

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

CAPE NEGRO.—"Our band is quite small, but we have had six new members this year. On Easter Sunday we held our Easter service in the church, which was prettily decorated with evergreens and potted plants, the centre of the platform having an arch to represent "the tomb." Members of the W. M. S. assisted us to carry out our programme, "Light from the Tomb." A collection in aid of the "Jennie Ford" Home was taken up at the close, amounting to \$3.39.

DARTMOUTH.—"The Buds of Promise" Band has a membership of 66, and an average attendance for this year of 45. For the last two years, from May to October we have supplied the Church with flowers every Sunday. In March we held a concert, at which we realized \$30.00. The Palm Branch has been taken in our hand for two years, and we are delighted with it."

BERMUDA.—The "Lone Star" Band reports an average attendance of twenty-six, and a growing interest in the cause of missions.

MARCIA B. BRAINE,
Band Secretary.

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BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.—We are pleased to report a new M. Band organized at Davis Church, Demorestville Circuit, named "Day Star," Cor.-Sec., Miss Jennie Fritz. Albert College M. Band reports a new life member, Miss Lillie J. Joice. Simcoe Sa., Oshawa, M. Band reports two new members.

M. G. HAWLEY.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.—Mrs. Reynolds, of Winchester, Ont., writes:

The Rosevier (juvenile) Mission Band, under the able management of Mrs. J. A. Challies, is in an encouraging condition. With the reduction of the fee we find our membership largely increased, and the average attendance for the present year is twenty. On Easter Monday evening we gave an entertainment, the members of the band furnishing a part of the programme, music and recitations, etc., after which Miss Spence gave an address on the work in B. C., and the choir gave selections. A collection amounting to \$10.72 was taken, in aid of the Jennie Ford Home

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH.—Miss Mary M. Robb, Cor.-Sec. of the West London Mission Circle, writes:

Dear Editor,—This year we report 43 members, five life members. During the last quarter we have been raising money for the Jennie Ford Home, by talent, self-denial or thank offering, and are pleased to report \$30.89. The success has more than crowned our efforts, and we have decided to continue to work in this way for the mission.

HAMILTON BRANCH.—Miss J. M. McGreary, M. B., Cor.-Sec., writes:

I am so glad to be able to give a most encouraging report of the Mission Band and Circle work in this branch the past quarter. Good news comes from every direction. Two new circles have been organized in the Paisley District. This makes three new circles organized this year, the first having already fifty members. The Easter thank offering for the Jennie Ford Orphanage has been a wonderful source of inspiration, and a great deal of interest has been aroused all over the branch. Several volunteer subscriptions from individuals and from Epworth Leagues have already been received for the same cause. Following are a few selected items from reports received from various bands and circles:

Port Dover Mission Band.—Sixty members, great interest in work. Every member, even four year olds, taking part in meetings. A certain sum requested for Easter offering, and four times the amount received.

Guelph Mission Band.—President writes: "Through the ten cent fee have been able to instruct twice as many children, and bring missionary work and literature into many more homes than could otherwise have been done. We are already planning for a new line of work in September, and are aiming at the support of a girl in one of the schools.

Waterford Mission Band.—Average attendance, fifty; much interest. President subscribes for a number of Palm Branches and distributes among children. Fees collected in mite boxes.

Many others have to be withheld which are just as encouraging and satisfactory. We are also very thankful to find that mission band work was given a place on many of the District Convention programmes.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

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

Miss Maud E. Hannah, Cor.-Sec., write:

The Star Mission Circle of Exmouth Street Church, St. John, held a musical and literary entertainment in the school room on May 17th. We consider the concert was a success in every way; and we were able to increase our financial standing by at least \$25, the proceeds of the entertainment. Another entertainment of somewhat different character is at present under discussion.

Miss Jean Clark, Newcastle, writes: "Our Mission Band was reorganized by Mrs. Thos. A. Clarke on Nov. 19th, 1897, under the name of the "Newcastle Mission Band of United Workers." We began with twelve members, and now have twenty-nine. We formed a "Watch Tower," which is very instructive, and take ten copies of "Palm Branch. Our meetings are held fortnightly. The officers are Miss Annie McLeod, Pres.; Miss Georgie Harrison, Vice-Pres.; Annie Clarke, Treas.; Bessie Crocker, Rec.-Sec.; Jean Clark Cor.-Sec."