

JUNIOR LEAGUE PAGE.

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Our Missionary Work.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MISSIONARY EXERCISE.

NOTE TO SUPERINTENDENT. Arrange that each part shall be taken by a Junior. If you will go to a little trouble in the matter of costuming, the various parts may be made of greater interest than without. The parts as here given are necessarily brief, and may be lengthened by yourself with the aid of the annual missionary reports.

First Boy.—"I am a *Domestic* missionary. By that I mean that I represent the missions that are worked by our Missionary Society among those who speak English in *our own land*. Domestic or Home missions are carried on by our Church in *ten* different Conferences. I shall name these, and some of my assistants will tell you the numbers of missions in each Conference. The Conferences are, beginning in the east and going to the west: Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Manitoba and North-West, and British Columbia. I now ask my assistants to tell you the numbers of missions and missionaries in each."

First Assistant.—"Newfoundland has 54 missions and 50 missionaries."

Second Assistant.—"New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island has 48 missions and 48 missionaries."

Third Assistant.—"Nova Scotia has 52 missions and 49 missionaries."

Fourth Assistant.—"Montreal has 69 missions and 71 missionaries."

Fifth Assistant.—"Bay of Quinte has 28 missions and 29 missionaries."

Sixth Assistant.—"Toronto has 31 missions and 31 missionaries."

Seventh Assistant.—"Hamilton has 19 missions and 19 missionaries."

Eighth Assistant.—"London has 14 missions and 17 missionaries."

Ninth Assistant.—"Manitoba and North-West has 78 missions and 70 missionaries."

Tenth Assistant.—"British Columbia has 26 missions and 21 missionaries."

"You see, dear friends, from these figures given by my assistants, how great is the field I represent. Our Home or Domestic missions reach from the wild Atlantic on the far East to the wide Pacific in the distant West, and altogether they number 419 distinct fields of work, with 405 missionaries at work on them. Besides the missionaries, there are 27 assistants; so that altogether the Methodist Missionary Society in Canada employs 432 persons to preach the Gospel or teach it in our own land alone. On these Home mission stations more than 40,000 people are now members of our Church. You can all easily see what a great work this is, and I ask you to support it. Although last year more than \$80,000 were spent by the Church in these home fields, there were many of our missionaries who received very small salaries, and a great many of them have very hard work to do. They deserve your prayers, and more of your money than they have yet had."

Second Boy.—"It is true, dear friends, that Domestic missions are very important; but do you not think that the work I am going to tell you about is just as much so? You can easily see that I am an *Indian* missionary. I do not mean that I am from India; but that I represent the Indians of our own land. The red men of Canada are not as many in number as they were once; but they have souls to be saved, and more than that, they have lives to be made clean and happy by the Gospel. Our Missionary Society has done a great deal for them in the past; but a great deal more is yet to be done, for many of the poor Indians are yet unsaved from sin and misery. I represent the 54 missions among the Indians of Canada. On these 54 Indian missions there are 38 missionaries at work; these have 6 assistants, and there are also 35 interpreters. So you can see that altogether there are 79 persons trying to bring the natives to Christ. Over 5,000 Indians are members of our Church. The work for the Indians is more expensive than in some other parts of the field; but it *must* be done. Last year our Society spent more than \$72,000 in the Indian work. There are Indian missions in all the Conferences except Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. I feel sure that all of you who have thought of your duty to the red men and their children will remember them in prayer, and not forget the gifts needed to keep the work up. Soon the native races of our great land will be brought to Christ if the Church does all that ought to be done for them. I hope you all read the February number of the CAMPAIGNER, which had so much in it about these people and our work among them."

First Girl.—"Let me ask you, dear friends, to consider another very important branch of our missionary work. I represent the work among the *French* people of Quebec Province. In the Montreal Conference there are seven missions among the French people. I need not tell you that Quebec is almost altogether a Roman Catholic Province. You know that. Because it is so, the work there is very hard indeed. The Roman Catholic priests are no more the friends of our work than the heathen priests of China or Japan are there. But the Word of God must be preached and taught, and put into the homes and hands of the people; and it is this work that our missionaries are doing. The seven missions are as follows: In the Montreal District there are 3, with a membership of 120; in the Waterloo District there are 3 more, with a membership of 122; and in Quebec there is 1, with a membership of 31. In all, you see, our French work has only 273 members; but when you think how hard it is for a Roman Catholic to come out of the religion he has been taught, into the light of the Gospel in its truth, you will not be surprised that the rate of increase is small. Only 18 of an increase in membership is reported over a year ago. The cost of the whole French work last year was about \$7,000. Though the work is very difficult and in many ways discouraging, the promise of God is ours that His Word shall not return unto Him void. If any part of Canada needs our prayers and sympathies, it is the great Roman Catholic Province of Quebec. 'In due season we shall reap if we faint not.'"

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