

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

## NOVA SCOTIA AND NEWFOUNDLAND BRANCHES.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Vancouver, B. C.

Editor of Palm Branch:

Dear Madam—Thinking that the readers of The Palm Branch might be interested in what the Mission Bands of British Columbia are doing, Mrs. Betts, president of our Branch, asked me to send you a few items, which I will condense from the reports given at our Branch meeting, held in West Westminster in May.

From Victoria three Bands reported, viz.: The 'Chinese Girls', Metropolitan and Victoria. The Chinese Girls' Mission Band numbers 39 names. They held twelve meetings, and took up the regular programmes with great interest. In December they held a bazaar at the Chinese Home, which netted \$21.00. In March they brought in their earnings for the year, amounting to over \$11.00. These sums, with mite-boxes, one life membership fee, and monthly collections, brought their offering for the year up to \$53.00, the largest amount raised by any one Band.

The Metropolitan comes next. This Branch was organized March 14, 1899, and from two members has increased to twenty-five. They take great interest in their Watch Towers, having six well manned. In August they began to try to earn one dollar each, and in November the Band took charge of the quarterly missionary prayer meeting at the church, and each told how she had earned her dollars. Over fifteen dollars were earned, and this, with collections, fees, one life-membership fee, and mite-boxes, brought their offering to \$38.50.

The Victoria Mission Band, Central church, reports twenty-four members, nine meetings held, and ten copies of the Palm Branch received each month. From fees, mite-boxes, donations and collections they report \$18.35 sent to the Branch treasurer.

From Chilliack the Coqualeetza Band reports twenty-two members and four life-members. Sixteen of the members are Indian girls at "The Home." They held ten meetings, also two Sunday evening meetings, of which members of the Band took charge. From fees, one life-membership fee, public meetings and donations, they report \$20.65.

From New Westminster the Carrier Dove Mission Band reports organization in December last. It has twenty-five members and raised \$9.40. They are saving stamps and have a quilt started at one of the Homes.

In Vancouver we have no Mission Band at present, as the Junior League is strong and active and has been supporting a Bible woman in Japan for a number of years.

Mrs. E. E. Scott,

Mission Band Cor. Sec., B. C. Branch.

(Very glad to have a report from this Branch.)

Whilst waiting for the regular Band Notes, I wish to call the attention of all Circles and Bands in our Branch to the Pledge taken at this last Annual Branch Meeting, when every delegate promised to try and increase the circulation of our Palm Branch. Many people are arranging, even now, their list of Christmas and New Year's Gifts. Hundreds of children have never seen a copy of our paper. Twelve copies for 1901 would be a valuable and valued gift. Such a paper was never needed in our homes so much as now. Circles and Bands already having Clubs would be glad to add any number to their lists. We have heard many good things said about Cousin Joy and her increasing labors. The very choicest token of good will we could possibly give to her would be a long list of new subscribers. Please begin this work at once.

In the "Missionary Outlook" for October there is a long letter, specially written for our young people by Miss Yeomans, Norway House. Be sure and read it, dear children.

MRS. JOHN GEE,

River Philip, Cumberland Co., N. S. M. B. Cor. Sec.

## N. B. AND P. E. I. NOTES.

So many Circles and Bands did excellent work last year that there is not space to mention them all. The two largest Bands are "Coqualeetza" of Charlotteetown and "Mount Allison" of Sackville, each with 70 members. The former remitted \$76.47 to the Branch Treasurer, and the latter \$50.00.

"King's Messengers" Band of St. John (Centenary) shows a substantial increase in membership and funds. "Lavinia Clark" Band of Pownal had a written examination on the Field Studies of Palm Branch for the year, and some very creditable papers were shown. We hope many will follow this example this year. We congratulate the societies that report many members and many dollars—they have been faithful, and success has crowned their efforts. But these are not the only faithful ones. We know of some with few members and few dollars to show, but He who knows us best, knows that in some of these there was such earnest, faithful, continuous effort as would, in more favorable circumstances, make a brilliant showing.

"Each shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

E. C. C.

## TO OUR BAND LEADERS.

Please see that the Palm Branches are faithfully distributed from month to month. We have just heard of one Band Secretary who often fails to send the paper in time, and so waits till she has two copies to send! We do not envy the conscience of any young girl who could be so unfaithful to her trust. She perhaps will never know, here, how much she has hindered the Lord's work.