

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Miss J.M. McGeary, Brantford, writes—Dear Miss Smith: At the Hamilton Conference Branch meeting, held last week in Guelph, a resolution was most unanimously carried, expressive of the appreciation in which your most efficient services as Editor of the Palm Branch are held by the officers and members of that Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society, and of the value of your paper to Band and Circle work. It was ordered, that I, as the newly elected Mission Band Corresponding Secretary for the Branch, forward this resolution of thanks to you, and at the same time assure you of the heartier sympathy and co-operation of this Branch this year.

The Prize Banner for increase in Circle or Band membership in our Branch was this year captured by the Woodstock Mission Circle, which, at the beginning of the year, had a membership of seven and reported eighty at the close, an increase of seventy-three! Mrs. Hoare, the President, said, in receiving the Banner, that it was only by persistent, continuous effort and hard work they achieved their success. I was also encouraged by receiving news of a new circle started at Nassagarvey, only three days after the Branch meeting. Mrs. Gayfer, our Recording Secretary and an indefatigable Band worker, read us a most helpful paper on "Suggestive Hints for Band Work" which, at the request of the Branch, will be printed in leaflet form, and which I am sure every Circle and Band or Junior League worker ought to have in their possession as soon as possible. Would you mind stating this through your paper, or rather, ask all such to be on the look-out for it, as soon as published.

MONTREAL BRANCH.

Miss E. S. Bailey, Cor. Sec. Mission Bands, writes—It is with much pleasure that I forward the enclosed copy of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Montreal Conference Branch, held in Cornwall, in October:

Resolved—That this Branch authorize the Cor. Sec. of Mission Bands to convey to Miss Smith, Editor of PALM BRANCH, their appreciation of the value of the PALM BRANCH, as an educational force among our young people. Carried unanimously.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

We are pleased to report a year of fair progress for the Circles and Bands of this Branch. Five new societies have been organized, two of which have not been reported in this paper, viz: Dalrymple and Courtice. The former remitted \$28.50 to Branch Treasurer, the latter \$29.00. Oshawa, Simcoe Street

Mission Band has the honor of being the Banner Band of the Branch, having contributed the largest amount to the funds of the Branch. Lindsay Excelsior Circle takes second place in this respect, and reports one new life-member, Miss Tillie Rogers. Albert College Mission Band takes third place in regard to finances, having returned \$52.00 to Treasurer. Tweed, Sunbeam, has done good work during the year, a number of conversions having taking place in the Band, the subjects of which are now taking part in prayer meetings. The President, Miss Eunice Wilson, is one of our new life-members. The latest and youngest life-member of the Branch is Miss Georgianna B. Walt, a baby girl of two months.

M. C. HAWLEY.

LONDON BRANCH.

Derwent, Ont.—On Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 29th, the Auxiliary of the Methodist Church, Derwent, held its annual meeting. One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the address given to the school children, who have recently formed a Mission Band, which is to be known as the Salem Mission Band. Mrs. Evans, of London, District Organizer, gave a pleasing and profitable address, and also ably questioned the children as to the duties of their several offices. Mrs. Boyd, of London, also entertained the little people for a short time, after which refreshments were served. Our officers are as follows: President, Maud Beattie; Vice-President, Edwin Hare; Secretary, Oliver McCallum; Treasurer, Ethel Dibb. The outlook for our Band is bright and promising, and we pray that we all may ever have the presence of the Divine Guide, and that we may do what God wills, to hasten the coming of our Master's Kingdom.

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

Mission Bands please take note: The basis of competition for the Banner this year will be the greatest increase of subscriptions to PALM BRANCH in proportion to the membership.

Question Drawer will be open next month—please take advantage of it.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The Lone Star Band, Bermuda, reports: The outlook for the coming year is promising. Quite a number of new members will probably join our band. The officers for 1897-'98, are: President, Mrs. A. A. Abell; Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Hollis; Treasurer, Miss Rosie Moore; Rec.-Secretary, Miss Kittie Jones; Cor.-Secretary, Miss Ruby Siggins.

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