

THE PALM BRANCH.

those pictures you have had so long," said her mother.

"I have them in my school-bag," answered Milly.

Just then her little cousin, Stevie Prescott, came in. "You goin' to the meeting?" he asked in his loud, hearty tone. "I thought you didn't go any more. Lill Hardy said you was 'out' with the heathen."

"Lill Hardy better be careful what she says. What you got your slate for?"

"We're going to draw a map of Africa, me and Bert Gray. Miss Guines—she is going to tell us how." The children started down the street, and Ella said to Will, "Now, you're disappointed; aren't you?"

"Well, she's gone this time, but just wait. I know all about these good promises," replied Will.

(Concluded next month)

"The world is full of children
Who have never heard of His love;
Can you nothing do to lead them
To the better home above?
With sad and darkened faces
To some idol god they pray;
Oh, tell them the story of Jesus,
And make things go God's way?"

Leaves from the Branches.

WESTERN BRANCH.

The fifteenth of December—the conclusion of the first quarter—brought with it the last of forty one reports, from Circles and Bands already advanced in the work of the year. Many others, unable to hold their regular meetings owing to special services, pressure of work at the Christmas season, sickness and other causes will commence work with the new year and have their reports in by the fifteenth of March.

London West have recently organized with a membership of thirty three and are now actively engaged in making quilts and clothing for our Indians.

Owen Sound Band report three regular meetings with an average attendance of twenty-five who are all much interested in the work.

A most energetic band of missionary workers have been organized in Galt under the leader-

ship of Mrs. Chryster. Their future prospects are bright and very encouraging.

Fargo and Niagara Falls South are also to be welcomed as workers in the missionary field.

How vast it is!

Where are the laborers?

Are you one? If so, are you attending your circle meetings whenever it is possible?

Are you praying for the success of your work and trying conscientiously to do your share?

If not, do you not feel God calls you to help send the Gospel to the millions of darkened minds that may never know the brightness of the love of Christ, unless you and I do our duty?

Put more energy and youthful enthusiasm into your work.

Ask God to give you a love for it and He will.

B. DICKSON DALY, Cor.-sec.

N. B. AND P. E. I. BRANCH.—NOTES OF PROGRESS.

I am glad to report the formation of two bands since Branch Meeting.

The first was organized at Cape Traverse by Mrs. (Rev.) Kirby, Nov. 6th '93. Membership fourteen. Name "Cheerful Givers." The second was organized at Benton, Carleton Co., N. B., Nov. 15, at the close of the public meeting addressed by Miss Hart and named in honor of her "The Sadie Hart". This band was formed and superintended by Mrs. (Rev.) Manaton. Membership about twenty-five. Mrs. C. A. Hutchings of the "Cheerful Toilers" Carmarthen st., St. John, N.B. reports a sale of articles by this band at her residence, Dec. 5, a stormy evening, and similar sales preceding theirs, and more advertised to follow, made the giant "Doubt" occupy large spaces in their hearts. But the Lord blessed the efforts of the "Cheerful Toilers," and we are all glad to congratulate them on adding twenty-five dollars (\$25) to their funds.

The Mt. Middleton N. B. band reports a bed quilt, a cradle quilt and two aprons the result of late effort. Warm hearts make busy fingers. The Hampton "Day Star" held the annual Christmas Service. A rather unfavorable evening and much sickness in the place gave a small audience. However, the programme was successfully carried out and the collection was in the vicinity of five dollars (\$5).

Very sincerely,

A. J. Howard,

Hampton, Jan. 5th, 1894.

Band Sec.