

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

RITCEY'S COVE, Lunenburg Co.—We are endeavoring to do a great deal of good in our Band. Our Easter Offering amounted to \$5.76. We have one new member to report.

UPPER PORT LA TOUR, Shelbourne Co.—During this quarter we have had but two meetings. These were well attended, and the outlook is very encouraging. We appointed at each meeting a small committee to provide entertainment for our succeeding meeting. We have two new members this quarter, and are looking forward to a larger membership. All seem very much interested in our missionary work, showing it by their willingness to work in our Band meetings.

A. M. B.

N. B.—This next month (June) is the time we nominate our delegates for Branch meeting. Will all the Bands and Secretaries please notify the Band Corresponding Secretary as soon as they have had their June meeting?

N. B. and P. E. I. Branch.

The King's Messenger Band took part in the Easter service of the Centenary Auxiliary of the W. M. S. They sang very sweetly "Jesus tender Shepherd," etc., and then gave the recitation which recently appeared in Palm Branch, "Little Girl Blue." Both boys and girls acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of those present, and were called back to repeat the performance. The amount realized on the occasion was greater than that of last year.

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The members of all our Bands will be grieved to know that their kind friend, Rev. Mr. Kirby, who has done so much to interest and instruct them through the pages of the Palm Branch, is just now in circumstances of deep affliction, mourning the loss of his faithful, devoted wife. She died of pneumonia, after a brief illness. The sympathy and prayers of many friends are with the stricken household in this time of sorrow. May the God of all consolation, who brought again our

Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, comfort those who mourn with the hopes of a joyful re-union.

"There is no death, what seems so is transition
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

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Moose Jaw Mission Band.

The annual meeting of the Moose Jaw Mission Band was held in the Methodist Church Tuesday evening, when a varied and interesting programme was well rendered by members of the Band to a crowded congregation. Rev. O. Darwin, the pastor of the church, occupied the chair. An interesting feature of the programme was the opening of the boxes which contained the amounts contributed or collected by the children. Vaughan Grayson and Pearl Cline, in consequence of having over \$5.00 each in their boxes, become life members of the Band. When the last box was opened the chairman remarked that it was said of Abel, "He being dead yet speaketh," and Herbie Bellamy, he late president, though dead yet speaks, and the influence of his life will long remain. His box, which is still being looked after at his own request, contained the sum of \$40.00. Mrs. Bellamy, the Superintendent of the Band, gave an interesting report of the work done during the year, and announced the amount raised this year, \$187, and the offering for the Kanazwa Orphanage to be \$11.75. After the singing of the doxology and pronouncing of the benediction a very interesting meeting was brought to a close.

Wesley Church Band.
(9 Miles from Moose Jaw.)

The annual meeting of the Wesley church Mission Band was held in the church last Monday evening and was well attended. The pastor of the church occupied the chair. Several selections, choruses, solos and recitations were rendered by the children in a very pleasant manner under the direction and leadership of Mrs. Shepherd. Mrs. Bellamy gave a very instructive and interesting address, explaining the work of the Women's Missionary Society, and exhibited samples of silk work from the orphanage in Japan, for which she received, on motion of Messrs. Smith and Rathwell, a very hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Shepherd then read the report of the amounts contained in the children's boxes, which totalled \$14.17, and this, with the collection, makes the proceeds \$20.00.—[The Moose Jaw Times.]