

has suffered the pain of translation from Spanish into English—a trying ordeal :

Report which the chapter, "Simon Loza," of the Junior Epworth League presents before the Second Quarterly Conference.

Another quarter of our labors in the league has passed, and during it we have seen the hand of God helping us on every side.

Our services have been held as usual on Tuesday afternoons, and the children have recited two hundred texts of scripture, while our pastor has continued to edify us by his words. In the session of 15th of May the league named its delegate to the convention to be held in Mexico City, and the election fell on the secretary, Irene Rodriguez.

We are relying on God that for the coming quarter we may be enabled to report many more blessings which from his Almighty hand we shall have received. Respectfully submitted.

IRENE RODRIGUEZ, Secretary.

*Orisaba E. de Vera Cruz.*

Their songs would give rich entertainment to any meeting in the United States or Canada. The old hymns of the church (all committed and sung from memory) have a particularly impressive spiritual power, as sung by these sturdy Mexican children.

## THE LARGEST JUNIOR LEAGUE IN CANADA.

BY MR. G. A. C. PHILLIPS.

**A**BOUT eighteen months ago, when the Junior League of the Fred Victor Mission was reported in the ERA to have a membership of nearly three hundred, and claimed to be the largest League in the Dominion of Canada, we hardly expected that a few months would see the attendance increase as it has done, almost phenomenally, until the membership a few months ago was upwards of five hundred and sixty. During the past year very aggressive work was done, and though a Mission League, we have not lived altogether for ourselves. The league is enrolled upon the Twentieth Century Historic Roll, it has contributed five dollars to the India Bazaar Fund and raised upwards of twenty dollars to help provide the free suppers to the poor in the Mission.

Being a department of Mission work, problems crop up that would not have to be faced in ordinary junior work. In fact of late we have been compelled to depart so far from the prescribed lines of organization that, technically, we are an "Epworth League" only in name. The work is an interdenominational one, the influence of which we feel should reach into the homes of the unfortunate little ones of whatever creed they might be. The aim has always been to befriend the friendless, to search the by-ways of poverty and wretchedness, and win the interest and the affection of those into whose lives very little of that which is bright and joyous ever enters.

The membership becoming so large, we found it unwieldy to organize into depart-

ments, and found none who could successfully come from the ranks of the children and "officer" the League. Eventually a number of consecrated young men and women became interested, and the League has developed into a Sunday children's service. The meetings are made interesting and helpful. Special attention is paid to the singing. The children themselves sing well—in fact, many who have visited us say that they never heard such singing elsewhere. The leading singers, irrespective of age (except that all must be over ten years), are gathered into a choir which numbers about thirty voices and meets once a week for practice. Besides which very frequently a soloist from outside favors us. The opening prayer and the address are made short, so that no part of the service becomes trying to any of the large number who attend. The stereopticon is very frequently used—sometimes to illustrate Bible stories, and frequently touching stories like "Jessica's First Prayer," "Little Meg's Children," etc., are given with the lantern illustrations. Another feature that assists very materially in sustaining regularity of attendance is the acknowledgment of faithfulness in attending every meeting. A certificate printed in red colors is given to any member who attends ten consecutive meetings, a certificate in silver print for twenty-five consecutive meetings, and a gold certificate neatly framed in an attractive oak frame for attendance at fifty consecutive meetings. The certificates are handsome cards, seven inches by ten, and no excuse for non-attendance is accepted except sickness or absence from the city.

During the past winter a weekly cottage prayer-meeting was conducted by the children, under the leadership of the workers, and lasting good was done. This year the cottage meetings have again been started, with encouraging enthusiasm.

are admitted to the Junior League who have passed their fifteenth birthday, the membership is now under five hundred, but the attendance is increasing each Sunday, and many new faces are seen filling the place of those promoted to the senior organization. As the largest Junior League in Canada, possibly the largest in the world, we feel that a great work ought to be done this season. Under God's blessing we shall not fail. Readers of the ERA, pray for us.

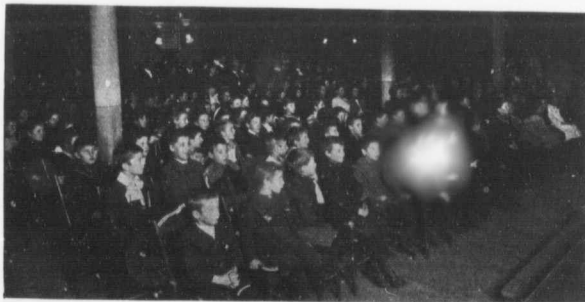
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## TO DEVELOP JUVENILE CHRISTIANS.

BY CLAUDE E. KILBORNE.

**I**N no way can so much be done to influence children in the right direction as by living before them the spirit-filled life. We all have our heroes, differing according to our tendencies or natures, to whom we frequently look for inspiration, and these ideals, consciously or unconsciously to ourselves, affect our lives. If we who are older are subject to such influences as these, how much more so the child; and when we consider that his heroes are those with whom he comes in contact from day to day, we see how important it is that this life should be prominently placed before him.

Most children seem gifted with a power which enables them to look through and through those whom they meet, understanding or feeling that which the adult will never detect. Very quickly they detect sham in the individual and in their own wise way draw their conclusions concerning that lie. Every such lie discovered tends to make them less trustful and trustworthy and has an evil influence which lasts throughout life. On the other hand under the influence of a noble life, the child himself grows noble



THE FRED VICTOR MISSION JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Many plans have to be tried in connection with finances, and the League hopes this year, in addition to evenings of entertainment given in the mission hall, that a special night will be given our boys and girls in many of the Senior Leagues throughout the city when the Fred Victor Juniors will give the programme and the church visited will assist our treasury.

Owing to the formation of a Senior League in the Mission, and the lowering of the age limit to fourteen, so that none

Appreciating these qualities in others he strives to make them his own, and being young and not as yet set in his ways, he has no great difficulty in doing so.

This plan of living the perfect life as a model for the child and letting him know that the power to so live comes from Christ is, however, not the only thing to be attempted. There is another method of developing Christians. I think we get a hint of it when we read of Christ calling