

This can only be accomplished by individual personal effort. One capable, earnest-minded woman in a parish can bring it about.

The first thing to be done is to obtain the sanction and approval of the clergyman of the parish, the next to discuss the matter with the Missionary workers and, with their help, to arrange a meeting which must be announced by the clergyman in charge, to which all parents interested in Missions, and more particularly those who are not yet interested, should be invited to attend. Much may and should be done to make this meeting attractive by Missionary Hymns, anecdotes, accounts of what is being done in the Mission field for and by children.

Among many good Branches, steadily working for this glorious cause, I would mention the Boys' Missionary Association, in Montreal, which, I believe, is the oldest; the Boys' Hannington Club, in London (Diocese of Huron), which I think has been established three years; St. George's, Church of the Ascension, and St. Peter's, Toronto; also Junior Branches of the Auxiliary at Kingston and Cobourg. The secretaries of these successful organizations would, I am sure, gladly send a short account of their method of work, to help others in emulating their good examples.

But supposing the meeting is a failure, then house to house visitation will be a means of interesting many who would not, or could not, attend the meeting. Arrange a time and place for the children to meet, call on the mothers and as far as possible explain the purpose of the Guild, and ask, "Will you try to interest your children in this and send them to the first meeting to be held at such a time and place?" This may be in the School room, or better still, if the numbers are small, in a private house. Some work for the children to do should be ready and Mission Hymns (easy ones) selected for singing, for which the children should be asked to bring their Hymn Books. Then give each child something to do. They may be asked to bring a few pictures, patches, beads, needle, thimble and thread, and, if possible, an old pair of scissors. The contents of a few rag bags will give occupation to many children. The most successful worker among children in the Mission cause says: "My wealth lies in my neighbours' rag bags. I have several friends who send me these bags every spring and fall. Knowing that I make use of all I can get they slip in pieces of dresses, old fashioned over-skirts, waists, half worn under clothes, etc. I empty these things out upon a sheet; pieces large enough for dress, apron, or skirt, I put in the basket for 'our girls'; pieces of silk or ribbon for the linings of hoods, narrower ribbon for the strings; all buttons from underclothing or waists go into the button box. Smaller pieces of material, odd bits of lace and ends of ribbon

fall to the share of the little missionaries, and are made into doll's dresses, pin-cushions, or marble bags, the odd bits are cut for rag rugs which the boys cut; sew and wind into balls." Cutting out pictures from illustrated news papers to make a scrap book gives further work. These pictures look well pasted on leaves of the commonest red cambric. Coloured pictures can be mounted on pasteboard from old boxes, and bound with chintz. All these afford occupation and all are useful to our Missionaries. A few telling anecdotes, such as may be gleaned from our Missionary and other religious publications, should, if possible, be told, not read. The children should be made very welcome; should know that they are of use; should be guided in their work with much cheerfulness and patience, and in a few simple and well-chosen words, which perhaps the Rector would give, should understand why they are asked to work and what they are working for. This would be a time to tell them the meaning of "Thy Kingdom come," and to shew them how they are acting that prayer, and to ask them to think of Missions when they say it, and to work and pray that God may hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. Then tell them something of the needs of Missions, not in a general way, which never interests a child, but take some one portion of the Mission field, for instance a remote portion of our own Diocese, no Church, no Sunday School, no Holy Ground for Burial, the little brother or sister dies and is buried in the woods, no clergyman to read the prayers over it or to say words of God's comfort to the poor mother; or our North-West Indians, with whose condition I fear many of us are even more familiar than with the wants and sorrows of our own settlers. Ask the children to join the great army of Christians who are trying to make every man, woman and child in the world a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Tell them why it needs money to do this, and ask if they will help with their money as well as their time. Distribute the cards and boxes for the Children's Missionary Guild, which can be obtained from Mrs. Forsythe Grant, 35 Augusta Avenue, Toronto. In some parishes and for some children the boxes alone are best. A card to collect a dollar would frighten them. Arrange with each child to bring its box at the end of three months, and the money should then be applied as may be thought best, setting forth plainly the objects contemplated and giving the children a voice in the disposal of their offerings. A Member's Card should be given to each child; the question of a badge or a coloured ribbon as a badge might be taken up. Take care that the business part of the meeting includes the children. Let them hear what is