

THE HAPPY BAND.

We're a happy mission band, won't you join us too,
 We are workers in the vineyard of the Lord,
 Though our service may be small, yet He'll not despise it all
 He has promised, 'tis recorded in His Word.

CHORUS.

We're a happy band, yes, a happy band ;
 We are toiling for the Master every day,
 For to send the blessed gospel to the land beyond the sea,
 To the heathen in his darkness for away.
 Unto Him with thankful hearts we will come and sing His praise
 For the blessings that He gives us day by day ;
 For the hope we have of heaven, where with Christ we shall abide,
 And He's promised He will guide us all the way.
 Though we cannot give our millions we can bring our little mites,
 With a prayer to God who listens to our cry,
 That the mission cause He'll bless, that the heathen He will save,
 And will bring them home to glory by and bye.
 We look forward to the day when we'll send from out our Band
 A Messenger,—A Messenger 'twill be,
 Who will answer to the call for to speed the message on?
 Who will say, I'm ready—Lord wilt thou send me.

Sung to the tune of "Let us hear you tell it over once again." Put two-eighth notes instead of a quarter note at the beginning of the lines and the music for the latter part of the verse does for the chorus of this. I composed it thinking we would organize a junior Mission Band, but we have failed as yet to do so. I thought probably some of your Mission Band workers might like it and if so you can let them have it.

Yours sincerely,
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FIELD STUDY FOR JANUARY.

WE have no special field study given us, but we know that "Our field is the world," and our prayer this month is "For missionaries, officers, members and converts, that they may surrender themselves to God's will and direction in their work." What an important prayer this is—it takes in all the workers and those for whom they are working. We do not half realize how much the missionaries need our prayers. Away off in a strange land, surrounded by unfamiliar things, far from home and friends and all those of whom they have been accustomed to ask counsel. How important that they should surrender themselves to God's will and direction in their work." All their success will depend upon this, for it is God's work. Then the officers and members of auxiliaries and bands—they need this prayer. Their work is often of the most perplexing and discouraging kind; harder ground to break up than even foreign soil. They do indeed need help from above! And the converts, those who have yielded their hearts to the power of divine grace, they need it too. We heard a missionary say the other day, in speaking of the Indians, that when they had obtained a little knowledge of Christ they would often

say, "Now we know all about, it, we can teach our children—you can go." It is most important that they should be under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit—for the hope of Christianity for the world is largely centered in the native converts. Knowing their own language so well and the peculiarities of their countrymen, they can appeal to them as no foreigner can, and if the time should ever come when the doors now open should again be closed to foreigners, much will depend upon their fidelity to the Christian faith. If they are true to it Christianity will spread among them, no matter what the obstacles may be. So let us pray most earnestly for them. This prayer means for all of us a baptism of the Holy Spirit. We read in the 2nd Chap. Acts that "When the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." What a good example they set us! Do let us follow it this year. If they had not been in their own place they might have missed the blessing which came so suddenly upon them. The Holy Spirit came down and baptized them for their work. Their work was just what ours is to-day—to tell to those around them and to those afar off what they knew of Jesus, His wonderful love and power to save. What different men they were after they received that blessing! The ambitious John and James became loving, zealous, and unselfish characters! and the impulsive, timid (shall we say cowardly?) Peter became the bold, unflinching apostle. After that, it was an easy thing to "surrender themselves to God's will and direction in their work." Let us try what it will do for us.

QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY.

- What is our field ?
- What is our prayer this month ?
- Is this prayer important ?
- Who does it take in ?
- Why do the missionaries need our prayers so much ?
- What is it important for them to do ?
- Why does their success depend upon this ?
- Why do officers and members of auxiliaries and bands need this prayer ?
- Who else need it ?
- What do Indian converts sometimes say ?
- What is most necessary for them ?
- What two good reasons for that ?
- What will follow if they are true to the faith ?
- What can we do for them ?
- What does this prayer mean for us all ?
- What do we read in the 2nd chapter Acts ?
- What good example did they set us ?
- What might have been the consequence if they had not been there ?
- What was the blessing ?
- What was their work ?
- What followed after they received this blessing ?
- What shall we do ?