

Copy of Resolution passed at Meeting in College Hall, St. Johns, Newfoundland, August 3rd, 1896.

At the August monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Methodist Orphanage, the Rev. J. S. Newman, Secretary of Conference, Superintendent St. Johns West Circuit, presiding:

It was moved by the Hon. J. J. Rogerson, seconded by Mr. Arthur W. Martin, That the best and sincere thanks of this Committee be forwarded to Mrs. F. P. Thompson, and the young ladies associated with her in the Mission Circle of Fredericton, N. B., for their great kindness in making and collecting many useful articles of clothing, several valuable toys, and many pretty books and cards, which were sent in a large case, care of Mrs. Whiston, Halifax, and duly received here a fortnight since. The rubber hot water bottle and waterproofs are particularly useful, and the jackets and underclothing will save the managers money and the matron hours of precious time. The managers desire to convey their highest appreciation of the loving efforts of these young people, and the motive which prompted their efforts for us as strangers in this land, through the reading of a letter contributed to PALM BRANCH by our young friend Gussie Morton, daughter of the much esteemed Superintendent (for six years) of our City Circuits. We trust God's richest blessing may rest upon all who had to do with the contents of the box, and they may hear the words of Him in reward:—"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me."

I am yours, dear Madam, in the Master's service,
ARTHUR W. MARTIN,
Hon. Secretary Board of Managers.

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

On June 11th, writes the "Lone Star" Band, Bermuda, we held our annual public meeting. The programme consisted of interesting dialogues, music and hoopdrill. Collection \$11.89.

From the "Willing Helpers," Hantsport: "We re-organized last October; since then have met fortnightly with fair attendance. Our public meeting in April was a success, both financially and otherwise, the children doing themselves great credit. Collection \$10.00. Instead of the regular meeting the last of May we had a picnic, several of the parents were present and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. We take 10 copies of PALM BRANCH and find the Field Study especially instructive."

M. E. B., Cor.-Sec.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Olive Hughes, Cor.-Sec., Ilderton, writes: The "Little Workers" Mission Band of the Littlewood Auxiliary Methodist church, Ilderton, was organized last October with twelve members. We have at pre-

sent twenty members and eleven subscribers to the PALM BRANCH. We have raised during the year \$20.75. On July 31st we gave a concert, the program was given entirely by members of the Band. We realized \$5.65, (admission 10 cts.) We have patched and quilted a nice warm quilt to send to McDougal Orphanage. Many thanks to the Editor of our little paper, the PALM BRANCH, for the many kind words she has given us. What little work we have done has been done cheerfully, and we trust it may be the means of helping some poor child to learn of Jesus' love.

SIGNIFICANT ILLUSTRATION.

MRS. Ramsay closed her talk, "A Sketch from History," with an illustration showing how the nations of the world stand with regard to Christ to-day. The members belonging to each faith were explained by proportionate lengths of ribbon. The statistics used were those published by the London Missionary Society in 1890, and it is understood that, while they cannot be absolutely correct, they are approximately so. The ribbons used were of satin, an inch wide, and the scale of measurement was 5,000,000 of people to an inch in length.

First, a tiny bit of green not two inches long represented the Jews, who number 8,000,000.

Second in length, a pink one, not quite eighteen inches long. This told the numbers of the Greek Church, 89,000,000.

Third, a pale blue ribbon, twenty-eight inches long, represented the 140,000,000 Protestants.

Fourth, a yellow one, represented the Roman Catholics, 205,000,000, by forty-one inches in length.

Fifth, the only organized religion opposed to Christianity that was represented, was a scarlet ribbon, thirty-five inches in length, for the 175,000,000 of the followers of Mahomed. And on this was sewed a white ribbon, fourteen inches long, to tell the story of the 70,000,000 Moslem women, shut in harems, who never can be reached except by women missionaries. All these ribbons were hung from a small rod.

For those who reject Christ or know nothing of him, there are Jews, Moslems, Buddhists, Brahmins, the triple faith of China, and Pagans, numbering 1,055,000,000. For all these, outside the fold of the Good Shepherd, there was a black ribbon two hundred and eleven inches long, almost six yards.

Upon this black length was pinned a bit of pale blue, two-fifths of an inch long, to represent the 2,000,000 of converts from heathendom during the century from 1790 to 1896.

It was a simple object lesson, but no one could look at that long, black ribbon unmoved. It is described here with the hope that others may find the suggestion helpful for missionary meetings and use it. Let the black ribbon show our failure and selfishness, but do not let it discourage any one. We know the heathen shall be given to Christ for His inheritance.—*Missionary Helper.*

Lengths of colored worsted braid would answer in place of ribbon, if desirable.—*COUSIN DELIGHT in Mission Dayspring.*