

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

As this will be my last report as Mission Band secretary, I should like to thank the members who have so kindly helped me, and would ask for my successor the same sympathy and assistance which has been extended to me.

The work among the Bands this year has been on the whole rather encouraging, though, as the returns are not yet in, we cannot tell what the funds are. We have still forty-eight bands, four of last year's have died, and four new ones been added. The ones dropped had practically ceased to exist with the close of last year. Several bands have re-organized, and are doing nobly.

I would ask every circle and band to try to get new subscribers for "Palm Branch." This is the time of year to start a club. Try it, and see what you can do.

We are closing the year, and some of our brightest hopes have not been fulfilled. Let us start the new one with fresh courage, determined to do all we can, as band members, to win the heathen world for Christ.

MARCIA B. BRAINE,

Halifax.

Band Secretary.

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

The Annual Report Papers are just beginning to come in, and so far are encouraging.

BENTON—The "Sadie Hart" Band reports the same number of members as last year, and a large increase in funds.

It was delightful to find the first report received so encouraging.

SACKVILLE—Mt. Allison Circle has had seventy-two members this year. Surely there are great possibilities in such a body of young workers as this.

CARSONVILLE—The "Jennie Ford" Band, though but a few months old, has promptly sent in its encouraging report.

TAY—"Tansy" Band began the year with eleven members, and has now thirty-five. Will any other show such an increase?

Fredericton.

E. E. C.

"SAD, BUT" TRUE."

The Editor sat in her easy chair,
But the Editor was not easy there.
A perfect picture of dark despair
Was the Editor in her easy chair!

Not perfectly original, friends, only a parody which fits well sometimes.

Now, what can be easier than an easy chair, and why should not the Editor be easy there? The case is clear. She has not, as George MacDonald says, "a free mind." She came home from a few days' rest to find everything empty, even the waste basket. That is the sad side of the story. Now we will give you a brighter side.

In a day or two a lot of letters from the young cousins came tumbling in, followed by an excellent article on "Medical Missions and Deaconess Work," by the young lady who has so kindly furnished us with Field Studies in the year that has passed; Band notes from two most faithful secretaries; a letter from Miss Long, of Kit-a-Matt; a suggested programme—and—the heart of the Editor revived.

Be sure to read the editorial on 4th page.

A COLLECTION JINGLE.

Little girl with nite-box.

Chink! chink! chink!
O, what do you think?
I've a little box here,
And it is very queer;
But the pennies within have a story to tell.

Chink! chink! chink!
O, what do you think?
They are going a trig
Or a big steamship,
And I am quite willing to bid them
farewell.

Chink! chink! chink!
O, what do you think?
Dear friends, hear them cry:
"O, please let me fly,
To tell heathen children the sweet
gospel news."

Chink! chink! chink!
This is what I think:
T'would increase my store
If I had a few more;
So I'll ask you for some, and please
don't refuse.

—L. A. S. in C. M. F.