

BAND ECHOES.

N. S. BRANCH.

DEAR PALM BRANCH.—Although the violets and pussy-willows have given place to the maturer beauties of the last months of summer, no echoes from the Nova Scotia Bands have reached you during the months that have so silently glided into the past. This is not because we do not fully appreciate your corner for Band notes, but because we have had no Corresponding Secretary to speak to you about those among us who, in the morning and early day of life, have enlisted in "service for the King."

We can assure you, dear PALM BRANCH, that our girls have not been idle. Glimpses into the experiences of some of our young workers have revealed that they are alive with earnest purpose. Many have not much money, but gifts, which they gladly *turn into money*, for mite box offerings. Knitting, sewing, cooking, painting, gardening, &c., are some of the accomplishments which devotion and self-sacrifice have turned into financial resources. Three District Conventions were held in N. S. Branch during the month of May, at which Band work was given prominence, and where several Bands in the Districts were greatly helped and stimulated. We give a few gleanings from the June quarterly cards:

Lockport Band is working along slowly but surely.

The "Lone Star" of Bermuda is letting its "light shine." A public Easter service, held by this far-off Band, realized the sum of \$33.

The Gleaners, of Brunswick Street Church, Halifax, also held a pretty Easter service. At the close of a well arranged programme, light refreshments were sold, which added materially to the year's gleanings.

The Circles and Bands of Halifax city and Dartmouth are doing their part toward making the missionary history of another year, and at its close they will see at least some of their hopes realized—some of their plans fulfilled.

The report of River Jordan Branch has a cheery ring. This Band was organized by a dear old lady who is lovingly loyal to the children, and the work she has done among them will only be revealed at the final harvest.

The "Morning Star," "Large Heart," "Little Helpers," "Wesley Centennial Band," and others, all report continuance in well-doing, although often depressed with *seeming* failure and disappointment. But ivory and pure gold are the precious materials needed for the making of the King's throne, (2 Chron. 9: 17) and they can only be had through death and through fire. "Which things contain an allegory." M. W.

We are very sorry that this communication has been overlooked. We give it now, though late:

"The notice of the organization of our Mission Band at Woodlawn, should have been sent to the PALM BRANCH before, but has been neglected. We have Mrs. Robert Quinlan, of Shelburne, largely to thank for it, as she helped us to organize. We began work on the 27th of last October, and our young people, nineteen in number, are enthusiastic, and deserve their name of 'Woodlawn Workers.' Recently we realized nearly \$8 for Mission purposes, at an Easter concert. We are under the auspices of the Dartmouth Auxiliary.

Truly yours,

EDITH SETTLE, Cor. Sec."

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Frank Hartney, Secretary for Stouffville Mission Band, writes:

"I thought perhaps you would like to hear something from our Band. We are called 'Light Bearers.' We meet the first and third Friday in each month at the Parsonage, and have an average attendance of fifteen, and hope to increase the number. We take fourteen copies of the PALM BRANCH," and our President says she does not know how we could get along without it, as it contains so much useful information."

A Mission Band was organized at Davisville, near Toronto, on April 21st, by Mrs. (Rev.) German, with a membership of fifteen.

At Fiesherston, Owen Sound District, a Mission Band has been formed.

A. M. B.

N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BAND NOTES.

The "Lavinia Clarke" Mission Band, Pownal, P. E. I., gave a garden party at the Parsonage on Thursday, July 11. Amount raised \$11.

Miss J. K. Watts writes: "The members of the 'Ella Dobson' Mission Band, Woodstock, held a fancy sale and five o'clock tea in the basement of the Church on Friday, the 28th of June. The proceeds amounted to about \$55."

The Report Cards for third quarter that have been received show progress in the work. There are some, however, yet to be heard from. At this season of the year there are many things to prevent the work from being carried on regularly, but we hope that each Band may send in their report card, even though there may not be much to report.

I. T.

NOTICE TO N. B. & P. E. I. BANDS.

Will the Corresponding Secretaries of Bands, that have elected delegates to Branch Meeting, kindly send me the name and address of their delegate *at once*. In a few days I will send you the Annual Report Cards. These I particularly request to be filled in and returned to me not later than Sept. 15.

IRENE TURNER, Band Secretary.

Pownell, P. E. I.

NOTE WELL!

The Annual Meeting of the N. B. and P. E. Island Branch will be held in Sussex, N. B. To begin on the 1st of October.