

## Our Mission Bands

FROM MRS. WITHROW

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Dear Family of Mission Band Workers,—

When I decided to accept the position of Secretary to Mission Bands, I had no idea that the family I was joining was such a large one. At the Convention held in Peterboro three years ago I heard Mrs. Nathaniel Mills announce the slogan "A Mission Band in Every Church in the Convention." As I look over the list of Bands, with their Leaders, I realize how well Mrs. Mills and her helpers must have builded. For our family, as nearly as I can compute, numbers one hundred and ninety-four children. Some Associations have their full quota. Others have few blanks. This represents much constructive, consecrated work.

One hundred and ninety-four is a large family. The Foreign Mission Board realizes the value of family life in a community and frequently pleads for families with which to man their stations. Hence our large family will surely exercise a great influence on the community represented by our Convention.

But it is of our duties within the family that I wish to write just now. We do not all know each other. So we must become acquainted. This must, to a great extent, be accomplished by writing to each other and to the Band Secretary. If we are diligent in this we shall open the way for a very happy relationship, by the time we next meet at Convention. And we shall plan to make that a period of great inspiration.

In becoming acquainted, we shall wish to carry the spirit of helpfulness to each other. Are you discouraged? Does some one thing present a great problem that almost overwhelms? Some one may have just the word of encouragement you need. Some one may have been able to solve your difficulty. And of course, you will wish to share all your good things.

Your Secretary is very young in her position, just a few days old. She needs your support and your prayers to help her carry through all she has on her heart. Very soon after this little message is broadcasted by the

Link, she will expect to hear from the Mission Band Family all over the Convention.

Yours most sincerely,

Maud H. Withrow.

Will each Mission Band Leader in Toronto please let me have by telephone (Trinity 1802) during the next week, information as to the day of the month and time of meeting of her Band.

M. H. W.

### STUDY ON BOLIVIA

#### Programme Number 2.

1. Hymn 64 (Songs and Solos 1200) "Seeking to Save."
2. Scripture Reading. John 10: 1-16. "The Good Shepherd."
3. Prayer (by several if desired).
4. Minutes.
5. Roll Call and Offering.
6. Business.
7. Hymn 1164 (Songs and Solos 1200) "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us."
8. "The Ninety and Nine" (sung as a solo or told as a story).
9. A brief talk on the Bible Study.
10. Recitation, "The Faithful Shepherd."
11. Hymn, "Jesus Loves the Little Children" by a group of children, taken from "Missionary Songs and Hymns for children," procurable at Foreign Bureau of Literature.
12. A trip to Bolivia, by Leader.
13. A description of Bolivia, by a boy representing Mr. Wintemute.
14. Announcement for next meeting.
15. Hymn 753. (Songs and Solos 1200) "Bring Them In."
16. Lord's Prayer in unison.

#### Suggestions for Talk on Bible Study

##### Part 9

Tell briefly how sheep are cared for in Eastern countries by a shepherd, David being a good example. Help them to see that every little child who loves and trusts Jesus is one of His little lambs, for whom he specially cares (Isa. 40:11). Tell how the hired shepherd does not love the sheep, and so lets the wolf catch them, then show how