

Hints to Mission Band Workers.

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One of the first difficulties that arise, when missionary work among the children and young people is spoken of, is the securing of someone who is suitable and willing to take the Band in charge and train it.

Inexperience, lack of knowledge, and timidity or nervousness are three excuses often given by those who are considered by others as fitted for the work. No one should decline the work for these reasons.

Experience can only be gained through time and trial, attended it may be with many discouragements, but success will surely rest upon the one who does not become faint-hearted. Knowledge of missions is sure to come to the one who earnestly takes up the work ; for have we not all experienced that the more we are interested in and have our minds occupied with any work, the more alert we are to notice all that bears upon that which is of such special interest to us. The same will be found true in this work, and so before long the mission band leader will have the satisfaction of knowing that she has learned much, if not all, about missionary work, and is learning more every day.

For the nervous and timid there is no better field in which to begin than the juvenile mission band. The most sympathetic audience is one of children, and there is certainly no other before which all thought of self will so soon vanish.

One thing the leader needs to be at the outset and that is an earnest Christian filled with love to her Master, and the desire to bring others to a knowledge of His love. If she be this, and sees before her an opening for work as president of a Mission Band, and in humble trust accepts the position, there is no fear but blessing will attend her efforts. To be president of a Mission