

during these days in the visits and lectures and personal contact of Miss Ruth Rouse, Traveling Secretary for Women of the World's Christian Student Federation. Miss Rouse is thoroughly versed in the problems and needs of women students, having visited practically every country to bring help to young women. Russia, Servia, Japan, China, and Italy, seem to be as familiar to her as England is to us. Our own College has been sharing in the great uplift she brings by a series of five addresses to the girls, given during the first week of March, on such subjects as "Life-Service," "Women Students in Many Lands," and "The Place of Prayer."

### IDEALS IN MISSIONARY WORK.

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Everyone who has made a success in life has had the inspiration of an ideal or model. So why should we not create ideals in our missionary work? Why not choose the highest, and although following afar towards perfection, yet like the wise men of old, keeping the star always in sight, and by striving for the best, receive the inspiration so much needed for successful workers.

The Mother.—Those who were present at the Convention held at Thurso will remember that in the replies to the question, "What first interested you in missions?" frequent credit was given to a mother's influence.

So the ideal mother, like Hannah, consecrates her child from his birth and trains him to give and work and pray for missions.

Her first step is to make him a member of the Baby Band, thus linking his name with the work. Later she guides his tiny fingers in dropping the pennies into the mite box, for our ideal mother sees that her children have a regular supply of money for their own, if only a few cents weekly, and this teaches them, by her example to give part of it to the Lord.

Our model mother educates her children in mission work, telling them little stories of foreign lands, which appeal to their imagination, for what is so fascinating to a child as a story of the queer customs and sights, which surround the little unloved girls of India?

She teaches them not only to give, but to pray. The little child who mystified his father, by adding to his nightly petitions, "God bless my two pennies!" grasped the idea that his prayers were not the least important factor in the missionary offering to which he had contributed.

She sends her children to Mission Band, not because she wishes to get them out of the way, but because she realizes her own responsibility and feels sure that the surroundings therein to be met, will prove of benefit to her child.

The Band Leader.—Here she places them in touch with our ideal Band Leader, who is primarily a lover of children. She is bright, active and enthusiastic, and the children gladly follow her leadership. She keeps up with the latest news from mission lands, and studies new methods, and in this way makes the work of missions real to the boys and girls. She is always on the look-out for new ideas, and makes a point of collecting pictures and curios, which will help her in her work. Our ideal Band leader allows nothing to interfere with the regularity of her meeting.

She knows that in order to have a real interest, the boys and girls must help. So she varies her programmes and prepares them in such a way that each child is given the part most suited to his talents. Her smile and hearty "Thank you" to each is his reward for his share in the meeting.

She seizes the opportunity, when it offers, of making little prizes for the Caste Girls' School in India, for at the enthusiastic work meeting, which is held, the children find an added interest when they learn that scrap books, dressed dolls, little china ornaments, and tiny work boxes or bags with needles, thimbles and thread are dear to the hearts of their little sisters in India.

This leader of ours makes use of the Mite boxes, and she helps the children to give with suggestions how to earn their money. She remembers, too, that children love a public meeting. So she prepares a special pro-