



A WATER FROLIC IN THE ZOO.

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One of the most interesting corners of the Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park, London, is that containing the dens of the bears. Every youngster that goes to the Zoo likes to mount to the terrace with biscuits or bun, and throw fragments down into the pit, or perhaps tempt one of the bears to climb the tall post in the centre, in the hope of getting the bun that is waiting to be claimed at the top.

Near this bear-pit is the large den, containing a deep tank of water, in which the Polar bears reside. They are great creatures that live (as their name indicates) in the frozen regions near to the North Pole. Sometimes they are called white bears, but when you see them you will agree that this is not a good descriptive name, for the color of their long, thick fur is a dingy yellow. They look as though they may have been white once upon a time, but have recently been in rather a bad London fog, which has turned them yellow. When they are at home on their native ice they catch and eat fish, seals, and young whales. You may think that so great and lumbering a creature would be unable to catch such sprightly things as fishes and seals, but when the Polar bear is in the water he is both quick and clever as a diver and swimmer.

Like all the other bears, the Polar species has a sweet tooth and is very partial to biscuits and buns. Visitors to the Zoo know this, and try to get the bears into the water by throwing in small fragments of such dainties. But they are pretty cunning, and know that whilst they can secure these tid-bits without going into the water, the flow of such presents will continue in the hope that they will presently dive in. Many of the pieces thrown in fall so near the edge of the tank that one of the bears can put down his paw and secure them. Then the visitor tries to throw into the middle of the tank; and, if successful, and the piece thrown is sufficiently large, the bear may flop in and go after the food.

Sometimes, when they have no particular desire for food, they will take to the water for their own delight. Such an occasion was depicted by our artist, when two bears, one young and one old, were enjoying themselves immensely. The younger one had been playfully teasing its companion until the latter felt compelled to retaliate,

and went after the youngster for that purpose. But the little one took a header into the water, and the big one followed. Such a splashing and commotion there was, as their great bodies dropped into the tank. Up came the little one, with a face that looked all smiles. Up came the big one, seeming to say, "Let me catch you. I'll teach you to plague your elders like this." But the younger one stood up in the water, and when the big one came along trying to hug him, he put out his great paws and pushed the big bear over again on his back. And so they kept the fun up for some time, for it was fun and nothing else, and though they might bark and growl and pretend to be angry one with the other, it was only pretence. They never attempted to hurt each other.—*Band of Hope Review.*

THE CANADIAN BAND OF MERCY UNION.

The following letter speaks for itself. We sincerely hope that before long a Band of Mercy will be in active working order in every school in the country.

This Union was organized in Ottawa on March 27th, 1890. On December 10th, 1891, in the City Hall, Ottawa, the meeting requested Dr. Robert Mark to organize bands in and out of Ottawa in connection with Sabbath, or day schools, by personal visits, or correspondence.

In compliance with this request I ask your personal assistance, in establishing a Band of Mercy, in any Sabbath or day school with which you are connected.

The help I ask is for pastors of churches and the management of Sunday-schools, and principals of day schools to permit the following pledge to be read in their schools.

"I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures and will try to protect them from harm," and all persons connected with the school or congregation writing or permitting their names to be written shall become members of the said band.

My plan in organizing is to read the pledge in the schools—ask all to rise who will subscribe to it, and request each teacher to mark *m* in the class book for that day, so that at a convenient time the names with *m* opposite can be written on the membership roll of your Band of Mercy. The Band then chooses a name by which

it shall be known; also elects a president and secretary.

I further ask that on the first Sabbaths of January, April, July and October, following its organization, the pledge shall be read aloud in the school, and all willing to take said pledge to rise and permit the Band Secretary to record their names.

I ask that by post card the Band Secretary inform me each quarter the number of members in the Band. I respectfully suggest that the presidents and secretaries of separate bands in each place be a committee to arrange for mass meetings once or twice a year, making them as attractive as possible. Let each mass meeting be a grand recruiting time for each of the bands.

Mr. George T. Angell, of Boston, U.S., who has been mainly instrumental in establishing 10,000 bands with 700,000 members, wrote on November 6th, 1891:—

Dr. R. MARK,—“Any Band of Mercy that you certify has at least thirty members, we will furnish free said band with an outfit of literature, a small badge, for president, and our official organ *Our Dumb Animals*, for one year.” So that if any band desires to have monthly meetings the literature necessary can be obtained without cost by applying to me.

Yours in Works of Mercy,
ROBERT MARK, M.D.

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Those who enter the school in October, or as soon after as possible, will have the best opportunities in the work. In accepting applicants, preference will, of course, be given to those expecting to stay throughout

the year. None are admitted but such as are preparing for some form of Christian work.

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