

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

Extracts from a letter from the secretary of "Jubilee" Mission Band, Springhill: "Our Band is only three months old, so we have not much to say. Each member is provided with a card Mite Box and Cradle, for putting all the self-denial money in. We expect to take a good many copies of PALM BRANCH next year as there are over sixty members in our Band."

MIDDLETON.—As many of the older members of the "Happy Workers" Circle were young married women, it has been thought better to form a new auxiliary, whilst the younger ones united with the "Par Bar Westward" Band, which will now be called the "Victoria" Mission Band. Members, thirty-five.

Marcia B. Braine,

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

HAMILTON BRANCH.

Miss M. Frances Nichols, Cor.-Sec., First Church, Hamilton, Mission Circle, writes—Although we have never reported to PALM BRANCH before we are steadily doing a little to help "Thy Kingdom come." We have now three life members, and last year reported sixty-four annual members. The Watch Tower, which includes a herald for systematic giving and one for what other Missionary Societies are doing, we find most helpful. The larger part of our money is obtained from mite-boxes and the givings of our members, and last year we sent about \$106.00. At our last meeting we gave to our President, Mrs. H. Gayfer, a life membership certificate in the Auxiliary. Our noble little Band, who are guided in their work by our Circle members, last year sent about \$45.00, and they are now busily preparing for a sale before Christmas. They also use the Watch-Tower.

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

Miss Jessie M. Forge, Cor.-Sec. of the Central Methodist Church Mission Band, Moncton, writes.—As you have not heard from our Band before I thought I would write you a short letter and tell you about it. We call it the "Do What We Can Mission Band," and we are endeavoring to do what we can in helping along the great work in bringing those who are in heathen darkness into light. During the last year we were greatly encouraged by the interest taken in the Band, and this year we hope for even better success. The membership this year is 73, of which 33 are new members. The average attendance is 44. Our Band meets every Friday afternoon at half past four. We have 18 boys in our Band with an average attendance of 12. The first Friday in the month we have a lesson, the second, a programme, the third we have candy and a review of what we have learned before, and the last Friday we have sewing. We are working for the Indian Home at Brandon. We are filling a box now which we are going to send them. The officers elected this year are: Mrs. Shorard, President; Miss Maggie Wertman, 1st Vice-President; Master Dick Moore, 2nd Vice-Presi-

dent; Miss Laura Hunter, Rec.-Secretary; Miss Jennie Dernier, Treasurer. I will close now and will write again when I have something new to report.

Mrs. Lawson, Dist. Organizer, writes: I have much pleasure in reporting a new Band organized by Mrs. C. H. Maneton, at Buctouche, Oct. 15th 1897. Mrs. Maneton was elected President, and Miss Theresa Smith, Cor.-Secretary. This Band has made a good start having organized with 17 members, and already increased to 27.

"Torch Bearers," St. Stephen, has reorganized with prospects of success.

"Help a Little," Moncton, reports an average attendance of 25 members for first quarter. Preparations are being made for a Christmas Service. I. T.

N. B. AND P. E. I. BANDS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

The Band having the largest combined percentage of increase of subscribers to PALM BRANCH and membership of Band, this year, shall be entitled to the Banner!

For instance—suppose the number of members in your Band last October was 25 and this year you obtain 15 additional members, making 40; your percentage of increase in Band membership would be 60—

If your subscriptions to PALM BRANCH at the same date were 40 and you obtain 20 additional subscribers, your percentage of increased subscriptions to PALM BRANCH would be 50, and your combined percentage of membership and subscriptions would be 110.

Any further explanation will be given, if necessary, and any questions will be cheerfully answered. Ed.

QUESTION DRAWER.

Q. Would you kindly tell me what is the duty of the Branch Band Cor.-Sec., in regard to PALM BRANCH.

A. Certainly, we are glad to do so. In the first place please try, by every means in your power, to increase the circulation of the paper in your branch, privately and in your meetings. Recommend it as far as you conscientiously can. As you obtain reports from the various Bands, from time to time, please condense for us, by culling the most interesting items, such as number of members, work done, amount raised, if you choose, increased interest, and so on.—In this way we could hear from each Branch every month, and perhaps from every Band in the course of the year.

Q. Please explain why we did not receive our papers in-time for our Band Meeting?

A. It was because you sent the subscription order and money to Toronto instead of to St. John. You will find the address at head of Ed. page.

Q. Will fifty cents pay for five subscribers to PALM BRANCH?

A. No, they will not. Any number less than ten must be fifteen cents each. We make it an advantage to get clubs of ten and we can afford to do so only by putting them in one wrapper.

Questions on any subject connected with the work invited.