

And yet this too is service for our Master! You know not how many young hearts may be stirred by the thought of your self-denying efforts; and the facts for which you can vouch, coming as they do under your own observation, will certainly appeal to them with the freshness and vigor of present reality, and so make a deeper and more lasting impression than any information elsewhere gained. We feel sure that they will bear fruit in larger knowledge, truer interest, greater liberality, and perhaps, one day, in active service on those same distant fields.

If the readers of the PALM BRANCH would speak they would surely tell you of the eagerness with which they look for the "Foreign Correspondence," from month to month and their great enjoyment in the delightful descriptions with which we have already been favored.

We saw, recently, some of your names on our subscription list, and we would say that we shall be glad to send you our little paper free, only asking in return, that, once a year, you each send us some "good news" from your "far country." If only a few lines they will be most acceptable, and will merit our warmest thanks.

NOTES FROM THE BRANCHES.

N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BAND NOTES.

MURRAY HARBOB, P. E. I.—The Dawning Light Mission Band a short time ago enjoyed a pleasant social evening at the home of their Pres. Mrs. W. H. Prowse. About forty were present. After tea was served the children were entertained with games, music, etc. All felt grateful to Mrs. Prowse for the pleasant time and hoped she may never lose her zeal for missionary work, and that the Band may prosper as it has during the past.

Benton Mission Band held their annual Easter concert on Sunday evening April 14th. Collection \$4.00. Monthly meetings are quite well attended, but hoping for an increase in membership during summer months.

HAMPTON, N. B.—"Day Star" Mission Band reports prosperity in all their work. A parcel was sent to the Supply Committee for the Methodist Orphanage, Newfoundland, (Mt. Middleton Mission Band contributed three quilts). With collections from their Christmas entertainment and an ice cream social held in April, together with the proceeds from a self-denial week they are financially ahead of this time last year. Their monthly meetings are well attended. The field study in PALM BRANCH, twelve copies of which are taken, afford them a subject for study and as they deposited fifty cents with Miss Ogden they receive a monthly leaflet, which assists in making their meetings both interesting and instructive.

I. T.

N. S. BAND NOTES.

A very successful concert and "holder sale" is reported from "Happy Thought" Mission Band at Milton, Yarmouth. The programme was composed of recitations and singing, by the children, with music by some of their older friends. Holders in the shape of hens, parrots, pansies, and plain ones were sold in the audience, and \$4 90 was the result, while the amount realized from the concert, to which 15 cents admittance was charged, was \$19 67. This Band has a membership of twenty-four, and four life members. Twenty copies of PALM BRANCH are taken.

Port Greville's Band of "Cheerful Workers" has not been idle altho' we have heard nothing from them for some time. Some of their members are trying the talent system as a means of raising money for their mite boxes. On Easter Sunday the Band, assisted with an Easter service, and missionary entertainment, at which the children acquitted themselves very creditably. The collection on this occasion amounted to \$6.50. Ten copies of PALM BRANCH are taken.

The "Coraline" Circle, of Halifax, had an interesting Easter service to which they invited the members of Halifax South Auxiliary. The thank-offering amounted to about \$20.

"Willing Workers" Band, mentioned last month, is at Maceau, Cumberland Co.

A new Band has been recently organized at Charles St., Halifax, from which we would like to hear.

Band corresponding secretaries will please remember hereafter to address all correspondence to Mrs. Whiston, 297 Brunswick St., Halifax, owing to the absence from the province of the present Cor.-Sec.

A. F. B.

BAY OF QUINTE BAND NOTES.—New Bands have been organized as follows: Castleton Dec. 15th, 1894, President, Miss M. Richards; Cor.-Sec., Miss Jessie Knapp. Tweed, "Sunbeam," Feb. 12th., membership 25, President, Miss Annie Wilson; Cor.-Sec., Miss Annie Frost. Bayside, "Bayside Workers," membership 25, meet second Saturday in month, President, Mrs. H. B. Gilbert; Cor.-Sec., Master Ernest McMaster. Our public meeting held by the Band realized \$4.00. An Easter Cantata was given by the Mission Band of Eastern Methodist church on the 11th of April. The participants—with the exception of the president, Mrs. F. S. Richardson; the musical directress, Mrs. Dr. Wartman; Mrs. L. Hall, organist—were all boys and girls, ranging from five to twelve years of age, and members of the Band. The little ones were tastily arrayed and their sweet faces were the personification of intelligent innocence. Their rendering of readings reflected credit on the president, and the chorus singing drew many encomiums for Mrs. Wartman. Miss Hall was indispensable in the support supplied at the organ. After the opening prelude Master Arthur Gibson read an address of welcome, giving incidentally interesting information as to organization, numerical strength, aims, etc., of the Society. Then followed the Easter Cantata, "Day of joy," etc. All the little ones acquitted themselves most creditably, making the hearts of many parents expand with pardonable pride. Proceeds \$r8.9c.

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