

Hymn.

I want to be a gleaner,
And with the reapers stand,
For all the grain, so golden
Is ripe on every hand.
The harvest now is plenteous,
The labourers are few;
And there is some work always,
For little hands to do.

I'll take a cup of water,
Or run on errands small,
To cheer the reapers onward;
The Master needs it all.
Then, when the morning's freshest,
I will my work begin,
The simplest task for Jesus
A sure reward will win.

And while the sheaves they gather
I'll glean the scattered grain,
That when the day is ended
I may follow home the train,
And lay my precious gleanings
Close by the Master's feet,
And hear "Well done, my little child,"
His commendation sweet!
W. M. S. Hymnal.

Field Studies for March.

OUR INDIAN WORK; AND
METHODIST ORPHANAGE, NEWFOUNDLAND.

Our subject is pretty wide, even if we do come nearer home this time. We have many thousands of Indians living in British Columbia and the Northwest. Many hundreds have never heard the Gospel. Their lives before they hear of Christ are very dark; the homes are filthy. The wigwams are not very large and the fire is in the middle, the smoke going out by a hole in the roof. Their heathenish dances are terrible and in them the Indians act more like wild animals than men and women.

They are often very cruel and will kill the old people, when they become too old to work. And parents will sell their children and even husbands their wives to wicked white men. However, the poor Indian knows no better, and will not if we do not hurry up and do what we can to send the Good News faster.

Our Woman's Missionary Society has two Indian homes in British Columbia, one at Port Simpson near the north, and one at Chilliwack nearer the south of the province. There are 33 inmates at Port Simpson and 26 at Chilliwack. Many of these were converted a year ago and

are trying by God's help to live as Christ would have them live. Some of them have to struggle against ugly tempers and I am sure our prayers will help them. If every one of the 6640 mission band members would pray every day in March for these Indian girls, how many would there be. And we must not forget that the missionaries need our prayers, too. They have to work hard and often have many trials that we know nothing about. We have six missionaries in this work, one of them is at home for a year's rest. But even when our missionaries come home they do another kind of work, for they go about to different places and tell the people about the work that has been done. We might almost call them Home missionaries.

There is a hospital at Port Simpson besides the home, and our Society supports the nurse who cares for the sick. Both she and her patients deserve a large share of our prayers. We also have a committee of ladies who have Indian affairs particularly in their charge and I think they need our prayers to be guided aright.

And now we must not forget our little orphan sisters in St. John's, Newfoundland. There are 27 girls in the Orphanage, and we should be glad that kind people are trying to do something to help them, now that they are deprived of the care and love of their parents.

Newfoundland people are generally fishermen and they run great risks in getting a living. Very many sad deaths occur every year, and then if there were no one to care for the orphans, would it not be even more sad?

Questions for March.

- What are the subjects for study this month?
- Are there many Indians in British Columbia and the Northwest?
- Have they ever heard the Gospel?
- What can you tell of their lives? Of their homes? Of their dances?
- Are the Indians kind or cruel?
- Mention some of the cruel things they do?
- What can we do to help them and make them kind?
- How many Homes has our W. M. S. in British Columbia?
- Where are these Homes?
- How many inmates at Port Simpson?
- How many at Chilliwack?
- Are any of these converted?
- What have they to struggle against?
- What can Mission Band members do to help them?
- Do the Missionaries need our prayers also?
- How many Missionaries have we in this work?
- Are the Missionaries idle when they come home to rest?
- What society supports the Nurse in the Hospital at Port Simpson?
- Do all who are in charge need our prayers?
- What is an Orphanage?
- How many orphans are there in the Home in Newfoundland?
- What makes so many orphans in Newfoundland?
- Are you not glad that we are trying to help them?