

due importance to age) invite the rest of the Band to a Turkish Social at the next meeting. At the social they must seat the boys first (according to Turkish custom) upon four pew cushions arranged to form a square, and serve them with what purports to be Turkish sweetmeats, made of three or four kinds of jam and candy mixed, and served upon square hoda wafers for plates. After the boys are served, then the girls receive their share. This simple affair has been found very taking with the children, and as they eat their craker plates there is no after-work for the teachers.

A China tea also follows nicely after a course of study upon China. The tea may be preceded by a China match, conducted like a spelling match, only instead of spelling words each member gives a fact about China, and if a new fact cannot be given the member loses his place. For the tea, arrange upon a small table a few Chinese decorated teacups, with a dish of small rice balls, a dish of animal crackers, and a dish of Chinese nuts, if they can be procured from some friendly laundryman. Let a few of the older girls serve the Band, group by group, as at a reception. If very weak tea is served in the decorated cups, and the rice balls are eaten with chopsticks, and some of the queer nuts are given to each child, they will think they are having a very nice time indeed. While the groups are being served the rest of the Band can be entertained by missionary stories about China, or by games.

In many Bands there is an annual entertainment held upon the birthday of the Band; that is, upon the date of its organization. In my Band we have held a great variety of entertainments upon its birthday,—sales of dolls' clothing, which were always very profitable, stereopticon shows, entertainments consisting of tableaux, songs and drills, home-made candy sales. Last year we had an entertainment consisting of tableaux, with home-made candy for sale, and a Little Helpers' Cook Book, which we compiled from choice recipes contributed by our church ladies, and which netted us \$55. This year we are planning a Japanese tea, which, as we intend to invite the public, will be a more elaborate affair than the Chinese tea before mentioned.

These social meetings should be held with the idea of associating good times and Mission Bands together. The idea that a missionary meeting can be poky should never be allowed to enter the minds of the rising generation.

Elyria, Ohio.

A YOUNG CONFESSOR.—Lord Bennet, writing recently of some meeting he and others had been engaged in, says:—"There was one very touching incident. A little child of eight and a-half years came up after an open air meeting, and said she wanted to give her heart to Jesus." Mrs. Davidson said, "Will you tell Him so now," and without any prompting she knelt down before them all and prayed, "Lord Jesus, I want to give my heart to you and be your own little lamb forever." It was a reproof to us all. For to whom has not "the fear of man" been a snare at times?

God only knows how blessed He could make us if we would but let Him.—*Geo. McDonald.*

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