

N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BRANCH.

"Cartmell" M. Band, Point de Bute, N. B., reports many difficulties in the way but a willingness to do what they can for the Master.

"Forest Home" M. Band, Tetegouche, N. B., reports a willingness to prepare a Xmas service. Difficulties have to be overcome but they are anxious to work and improve each opportunity for doing good.

Cornwall, P. E. I., Onward Mission Band, reports seven new members added to their number and an increased interest is manifested by the members. Preparation is now being made for a Christmas service.

Margate, P. E. I., Sunbeam M. Band is sending out its beams of light. Encouraged by their success last year, they are working to do even better this year.

Miss Maggie Vincent, Cor. Secretary of the Jessie Chipman Mission Band, St. John, N. B., writes: "A successful concert was held in our church on Thanksgiving evening. A programme consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues and choruses was well rendered by different members of the Band. At the close, ice-cream and refreshments were served. Monthly meetings are quite well attended. If possible we intend organizing a sewing circle to aid our work.

Centenary Church, St. John, N. B., King's Messengers M. Band meets every two weeks. The little girls bring Missionary pieces to read, recite or sing. Sometimes one of the ladies belonging to the W. M. Society meets with them and talks to them about the children of heathendom. These talks are much enjoyed by the members and increase the interest in missions.

Miss Inez Perkins, Cor. Secretary of the Centreville, Carleton Co., N. B., Mission Band, writes: We have a membership of thirty-eight and expect four more to join at our next meeting. We hope that our efforts will not only increase our funds but also our love for the Master and our interest in missions.

Sackville, N. B., Miss L. Hart, writes: "The Juvenile Mission Band held a very interesting public meeting on the 18th Dec., in the basement of the church. The exercises were varied, and great praise must be given to the young president, Miss N. Cope; and organist, Miss E. Trueman, who trained the children to perform so well their part in singing, recitation and sewing. The fancy articles were both pretty and useful. After the meeting closed these things, and home-made candy were sold. The entertainment was well attended and much enjoyed. The collection, offerings and sale realized a total of \$18.00.

Mrs. Alva White, Upper Keswick, N. B., writes: "Our Band held a parlor social at the home of our President, Mrs. Alex. Colter, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th. The programme consisted of music, vocal

and instrumental; recitations, readings, dialogues and speech by President. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. Collection amounted to \$4.60. The service was closed by singing, "The whole wide world for Jesus." Our Band is in a prosperous condition. Two new members were enrolled at last meeting.

Star Mission Band, Exmouth St., St. John, reports being unable to have a public Christmas service as the Auxiliary and Sabbath school each held services, but they provided provisions for some fifteen or twenty families and endeavored to carry the Xmas joy to the poor at home. The president elected was unable to fill her office, owing to illness, but at the last meeting Miss Cochrane decided to take the office and the outlook is more encouraging. Seven new members were enrolled at last meeting.

Wesley Mission Band, Charlottetown, P. E. I., held their annual social on Dec. 18th, which was spoken of by the "Press" as the most successful social ever given by Wesley Mission Circle. Every member felt an individual responsibility in making all present feel at home. Much credit is due to Mrs. Campbell for her enterprising ideas to make the social a success. Amount realized, \$26.00. I. TURNER

N. S. BAND NOTES.

Although all the Quarterly Report cards have not yet been returned, there are indications from those received that much interest is being taken and good work done. We hope to hear soon from every Band. The following from North Sydney speaks for itself: "On the evening of November 29th, our little Mission Band appeared before the public for the first time. The entertainment was of a purely missionary character, and was highly appreciated by the audience. The dialogue, 'How some little dollies came to be missionaries,' gave special pleasure. All the children were enthusiastic and acted well their parts. A good audience greeted us and the receipts were \$16.10 for the evening."

Yarmouth's Band of "Earnest Gleaners" send a very encouraging report. They tell of an increased membership and a deep interest being taken. From a concert in November, they realized \$24.00, and from their Christmas Thanksgiving, \$6.00.

The "Cheerful Workers" of Port Greville, are reported as doing good work, and the "Little Helpers" of Barrington, who were idle for a time, are now re-organized, so we shall hope for good news from them soon.

"Wayside Gleaners" Circle, Annapolis, held a concert during the last quarter, of which we expect to hear particulars later. A. F. B.