

OUR MISSION BANDS

MISSION BAND PROGRAMME MATERIAL.

This "Programme Building" is a great business for a Band Leader, isn't it? Rather nerve-racking, too, when one leaves it until the latest possible moment, and there is no time for memory work nor any real appreciation of the subject matter by those taking part.

But when one has a real plan, and builds a programme around, and into, and through a given subject, it is just as if one were stringing pearls on a golden thread.

And what is the result? Why, it can be but one thing, after all. The boys and girls will unconsciously carry away from the meeting, something that will influence all their future thinking along missionary lines.

Is not this worth while? Was I not right when I said that this "Programme Building" is a great business?

When we hold our next "Conference on Band Work" it might be well to spend considerable time on this subject.

Many of our Band Leaders are most successful in preparing interesting missionary programmes, and I'm sure that all our Band Leaders want to be, for, after all, we cannot expect the boys and girls to attend the Band Meetings regularly, unless the programmes are interesting, and, did you ever notice that a programme is always interesting to the one who takes part in it? For this reason, I believe it is better, in most cases, to prepare programmes which can be given largely by the boys and girls themselves.

I'm sure that all our Mission Bands have at least one programme each year on our Medical Work in India, and the Programme Material given in the January Link which has been used two or three times already, was prepared and arranged in dialogue form by two of the older girls in the Mission Band of Talbot Street Baptist Church, London—Irene Wood and Addie Trebilcock, and the lat-

ter also wrote "The Story of a Ford Car," which fits in so splendidly with the dialogue, though it could be used on any programme about Medical Missions.

For a programme on Medical Missions select the Scripture Lesson from one of the many Gospel stories of Christ and His ministry of healing. Choose the hymns just as carefully, and pray specifically for our doctors, nurses, patients, and all their helpers.

Do your best to keep the thought and interest of the boys and girls concentrated, and leave the results with God.

Suggested hymns are as follows: "The Great Physician now is Near," "At Even When the Sun Was Set"; "She only touched the hem, etc."; "Brighten the corner where you are."

Be sure to read "The Visitor" for further Mission Band items. A. S. M

PROGRAMME EXCHANGE

I am so anxious that our "Programme Exchange" shall become a real help to our Band Leaders. But it isn't an "Exchange" when I sent out all the programme material, and get none in return, is it?

Will the Leaders get busy and send along some of their programme material? Send programmes in full or in part, recitations, exercises, songs, dialogues, etc. Send me the names of books that you have found helpful and where published, so that we may get it for our own Literature Dep'ts.

I have material for 4 good programmes at present. One on "Livingstone" and one each on the following countries, Africa, Bolivia and China. And you see, only one of these is on our own work, and I wish that more material might be sent, along this line.

Be sure to keep all your copies of "Link" and "Visitor." Punch a hole in the upper left-hand corner and string on an old shoe-lace. Hang on a convenient nail, (not in the attic), and you will al-