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THE LITTLE LAD.

MRS. GEO. A. PAULL.

Beside the tranquil waters
Of the sea of Galilee,
Where the mountains' purple shoulders
Stretch down to meet the sea,
The eager people gathered
Upon Batiha's slope
To listen to the Master,
His words of love and hope.

"Send them away, dear Master,
This hungering multitude;
The evening shadows gather,
We cannot find them food.
Two loaves and five small fishes
A little lad hath brought,
But for these many thousands
That childish gift is naught."

"Make them sit down," He answered;
And then, O happy lad,
Who gave the loving Saviour
So freely all he had!
He took the loaves and fishes
And blessed and brake the food,
And lo! the scanty offering
Fed all the multitude.

Famished and weak and weary,
Today a multitude
Long for the Bread of Heaven—
Ah, who will send them food?
So small and scant your offering?
Yes, but the Christ who blessed
The lad's few loaves and fishes
Will add to it the rest.

Place in His hand your treasure,
And thousands you may feed
Of those who sit in darkness,
Not knowing of their need.
To you comes this sweet story,
Dear little friends, today
What can you bring to Jesus?
Give Him your all, I pray.

THE TRUE CHURCH.

Continued.

JESUS Himself whom Peter had just confessed to be "The Christ the son of the living God," was the rock upon which Christ's church was to be built, Matt. 16, 18 : 19. Peter (or Petros, which means a stone) was but one of the stones composing the building of which he speaks in his first Epistle, viz; "ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house," &c. Poor Peter would have been a sorry foundation for God's holy church, as within a few verses farther on, we find the Saviour thus rebuking him, "Get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offence unto me." And not very long afterwards he denied with oaths and curses, that he ever knew his blessed Master. Most bitterly though, he soon repented, and was forgiven, and after being anointed with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, became an honored instrument in preaching Christ to the Gentiles, to whom he opened up the new Gospel. Later on he was sent to Cornelius to Cesarea, to show that God had graciously removed all barriers between the Jews and Gentiles, and that in every nation all would receive remission of sins by believing in Jesus. This was no doubt the reason that Christ promised Peter the keys. Amongst the Jewish Rabbis the bestowing of keys was a symbol or figure, to denote authority. They were given to those who had completed the study of the sacred law, to show that they were competent to expound or unlock those laws to the people. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is nowhere mentioned as placed over the others, indeed his name is not found after the 15th chap., where James is spoken of as in authority. In 2 Cor. 11 : 28 St. Paul tells of having daily the care of all the churches. Only Roman Catholics give Peter the precedence, but we find nothing of the kind in scripture. St. Peter expressly speaks of himself as only an elder like themselves, and warns them against claiming superiority, as lords over God's heritage.

Reading in Titus 1st chap., from the 4th to the 8th verses, as well as elsewhere, we find that the office of bishop and elder were but one and the same.

A writer of the church of Rome lately claimed theirs as the only true church because of four special characteristics. He stated that 1st, it was one; 2nd, holy; 3rd, apostolic and 4th, Catholic. Let us see if this particularly distinguishes the Roman Catholic Church. As to being one or united; looking back upon the history of this church which claims that it never changes, we find that it has had more changes than any of the Protestant Churches. From time to time it has added so many different dogmas to its ecclesiastical laws, that it is wholly unlike the early primitive Church of Christ founded by Him and His apostles. The doctrines of Purgatory, Adoration or worship of the Virgin Mary, the sacrifice of Mass, celibacy of priests, &c. &c., and all that is different from Protestantism and the Scriptures, have been added one after another as the centuries advanced, and with the addition of each of these, controversies and divisions, as much or even more than ever divided Protestants. This shows there was no more unanimity amongst them than others. 2. As to being more holy, we do not see amongst priests or people any more marks, if as many, of holiness than amongst others. Indeed in criminal statistics the balance is on the other side. 3. As to being more apostolic, not one of their peculiar dogmas is found in the apostolic teachings. That church is certainly most apostolic which follows the writings and teachings of the apostles, while theirs is diametrically opposite. 4. Catholic means universal, and believers in Christ all over the world may claim the name as truly as Roman Catholics.

The word Church has been for many years given to the buildings where Christians meet for worship, merely to distinguish them from others. But the true Church of Christ is composed of all who receive Christ as their Saviour and worship Him in spirit and in truth. Thank God such are found amongst all denominations, but no one of them has any right to the designation of the Church, for in every nation or denomination he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him. Acts. 10:35.

C. R.

BAND ECHOES, FROM BRANCH MEETING.

The beautiful town of Sussex was startled from its usual quietness and repose on the afternoon of Oct. 1st, by the sudden advent in its midst of nearly sixty officers and delegates from the N. B. and P. E. I. Branch of the W. M. S. We were expected, however, and met with a most cordial greeting from the inhabitants thereof. On the first evening we were tendered a reception in the church and listened to addresses of welcome from the various societies of the town which were exceptionally good and admirably delivered. The responses also were eloquent and appropriate. Mrs. Chipman led the devotional exercises the first morning, they were impressive and the prayers were fervent for a blessing on our meeting and wisdom in all our deliberations. Much of the time in the mornings and early afternoons was taken up with reports.

of Auxiliaries and Bands, these were interesting in spite of discouragements. The Band Cor.-Sec. reported 53 Bands, 1140 Band members. The treasurer reported Band receipts \$1,366.85. Increase over last year \$34.33. Mrs. Turner read a memorial asking that the Mission Band constitution be changed to read that Circles or Bands having 40 or more members or raising the sum of \$25.00, should be entitled to send a delegate to Branch meeting; and also that two Circles or Bands on the same circuit could combine and send a delegate. It was also asked that as the Quarterly Card reports had been found unsatisfactory there should be a return to the schedules of former times.

Wednesday was the night of our anniversary meeting, and it proved very interesting. Fine music was rendered by the choir, there was a kind and excellent address by the pastor. Two boys, especially trained for the occasion, gave a very entertaining missionary dialogue. Miss Clark, the returned missionary from British Columbia, gave us interesting details of the daily life of the Indian girls and boys in the Chilliwack Home—just such details as you have had in the missionary letters, sent us for our little paper from time to time. Then came another missionary dialogue, remarkably well rendered by four or five young ladies, which proved very enjoyable. Then the Banner presentation. This Banner, originally given to our Branch for competition by the Bands by Mrs. Owrey of London, and won this year by the Exmouth St. Band, of St. John, for best attendance, was presented in a charming manner by Mrs. Turner, Band Cor.-Sec. to Miss Drake, the delegate from that Band.

Thursday afternoon the PALM BRANCH report was given by the editor, and well received, many testifying that it had been a help to them in their work. Miss A. Mellish, of Charlottetown, read a paper on Mission Bands of which the "press" might have humorously, remarked as it did of the paper read by Mrs. Thomas, "Whom shall we send as Branch delegates," that it was "bursting with points," that was only a slight mistake, however. Miss Mellish's paper was sparkling with originality, but as both these fine papers were voted to be printed in PALM BRANCH you will soon be able to judge for yourselves. Miss Nickerson, of Bedeque, P. E. I., also read an interesting one on "Mission Band uses and Influence," which we should also be pleased to see in PALM BRANCH, if she will kindly send it to the editor.

There were also some good, helpful papers on Easter services. We hope that your very efficient Band Cor.-Sec. after she has recovered from the fatigue of B. meeting will enlighten you on any other points put forward by the "Modes of Work" committee. Friday afternoon the meeting adjourned to allow the delegates to accept the kind invitation given them by the hospitable people of Sussex to drive through the town and its very beautiful surroundings, rich in all the glory of Autumn tints. To say that this treat was enjoyed by the visitors does not begin to express the gratification they felt. The courtesy committee were very sincere in thanks to their kind entertainers and included in their resolution all who

had, in any way, contributed to the success of the meeting.

You will see by reference to the Band Notes the terms of competition for the Banner during the coming year. There were many other interesting features of the meeting, such as the President's very excellent, comprehensive speech of which we would gladly tell you if we had time or space, but we have already encroached upon these pages, so we will only add that the next meeting will be held in Centenary church, St. John, N. B.

SING PRAISES.

Hosanna we sing, like the children dear
In the olden days when the Lord lived here ;
He blessed little children and smiled on them
When they chanted His praise in Jerusalem.
Alleluia we sing, like the children bright,
With their harps of gold and their raiment white,
As they follow their Shepherd with loving eyes
Through the beautiful valleys of Paradise.

Hosanna we sing, for He bends His ear
And rejoices the hymns of His own to hear ;
We know that His heart will never wax cold
To the lambs that He feeds in His earthly fold.
Alleluia we sing in the church we love,
Alleluia resounds in the choir above ;
To Thy little ones, Lord, may such grace be given
That we lose not our part in the song of heaven.

Hymns of Faith.

FIELD STUDY FOR NOVEMBER.

THANKSGIVING.

SINCE the days when God's ancient people kept the Feast of Tabernacles His church has set apart a season to dwell on the mercy and goodness of the Lord, and His wonderful works toward the children of men.

A cheering feature of our work abroad, is the immediate usefulness of so many converts. All through this year we have been hearing of conversions in the Indian homes. Then comes the anxiety for those at home or some of their playmates and so the influence spreads. In Nanaimo, B. C., where there are five hundred or more Chinese, Gertie and her husband are doing much good. In Japan you know of the Sunday school work of the girls in all our schools and their King's Daughters societies. There are now fifteen of our graduates either teaching in our schools or devoting their whole time to Christian work.

I think it would be a good exercise for the Mission Circles and Bands this month to put down on the blackboard a list of things they have to be thankful for. Here are a few suggestions : 1st, Freedom from care. The responsibilities of wisdom and motherhood are so early thrust upon our heathen sisters. They have no free, happy girlhood. 2nd, The Woman's Missionary Society, which gives you an opportunity

for, and a training in christian work. Miss Leake who so ably carried on our Chinese work in Victoria, B. C, said : "Had there been such a society when I was growing up I would have given my whole life to missionary work." 3rd, Our schools. 4th, That we have known the Gospel story from our earliest youth.

No thanksgiving is complete without a thank-offering. "We have so little to give" say our girls. Perhaps we will allow that in money, though some of you would not suffer if you saved enough from your candy money to make a suitable offering. But you are all rich in talents. What about your voices? I wish I could help you to realize what a power for Christ they are. A noted singer was told that a man who heard her sing "I know that my Redeemer liveth" was so affected that his conversion was the direct result. Her face shone, her eyes filled with tears, she said : "I always pray before I sing, that God will make it a message to some soul and this is not the first time I have heard of an answer to my prayer." May we not thus make a thank-offering of our voices not for our own praise, but let it be "Christ for the world we sing."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Let us study this Scripture and if we do our part we shall surely be able to say : "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise."

E. A. D.

QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

- What is the subject for our Field Study this month ?
- What has the church done ever since the feast of Tabernacles ?
- Name one cheering feature of our work abroad ?
- What have we heard all through the year ?
- What is said of Nanaimo ?
- What do we know of Japan work ?
- What will be a good exercise for the Circle and Band this month ?
- How many reasons are suggested for thanks-giving ?
- What is the first ?
- What is the difference between us and our heathen sisters in this respect ?
- What is the second reason suggested for thanksgiving ? and why should it be ?
- What did Miss Leake say ?
- Name the third reason for thanksgiving ?
- What is the last and greatest reason for thanksgiving ?
- What is needed to complete our thankfulness ?
- What do the girls sometimes say ?
- In what way could some of you save without suffering ?
- In what are you all rich ?
- What could be a power for Christ ?
- Will you give that sweet story of the singer who used her voice for Him ?
- What verses of the Bible should we study ?
- After having studied these and done our part what will we be able to say ?

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If any one is tempted to ask, because of discouragement in her own individual efforts in behalf of Auxiliary, Circle or Band, what cause there is for thanksgiving in the year that has gone, let her first find from the report, soon to be published, what has been done in our own society, and then turn to the *Missionary Review of the World* and read its pages and she will find her question answered—answered in a larger way than she could have imagined. If she is as true-hearted and unselfish as every missionary worker is supposed to be, she will rejoice that God is remembering the world. Ay, not only remembering the world, but smiling too on each individual effort, for is not the work of the world made up of individual efforts? It is wonderful how a study of this *Review* from month to month will enlarge both heart and mind. It is the noblest of all history, a history of God's own government, of divine political economy.

In Japan there has been much progress toward Christianity in spite of difficulties. The conduct of the Christian soldiers reflected so much credit on the new religion that the Bible was allowed to be distributed in the army and Japanese preachers to go to the seat of war! The social condition of woman has much improved; her emancipation from heathenism has begun, she is now admitted to superior educational advantages and can strive for eminence, like her Canadian sisters, in literature and art, music and painting. Under the teaching of Buddhism she was excluded from these and even from the higher joys of Heaven.

Still how much remains to be done for Japan. The great present need is united prayer for the missionaries and converts already in the field. Dr. Joseph Cook says: "Japan needs to copy the vital faith, not the doubt of the west." Joseph Neeshima's last words were: "Free schools and Christian churches will make my nation great and noble."

China has reached a great crisis in her history. It is said that she can never again be the same country that she was before the war. Her development in one direction or another must take place. If Christian teachers will not enter into the doors that God has opened, other teachers will. Five years ago there was a call from the missionary workers in China for one thousand more workers within five years. In response to that appeal 1153 missionaries have gone to that country during the five years, 481 of these were men, 167 wives of missionaries, 505 single lady missionaries. And yet they plead for more, in view of the great needs of the work. We have to thank God that no more precious lives were sacrificed in the late riots, while so much mission property was destroyed.

We have been much interested in the progress of the truth in India, and especially in tracing so much of the good done, to the influence of Sunday schools established there. They are a great saving power in that and other heathen countries, they can be established where schools of other knowledge fail. "And what shall we more say? The time would fail us to tell" of Korea, France, Spain, Italy, Persia, Arabia, Africa and the Islands of the Sea. It does sometimes seem as if the light of truth

"Had touched and glanced on every land,"
 and yet we are told that only two-tenths of the whole world's area have a knowledge of Christ!

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Sample copies still on hand.

WORDS OF CHEER FOR WEARY WORKERS.

There we may do some work we left undone
 Here—through unmeetness;
 From height to height celestial: passing on
 Towards full completeness.

Adapted from DINAH MARIA MELOCH.

INA'S BOX.

MYRA GOODWIN PLANTZ.

WHEN Ina Miller took her missionary box, she said, "I am going to put in every penny I can do without," yet in a whole year only four pennies had dropped in the box.

"I can't help it, mamma," she said as the missionary bank came to light when she was helping her mother pack the big trunk. "You won't let me beg my missionary money, and when I do get a penny I have to buy a slate pencil, or a hair ribbon, or"—

"Candy, or paper dolls, or pop-corn," suggested mamma.

Ina hung her head, but, as older people do, soon found an excuse.

"Well, mamma, I don't have half the pennies other girls do, and when they get these things I have to get some too. I meant to earn my missionary money, but the rag money went for your birthday present, and the dish-wiping wages got my slippers and mitts."

"Yes," answered Mrs. Miller soberly. "But if all of God's children treated the missionary cause as you do, giving when they want nothing themselves, the schools for little heathen girls would close, the dear orphans be turned into the street, most of the churches and Sunday schools would die, and few children in those dark lands would hear about Jesus. Every little girl who eats up or wastes her pennies keeps back the time when everybody will know about Jesus."

This was serious; so Ina tucked her box in the trunk, determined to get grandpa to help her.

It was so lovely at the farm Ina forgot about the heathen children for some time, but one day she came across her box in the trunk. She ran at once to grandpa with it. "Ah," said the old gentleman. "This is an important matter. Anybody who takes a missionary pledge, and a mite-box is that, has to settle the account with God, and I can't pay your debts to Him."

"Oh, Grandpa, I did not think it meant so much!" cried Ina. "Do help me, for we return the boxes in October, and school begins in a week."

"We are now gathering the early apples. I can't give you any, that would be money; but you may pick a tree on shares. There is a Pippin, that is full and low, and I'll help you with the high branches," was the answer.

With a beaming face Ina filled her apron, and carried the apples to the barrel which her grandfather was filling. He measured all she brought, and credited her with half.

"I get eighty cents a bushel," he said, "so you will get forty." It was a long time before Ina received four dimes, but she was very happy when they jingled in the little box.

The next morning she was at her tree early, but she soon left it to see what was going on at the house. Uncle Charlie had come with his spring wagon full of cousins on their way to Clear Lake, where they were to fish and have a picnic in honor of Elsie's birthday.

"We're going to have fried fish and candy and lemonade and peanuts and fire-crackers," cried little Charlie.

Ina danced with delight, but grandpa, who had come from the orchard, said, "your apples have to be shipped to-day. If you go you won't fill your box."

Tears came to Ina's eyes as she hesitated. She had always wanted to see Clear Lake and the wonderful rocks near, but, if she did not fill her box, some heathen children would lose a Bible, or stay a shorter time at school.

"Grandpa, I won't go," she said bravely. "I might have denied myself a little, and filled my box long ago," and, before the cousins could coax her, Ina was working at her tree.

That evening a very tired little girl dropped two dollars in her missionary box.

"I now have four dollars and twenty cents, grandpa," she said. "May I help till it's full? I didn't put in pennies, because I've always given to the Lord the pennies, and kept the nickels and dimes for myself."

Grandpa gave Ina more work until five dollars were packed in the little missionary box, and she knew this would keep some girl in India in a Christian school and home, a third of a year. You can imagine how happy this made Ina.

"Where are you going, grandpa?" she asked, as grandpa drove to the door the morning before Ina's visit was to close.

"We've been working so hard I thought we'd fish to-day. Grandma has a big basket of dinner ready, and I've sent word for the cousins to meet us at Clear Lake," was the answer.

"Splendid," cried Ina. "Now I can have a good time there, for I won't be cheating God with an empty missionary box."

H. C. FRIEND.

"Rev. J. Hudson Taylor well says: 'We need persons who will consecrate their lives to Foreign Mission service at home. It is for some to consecrate their lives, their thoughts, their prayers to just this service. I believe that some of the best missionary work done today is done by invalids who never leave their bedroom, or by old people, or by those who are very poor and have not much to give; but they give the Lord what is most precious—a true, yearning heart, a constant remembrance, a constant prayer.'"



Address—COUSIN JOY, 282 Princess St., St. John, N. B.

“How much owest thou unto my Lord.” Luke 16 : 5.

A little girl walked beside her father one star lit night. “Papa,” she said, “I am going to count the stars.” “Well, my dear,” he said, and then he heard her softly saying to herself, “One, two, three,” till, by and by, she was up among the hundreds. After that came a little sigh of weariness, and then, “Oh papa, I did not think there were so many.” Dear children did you ever try to count God’s mercies to you? If not, do begin to day; but even then you will soon have to stop and say as this little girl did, “I did not know there were so many.” Which one would you put first on the list?

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I take the PALM BRANCH and enjoy reading it very much. I think I have found the answer to the September puzzle. It is: “The whole wide world for Jesus.” Yours truly,

Summerside, Sep. 13, '95 MILLY STRONG.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very much. I think I have the answer to the September puzzle. It is: “The whole wide world for Jesus.” Yours truly,

Pugwash, Sept. 23rd, 1895.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I am a member of the Kensington Mission Band. I take the PALM BRANCH and like it very well. I think I have found the puzzle for October. It is: “Come over and help us.” Yours truly,

New Annan Mills, F. E. I., Oct. 1st, 1895.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I am a girl far off in the Bermudas. For a long time I have been a member of the Lone Star Mission Band, and have taken the PALM BRANCH. I think it is an interesting little paper. I have often seen puzzles that have been sent by members of different Mission Bands so I have sent one, hoping that you will accept it. I will now end my long scribble, wishing success to the paper, editor, officers and all, most of all to my dear cousin.

I remain, your cousin,
Bermuda, Sept. 9, '65. RUBY A. SIGGINS.

We are very glad indeed to hear from this far-away cousin. This is the first time that any direct news from Bermuda has reached us; but indeed we have always expected it, and good news too, for some years ago one of our very best band workers, Mrs. Dobson, left us for that distant shore. Thank you for your puzzle too, cousin Ruby, it is a good one.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I think I have found out the puzzle for October. It is: “Come over and help us.” Oct. 8, '95. Yours truly, JESSIE CARTER.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I enjoy your cosy corner very much. It is the best part of the paper. I think I have found the answer to the puzzle for October. It is: “Come over and help us.” I enclose a puzzle.

Your loving cousin,
Keswick, Oct. 7th, 1895. NELLIE.

The resolution will be found on the last page.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I am a member of the Maggie Smith Band on the La Have Islands. I like the PALM BRANCH very much. I think the answer to the puzzle for October is: “Come over and help us.”

Your loving little cousin,
Petite Riviere, Sep 30, '95. BERRY FOSTER.

The correct answer to October puzzle comes also from Misses Bessie Anear, Sadie Martin, Novella Martin, Lottie Lawson and Pearl Van Iderstein of Montague, I. E. I. and Miss Bessie Locke of Toronto.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—I am a member of the “C. M. Tate” Band of Petite Riviere. I like the PALM BRANCH very much indeed. I think the answer to the October puzzle is, “Come over and help us.”

Your loving friend,
Petite Riviere, Sept. 30, 1895. MAGGIE M. GEE.

We are glad cousin Flora finds the PALM BRANCH so interesting to read, but as for the puzzle she must try again—it must make complete sense when finished. Her own puzzle is very good and we are glad to use it.

NOVEMBER PUZZLES.

I am composed of 12 letters.
My 2, 4, 5 is a dem. adj. referring to the male sex.
My 1, 7, 6, 12 is a large place.
My 3, 8, 9 went in a hurry.
My 10, 11 is a dem. pro., referring to articles.
My whole is what the cry of all nations should be.

FLORA.

I am composed of 13 letters.
My 7, 2, 1 is moist earth.
My 9, 5, 12, 7 is peaceful.
My 13, 11, 8, 1 a burden.
My 10, 11, 13, 1 not hot.
My 6, 5, 3 is a girl's name.
My 4, 8, 3 is a vessel for liquids.
My whole is one of the pioneer Methodist missionaries to N. B.

NELLIE.

I am composed of 19 letters.
My 3, 4, 12, 6 means something that men cannot make as well as a bird.

My 5, 10, 8 is a respectful title.
My 18, 2 is a short sharp answer.
My 14, 1, 4, 7, 15, 19, 4, 8 is a flower bearing tree, common in Bermuda.

My 9, 2, 12, 11 grows mostly in damp places.
My 16, 8, 4, 17, 19 is something good to eat.
My 13, 3 means not outside.
My whole is something trying to do good in Bermuda.

DEAR COUSIN JOY.—The missionary game for which such full and plain instructions are given in the PALM BRANCH for October, is indeed a delightful game. When I returned from our branch meeting in Yarmouth last week I brought my little girl a compass and divider. I gave her a sheet of white cardboard, a measure, a pencil and the "Outlook," and she very soon had the game ready for players. I would advise all our Band members to try it. The puzzles from month to month are very instructive, indeed the whole paper is a very great help.

Petite Riviere, Oct 2, '95. MRS. JOHN GEE.

We are glad to have this testimony from Mrs. Gee who has herself been a helper from the very beginning. The young lady who kindly sent us this game will be pleased to know that it is so much appreciated.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PORT ESSINGTON HOSPITAL.

BY MRS. SADIE HART SPENCER.

WE have been wondering if my "Band" friends would not like a peep through the Port Essington Hospital this afternoon. You know Essington is on the Skenna river, just twelve miles from its mouth. There are nine canneries, all within that distance, so during the canning season there are crowds of people—Indians from the coast, from the Islands, from the interior, come to the different canneries for summer work, and of course among so many people there is always a great deal of sickness and suffering, so that Dr. Bolton and nurse have always come here for these months, but until this year have always had to put up with an Indian house. However this spring, having a little to start with, and feeling it was the right thing to do, he built a hospital. It is not finished, nor is there yet money to pay for what has been done, so there is an opportunity for the workers at home to help in this work here. But let us go into the building. We will pass the first door—that opens into Mrs. Bolton's sitting and dining room combined—the second door lets us into the Dr.'s office, which we find pretty well filled up with people, part of the day. We open a door at our right hand and find ourselves in a bright room with three beds; in the first is a man who has consumption and will probably never be well again; the second bed is made up, the patient is sitting beside the fire, he is

almost well enough to leave; in the third bed is a man who has had an operation on his foot. We find a door from this ward opens at the foot of the stairs, at the head of these we find ourselves in a bright T. shaped hall; at our left hand two rooms open from the hall, one is a private ward for white patients, the other a clothes room, but a little bed has been made up here for a little girl who has spinal trouble, she is able to be up in the day time so her bed is made up. Next to the private ward is the nurses' bedroom; going down the hall the first room is occupied by the Dr.'s Indian boy, Mark, who is general assistant. This room we find as neat as the others, the bed with its spotless coverlet and pretty pillow shams. The next room is a ward for white patients; here we find a man who has a bad wound from a gun; his was a very narrow escape, but he is recovering, and will soon be able to leave and go hunting again. The door on the other side of the hall opens into the operation room—there are two beds here occupied. In the first is an old woman who has had an operation performed on her eyes which are still bandaged and the room is kept darkened. The other patient is a paralyzed woman. We notice that there are only board partitions between the rooms. The ceilings are not completed and there are large cracks in the floors. We learn that green lumber had to be used for the building and after the summer's work is over the inside boards will all have to be tightened. There are a number of bright, pretty pictures pinned up on the walls, these break the bare, unfinished look of the walls and indeed the patients are comfortable and well cared for. Returning down stairs we go from the first mentioned ward into the kitchen. Mrs. Bolton's sitting room opens from this, and as the nurses are busy getting the patients' tea, we will accept Mrs. Bolton's invitation and sit down a little while in the sitting room. Mrs. Bolton's little ones are here; Belle, nearly five; Grace, two years old. They are very busy just now with a most serious case, for they have found a sick baby that must have an operation. Belle, the doctor, is doing the cutting, while Grace, with the bandages, is ready to dress the wound.

I am sure could you go through some of the streets and look into the Indian huts where large numbers are crowded together, and see the miserable condition of those who are sick, you would feel indeed thankful that a few at least can be taken away from their filth and wretchedness and placed where not only their bodily needs are cared for. For here the first great need is never a second care. The sick are directed to the Great Physician who makes well the sin sick souls.

THE PALM BRANCH.

FATHER WILLIAM.

"You are old, Father William," the young man cried,
"The few locks that are left you are gray,
You are hale, Father William, a hearty old man,
Now tell me the reason, I pray."

"In the days of my youth," Father William replied,
"I remembered that youth would fly fast,
And abused not my health and my vigor at first,
That I never might need them at last."

"You are old, Father William," the young man cried,
"And pleasures with youth pass away,
And yet you lament not the days that are gone,
Now tell me the reason, I pray."

"I am cheerful, young man," Father William replied,
"Let the cause thy attention engage,
In the days of my youth I remembered my God,
And He hath not forgotten my age."

SOUTHEY.

N. B. AND P. E. ISLAND BRANCH.

BANNER COMPETITION.

Com. on awarding the Banner, decided that the Banner be awarded on the basis of the largest amount of talent money raised by any member of any circle or band. Conditions. That the talent be 5 cts. and that each leader see that legitimate means be used for improving the talent. Competition to begin Nov. 1st and end Sept. 1st. Any reports reaching Mrs. Turner after Sept. 1st will not be received.

BAND NOTES.

Miss Lottie Lawson, of Montague, P. E. I., writes—Our Band is doing well—we had one new member last day and a very nice time in the meeting.

H. E. C. writes from Keswick—At a regular meeting of The Wayside Workers the following preamble and resolution was passed unanimously: Whereas the members of Wayside Workers Miss. Band have learned with deep regret that their beloved Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. B. White, is about to leave them; therefore resolved that they do hereby tender their sincere thanks for the kindly interest she has shown in them, and for her zealous efforts in their behalf, and they pray God to bless her and make her equally useful in her new home.

We have now returned from Branch and once more enter upon the duties of another missionary year. We trust by Divine Grace that we as Mission Band members will accomplish great things for Christ.

Two new Bands have been organized recently, one at Albert, Albert Co., and one at Hopewell Hill, Albert Co. These Bands have been formed by our talented President, Miss Palmer. I. T.

BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH.—Excelsior Mission Band, Lindsay, with sixteen members has worked to such purpose as to raise seventy dollars apart from fees. Fifty dollars of the amount was raised by a bazaar. The balance by members making fancy mittens and other articles, small donations by friends and ten dollars collection at public entertainment. Fifty dollars to be sent to W. M. Society for the support of a girl in the Chinese Rescue Home, B. C. Ten dollars was paid on S. School piano which was used at entertainments. Two open meetings with an entire missionary programme have been held without fee, so that an opportunity might be given all to learn the needs of the heathen. Much of the above results is due to the energy and tact of the president Miss Fox. It is with regret that we record the death of the Cor. Sec., Miss Lizzie Houghton, after a short illness. She will be greatly missed as an earnest, devoted mission worker.

Hopewell Mission Band, Lindsay, report an open meeting during quarter and progress throughout the year.

Friendly League, Hastings, organized first of the year has an opening meeting in hand and doing a good work.

University church Mission Band, Belleville, has had a successful concert and sale of work. Proceeds \$19.39.

Jubilee Mission Circle, Belleville, is energetically working that some needy ones may be warmly clad during cold season. M. G. H.

WORK FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

RECITATION FOR SIX LITTLE GIRLS OR BOYS.

1st. GIRL OR BOY.

The Lord hath work for little hands
For they may do His wise commands.

2ND.

And He marks out for little feet
A narrow pathway straight and sweet.

3RD.

One little face may fill with light
A heart and home as dark as night.

4TH.

And there is work for little eyes
To make them earnest, true, and wise.

5TH.

One little voice may lead above
By singing songs of Jesus' love.

6TH.

One little heart may be the place
Where God shall manifest His grace.

ALL IN CONCERT.

Our hands, our feet, our hearts we bring
To Christ, our Lord, the risen King.

ADAPTED.