

herd of goats he would sell them and buy a cow, and when he had raised a large herd of cattle he would sell them for a large sum, and then marry. "When I have a large family," he said to himself, "I will sit in the shade and weave on my loom, and my wife will do her work in the house, and the children will run in and out, and when it is time to eat, they will come and call me, and when I do not go at once, they will all gather around me and coax me, and then I will pretend to get vexed and will shake them off and tell them I will go when I am ready." As he reached this point in his day dream he suited action to word, and down went the vessel of ghee, and was broken into many pieces, and all the contents were spilled on the ground. The owner in a rage beat the weaver, and scolded him with many angry words.

But the weaver said, "Why are you so disturbed? After all, you have lost at most ten rupees worth of ghee, but I have lost a ready made family."
—The Missionary Helper.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF MISSION BAND WORK.

I believe that it is granted by all that Mission Band work is educational in all its phases. It is so in the financial department as in all else. The getting of money is a matter of second-rate importance: the education of the children to give is of first importance. Hence the best way of obtaining money for any object for which the band is working is by the personal gifts of the members. It makes no difference how this money is taken. There are mite boxes and star cards on which a star is punched out for every penny brought. One Band tried the envelope system where each child pledged himself for so much a month and brought it at the monthly meeting in a numbered envelope.

This plan seemed to give a grown-up feeling to the children which was good. An honorary membership was established in the same Band. Fifty cents a year was asked for the privilege of becoming an honorary member of the Band and in this way the grown-ups were interested in the work. A Mission Band concert is of great educational value, both to performers and audience and as all missionary information and effort calls for self-sacrifice the collection taken adds something to the treasury of the Mission Band. But no method is any good unmixed with love for the sufferers in this great world and no plan will work if it does not come from a burning desire to help the helpless. There are other special methods for raising money to send for missionary purposes, but none are good but those that keep the purpose in view. Hands and brain will follow the heart and it is the educator's business to guard against all methods that spring from selfish ambition. Some of these special methods we might mention. One Band in Winnipeg raised considerable money one year by the preparation of a small cook book, the recipes being obtained from members of the congregation and friends. Another Band took orders for dressing dolls at Christmas time. Some of the girls of one Band filled orders for hot cross buns on Good Friday. At holiday time a good deal of money can be made by making and selling candy. And so we might enlarge.—A. C. Cornell, in Western Outlook.

WHY?

"Brother," said Ruth to Teddy, one day,
As the children were out in the yard at play,
"I don't see how the little plants know
They should send their leaves up and their roots below."
"How do you know," he scornfully said,
"You should stand on your feet and not on your head!"

—Harriet Gooderich Martin.