

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Our New Gold Pin.

The Literature Committee has just completed arrangements for our W. M. S. and Mission Band Pins for life-members. The star is attached by links to a pin which is topped by a small gold ball, and makes a very suitable gift to a life-member. The pins are \$3.50 each, and the order is to be accompanied by a voucher of life-membership from the Recording Secretary of the Auxiliary or Band to which the member belongs.

The Literature Committee regrets that it has been found necessary to increase the price of the silver Mission Band pins to 15c. each, \$1.50 per doz. This price will not be asked until the 1st of June; until then it will remain as at present, 10c. each for any quantity. Please enclose the usual 2 cents for postage and wrapping.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Mrs. Young, Gravenhurst, writes:—We have quite a flourishing Mission Circle here, called "Sunbeam" of which Miss Harvie is President, and Miss Emma Young, Corresponding Secretary. They have undertaken to support a girl in the "Crosby Home" (Selina Lampson) for whom they are also earnestly praying that she may be a great blessing to her own people in future years.

A Mission Band was also organized in December. Mrs. J. Groves was elected President and Miss Mary McCauley, Secretary. They began with 15 members since increased to 30, and there are more to follow.

There are several new Mission Bands in this Branch. "Rose Bud" Mission Band, Gravenhurst.

"Loving Workers," Dunn Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto.

"The Maple Mission Band," Thornbury.

"Buds of Promise," Uffington.

M. HALES, Cor. Sec'y.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Miss Alberta Phelps, Corresponding Secretary of the Delta Mission Band, writes: I am pleased to be able to report our Band in a fairly flourishing condition. There is at present an increased interest in the work. All those who have taken the PALM BRANCH are more than delighted with it, and are still continuing to take it. In order to raise money some of the members of the Mission Band have made spectacle wipers and doilies, and in this way we have succeeded in raising quite a nice sum.

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

HALIFAX, NORTH.—"The Gleaners" Mission Band has held six meetings so far this year, with an average attendance of fourteen out of a membership of twenty-one. To make articles for a bazaar in February a sewing circle was held all winter. The proceeds were \$23.46. In January we had a Birthday Party at which we raised \$2.28, representing the united ages of our members. The total amount raised from all sources so far is \$26.74.

ROUND BAY.—Mission Band work in this place progresses slowly. Average attendance, six. The youngest

life member in our bands, however, lives here. His name is Cecil Lawson Hagar, and he is about a year old. He is quite tall, dark hair and eyes, and is very good natured, sitting and playing for hours, but cannot walk or talk much. His mother wishes to thank the friends who made him a life member. Fifteen dollars have been forwarded to the Branch Treasurer.

HILLSBURG.—"The Rope Holders" Band still continues to grow in interest. Ten new members have been added this quarter. Several of the girls have accepted Jesus.

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MARCIA C. BRAINE,

Band Secretary.

N. B. and P. E. I. BRANCH.

Miss Jessie Forge, Cor. Sec., writes: The "Do What We Can" Mission Band, Moncton, reports one more life member. In January the Band held a Rainbow Tea which was a great success, \$33.00 being realized.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

NAPANEE.—The Secretary of Eastern M. Circle writes:—Last autumn, when, after the long summer holiday our Circle began to think of work again, the question naturally arose: What form shall our work take for the coming year? On hearing of the grand undertaking of the W. M. Society, that of building an Orphanage in Chentu, China, we at once decided to bend all our efforts in that direction, but not being very strong ourselves thought perhaps the Epworth League of C. Endeavor would like to assist. The idea was accordingly proposed to them and most heartily received, and as a result the Circle and League agreed to jointly raise the sum of \$25.00 for the "Jenny Ford Home." Success has crowned our efforts and we hope and expect the amount will be very soon realized and all through systematic giving. The League is raising its share through the Fulton plan and the Circle has adopted monthly subscriptions. In addition to this the Circle is preparing a bale of clothing for use in one of the Indian Homes in our own Canada.

NEWBURGH.—Corresponding Secretary Daughters of Zion Circle forwards \$2.00 for the "Jenny Ford Home," hoping it may help a little to cheer the hearts of some poor children. The Circle is at present engaged sewing for the little girl that it clothes in Crosby Home, Port Simpson.

HASTINGS.—Friendly League reports 22 new members with no change made in the fee as all are willing to pay 25c. A Band concert is in preparation.

FOXBORO.—"Gleaners for the Master" Band reports an average attendance of eighteen, with a membership of thirty nine. No change made in the Band fees. Two quilts are about ready for quilting.

DALRYMPLE.—"Wide Awake" Band reports three new members during quarter. Preparation is being made for an entertainment and Easter thank-offering.

DESERONTO.—"Pansy" Band reports a very good attendance, with \$3.00 their first remittance sent Branch Treasurer.

MILL BROOK.—"Willing Workers" M. Band reports thirty members as a staff to begin mission work.

LAKEFIELD.—"Cheerful Workers" M. Band reports progress and a decision to keep the Band fee at twenty-five cents, thinks it a pity to lower the fee.

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