

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Bay of Quinte Branch.

Howard MacPhee, Cor. Sec., sends us a very excellent report of the Atherley Mission Band.

The Atherley Mission Band was organized one year ago, on May 8th, 1898, by our pastor's wife, Mrs. H. H. Buckler, with a membership of 20. We have now 22 members on the roll with on average attendance of 12. During the year we have held 24 meetings, Missionary and Temperance alternate—meeting on the afternoon of every second Saturday. We have had three elections of officers, that has enabled nearly every member to hold an official position in the Band.

The Flower and Fruit Committee have done excellent work, this department belonging chiefly to the very little children—25 Scripture texts accompanied by flowers and fruit have been sent to the sick. We take 11 Palm Branches and follow the Field Study.

Our Easter offering for the Japanese work amounted to \$2.50. In all, our Mission Band has raised \$7.25. We hope to do greater things for the Master in the future.

Have collected over 1,000 used stamps.

At the last meeting when our pastor's wife, who is to leave us, asked how many would like to unite with the church all signified their desire. Pray for us, that we may prosper in this good work.

MISS P. VALLEAN, Cor. Sec. of the M. B., Belleville, writes:

The Albert College Mission Band has 58 members for the year 1898-1899, and has raised \$71, which has just been forwarded to the Branch Treasurer.

We would like \$60 to be used for the support of three little girls in Chen-tu. Having a definite object seems to increase enthusiasm among our members.

M. G. HAWLEY.

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

CARSONVILLE—Miss Elsie Gauce, Cor. Sec. of the "Jennie Ford" Band, which is only a few months old, sends a most encouraging report. They got seven new members last quarter and expected more the next.

CANTERBURY—Our very youngest band is the "Busy Workers," of which Jessie Carr is President, and Millie Jamieson, Cor. Sec.

The Leader writes, "I sincerely hope the children will prove themselves worthy of the name," and goes on to ask about maps which shows that that Leader is going about her work in an intelligent manner.

TAY.—The Pansy Band is deeply interested in its work. At its last meeting it had seven new members—a total of thirty-one. Some walk several miles to attend the meetings.

And now I want to ask all the Bands to remember that the year is nearing its close and there is work to be done. When the Annual Report form comes to you do not delay in calling your officers together to make up the Report, and then mail to me at once.

Remember the election of officers in September, and let me tell you a secret—I have learned that some of the Corresponding Secretaries do not read Palm Branch and so do not know that I often ask them to report promptly. Now I advise you *not* to elect a Corresponding Secretary who neglects to read the Band paper, or, if you do, *compel* her to read it.

This is the time too to get new subscribers for Palm Branch. Will not each Band talk this over in its next meeting and arrange a plan to ask all the people in the church to subscribe. Show the paper, tell the price, and begin the year in October when we are all ready to begin work for the winter. Remember that if you induce people to take the paper *and read it* you are spreading information and that is missionary work.

E. E. COULTHARD,
Mission Band Sec'y.

Fredericton, N. B.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

DARTMOUTH—On July 3rd the "Buds of Promise" Band held a farewell meeting for their president, Miss Lillie Lathern, who had been with them four years. The room had been beautifully decorated with flowers by the senior members who had also arranged the programme. On behalf of the sixty members of the Band, Misses Minnie Black and Maggie Bowie presented an address, accompanied by a handsome secretary and book-case combined. A social half hour brought the meeting to a close.

HALIFAX, WEST—The meetings of the Oxford Street Circle are very interesting and profitable. In March the Auxiliary asked us to send two delegates to their meeting which we did. Owing to the long distance some of the members have to come, the average attendance is not as large as we could wish, but some of us are gaining much knowledge about missions.

AUBURN.—The "Oak and Ivy" Band is still growing, having added ten new members this quarter.

GRANVILLE FERRY—Much credit is due the young officers of this Band who are nobly working in spite of some discouragement. Meetings are regularly held, and the reports sent quarterly.

MARCIA B. BRAINE,
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The nursing force of Port Simpson Hospital are pleased to add to their staff Miss Strycher of Ontario. Miss Spence and Miss Strycher are now at the Skeena River Hospital with Dr. Bolton.

John Amos our oldest boy has done the work of a monitor amongst the boys; in the Home his influence has been excellent.

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