

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

Manitoba and North West Branch.

A letter from the Secretary of the Mission Circle of Grace Church, Winnipeg, shows that the young ladies of which it is composed, are still, as they have ever been since the time their Circle was organized, earnest and efficient workers. They support a girl in the Kanazawa Orphanage, Japan, and early in October, had raised over sixty dollars. In September they sent to a Missionary near Norway House, a box of clothing valued at thirty dollars. They aim to keep in view both home and foreign work, and during the early months of winter, found time to make a number of nice warm garments to be distributed among the poor of their own city at Christmas time.

The Prairie Gleaners Mission Band, of Zion Church, Winnipeg, is our Banner Band, and though we are not in possession of information respecting the exact amount raised during the first half of the present year, (our Miss. Year ends April 30th), the Secretary writes in a cheerful tone, of plans for work, and of a waking up to greater interest on the part of the members. This Band also supports a girl and is doing a good work. We believe that an earnest desire to serve the Master, by doing something to bring light to those who live in the dark parts of the earth, is the prevailing motive, in the heart of each willing worker.

Will report for other Bands at some future time.

EMMA SCOTT.

Br. Cor. Sec.

HAMILTON BRANCH.

Judging from the First Quarter's reports, the Circles and Bands of the Hamilton Conference Branch are in good working condition. The average attendance is excellent in all reports, a large number of new members are being added and meetings held regularly throughout. A number of Circles were reported as being busily engaged on Christmas boxes, quilts, clothing, etc., for the Indian and other mission fields. One Circle reported a large number of PALM BRANCH subscribers, and a great deal of help and pleasure derived from the same. A number of Circles and Bands situated in country circuits report having meetings on Sunday evenings, where they would otherwise have no service, hereby securing a larger attendance and a more wide spread influence. One Circle, which was organized in October, '97, reports already 47 members and in a scattered country circuit too.

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DAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

We are pleased to report a Mission Band, organized at Millbrook, by Miss S. L. Therin, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Pearl Burnham; also, one organized in the village of Frankford, "Busy Bees" with a membership of twenty, by Miss Hendrick, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Beaty.

M. G. HAWLEY.

NOVA SCOTIA BAND NOTES.

Edith Doane, V. P., "Little Helpers" Band, Barrington, writes: "Our Band of which Miss Hattie Jost was once President is still going on. We have lately had a new President appointed, and now have twelve members from eight to sixteen years of age, four of whom have joined this year. A while ago we were each given five cents with which to earn as much as we could, and our next meeting is to be an experience meeting to which we are to bring our money, and tell how we earned it. We intend to give an entertainment sometime this winter to try and raise money. We have not yet decided whether we shall support the little Indian girl this year or not."

Ida R. Dorey, Secretary, Oxford Street Circle, Halifax West, writes: "Our meetings have not been as well attended as they were last year when we met from house to house, but we hope for better things in the future. As we have no Band we allow the younger girls to become members. Our consecration service in January was very helpful. We have adopted the Watch Tower, and hope soon to have it in good working order. We are preparing for an Apron Sale to be held in March.

"Little Harbour. "Harbor Bell" Mission Band has been working for two years. We take the PALM BRANCH, and like it so much we look forward with delight to its coming. We have just sent a quilt and a few other things to the Secretary of the "Supply Committee to do with as they think best."

"Burpee" Band, Crousetown, reports two new members this quarter and an average attendance of fifteen.

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Miss. B. Sec'y.

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

Miss Maude E. Hannah, Corresponding Secretary of Star Mission Circle, writes: On Nov. 16th a Parlor Concert was held by Star Mission Circle of Exmouth St. Church, at the residence of Mrs. Baxter, Princess Street.

A Christmas service was also held on Dec. 28th, in the vestry of the church. An especially good program was provided at the latter entertainment, and the audience was large and appreciative. The proceeds of both concerts go to increase the annual financial standing of the Circle.

St. John, N. B.