

NOTES FROM THE BRANCHES.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCHES.

In April Mrs. Casley, of Unionville, organized a Mission Band about three miles from her home, and the members have chosen the name of "Pearl Seekers."

Wesley Church, Toronto, has just closed a year of successful work. Their aim has been to stimulate and increase the missionary spirit, and with this in view, a Missionary Reading Circle was organized for Home Missionary reading.

A box of clothing and Christmas gifts were sent to Trout Creek Mission. The members made clothing for the poor, remembering home missions as well as foreign. The season closed with a public meeting. Mrs. Wilmot, President of the Branch, gave an address on China, and a thank-offering was taken up for Chentu Hospital.

A Mission Branch has been organized at Toronto Junction, called the "Golden Rule" M. B. It meets the first Saturday afternoon in the month. The study of different countries is taken up, and the children have made several linen scrap books. All are interested in the work.

Aurora "Busy Bees" held a very pleasant open meeting in the Sunday School Room on afternoon and evening of May 6th. Tea was partaken of by the children, and afterwards tables were set for the older people, which looked very pretty, and were ornamented with spring flowers. The members of the Band waited upon their guests in a very efficient manner; and in the evening a good programme was rendered. Mrs. McDonald, President, had spent much time and labor in assisting to prepare it. Mrs. Bascom, M. B. Cor. Sec., was present, and talked to the children.

Owen Sound "Retta Gifford" Branch held a thank-offering service for Chentu Hospital. They meet on Sunday, after close of Sunday School.

"Maple" Mission Band reports a good year's work. Twenty-five copies of PALM BRANCH taken.

Huntsville, Muskaka; although a small Branch, has very faithful workers. They raise vegetables for sale, and in the Fall report to the treasurer.

Brampton Grace Church Mission Band has had a very successful year. It opened in September with a membership of thirty-five, to which a few have been added. Average attendance twenty during the season. The meetings were adjourned for a few weeks, at Anniversary time, on account of practises, but after New Years were re-opened, with an increased desire to raise money for the Mission cause. It was decided to make an autograph, crazy patchwork quilt, and work was commenced at once. The children pieced the blocks, and then set about securing names. They got 256 in all, at five cents each, thus making \$12.80. It was sold at a concert, on May 17th, for \$20, giving us a total of \$32.80 for quilt money. The

collection at the October concert was \$9.25, and on May 17th we realized \$10.72 by voluntary admission. We also received one life member. These amounts, together with the collections at our ordinary Band meeting, and monies raised from other sources make us a total of \$74 for the year.

SECRETARIES OF BRANCHES,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

The Board of Managers in Cobourg, October 1894, appointed a committee to consider a number of notices of motion, brought before them, on Mission Band representation at Branch annual meetings, and to prepare one to be submitted to the various Branches in October 1895, for their consideration. The Committee—Mesdames B. D. Daley, S. R. Wright, G. Jackson, A. M. Bascom, and Miss Sutcliffe—have unanimously agreed upon the following:

"Any Mission Band, numbering forty members or over, or sending the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25,) annually to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary or the Branch in which the Band is formed, shall be entitled to send one delegate to the Branch Annual Meeting, but she shall not be eligible to any office in the Branch, or election to the Board of Managers, except she be a member of an Auxiliary."

(The words added to the Mission Band Constitution, are in italics.) B. DICKSON DALY.

MISSIONARY SKETCH.

WHO WAS HE?

"The Apostle of Burmah" links America with Europe in their grand work. He arrived in the East in 1813, and "jeoparded his life unto the death in the high places of the field." In Burmah he found himself in a land of slaves, ruled by a tyrant, and lived amid brutal murderers and vicious robbers, close to the spot of public execution, with his noble wife, seeking to set up Christ's Kingdom in the Empire of the golden sovereign of land and water. Evangelizing the people by the way-side; preaching to courtiers, and even to "the golden ears" of the throne; enduring the terrible captivity at Ava, with his long-suffering wife to console and feed him; shut up with hundreds of Burmese robbers and murderers; secreting his manuscript translations sewed up in his pillow; kissing his new-born babe through the bars of his cell; marching in chains with lacerated and bleeding feet; released; after twenty years of toil giving the Bible to the Burmese in their own tongue; and in 1830, with Mason, "the Apostle of the Karens," carrying the gospel to that people, and seeing them converted by the thousands, till he could write: "I eat the rice and fruit cultivated by Christian hands, look on the fields of Christians, see no dwellings but those of Christian families,"—everywhere and from first to last—he is the same Christian, divine and hero. The work east of the Bay of Bengal groups itself around his name.

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