

LETTER FROM REV. MR. KIRBY.

HERE we are again, dear children of the PALM BRANCH," as the mayflower said to the sunbeams on a bright May morning. May always follows April, but mayflowers often get ahead of May, as they have this year over on this "tight little Isle." I am glad the flowers are coming. I love the Spring, don't you? Winter is nice, and skating, sledding, tobogganing, are all good, but ugh! how Jack frost does bite! But spring! beautiful spring, with warm sunshine, springing grass, buttercups and daisies, birds singing, lambs skipping, and foals running by the side of the old mother, and all the rest of the good things of springtime. Why who can help loving spring! And springtime of life is youth! You are in the spring, and your lives should be sunny and bright, and happy. Don't be afraid to laugh if you want to, God made us capable of laughing, and singing, and playing, and expects us to be as happy as the birds, and as cheerful as the sunshine. Some old people don't like to see us boys and girls laugh and enjoy ourselves, and particularly if we are members of the church.

A boy named Daniel, and called by everybody who knew him Dan'el, joined the church and was very happy. He believed he was saved, and this thought made him very happy indeed. One day he was unusually hilarious, he was just jumping over everything. He put up a fence pole and jumped it, then another and got safely over that, then another, and it was too high, so poor Daniel struck his toe against the top pole and fell down. He hurt his leg and arm and was crying, when the old class leader came along and looking at the boy said: "Ah! that's the way God punishes naughty boys. You a member of the church Dan'el and acting so foolish, no wonder you fell" This did not comfort the boy very much, so he ran in doors to find his mother. He soon told her all about his trouble, and asked, "was it wrong mother?" "I was so happy I didn't know what to do." His mother was a good Christian woman, and she told him that she did not think it foolish or wrong—that God meant him to show his happiness so that other boys might want to love Him too.

Charlottetown.

W. J. KIRBY.

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LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

BAY OF QUINTE BAND NOTES.

Miss L. B., of Orono, writes:—We are making an autograph quilt and expect to sell it soon. In our meetings we have taken up the "Watch Tower." One boy is taking up Japan for an essay; another China, another French work, and another Indian work. Wishing you success in behalf of our Band.

Lindsay, (Queen street), Miss I. Totten writes:—The members of "Wayside Gleaners" in December sent a box of warm clothing to the Aderville Indians, valued at \$18.00, have added one life-member and sent Mrs. Copeland \$5.85. Mite-boxes will be opened in Octo-

ber when we hope to send a good deal more. We are preparing for a picnic, from which we hope to make a nice amount. Great interest prevails.

Napance, Miss Pearl Perry, Cor-Sec, writes: Napance Mission Band on Saturday, May 16th., sent the Supply Committee a box of bedding and useful articles of clothing, which will be forwarded to one of the Homes in the North West if Mrs. Briggs thinks it advisable. M. G. H.

N. S. BAND NOTES.

The Secretary of Woodlawn Mission Band writes: The ladies of our church are planning for a sale the first of July, and on that occasion we are going to have a Doll Sale which will represent the "Old Woman in the Shoe," when the sale will take place with the dolls for children. Intend having our youngest member in the shoe.

The "Cheerful Givers," Guysboro, are busy making a quilt for the Supply Committee.

Though "Ieh dien" Mission Band, Port La Tour, is small, much interest is shown in the work. Two of the members are collecting in Mission boxes to be opened in July. Others have begun an outline quilt, which they hope to sell when finished. They have fourteen subscribers for PALM BRANCH.

M. E. B., Cor-Sec.

The members of the "Little Helpers" Mission Band, Barrington, were both surprised and delighted at their last meeting, on receiving a donation from three of their number, which was a great help in increasing the funds of the treasury. It was afterwards learned—not from them—that, for some time, these three little sisters had been saving for a bicycle, but becoming greatly interested in their little Indian girl, "Theresa", they voluntarily brought their savings to be given with the money towards her support. This act of self-denial was prompted purely by unselfishness and love. Does it not contain a lesson for many older ones?

"A little child shall lead them."

M. S. I.

HAMILTON BRANCH.

C. S., Cor-Sec. of Wilsonville Thanksgiving Band writes:—For the first time since we organized, our Thanksgiving Band mourns the death of one of its members. On Saturday, May 23rd, little Mary Riddle, aged 10 years and nine months, was called Home after a severe illness of eight days. She was a member of our Band for two years, and was nearly always with us at the meetings, an attentive and interested listener. Two weeks before her death, while yet in apparent health, she gave her last testimony for Jesus, "I know my sins are all forgiven, and I am ready to go whenever God calls me." On Monday, May 25th., with sad hearts and tearful eyes, we laid to rest all that was mortal of our little sister, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection.