that all they had to do was to stand under a big tree and sing or read aloud, and the people would run to hear them; but do you know, they said they had to go around and gather them into the school one by one, and then go after them every Sunday! Then I was so glad to see Mrs. Large, only I did wish that I might have seen Katie too."
"Now," said Mamma, "let me tell you about the

Supply Committee's work."
"You know," says Nell, anxious to explain, "that is the committee that receives the quilts and clothing

that we send."

"Yes," says Mamma, "last year there were 180 boxes and parcels sent to the Committee, and sixtyfive different mission stations were gladdened by the comfort which they brought. Mrs. Briggs spoke of a plan which we will all adopt:—have a missionary bag. Hang it up in a convenient place, where you can put in a paper of pins, a reel of thread, a cake of soap, or any little useful article, until the bag is full, and then, when we have them all filled, we will send them to the supply committee. Mrs. Briggs told how many times a great card would come from some society, saying:
"We have a box ready; where shall we send it?" and perhaps by the same mail, there would come a letter from a missionary far out among the Indians, asking for quilts and clothing. "Yes, I think there is some sense in doing that kind of missionary work," said Nan.

And so they told of the wonderful work of the society; how that China was going to have a new hospital and dispensary; how that the day schools and orphanages in Japan have been prospering; how that some of the French Institute girls had taken charge of Protestant schools in the Province of Quebec; and how that good was being done in the Indian homes, and the Chinese Rescue Home.

"The election of officers was very interesting," said Nell; "in fact the business was interesting all the way through, although those Western ladies were

very parliamentarious."

"Perhaps parliamentary," suggested Madge,
"Perhaps it was" assented Nell; "but oh, dear!

how we enjoyed every part of those meetings."
"Well, daughter," said grandma softly, from the corner, "what did you consider the most striking feature of the meetings as a whole?" and Mamma replied: "Business was never so pressing but that there was time for prayer! Well, the Board meetings closed, and we went down to Toronto. We had seen "Room vo, Miss Ogden," at Brampton, and as she had invited as to meet her, Saturday morning found us down at Wesley Buildings. We took the elevator, and were soon up in that wonderful room, with shelves and pidgeon holes full of missionary literature. When we came down we went in to see Dr. Briggs and the Methodist Book-room, and we thoroughly enjoyed that. But now it is getting late, so to-morrow I will tell you about the Metropolitan Sunday School, with its orchestra, Kindergarten, and Dible class of Chinamen, of the Fred Victor Mission, and all the other places of interest that we saw."

And so our three girls went to bed to live again in dreams, the story of the Board Meeting of '96.

Ritcy's Core. 8. H. L. G. HINTS FOR MISSIUN BAND SECRETARIES.

NOW is it that many dislike to be a secretary in our Bands? I am one of the few who really like the office, and perhaps it would help some of those who find the work so troublesome, if I tell you how I manage matters, and then you can see if it is any improvement on your method.

In the first place, a Secretary's book, if bought already prepared, is rather expensive for small Bands. I buy a note book, about ox6 inches, with board covers, which costs ten cents. This lasts two years. Then I mark the first pages 1, 2, 3, and up to 100. On page 1 I mark in plain or fancy letters, at the top of page, INDEX. Now I will show you the Index con-

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Now if the Editor can spare space I will explain a little more fully. The list of paid members is written from top to bottom of the page, and each name is numbered. Opposite each name write the exact date when you received the annual fee of 25c. This will save you much trouble. The Annual Report of your Band is often wanted to refer to, and you have it right there when you want it. Also keep an accurate copy of the Quarterly Report cards you send away. Now for the Monthly Reports. Divide the page into four spaces by vertical lines from top to bottom of page. Mark first space Date; second, Members present; third, Visitors; fourth, Collection. Keep accurate account of each. If you do this you will have little trouble with that bugbear of Annual Report.

The list of new members needs no explanation, but it saves trouble in preparing your reports. They can not be counted until they have paid. The addresses to be remembered are such as Branch Secretary, or to any one you may have to correspond with in your Band work.

Minutes of Meeting.—These are jotted down in a cheap Scribbler, kept for the purpose, then revised and carefully written in your Secretary Book when you get home. Make them bright and interesting; put your best work on them.

Business Notes, such as receipts &c .- Make out the form, and have it properly signed; also, cost of bales, boxes, &c. which you may send away; date of sending and cost of freight, value, &c., &c. By this method I find very little trouble in keeping my books straight. X. Y. z.