

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

BAY OF QUINTE BAND NOTES.

A Mission Circle was organized at Demorestville, Dec. 14th, 1895, called "Ready Workers." President, Mrs. George Davis, Cor.-Sec., Miss Mabel Cole

M. G. H.

EASTERN BRANCH.

Miss Mabel Gallagher, of Portland, Ontario, writes: I belong to the Minnie McLean Mission Band. We take 13 copies of the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. We have a membership of 16, with an average attendance of 11. Since October, 1895, we have sent \$3.57 to treasurer and have \$8.05 in our treasury. Five dollars of this is Mrs. M. Derbyshire's fee as life member and the rest, \$3.05, we got from a public meeting.

N. S. BAND NOTES.

"Ropcholders" Band, Bear River, is busy doing various kinds of fancy work, and also is making a quilt which, when finished, will be sent to supply committee. Their president, Mrs. Wright, gave a Mission Band tea from which \$1.80 was realized. They take 10 copies of PALM BRANCH.

"Try Again" Band, of New Germany, organized in May, has held two public meetings, both of which were very successful.

"Downing" Band, of the same section, under the personal supervision of the pastor's wife, Mrs. S. Downing, is also doing good work. Have held three public meetings since Branch. Both the above Bands are now engaged on autograph quilts. Both have kind words of appreciation for PALM BRANCH.

"Buds of Promise" Band, Dartmouth, is busy preparing for a concert.

We are glad to hear from a new Band, "Maggie Smith," La Have Islands. A public meeting was held on Dec. 18th; since then meetings of all kinds have been suspended because of scarlet fever. The Angel of Death has visited the home of their secretary. We deeply sympathize with them in their trouble and pray that the severe sickness will soon pass over and that the work will go on with renewed vigor.

M. E. B., Cor.-Sec.

We add a line to Miss Brown's interesting report—From a letter from Port Greville, announcing five new subscribers to PALM BRANCH, making twenty in all, we give the following extract: "Our Mission Band, "Cheerful Workers" numbers something over forty. We held our meetings regularly every fortnight. We sometimes get discouraged, feeling that we are not doing as much as we would like, but we have the Master's promise, "Lo I am with you always," and with that we mean to go forward." No need of discouragement, surely, with such noble workers and such a glorious promise.

Miss Carrie Barnes, Cor.-Sec. of the Day Spring Mission Band, of Nappan, writes:—We held a concert in the Methodist church on Nov. 22nd. It was intended for Thanksgiving, but weather proving unfavorable it was postponed until the following evening. A silver collection amounting to \$5.50 was taken up. This Band was formed in 1895, April 26th. Number of members forty.

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

The first Quarterly Report Cards have brought cheering news from many Bands. York, Jacksonville, Old Ridge, Kensington, Hampton and Portland, report prosperity and progress. "Mt. Allison," (Sackville), Teteagouche and Benton, report a large attendance of members. Newcastle has sent a box of clothing to the Coqualutza Institute. "Ready Helpers" have enrolled three new life members during this quarter. "Cartmell," Point de Bute, has taken up the study of Paul's Missionary Journeys, and an increased interest is manifested by the members. "Active Workers," Marysville, report great interest in PALM BRANCH. Last year 30 copies were taken, this year there are 77 taken.

Miss Lottie Lawson, Montague, P. E. I., writes:—Our Band is increasing in numbers and interest, and we are all becoming more interested in Missions. We held our first public meeting on Thanksgiving day. Though the night was wild the church was crowded. The programme consisted of twenty-six numbers and was very varied. Everything was of a missionary character, and there was not one mistake throughout. Collection amounted to \$5.00.

"Busy Gleaners," Bathurst, which was suspended since August, on account of having no president, met on Dec. 3rd with eleven members present. Miss Kerr was elected president, and Mrs. (Rev.) Harrison 1st vice-president. Three new members have been added since. The prospects now are that greater success will attend their efforts, for our loved mission work, than in the past. I. T.

A. M., of Charlottetown, writes:—The ninth annual entertainment, of the Wesley Mission Circle, took the form this year of a novel supper and concert. The menu consisted of twenty-four mysterious dishes, such as "fried holes," woman's weapon," "no grounds for complaint," Eve's destruction," etc., etc. This way of ordering a meal, on faith, caused much amusement. The feature of the concert was a spicy address and two solos by the Rev. Mr. Cassidy, returned missionary from Japan. Amount raised, \$50.00. All credit to the boys who made such a brilliant success of their first entertainment, may they not get weary in well doing. In connection with our last monthly meeting we held a reception in the church parlor. All present were delighted when our beloved president, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, called upon Miss Clarke for a short address. As the readers of PALM BRANCH know how graphically Miss Clarke describes life in the Great North West, it is only necessary for me to mention the quaint and pathetic letters received from some of the little Indian children; especially touching were the notes of Saraphene and Esterance. We regretted the absence of our energetic Band Secretary, Mrs. Turner, but hope to have a few well chosen words from her later on. Our Circle has now a membership of fifty-six, including about twenty young men, who are not merely honorary members but work indefatigably for God, and home, and heathen lands. Number of PALM BRANCHES taken forty-five. May this PALM BRANCH not only waft its gentle breezes o'er our fair Canadian home, but on the rough, neglected soil sow the seed which will unite all nations under the One Great Tree of Life.