

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

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

FREDERICTON—The Mission Circle reports an increase in membership and also in interest this year, largely the result, we think, of the faithfulness of the officers.

This Circle held a Concert on Wednesday, March 1st, when an excellent program was provided and the funds very materially increased.

TAY—The Pansy Band is doing good work—meets regularly, reports regularly and has now eighteen members, instead of the eleven of a few months ago.

A few months ago we kept with joy the birth-day of our Lord, when love prompted the gifts which made our Christmas present to Jesus. Does not the Easter-tide bring, perhaps, even a greater joy in the thought that because He lives we shall live also? Then let us joyfully present our Easter Thank Offering which will bring comfort and hope to some of God's suffering little ones, remembering that He hath said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Fredericton.

E. E. C.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Branch.

DARTMOUTH—The Secretary writes,—“The Buds of Promise Mission Band is ‘all right’ as the male members would say. They turn out forty strong to every meeting. That shows interest. On Feb. 10th a meeting of special attraction took the form of a union of the Woodlawn and Dartmouth Bands, when Woodlawn came three miles on the coldest day this winter to be present at a Band meeting. A duet by two Chinese boys formed a unique feature of the programme. We cannot tell all the good times we are having, nor how much we want to send the Gospel to girls and boys who have never heard of Jesus. But we want to do what we can.

KINGSTON.—“Stars of Knight Band is pleased to report progress. Shortly before Christmas a box containing five quilts, cards, literature, etc., was sent to the “Supply Committee.”

On Jan. 24th fifty friends gathered at a Social. A good programme was provided, and a simple lunch served, which added five dollars to the funds.”

Halifax,

MARCIA B. BRAINE,
Band Sec'y.

Montreal Conference Branch.

WINCHESTER.—E. F. Mill, Cor. Sec'y writes: We are pleased to be able to give an encouraging report of our Mizpah Mission Circle.

The past year has proved one of advancement in attendance and increased interest in mission work. We have adopted the plan of appointing our programme committee each month and that together with the Watch Tower is proving an interesting feature of our meeting. We find in this part of the work the Honorary members are taking a very active part

At Christmas we sent a box of clothing to the Deaconess Home, Toronto, which was well received.

The proceeds of an “At Home” and a Concert recently held amounted to \$21.85.

The Honorary as well as the Active members of our Circle have been collecting used stamps for the Rev. S. Y. Bartlett and already 3,088 have been forwarded.

Under the presidency of Mrs. Palmer, an enthusiastic worker, the outlook is most encouraging.

A Mission Band has been organized at Elizabeth Town, Ontario.

Iroquois, Ont.

E. S. BAILEY.

Toronto Conference Branch.

Mrs. John Ward, Cor. Sec'y writes: The Askin Street Mission Circle is pleased to report an increase financially last year, having raised \$83.50. Of this sum \$13.13 was by special collection in aid of the Jennie Ford Memorial Home. We have a membership of 72, ten of whom are life members,

In November last we sent a barrel of goods to Christian Is. valued at \$20. Amongst other things it contained 5 quilts, most of which were pieced by our Junior members. We think this very good for our first attempt.

Last week in place of our regular meeting, we held an open one, in the Lecture Room of the Church. The leading feature of which was an original piece entitled, “A plea for the Nations” written by our President, Mrs. Douglas. All who heard it were much pleased and could not help being better acquainted with the needs of those countries represented. Our regular monthly meetings are held at the homes of the different members, and are usually bright and well attended. We are hoping that our interest in this good work may be increased during the present year.

A new Mission Band has been organized at Allandale called “Willing Workers Band.” President, Miss Lillie Arnold; Cor. Sec. Miss Pauline Cummings.

We are pleased to report also a Mission Band at Trinity Methodist Church, Toronto, called “Trinity Band.” Pres. Miss M. E. Good; Cor. Sec. Miss Maud Philips.

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