

Every Saturday morning Miss Smith gives Elizabeth, Catharine, and I our music lessons; we are very anxious to learn how to play. I am in the fourth book, and I try to study hard. One of the big girls left us last Saturday; she went home for a few holidays, she will be back this week. We have been having good weather these last days. I am well and strong; there are about eighty children here now. I am fifteen years old. I am trying to love Jesus with my whole heart. I send my best regards to you. I haven't very much to say now. I hope you will receive this. I'll close my letter with my love to you.

Your little friend, NELLIE TAFFANDALE.

How many of our Canadian girls are "trying to love Jesus with the whole heart?" Don't let this Indian girl rise up, by and bye, to condemn you, who have had so many more advantages. We are sure you will want to hear more from this interesting school.

HYMN.

TUNE—SEYMOUR.

Christ to-day is giving thee
Harvest work beyond the sea;
White already is the field,
Fruit eternal it shall yield.

All the fields of earth are white,
Hosts are crying "Give us light."
Spread the truth, and ceaseless pray,
Christ will haste His promised day.

Send forth laborers, Holy One,
In all the lands "Thy will be done."
With Thy glory let earth be
Filled as waters fill the sea.

W. M. S.

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

WESTERN BRANCH.

WOODSTOCK, June 1.—The Cross and Crown Circle of the Central Methodist Church was organized in February, 1893, with a membership of twenty-five, which has been steadily increasing ever since. We meet every second and last Tuesday of the month, and though we do not have very largely attended meetings, we take great interest in the work, and hope that in time our seed will yield a fruitful harvest.

Perhaps some of the readers of the PALM BRANCH would like to know how we raise our money.

After we organized we held a very successful Japanese "At Home" at the residence of Mr. James Lund, the home of one of our beloved missionaries, whose work on earth was finished, and whom God saw fit to call home to glory. A year ago last Spring, a large number of our Circle agreed to earn what money we could to increase our treasury. We held an Experience Social, after a month's earnest work, and each of a dozen members told how the money had been

raised. Since then we have held several little socials in the church, which have been equally successful; and last winter we gave a New England supper, which proved very interesting. The menu consisted of pork and beans, brown and white bread, cake, coffee, and pickles. A nice programme had been arranged, and an enjoyable time was spent. From this social we realized a little over \$40. Last winter we supplied a number of poor families with baskets of provisions. We each have our mite-boxes, and have pledged ourselves to earn what little we can during the summer holidays. With the consent of our Women's Auxiliary we want to take our funds to support a cot in some missionary hospital. At our meetings we enjoy listening to numerous selections read from the PALM BRANCH. Our hope for the future is, that we may do more for the advancement of our Lord's Kingdom in foreign lands than we have done in the past.

EASTERN BRANCH.

MONTREAL.—Miss M. H. Jordan, Cor. Secretary of Douglas Mission Branch, writes:

"We are pleased to report an increase in interest and enthusiasm in our Band this year, and under the leadership of our energetic President, Mrs. Phillips have been seeking a deeper knowledge of what has been and is being done on the Mission Field, as well as assisting with whatever funds we have been able to gather. Various plans have been adopted for raising money, such as self-denial and thank offerings; and we formed ourselves into the Missionary Department of the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, introducing the "two cent a week plan," and endeavoring to spread a missionary spirit through the whole society. We have been holding an evening meeting once a quarter, at which we have had one or two interesting debates, and have thus been enabled to reach quite a number who could not attend the afternoon meetings. Although the past year has been a prosperous one, our earnest prayer is, that in the future we may feel a greater responsibility, and be more alive to the ever-increasing work around us."

N. S. BAND NOTES.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Miss Lois Bain, Cor. Secretary, writes:

"The Cheerful Toilers' Mission Band, of Carmarthen St. Church, held a concert and sale at the residence of our Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Robertson, and realized about \$14. As there were other attractions that evening which interfered with the attendance, we were well pleased with the result."