

JUNIOR LEAGUE PAGE.

IN CHARGE OF

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Junior League Marching Song.*

Tune: "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

BY IDELL RODGERS, COBOURG.

WE are Junior Leaguers,
Leagued with Christ our Lord,
Following our Captain,
Guided by His Word.
Waving high our banner,
Firm we stand to-day;
Claim the world for Jesus,
Watch, and work, and pray.

CHORUS.

Onward, Junior Leaguers!
Firmly stand to-day,
Claim the world for Jesus,
Watch, and work, and pray.

Have you heard the story?
Once in Galilee
Christ said, "Let the little
Children come to me."
At His footstool, kneeling,
Lo! we come to-day.
Give Him willing service,
Watch, and work, and pray.—CHORUS.

Guided by my Saviour,
There is work for me,
Little ones are needed
In Love's ministry.
He will shield and keep us,
Guide us to the end,
For the world's Redeemer
Is the children's Friend.—CHORUS.

With glad hearts united,
Earnestly we pray,
"Jesus, keep the children
In the narrow way;
Onward, forward, upward,
When life's battle's o'er,
Anchor them in safety
On the other shore."—CHORUS.

—From Junior Epworth League Hand-Book.

A Missionary in the Punjab writes of there being "one man among a million of perishing souls, scattered over 10,605 square miles of mountainous country"; and another speaks of there being three Missionaries for the Multan district, a tract of country about the size of England.—*C.M.S. Annual Letters*, 1896, pp. 209, 213.

* Mimeograph copies of this Hymn may be obtained from either Mr. Bartlett or Dr. Stephenson, for the use of Junior Leagues or Mission Bands.

A Great Country.

WHAT IS IT?

THE great country is divided into *fourteen* great parts. It was discovered in A.D. 1500 by the Portuguese. For about 400 years it has been part of the parish of the Pope. It contains about 37,000,000 people, and less than 4,000,000 of these have been touched by the Gospel. Think of 33,000,000 yet without the Gospel in this great land. Of the 280 missionary societies, only about twenty are doing anything for these millions of people, and only about 250 missionaries are there. Do you wonder it is called the "Neglected Continent"? WHAT IS IT?

A Great Missionary.

WHO WAS HE?

HE was born in Blantyre, Scotland, on the 19th March, 1813. When he was only *nine* years old he got a New Testament as a reward for repeating the whole of the 119th Psalm, which you know is the longest chapter in the Bible. So he was a diligent boy. Not only did he work at Bible study; but when only *ten* he commenced to work in a great factory, that his earnings might help keep the family, for he had four brothers and two sisters, and his parents were poor. The boy had to work from six o'clock in the morning till eight at night, and yet he was a great reader and soon learned more than many boys who could go to school every day.

When he was twenty years old he gave himself fully to Christ, although from his *twelfth* year he had wanted to be a Christian. At first he did not think of being a missionary himself, although he made it a rule to give to the cause of missions all that he had after paying his living expenses. But soon he felt like giving *himself*, and when about twenty-one he fully resolved to become a missionary. He thought to go to China; but his work was not to be there, but in another country altogether. In 1836 he commenced to study medicine, and in 1838 he was accepted by the London Missionary Society as a missionary. The awful opium war in China prevented his being sent there, so in 1840, after taking his degree in Glasgow as a physician, he was ordained a missionary to *Africa*. I cannot tell you of all the long years he spent at work for God in that dark country; but you will see how true to his Master he was when you read what he wrote on March 24th, 1873—"Nothing earthly will make me give up my work in despair. I encourage myself in the Lord my God, and go forward." He did so, but for only a few days longer, for on the 1st of May, 1873, they found him kneeling by his bedside, as if praying, but *dead*. So for 33 years this noble man worked hard for God in Africa, and died at his post. WHO WAS HE?

Those interested in missions are indebted to Dr. Ross for his offering to missions of the hard work, patient study, and careful research which he has given in preparing "The First Hundred Years of Missions."