

Feb. 14th—We have had no mail from the outside world since October! It seems a long time to wait. It will be the end of April before we shall receive any, but otherwise I have quite enjoyed the winter here. The work has progressed well, and there are many things to encourage the workers.

Kishpiax, Upper Skeena, B. C.

Are we praying for our lonely missionaries?

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

EASTERN BRANCH.

Mrs. A. Lynch, Cor. Sec. of Mountain Street Mission Circle, Montreal, P. Que., writes: Our meetings have been very successful, the attendance has been large, and new members added at nearly every meeting. They have also been very interesting and helpful. The object for which we work is to support one girl in the "Chinese Rescue Home," Victoria, B. C. We made a very pretty and useful quilt, with the names of the officers and others who had collected toward it, worked in the centre, and at Xmas sent it to the Home for our "girl Martha," and received such a nice letter from her, telling us how she liked it, so we feel the Lord is blessing us in our efforts for His cause. We are taking 20 copies of PALM BRANCH and all appreciate the paper very much.

Fred. Pickering, Cor. Sec., Vankleek Hill, writes:—Our Mission Band was organized Nov. 1st., and we are in a very flourishing condition. We have at present fifty members and hold our meetings every Sunday afternoon, in which all take a great interest. We are now studying the life of George McDougall. Our interest may be seen by the way in which our mite-boxes are filling up.

Mrs. Bigelow, of Cornwall, Ont., writes:—We organized a Mission Band here on Saturday, March 10th., with forty-five members. Very promising circumstances.

The Mission Band in Athens has been re-organized with a membership of twenty-two.

The quarterly report cards have not all been returned, but those heard from report interesting meetings and an increase in their membership. E. S. B.

Miss A. Hutchinson, Sec. of the Claremont "Happy Helpers" Mission Band writes:—We were organized last October with thirty-seven members, now we have about forty-seven. We had a self-denial week before Christmas, and at our January meeting each one told how they had denied themselves. These are some of the ways adopted. Two boys denied themselves the pleasure of going to an entertainment, several others did without butter, fruit, tea, coffee, meat, potatoes, pic, etc. All enjoyed the "self denial," and we are going to have another before Easter. There are as many boys in our Band as girls. Our organist is a boy, our Rec. Sec. a young man. We take up the field studies each month. We cannot do much or give much, but we are glad to do what we can.

N. S. BAND NOTES.

Glad to report a new Band and also a new Circle. The former was organized Feb. 16th. with a membership of 18, and is called "Willing Workers." We hope soon to have more facts concerning the Circle, which was organized by members of Halifax West Auxiliary. A. F. B.

35 Carleton St., Halifax.

E. R. writes from Rose Bay, Lunenburg Co., Feb. 12th, 1895:—We would say to those, who as yet have not taken up this Band work, organize at once, and if there are only a few at first the number will increase. Our meetings are interesting and instructive. Each member is provided with a mite-box. One of our little members after hearing about the little Chinese girls, who have their feet bound, said to her mother, "I am so glad I ain't one of them little girls." Who else is thankful for a Christian land and home? Won't you help in this great work for our Master, and send the "bread of life" to those who are in darkness.

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

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—A very pleasant "At Home" was given by M. S. R. C. Goff, at her beautiful residence, Fitzroy street, on the 19th inst. About seventy invited guests were present, including several delegates who were in town attending the District Convention. The social evening was interspersed with lively speeches, readings and songs, all of which were very much enjoyed. But when the missionary supper was served merriment knew no bounds, and it would have made a Chinese weep to have seen that vast assembly endeavoring to use chop-sticks while eating swelled rice! evidently, to all appearance, they were more at home with the cake and coffee. A collection, of course, followed, amounting to \$8.00. Mrs. Goff then kindly donated this offering to the funds of the Wesley Mission Circle.

On Friday, March 15th, Mrs. (Rev.) Lawson organized "The Loyal Worker's" Mission Band in the Methodist church, Montague. Twenty names were enrolled. Mrs. Lawson was elected Pres., and Miss Lottie Lawson, Cor. Sec. Twelve copies of PALM BRANCH were subscribed for. The quarterly report cards have not all returned, but those received tell of progress and increased interest. I. T.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO N. B. & P. E. I. BANDS.

Some of the Bands, holding their meetings once a month, seem to think they are excluded from the Banner contest because *ten* meetings are required in *eight* months. Ten meetings, at which the regular routine of business is carried on, excluding meetings held simply for practice, entertainment etc. Only two extra meetings required, while as all regular meetings held during those months have to be reported, it will be readily seen that even with this disadvantage they will find it easier to make a high percentage than those holding their meetings once a fortnight. No one is excluded. We wish every Band to compete, every member to assist. A. D. T.