

## ANNUAL REPORT STUDY.

[We would call special attention to this study, written by one of our esteemed Band Secretaries, and intended for Circle and older Band members—it cannot fail to be a benefit.]

Each member should have in her hand a copy of the Annual Report, 1898-1899. Leader asks questions, telling where answers are to be found. After all have found answer, Leader calls on one to read it.

1. What is the object of the W. M. S.? Page 166, Art. II.
2. Of what does the organization of this Society consist? P. 166, Art. IV.
3. What is a Mission Circle or Band? P. 176, Law 1.
4. What is the object of a Circle or Band? P. 176, Law 2.
5. How may anyone become a member of Circle or Band? A Life Member? P. 176, Law 3.
6. What officers are necessary in Circle or Band? P. 176, Law 4.
7. Let each officer tell the duties attached to her Office. P. 176, Laws 5, 6, 7.
8. What is the meaning of "quarterly?" Of "annual?"
9. Name the Treasurer and Band Corresponding Secretary of N. B. and P. E. I. Branch. Page 133.\*
10. What entitles a Circle or Band to send a delegate to Branch meeting? Page 176, Laws 9, 11.
11. What must we guard against in our public meetings and plans for raising money? Page 173. Encourage free discussion. Notice where "shall" is used and where "may."

\*Or substitute your own.

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

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

The organization of a Circle in Moncton has been followed by others, and we are hoping for, and expecting still more.

ST. JOHN (Queen Square)—The older members of the "Excelsior" Band, which did such faithful work last year, have graduated and become the "Minnie Robertson" Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. Lowe. The "Excelsior" Band continues its work with Mrs. Racine as leader.

CHATHAM—The Organizer of the Chatham District reports a new Circle at Chatham. Miss Muriel Ellis, president.

HOPEWELL—The Moncton District Organizer has organized, at Hopewell, the "Bessie Akorn" Band, with sixteen members:

Miss Ruthie Milton, president.

TAY—The "Pansy" Band is still growing. Harold Young, corresponding secretary, reports regular

meetings held and five new members this quarter.

We are expecting prompt and correct reports this year from every Circle and Band.

Fredericton, N. B.

E. E. C.

Miss Edith Price, Cor. Sec., writes:—The Buctouche Mission Band held its second meeting of this year Oct. 27th.

Mrs. (Rev.) C. H. Manaton, Mission Band Superintendent.

Miss Bertha Douglass, president.

Miss Maggie Barnes, Leader of Boys Department.

There were thirty-five enrolled, with more to follow. Although we did not raise as much money last year as we would like to have done, yet we know that He who counts every faithful effort made, every "kind act done" will reward our weak efforts if we are faithful. There is a prospect of our Band in the near future sending a trained nurse to China.

## Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch

The Dartmouth "Buds of Promise" Band has begun work for another year. The senior girls met at the home of the President, Mrs. Gronland, on Tuesday (the last of October), and spent the evening in making scrap-books and dressing dolls for a box to be sent to the Supply Committee for Christmas boxes. We have now a membership of 62.

Yesterday we heard from the "Stepping Forward" Band, at Gabarus, C. B. The work has begun for the ensuing year and with the efficient help of our president, we expect, and know, that the Band will do well. Our membership last year increased, and we hope to step forward.

The "Hopeful" Band, at Lawrencetown meets every second Sunday. We have an average attendance of 30. So that we can look forward to a good year.

Our Band at Jordan Falls, which was re-organized this last year, has a membership of nineteen. We are glad to be able to welcome this Band to our numbers.

The Sydney Band, "Little Gleaners," re-opened for work for this year at the 1st of November. They meet every Monday afternoon and have an interesting and most profitable time.

Will all the Bands take notice: That if they have not forwarded their first quarterly report to the secretary by the time they receive and read their Palm Branch, will they do so at once?

Halifax.

A. M. B.

## Hamilton Branch.

The Cor. Sec. of Mount Pleasant Band writes:—You will be glad to know we have a little Mission Band in Mount Pleasant, called "The Jewels." They gave a nice little entertainment last week and made about six dollars, and they have two nice quilts ready to send away to one of the mission schools.