

have ever since grown and strengthened. The first Society was formed at her native place, Canso, January 23rd, 1870. To Miss Norris belongs the honor of establishing these auxiliaries which have been, and will long continue to be, such a blessing to the foreign mission work. The desire for an independent mission was now occupying the thoughts of our people. This matter was fully discussed and the idea predominated that if the whole responsibility of the work was thrown upon the denomination, more interest would be manifested, and increased contributions would flow into the treasury. Hence the Independent Mission was established.

In 1878 seven missionaries were sent out—Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, Mr. Armstrong, Miss Florrie Eaton (Mrs. W. Boggs), Miss Maria Armstrong (Mrs. Currie). These went forth to labor among the Karens of Siam, but finding the people not so numerous as they supposed, and very much scattered, their attention was directed to the northern part of the Telugu country in India, where the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec had just entered upon independent work in Coanada. They were anxious that we should co-operate with them in winning three millions of Telugus to Christ. This met the approval of the brethren at home and so we find our seven missionaries, who had been joined by W. B. Boggs, crossing the Bay of Bengal and settling at Chienole, Bimlipatam and Robbili, which continue to be our principle mission centres to-day. Mrs. J. W. Manning.

ATTENTION, BAND LEADERS.

Will all and each of you try to make this department more helpful to each other by sending to the Bureau suggestions, plans that you have found to work well in your Bands. To set this wheel going, have you tried running your collections on the envelope system? We have nearly doubled our collections since starting it. We have our Treasurer give each member six envelopes every month, (two extra in case of loss). They feel so important with them that there are a great many less "I for votes" to report, and too, by entering every week, each member's collections opposite his or her name in a book prepared for the purpose, (the Treasurer's work,) you can see and inquire into cases needing attention. Again, if Band Leaders who have letters from students in India, would send copies of them to the Bureau for distribution, they would help many leaders over hard places. Our Band has several letters from a student in India which we would be glad to have other Bands enjoy.

L. STARK.

HINTS AND HELPS.

MISS BARDEN, IN "LIFE AND LIGHT"

I have found a rolling blackboard very convenient for exercises prepared at home. A little girl will enjoy drawing a map for class use. A boy will be delighted to draw a picture of the Morning Star or the Robert Logan.

Again, ask the Leader's Aid to cut outline maps, from manilla paper, of the country to be studied, and let the class draw in the principal features and mark the mission stations. Ask one of your manly boys to read the scripture lesson. Encourage the children to lead in prayer; there is nothing that will so surely drive away feelings of rivalry and purify the motives of service. Ask the timid child to offer but one sentence, and supply that if need be. Whisper to her, "I will pray for you while you lead us." Let the children feel assured that you will never call upon them in the meeting without having previously obtained their consent.

A meeting can be made interesting by holding an imaginary telephone communication with our Mexican mission stations. Arrange a dialogue, bringing out the story of the mission work in that country. A boy speaking for the circle must stand in sight, and the boys supposed to speak from the Mexican stations out of sight but within hearing. A toy telephone, a small bell, and the customary "Hello" will add fun and reality to the exercise.

A little farmer boy, with his hoe and rake, may tell of the products of a hand; a little carpenter, with his tools, may tell of its dwellings; and a little dress-maker or tailor, of the manner of dress.

Children may personate our missionaries and tell of their work. Let them retain their personation for some time, meanwhile bringing in fresh facts.

Ask the youngest children to provide tiny packages of the products of Ceylon, tea, coffee, cinnamon, pepper, salt, etc. Let two little girls set a small table with toy dishes. One by one the packages may be taken to the table, opened and their contents placed in the dishes. Interest is thus aroused, and the products remembered. The little girls, who set the table for us personated Misses Howland and Hastings. The former, after the meeting, remarked, "I have been *karling* and L. has been in *haste* all the week." A short dialogue between the two brought out the table-manners of the Island.

A pretty chemical experiment with tincture of iodine and ammonia may be brought into use. Show a glass of water, saying, "God made the earth and it was beautiful." To day we will let this glass of water represent a part of the earth, Africa, Africa was beautiful, but sin entered there and defiled it (here turn iodine into the water). I have poured this iodine into the water and made it dark to look upon. I cannot pour it out. But there is something that I can do (here pour ammonia into