

'Yes, if you please.'

"This was done, and the little lady, hurrying out of the shop, placed the whole of the money in the hands of the starving man.

"He was like one thunderstruck. Never had bounty rained upon him in such profusion before.

"He murmured, in a low tone, though loud enough to reach her ear:

"If the Almighty made you a queen, it would not be more than your goodness deserves!"

"Then he hobbled away to satisfy his hunger."

BAND PROGRAMME.

HAVING to prepare a programme for my Mission Band, I thought out a little story of our W. M. S. from its organization, and by using my paint brush, the plain side of old concert tickets and letters and figures from calendars and posters, prepared four sets of cards. Upon the first set of seven cards, I pasted respectively—1881 W. M. S., Montreal; Coqualeetza; Chinese Home; Port Simpson; Japan; China. The ground of these was all one color—I used pale green. The second set of cards, three in number, were dark blue. On the first was Halifax 1882, on the second the name of the place at which the last Board meeting was held, and on the third the name of the place at which our last Branch met. The third set, with ten cards, was red, and on these were the names of the different branches, viz: London, Hamilton, Toronto, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. I., Manitoba, British Columbia, Newfoundland. The fourth set of pale blue, also with ten cards had: London 22, Hamilton 43, Toronto 38, Bay of Quinte 34, Montreal 34, Nova Scotia 54, N. B. and P. E. I. 50, Manitoba 7, British Columbia 2, Newfoundland 1.

Our church parlor has a map of the Dominion of Canada, and on this I proposed to pin my cards, which I called flags. It also has a blackboard upon which I drew something with ten arms, meant for a tree with ten branches, on each of which were as many twigs as there are Mission Bands in the Branch represented. After opening exercises I distributed flags, pins and written answers numbered, and then we carried out the following programme which was so much enjoyed at the time that I have endeavored to help some one else who may be now in the position I was then.

Leader—Fifteen years ago last November, 1881, some Methodist ladies who had thought much about mission work felt that they must do something to help the good cause, so they met together in Hamilton, Ontario, and organized the W. M. S. (pin flag

on map at Hamilton.)

Question 1—What is meant by organizing?

Ans. 1.—Organizing means the forming of persons into a Society by electing officers and having regular times of meeting.

Question 2—How many officers has the Board of Managers of the W. M. S.?

Ans. 2.—Sixteen: President, Vice-Pres. (10), Rec. Sec'y, Field Cor. Sec'y, Home Cor. Sec'y, Treas., Asst. Treas.

Question 3—Why was the Society organized?

Ans. 3—(a) So that the women of Canada could learn the needs of the heathen world; (b) Because the women of Canada felt that they ought to do something for their heathen sisters: (c) Because these Methodist ladies felt that they must obey Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", and that if they could not go themselves they must send those who could.

Leader—The Society grew rapidly, so that in a year's time there were twenty auxiliaries or helping Societies, one of which was organized on Jan. 12th, 1882, in Brunswick St. church, Halifax, (pin on flag). The work kept on growing, so to make matters as simple as possible, branches were formed.

Question 4—What is a branch?

Ans. 4—A branch is composed of those Auxiliaries and Bands within its prescribed limits.

Ques. 5—How many branches are there now?

Ans. 5—Nine, and some separate Auxiliaries in Newfoundland (pin on red flags).

Ques. 6—When did our Branch meet last year?

Ans. 6—Grafton St. church, (dark blue flag pinned on).

Ques. 7—What is a Mission Band?

Ans. 7—A Society of young people banded together to help the W. M. S. and connected with the Auxiliary of the church in which it is formed. When there are two Bands connected with one church the older one is called a Mission Circle.

Ques. 8—How many bands are there in each Branch?

Ans. 8—Pin on pale blue flags.

Ques. 9—At the branch meetings delegates are elected to the meeting of the Board of Managers. Where did this meet last year?

Ans. 9—Pin on dark blue flag.

Ques. 10—Where does the money raised by the W. M. S. go to?

Ans. 10—Pin on pale green flags.

Ques. 11—Give the motto of the W. M. S.

Ans. 11—Malachi 3: 10; Matt. 9: 37, 38.

MOTTO FOR JUNE—For the love of Christ constraineth us. II. Cor. 5:4.