

A VISIT TO ALL PEOPLES' MISSION, WINNIPEG.—A. D. S.

MARCH 28—THE MISSIONARY TRIP
AROUND THE WORLD.

A SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.

Hymn 425.

Prayer—For our new settlers.

Scripture Lesson—Acts 17. 16-31 (explanation by Superintendent).

Hymn 164.

Map talk by the Superintendent—Our new settlers and the lands from which they come. (Use maps of Europe and Asia).

Hymn 431.

Winnipeg, the "Gateway of the West"—A Guide.

Hymn 263.

A Visit to All Peoples' Mission—A News Agent.

Mizpah Benediction.

References: "Strangers Within Our Gates," paper, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents; Report of All Peoples' Mission, free; the Pleasant Hours; the Missionary Report.

WINNIPEG AND "ALL PEOPLES' MISSION."

Winnipeg is called "The Gateway of the West," because a gateway means an entrance, and Winnipeg is the entrance to the great broad prairies stretching away to the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains. But it is much more than a gateway, for it is a great city with wide streets, fine buildings, beautiful homes, public schools, universities and everything else one expects in such a large place. Besides these, Winnipeg has some things which we find in no other city in Canada. Shops, street cars, houses, banks, churches all put together would not make Winnipeg. The real city is the people who work in the shops, ride in the street cars, live in the houses, carry on banking, fill the churches and crowd the streets. There were 139,863 people in Winnipeg in 1908; in 1870 there were only 241. Where have all the people come from?

Some have come from "down East,"—



A kitchengarden class of foreign children at All Peoples' Mission, Winnipeg, Man.

Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Newfoundland; some from England and Ireland and Scotland; some from the United States. All these speak English. But a great many come

from Europe; these cannot speak English. Mr. Woodsworth, of All Peoples' Mission, says, about one-quarter to one-third of the people in Winnipeg are foreigners, and the Bible is sold in fifty-five languages.

The people have come from Austria-Hungary, Greece, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Roumania, Russia, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey—from all Europe to settle in the new land. Others have come from China, Japan, Syria, the West Indies, and other countries. Very few of these foreigners can speak English, but the mothers and fathers have come to Canada to stay, and will try hard to learn enough English to be understood; the girls and boys will soon speak as well as Canadians.

Last October, when I was in Winnipeg, I went with one of the workers of All Peoples' Mission to see how some of the foreigners lived in this new country. We went away to the Foreign Part—the north end of the city. The signs of the shops, and on some of the houses, and many of the people we saw in the streets looked strange to us. We saw a great many strange-looking churches, all built for foreigners; they have brought their own priests with them, but they are not taught much about the truths of the Bible.

"Come in here," my guide said, as we stopped before a plain, gray wooden house. It looked very clean on the outside, but inside! We went first down cellar—where there were many rooms rented for homes, cheerless and cold-looking they were. I wondered how so many people could live in them. Then we went upstairs and down the long hall—my guide knew the place.

"I'll let you see a home of the better class," he said, as he opened the door. While he said "good-day," I saw beds, stove, table, cradle, wash-tubs and people—this house of one room was clean.

"The people are always glad to see us; we visit here regularly," my guide remarked.

Some of the homes we saw made me think that the mothers and fathers should be glad to have the children go to the kindergarten, and so for part of the day at least, enjoy healthy surroundings.

We'll visit our new institute first. It is a splendid new building, with gym-

nasium, baths, a swimming tank, parlor, class rooms, and kitchen. We came to see the kindergarten class, and there they were, such dear little girls and boys!

"How many here were born in Canada?" the Superintendent asked. One of all that large class, only one, stood up to say he was born a Canadian. Then we visited the kitchengarden classes, where the girls are taught to make beds, set the table, sweep, sew, dust and wash, so that they may be able to help mother, and sometimes show her how to keep their homes tidy and clean.

While the kindergarten schools do



A room in which six people live.

much during the week to train the children, they also bring the deaconesses into close touch with the little ones, and their mothers. Many of the children who attend these kindergartens are found in the Sunday Schools. Some of the children were delighted to have their pictures taken for the Juniors who read the Bazaar.

The Superintendent told us about the Fresh Air Camp, and the good times the children had last summer when they were taken into the country for a real holiday. On Sunday we went to two Sunday Schools of All Peoples' Mission. At one of the schools, the superintendent asked me to give the children a talk about missions. I told them about some of the children in our orphanage in

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Japan. They were very quiet, and well-behaved while I spoke. We all agreed that every girl and boy in that mission could do something for the girls and boys in Japan who do not know about the true God. Almost everyone promised to pray for them. I found that nearly all bought candy, very often. After hearing about the Japanese girls and boys, a great many promised to do without some candy and give the coppers thus saved to missions.

These Juniors in All Peoples' Mission are bright, lovable girls and boys who some day will take their places as Canadian citizens. We are trying to help them to become Christians as well as Canadians.