

Band—Thus saith the Lord God of Israel . . . Behold, I will gather them out of all countries whence I have driven them in My wrath. . . . And they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Pres.—Who are included under the term Heathen?

7th voice—All people who have no knowledge of God through revelation. God has not left Himself without a witness in any nation. Everywhere man has the idea of the Infinite; but all human attempt to embody this idea are only systems of religion, and lack life-giving power. From the followers of the lifeless morality of confessions to the degraded savage of Africa, all plead for the bread of life.

Band—Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image, made like to corruptible man, and four-footed beasts and creeping things.

Pres.—How many heathen are there?

Band—Eight hundred and fifty-six millions; but mission work must be carried on among Mohammedans, Jews, Greeks, and in all strictly Catholic countries, for Catholicism, separated from the elevating influences of Christianity, becomes paganism.

Pres.—How many Christian workers in the foreign field?

7th voice—One to every four hundred thousand heathen, while in the States and Canada there is one minister to every seven hundred and fifty people.

Band—The field is the world.

IDOLS AND THEIR WORSHIPPERS.

Recitation by Six Boys and Six Girls.

SINGLE VOICE.

Children—Do you the story know
Of idol gods? And can you show
How they are made, and by whose hands
Are formed the gods of heathen lands?

Six girls recite in concert, with appropriate motions, Ps. cxv. 1-8. At the word *us*, touch themselves; *heathen*, or *far off*, extend arms at full length; *God*, raise one hand; *heavens*, raise both; *work of men's hands*, hammering motion, etc.

Boys then recite Isaiah xl. 12-20, making motions of *blacksmith*, *carpenter*, *hewing* and *planting trees*, etc. From the words "*he is hungry*" to the words "*he is faint*," let the voice grow weaker and weaker, the head drop, and the appearance one of exhaustion.

An older girl or boy then recites, with motions, Psalm xvi. 1-10, and leads the children in singing:

Jesus hail! the King of glory,
Earth rejoices in Thy sway;
Heathen nations bend before Thee,
Heathen darkness yields to day.

Every idol falls before Thee,
Seeks the night from whence it came,
While ten thousand souls adore Thee,
Trophies of Thy saving name.

MISSIONARY TOUR.

NOTE.—Different members should ask the question as if they were prompted by interest in the subject.

Pres.—Having glanced at the religions and their relative strength, we are now ready to accompany six young ladies in a visit to the mission countries of the world. Members are at liberty to ask any questions.

1st Guide—Starting in our beloved Canada, we are glad she is mainly Protestant. The Province of Quebec is Roman Catholic, and tribes of Indians, numbering about one hundred thousand, in the West and British Columbia, are heathen. Missionary work is carried on in these fields, but not as aggressively as it should be. We want this Dominion for Christ.

Band—He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the rivers unto the end of the earth.

1st Guide—In the North-West Alaska, an American possession, is mainly inhabited by Indians. It is still heathen. Missionaries from the States are laboring there. Our neighboring Republic is Protestant. In no State do the Roman Catholics predominate. Mission work is carried on among the Indians of the North-West Territories, the foreigners in the large cities, and the freedmen of the South, whose religion is Christianity, but held in ignorance and superstition. Passing South, into Mexico, we find it a Roman Catholic country, but the religion there is as distinctly idolatrous as those of pagan lands. Missionaries are laboring there, and the people may be divided into three classes. First, those who have become disgusted with Catholicism, and have drifted into infidelity; secondly, those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour; and thirdly, those who cling to Catholicism.

Band—Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

2nd Guide—The aboriginal tribes of South America are to be found in the interior, where, in uncounted multitudes, they are sunk in superstition and heathenism. Along the coast, and extending back from fifty to two hundred miles, are the dominant class—Creoles of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese descent. The religion of the country is Catholicism, so mingled with idolatrous rites, that it is as destructive and dangerous as the heathenism of Central Africa. The State of Columbia has only one Protestant missionary. Bolivia and Venezuela have none, and Ecuador is closed against them. There are a few, very few, missionaries in each of the other States.

Q.—Are the people ready to receive the Gospel?

2nd Guide—In many of the States there is a strong reaction against Romanism, and the people are looking for something better, or drifting into infidelity.

Band—Many nations shall come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and He will teach us of His ways.

3rd Guide—Nowhere has the Gospel won such triumphs as in the island world, lying between the Pacific Coast of America and Australia, with a population of two millions. The islands are inhabited by many races, and were sunk in the lowest depths of degradation, before the introduction of Christianity. Cannibalism and human sacrifice were prevalent. Now Sandwich, Friendly, Society, Fiji, and many of the smaller groups of islands, are Christianized. As soon as the islands were converted to God, they were converted to missions. Many of the islands have been Christianized by native missionaries from surrounding islands. Some of the groups of islands are inhabited by Mohammedans, while others are heathen. Australia is peopled by British subjects, and is mainly Protestant.

Band—All the isles of the heathen shall worship Him.

4th Guide—Nearly every missionary society has a representative in Asia, but there is much land to be possessed, as one-half of the human race live in Asia. Every sixth person in the world lives in India. The people of Afghanistan, Beloochistan, Persia, one-fifth of the people of India, and the islands of Borneo, Sumatra and Java, are Mohammedans. All the other inhabitants of Asia, with the exception of the few converts to Christianity, are heathen. Every