

THE PALM BRANCH.

for Japheth than all the revival meetings and the exhortations of Christians. The coming into the Christian life of Japheth through the influence of Diamond's praying had a blessed effect upon Diamond himself, for he was so much delighted over the conversion of his comrade that he began to talk more and more about Christian things and came back full of fire and zeal, and thus brought a great blessing to the whole school.

Children, never be ashamed to pray, even before your comrades who do not care for such things. It may be that your prayers will do more than any number of sermons could do.—*Dayspring*.

AN OPENING EXERCISE.

[White Flag Drill for smaller children.]

Roll-Call and Offering (children with white flag carried over the shoulder march in to instrumental music, or singing, "We're Marching to Zion" One by one as they pass the collection plate their names are called and their offerings are made).

Prayer (with folded hands and closed eyes, and altogether in low voice):

Gladly now our gifts we bring
To our holy Saviour King,
Bless them, Lord, and let them be
Silent messengers for Thee.

Hymn.—"Brightly Gleams our Banner."
Drill.

Leader.—What is our call?

Children.—To send the Gospel.

Leader.—Who is our Captain.

Children.—The Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah lv: 4.

Leader.—What are our marching orders?

Children.—Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Leader.—What are we to teach and preach?

Children.—His word of command, the Bible.

Leader.—What is his promise to those who obey orders?

Children.—Lo! I am with you always.

Leader.—What armor shall we put on?

Children.—Eph. vi: 13-18.

Leader.—How shall we best serve Him?

Children.—Eph. vi: 6.

Motion exercise (descriptive of idols).

115 Psalm, 3-7 inclusive.

March (with waving flags) before settling down to the work of the meetings.

[Flags pure white, with the name of Jesus on them in red letters.]

M. U. WOOD.
—Over Sea and Land.

Have you got a brook in your little heart,
Where bashful flowers blow,
And blushing birds go down to drink
And shadows tremble so:

And nobody knows, so still it flows,
That any brook is there;
And yet your little draught of life
Is daily drunken there:

Then look out for the little brook in March,
When the rivers overflow,
And the snows come hurrying from the hills,
And the bridges often go

And later, in August it may be,
When the meadows parching lie,
Beware, lest this little brook of life
Some burning noon go dry.

EMILY DICKENSON.

A PRAYER:

ROBERT SOUTHEY.

Lord, thou art merciful as well as just,
Incline thine ear to me, a child of dust;
Not what I would; O Lord, I offer Thee

Alas, but what I can—
Father Almighty who hast made me man
And bade me look to Heaven, for Thou art there,
Accept my sacrifice and humble prayer;
Four things which are not in Thy treasury
I lay before Thee Lord with this petition—
My nothingness, my wants,
My sins and my contrition!

WHAT YOUNG WORKERS ARE DOING.

This is how two earnest young bands of workers earned money for the cause, as related by them in the *Junior Endeavor World*:

"To raise our money we gave an entertainment called 'An evening with the Flowers.' Twelve of the tallest Junior girls were each dressed as a single flower; and each flower represented a month of the year. As the girls passed, one by one, through the garden, which was made on the platform, they recited short verses referring to their flowers and months. Several small girls kneeling in the garden, holding paper pansies before their faces, were arranged in a pretty group to represent a pansy bed. The other Juniors sang in Choruses. Pretty songs relating to flowers were selected for these.

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands.—October.

Obtain Map of the World and Map of Japan.

1. Doxology.
2. Regular business.
3. Hymn 726, Methodist Hymnal.
4. Announce subject for study and prayer: "Japan, Corea, and Isles of the Sea.
5. Point out Japan, Corea and Isles of the Sea on map of the world, and name and point out the Mission Stations of our W. M. S. in Japan.
6. Talk by Leader on Matthew 25: 40, and all repeat the verse in concert.
7. Hymn 438, Methodist Hymnal.
8. Questions on Field Study, writing most important truths on Black-board.
9. Recitation—"So send I you," in Palm Branch, Feb'y, 1898.
10. Short prayer and the Benediction.