

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—As we study about the Indians in February I would like to tell you how much we enjoyed hearing Miss Clarke. She taught some of the girls to sing, "I will tell it to Jesus," in Indian. She had heard it sung at the camp-meetings near Chilliwack in first one Indian language, then another and another, and finally altogether in English.

Hampton, Yours truly, TRIXIE.

We are glad that cousin Trixie has also sent us the Indian words for "I will tell it to Jesus." You will find it above the "Field Study."

Correct answers to December puzzles also come from cousin Nellie, Mouth of Keswick, York Co., (We publish her Bible Query), and cousin Nettie Laming, of St. Mary's, Ont., who sends a puzzle, but forgets to sum up the whole or send us the answer, we will be glad to put it in when we know these important things. Cousin E. Sanders, Strouffville, will be heard from next month, also Blanche and Zelia Johnson, Jacksonville. By the way, none of you have yet sent the answers to the Bible Queries in the December No. 5th page. Do you give it up?

### LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

#### N. S. BAND NOTES.

This month we have words of cheer from some of the Circles and Bands, while many have neglected thus far to send in Quarterly Report Cards.

"Happy Thought" Band, of Wesley church, Yarmouth, "Willing Workers," of Maccan, and "Coraline" Mission Circle, of Halifax, have held entertainments and sales at which the following sums were respectively raised, \$14.94, \$27.73, and \$33.13.

"Wesley Centennial" Band, of Cheverie, is knitting and crocheting, preparatory to a sale in the Spring.

"Rays of Light," Amherst, report \$8.53 as quarterly receipts, and good average attendance.

"Cheerful Workers," Port Greville, are doing what they can to support PALM BRANCH, fourteen of the members being subscribers. We hope other Bands will go and do likewise.

"Royal Workers," Berwick, gave a successful entertainment in October and are getting up a club for PALM BRANCH.

"Little Helpers" Mission Band, of Barrington, have adopted a little Indian girl in the Coqualectza Home, four years of age, whose English name is Theresa. This Band, though small in numbers, is large in faith and good works.

"Shining Light," Red Head, reports very enjoyable and profitable meetings.

"Bonair" Band, of Upper Port La Tour, shows a good record for a new Band. Although having been organized only some six months it reports an average attendance of 32, and one public meeting during last quarter. PALM BRANCH is doing its good work in this Band also.

'Blackmore' Band, Ritceys Cove, says, "We have subscribed for 14 PALM BRANCHES. Our Band is prospering and the meetings are interesting."

I cannot close this brief summary of our quarter without making special reference to "Lone Star" Band in Bermuda. Our hearts are always drawn out in warm sympathy to our co-workers in that little colony in the sea. This Band reports an average attendance of twelve. No regular meetings there.

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

#### BAY OF QUINTE BAND NOTES.

The "Cheerful Workers" Band, Lakefield, report their new work encouraging, attendance good, average twenty-two. They have sent a box of useful and fancy articles to Industrial Home, Brandon.

Orono Mission Band reports an average attendance of eighteen, with increasing interest. Raised seven dollars during quarter. They have an autograph quilt in hand.

Smithfield "Wayside Scatterers" Band are doing a good work. Meetings well attended, average number present forty.

Napance Mission Band is preparing a box of useful articles for the Homes. Four new members during quarter.

Belleville "Jubilee" Mission Circle report an increase of members during quarter. They meet once a month for sewing. Hold business meetings in the evening.

M. G. H.

#### MONTREAL CONFERENCE BRANCH.

Lily E. Paisley, Cor.-Sec. of Little Band of Workers of the Little Wood Methodist church, writes:—We, the Little Band of Workers, were organized by our District Organizer, Mrs. John Paisley, Oct. 26, 1895, with a membership of 12. We hold our monthly meetings the last Saturday of each month. At our last meeting we had four new members. Our meeting was opened in due form after which we had a good program of recitations, readings and singing. Our Honorary President and Mrs. W. P. Charlton helped us to cut and sew together some patches for a quilt which we intend to make. At present we are in great sorrow over the serious illness of our dearly beloved Honorary President. We pray and trust she may soon be restored to health to be with us again. We take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. We find some interesting stories in it which we can read at our Mission Band.

Ilderton, Jan. 8.

Have you read "One Little Injun"? If not do get it. It is a most quaint description of the backward view got by the Indian baby from its mother's blanket, and some of the disadvantages of his later life. It costs one cent.

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