings held semi-monthly Saturday afternoons, Miss Ethel Howley, Sec. Treasurer.

Dalrymple "Wide Awake" Mission Band is pushing the good work. Have had twelve new members during quarter with \$14.00 added to the treasury receipts of a Fruit Social.

Northport "Maple Leaf" reports an improvement in the work

Pictou "The Nellie Hart" Circle is holding monthly "At Homes" to increase interest in their work, also funds. Programmes strictly missionary.

Napanee Mission Band has taken the name of Outlook in place of its former title "Gleaners and Reapers."

Tweed M. Band is up to date as usual, reports a quilt made at the quilting, of which the boy members were treated to a supper. M. J. Hawley.

LONDON BRANCH.

The new Secretary, Miss Ellie Webster, writes, "The Quarterly Reports are bright and encouraging.

[We are promised more items from this Branch.]

N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH.

"Happy Workers," Summerside, have re-organized for work with a membership of 17, with the prospect of others joining. Meetings are held weekly, every other meeting being devoted to sewing. Preparations are being made for a parlor-concert and sale some time during the winter. Much praise is due the young energetic President, Miss Lillian Sprague.

"White Violet" Band, Sackville, gave a successful entertainment in December. They made \$18.55, more than they raised altogether last year. They have increased in membership since they began the year and

have promises of new members for another meeting. The secret of the prosperity of this band is that two *grand* women have charge.

A new band has been organized at Chelton, P. E. I., called "Chelton" Band, with a membership of thirteen. Miss Lowther is the President, and Miss Pearl Ramsay Cor.-Secretary.

The new band, Ruotouche, organized by Mrs. Manaton, is called "The Palmers." I. T.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The Sec'y of "Coralline" Mission Circle, writes: "Instead of our annual concert an interesting lecture was delivered by our Pastor, Rev. Wm. Dobson, on "The Land of the Scotts." The proceeds amounted to \$41.50. The meetings this quarter have been bright and helpful."

Auburn, The "Oak and Ivy" Band was reorganized in June, with twenty members. A successful public meeting has been held. The Band is in a healthy and growing condition.

West Dublin, "The C. M. Tate" Band is very small, only seventeen members. Still we are all eager when the time comes. That poor little boy, Herbie Bellamy, is doing good work for the Master. How sad it is for him! We intend to work for some more names for PALM BRANCH. It is a lovely little paper.

Marcia B. Brains,

124 Tower Road, Halifax. Mission Band Sec'y.

A very large attendance greeted the new Jubilee Mission Band in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening last. This being their first entertainment and appearance to public since the Band was organized in September last, and considering the very short time at their disposal to be tutored in Mission literature the little girls and boys did nobly, each one acting their part admirably. This of itself, speaks well for their teacher and leader, the Rev. Mrs. Gee, who is willing to give so much of her time and energy to the work of Missions and teaching the principals and rudiments of Foreign Mission Work to many little boys and girls of whom there are now about one hundred enrolled, sixty or seventy of whom took part in the service. Miss Mary Gee presided at the organ, and the easy and thorough manner in which she rendered all the necessary instrumental music, cheered the meeting from start to finish. Mrs. Gee is to be congratulated on this, her first public entertainment of the Jubilee Mission Band; as it proved to be such a great success in every way. The rendering of the closing piece is worthy of special mention. All who availed themselves of hearing this Missionary Treat enjoyed and spoke of it in glowing terms. Springhill Ad.

We have just received the Official hand-book of the Dominion of Canada. It is charming in its handsome dress, decorated with Maple leaves and other Canadian symbols. The type and paper are very fine and the illustrations excellent.