

How she would love to wear it when she went back to school in the fall.

The weeks passed quickly. Grandma's shawl was an actual possession, and the old purse kept being refilled with small earnings till what was left after the shawl's purchase had increased to almost another dollar. One evening Elsie and grandma went to the church to hear a missionary talk about his work in India, and when they came home Elsie thought what a happy little girl she was with a good home, a kind grandma, and good friends, even though they were so poor. Then she wished she could help those poor little children in far away India, and she thought and thought of it, till at last she went to the bedroom and took down her old brown dress from its nail and looked it all over. Then she and Grandma had a long talk, and soon Elsie Day started out down the road toward the minister's house, where the missionary was staying. Nobody knew just what she told him, but as she was starting home, Mrs. Brown, the minister's wife, was just going in her gate.

"What did Elsie Day come for?" she asked, as she found the missionary talking with Mr. Brown by the door.

"Why, that child brought me this dollar, all in pennies 'to help those children' in India," she said, for she had always known about Jesus, and always had a Bible, and could go to school; and she wanted to help others learn about God," replied the missionary.

"Bless her!" answered Mrs. Brown. "That must be the money she was saving for a new dress!"

"For your sakes He became poor," said Mr. Brown simply; "and here is a true follower."

When school opened Elsie came back, radiant and happy, but in her old brown gown. "Where's the new dress you said you were going to buy?" asked one of the girls. But Elsie simply said she couldn't get it, and only her very best friends knew about her dollar that went away to India.—*L. H. Stone, Child's Hour.*

BRICKS FOR BUILDERS.

A NEW Leaflet written by Mrs. H. Grayfer, of Hamilton, has been kindly sent us. It is very nicely gotten up, and we take pleasure in recommending it. It is called "Bricks for Builders," containing suggestions for Circles, Bands and Leagues. "These suggestions cover the ground very thoroughly, and will be found of practical value by leaders, not only of young people's societies, but of Auxiliaries as well." We give a few extracts:—

First of all, *Be Prayerful.* Lay every plan and programme before Him, whose work it is, asking that both work and workers be filled with spirit and power.

Be Vigilant. Always looking out for new and helpful ideas.

Give as many as possible something to do if it be only to select a hymn, it gives a feeling of partnership.

Be Orderly and Businesslike, no matter how few your members may be.

Be Sociable. A hearty handshake goes a long way towards creating an interest and retaining members.

Be Loyal to Your Work. It needs you and you cannot afford to neglect it.

And, above all, in the words of the beautiful hymn we so often sing, "Take time to be holy:"—

"Christ never asks of us such busy labor
As leaves no time for resting at his feet."

Give hearty and attractive notices of and invitations to your meetings, especially in the Sunday School.

Begin your meetings promptly with the officers in their places. See that your programme is thoroughly prepared, and if you are a Band worker let it be specially suited for children. Make everything simple and attractive.

Use the Watch Tower, even in the Bands. Select heralds to represent the different fields and one for the world; at each meeting let one or all of them give short, bright reports. In Circles appoint a herald to give information on systematic giving, and, perhaps, one to gather information from the OUTLOOK, PALM BRANCH and CAMPAIGNER, useful hints from the programmes of societies and districts, or from the Editor's or contributors' page.

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MONKEY WORSHIP IN INDIA.

THE Hindus have an intense respect for cleverness and cunning, and the marvellous instinct of the monkey stamps it in their eyes as sacred above measure. Monkeys are supposed to have aided the God Ramu in the conquest of Ceylon, under the command of the black-faced monkey, Hunooman. This monkey is worshipped by the Hindus on their birthdays, as he is supposed to be able to bestow the gift of long life. Many people keep an image of him in their houses and perform their devotions before it daily, and some of them even wear his sign upon their foreheads, and thus openly own themselves as his followers.

All monkeys are supposed to be related to this monkey-god, and are therefore held as holy throughout India. They are allowed to commit any acts of mischief that they please. Even if they should strip an entire orchard of its fruit, or tear the roof from a house, the unfortunate owner dare not revenge himself upon them, or even so much as drive them away. They swarm into the temples, climbing wherever fancy may take them; and at Benares, the holy city, there is a temple especially devoted to their worship, in which about a hundred monkeys are kept, and are waited upon with slavish attention by the priests. The people come frequently, bringing offerings of various things. When grain is thrown to the monkeys they crowd around chattering and pushing one another until their hunger is satisfied or the food exhausted.