

developing of the powers within itself, and becomes a group of young people dependent upon the strength of persons and things outside themselves.

Now, as to the third part of Mission Band work, viz: *Giving*. If we have the two first. praying and working, the third will come naturally in greater or less degree as the members have the power.

The giving should be as systematic as the study and should be done from principle, not from any whim or impulse. We can find in the Bible all the instruction necessary for acceptable giving, and a very simple Bible reading on the subject will be found of much value. Discourage the giving of money that has been asked for, for that purpose, from parents, and encourage them to give a part of what they may be earning or may receive from parents as an allowance to meet their expenses. There are many who have no regular allowance or income and who are often at a loss to know how to get any money to give. Many such have taken orders from friends for some article they may be skillful in making, and have given the money so earned to the Band. Encourage the members in real self-denial offerings. Our mite boxes are very useful for receiving such from time to time, and the opening of them may be made the occasion of something special in the way of programme. Improving talent money is another source by means of which some are enabled to give.

One thing though, let all the offerings be *voluntary* and of the members' own income or earnings, and not raised by bazaars or other outside agencies. Never mind if the sum be less than it might have been if aided by a sale, it is the free-will offering of the members themselves and will be blessed to them of God.

One word to Band leaders, Take for your motto "*Never be discouraged,*" and for your strength *unceasing prayer*. Do not