

*Teaching*—Let us aim at giving the largest amount of information in the shortest possible time, and in the most enticing, never-to-be-forgotten way possible. Maps, pictures, articles from the foreign field, in other words, make use of the eye as an instructor.

The catechetical method is good for Juvenile Bands, and in larger ones that plan which engages the larger number in personal search and effort for information is a wise one.

Seek to train by allowing larger girls to teach occasionally in turn. They are often better understood by the Band than their elders are, and the training for them is excellent. Teach them to cultivate *the habit* of praying for Missions, by observing the hour for prayer, and, with smaller children, to add daily to their morning and evening devotions particular petitions for heathen and missionaries. If we do little else in our Bands than teach them to pray we do much. The only true, permanent, reliable source of missionary zeal is that produced by the operation of the Divine Spirit on the heart through the living seed of the Word. Therefore let us see that the teaching of the Scriptures on Missions bulks largely in our exercises. And have faith in the word. Believe in its divine efficacy.

The Band should be kept as much as possible in a line with this Society, observing the texts and prayer topics; keeping them informed in a gossiping way of all matters of interest occurring in the fields. The Mission Band which ignores or does not find pre-eminently useful the LETTER LEAFLET is not living up to its privileges. It should be the business of some one, in turn, at each meeting, to give some facts, some items of interest from it. There is plenty in it to furnish news for a month and where the LEAFLET is not subscribed for by some other member of the family, try, judiciously, to introduce it through the Band.

One good way of governing a Band or an Auxiliary is to have an executive meeting composed of the office-bearers and two or three members; these members to be changed at regular intervals, to meet regularly between the meetings, monthly is sufficient, to plan and arrange the business and the programme. If six or seven zealous, energetic people meet regularly, determined to make a meeting a success, there is great hope of that meeting. This will, no doubt, be easier in cities and towns than in country districts, though not impossible in these. Care should be exercised that no matter of interest to the whole society should be withheld from it, and all business simply *arranged* for ratification by the Band, in order to prevent any from thinking that some are arrogating to themselves more power and authority than rightfully belongs to them, and so injure the Band.

Many are too timid to start in this, unfamiliar-to-them work, but it