

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

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

The members of Perseverance Mission Band have to record the death of our dear sister, Millie Black, which was the first death that has occurred since the band was organized. She passed peacefully away on the 27th. of November 1896. She was an earnest and sincere worker, but last year was unable to attend on account of ill health. Though absent her heart was in the work and she left our band an offering of five dollars. While we sincerely mourn our loss, we would not wish her back for we know by her Christ-like life and death that she has left our band of workers here below to join the glorified circle above, where stand those who have washed their garments white in the blood of the Lamb.

Centreville,

Carrie Bowness, Cor. Sec.

HAMILTON BRANCH.

P. S. Biggar, Rec. Sec. of Niagara Falls S. Mission band writes:—A very interesting entertainment was given recently by the Niagara Falls South Mission band, and though the night was very rough and blustery, the attendance was large and appreciative. Two little maids sat at the door holding little baskets which were so pretty that many dropped in five and ten cent pieces instead of the penny, as was expected. A good programme was furnished by the members. The most pleasing feature of the evening being the report of two little girls who had six months before taken five cents as "talent", money to trade on, and as each responded to her name when called, and told how she had made her five cents into forty or fifty cents she was greeted with rounds of applause. The reports of all proved so interesting, sometimes causing smiles, sometimes tears, it has been decided to try the experiment again at an early date.

Receipts of the evening over seven dollars.

[There was a mistake made in the date of this interesting report which accounts for it having been overlooked.]

LONDON BRANCH.

Cor. Sec. of the Mission Circle in Sarnia writes:—We are very much delighted at the pleasant and helpful year that has past and gone, in our Circle work. There seems to be more interest taken in the work than ever before, and, now we are looking for a still greater blessing this year. Our prayer is that God will give us more of the Missionary spirit and we know that he will. How surprised and delighted we were when we learned that we had won the Banner by 165 per cent from St. Thomas Circle, not trying for the Banner we were indeed surprised. We have made some quilts and given them to the poor of our town. Money raised during

the year \$28.00. members 52. The Circle join us in wishing all the readers of Palm Branch a prosperous and happy Year.

BAY OF QUINTE BAND NOTES.

The secretary of Hapiness Mission Circle writes:—The Mission Circle and Mission Band of the Eastern Methodist church held a successful concert, entitled "Easter Joy" on Good Friday evening. The concert consisted of recitations, choruses, quartettes, duets &c. which were given mostly by the children of the Mission Band, the Mission Circle taking the responsibility of training them. The evening was pronounced by all a most enjoyable one, the children acquitting themselves with great credit. The sum of \$13.00 was realized.

Mellville, "Glad Tidings" Mission Band has held five o'clock teas once a month with good result. Meetings held fortnightly are interesting. Orono Mission Circle held a successful Easter entertainment. The young people are greatly interested in missionary work. Meetings are well attended.

M. G. Hawley Cor. Sec.

CANSO LETTER.

I dare say all the boys and girls who read PALM BRANCH, have heard of our missionary, Miss Cunningham, and it is likely quite a number have seen her, and listened to her interesting stories of Japan and its curious people. But I wonder if many of you know that there is a Cunningham Mission Band. If you look in the W. M. S. Report you will find Cunningham Mission Band, Canso; A few years ago it was only a small fishing village at the extreme Eastern point of Guysboro Co. but by and bye the great Western Union Telegraph Company established an office there, and strangers began to come in until it became quite a town, with several fine public buildings, including one of the finest Methodist churches in the province. This church is called St. Pauls. It has a nice large prayer meeting room, and in it we hold our Band meetings which we greatly enjoy.

We had an experience social last fall and some of our experiences were very funny. One tiny boy got so frightened when he got up to tell his experience that he forgot what to say until our pleasant superintendent said, "well, dear what did you do?" and then he told us he had hauled kindling wood on his sled to earn money, and when he put down his five cents I think we all felt like cheering him. And now I will just tell you our names, and some other time I may write again.

Cora, and Lillian, and Lulu, and Bess, Anna, and Clemmie, and Martha, I guess, Gertie, and Laura, and Leah are here, Mrs. Hart is a member kind and sincere. May, Lu and Mabel are waiting their turn, for Flo, Blanche and Nettie are still to come, Annie, and Ida, and Eva I'll call, But without Mrs. Whitman we would not have all, And still I've not finished, there's Eva and Jess, Lec, Etta and Hattie, I must confess. There are Gerald and Arthur, Franks one and two. And all with kind wishes, bid you adieu.

Canso, Nov. 1896,

J. T. J.