

haps select readings or recitations by scholars. Special attention should be given to the contributions, every one giving something, however little. Suggest to the children to earn the money or make some sacrifice to save it for this purpose.

2. *By forming Mission Bands.* Have it announced at Sabbath School that the children are invited to meet at such a time and place to form a society to help the heathen. Excite interest by telling them who the heathen are; why we are not heathen or something of the kind. Let a committee of ladies, or, if thought best, one lady full of love to Christ and to children, and who knows how to interest them, meet with them. (1st).—Let the object of the meeting be made known, plainly but briefly, make the membership fee very small, so as to exclude none, and the constitution very simple. A pledge something like the following would be a good substitute for a formal constitution: "I promise to do all that I can to help the heathen and the missionaries in heathen lands, by 1st, praying for them; 2nd, working for them; 3rd, giving for them; 4th, learning about them; 5th, trying to interest others in them." This pledge, assented to by the child, and frequently reviewed, would keep the great principles in Foreign Mission work before their minds. (2nd).—Elect officers. If thought best elect officers from among the children, having it understood that some lady or ladies shall assist in arranging a programme for each meeting, in appointing committees, preparing papers or anything that will add to the interest of the meetings (3rd).—The meetings should be held monthly or semi-monthly, and should never exceed one hour in length.

There are a great many ways employed to make these meetings interesting; one is to study the different countries, the geography, customs of the people, etc., in succession. Another is making and selling fancy articles. We suggest plenty of good books and papers;—get the children to subscribe for them; get the boys to draw maps of the countries studied each month; secure pictures, curiosities, missionary letters, etc.

A very successful leader of one of these bands suggests a missionary scrap-book, for which the children bring "clippings" from the papers that relate to missions.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Scripture reading and singing.
Prayer.
Roll-call.
Admission of new members.
Minutes of last meeting.
Review of Pledge.
Study of Map of Country.
Select readings, papers, etc.
Collection of free-will offerings.
Singing and prayer.
If there is sewing, etc., give a short time for this purpose when most convenient.

CONSTITUTION.

If a formal Constitution is desired, the following is suggested, subject to whatever changes the Society may wish to make, except as to Articles I and II:

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called _____, and shall be auxiliary to _____.

ART. II. Its object shall be to work for Foreign Missions, increasing contributions, prayers, and Missionary Intelligence.

ART. III. Its officers shall be: A President, some grown-up lady, who shall have a general oversight of the Society, and shall conduct the meetings, always opening them with Bible-reading, singing and prayer. There shall also be a First Vice-President and a Second Vice-President, to aid the president in her duties, and see that her place is filled when necessarily absent. There shall also be a Secretary, to report meetings

and keep the books; a Treasurer, to take care of the money and see that the pledges are regularly redeemed.

ART. IV. Any one may become an Honorary Member by the payment at one time of \$_____.

ART. V. Every member of the Society shall be pledged for twelve months to contribute to the funds of the Society a certain sum semi-monthly, or monthly, as the Society may direct.

ART. VI. The meetings shall begin punctually as to time, and shall never exceed an hour.

ART. VII. Every member is to take part in the meetings as appointed.

ART. VIII. Arrangements shall be made at each meeting by which the succeeding meeting shall be rendered both interesting and instructive.

ART. IX. The anniversary of the Society shall be properly celebrated every year, on or about the date of the organization.

THE EXCHANGE DRAWER.

The following manuscript papers have been kindly placed at our disposal for the use of the Circles. All who wish to avail themselves of these helps to Circle meetings can do so by sending a postal card to Mrs. M. Freeland, P. O. Box 8, Yorkville, naming the paper requested, which must be promptly returned.

"Reasons why we should make the monthly meetings interesting, with some hints as to the best means of doing so," Mrs. H. J. Rose; "Why we work," Mrs. J. F. Baker; "A day in Cocanada Mission House," Mrs. McLaurin; "Woman's work in Missions," Mrs. A. V. Timpany; "The condition of women in India," the late Mrs. J. Coult; "Sketch of the W. M. A. Societies of the Lower Provinces," Mrs. W. H. Forter; "Christian Activity," Miss J. M. Lloyd; "He shall have dominion from sea to sea," A Member of the Winnipeg Circle; "China and her Missions," Mrs. H. K. Graftley; "Dawn of Day in the South Seas," Mrs. C. Alloway; "Missionary Colonization, as Illustrated by the Hermaunsburg Mission," Miss Muir. "Our Part of the Work," Miss J. McArthur; "How I obtained a school-house site in Doudepeda," J. Craig. For Mission Bands, "The Telugus and their Country," Katie McLaurin; "A Missionary Colloquy," Mrs. Fitch. "Two Telugu Girls," Mrs. J. McLaurin.

MAGGIE'S SIXPENCE.—A missionary told us the other day a very affecting little incident. He had been preaching a mission sermon in Scotland, and telling of the condition of the poor women of India, and he observed that many of his audience seemed quite affected by his account. A few days afterwards the pastor of the church where he had preached met on the street one of his parishioners, a poor old woman, half blind, who earned a precarious livelihood by going on errands, or any other little work of that kind that came in her way. She went up to him, and with a bright smile put a sixpence into his hand, telling him that was to go for the mission work in India. Her minister, knowing how very poor she was, said, "No, no, Maggie, this is too much for you to give; you cannot afford this." She told him that she had just been on an errand for a very kind gentleman, and instead of the few coppers she generally received he had given her three pennies and a silver sixpence, and said she: "The silver and the gold is the Lord's, and the coppers will do for poor Maggie." How many lessons do God's poor teach us! "Poor in this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom!"

One who is contented with what he has done will never become famous for what he will do. He has lain down to die.

All I have God gave me: so all I have is still his, and I want to use it to his glory—Member of the M. E. Church, Shanghai.