

Many other interesting cases might be cited did space permit, but we will refer only to a bright little Indian girl, a niece of Chief Joseph. The happy face, delight in her surroundings and love of study, have made her a most interesting pupil, and a general favorite.

During the difficulties of our first year's work, we were greatly helped by the prayers that ascended, in our behalf, from the many friends of French Mission Work; and we trust that similar intercessions will, this year, go up from many hearts, that abundant blessing may rest upon our labors for those who are committed to us for so short a time, and that, as was the case last year, many of them may be brought from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

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## ABOUT MISSION BANDS.

### MISSION BAND WORK.

*By Request of Western Branch.*

IN carrying on juvenile mission Bands, a difficulty meets one; and that is, many of these Bands do good work, but not paying the full 25 cents membership fee, cannot be counted as members in the returns. This seems a pity, and the question arises, Can it be avoided? We cannot, we think, make the fee lower; so the only way will be to devise some means by which it may be possible for them to give this amount. I only purpose giving one method, which has been successfully tried, and where practicable, if well worked, I think the result would be satisfactory. If the Sunday-school is large, the plan might be worked through the teachers. Let each teacher of the intermediate and junior classes have a talk with their class, and ask who of them would take a mite-box, and save their coppers to send the Gospel to the heathen boys and girls, asking each to try and gather at least 25 cents in theirs, and that if they do it will make them a member of the Band. It must be their own money, which they have earned or saved through self-denial.

These should have their own monthly meetings. To make them interesting, a missionary paper might be distributed, so that each family having a box might receive one. From these a programme might be prepared for the next meeting, using the lesson catechism on a country which is given each month, additional information being given by the leader. Recitations might also be given by them, and they be taught to sing missionary hymns. In this way they might spend an hour once a month which would be most interesting and instructive, and should be the means of awakening in them an earnest missionary spirit, and this interest might extend to the parents.

A fine missionary paper for children is published by our Church in the States; it is called the *Little Missionary*; the price is 25 cents a single copy, 10 copies for 75 cents, or 6 cents each for 20 copies and over sent to one address. They are to be had from Hunt & Eaton, 5th Avenue and 20th St., New York. Mite-boxes may be had from Miss M. Wilkes, 84 Gloucester Street, Toronto, free; postage required is 5 cents per dozen. A small mite-box is also being prepared that is sent folded flat, and by you folded into shape. These I use, as they open readily, and I have the returns made quarterly, and the amount marked on the box. In this way they know just how they are getting on. The postage for these is about 12 cents per hundred. I make these suggestions on this method as suggested, trusting they may be of use to some in their work..

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## NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BRANCH MISSION BANDS.—NOTES.

MRS. JAMES OWREY, of London, Ontario, has kindly offered to donate a banner similar to the one given by her to the Western Branch, for competition among the Bands of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch. It will be awarded annually to the Band having the largest number of paid members in proportion to the membership of the church with which it is connected. In presenting the banner, Mrs. Owrey has given evidence of the interest she still has in the missionary work of her native Province; this fact alone should undoubtedly be a stimulus to increased effort among the young workers.

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## TO NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BANDS.

DEAR BAND WORKERS,—As our hearts are open to the influences of this joyous Christmas-tide, and our thoughts clustering around the Holy Child Jesus, I have chosen this season to send a few words of greeting to you, asking that amid the restlessness and activity of preparing gifts for those about us, we do not lose sight of God's great gift to the world, and as He has called us to be co-workers with Him, we desire in the coming months to so arrange our methods of work as shall result most beneficially, and cultivate in every department that true service which is acceptable to Him, and to do our utmost to further the cause of Christian missions. It is true that experience is a good teacher, and as one year in this office has shown me many mistakes made, many opportunities lost, I desire that unitedly we stand and take a glance at the vast field of usefulness open to us. The question arises, How best can I extend the interests of the Society to which I belong? A few suggestions present themselves. Be regular in attendance at the Band meetings, show your interest by your presence, and when there remember you are part and parcel of the organization, and are expected to do your share in those meetings. Those leading in any Society know the discouragement that lukewarmness among the members gives. Hold up the hands of your office-bearers, suggest methods for carrying on the work—such suggestions will be gladly received; be prompt in the payment of dues; brighten the memory of some member likely to forget the day of meeting, and, when seeking to enlist others in this work, let your own enthusiasm be felt; do not consider your part is done when you have simply invited them to join the Band, but follow up the asking by taking them, if possible, with you, to see for themselves what is being accomplished. Have a Look-Out Committee, to hunt up delinquent members. Not until each one feels her personal responsibility can we expect this cause to prosper as it might, and as it should.

Short, bright papers, written by different ones, on some line of the work are always helpful, and make a meeting interesting, besides necessitating those preparing them to search for information on the subject. The more systematic we are in our work, the more easily the wheels will run, and as it is impossible to obtain correct returns if our year does not end with that of the Auxiliary, I ask that all Bands close their year in September. If officers must be elected this coming January, hold another election in September, and thus be uniform in this matter.

Just a word in regard to raising funds. Be careful in resorting to methods. If we give in the true spirit, there must be some denying of self, and this can be cultivated so that our offerings and our influence will not lack power in helping to bring the world to Christ. Do not forget that *prayer* is the strongest weapon we can use. A meet-