

Official Bulletins

From the Ontario Secretary.

DURING the last few months the county secretaries have been endeavoring to secure information from the local societies, and have already reported a fairly good percentage of returns.

Did your society receive and return the post card? If not, I shall be pleased to have you cut out the following list of questions and, after filling them in as far as possible, send to me in an envelope.

We want every young people's society in the province on the Ontario C. E. Union register.

Is yours there?

Yours in the work,

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Name of your city or town
 County
 Name of church and denomination.....
 Name of your president
 Name of cor.-secretary. (This officer should not be changed).....
 How many active members now
 How many associate members now.....
 How many of your society united with your church during the last year.
 Have you a Junior society.....
 Have you an Intermediate society
 How much money has your society given to your own denominational Missionary Boards during the last year.....
 State the best thing your society has done during the last twelve months



From the Ontario Junior Superintendent.

Dear Junior Workers:

It is now nearly six months since I was appointed to the position of Provincial Superintendent. I have been endeavoring to find out just how we stand, and to get my finger on the pulse of Junior work in the province. I have written to all county superintendents of Junior work, also to county secretaries where as yet no superintendent of

Junior work has been appointed, urging them to bring the matter before the Executive Committee.

Just here I wish to thank those who have favored me with a prompt reply, and to remind others that *late* is better than *never*, and that I cannot get along without their hearty co-operation.

County superintendents tell me that one of the obstacles in the way of Junior extension is the mission band. This was a great surprise to me; I had always imagined that it would be an easy task to organize a Junior society where a mission band existed. That the mission band was a splendid nucleus already doing the work of one department of the Junior society, and that all that was necessary was to add the other departments, circulate the pledge and—presto!—the work was done. I know from personal experience that it is a very easy thing to develop a mission band into a Junior society. The trouble does not lie there. A fear seems to exist that if the band were developed into a Junior society the money raised for missions would be less, and that it would go into a different channel. Personal experience has proved the first to be groundless. The mission band which has been developed into a Junior society reaches a larger number of children, and raises more money for missions than formerly. For the benefit of those who fear that the money raised would go into a different channel I need only say that this need not be the case, as each individual Junior society is at liberty to dispose of its missionary money in any way it desires. After all are not all the different missionary agencies working for the same end, the advancement of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ? It seems to me the first thing to be considered is the welfare of the rising generation. The mission band is doing a good work as far as it goes, but the Junior society not only educates the children along missionary lines, it also educates them along many other lines and trains them for Christian service. Dear Junior worker, try to get mission band workers to look at the matter from this standpoint. The mission band should be the fore-runner preparing the way for the Junior society, into which in the natural order of things it should always develop.

Another thing we need in our work is a closer relationship between the Junior and senior socie-

ties. With all my heart I endorse Secretary Baer's plea on this point. If we could only get the senior societies to realize that the Junior society is as much a department of their society as the missionary department, and that the future of their society depends upon the work done among the Juniors, I think the older society would foster the Juniors, and support the Junior superintendent right royally. The result would be a great burden lifted from the heart of the Junior superintendent, and new life and vigor for both Junior and senior societies.

During the past six months the conviction has grown upon me that something must be done to make the Junior society a permanent institution. I find that in some places where a Junior society once existed no society can be found to-day. In some instances this is due to the fact that the superintendent has moved away—there was no one to take her place, and so the society disbanded. What can be done to remedy this state of affairs? I feel that the best results cannot be secured until Junior work is recognized as part of the regular church work, and its superintendent appointed as Sunday-school superintendents are appointed. Then it would be as impossible for the Junior society to discontinue as for the Sunday-school to do so. As things are at present we are working under great disadvantages and our progress is slow. I am acquainted with a church in one of our cities where a Junior society has been organized and re-organized three different times, and yet they have no Junior society in that church to-day. Such a state of things ought to be impossible. It is enough to discourage any general to take a place, re-take it, and take it once again only to lose it in the long run. Think of the time and energy expended. We ought to be so circumstanced that we could hold what had been won.

I should like to hear from some of our earnest Junior workers on this point.

Reminding you that there is a glorious future before Junior Endeavor, and calling you to renewed consecration and effort.

Yours for the Juniors,

SADIE M. WHITWORTH.



The attention of boys and girls especially is directed to the plan proposed by Peter Pussem on page 160, whereby they can make a little pocket money each month.