

## NOTES FROM THE BRANCHES.

## N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BRANCHES.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

Will the Band members please note that the Banner for this year will be given to the Band having the largest percentage of attendance at regular meetings held from Jan. 15th to Sept. 15th. The following are the rules: 1st. At least ten such meetings must be held between those dates. 2nd. Pres. or Vice-Pres. to keep a record of attendance on separate sheet duplicate of page in Rec.-Sec's. book. 3rd. Roll call by Rec.-Sec. as usual. Attendance to be marked in book. 4th. Second roll call before closing by Pres. or Vice-Pres. Attendance to be marked on duplicate sheet. 5th. Attendance sheet signed by Rec.-Sec., Pres. and Vice-Pres., to be sent to Com as report. 6th. No report will be received after Sept. 15th.

By order of Com.

MRS. W. B. THOMAS.

Miss J. K. Watts, Cor. Sec. of the Woodstock Band writes:—The Woodstock Mission Band held a successful concert in the basement of the church on the evening of the 12th. of January. The exercises consisted of singing and recitations, after which a collection was taken up which amounted to about \$7.00. We hope if possible this month to organize a sewing circle to aid us in the work.

We are always glad to hear from this Band as it was one of the very first to patronize the PALM BRANCH, taking 50 copies. We wish it all prosperity.

Mt. Allison Mission Band reports less members than last year, but all seem interested in missionary work, and are ready to help in every way. Miss Hart, from Japan, attends the meetings and now and then talks with them of her work in the "land of the rising sun." One of the teachers, who is an earnest Band worker, sometimes gives a blackboard exercise on the different mission fields, thus a clear systematic idea of the work is gained. Though all the members are busy with their studies they seem ready to give their spare moments to Band work.

I. T.

## N. S. BAND NOTES.

An encouraging report has been received from "What I Can" Band of Pictou. Their older girls are sewing for a basket, from which things are sold among their friends. A public meeting was held in January, at which the children acquitted themselves most creditably. The receipts amounted to \$5.00.

The "Cheerful Givers" of Guysboro held a little sale before Xmas, and realized \$6.50 therefrom.

The "Large Hart" Band at Burlington recently made \$3.55 from a lecture given by their pastor Rev. J. G. Angwin, on the life of John Wesley.

At Middleton the "Happy Workers" are doing good work, but "Parbar Westward"—the children's Band—is still suffering from the removal of its en-

getic president Mrs. Gee. The former Band cleared \$20 at a Christmas sale, and is about preparing for an Easter service.

The "Cunningham" Band of Canso, having been obliged to suspend work for a time, owing to the absence of the superintendent, is now making up for lost time by holding weekly meetings. Members are preparing to assist with a public Auxiliary meeting, and later intend having a missionary concert of their own.

Miss Mary Burgess, Cor.-Sec., writes:—The members of the "Wesley-Centennial" Mission Band, Cheverie, N. S., have been making "holders" during the winter. A part of the time of each meeting is spent in sewing. Some of the holders they have already sold which has added about \$2.50 to our treasury. We have as yet only four subscribers to PALM BRANCH for this year, but we hope the number will increase during the Spring.

At this season of the year there are many things to prevent the work being carried on regularly, but all report a determination to persevere, and do what they can, even though in some cases the results may seem small. We hope to hear from every Band even though there may not be very much to report.

A. F. B.

## TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Wm. B. Mutart, Rec.-Sec. of the Parkdale, Toronto, Sunbeam Mission Circle writes: Our Circle held a very interesting public meeting in January, consisting of essays on missionary topics, readings, music, vocal and instrumental. The pastor, and the chairman (one of our class leaders) each gave an address, expressing their approval of our work. This Circle has held five regular meetings since its re-organization in Oct. Has a membership of twenty-eight, an average attendance of twenty. A committee of six changed quarterly, (one member being retained), arranges the work and smaller circles of five formulate plans. We have the nucleus of a circulating library, in the form of leaflets on missionary themes. A box of clothing etc., is being prepared, to be forwarded to Rev. J. Semmons, principal of Brandon Indian Institute. Very good essays on the following topics have been written: "Origin of W. M. S.," by Ida M. M. M.; "French Canadian Evangelization," Powell Hamilton; "Why are we Protestants," Percy Biggs; "Punishment of the Chinese," Minnie Glendinning; "Government of China," Almer Stoneham; "Music of China," Olive Clemes; "Geography of China," Powell Hamilton; "Architecture of China," Flossie Welch; "Religion of the Chinese," Joe Cather; "People of China," Rubie Smith.

A. M. B.

We have received a report of the Parkdale Mission Circle from the Cor.-Sec., but as we have already in this number a full account of this enterprising Band we have not room for more. She kindly sends greetings to all the Circles and Bands in the Dominion.