

which tore off 150 tiles from the roof and a good deal of plaster from the outer walls." So you see we are not asked to give to that which does not need our help. Our dear missionaries who are doing such good work in that distant land must not have real hindrances to their work.

RE MISSION BAND WORK.

I have noticed the discussion in Palm Branch concerning the advisability of choosing one field for study during the year. In my experience in Band Work I have certainly found this the best plan. Take up the field study each month briefly, but at each meeting have a drill on one particular Field. Let some member of the Band prepare a map of the country with all our mission stations plainly marked. Study the physical features of the country, the manners and customs of the people, and then all about our missionary work there, the names of the missionaries, etc., until they are perfectly familiar with the whole Mission Field. This plan takes a longer time but is more thorough, and satisfactory.

A. C. W.

Miss Bailey, Mission Band Corresponding Secretary of the Montreal Conference Branch, writes:—Speaking from my own experience, I think it much better to stay long enough on one Field to become thoroughly acquainted with it. How can children have any clear idea of the work of our Missionaries at the different stations, the manners and customs of the people and the geography of the country from one short hour of study? I think some times it would be wiser if in our auxiliaries we devoted more time to one subject.

Miss McGeary, Mission Band Corresponding Secretary of Hamilton Conference Branch, while disclaiming any practical experience, says: "On general principles I would think it far more advisable to be thoroughly acquainted with one field at a time. Of course all these things depend very largely upon a Mission Band's local circumstances.

Am much interested still in the ideas drawn out from Mission Band Secretaries and others on this subject. But you will pardon me when I say that I cannot yet see why children who are emphatically "People of one idea" can avoid losing interest in all other countries while studying one long enough to be thoroughly conversant with it.

N. B.

X. Y.

Cards written by "Herbie," with printed photos, may be obtained from his mother, Mrs. John Bellamy, Moose Jaw, N. W. T. "The money goes in his box to finish his year's work."

APROPOS OF BAND WORK.

We have been greatly interested in the discussion between E. E. C., X. Y., and others. It is a subject that will bear a good deal of thought as it is decidedly a critical time with Band workers. 'The mode of raising money' is also a vital question, and the time is rapidly drawing to a crisis when it must be decided. Personally, I do not care for questionable things to be held in the church for the conversion of the heathen. It is only right that we should work for them, but if we cannot save them without hurting our own reverence, why, then—— It seems to me, if we had more prayer and less excitement in our Band work that God would send the power and wisdom.

INTEREST.

WHERE VIOLETS GROW.

Some careless word had touched her heart—
And childhood's griefs are hard to bear—
An April shower had cleared the air,
And, like the gleam when shadows part,
I heard a whisper soft and low
Break through her tears: "But then—I know
Where violets grow.

O happy secret all her own!
Whose hidden wealth of bud and bloom,
Through every grief or passing gloom,
Its sweetness kept for her alone,
And never sorrow overflows,
Or burdens vanquish one who knows
Where heartease grows.

There is a book whose silent tone
Hath wondrous power to make me glad
And life is never wholly sad;
I have a secret all my own,
One place—it is not far to go—
"The shadow of a Rock!" I know
Where violets grow!

—Selected.

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands—May.

1. Opening Hymn—"Safely Through Another Week."
2. Announce subject for prayer and study—"China and Chinese work."
3. Read in concert—Isaiah 35th chapter.
4. Sentence Prayers for guidance in sending God's Word to those who know Him not.
5. Roll Call, responded to by verses of Scripture.
6. Transaction of regular business, (written reports.)
7. Paper*—"Trip to China," including every Band member.
8. Duet or Chorus, "Lo, the Fields Are White for Harvest."†
9. Leader supplements "Trip to China." in a bright, short talk by taking her hearers to our different Mission Stations, explaining the work and asking questions.‡
10. Hymn—"To the Work, To the Work."
11. A few words of prayer for the preservation of our Missionaries in China, by leader.
12. Lord's Prayer and Mizpath Benediction in concert.

* Or Blackboard.

† "Behold, the fields are white."—Music Depots—3 cents each.

‡ Field Study in this number.