

pass into the Lord's treasury as these boys grow into men, and these little girls into women? How many of them, too, may we expect to give themselves as well as their money to the cause of missions? In one Sabbath school over \$200 has been raised in this way during the past year, and this is by no means a wealthy church, nor is it in any way detracted from the benevolence of the church.

It will be necessary to have some time for a missionary service. This can be once every quarter on review Sabbath without interfering in any way with the regular work of the school. It is to be regretted that the meetings cannot be more frequent, but in four times a year much may be accomplished with a well prepared programme. A short exercise concerning our own missionaries and their work until the children are quite familiar with this, recitations, readings, short class exercises, all on the subject of missions, with music and the treasurer's report of money raised by the different classes during the quarter, will make a most interesting meeting. Invite all the parents and friends. If your programme is interesting you will have a crowded house without the second invitation, and a grand collection which can be divided between the Sabbath school and missions.

The good done in this simple way cannot be readily estimated. The following reasons may be given why this method for carrying on a Mission Band is preferable to the general idea of having a separate organization meeting at another time:

1st. In this way all attending the Sabbath school come under the missionary influence, boys as well as girls. Mission Bands for the most part are composed of girls, who sew or make many fancy articles with the intention of holding a sale to gain money for missions; but the boys cannot sew or make many fancy things so they do not attend. Here, in the Sabbath school, they have equal rights and privileges, can give their money, take part in the exercises, and form a very important factor. We must not neglect the boys because they are noisy and careless, in our efforts to increase the interest in missions.

2nd. A large number of our older scholars are employed during the week and cannot attend any meeting of this kind; but of course all the young people belong to the Sunday school and are ready to help in this good work once their sympathies are enlisted.

3rd. This method of carrying on a Mission Band gives permanence to the work. The ordinary Mission Band is dependent upon one or two self-sacrificing women or men, who act as leaders, working, planning constantly to devise something new to keep up the ever flagging interest. In a short time these greatly interested ones may be called to work up higher, or remove to other places, or it may be get married, and down goes the Mission Band. It may survive through the winter, when the evenings are long and not much of interest outside; but summer's sun melts the zeal, and out-door attractions prove too great a temptation for the half-interested members, so the Mission Band grows less and less, until it is finally dismissed for a vacation that never ends. The Sabbath school lives on through summer heat and winter's cold, and when the mission work is engrafted into it, they grow together into a goodly tree, whose fruit will henceforth nourish and bless not only our own churches, but the mission cause at home and abroad. Would it not be pleasing to our Master if, at the beginning of this new year, we should undertake something of this kind in connection with all our Sabbath schools, modified or changed as the different circumstances of country or town may require? Is there not some sister or brother who will take this matter into considera-

tion? Talk about it, pray about it, and never rest until something practical is done in your Sabbath school each week for the cause of missions. S. J. M.

In preparing these Mission Band exercises we propose to give both teachers and scholars *something to do*. Each teacher should be able to gather her class together occasionally during the week, to instruct them in the questions to be asked, i. e., if the scholars have not the needed books in their home, and even then there is such enthusiasm in numbers, that it is better to have the class meet.

These exercises are meant for Mission Bands composing the whole school. Give recitations to the infant class.

MISSION BAND EXERCISE FOR APRIL

JUDSON.

Let one of the members of the senior class prepare a short paper on the life of Judson; and let the following questions be distributed among the intermediate classes, at least four weeks before the Missionary Band day, in order that teachers and scholars may be well prepared:—

Where was Judson born? In what year? To what denomination did his parents belong? What led to his conversion? What caused him to devote his life to the heathen? Under what Society did he labor? What other missionaries sailed with him? and what year did they leave? What led him to become a Baptist? What led him to settle in Rangoon? How long before he baptized his first convert? Give the name of the first female disciple baptized by Judson? Which one of the Gospels did he translate first? What caused his arrest? and in what prison was he placed? Tell us something of his sufferings while in prison? Who caused his release? What town became the chief seat of the mission? In what year did he finish his translation of the Burmese Bible? Can you give his prayer on his completion of the Bible into Burmese? How many years elapsed before he visited his native land? How long after his return to Burmah did he live? Where did his death occur, and where was he buried?

The answers to these questions may be found in the "Story of Baptist Missions," to be had at the Book-room, Halifax.

THE TRUE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

John the Baptist was an illustration of a noble and heroic missionary. He told the people of Christ, and pointed them to Him. He utterly forgot himself and cared not for personal glory, desiring only that men might get to see Jesus. This is a feature which must characterize all true missionaries, whether at home or abroad. John was also faithful unto death. When Bishop Hannington was about to be shot in Africa, he bade his murderers tell the king that he died to open the way for the gospel into Uganda. John gave his life to open the way for Jesus come to the people with salvation. What are we ready to give or suffer to open the way of life to perishing sinners?

Jesus is the pattern Himself for all missionaries. He went everywhere, that none could say they had not seen Him nor heard His words. He went about doing good. We should seek to follow His example and thus be a blessing to as many people as possible.

There are millions in the world, even to-day, after nineteen centuries of gospel diffusion, who sit in blackest