

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

## N. S. BAND NOTES.

E. Brooks, Cor.-Sec., Avondale writes:—The "King's Own" Mission Band has sustained a grievous loss in the death of their much loved president, Mrs. J. H. Davis. Truly "as she went on her way the Angel of the Lord met her" and took her home to her father's house. She has passed,

"Out of the strain of the Doing  
Into the peace of the Done,  
Out of the thirst of Pursuing  
Into the rapture of Won.  
Out of grey mists into brightness,  
Out of pale dusk into dawn,  
Out of all wrong into rightness,  
She from these fields has gone.  
"Nay," say the saints, *'not gone, but come*  
Into Eternity's Harvest Home."

We are left with the example of a beautiful Christian life before us, and the strong hope of one day meeting her in the land to which she has gone.

The "Happy Thought" Band, Yarmouth, has been retarded in its work by the sickness of the president, but now that she has recovered, the meetings will continue as before.

WILL THE BANDS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that those who have not returned the Report Cards for last quarter must do so AT ONCE! M. E. B., Cor.-Sec.

[In N. S. Band Notes, for February, some one is responsible for a slight mistake. In Bermuda notes occurs this sentence: "No regular meetings there." As a fact there have been three meetings held in the last quarter.]

## MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Miss Lily E. Paisley, Cor.-Sec., writes:—The Little Band of Workers took an active part in the convention which was held in the Littlewood Methodist church, Feb. 20th, in connection with the W. M. S. In the afternoon session the Band sang a piece, title, "Oh How we Pity Them," accompanied by their organist, Miss T. Hodgins. Mrs. Humphrey, of Parkhill, Ont., also delighted them with her sketch on the blackboard and questions which were answered by the Mission Band. They also sang a piece in the evening, title, "Gathering in the Sheaves." We are pleased to say that our Hon. President, Mrs. L. Hughes, is fast recovering her health.

## BAY OF QUINTE BAND NOTES.

In November a Mission Band was organized at Demorestville by Mrs. (Rev.) Buckler, called "The Sunbeam," with a membership of 13. Time of meeting, third Saturday in the month. Five meetings have been held, when the Field Study, in PALM BRANCH, was taken up. The last half hour of meeting was occupied in piecing blocks for a quilt for one of the Homes. Ten copies of PALM BRANCH are taken. Pres., Mrs. Buckler; Cor.-Sec., Miss Alma Johnson.

"Wayside Workers" Band, Lindsay, report the outlook for this year very encouraging. The attendance is good, average forty. Hazel Mitchell, not quite six years old, has been enrolled a life member. A box

of clothing, valued at twenty dollars, sent a missionary, was suitably acknowledged.

"Band of Workers," Bayside, report, shows fidelity and patient effort. New members are being added. A parlor social realized five dollars. The circulation of nine copies of PALM BRANCH is an impetus to the work. M. G. H.

## N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BAND NOTES.

Miss Lizzie Bowness, Cor.-Sec., writes:—The members of "Perseverance" Band, Bedeque, were entertained at the home of their president, Mrs. Vickerson, on Christmas night, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The offerings of the evening amounted to \$15.00. Our monthly meetings are pleasant and profitable, and we hope to have a very successful year. Our average attendance is 17.

## TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Barrie,—*"Binders"* reports nineteen members, all under fifteen years of age. The meetings are more interesting than ever before in their history, and one of the members walks two miles, every Monday, to the place of meeting.

Brampton,—*"Grace Church"* reports increase of members and interest, under the presidency of Mrs. (Rev.) Lanceley. Round cards were provided the members, with spaces marked for 25, 10, and 15 cent pieces, each card holding 50 cents altogether. There is a slight indentation under each space in which the money is glued, then a small piece of paper is pasted over it. The children are taking hold of this new plan with great enthusiasm. Early in the season Miss McGuffin, of Toronto, visited us, and gave a very interesting talk on China, and showed us some Chinese costumes and relics. Our own members music, recitations, etc.

Eglington,—*"Mission Band"* is doing well. A missionary evening, at the home of the secretary of the Auxiliary, was much enjoyed, and was most profitable. Several gave their names as subscribers for PALM BRANCH. In January, at the open quarterly meeting, there was a large attendance. At the close we had a marching song, and the whole Sabbath school, over a hundred, marched, headed by their teachers, and laid a tiny envelope, (distributed the week previous) in a basket; this was a New Year's offering to the dear Master, from loving hearts and hands. The Cycle of Prayer is most helpful. We all like the PALM BRANCH more and more."

Flesherton reports the Band getting along splendidly and new members are joining almost every meeting.

Markdale,—*"We hold our meetings after Sunday school, and arrange it so that the children themselves do almost everything, and they are willing and delighted to work, with hands and hearts. We have not yet decided upon a name, but hope by the next report we shall be christened. I noticed some pretty and appropriate names in the PALM BRANCH, which is a most welcome little messenger."*

Newmarket,—Secretary writes: "We had an entertainment, with which the ladies were so well pleased, that they asked us to repeat the programme at the next missionary prayer meeting." A. M. B.

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