

I was rather timid at first, as the weather was hot, but some of us made it a matter of special prayer, and God richly blessed the meeting.

We had supper on the Church lawn, with thirty-one Band members and thirteen interested guests present. After supper we played games until eight o'clock when all gathered inside the Church and the programme commenced.

The Band members gave some choruses, exercises, etc., after which Mrs. J. R. Burgess of Villa Nova, gave us a talk on "The Emigrants of the Bible" and our responsibility toward the New Canadians, and I'm sure that very few thought of the heat as we listened to her splendid talk. In closing, some of the Senior girls gave a dialogue called "Two Masters."

It was our first "Thank-Offering" and I was so pleased to find that it was over \$30.00. As several of the members are much interested in Miss Priest and her work, we decided to give part of it for her car.

I had thought of closing the Band for July and August, but the kiddies begged so hard that I was only too glad to keep it open. At our last meeting, although several were away on vacation, there were twenty present. Just now we are meeting twice a month, preparing Christmas boxes for India and Miss Mabey. The children are very enthusiastic over this, and to tell the truth, so am I, for my earliest recollection is of sending my best loved doll to India. That very act increased my interest and has helped to keep it up. There is nothing like doing things for others to keep the flame of love burning."

A. S. M.

A MISSION BAND PICNIC

The Mission Band at First Yarmouth Church recently held a picnic and shower for India, at the home of their Leader, Mrs. Herbert Parker.

More than 30 boys and girls gathered on the day set, and besides having a royal time, a nice lot of gifts were brought in,

so that the Band will be able to send two parcels to India instead of one.

After having games and races on the lawn, all sat down to a real Mission Band picnic supper, for which the Associate members had provided cake and ice-cream, while the Leaders of the Band provided all the water melon that could be eaten.

At the close of the feast, two little lads tendered a vote of thanks to the hostess, and a most enjoyable and profitable gathering came to an end as the merry, chattering crowd left for their several homes.

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Note—See Mission Band programme in this month's "Visitor" and be sure to send to 66 Bloor St. W. Toronto for a Thank-Offering programme.

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THE CHILDREN OF INDIA

Miss Glendinning

There are swarms of children in India, and there would be many more if the death rate amongst babies were not high. In Calcutta, the city best supplied with medical aid, 357 out of every 1,000 babies die in infancy. The term children, of course, includes both boys and girls, but the condition of girl babies and growing girls is so much worse than that of the boys that our sympathy naturally goes out to them. The census of 1921 shows that there are 9,000,000 more males in India than females, and although throwing girl babies into the Ganges, and sacrificing them to the gods are a thing of the past, there are other ways of getting rid of them, neglect, or excessive feeding of opium will quickly do the work.

I am not a medical woman, but circumstances have forced me at times to give advice or rudier assistance, and my heart aches when I go through the country and villages and the mothers bring their babies to me and say "Miss Sahib, what is the matter with my baby?" One look is enough. "Do you feed it opium?"