

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

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

**DERBY.**—A Band composed of senior members, who pay Circle fee, and junior members who pay Band fee, has been organized.

Leader.—Mrs. David Crocker.

Pres.—Miss Eliza Tweedie.

Cor. Sec.—Miss Bessie Parker.

The District Organizer speaks most hopefully of this new group of workers.

**CHATHAM.**—A Band was organized Jan. 3rd, with fifteen members, and as many more are expected at next meeting.

Pres.—Miss Sarah Briggs.

Cor. Sec.—Miss Lulu Gamble.

We heartily welcome all these new comers to our work, hoping that in working for those whose need is great, they may realize a blessing in their own lives.

Have just heard of a Band at Crapaud, P. E. I. "Cheerful Workers;" fifteen members. President, Miss Marguerite Macneill; Cor.-Sect., Miss Maud McKimmen.

Miss Lucretia Durant, Cor.-Sec. of Margate, P. E. I. M. Band, writes:

The Sunbeam Mission Band held its anniversary in the church on the evening of January 15. Twenty-four Band members took part, and the programme consisted of suitable music, recitations and exercises. Our president, Miss Fairlie Durant, gave a report of the Band and a short sketch of the work being done by our missionaries in the different countries. A large crowd was in attendance and the collection amounted to \$6.00. Our Band increased since the beginning of this year by 13 new members, making now a total of 31. The monthly attendance is good, and the children show considerable interest in learning the Field Studies as the Palm Branch is taken in almost every family.

Glad to hear of the "Elizabeth Chapman" Circle, organized at Woodstock. President, Miss Fay Chamber; Cor.-Sec., Miss Nellie Dent.

E. E. C.

Bay of Quinte Branch.

**BELLEVILLE.**—The Cor.-sec. of Tabernacle Mission Circle writes: That on Miss Gertie Bowers leaving the city to become a trained nurse, the Circle made her a life-member of the Society to show their appreciation of her faithfulness. Increased interest is being taken in the work by the membership. \$7.50 was returned to the B. Treasurer last quarter.

**BELLEVILLE.**—"Jubilee" M. Circle reports two new members last quarter.

**BRIGHTON.**—"Jessie Munroe" Mission Band reports nineteen new members during last quarter, and a box of dolls, toys, books, and scrap-books sent to the Deaconess Home, Toronto.

**SMITHFIELD.**—"Wayside Gatherers" Mission Band reports an average attendance of seventeen members with hopes for a better record in future

M. G. HAWLEY.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

**UPPER PORT LA TOUR.**—In our "Bonair Circle" meetings there is shown much interest in our missionary work. Our gatherings are well attended.

**AMHERST.**—The "Rays of Light" Band meets every other Friday. We started our meetings in November and are increasing our membership. We had three new members this last quarter.

**NEW GERMANY.**—The "Try Again" Band is at work. They have lately had a "pie and proverb social." The proceeds of it, \$3.50, were remitted. They are now preparing for a public meeting.

**SPRINGHILL.**—The "Jubilee" Band meets once a fortnight. We have an average attendance of sixty. Last quarter we spent our time in helping our church, but we are now preparing for a public meeting.

Some of the Bands have forgotten that the first quarter of our year ended on the 15th of December. I would like all remaining report cards to be sent in at once. If the Bands have not sent for the envelopes for the Easter offering, will they send for them at once? They are 3 cents per dozen.

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## HOW TO MAINTAIN INTEREST IN BANDS.

*(Continued from last month.)*

Do not attempt too much. A thorough knowledge of the needs of one mission is better than a general idea of missions as a whole, or, as it frequently happens, a very hazy idea of the needs of any. Let us suppose that we are to consider "Our Indian work."

Resolve the Band into a party of travellers, and see that each little traveller has some item of news concerning the "Great North West." By the aid of maps and pictures give the children an intelligent understanding of the geographical and physical conditions of the country. One boy may say, "I have just returned from the Saskatchewan" and proceed to point out his supposed route. Have ready a series of questions and answers concerning this particular district, but before the interest wanes introduce a second traveller, and encourage them to notice differences concerning climate and physical features. At a second meeting consider the various tribes who inhabit these districts, and thus the way will have been prepared for a better understanding of their needs and of the necessities for "doing all we can to aid them."

Whenever practicable, employ marches and motion songs—children love action. Local dialogues may also be employed with good effect. For example. Instead of your quarterly report, with its monotonous repetition of so much from members fees, so much from ice-cream sales and magic lantern entertainment, embody your figures in breezy dialogue form, and let a half dozen boys and girls tell the story of "what our Band has done."

Enlist the parents by personal visitation and invitation; get the mothers interested. Strive to have one or more present at each meeting. Above all strive to have the children realize that they are working for Jesus, and that He demands our very best.

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