

that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.'"

## Young People's Department.

### BEING SICK.

It is not a very happy condition even here in Canada. Many of our boys and girls have proved this during the very hot days in July. But your beds were in cool rooms with loving friends ready to do all in their power to make you more comfortable. Brothers and sisters walked lightly through the halls, and closed the doors softly as they came in or went out, for the least noise seemed to go through and through your poor head. Then the doctor came every day bringing the medicine you needed, which was not always easy to take, or pleasant to the taste, but which relieved your pain and made mother very thankful for the colleges where these good doctors learn how to cure people. Then you would hear her calling Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, to come and add His blessing to all the means used for your recovery. So you would find some comfort even while you were sick.

How very different it would have been had you been a little child in lands where nobody knows about Jesus! Such awful ways the heathen have for treating their sick people! Priests from the idol temples would come with all the noise-making instruments you ever heard of to make a great racket in front of your door to frighten away the illness. Witch doctors and medicine men would be called in with their dreadful faces, and more to be dreaded remedies. Native doctors who believe every sickness should be burned out with red-hot irons applied to each sore spot would come to do their share. You would be closely confined in some hot dark place, with no fresh air or cool water. No clean clothes or refreshing bath, just to lie there and bear all that came until you would long for death to end all.

Our medical missionaries tell us such sad stories about sick children and women in India, China, Africa, and other heathen countries are just as bad. Are you not glad that we have sent two doctors to India among our faithful workers there? Let us pray for them in their little hospitals, that not only the sufferers may be healed in body, but their souls made whole by Jesus Christ. Then let us thank God for our homes in this Christian land, and remember to give *freely* as we have received.

In this way our Mission Bands may be helpers in the great work of caring for poor, sick people in heathen lands.

SISTER BELLE

### NEWS FROM BANDS.

**DUTTON.**—A Mission Band was organized in Dutton on January 11th, 1901, with thirty members. Already these young people have proved their interest in the work by sending a contribution of three dollars to Foreign Missions. The Secretary, Miss Luura McKee, writes that they are getting on finely and feeling much encouraged.

**OSHAWA.**—We are pleased to say we have organized a Mission Band in connection with our Sunday School. We have held two meetings and have a membership of 26. We hold our meeting at 3.30 each alternate Sunday afternoon. Our officers are as follows:—Miss Wills, President; Miss M. Hall, Vice-President; Miss E. Stacey, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Pierce, Organist; Mrs. Dell, Miss Alice King and Miss A. Gaul, Directors. The interest taken by the children is very good. Our first collection amounted to 62 cents; this is very well considering that the large majority of the members are small children and that each one is supposed to earn their own money. We have commenced a study of the North-West Missions and hope to arouse a general interest in all Missions.

EDITH STACEY, Secretary.

**OTTAWA.**—The Cheerful Gleaners' Mission Band of the First Baptist Church of Ottawa, held their last meeting, Sunday afternoon, June 30th. Instead of the general review of the International Lesson, the meeting was a union one with the Sunday School.

Our President, Miss Teakles, being away, the Vice-President, Mrs. Blair, took the chair. She proposed that any wishing to help in missionary work among the Indians could make quilts and blankets out of castaway clothes and send them to the North-West, for such things would be very acceptable to the Indians there. She also proposed that those interested in the Post Office Crusade should save up all old magazines and papers during the summer, and in the fall they would be sent all together to the Missionaries. A very interesting programme was executed, consisting of a song, "We are Happy Little Gleaners," by five of the smaller members of the Band. A motto song and recitation, "Workers for Jesus," was given by fifteen little "Gleaners." Miss Clara Walker sang "Nothing to Pay" with a great deal of feeling. Mr. Charlie Miller, President of the Mission Band of the McPhail Memorial Church, talked very interestingly on his knowledge and experience in Band work. Our Mission Band is going to furnish one of the small rooms in the new wing of the Brandon College, so the collection taken in aid of that fund was divided with the Band. There being no business to transact, Mr. Blair closed with prayer.

NELLIE ABBOTT, Secretary.