

very glad to have the doll and that such a doll could not be bought in Shizuoka.

One with movable joints, dressed in pale green silk with little figures on it, went to two little girls in Shizuoka who were delighted to have her. Miss Washington, one of the teachers, begged one to have when the little girls visited her. I gave her the one in pale pink, the skirt striped. Those are all that have been given away -- I keep some of them to use in other ways. At our Women's Meetings they have created a great deal of interest several times."

GIVE ME THE CHILDREN.

"Give me the little children," the master Froebel said,
 "The little souls all thirsting, and hungering to be fed;
 Like the flowers that have awakened when springtime kissed the sod,
 And they shall bloom and blossom in the garden of our God.
 I will teach them of the Father and His beauties, one by one;
 And love shall be the shower, and love shall be the sun,
 And faith and gentle patience the freshening dew shall be,
 And a symphony of beauty shall blossom here for me.
 Give me the little children and the nations I will make,
 The world shall be all beauty and sweetness for His sake.
 They shall scatter all their fragrance in the weary world of men;
 Suffer the little children to come to Him again."

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BAND WORK.

Mrs. Hales, Missionary Band Corresponding Secretary for Toronto Conference Branch does not claim to be an authority on Band work, but kindly gives her opinion.

"You ask me whether I think it better for Mission Bands to continue studying one Mission Field for some length of time or to flit about from place to place, according to the prayer topic?

I certainly think it better to study one field thoroughly before going to another.

The danger in flitting from place to place is that the children sometimes become confused, and, at the end of the year, know nothing definitely about any mission field.

If the suggested programme could be prepared with a view to offering a complete study of one field, I think it would be a great advantage."

Miss Hawley, Missionary Band Corresponding Secretary Bay of Quinte, writes:

It is my opinion that longer time should be devoted to the study of a field by the Bands before passing to another. The present method is too superficial. This is apparent to even the little members. We took a vote on the question in our Band on Saturday and there was a unanimous vote for longer study. I asked for reasons, and one little girl replied: "Why, we only spend about one hour on the study of a country, and we can't learn much in that time." Our Band meets fortnightly, too. Some only once a month, so it is impossible to do thorough work in so short a time.

IMPORTANT HINTS.

"There must be no slackening in the efforts of the faithful workers in the Bands. Are we not now preparing these young minds and souls that in the days to come they may be more bound to our Cause? Or are we, by our laxity and improper training, instilling in their minds the thought, which may come in after years, that, after all, we were but playing at missions."

"I do think that our women must learn to think of training the young in missions as a very important part of the home work given us to do, and that our work abroad can only grow as the workers at home are added to and strengthened. This must largely be accomplished through the young."

Another hint, and what we think a most important one. Do not make either your private or public Mission Band programme too long.

HOLDING FAST.

When the anchors that faith has cast
 Are dragging in the gale,
 I am quietly holding fast,
 To the things that cannot fail.

I know that right is right,
 That it is not good to lie;
 That love is better than spite,
 And a neighbor than a spy.

I know that passion needs
 The leash of sober mind;
 I know that generous deeds
 Some sure reward will find;

That the rulers must obey:
 That the givers shall increase;
 That duty lights the way,
 For the beautiful feet of peace.

In the darkest night of the year,
 When the stars have all gone out,
 That courage is better than fear,
 That faith is truer than doubt.

And fierce though the fiends may fight,
 And long though the angels hide;
 I know that Truth and Right
 Have the universe on their side.

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Suggested Programme for Mission Bands—June.

- I.—Opening Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers."
 - II.—Announce subject for Study and Prayer—Missionaries and Missionary Ships.
 - III.—Leader and Band read alternately, St. Mark 16: 14-18; and St. John 24: 45-53.
 - IV.—Prayer—Asking God to watch over Missionaries, bless their work and guide the ships on the sea.
 - V.—Roll Call, with response of verse of favorite hymn.
 - VI.—Transaction of regular business
 - VII.—Questions on Field Study in the *Palm Branch*.
 - VIII.—Quartette—"Into a Tent Where a Gypsy Boy Lay."
 - IX.—Reading—A Missionary's Outfit, or a Blackboard Exercise (if preferred).
 - X.—Hymn—"Speed Away, Speed Away."
 - XI.—Reading—Missionary Standard of Living, and what it means to be a Foreign Missionary!
 - XII.—Sentence Prayer and Lord's Prayer in concert.
- NOTE.—Nos. 9 and 11 obtained at Room, Toronto. No. 10 in Sacred Songs, Sankey, No. 1 Book.