

## LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

## TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH.

The Toronto Conference Branch please notice!

A Banner will be given to the Mission Band having the largest increase in membership during the year.

We have only 10 Circles and 13 Bands this year. Many of our Bands and Circles have united with Epworth Leagues. Some of these Leagues still contribute for Missions through the W. M. S. The Sunbeam Mission Circle, Parkdale, writes: Interest increasing. Attendance larger than last year. China our country for study.

The Buds of Promise Mission Band, Newmarket, writes: We sent four quilts this year to the Norway House for the Indians, and we are still making blocks. We have decided to take PALM BRANCH.

The Busy Bee Mission Band had an entertainment in the Flesherton Methodist Church on Thanksgiving evening. Our collection amounted to \$5.00. We have thirteen subscribers to the PALM BRANCH, and find it a bright, useful little paper. We have a membership of 40, and we generally have an addition of one or two names to our roll each meeting. Some of the smaller children are taking Mite Boxes.

The Sunbeams' Band, Brampton, sent a box of toys and useful things to the Indian School at Brandon.

The Cheerful Givers' Band, Uxbridge, writes. We are taking 20 numbers of PALM BRANCH.

## LONDON BRANCH.

Mrs. F. Ward, Cor. Sec. writes:—The Askin Street Mission Circle wishes to report that during the past year it had a membership of 79, including 10 life members.

We were pleased to hand \$71.55 to the Treasurer at the close of the year.

This term we have a Scrap Bag into which the members are asked to put anything they think would be useful to the Supply Committee. This we have only just commenced so cannot say anything about its success.

We also hope in the near future to have a Junior Mission Circle, then doubtless we shall require more PALM BRANCHES. In the meantime kindly send us fifty same as last year we all enjoy reading this little paper very much and wish it every success.

## NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

CANNO The secretary of "Cunningham" Band writes: "We have twenty five annual members, and meet once a fortnight. We have a Mite Box in our own Band, and each one tries to earn something during the fortnight to put in at the next meeting. On the Tuesday between

our regular meetings we sew on a quilt we are making for Miss Cunningham, for whom our Band is named.

AMHERST.—The "Rays of Light" Band reports an average attendance of sixteen, with a membership of twenty-five. They meet fortnightly in the Church parlour. Although the programme is generally prepared by the president, yet two meetings lately have been left to the members, one to the boys, the other to the girls, and very good programmes they had. A successful apron and fancy sale was held in December, netting \$38.00. Ten copies of PALM BRANCH are taken. There is much better attendance and more interest in the work than last year.

AVONDALE.—The "King's Own" Band reports an average attendance of ten. Two more copies of PALM BRANCH are taken this year. For the last few meetings they have been learning the names of the different missionaries, and in what part of the world they are stationed.

The "Rays of Sunlight" Band, Port Maitland, have had five new members this quarter, and "Picquet Guard" Band, South Farmington, six.

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

Miss Ella Burpee, Cor. Sec. writes:—On Dec. 6th, 1897, the Ella Dobson Mission Band, Woodstock, N. B., held a Japanese Festival and Sale, in the basement of the church. An admission fee of ten cents was charged.

Three members of the Band, dressed as Japanese ladies, served refreshments from small tables in the class room which was prettily decorated with ferns, screens, lanterns, etc. With refreshments for which twenty-five cents was charged, a dainty cup and saucer was given as a souvenir. In the larger rooms were two tables well filled with home-made candy and another with fancy articles for sale—all found ready purchasers.

The sum of \$33.00 was realized and a very pleasant evening spent by all present.

Our President Mrs. (Rev) Dr. Chapman, as ever, was indefatigable in her efforts to make everything successful.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—Our Mission Band has met with a great sorrow in the death of Miss Letta Fairley. She was one of our life members, and although not able to attend our meetings regularly was always interested in our missionaries and what they were doing for the cause of Christ. We shall miss her bright, cheery face, but we know that she loved Jesus and that she has only "gone before."

H. S. S.

A Mission Circle called the "Vineyard Workers" has been organized at Milltown, N. B. Forty names have been enrolled. Miss Young is President, and Master John Smiley, Corresponding Secretary. Great interest is manifested upon the part of the members. Miss Veazey was present at one of their meetings and told them of the work being done by our missionaries among the boys and girls of Japan.

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