

and girls of heathendom a knowledge of God and of His Son. We should begin at once to make a preparation for a public Christmas service and if we find this beyond our ability, have a parlor service, and lovingly and prayerfully present our gifts to Jesus. Think the matter over and act upon the best promptings of your heart and make the coming festive season precious by adding to your treasure in Heaven.

IRENN TURNER.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

In looking over the year's reports from our Bands one realizes how much there is that cannot be given in figures, nor yet in words. We believe the majority of our members have worked bravely the past year, although many could not show great results from their efforts. We are sure that all are determined to do their part toward making the amount raised this year, exceed, not only last year's, but that of any former year. May the efforts made be such as will not only increase our funds, but also our love for the Master, and our interest in carrying on His work.

Our new Bands for 1893-94 were as follows:—"Wayside Gleaners" Circle, Annapolis; "Golden Rule" Circle, Dartmouth; "Lone Star" Band, Bermuda; "Evangeline" Wolfville; "North Sydney" North Sydney, C. B.; "Jubilee" Sydney; "River Jordan" Jordan; and Barton and Lockport Bands. We hope to hear from all before long as we have not yet received names of the new Corresponding Secretaries, nor the names given the bands at the two last mentioned places.

The "Lone Star" band at Hamilton, Bermuda, received its name in consideration of the fact that it is the only mission band on the Islands. We cannot but hope that the name will before long cease to be appropriate. This band is composed of twenty-two members, and has, since its organization, contributed \$36.76 to our funds. The Cor. Sec'y writes.—"We take twelve copies of the PALM BRANCH," and cannot say too much in its favour."

"North Sydney" band organized by Miss Burns, Supt. of Cape Breton District, on July 6th 1894, holds fortnightly meetings, and has 26 members.

The "Golden Rule" circle of Dartmouth held a very successful entertainment and Floral Drill in June, and realized therefrom \$32. At their first meeting in Jan'y they numbered 10 and at the close of Branch year 32. Both this circle and "Buds of Promise" band, proved very helpful at time of Branch meeting.

We shall all be interested to hear something of the "Missionary Contest" which was carried on by the "Royal Workers" of Berwick, last summer.

We are glad to learn that the "Willing Helpers" of Hansport, who were idle some time, owing to unavoidable causes, were re-organized on July 7th with a membership of eleven.

"Cunningham" band, Canso, held a sale just before branch meeting, the proceeds of which amounted to \$23.33, but we regret that the affair was too late to be reported last year.

"Hillsburg" band, Bear River, was entertained recently by a "pay tea" at the home of Mrs. I. D. Vroom, a very pleasant evening was spent, a club for PALM BRANCH was started and about \$2.00 add-

ed to their treasury, ten cents being charged for tea.

It is with pleasure that we record the organization, since Branch, of "The King's Own" band, at Avondale. May it prove worthy of its name!

Will our workers kindly take notice that for the winter, the address of their Corresponding Secretary will be 35 Carleton St., Halifax.

A. F. BROWNRIOD

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COR. SEC.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

The action of the late General Conference at London, apportioned to our Branch the districts of Owen Sound and Uxbridge, which brings us the additions of a Circle and a Band in Owen Sound; a Band in Markdale; a Circle and a Band in Uxbridge, a Band in Stouffville and one in Unionville, 7 new Bands. Whitney District has been ceded to Bay of Quinte, by which we lose a Band in Claremont, and one of our fruitful workers Mrs. Geo. Browne, which we very deeply regret.

New Bands have been organized at West Toronto Junction, President Mrs. Jackson; at Weston, President Mrs. E. J. Irvine; at Woodford, President Miss L. Williams.

A very interesting and helpful meeting was held on one of the evenings of our Branch meeting, presided over by Miss McGuffin, it was an Open Conference of Mission Band workers. Difficulties encountered were stated, questions asked, and suggestions given as to modes of work. If District Conference for Mission Band workers to meet quarterly could be arranged for, they would surely be productive of much good.

A. M. B.

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

Wesley Mission band, Charlottetown, P. E. I. has now fully entered upon its year's work. With Mrs. (Rev.) Campbell as its efficient president, the members hope that this year will surpass all others in good work done for the Master. Subscribers to PALM BRANCH 40.

Acting upon a suggestion given at Branch, the president of the "Lavinia Clarke" mission band, Pownall, P. E. I. invited the members to her home one evening last week, tea was served and a social time was enjoyed by all. Three new members were enrolled and ten new subscribers were secured for PALM BRANCH.

I. TURNER, Cor.-Sec.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

The autumn work has secured to this Branch the following new Mission Bands: Springbrook, members 21, Miss O. Gunter, Pres., Miss E. Burkett, Cor. Sec.; Claremont, opens with 40 members, Mrs. Brown, Pres., Miss A. Hutchinson, Cor. Sec.; Hastings, lead with 27 members, Miss Daisy Jewett Pres., Miss Ida Granger, Cor. Sec. On Oct. 22, the Epworth League of Queen St. Church, Lindsay, organized a Mission Band with 28 members. They have selected the name "Wayside Gleaners." Miss Minnie Fees, Cor. Sec. Baltimore Junior Band, organized by Mrs. Wilson, will be known as the "Pansy" Mission Band in future, Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, Pres., Miss Ethel Ball, Cor. Sec. The "Jubilee" Circle, Bridge St., Belleville, has been greatly energized by the interesting report of their delegate to Branch meeting. They have 71 annual and 7 life members, meet twice in the month.

M. G. H.