

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Nova Scotia Branch.

The "Reapers" Mission Circle, Halifax North: "At the beginning of the year it was thought best that, if possible, our money for missions should be raised without the aid of concerts, etc. In addition to our mite boxes, over forty envelopes have been given out. Each envelope contains twelve small ones, into one of which something is put each month, and brought to the meeting.

"At Easter each member was provided with a card marked off into spaces, each space representing five cents. Our Easter offering amounted to \$22.36."

The "King's Own" Band, Avondale, and the "Bonair" Band, Upper Port La Tour, have become Circles, having a membership of thirty-five and fifty-seven respectively.

A band was organized at Granville Ferry on June 8th, called the "Veazey" Band, with a membership of fourteen.

MARCIA BRAINE, Halifax.

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

N. B. and P. E. I. Branch has not reported this month. By the way, we would like to hear news of the "Veazey" Band lately organized at Leonardville, Deer Island, N. B.

N. W. and Manitoba Branch.

Mrs. Jno. Bellamy, Master Herbie Bellamy, president of the Moose Jaw Methodist Mission Band, and Mrs. H. U. Rorison returned home on Saturday from attending the Winnipeg Conference. Herbie had a very pleasant time at Winnipeg, and was introduced by the Rev. Mr. Ferrier to the whole conference, which took great interest in this little missionary worker.

Mission Band Meeting.

A meeting of the Moosejaw Methodist Mission Band was held last night to hear the report of the delegates sent to the Winnipeg conference. This little band has for its president little Herbie Bellamy, who has not the use of his arms, but who is showing his love for his Master by doing a good work for the missionary cause. The band is supporting a boy in one of the colleges of Japan, who is being educated for a missionary. He is sixteen years old, but has only been in school for two years. Samples of his work were presented to each little member of the band, and the following letters were read:

12 Nibache, Hondamachi, 23, 1898.

To the Mission Band,—

I want try to write letter to you very much. But I cannot that. I only learning Swinton 2nd Reader now. I do not know how to

write. I am now at Kanazawa Kojun safe and well. I am going to school. I like to learn. I get fun by learn. I kindness and I feel very "arigatakn" (thankful). I sweet write letters. I very often will write.

N. NISKINO.

12 Nibache, Hondamachi, 23, 1898.

Dear Herbie San.—I heard about you very, very often. I cannot forget your kindness. I am sorry you are not see you face to face. But God know both. So I am very glad to think his love. He will help you sure. By your favor I can read, write and do several other things. I "Koto yonen sei now" (fourth year of Koto). I will over my school next year. I have received many, many things from you until now, I thank you for all "Yoroshiku" (love) to all.

N. NISKINO.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the receiving of a beautiful red silk banner, and on it the motto, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," neatly worked in white, which was presented to the band by the Winnipeg Conference for the highest percentage of increase in the amount raised and number of members over last year. The percentage was 240.

ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Centenary Mission Band in connection with George Street Methodist Church is endeavoring to do what it can in helping along the great work of bringing those who are in heathen darkness into light.

The Band has thirty-five members, and there are also a number of little girls and boys too small to attend, who are called "Light Bearers." The meetings are held on the first Friday in every month, and the study of the suggested subject forms part of the programme.

A good many of the members take the Palm Branch, and find it very interesting. So far this year the amount of money raised has been about \$60.00. Part of this has been gathered from collections taken at public meetings, which are held every three months, and part from the givings of the members.

The last public meeting, which was held on the Queen's Birthday, was quite a success. The programme was interesting, the congregation good and the members were greatly encouraged in their work.

A. D.

For the weary, wayworn traveller,
Journeying onward in the road
Leading from this world of sorrow
To his Father's blest abode,
There's a Light that's shining ever,
Which will lend him all its glow,
'Tis the gentle Christ, our Saviour,
He who loved us long ago.

For the little child that wanders
In the earth, so sad and lone,
And whose heart is ever craving
Love which he can call his own,
There's a Father, far exceeding
In His love all friends below,
'Tis the loving Christ, our Saviour,
He who loved us long ago.

—Translated from the Spanish by S. B. H.