

Our Mission Bands

GOD WANTS THE BOYS AND GIRLS

God wants the boys, the merry, merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys.

God wants the boys with all their joys,
That He as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure.

His heroes brave
He'd have them be,

Fighting for truth
And purity.

God wants the boys.

God wants the girls, the happy-hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best of girls,
The worst of girls.

He wants to make the girls His pearls,
And so reflect His holy face,
And bring to mind His wondrous grace,
That beautiful

The world may be,
And filled with love
And purity.

God wants the girls.

—Selected.

MISSION BAND LESSON GOING ON TOUR IN INDIA

In the first lesson on India, you learned something about the land where our missionary work is being carried on; in the second lesson something about the people; and in today's lesson we shall make a tour over the field.

Look at the picture of a typical Telugu Village.

Now touring on the field must be done in the cool season when we can live in tents, or occupy the traveller's bungalow which we find at some places. These traveller's bungalows are built for the accommodation of the Government Officials, but other travellers are permitted to occupy them provided a small sum of money is paid to the care-taker, or in some cases a small rental is charged.

The bungalow is built of mud with a thatch or tile roof. Sometimes there are two rooms, but usually only one. Verandahs run around the building and one or two corners of the verandah are closed in to form bath and store

rooms. A short distance away a little mud hut forms the cook house, sometimes with a small fire-place, but more often the cook puts three stones in the corner, builds a fire of small sticks, and placing his earthen pot over this fire prepares a very good meal. He very carefully saves his charred embers which he uses for toasting our bread and even for baking a little pudding.

Now we are about to start out on our tour, and shall go to one of these bungalows. What shall we need? Just about everything we need at home. We must sleep comfortably, so we take our folding cot, mattress and bedding, and don't forget the mosquito netting or we will not sleep much. The kind of mosquito that would bite us, may carry malaria germs and a bad illness might result. We have a folding table which serves us for a dining or writing table, chairs, dishes, cutlery, and cooking utensils. We must have something that will serve us as a pantry. Here it is, what a funny looking thing! A box frame enclosed with wire netting. It has a wooden top and bottom, a door of netting with a lock and shelves. Our food must be kept from ants, flies, dogs, cats, rats and robbers. If it was shut up in tight boxes it would spoil. In the box of wire netting the air keeps it fresh.

Have we everything now? If so the cart men are ready to load it on the carts and get away. We have a good servant who will look after loading it on the cart, so we may rest a while before starting on our journey if we do not mind the noise of the shouting and the running to and fro.

Here comes "Boy" saying all is ready and if we are ready the carts will leave at once. Let us climb into this cart. What a queer way to travel! The cart has a split bamboo matting cover which will protect us from the dew, for we travel at night, some straw is placed on the bottom of the cart and a thin mattress or rug is placed over that, next a sheet and pillow and our bed is ready. We must not forget this is the cool season and that we will need a good warm rug and a cap for our head.

Away we go now. Have you slept in a