

who were all Christians. I only tried to tell one person how much the Band had helped me."

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The minister's wife to her husband.—"John I've finished the "Outlook" club. Harriet Davis called to-day, gave me the twenty-five cents and told me if I tried again to form a Missionary Society I could count on her to belong. She didn't tell me what changed her mind. She was almost scornful when I asked her to take the "Outlook". I asked her, but she only said, "Oh, I've had new light on the subject; perhaps if we try to do something for the heathen abroad it will end in doing something for ourselves and the heathen at home." You know her dry way.

"Well, dear, we can thank the Lord for answered prayer without puzzling about how. If Miss Davis takes hold of the Missionary work it will prosper."

E. A. D.

### LETTER FROM REV. MR. KIRBY.

(Continued.)

Sometimes old men like to become boys; see this story I have taken from an old paper:

A BOY AGAIN.

"Sometimes an old man becomes a boy again, though too smart to drop into his second childhood. An illustration of this pleasant tendency was given, not many months since, by an old man with several million dollars.

He was in the habit of prowling around the office of the insurance company in which he was a director. One day as he was investigating, he happened to come across the dinner-pail of the office boy. His curiosity led him to take off the cover. A slice of home-made bread, two doughnuts, and a piece of apple pie tempted the millionaire's appetite. He became a boy again, and the dinner-pail seemed the one he had carried sixty years ago.

Just then the office-boy came in and surprised the old man eating the pie.

"That's my dinner you're eating!" exclaimed the boy indignantly.

"Yes, sonny, I suspect it may be; but it's a first-rate one, for all that. I've not eaten so good a one for sixty years."

"There," he added, as he finished the pie, "take that and go out and buy yourself a dinner, but you won't eat as good a one," and he handed the boy a five dollar bill.

For days after the old man kept referring to the first-class dinner he had eaten from the boy's pail."

Now that rich man thought it was worth five dollars to be a boy again and eat a boy's dinner. If that boy only did the very least he ought and gave a tenth of that to the Mission Band, how much would he have left for himself? And how much would he have given to Missions? I cannot wait for an answer, but you can tell in the next meeting of your Band to your leaders.

Here let me close with a short recitation.

### BE TRUE.

Thou must be true thyself,  
If thou the truth wouldst teach;  
Thy soul must overflow, if thou  
Another's soul would reach;  
It needs the overflow of heart  
To give the lips full speech.  
Think truly, and thy thoughts  
Shall the world's famine feed;  
Speak truly, and each word of thine  
Shall be a fruitful seed;  
Live truly, and thy life shall be  
A great and noble creed.

—Horatio Bonar.

Good bye, "that's enough for this time," as the cow said who ate the cow-boy's straw hat for her breakfast.

Charlottetown.

### LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

#### N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BAND NOTES.

The Report Cards received this quarter have in most instances brought encouraging news. The monthly meetings have been interesting, and the average attendance good. Some, however, have difficulties and discouragements. Will not those Bands that are strong pray for the weak ones that they may not grow faint and fall by the way? *United prayer* will prevail.

"Dawning Light," Murray Harbour, held an entertainment and social at Easter. Amount raised \$18.20.

Montague "Loyal Workers" have increased their funds this quarter by \$7.00.

J. T.

N. B. AND P. E. I. BANDS, ATTENTION!—All Bands competing for the Banner will kindly send in their reports not later than Sept. 1st. No reports will be received after that date.

IRENE TURNER.

#### NOVA SCOTIA BAND NOTES.

"Sunshine" Band, Digby, gave a concert in April, making \$38.90. They now have a membership of 44. "Bonair" Band, Upper Port La Tour, is increasing in members and interest.

Lively and interesting meetings are reported from Charles St. C. M. S. Church, Halifax.

The Secretary of "Coralline" Mission Circle, Halifax, writes: "From our Easter offerings we gained \$28.20. Our meetings have been both interesting and helpful.

We are glad to hear that the "Morning Star" Band, Musquodoboit, which was nearly broken up during the winter, by sickness, is rallying again.

The "Rope Holders," of Bear River, are very busy making an autograph quilt, from which the sum of \$8.00 has been realized. They have also held a tea, at which they raised \$2.75. M. E. B., Cor.-Sec.

#### BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

The "Happy Workers" Mission Circle, Eden church, Salem circuit, made quite a lot for Missions through thank-offering and talent money. They also made a quilt and sent with the W. M. S. box. They always carried out the programme questions and enjoyed them much. We hope to hear of the continued prosperity of this Band.