

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

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

As the quarterly report cards come in, we are glad to note that a number of our Bands have held public meetings, and that many speak of increased interest and show a good average attendance.

ST. JOHN.—Excelsior Mission Band gained sixteen new members last quarter, and is doing excellent work. Much credit is due the young officers of this Band.

MONCTON.—“Help a Little” Band reports an average attendance of thirty-three, and deep interest. It held a good concert in March.

CHELTON.—The Secretary writes:—“Our Band is small, as there are only a few children in the district, but we are trying to do what we can. We meet in the school-house immediately after school, and have a fair attendance. We had a public meeting a short time ago—collected \$5.62. We made an autograph quilt and then the Band bought it for \$1.25 and presented it to our pastor’s wife.”

The Chelton Branch might serve as an object lesson for other places where “there are only a few children”

BERWICK.—A member writes: “As Golden Rule Band is, I believe, one of the youngest bands in our Branch, a few lines from us may be acceptable. We have now over twenty members, and have met twice a month ever since we were organized last fall; meeting alternately at the parsonage, Berwick, and at Mrs. E. Folkins’, Centreville, about a mile distant, in order to give those at Snider Mt. the opportunity to attend.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Deinstadt invited us, with our parents and friends, to a most enjoyable entertainment and five o’clock tea at the parsonage.

An excellent programme was rendered by the members of the Band; not only the larger ones assisting, but the tiniest tots taking part in recitations and motion songs, Miss Deinstadt accompanying the children on the piano. We were then invited to the dining room, where tea was served on small tables, presided over by members of the Band. We can heartily recommend this form of entertainment to other Bands, as we believe if parents were occasionally invited to meet with them they would be more interested in their success. We are beginning to be deeply interested in missions, though we had thought little or nothing about them till lately.

We are all glad to receive Palm Branch, and wish we could get it twice a month, it is such a help to us.

We hope to have a public meeting at Easter.”

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

Halifax North.—The secretary of “Reapers” Mission Circle writes: “We are having very interesting meetings, although so many of the older members have left us to join the auxiliary, that the work now falls on the younger ones. We have given up having concerts, bazaars, etc., to raise funds, and depend entirely upon systematic giving. The small envelopes are used, and each one contributes monthly as much as possible.”

The ‘Gleaners’ Band report regular attendance and five new members. The lessons for the past quarter have been chiefly on China.

Yarmouth.—The “Earnest Gleaners” Band, re-organized last year, have added thirteen to their number. They support a little girl in the Crosby Home.

We are glad to welcome another Band. On February 10th the “Little Gleaners” Band was organized at Sydney with fourteen members.

The work in this Branch for the last quarter has been most encouraging. Meetings are being held more regularly, with larger attendance, and quite a number of new members have been enrolled.

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Montreal Conference Branch.

Miss Carrie Palmer, Corresponding Secretary, writes:

The Rosevier Mission Band of our village has greatly increased during the last year and there are many earnest workers in it. We noticed your suggestion to put the members in for officers and decided to adopt it.

We have a president, a vice president, a secretary, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer, assistant treasurer and a look-out committee. The president and secretary are married ladies. We decided to take the first five dollars we earned and make a little invalid girl a life-member. We held a meeting at her house this summer, and she was very much delighted and invited us to come again.

In our band there are about twenty-five members. We have a very bright look-out committee, and we hope to have more.

Toronto Conference Branch.

Meaford Mission Band writes:

Our Band is prospering nicely. We opened the mite boxes at our March meeting and realized \$4.43. We feel quite encouraged as we have had the boxes only six months.

The Allandale Mission Band has changed its name. It is now called “Morning Star.”

Maple Mission Band, of Thornburg writes:—The interest is good. There were but three members absent last meeting.