

## Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—It always makes me glad to hear of new Mission Bands. I have great faith in work done by children. Our Sunday schools contain enough power to do wonderful things for the boys and girls of India. That is the reason why the Editor of this paper lets us have a "Corner" to talk about the best plans for work.

I have another poem for you to recite at the Band meeting next month. It teaches a very true lesson about the real good you boys and girls are doing :

We plead for the little children  
Who have opened their baby eyes  
In those far off lands of darkness  
Where the shadow of death yet lies,  
But *not* to be nurtured for glory,  
Not to be taught the true way,  
Not to be watched o'er and guided  
Lest their tiny feet should stray.

Ah, no! It is idol worship  
Their stammering lips are taught ;  
To cruel, false idols only  
Are their gifts and offerings brought.  
And what can *we* children offer  
Who live in a Christian land?  
Is there no work for our Master  
In reach of each little hand?

Oh, surely a hundred tapers  
Which even small fingers can clasp,  
Will lighten as much of that darkness  
As a lamp in a stronger grasp,  
And then, as our Bands grow stronger,  
So many tapers, though small,  
May kindle a brighter shining  
Than a lamp would, after all.

Small hands may gather rich treasures,  
And the infant lips can pray ;  
Employ well all little fingers—  
Let the children learn the way,  
So the lights shall be quickly kindled  
And darkness the sooner shall flee,  
As the little ones learn of the Saviour  
Both here, and far over the sea.

The Chicago *Standard* recently published a little hymn for Mission Bands to sing. It is written to the tune of "I want to be an angel." You will like to sing it.

I want to be a gleaner  
And with the reapers stand ;  
For all the grain so golden  
Is ripe on every hand.  
The harvest now is plenteous  
With laborers so few,  
But there is some work always  
That little hands can do.

I'll take a cup of water,  
Or run on errands small  
To cheer the reapers onward—  
The Master sees it all.  
While the morning's fresh and sweet  
I will my work begin,  
With my busy hands and feet  
A sure reward I'll win.

And while the sheaves they gather  
I'll glean the scattered grain,  
That when life's day is ended  
I may follow in their train,

And hear His words of praise do  
"Well done, my little child!"

And lay my little gleanings  
Close by the Master's feet,  
His words of praise so sweet,  
And hear "Well done my little child"—

We all know the great need in India. Let us work and pray more this winter than ever in the past. The blessing of the Master will be upon our efforts, if our hearts are filled with love to Him.

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MISSION BANDS.—A lady in Wingham, Ont., has gathered the little ones about her and formed a Band of 22 members to start with. There is no circle in Wingham as yet.—Mrs. McDiarmid, of Port Hope, reports the formation of a Band at Hartford, with an attendance of 34 at the first meeting.—The Alexander St., Toronto, Mission Band has just completed its first year. The children have raised in that time the very large sum of *sixty-six dollars and fifty-two cents.*

## THE EXCHANGE DRAWER.

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