

## How May Mission Work in the Sunday School be Best Introduced?

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As I have very little knowledge of Primary work outside of our own school, I feel that I shall have to be rather personal in my short paper. I presume this department will include the "Cradle Roll" and the "Beginners," as well."

From the "Cradle Roll" to the grave, the missionary atmosphere should be breathed and the missionary spirit have its place. As the Sunday-school claims the very youngest children of the household, placing their names upon the "Cradle Roll" and thus identifying them with the school from their earliest infancy, so the Primary Superintendent or Committee (if one is appointed), should see to it that their names are enrolled as Little Light-Bearers. Cards for enrollment I am sure could be obtained from our own Board.

Of course no missionary instruction can be attempted with such little ones, but enrollment as Little Light-Bearers will start them on their career of missionary interest and education, and the parents will become interested and will be glad to have a mite box in which they will put from time to time offerings in behalf of their child.

It is a good plan too, when the school has any special missionary program, such as at Easter, Christmas, or at any other set times during the year, for the Superintendent or missionary Committee to send a personal note to the parents of each Little Light-Bearer, advising them of the special occasion, and

calling attention to the fact, that their child is enrolled as a Little Light-Bearer, and on the Cradle Roll, and thus being a member of the school, a special invitation is sent for him or her to be present with the parents on the particular occasion. An envelope should be enclosed and statement made that all the members of the Primary including the Light-Bearers are invited to either bring or send a special thank-offering to help send the Gospel light to little children who have never heard of Jesus Christ.

And now we next have to do with the beginners. As they are in the same room in our school with the Primary, we teach them the subject of missions together. Some time ago, I had the privilege of attending a meeting of the Eastern Association, and there was impressed with the great need as never before. I fully decided that I still permitted to continue with my little people, they, too, would have a more intelligent knowledge. So, having a special card printed and sent into each home (one of which I will read) since then which was in June, 1908, we have collected over \$75.00, for three years supporting a girl in India (she has such a hard name to pronounce, we call her Mary), and using the remaining for other purposes in connection with our Home Mission work.

Now as to the method of interesting them, there are so many helpful ways. For instance, singing,—we endeavor to have each song learned mean something, not just because of the air, but also pay particular attention to the words. What child does not know and love to sing