

Quilts are specially helpful because of their constant need, being easily managed and engaging younger children. Dolls, hospital supplies, much needed mufflers and mitts for Indian children. As long as there is constant need of supplies for our fields there need be no lack of matter to interest our Bands.

One sure way to maintain interest is to make our Bands feel that they are not a unit, but a fraction of a great whole—a needed fraction, without which the whole would not be complete. Senior societies in making arrangements for annual and special meetings, should be careful to give Mission Bands a place.

Let us make the attracting qualities of our W.F.M.S. such that no society shall be able to woo our young people from it. Let it be observed that we are not seeking to prevent individual members of our Bands from joining any society helpful to the church generally, nor hinting that the influence of such is inimical to Foreign Missions. But if we want to perpetuate this Society by giving it trained workers, thoroughly and systematically informed in our work and its methods we shall better do it in Bands organized for that special object, and that object only, than by any society which only includes Foreign Missions as one among several objects. If our Bands are to slip away gradually, or to be absorbed bodily, by any society, we cannot reasonably expect increase in our Auxiliaries and there will therefore be loss to the general Society.

*Boys*—Do not neglect the boys. They have in them those very elements which should make the subject of Foreign Missions one of intensest interest to them. Why should not a boy who devours "Robinson Crusoe" be thrilled and fascinated with John G. Paton accommodating himself to savage surroundings, MacKay of Uganda, Annand on a cannibal Island, the story of Madagascar and Fiji. It would be an interesting and profitable study to learn how many of our now prominent missionaries received their first impressions for missions in their boyhood days, by those very means which are at the disposal of every Mission Band worker—witness Dr. Geddie and many others. The Band which gives to the Church one such fails not.

To keep a boy means to interest him, to give him something to do—Scrap books to make, talents to employ, new members to secure, an absent one to visit, maps to draw, missionary pieces and information to hunt up, a rag carpet to sew, a part on the programme, responsible for others in the meeting. Keep him busy in the meeting and between the meetings, just enough to remind him every day that Missions is the business of his life not its pastime. Only a few years of toil and patience with a boy, and we have a man with a powerful influence at home or abroad.