

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

On Jan. 15th a mission band consisting of 25 girls was organized in Ocellia, Ont. by Mrs. W. R. Barker, wife of the minister there. The officers are as follows: Pres., Miss Cameron; vice Pres., Misses Smith and Vennor; Secy, Miss Eva Whiston; Treas Miss Laura Curran.

Brampton mission Circle did not take up work until December on account of revival services being held in the church, conducted by Revs. Crossley and Hunter. As a result of their labors 200 have joined the church, and the circle is going to work with renewed vigor, expecting a large number of young people to join with them in missionary work.

Brampton mission Band reports 12 new members making in all 49, with life members. Each member of the band has taken the name of a Missionary and when the roll is called answers to this new name with a verse of Scripture.

Toronto, Carleton St. mission circle spent a pleasant evening at the home of their president, Mrs. Hough, on Jan. 29th. The evening was very stormy and there was some disappointment as to speakers. Missionary readings were given, and the social feeling promoted by partaking of light refreshments. This band sent a box to Trout Creek and a letter of thanks was read from the pastor in charge.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

For many reasons mission band correspondence has been almost at a stand still of late, but we hope and believe that the work has been carried on none the less faithfully, and trust that soon every band will be heard from. Those letters which have come in give evidence of continued interest. It is rumored that we may expect to hear of a new band at Springhill before long. We hope we may not be disappointed.

Nictaux has an increase of members to assist in holding the ropes.

Truro band which has a junior and senior division gave in December, a "Light and Darkness" entertainment, which, with the sale of ice-cream and home-made candy at its close, netted \$26.00.

Bear River band was entertained recently by a tea at the home of Mrs. W. G. Clarke. The members with commendable enterprise each earned five cents, paid for their tea, and thus added seventy five cents to their treasury. The interest of this gathering was further enriched by a letter from Mrs. Alexander of Japan.

Annapolis was organized within the last few months and is reported as being in good working order.

In order to insure a successful year, a good rule for us to follow during the remaining months is to "pray as if everything depended upon God and work as if everything depended upon ourselves."

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How Ellen went to Port Simpson.

HER OWN STORY.

One day I was on the street in Vancouver playing, where we girls often played; I did not always live on this street, because I did not have a home like the other girls. Sometimes I lived with Mary Ann, but she used to drink and then she was cross; often she would beat me, and shut me out of doors. If it was day time I did not mind, but at night I had to hunt about for some place to sleep. I liked better to live on this street with Aunt Jane, only she was often sick and then we did not have much to eat. When she was well, she went away all day, working I guess, but I could play and go where I wanted to. We girls were having a great game when Aunt Jane came out where we were and calling me to her said to a strange man beside her, "This is the child." The man spoke very kindly to me, and asked me if I would like to go to school? He said he had a Home where there were a number of girls like me, who went to school and besides learned many other things. I had never been in school but had heard one of the girls tell of a school she had gone to for a while, and she liked it so I thought it might be nice to go. So I said "Yes I would like to go." I had only a few clothes, Aunt Jane made them into a bundle and I went with the missionary.

We went on board a large boat that goes to Victoria. It was a very grand boat, but I did not see very much of it as the man told me I must not run around, I was very tired keeping still and it was almost dark, when the missionary said we were at Victoria. The boat had stopped so we got out and went to a house where we had tea. It was a very nice tea, nicer than ever I had before. After tea we went to another boat, not quite so large as the one we came over in, but almost as nice. The missionary said this boat would take me to Port Simpson where the school was and there was a lady on board the boat who would look after me. We went on board, met the lady, she showed me a little room with 1. clean beds in it and told me I had better go to bed, I was glad to go to bed for it was quite late and I felt very tired.

I did not wake till next morning, after day light I heard a bell ringing so jumped out of bed, found the boat was going, I put on my clothes and peeped into the cabin. Just as I did so the lady came out of her room; she asked me if I was "all dressed?" I said "yes." "Oh!" she said "you did not fix your hair, did you wash your face?" I said "no I forgot" so she made me wash very clean and helped me fix my hair. When this was done another bell rang, the lady said breakfast was ready, so we went out to the table. There were a lot of people at the table but my seat was at the end next to the lady's.

(CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.)