

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Hamilton Branch.

The many friends of the Palm Branch will be wondering what has become of the Hamilton Branch. We are still alive and well, and doing our little part in this great and noble work of spreading the glad news. We were pleased to hear of the success of the Brantford Circle. They gave a nice entertainment a short time ago, which greatly increased their membership, with bright prospects of still more being gathered into the fold.

The Easter envelopes are being sent out now, and we hope for as liberal a response as in the past. Will all the Circles and Bands be more prompt in sending in their quarterly reports? Some seem to think any time will do, or, perhaps, no time. I would like to ask the organizers if they are doing anything for Circles and Bands this year?

A. E. POINTER.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

CAPE NEGRO—This month we had a letter from the Circle at Cape Negro. The secretary writes.—“I am glad to tell you that our Circle is growing larger, and that we are trying to do some work for the Master.”

KINGSTON—Our Band has been very much broken up this winter by so much stormy weather; but still, we are not discouraged, but hope to do some good work this year. We are now preparing for a social and entertainment.

SPRINGHILL—We have been helping in various ways these past months. The attendance is excellent --over 60 being at our meetings.

HAUNTSPOINT—In regard to the way we conduct our meetings. We generally have a short devotional service, followed by our literary programme. We then spend the rest of the time in sewing.

HAMILTON, Bermuda—We usually appoint two or more members to prepare the programme for each meeting. The field study in Palm Branch is taken up.

NOW is the time to order your envelopes for the Easter Thank Offering. They have already arrived and if you want any please order at once.
124 Tower Rd, Halifax.

A. M. BRAINE.

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

MONCTON—Miss Margaret Wortman, secretary of the Central Methodist Mission Circle, sends a most satisfactory account of work done. They meet twice a month, once for prayer and study, and once for sewing. They had a Crusade Day. Have twenty-five members; fourteen mite-boxes in use; raised \$52.49 by means of an Anti-Boer Tea, Feb. 7th, and ask for suggestions. After all that, who will offer any?

CHATHAM—“Our Mission Band, organized in January, with fifteen members, now numbers thirty-

five, with prospects of more. The attendance in the “King’s Own” Circle is excellent, too—twenty-two present at last meeting.”

Miss Mary Kirby, Cor.-Sec., writes:—The Vineyard Workers’ Mission Band, of the Milltown Methodist Church, held a valentine social Feb. 12th. We had a very interesting programme and raised \$17.75 for our Band. At Christmas we had our Christmas offering, which amounted to \$1.66.

[Our friend, Mr. Kirby, is taking charge of this Band in the leader’s absence, and it seems to be getting along finely. Three new members and an increase in funds.]

Cousin Joy visited the “Cheerful Toilers” Mission Band, Carmarthen St., on a day when one might have had a good excuse for staying at home, yet ten of the Band were there, beside Leader and visitors. There was an interesting programme, nicely carried out. Solo by Miss Anna Cassidy, readings by Misses L. Robinson and Annie Tyne, and a recital by Miss Myrtle Fox, beside a duett “How Long,” sweetly rendered by Misses Fowler and Johnson. This is a promising Band. Mrs. G. Sellar, the president, is enthusiastic in the work and is ably assisted by the ex-president, Mrs. Hutchings, who is no less interested.

Will Circles and Bands remember that envelopes for the Easter offering can be procured only from the Circle and Band Cor.-Sec. Price two cents per doz. Let me again beg all who have not sent the quarterly report card to do so at once.

E. E. C.

Easter Envelopes for the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch are to be obtained from Mrs. W. B. Coulthard, M. B. Cor.-Sec., Fredericton, N. B. Now is the time to send for them!

[We feel ashamed that those hard-worked people, the M. B. Cor.-Sec’s. should have to remind the Bands so often to send in the quarterly report cards. Could there not be an improvement this year?]

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Helen Gertrude Allison, who went Home Feb. 26th, deeply lamented.

Miss Allison was invaluable as a worker in church, Sunday-school and Mission Band; for her influence was ever of the noblest, most inspiring kind. Her character was a rare combination of strength and sweetness. In the King’s Messenger Band, Centenary Church, St. John, which she organized and led for some years, till failing health compelled her to give it up, she displayed the dauntless energy and enthusiasm which always means success. Even when no longer able to attend, tokens of love and interest found their way to the loving and beloved little members. Long will her memory be cherished, for our loss is great.

Do not forget us in thy Home afar.

Watch o’er us with thy holy spirit eyes,

So shall we hail thee as a guiding star

So shall we follow to thy Home—the Skies.

St. John.

S. E. S.