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DECEMBER, 1894.

We have come again to the last month of another year! We are standing on solemn ground. Another milestone of life is to be passed! Ere we pass it let each one ask the question, What have I done with this year which is about to be taken out of my life and story? Has it been spent for self or for God? Have I tried to please myself only, or have I sought to make this wide world just a little better because I have lived in it?

Our paper this month is largely made up of reports from Branch and Board. If this does not satisfy you please remember that your contributions would have made it better.

Contributions must be here by the 10th of the month, if we would make the "Field Study" available for the bands.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!

Our year has now expired, the first year of the existence of the PALM BRANCH as our W. M. S. Band paper. Will our subscribers who began with the year—with the January number—and intend to renew it, please do so at once, before December 15th, that we may know how we stand.

After the first of the year subscriptions will only be taken quarterly, April, July and October.

You will see we have no "Field Study" this month. The reason is obvious. We wish to begin the year right, and have the January "Study" in the January number. We hope to have our paper issued in time to satisfy all the bands.

It was decided at Board meeting that PALM BRANCH should be 15cts. per single yearly copies, and 10cts. for clubs of 10 or more.

All subscribers not receiving paper regularly will please communicate with the Editor.

Will the new Corresponding Secretaries please send names and addresses?

Band Echoes from Branch.

On Monday, October 1st, a pleasant party of delegates, representing Auxiliaries and Bands of New Brunswick, met at Point du Chene to take the fine steamer "Northumberland" for P. E. Island where the annual meeting of the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch of the W. M. S. was about to be held.

After an agreeable passage across the Strait we landed at the pretty town of Summerside, where we were met and cordially greeted by the billeting committee who did their utmost to get us all comfortably settled in homes where we were most hospitably entertained.

I have said the pretty town of Summerside, but its beauty was only seen at rare intervals during the very few hours of sunshine vouchsafed us; for you must know that the rain, which so often dampens our zeal or tests our faith, on lesser Missionary occasions, came down with a will every day and hour of our stay; but for all that we had a good time!

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There were sixty eight delegates altogether, I cannot tell you how many from bands, but enough to look after their interests, you may be sure. The reports from the various bands were very interesting, though many of them spoke of great difficulties in the work to be overcome, especially in country circuits, but on the whole the outlook is cheering and we shall look for still better things this year. The President's address was excellent, reviewing the work of the year, and showing need for greater zeal in the future. The Band Cor. Sec's report was as follows: 53 bands; 3 names fallen out; an increase of 5; 1,187 band members; increase 215; life members 32; increase 8; amount raised during the year \$1,332.88, increase \$5.08. The "discouraged workers" hour was ushered in by a very bright paper read by Mrs. Turner of Pownal, P. E. I. who is now your Band Cor. Sec. She and several other hopeful sisters made that hour one of encouragement instead. Their bright faces beamed a benediction. When one of them, after telling us of the anxiety she felt when most of her older members of a promising band went over to another organization, smilingly assured us "But we know it is all right, all for the best, for we can now turn our attention more fully to the little ones," a sympathetic laugh went round and we voted her a comforter. * * * * *

Band modes of work were discussed. One lady in