

OUR MISSION BANDS

NOTE

In February issue of the Link, our secretary, Mrs. Mills, called attention to methods of preparing programme material. This month, instead of providing you with an entire programme, we are glad to be able to give you a splendid suggestion for your devotional exercises. This is from Miss Fanny Laine, the splendid leader of the Walmer Road Band, in Toronto.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

How many of you have ever seen a lighthouse? There is a large one at Toronto on the Island, also smaller ones at different points of the Island.

These lighthouses are to guide the captains of the large lake steamers so that they may find the right entrance to the Toronto Harbor.

A lighthouse is usually built at the entrance of a harbor, or at some important or dangerous part of a coast.

In the dark night, but for its guidance, the sailor would be quite at a loss to know how to steer his course so as to avoid the rocks and sands, and to reach the haven where he wishes to anchor.

Oil, gas, and electricity are used to light the lamps in the tower, and the power of the light is increased by the use of glass reflectors, lenses and prisms.

The Eddystone Lighthouse is built upon a rock in the sea, not far from Plymouth, England, at a distance of about twelve miles from the shore, and the light is visible for thirteen miles on every side.

Though several former buildings on the same rock have been washed away, this present lighthouse has stood the tempest's fury for more than one hundred years.

Upon another lighthouse is engraved this suitable motto—"To give light and to save life."

The lighthouse towers high above the rocky shore and sends its beams of light

far over the dark ocean, and many a sailor seeing its rays has steered his vessel to safety. But besides the light in the high tower it is necessary to have lower lights in order that anyone trying to reach a place of safety, may not be blinded by the bright light above, and not see the rocks closer to shore, or close to the lighthouse.

If the keeper of the lighthouse were to neglect his lights and did not have them bright and shining all the time, the sailor would be in great danger, for the ocean would be in darkness, and he would lose his way and be dashed on the rocks.

Mary was a little girl who lived with her father in the lighthouse on a wild and rocky coast. One day her father, the keeper, went ashore, and while there was taken and kept a prisoner by a band of wicked men, who thought, if only they could keep him prisoner, the light house would not be lighted at night, and vessels would be wrecked of which they would get the spoils. But Mary was left at home, and when her father did not come at night, she was very much afraid, but she thought of the sailors who might be lost, and bravely went to the top of the lighthouse tower and one by one, lighted all the lamps, till the whole sent forth the clear and welcome light.

Mary's father saw the light and he was very happy; because his little girl by her bravery had spoiled the plans of the wicked men who soon set him free, since no vessel seeing the light would be wrecked.

(Application)

We have a special subject for our Scripture Lesson today. It is just one word, now listen, for it's something we couldn't do without. We hear it every day but we do not stop to think how wonderful it is, because it is so common. It has five letters, and begins with L..... yes, it is "LIGHT."

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