

Money—The raising of money is not the primary object of a Mission Band, yet the young should early be taught their stewardship of money, their individual responsibility and privilege as churchmembers, that the Church exists to give the Gospel, and they exist to help the Church. Let the words "shall I offer unto the Lord of that which cost me nothing" be our keynote. Encourage them to earn what they give either by self-denial or effort. Teach them to do business for the Lord in any fair legitimate way. Parents should put it in the power of their children to earn—if only a cent a week—and all who earn should consider some proportion of it the Lord's.

Mission boxes are particularly commendable on account of their privacy; their being always before the eye; and for affording opportunities for those fragrant acts of self-renunciation, which go up to the Throne so acceptably from many of God's "hidden ones," all the world over, as sweet incense.

A collection at each meeting and fees have their advantage if it is known that no child is deterred from the meeting thereby. Collections at public missionary meetings of the Band help also. Talents are much used and profitably, if rightly managed. There are many ways and means suitable to different localities which will occur to the interested worker. Great care should be exercised in teaching to raise money, keeping always in view their spiritual development and instruction along scriptural lines in this respect, rather than the amount of the collection. Let us guard our children jealously, sacredly from any impression that the Church, the divine eternal Church, has any need of "novelty counters."

To maintain interest.—Engage as many as possible in some position of responsibility. In Juvenile Bands, make the elder ones in some way responsible for the conduct of the younger.* In overseeing these burdens let the President make use of the Vice-Presidents. Have some system of noting absent members. Members should never be allowed to feel that it is of no consequence to them or the Band whether they are there or not.

Bring the members into as close contact as possible to returned missionaries. Let them have a public meeting, managed carefully with missionary programme. Make the annual meeting something worthy of special effort and bring its work before the parents, then, as well as during the year.

The making up of the supplies allotted to each Presbytery may be made a factor in securing interest though it should not supercede instruction. Scrap books of noted men, places, objects, etc., scripture scenes, texts, anything truly instructive are very helpful in mission fields. Scrap-books of missionary pieces for home use are a source of interest and instruction.

*See Letter Leaflet, April, 1894.