

miles this grand scenery repeats itself and then we find ourselves at the highest point of the road, and stop for a moment to take out the lanterns, then we began to go down hill, and by and by are again among the rice fields and funny little farm houses with their heavy roofs, sometimes nestling in groups at the sheltering side of a hill. We have occasional glimpses of the sea, two or three very short tunnels, and stop at many little villages on the way. When we get to Shizuoka we are pretty tired and are glad to get out and cross over the bridge to the station and give our tickets to the man at the gate who lets us through and asks no questions. "What noise is that?" you ask; such a shouting you never heard. Only the men over across the square standing in front of the hotels. They are not allowed to come to the station and solicit customers, so they stand there and shout with all their might. You think they look funny as they bend and stretch, rise and stoop, as if they were trying to make their voices reach as far as possible. You hope they will get many customers after so much trouble, but we are not going there. We got into a Jinrikisha, have our baggage put into another and start off for the girls' school, where we are going to stay.

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Leaves from the Branches.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Brampton.—St. Paul's "Light Bearers," Mission Band held an open meeting in the church parlors on March 28th. Talk with scripture references, on "God's advertisement for laborers." This was written on the blackboard in colored chalk and delighted everyone. The principal feature of the evening was an excellent address given by Mrs. Carter, President of Auxiliary, on her visit to the Mission homes and schools in British Columbia. Four new names were enrolled which makes 55 members on our roll now.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

"Do what we can," Mission Band, was organized first of the month in Oakwood with seventeen members. Miss Emma Webster, Cor.-Sec.

M. G. H.

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

With much pleasure we welcome to our Branch "Lend a Hand," circle of Carnarthen St. Church, St. John. Membership ten. This is the second Band formed in this church in the last eight or nine months. Grand!

The "Sadie Hart," of Benton, reports the holding of a public meeting at Easter. Music, liter-

ature, flowers,—all was in harmony with the season, and a complete success.

Kensington, P. E. I., reports steady progress, Also an Easter service, excellent and profitable. Collection \$10.50.

"Star," Exmouth St., St. John, grows brighter and brighter. Four new members, with prospect of more. A parlor concert, April 3rd, realized \$15.50. Encouraged by this success, pledges were issued,—each one pledging to earn 25c in a given time. At a public meeting held May 8th, each one told in rhyme, how she had earned her money. Evening favorable, gathering large, good programme, refreshments. Proceeds \$50.00.

Here is a pointer for other bands. May all our dear young workers have the blessing of God which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. A. J. H.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

All communications during the past few months give evidence of patient continuance in well doing and also of appreciation of the PALM BRANCH.

The "Picket Guard," of Farmington, is doing grand work with a membership of 42.

Pictou Band, after being disorganized for a few months, began work again in February, and promises well for the future.

"Large Hart" Band, Burlington, united with the Sabbath school in February, in giving a concert, the receipts from which on being divided, gave to each organization \$5.75. They have a quilt in this band, ready to be sent to Port Simpson when opportunity offers.

The "Morning Star," of Middle Musquodoboit, has 24 members and attributes its success to its much-loved President, Mrs. Wm. Layton.

"Downing" Band, of New Germany, with 36 members, reports a deep interest being taken and the same may be said of Truro with 24 members, and Cabarus, C. B., with 26.

Digby held on April 18th, their annual public meeting, and realized therefrom \$31. The programme was a very interesting one. About a week after, the hearts of all were saddened by the death of one of the little girls who had participated in it. This band has for its object the support of a girl in the Crosby home.

The "Reapers," of Halifax, added \$50 to their treasury at the beginning of the year by a "birthday party," it being their anniversary. Each member was asked to bring a present, either money or something saleable, and old members were asked to send a word of greeting and ten cents. A programme was prepared for the occasion, refreshments served, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Later \$36 more was realized by a concert and sale of home made candy and fancy articles.

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