

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

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

Miss A. A. Bogart, secretary of the Queen Square Excelsior Mission Band, St. John, writes:

Our President, Miss Weddall, desires me to report to you regarding the work of our Excelsior Mission Band. Like our name, our motto has been 'Onward and Upward.'

Regularly fortnightly meetings have been held, which have been made as interesting as possible. During the winter we worked hard, sewing for the sale, which was held in our Sunday-school room, April 26th; much to our gratification we realized \$49. Besides this we held our first missionary meeting on Friday evening, December 16th. For a small gathering it was successful; two very interesting papers were read, one on Medical Missionaries, by Miss G. Carnall, and the other by Miss N. Robertson, on "The Deaconess Work;" recitations and music assisted in making a very pleasant evening.

This has been our special work. In a few days we will hold our second missionary meeting, and hope it will be equally successful.

Miss Bell Lawson has organized a Band at Canterbury.

Carsonville also has a new Band.

More again about these Bands.—E. E. C.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch

"Too much cannot be said of the help and enthusiasm the Band representatives gave to the Annual Convention of the Annapolis District, lately held at Berwick. One thing worthy of note was the business-like way in which the youthful delegates presented their reports, which, on the whole, were encouraging. All reported clubs for Palm Branch, and this is doubtless the secret of their success. At the public meeting on the evening of May 31st a number of little girls from the 'Royal Workers' Band of Berwick, gave very effectively a missionary dialogue, which closed with a sweet lullaby song—the dollies of the little maidens being daintily dressed as babies. Several recitations were also well rendered by Band delegates. The children of the Somerset Band, two miles distant from Berwick, drove over to the meeting in a large team, and in the distance their clear young voices could be heard singing, joy-

ously, "We are a Missionary Band." They also contributed several choruses and two duets during the Convention." M. W.

CANSO.—The Secretary writes:—"We have now twenty-three members, having gained five new ones. In April we had a Birthday Party for the benefit of the 'Herbie Bellamy' fund, and raised sixteen dollars and eighty cents. Our Easter offering amounted to three dollars. We have begun to take up the Field Study given in Palm Branch, with the questions.

Halifax. MARCIA B. BRAINE,
Band Sec'y.

Toronto Branch.

A new Mission Band has been organized at Uxbridge, called the "Star." President, Miss Ethel Welsh; Cor. Secty, Miss Lenora Gilpin.

The "Cheerful Givers" Mission Band, of Uxbridge, reports a membership of 39. They are doing well.

The "Star" Mission Band of the same place writes: "We have now 20 members. Have collected \$1.80 for fees, \$1.75 for Easter offering, and \$7.06 collection at a social.

The secretary of Maple Mission Band of Thornbury reports that the interest in the meetings is good.

The secretary of "Sunbeam Mission Band of Brampton writes: "Our Band has great cause to be very thankful this quarter. We raised \$9.93, and our Easter offering amounted to nearly \$8.00.

M. HALES,
Cor. Secty.

Bay of Quinte Branch.

CLAREMONT—Happy Helpers reports seven new members during second quarter.

DAVIS—Day Star Mission Band reports progress with a membership of twenty-one; with the work of collecting used postage-stamps in hand.

NAPINEE—Reapers and Gleaners reports seven new members during second quarter, with interest growing. Active members have been collecting used postage stamps for the Rev. T. T. Bartlett. The Easter Thank Offering envelopes were distributed and hopes entertained for a good report at the close of the year. A collection is taken at business meetings, and some of the members contribute a little every month.

STOCKDALE—Mission Band reports a thank-offering of \$4.00.

M. G. HAWLEY,
B. Secretary.