

day and use it to hold your tithes?"

Claud most gladly accepted it and agreed to put into it a tenth of all he received. Then his Aunt handed him a shining silver dollar, and with shining face and eyes Claud said ten cents of it should go into his barrel.

Girls and boys, how many of you will lay by a tenth of all your money for the Lord's work? If I were standing in your presence I would say, "Let me see your hands," and I am sure I would see many hands up, promising to do this. Now get you a little box or bag and begin to-day. Wouldn't I like to have your report in a year from now and add it all up and see how much it would make. Why, suppose in one town there were only ten boys and girls that did this, and each one laid by but one penny a month. In a year that would make one dollar and twenty cents. Then suppose ten girls and boys in one hundred towns did this, the sum would be one hundred and twenty dollars. And there are hundreds of boys and girls in many a town, and hundreds of towns. What a sum it would all make! The *King's Messengers* would like to hear from any of the boys and girls who are tithing their money.—ELLA MILLER, in *King's Messengers*.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

I know of a mission band belonging to a large city church, whose organization presents some ideas worth copying. In the first place the children's band was organized by members of the "Young Ladies' Society," who naturally knew a good deal more about such things than the little folks themselves. Thinking it best not to attempt too much at first they addressed their calls for volunteers to the girls of the Sunday School. The response was so ready that an unthought-of danger threatened the new band. It seemed likely to be too big. How could so many girls of all ages and sizes go to work together? The large band was therefore divided into five sub-bands, the Pansies, the Marguerites, the Mignonettes, the Rosebuds, and the Forget-me-nots. These last were the very smallest lots of all. The president of the whole band and the leaders of each sub-band were young ladies but all the other officers were children. The badge is a new penny with a hole in it to receive a ribbon. The Pansies tie their pennies with purple, the Mignonette's ribbons are green and white, the Rosebuds' pink, the Marguerites' yellow and white, and the Forget-me-nots' blue of course. Says a little Eorget-me-not, "Our badge is the prettiest of all," but I am sure that those tall Pansies and Rosebuds will not agree with her. Each sub-band holds its own weekly or monthly meeting and chooses its own special subjects of study and work, but all contribute their money to the general fund, and meetings of the whole band are held several times a year. In June when flowers and strawberries were cheap the leaders gave the children a strawberry supper. Five tables were spread, and decked with the chosen flowers of a sub-band and surrounded by a row of bright faces. When the pastor looked in on this bright scene he said, "I have seen many lovely sights in this church parlor, but this is the most beautiful of all." But loveliest of all is the ready and eager response of these children to an invitation to work for Christ. The young ladies say now, "Why did we not think of it sooner?"—*Missionary Banner*.

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