

Mission Band Notes.

In letters received from Mission Band Workers during the past month there have been some useful hints as to how they conduct their meetings, and it has been thought well to give these ideas wider circulation and opportunity of doing more good through the pages of the Leaflet.

In this work it is hardly possible to lay down rules, or give methods that will suit all. Each leader must consider for herself the material she has in her Band, and all the circumstances surrounding it, and then by earnest thought and prayer, plan rules and methods that will be best adapted to her Band. It is helpful, however, to hear what others are doing, and while their plan may not at all meet our need, it will perhaps lead us to think of one that will.

☉ One of our largest Bands, composed of boys and girls, nearly all under fourteen, meets twice a month. The interest of the ladies of the Auxiliary is secured by having two of their number appointed each month to visit and address the Band; the names of the ladies being announced, with the day of Mission Band meeting in the Sabbath School. Roll-call is answered each day with a verse of Scripture, but as some always forget, and some are very young, the leader teaches them a short verse to answer with; if, however, any of the smaller ones bring a verse of their own they are specially commended.

In a district where apples are plentiful, the leader gives each member present one or two, or in summer she gives cherries or button-hole bouquets instead. Where apples are so plentiful this does not act as a bribe, but only serves to give an additional charm to the meeting, especially for the younger ones. A membership badge has been found very helpful. It may be of any chosen color of silk ribbon, with the name of the Band stamped