

Dear young Mission Band workers will you not think of Mary and follow her bright example? Will you not now, if you have not already done so, give yourselves to Jesus, and be "all" for Him? He will wash you and make you "all glorious within." He will give you His Holy Spirit to guide and help you every day and to assure you that you are really His. Then I am sure that the spotless pages of this fair New Year will be bright with His praise, and the joy of loving service will run through all your days. And then, "Some Sweet Day" our King will come for you and with Mary and many other loved ones, we too shall walk with Him in white robes forevermore!

Your loving friend and fellow worker,
C. M. LAWSON.

A THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON.

Adrift on time's returning tide
As waves that follow waves we glide.
God grant we leave upon the shore
Some wail of good it lacked before.
Some seed, or flower, or plant of worth,
Some added beauty to the earth,
Some larger hope, some thought to make
The sad world happier for its sake.

WHITTIER

LEAVES FROM THE BRANCHES.

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

On Aug. 28th a Mission Band was organized at West Devon, P. E. I., by Mrs. C. W. Strong, our Branch treasurer. Twenty-seven names were enrolled. Since then one new name has been added. Meetings are held every second Friday of the month. "Ready Helpers," Sackville, held a public meeting Thanksgiving evening. A short, but interesting program was carried out. Miss Palmer, President of the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch, gave a short address. Collection \$11.00. Number of subscribers for PALM BRANCH 50.

Lois Bain, Cor.-Sec. of Cheerful Toilers Mission Band, Carmarthen St., St. John. writes:—We the Cheerful Toilers Mission Band, of Carmarthen street Methodist church, held our first public meeting the first Thursday in November. The programme consisted of singing, recitations, etc. The school room was pretty well filled and the collection amounted to over \$5.00. The admission fee was silver collection, so we thought we did very well. Our president, Mrs. Hutchings, was the source of the amusement of the evening and deserves much praise. After the concert a Surprise Social was given the members of the Band and we invited Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wightman to take lunch with us, and a very enjoyable hour was spent which we must also attribute to the older members of our Band.

I. T.

N. S. BAND NOTES.

The record of the N. S. Bands has not been quite all we could desire for the past year. Circumstances have not been very favorable to a thoroughly successful working. But we hope that this year will be a marked improvement and to this end we trust every member will feel her personal responsibility to retrieve the past. Our new Bands for 1895-96 are as follows: "Joyous Workers," Cape Negro, "Wellspring," Port Clyde, "Bonair," Upper Port La Tour, "Teh Dien," Lower Port La Tour, "Harbour Light," North East Harbour, "Spring Light," Reg Head, "Harbour Bell," Little Harbour, "River Jordan," Jordan River.

The "Picquet Guard" Band, of Farmington, opened the new year of Mission work by an At Home, to which the parents were invited. An unusually good programme was provided, consisting of music, readings and recitations. At the close of the entertainment refreshments of cake and coffee were served and a social time enjoyed by all. A collection of \$1.05 was taken. They are now busy making holders and have already realized quite a little by the sale of them.

"Blackmore" Band, Ritcey's Cove, has a membership of 32. Their fortnightly meetings are reported very helpful to all. They intend to study all they can about China and its Missions. Public meetings are sometimes held at which they receive good collections.

The "Happy Workers" Circle, Middleton, report the outlook for this year very encouraging, the attendance is good, averaging twenty. They have been taking orders for sewing and plain articles, such as arsons, knitted slippers, toilet mats, etc. They are devoting their time this month to a Xmas service, "Only Starlight," from which good results are expected.

Despite the fact that an earnest appeal has been made to each Circle and Band, in connection with the N. S. Branch, there are many from which I have not heard, and I now use the PALM BRANCH as a medium to impress more strongly the fact. If you want me to become to you the helpful friend I wish to be and to help me in turn with my work, you must correspond with me.

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

Maplehurst, South Farmington, Anna. Co., N. S.

Miss Edith Settle, of Dartmouth, N. S., writes:—"Woodlawn Workers" Mission Band celebrated their 1st anniversary in October. The children had quite a program prepared, and we enjoyed the meeting very much. Since then we made an autograph quilt from which we realized over \$25.00. Our membership has increased to 43 members. We enjoy reading the PALM BRANCH and are going to send for 10 copies.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.

In October a Junior Mission Band was organized at Lakefield, called "Cheerful Workers," with a membership of twenty-six. Miss Myrtle Fitzgerald Cor.-Sec'y.

M. G. H.