

such hitherto unsuspected treasures were to be had among the bric-a-brac collected by our friends. Sometimes we had short papers—'five-minute papers' we called them, but whatever we did we were careful to have every item of the work well laid out beforehand by the 'preparation committee,' and, if it was at all possible, each member was assigned some part in every meeting. After a while we chose a new president, vice-president, and secretary, so altering our constitution that at the end of every six months the president's term of office should expire, the vice-president becoming president for the ensuing six months, and the other officers being chosen by ballot, it being understood that no person was to have the same office for more than six months at one time. Once in two months the vice-president was to preside over the regular meeting, under the supervision of the president, and both were to overlook the work of the 'preparation committee,' in order to make sure that every member was in her proper place and doing her proper work.

"Like many country churches, we had a mission ^{band} ~~board~~ which had held a nominal existence for some time, and from the manner in which it was conducted had gained the name among the children of the 'bazaar society.' Mrs. Blake, our pastor's wife, suggested that the young ladies, while still keeping their places with us, should attempt to carry out some much-needed reforms in our Children's Band. After much careful thought and prayer it was decided to make special efforts to obtain the attendance of every boy and girl in the Sabbath school under 15 years of age, and to form them into classes with a young lady directress for each class. Mrs. Bright, whose warm heart and personal magnetism endeared her to all little folks, and whose brisk, business-like qualities well fitted her for such a position, took the superintendency. The officers, such as president, secretary and treasurer, being chosen by the children from their own number, and well-drilled in their respective duties by Mrs.