Concerning the Junior League

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It is richly worth our while to ask how far these momentous and far-reaching results have been brought about by the foreign missionaries who represent us abroad, and what sort of changes these men and women have introduced.

PHOOPSTIONS

All the mission study text books will give much information regarding what the Christian nations are giving to the non-Christians

Medical missions are a transforming force in non-Christian lands.

Mission schools have compelled new educational systems in the East.

The higher status of women and better ideals for home and family life have been introduced through the Gospel.

While the missionary takes the Gospel and all it includes, the business world forces upon non-Christian nations such things as the cigarette, whiskey, etc.

After 1900 years, there is no nation which can say, "We are Christian; follow us; all we have is Christian." There are aspects of our Canadian national life which must be transformed before we can send out this challenge.

When Morrison translated the Bible for China her social uplift began.

When Carey and Duff gave the Bible and Christian education to India her new day began to dawn.

The printing press has become one of the chief powers in the non-Christian world.

The Huntsman

A LIVELY WINTER EVENING GAME.

This game is one of the liveliest winter evening's pastimes that can be imagined. It may be played by any number of persons above four. One of the players is styled the "Huntsman," and the others must be called after the different parts of the dress or accoutrements of a sportsthe dress or accontrements of a post-man; thus, one is the coat, another the hat, whilst the shot, shot-belt, powder, powder-flask, dog and gun, and every appurtenance belonging to a huntsman has its representative. As many chairs has its representative. as there are players, excluding the hunts-man, should next be ranged in two rows, back to back, and all the players must then seat themselves. Being thus pre-pared, the huntsman walks around the sitters and calls out the assumed name of one of them; for instance, "Gun!" That player immediately gets up and takes hold of the coat of the huntsman, who continues his walk and calls out all others one by one. Each must take hold of the skirt or coat of the player before him, and when they are all summoned, the Huntsman sets off running round chairs as fast man sets on running round chairs as last as he can, the other players holding and running after him. When he has run around two or three times he shouts out "Bang," and immediately sits down on one of the chairs, leaving his followers to scramble to the other seats as they best can. Of course one must be left standing, there being one chair less than the number of players, and the player so left must pay a forfeit. The game is continued until all have paid three forfeits, when they are all told out, and the punishment or penance declared. The Huntsman is not changed throughout the game unless he gets tired of his post .-Gas News.

HE Junior League is more than the primary department of the Epworth League. It is one of the best means for expanding and building up Christ's Kingdom. It is an organic part of the Methodist Church.

Christ said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." Children are not baptized to make them Christians, but in recognition that they are in the Kingdom, and that parents should endeavor to bring them up within it. It is the purpose of the Junior League to retain children in the Kingdom, and prepare them for the work

of the Church.

It is easier to retain children in the Kingdom than to regain prodigals from a world of sinful habits. It is the nature lambs to stay with the mother sheep and not to stray. If they stray someone is to blame for their loss. The character a child forms, depends largely on the initial training it gets in early life.

The Junior League arouses an interest for religious work as well as develops Christian character, and the child will be increasingly anxious to expand through his own efforts Christ's Kingdom on

Every phase of church work can developed in the Junior League. Mission Band can be the Missionary Department of the League, and hold meetings once a month. The Social and Literary Committees can also do important work in the culture of the Juniors.

The purpose of the Junior League is not only to entertain but to instruct. The meeting place should be comfortable and attractive. Pictures, mottoes and charts should be used to decorate, inform and help to create a good atmosphere generally.

The Juniors must be trained for actual service. Every child in the League should have some definite work to do.

Superintendent, with the help of the children, can build up charts and cards for the study of the books of both the New and Old Testaments. In this way they will learn how to handle and use their own Bibles.

The Junior League will not only train and keep the children in the Church, but through the children many of the parents will be brought in. They can also get other children to become members and so help the pastor in securing members for the Church

The Junior League can do much in solving the big boy problem by keeping a hold on the boy, just at the age when the home has the least influence on him. In-stead of taking to bad habits he will have something else to occupy his time and learn to do good. If they are kept from falling when young boys will not likely fall afterwards.

If children are retained in the Kingdom there will be a growing number of Christian workers. More volunteers for home and foreign mission fields will be found and the world will be sooner evangelized. This is our ultimate aim and goal.

The Juniors must provide the future working forces of the Church. Why not begin to develop and train them now? By all means utilize the Junior League if you would help make the future bright, strong and effective in the extension of righteousness in the earth.

Waterloo Juniors

The accompanying picture of the Junior League at Waterloo, made from a negative taken by the SuperIntendent, Miss Salome Moogh, shows a splendid band of Juniors with a live membership of 45. The attendance during the summer months averaged 26. The boys and girls



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WATERLOO, ONTARIO.

Each individual should be studied and then trained for the work to which he seems to be most adapted.

The Junior League may well be divided into sections or grades. The beginners should have different studies and work than children about thirteen or fourteen years of age.

In the Junior League the children learn how to study the Bible. They should learn the number of books and something about their writers. They may memorize certain great selected passages which will be of use to them later on. The

do the best part of the work. Last year they raised \$26.00 for missions and ex-pect to do even better this year. They have already commenced work on their mission box, which will contain dolls, scrap-books, etc., for children in the mis-sion field. In their sewing class some helpful book is read, so that while fingers are busy, useful knowledge is being imparted and imbibed as well. The Juniors are being trained to take their places as leaders and workers in the Adult League in the days to come.