

any babies you wanted to get rid of? What would be the answer of our sometimes weary mothers and tired little sisters? These baby merchants sell them to women to raise wives for their sons, for servants, and more frequently for worse than slaves. It is said that at least 200,000 baby girls are killed every year in China. That is a better fate than what generally awaits them. We can have some idea of that when we hear that the wife of one of the high Chinese officials said, "When my soul comes to my body on earth again, I want to be born a dog, not a woman!"

Our W. M. S. has sent out three ladies to China, Miss Dr. Retta Gifford, now Mrs. Kilburn, Miss Brackbill and Miss Ford, a trained nurse, and there is a call for more!

There is great need of a hospital, dispensary and other aids to their work.

The Chinese on our own American shores also need our aid. We hope soon to hear directly from our missionaries who work among them. They have brought their own terribly degraded practices with them and many white men, instead of helping to civilize them, are aiding and abetting, because of their own gain. Why has God allowed them to come to us, if not to gain a knowledge of Him? Shall we withhold it from them?

RESURRECTION.

It lay all day, and it lay all night,
Hidden away from the cheerful light!
It was dusted away, and swept aside,
And they said, "It has died!
The thing is dead!
And that is the end! the end!" they said.

But lo! the chrysalis cracked and broke,
And the Thing that was sleeping inside awoke,
And it rolled and turned in its narrow bed.

"Why it lives!" they said,
And the outstretched Thing
Was a beautiful butterfly's fairy wing!

One day we too shall be at rest,
In this dull, cold shell of a body dressed,
In the dust we too shall be laid away,
"This is death," they say,
Is death a friend?
Or can this be really the end! the end!

But in God's good time we shall fling aside
The cold dead shell where our body died,
And out of the dust we shall rise again
Without fear or pain.
Nay do not weep!

For in God's good time we shall wake from sleep.

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MISSION BAND WORK.

AS the subject is so very broad, for the sake of convenience, we will divide it into four parts, namely: "The Aim and Object of the Mission Band," "How to attain that Object," "How to build up the Mission Band," and "The Privileges and Responsibilities of Mission Band workers." The aim of the Mission Band is to instruct and interest the young people on the great and important subject of Missions; a subject that grows in importance as the way opens for the entrance of the Light. We want to get them filled with missionary zeal, so that even though they themselves may never be called as missionaries to foreign fields, they can be missionaries at home, grow up to be intensely interested in missions, liberal givers to this part of our Lord's work, understanding fully its importance, and willing to do all in their power to promote its interests. Now is the time, when their minds are easily moulded in any direction, for us to aim to mould them aright.

How to attain the object. In order to interest the children put the missionary teaching in as interesting a form as possible, but never forget the necessity of instruction in the effort to be interesting. Announce the subject a month ahead, and try to get each member to give some item of information on it. The PALM BRANCH is great help in this direction. If the Bands take the paper they will find plenty of information on the subject. It is a good plan to use the questions given in the PALM BRANCH; give each member a question to answer, and usually they will be willing to help. The "Watch Tower" is also an excellent plan for instruction, and is interesting as well. When necessary lend literature to aid in preparing the subject. How to raise money in our Bands without the aid of bazars, garden-parties, etc., is a puzzling problem. Some have tried public meetings addressed by a missionary worker; others have had entertainments with the entire programme furnished by the Mission Band, and envelope entertainments with voluntary offerings. These plans in some cases have been very successful. Sometimes a sermon preached by the pastor to the Mission Band, with a collection at the close, has been an excellent scheme for interesting the people in the work, as well as raising money. It would not be a bad plan to have a special committee to devise ways and means of raising money.

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(To be continued.)

Woman is looked down upon in China, considered as having no soul, and has to eat by herself. She lives in the back part of the house, and when spoken of by neighboring men is generally called "The broom and the dust pan."