

MISSION BAND CONFERENCE.

The Mission Band conference was exceedingly profitable. It was presided over by Mrs. Grant. Miss Caven, followed by Mrs. Sinclair, of Oliver's Ferry, gave a comprehensive talk on the ways and means of interesting the children. The President should be bright and active, and able to put herself in the child's place. Prayers and hymns should be simple in language, and short. Change your plan of work frequently. Try the talent money one year, the mite-box another, as a means of raising funds. Get one or two each day to bring a synopsis of the previous meeting. Take some particular story from a missionary's life, and have a child give it. If possible let boys and girls be in separate rooms, and appeal to the manly feelings of the boys; they abhor any tendency to the emotional. The Scattered Helper scheme might prove of great service in our Mission Bands. There is no reason why one-half at least of our Sabbath school scholars should not be members, for often children whose duties at school are too great to attend Mission Band meetings, would not refuse to do a little piece of work at home for the Band, and once or twice a year attend an open meeting and bring their work and their mite-box along. It was thought well to have all mite-boxes opened twice a year, in June and December.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

On the Wednesday morning Mrs. McLaren read her address, a resume of the work of the Society during the year. She passed a touching eulogy on the death of our esteemed President, Mrs. Ewart. Everyone throughout the whole Society had felt the loss, and especially now the thought came back that her kindly face was missing, yet her spirit still was near. She dwelt on the delight it had been to the Board to carry out so many of Mrs. Ewart's last wishes. The Ewart Missionary Training Home had been successfully established, and, under the care of Mrs. Ross, late of Brucefield, it showed signs of wide usefulness. Four young women had attended the full course of training, besides, many young women in the city had availed themselves of the privilege of attending the lectures at Knox College. The Training Home provides for the training of missionaries not only for the foreign field, but also for the home work. Mention was made of the loss of Mrs. G. H. Robinson from the editorship of "The Tidings," and also of Mrs. G. L. Robinson on her removal to a new field of influence in Chicago.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES.

The reports of the General Secretaries were full of information. A careful study of the annual report is urged on all members who desire to understand the vast work of the organization.

Mrs. Playfair presented that of the Board of Management and also of the Training Home. The death of Mrs. Ewart was a personal