

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

N. B. and P. E. I. Branch.

In March a Mission Band was organized at Leonardville, N. B., by Miss Beatrice Duke. Ten members were enrolled. The name chosen was the "Veazey" Mission Band. Miss Annie Conley was elected president and Miss Minnie Conley corresponding secretary.

The quarterly report cards for the quarter ending June 15th, which have been received, have, in nearly all cases, been most encouraging. "Kensington" Band held a concert and ice cream social, realizing \$14.09. "Ready Helpers," Sackville, report interest increasing. Plans are being made for a parlor meeting during the holidays. Other efforts are also being made to increase the funds. "Friendly Workers," Jacksonville, writes:—We have very interesting meetings, and our love for mission work is increasing. "Happy Workers," Summerside, have divided their band into social, literary and lookout committees, giving each committee special work to do, and they find that this method works well.

A very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent at the Methodist parsonage, Gibson, on Thursday, July 7th, when the "Active Workers" Mission Band of Marysville joined some interested band workers of Gibson in a union meeting and picnic. Mrs. Turner, the hostess, was ably assisted by Mrs. A. Rowley, president of the "Active Workers." After the meeting, at which Rev. Mr. Turner gave an interesting talk, the children repaired to the lawn, where they were entertained by refreshments and games. The two bands numbered about fifty members.

J. T.

Nova Scotia Branch.

Berwick.—The secretary of "Royal Workers'" Band writes:—"In looking over our year's work we feel encouraged. We have a membership of twenty-two, with one life and two honorary members, and an average attendance of fourteen. Our meetings have been held regularly, and though our funds have not come up to the sum we should like, yet we have raised twelve dollars so far this year. We take ten copies of the Palm Branch, and are much pleased with it."

Wilmot.—The secretary of "Picquet Guard" Band writes:—"Our Band is in a fairly prosperous condition. The members all seem to be interested, and look forward with pleasurable anticipations to our fortnightly meetings. Our literary committee strives to have a pleasing and instructive programme at each meeting. The average attendance is twenty-one. Our band supports the Indian girl, Emily Sewell, in the Coqualeetza Home."

Gabarus.—The "Stepping Forward" Band reports regular meetings, and five new members.

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M. BRAINE.

Miss Edna McPhee, cor. sec. "Atherley" Mission Band writes:—

We are pleased to report that on May 9th, 1898, a Mission Band was organized in the basement of the Atherley Methodist church by Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Buckler. Twenty joined, and since then four have been added to our numbers.

We meet every two weeks on Monday afternoon immediately after four o'clock, every second meeting being a temperance meeting. In the election of officers the boys shared equally with the girls. We also make use of our vice-presidents, each one in turn being expected to take charge of a meeting. The meetings are very inspiring, and perhaps you might like to know our order. We aim at being through in one hour. Have our programme all written out before.

Order of meeting:—

Song—By the Band.

Prayer (short)—By L. Director and 3 or 4 boys and girls.

Song—1 verse by the Band.

Sentence prayers—5 or 6, or more, boys and girls.

Collection—Fee, 1c. a meeting.

Roll call—Each child responds by a verse of Scripture.

Report from flower and fruit committee—Two or three children appointed to each street to look after sick.

Report from Palm Branch—11 subscriptions received.

Programme:—

Song—Solo.

Map—Country assigned; 3 minute paper on country assigned.

Facts—Several children.

Benediction.

If our report be too long pardon us and condense. We are busy making a quilt, having special day for sewing.

(We cannot locate this report, not having been able to discover to what Branch it belongs. We do not usually print programmes, not having room for them, but as there are few Band notes this month we make an exception of this case).

OUR NEW GOLD PIN.

The Literature Committee has just completed arrangements for our W. M. S. and Mission Band Pins in gold for life-members. The star is attached by links to a pin which is stopped by a small gold ball, and makes a very suitable gift for a life-member. The pins are \$3.50 each, and the order is to be accompanied by a voucher of life-membership from the Recording Secretary of the Auxiliary or Band to which the member belongs. It will be well to order at least three weeks in advance, to allow time for correspondence and unforeseen delays.

The Literature Committee regrets that it has been found necessary to increase the price of the silver Mission Band Pin to 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz. Please enclose the usual two cents for postage and wrapping,