

RULES SUGGESTED.

This Band shall be called "The Band of Mercy."*

This Band is founded for the promotion of kindness to animals by means of occasional meetings for readings, lectures, addresses, singing, etc. ; by the distribution of suitable literature ; by the preparation of essays on the duty of mercy ; and by other appropriate methods, as may be found desirable.

This Band shall consist of members paying a subscription of 1d. per quarter, and honorary members paying 2s. 6d. per annum.

This Band will admit persons who shall give their assent to the following declaration :—

We agree to be kind to animals, and to do all in our power to protect them from cruelty, and promote their humane treatment.

This Band will supply a card or medal of membership to each member on admission.

This Band will from time to time, as its funds may permit, give books which teach kindness to animals to the various Sunday School libraries in the locality.

This Band will hold monthly meetings if practicable, at which addresses or lectures shall be given ; or Band of Mercy Songs sung ; or readings and recitations delivered ; or interesting work, done by members reported ; or stories and anecdotes, which have come under the notice of members, related, etc.

This Band will endeavour not only to promote its special objects towards animals, but encourage its members to avoid unkindness to one another.

*A Band may take the name of a person, school, village, parish, or small town. In large towns where it may be desirable to organise more than one Band, no Band should take the name of the town, but some local distinctive appellation should be adopted.