

JUNIOR LEAGUE PAGE.

IN CHARGE OF

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My Second Letter.

DEAR JUNIOR LEAGUERS:

As I told you last month, I am now going to tell you some things about our Missionary Society, and I want you to learn them in your League. Do it in this way: Choose a boy and a girl to take part in asking and answering the questions. In this way you will have a Missionary Dialogue. As I have not a great deal of room, I have to make the questions and answers very short, and if you are like I was when I was a boy, you will like this all the better. Now, all attention to the facts that are coming.

Q.—How old is the Canadian Methodist Missionary Society? A.—Seventy-four years.

Q.—In what year was it founded then? A.—1824.

Q.—How much money had the Society in its first year? A.—\$140.

Q.—How much had it last year? A.—About \$230,000.

Q.—How many kinds of missionary work does the Society do? A.—Seven.

Q.—What are these seven kinds of work? A.—They are called (1) Domestic Missions, (2) Indian Missions, (3) French Missions, (4) Chinese Missions in British Columbia, (5) Japanese Mission in British Columbia, (6) Foreign Missions in Japan, and (7) Foreign Missions in West China.

Q.—How many persons are there at work for the Society? A.—650.

Q.—How many missions are there in the seven different parts of the whole work? A.—In Domestic Missions there are 419, Indian Missions 54, French Missions 7, Chinese Missions in British Columbia 4, Japanese Mission in British Columbia 1. Foreign Missions: in China 2, in Japan 21. Altogether these make 508 missions.

Q.—How many dollars did the girls and boys of our Church collect for the Society last year. A.—Nearly \$22,000.

Q.—How much was given by the Epworth Leagues of the Church? A.—\$7,669.70.

Q.—Could the Leagues give more, do you think? A.—Yes; very much more.

Q.—How? A.—By forming in every League a "Pray, Study and Give" Band.

Q.—What do you mean by this? A.—That all the members who long to see God's kingdom "come," pledge themselves to pray regularly for the spread of the Gospel, to study the great facts of missions, and to give at least two cents every week for the spread of the Word of God.

Q.—Will this money be used by and for our own missionary work? A.—Yes; it will all go through the proper channel to the work that most needs it. This ought to be, because our own officials know best what the needs of the various fields are, and will spend the money in the very best way.

Q.—May we have such a band in our Junior League? A.—Yes; and we hope that soon there will be a band of this kind in every Junior League in the Church.

Q.—How should we start such a band as this? A.—By forming a Missionary Committee who shall see all the

members and ask for their help. Then collect the money from each one every month and ask our pastor to send it on in the proper way.

Q.—But would this not mean a good deal of work?

A.—Yes; but nothing can be well done without work, and if we want to be true to Christ we must do as He did, "work while it is called to-day."

Now, dear Juniors, let me ask you to arrange for this Missionary Dialogue to be given before your meeting some time in the month of March. I am sure your Superintendent will be glad to help you, and if you have some good singing you will have a nice missionary meeting. Have you a blackboard in your League room? If you have, let your President or some Junior who can write well, put all the facts on the board, and in that way you will be able to see them, and that will help you to remember them. If we do not know these things *well* we will not have a real live interest in our own work, and you must not forget that the Junior League wants you to grow up to be intelligent Methodists and have a really intelligent interest in the work of the Missionary Society. I hope you had my last letter read in your League. I know one League where it was very much enjoyed and the Juniors learned many things they did not know before. Hoping that you will all *pray, study, and give*, I remain,

Your friend,

S. T. BARTLETT.

The Conference Epworth League Conventions.

Montreal, to be held at Ottawa, February 22nd and 23rd; Bay of Quinte, to be held at Peterboro', February 23rd and 24th; Toronto, to be held at Brampton, February 23rd and 24th; Hamilton, to be held at Galt, February 22nd and 24th; London, to be held at London, March 7th, 8th and 9th.

YOUR LEAGUE PART OF YOUR CONFERENCE CONVENTION.

We ask each League in these Conferences, which wishes to improve its missionary department, to send its missionary vice-president (or some one specially appointed) to the Convention to study the methods of the missionary department. Much may be gained from the addresses and discussions in the regular sessions; but these alone should not be depended upon, every delegate should make the most of the opportunity of meeting, between the Convention sessions, all who are interested in missions, gather them together, talk about the work, pray about the work, and gain all the inspiration which comes from a conference of workers.

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE CONVENTIONS.

Pray in your League that God may bless the gathering together of our Leaguers.

Send delegates. "It paid to go down to Egypt for corn," and your delegates will bring you some help for the developing of your League work.

Pray for your delegate, and send him well informed about the work of your League; he should be able to give a great deal of help to those he meets at the Convention.