

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper).

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Two little girls named Kate and Nannie, were members of a Mission Band in the States. They were earnest workers in it, too, so the Band had elected them secretary and treasurer. One day they were on the piazza of Kate's pleasant home talking about their work. Big brother Rufus, just home from college, was lying on a sofa, smoking a cigar, and talking with his chum, Ned Parker, about Foreign Missions; this is what Rufus said:

"Foreign Missions are too expensive; the country cannot afford to carry on this work. Two millions and a half of money taken out this year and sent to the cannibals or somewhere else. No country can stand such a drain upon it as that, with everything else it has to do."

The two little girls heard this wise speech through the window and laughed merrily. Katie said, "Oh, Rufus, you won't take a prize in college for logic, I am sure."

"What do you know about logic, little monkey?" was his reply.

"More than you do, I think. Just imagine our country not being able to afford two and a half millions for missions, when only a few years ago it paid over four millions for Havana cigars; have you thought of that expense, Rufus?"

"And I wonder how much champagne is a bottle?" chimed in Nannie. "You know about ten million bottles are used in our country every year. Something besides Foreign Missions might be given up to save money, I should think."

"Where did you two girls grow so wise, pray, and who gave you those absurd items?" growled Rufus from the sofa.

"At the Mission Band," said Nannie, "and Dr. Stevens gave us the items. If you choose to call what he says absurd, I suppose you can, but he is a graduate from a college and a theological seminary besides! I must tell him that you think two millions and a half for Foreign Missions will ruin the country, for I want to hear him laugh."

"You need not tell him anything about it," said Rufus, sharply. After the girls ran away to play, he added, thoughtfully, "How fast little girls grow up! I thought these two were children, and here they are with their Mission Bands and their large words about secretaries and treasurers."—"And their facts about money," said Ned Parker. "The girls had the best of it this time, Rufus." And I think they had; don't you?

Now, boys and girls, this true story shows one use of Mission Bands. Kate and Nanny were better posted on this subject than big brother Rufus with his cigar to "help him think," as a friend of mine who smokes would say. Try to learn all you can at your Band meetings about Foreign Missions, and so you can give good reasons for asking your friends to give their money to this cause.

Here is a short story that will please the boys. An old heathen priest wanted to get some people back to worship his idols. They had heard a missionary tell of the Living God, and were not ready to go back to gods of wood and stone which men had made. The priest thought of a new plan. He said, "I have found the true water of life. If you come with me and take it you will live forever, and nothing can hurt you." At first the people listened to his words. Then the chief asked, "Are you sure of what you say? Have you taken this

water yourself?" The priest answered, "Yes; nobody can hurt or kill me now." So the chief called one of his servants to bring him a great club. He said to the priest, "I will try and break your head with this club. If your words are true it cannot harm you; and if they are lies you deserve to have your head cracked for telling them."

But the priest was not willing for this test of his truth, and ran off as fast he could, to the great delight of the old chief, who had himself learned to believe in the True God. Don't you think God taught that chief how to show the people that the priest was telling lies? I know that He is always near us, and has promised that the Holy Spirit shall help us to speak for His Name. Oh, that we could more often remember this, and have our tongues "kept for the Master's use!"

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THE EXCHANGE DRAWER.

"Reasons why we should make the monthly meetings interesting, with some hints as to the best means of doing so," Mrs. H. J. Rose; "Why we work," Mrs. J. J. Baker; "A day in Cooanada Mission House," Mrs. McLaurin; "Woman's work in Missions," Mrs. A. V. Timpany; "The condition of women in India," the late Mrs. J. Coult; "Sketch of the W. M. A. Societies of the Lower Provinces," Mrs. W. H. Porter; "Christian Activity," Miss J. M. Lloyd; "He shall have dominion from sea to sea," A Member of the Winnipeg Circle; "China and her Missions," Mrs. H. K. Gaffley; "Dawn of Day in the South Seas," Mrs. C. Alloway; "Missionary Colonization, as Illustrated by the Hermannsburg Mission," Miss Muir; "Our Part of the Work," Miss J. McArthur; "How I obtained a school-house site in Doudepuda," J. Craig; "Madagascar," Miss Mosley.

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Balance on hand Jan. 15th,		Spent at home	4 00
1883	\$765 24	" in India, Miss Frith's salary for April,	
Receipts since that date	680 10	May and June	123 00
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		1883	1228 34

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Receipts from March 28th, to April 25th, 1883.

Smith Township, \$12; Stratford, \$15; Belleville, \$2; Jarvis Street, \$23.16; Alexander Street, \$10.10; Alexander Street (Mission Band), \$13.11; College Street, \$6; Yorkville, \$15.15; Whitby, 6th Con., \$6; Cheltenham, \$3.04; Timpany's Grov., \$3.60; Markham, 2nd Church, \$7; Whitevale, \$30; (\$25 of this to make Mrs. H. A. McConnell a life member, and \$5 for Samuelcotta school); Denfield, \$24.50; A friend in Hamilton, \$5; Rev. John Cra g, \$2.50. Total, \$178.16

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