

Little Tot heard the conversation and started for her bank and got her only dollar, wrote this letter, and put it in an envelope and came timidly to the minister's study and laid it down.

"Did the father take it?" did you ask. Why of course—do you think he would say "no" and hurt that dear little heart?

Yes, and he did "answer soon," for he took the little Tot on his lap and gave her a great big kiss, and said "Thank you," and put it in the "fun." I tell you that little stocking was hung up at Christmas and somebody put something in which more than made up for the 100.

Thanks for the answers to my last questions.

(Good bye for this time,

Your friend,

W. J. KIRBY.

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Nov'a Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

We are glad to hear again from our "Lone Star" Band, Bermuda. The secretary reports 16 members, and the amount raised for the year \$11.77; also ten copies of Palm Branch taken.

AUBURN.—The secretary of the "Oak and Ivy" Band writes: "Our Band has, in addition to its mission work, been very helpful in church work. We had a gracious revival here last winter, and a number of our girls joined the church. Our Oak members have a sewing circle, while our little Ivy members help to do their share. We take seventeen copies of Palm Branch.

THE KING'S OWN CIR. reports: "Our number does not seem to increase. Palm Branches, much interested. We take thirteen copies and raised \$14.00 this last year. We hope to do something more in the year we are just entering.

The "Happy Thought" Band writes: "We have a larger attendance than usual. The children seem more interested, and have raised small sums for us in different ways.

The "Coralline Circle" have had a prosperous year. Out of ten mite boxes we raised \$62.00. Since the new year began we have two new members, and hope to gain a few more.

SOMERSET.—Our "Helping Hand" Band is getting along very well, although the last year has been quite a hard one, owing to sickness and stormy weather. The amount raised for the year, \$50.00.

The address of the new Mission Band Secretary is the same as last year: Miss A. M. Braine, 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Tower Road, Halifax, N. S.

Will the Mission Bands and Circles kindly forward me the names of the new officers?

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

The Banner this year, will be awarded to the District which has the largest proportionate increase in Circle and Band members. Will each Circle and Band work, not only for itself, but for others in its District?

We congratulate our Banner Band—the "Pansy" Band, of Tay Auxiliary—on the excellent work done during the year that is past. "Dayspring" Band of York Auxiliary stood next in proportionate increase of members. Many have done well. The largest increase in funds was in the "Excelsior" Band of Queen Square (St. John) Auxiliary, but nearly equal to it was the "Coqualætzta" Band, of Charlottetown.

And, now, dear Band Workers, as we, at the close of the year, look over the work and tabulate results, let us stop a moment and think of the results that may be written in God's Book. Do you think that we could find them the same? Ah, no, for He has counted every faithful effort made, every kind act done, and some day we will know His estimate of our work, and may find that some quiet member, unnoticed now, has done best of all.

Of this we may be certain—the results that He notes are written on our character.

Will each Band worker remember that what was learned and done last year was to fit us for better work this? Shall we not begin at once to make this our very best year?

E. E. C.

## EARLY DAYS IN TOKYO.

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establish work on the same principles in Shizwoka and Kofu.

That trying climate, earthquakes and typhoons had done their work till the building of 1886 was really unsafe, more so than was realized till being taken down. The ground upon which the Girls' School buildings were erected belonged to the General Society, and was kindly greeted us. Now the boys' school has grown beyond the limited lot on the hill, which is almost covered by the school and residences. They require the ground we have, and we need new buildings and more play ground.

The interests of both departments will be enhanced by the purchase of land by our W. M. S., and the new school, we hope, will be ready for occupation, even though not furnished, in October.

The requirements of the work at the other stations must be met at the sacrifice of the Tokyo Branch. There are now remaining in Tokyo Miss Blackmore, as secretary treasurer; Miss Hart, at the head of the evangelistic department, and Miss Veazey in the school. Work, which has kept six ladies studying the language very busy—cannot possibly be fully compassed by three.

The language study must be given up, and their strength given to holding the fort till reinforcement comes to them. Missionary candidates have been slow in coming themselves known, but we are thankful that promising ones are being pressed forward by and the voice of God. We hope, at least, some will ere long be hastening to the relief of our brethren.

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