

"Four dollars and eighty-four cents," said Molly that night, hugging Bess in an ecstasy of happiness. "You shall put in half of it, you and Danny; you helped earn it."

"O, may we? What a dear you are, Molly," said Bess in delight, but Danny didn't say a word and looked very unhappy.

There wasn't a happier girl in the whole Mission Band than Molly when the children went to take in their thank offerings. Several people noticed Molly's bright face as she started down the street on her way home. One of these was Mr. Nicholson, who stopped her and said:

"See here, Molly, some of my customers have been asking about your candy. I will give you an order to keep me supplied for a month, but you must not sell any to other folks or you'll run me out of the business."

"But I haven't any money to buy molasses and things," said Molly.

"No money? I heard you were just rolling up profits."

"O, but that was my missionary money. I was just trading with it for the Lord. You know that was what He told the men with the talents to do. But if you'll trust me till I get started—"

"Certainly I will; you're a girl to be trusted. Get what you want and go ahead."

Molly ran all the way home, and burst in upon the family like a little whirlwind of happiness to tell the wonderful news.

"And Danny shall have lots of candy," she said, hugging her mother and dancing around the room with a twin clinging to each hand, "and the twins shall have hoods and mittens, and perhaps—perhaps we'll have a sled for all of us, and—"

"There now, Danny Langford," said Bess solemnly, "what do you think now about being a heathen, that never even heard of 'Little children, love one another,' or caring about other folks?"

"I believe I was beginning to turn into one," acknowledged Danny, quite melted by the prospect of the candy.—Selected.

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Hamilton Conference Branch.

No doubt the readers of the Palm Branch will wonder what has become of the Bands and Circles of this Branch. We are thankful to say that, notwithstanding many drawbacks in the way of weeks of almost impassable roads in the country and much sickness, in both city and county, we are prosperous, hearty and thriving. Very encouraging reports have come to hand in December and March, and reveal in the majority of our societies much progress, increased interest and steady work. Two bands and one circle have been recently organized for work. Thorough preparation was made for the Easter thank-offering for the Herbie Bellamy Orphanage. Information concerning the offering, its

object and need, also envelopes for each member were sent to each band and circle, and we trust returns from the same will be very gratifying both as regards the financial effort and the interest and self-sacrifice occasioned by such a worthy object.

Another month we will send notes from various circles and bands, and the work they are doing.

J. M. MCGEARY, Cor. Secretary.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

Halifax South.—The Coralline Mission Circle is having good meetings. The Easter service was one of special interest. A good programme was well rendered, and the offering amounted to over \$21.00. Two members on leaving the city were made life members by the Circle.

New Germany.—"Try Again" Band is still alive and growing, having had three new members this year.

Little Harbor.—"Harbor Bell" Band reports interesting meetings and two new members. Though few in number, all are doing what they can.

Halifax. Band Secretary.

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

As the Bands have not been good enough this month to send me any news for Palm Branch, perhaps the Editor will allow me the space to speak to the Bands. I am sorry that many Bands that held Easter services have not reported them; that good ideas might be passed on to others.

It is still necessary, too, to remind a few that last quarter's Report Card has not been received, and to ask them to send it at once.

It is gratifying to know that during the winter many made an effort to bring their work before their congregations and to raise funds, but there are many that can do this better in summer. Will these now make preparation for special effort of some kind, not leaving it till late in the season, when delay or hindrance might push it out of the year's work altogether.

I would suggest that in every Circle and Band at least one meeting be devoted to the study of "Constitution for Mission Circles and Bands," page 166 in the Annual Report.

Many have not remembered that the Band treasurer should remit quarterly. Each officer should understand fully the duties and privileges attached to her office.

At this time, too, it would be well to have all understand the duties of a delegate to District Convention or Branch Meeting. Every member being made to understand why such meetings are held, how one should prepare to be a delegate, the duties of a delegate at the convention.

If Leaders will get their members to think about these things and to discuss them at their meetings they will be surprised at the good ideas brought out.

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