

## Young People's Department.

### THE LINK.

With joy we read the pages,  
Whose substance forms "The Link;"  
It in that work engages  
Of which we love to think.  
It comes to us conveying  
Glad tidings from afar,  
Of those who are obeying  
That Saviour whose we are.

The "Link" has closely bound us  
To those whose work is done  
By showing all around us  
The victories they have won.  
And in their labors sharing  
We go where duty calls;  
Their mantle we are wearing  
Which now upon us are.

The "Link" this day unites us  
To those beyond the sea:  
It lovingly invites us  
With them to comrades be.  
Our fellowship will cheer them,  
While in their lives they prove  
That we are always near them  
In sympathy and love.

The "Link" securely binds us  
To those in this great land  
Whose earnest zeal reminds us  
Of that for which we stand.  
It keeps the Circles yearning  
A larger sphere to fill:  
And they through it are learning  
To do the Saviour's will.

And by the "Link" united  
We join in earnest prayer  
That lights divinely lighted  
May flourish everywhere.  
Our grateful feelings voicing,  
We of His kingdom think;  
And in His work rejoicing,  
We thank Him for the "Link."

—T. WATSON

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Dear Mission Band Workers —

Few there are who are not interested in the approach of the mailman with his daily budget, and whose hearts do not thrill at the words, "Why, here's a letter for you." In spite of hundreds of postal-cards, letters, and packages that go from our desk to different parts of Ontario, we realize that there are many Bands and individual workers with whom we have had no direct com-

munication. "Well, here is a letter for you!" Read it, Band members everywhere, for it is for your very own selves!

It is September, and our forces which have been somewhat scattered during the heat of the summer are rallying to their work with, we hope, renewed vigor, and eager enthusiasm. But this will all speedily disappear, if not at once turned into channels of activity. Report time is nearing. Books close October 15th, and we long to have more thorough reports. Have your annual meeting in good time. We depend upon these yearly reports through the directors for our acquaintance with the Band's new officers. Otherwise, when special need arises, we know not where to send our messages. Be painstaking and prompt. Then what about our treasury? Does it need replenishing? A Chinaman went into a watchmaker's to have his watch repaired. He defined the trouble as, "Oh, him too muchee by 'n' by." Is this our fault? Are we all "too muchee by 'n' by!" Now is the time to act; now is the time to plan for an instructive open program, the thank-offering meeting, or the mit-box opening. Something special, something interesting and inspiring will help gather in the "littles and the bigs" which ought to be in our Bands' money-bags. Accidents, sicknesses, sorrows, the hasty coming of each night-time, all emphasize the importance of to-day.

"We shall do so much in years to come  
But what have we done to-day?  
We shall give our gold in a princely sum  
But what did we give to-day?  
We shall lift the heart, and dry the  
tear;

We shall plant a hope in the place of  
fear,  
We shall speak the words of love and  
cheer;  
But what did we speak to-day?

"We shall give so kind in the after-while,  
But what have we been to-day?  
We shall bring to each lonely life a  
smile

But what have we brought to-day?  
We shall give to truth a grander birth  
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth  
We shall feed the hungry souls of  
earth

But whom have we fed to-day?"