

## THE PALM BRANCH.

### LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

#### HAMILTON BRANCH.

Miss Jessie Watts, Cor.-Sec., Walsh, Ont., writes: Our "Cheerful Workers" Mission Band has been organized about a year and six months. We have, on an average, about fifteen members at our meetings, which take place once a month. Since our organization we have had two concerts and the proceeds we received were fairly good. We made one quilt which we sold for \$3.00, also some iron-holders for which we made quite a lot. A short time ago we had here a Persian who lectured to a large crowd on his native country Persia. The lecture was splendid and we learned a great deal about the savage way in which the people there live. There is great need of missionaries being sent there to teach the people the right way to live. We all like your PALM BRANCH very much and think every Band should send in some items of news to make it still more interesting.

#### N. S. BAND NOTES.

We have many words of cheer from the Bands and Circles this month.

The "Golden Rule" Circle, Dartmouth, writes: "We are preparing for a fancy sale to come off in the early part of the summer. Have six new members this year and have adopted the "Talent" scheme, thereby hoping to increase our funds. Take fifteen copies of the PALM BRANCH, and with such a competent president as Mrs. Rankin, we will no doubt do a good year's work."

The "Earnest Gleaners" of Yarmouth, held a 'Birthday Party' in January, at which they made over \$31.00. They report good attendance and a large number of new members.

The "Morning Star" Band, Musquodoboit, owing to prevalence of measles and scarlet fever, have been unable to hold regular meetings. At a sale held in December they raised \$5.00.

"Lone Star" Band, Hamilton, Bermuda, says: "We were pleased to have quite a number of visitors at our March meeting, among whom was Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Hunter, who favored us with an address."

We are glad to hear that the interest is increasing among the "Willing Workers," Maccan.

"Coraline" Mission Circle, Halifax, has just held a very successful 'Birthday Party,' from which over \$60.00 was realized.

The "Little Helpers," Barrington, held a public meeting on March 4th, consisting of singing, recitations and exercises, which added \$3.61 to their treasury.

"Bonair" Band, Upper Port La Tour, is making excellent progress, attendance good, averaging 34, and new members are being added every month.

"Rope Holders" Band, Bear River, realized \$3.00 at their public meeting.

The President of "Silver Stream" Mission Band, Shelburne, sent a box to the Supply Committee, Halifax, some time ago, containing among other things a quilt made by two members of the Mission Band. They are now planning new work for the near future.

At a concert given March 26th, by "Buds of Promise" Band, Dartmouth, over \$26.00 was realized.

"Wesley Centennial" Band, Cheverie, reports: "From a tea, held in connection with the Sabbath school, \$3.90 was raised for Missions."

"Rays of Light" Band, Amherst, gave a public entertainment not long ago. A silver collection was taken which amounted to \$12.50.

Charles St. Circle, Halifax, reports the interest of their meetings steadily growing, membership increasing. M. E. B., Cor.-Sec.

#### BAY OF QUINTE BAND NOTES.

A Mission has been organized at East Manilla called "Nightingale."

Cor.-Sec., Miss Amy White, Peterboro, "Light Bearers," reports unremitting work with good meetings. A Social and Bazaar held before Christmas netted \$21.00.

Lindsay, "Excelsior." In December a bale of bedding and clothing, valued at \$15.00 was sent to Manitoba. In February a bale worth \$12.00 was sent to Hiawatha. A missionary entertainment, at which a collection was taken, amounted to \$10.58. A fee is never charged at the entertainments held in the interests of this Band as they do not wish to debar anyone from the good that may be derived from them.

Lindsay "Cheerful Workers" meet on alternate Saturday afternoons. At each meeting the time has been spent working on quilts, to be sold to increase their treasury. A collection at a lecture given by Rev. Mr. Cassidy is for the same purpose. This juvenile Band assists the senior Band to support a Chinese girl in British Columbia.

Napance Juvenile Band is doing well. An entertainment given the 3rd inst., by the members, was a great success. A large audience greeted the little ones. The boys won all hearts by their clear voices and manly bearing. The girls rendered dialogues, recitations, and choruses, in charming style and received encores. The evening netted the Band \$18.00 clear of all expense.

Smithville reports an average attendance of 33 during quarter.

Foxboro reports three new members during quarter. M. G. H.

L. J. Payne, Cor.-Sec., writes:—The record of the Tete-a-Gouche Band has not been quite all we would desire for the past year. Circumstances have not been very favorable to a thoroughly successful working, but we hope that this year will be a marked improvement to this end. We trust every member will feel her personal responsibility to retrieve the past. The Band opened the new year of mission work by an 'At Home,' to which the parents were invited. An unusually good programme was provided, music, readings and recitations. At the close of the entertainment refreshments of cake and coffee were served and a social time enjoyed by all. Our membership has increased and it is our prayer that the money we have raised may be owned and blessed of God, and that our Band may be a light to shine into dark places and will prove the power of God unto salvation.

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