

THE PALM BRANCH.

FATHER WILLIAM.

"You are old, Father William," the young man cried,
"The few locks that are left you are gray,
You are hale, Father William, a hearty old man,
Now tell me the reason, I pray."

"In the days of my youth," Father William replied,
"I remembered that youth would fly fast,
And abused not my health and my vigor at first,
That I never might need them at last."

"You are old, Father William," the young man cried,
"And pleasures with youth pass away,
And yet you lament not the days that are gone,
Now tell me the reason, I pray."

"I am cheerful, young man," Father William replied,
"Let the cause thy attention engage,
In the days of my youth I remembered my God,
And He hath not forgotten my age."

SOUTHEY.

N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BRANCH.

BANNER COMPETITION.

Com. on awarding the Banner, decided that the Banner be awarded on the basis of the largest amount of talent money raised by any member of any circle or band. Conditions. That the talent be 5 cts. and that each leader see that legitimate means be used for improving the talent. Competition to begin Nov. 1st and end Sept. 1st. Any reports reaching Mrs. Turner after Sept. 1st will not be received.

BAND NOTES.

Miss Lottie Lawson, of Montague, P. E. I., writes—Our Band is doing well—we had one new member last day and a very nice time in the meeting.

H. E. C. writes from Keswick—At a regular meeting of The Wayside Workers the following preamble and resolution was passed unanimously: Whereas the members of Wayside Workers Miss. Band have learned with deep regret that their beloved Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. B. White, is about to leave them; therefore resolved that they do hereby tender their sincere thanks for the kindly interest she has shown in them, and for her zealous efforts in their behalf, and they pray God to bless her and make her equally useful in her new home.

We have now returned from Branch and once more enter upon the duties of another missionary year. We trust by Divine Grace that we as Mission Band members will accomplish great things for Christ.

Two new Bands have been organized recently, one at Albert, Albert Co., and one at Hopewell Hill, Albert Co. These Bands have been formed by our talented President, Miss Palmer. I. T.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.—Excelsior Mission Band, Lindsay, with sixteen members has worked to such purpose as to raise seventy dollars apart from fees. Fifty dollars of the amount was raised by a bazaar. The balance by members making fancy mittens and other articles, small donations by friends and ten dollars collection at public entertainment. Fifty dollars to be sent to W. M. Society for the support of a girl in the Chinese Rescue Home, B. C. Ten dollars was paid on S. School piano which was used at entertainments. Two open meetings with an entire missionary programme have been held without fee, so that an opportunity might be given all to learn the needs of the heathen. Much of the above results is due to the energy and tact of the president Miss Fox. It is with regret that we record the death of the Cor. Sec., Miss Lizzie Houghton, after a short illness. She will be greatly missed as an earnest, devoted mission worker.

Hopewell Mission Band, Lindsay, report an open meeting during quarter and progress throughout the year.

Friendly League, Hastings, organized first of the year has an opening meeting in hand and doing a good work.

University church Mission Band, Belleville, has had a successful concert and sale of work. Proceeds \$19.39.

Jubilee Mission Circle, Belleville, is energetically working that some needy ones may be warmly clad during cold season. M. G. H.

WORK FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

RECITATION FOR SIX LITTLE GIRLS OR BOYS.

1st. GIRL OR BOY.

The Lord hath work for little hands
For they may do His wise commands.

2ND.

And He marks out for little feet
A narrow pathway straight and sweet.

3RD.

One little face may fill with light
A heart and home as dark as night.

4TH.

And there is work for little eyes
To make them earnest, true, and wise.

5TH.

One little voice may lead above
By singing songs of Jesus' love.

6TH.

One little heart may be the place
Where God shall manifest His grace.

ALL IN CONCERT.

Our hands, our feet, our hearts we bring
To Christ, our Lord, the risen King.

ADAPTED.