

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

We are glad to report Charles St. Circle in a flourishing condition. It numbers forty members. A missionary concert was held May 31st consisting of music, recitations and a most interesting Chinese exercise. Collections amounted to (\$9.36) nine dollars and thirty-six cents.

The members of "Buds of Promise" Band, Dartmouth are going to supply the church with flowers from the first of July to the first of November. They are making scrapbooks for the hospitals.

The Easter offerings, from the members of the Coraline Circle, Halifax amounted to (\$28.00) twenty eight dollars.

M. E. B. COR. SEC.

It is a nice thing for the "Buds of Promise" to show their love for the Church by decking it with the flowers which Christ loved and used as illustrations in his talks with his disciples. but we would not have our readers think for a moment that any part of the missionary money collected for the purpose of telling the heathen world of the Christ who alone can save is used in this way.

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

Mrs Seller, Centreville, N. B. writes:—I have much pleasure in reporting that I organized a new Band in Bloomfield on May 10th. As the day was raining the attendance was not very large. The name "Mayflower" was chosen. We hope this band may prove a great success, for really it was a pleasure to meet so many bright, interesting and earnest workers as there are here.

"Star" Band Exmouth street, St. John reports:—Interest is on the increase, members are more on the alert. We are inviting prayer and effort for a successful year's work.

"Hiraiwa" Band Centenary reports one new life member this quarter.

Kensington Band writes, Our band is in a good condition, and our numbers are increasing.

"Cartnell" Band, Point de Bute, held a birthday party in May and realized \$29.23.

Charlottetown. — The "Coqualetza" Band has closed for the summer, after a very enjoyable and successful year. We have had a weekly average attendance of twenty-five. An autograph quilt was made by the members.

I. T.

Mrs Turner's address will now be Gibson, York Co., N. B.

Banner Competition for N. B. & P. E. I. Branch.

This competition will close September 1st. As you all know its basis has been the largest increase in PALM BRANCH subscriptions—and we are proud of our Branch.

BAY OF QUINTE—BAND NOTES.

It is with pleasure that we report a Simcoe Mission Band organized at Castleton, called "Nightingale."

The "Dayspring" Mission Band of Campbellford held an open meeting on Thursday evening last. A very interesting programme was furnished by the children. Those who attended were much pleased with the entertainment. A collection of \$6.32 was taken. Preparations are being made for a similar entertainment in July. Membership sixty-seven with a very good attendance.

Albert College Mission Band reports sixty-one members with an average attendance of sixty. They have raised \$59.86 during the year. They intend sending two little girls to the school at Chen Tu, China. Oshawa, Simcoe St. Mission Band continues its good work. Time of meeting, first Friday in the month.

M. G. HAWLEY.

LONDON BRANCH.

Miss Flora Ware Cor. Sec. writes:—Ours is the Shizuoka Circle in connection with the London West Methodist church, and was organized in August 1893, with a membership of twenty-three; since then we have doubled that number.

We have sent clothing, quilts, etc., each Christmas to some of the needy missions and are trying with God's help to shine in our corner of the Master's vineyard. We hold our meetings once a month at the homes of the different members and find them very helpful. We take the PALM BRANCH and find it a very interesting paper.

AN AFRICAN CONVERT'S SACRIFICE.

We smile when we read this from Eastern Equatorial Africa, written by Rev. Douglas Hooper, but it helps us to see what it costs to be a Christian:

"You will be glad to hear of our Christmas at Jilore. Petro Vuko's wife and four bairns were baptized, and the next day a man, not of the village, but who had been a catechumen for some years, came and said he was prepared to part with two of his wives and live with only one—the senior. You may be sure it came to us as a blessed Christmas remembrance from the Master.

Of course this means a much reduced income, amongst other things, as the wives hoe the fields which yield the maize, which is the only source of income the man has. He is sending his children to live on the station, that they may be the better taught, this means the loss of sixty goats (\$120) for each unmarried girl, the money paid as dowry by the bridegroom."—*Missionary Review of the World.*