

## Canadian Girls in Training

The stable roof was slant and mean,  
The rushes on the floor spread thin,  
There was no fire to warm Him by  
When the little Christ came in.

There was no fire to warm Him by,  
They laid him on the prickly straw  
And humble, witless oxen saw  
How helpless He did lie.

So helpless, and the stall so dim,  
And yet so near the darkness riven  
By an archangel chanting Him,  
With cherubim and seraphim  
"Glory to God in Heaven!"

While to their rocking camels bent,  
Three dared the desert from afar,  
One clear light in their firmament  
One cry among them as they went,  
"The Star! the Star! the Star!"

—Sel.

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Report by Mrs. Marshall

When the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario West was organized 50 years ago its purpose was not only to establish women's work for women in India but also to develop a missionary spirit here at home; to unite the women of the church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. The ideal as stated was to have a circle in every church and every women in the church a circle member. The natural means of achieving this result was through missionary education, so it was not long before Mission Bands were started for the children and these were followed by circles for the young women. During all the years our missionary enterprise has been successfully furthered through these three main organizations.

It is an inspiration to think of the combined membership of our circles; the unity of interest of our women; the prayerful service and missionary giving.

It is splendid to think of the children learning the needs of our work at home and

abroad; learning to serve Jesus through serving others.

But what about those who are neither children nor women? What about our girls, are they with their boundless energy and enthusiasm, their wonderful capabilities for service to be lost to us?

About ten years ago a movement for teenage girls, The Canadian Girls in Training, better known as C.G.I.T., was launched in connection with the Sunday schools.

For those of you who are not conversant with the movement and the program may I offer a word of explanation.

Girls from 12 to 17 are eligible for membership in these organized G. S. classes. In the preparation of the C.G.I.T. programme provided by the National Girls work board and through denominational committees, the ultimate goal, the attainment of a rich four-fold womanhood, has ever been kept in mind. Into this programme have been gathered the many and varied lines of education available for the Canadian girl, that will contribute the highest and fullest development. It aims to bring the home, school, church and community into closer co-operation to meet the needs of girls.

It is intended primarily for the use of the Girls organized S.S. classes and based on the belief that the class should extend its activities so as to include a mid-week as well as a Sunday session.

The movement as many of you know has made great progress and we have groups of C.G.I.T. everywhere, from Nova Scotia through to British Columbia with approximately 37,000 girls carrying out the program.

It is highly organized too with a National Board of Directors, an Ontario Board and in the larger cities local Boards.

There are leaders' camps in the summer and excellent training courses for leaders in the winter in many cities.

The Teacher Training course holds its concluding session tonight. There are also county conferences held from time to time for scattered leaders.

There are girls camps and girls councils and conferences all carefully planned and carefully sponsored.