

Canadian Girls in Training

Co-operation in Missionary Education Between The Women's Foreign Mission Board and the Board of Religious Education, for C.G.I.T. Groups.

A conference on co-operation between the Board of Religious Education (Sunday Schools) as touching C. G. I. T. Groups, and the Women's Board of Foreign Missions, West, has been held, and sufficient progress has been made in negotiations to enable us to say that early in the Fall it will be possible to inaugurate a plan of co-operation that will be entirely satisfactory to the leaders of C.G.I.T. Groups and both of the Boards interested. The details of this plan be announced in the near future, and it is hoped to have a full statement in the September issue of the "Link."

"Are you going to camp?" This is the question you will hear in school and out, wherever 'teen-age girls are gathered together these days. And in every Province, from Atlantic to Pacific, the Girls' Work Secretaries are busy on organization in connection with the setting up of the many camps for Canadian Girls in Training. Fifty-three camps were dotted across the continent last year; there will be more in 1925. In those tented communities during July and August over two thousand girls live in communion with God and nature, and in the comradeship of other girls and leaders. Those ten days mean more in the lives of 'teen-age girls than words can ever tell.

Do you know what the Canadian Girls in Training program really is? It is a program planned for girls 12 to 17 years of age, and in the planning the attainment of a rich, fourfold womanhood has ever been kept in mind. The many and varied lines of education that are introduced have a place because they will contribute to her highest and fullest development. The program aims to bring home, school and community into closer co-operation to meet the needs of the girl.

The Canadian Girls in Training movement is over ten years old, is promoted by the National Girls' Work Board of the Religious Educational Council of Canada, and used by the Protestant Churches and the Y.W.C.A. Canada is unique in that it is the only country where the Churches have a distinctive program for 'teen-age girls. There are now 29,719 Canadian Girls in Training, and over 4,000 leaders. The rapid growth of the movement during the last decade is largely due to the wonderful leadership given by the Na-

tional and Provincial Girls' Work Secretaries.

The nucleus of the group is the Sunday School class, which meets on Sunday and for one mid-week session. The program is based on Luke 2:52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Under the four headings—physical, intellectual, spiritual and social—the program is divided, and there is abundance of material issued by the National Girls' Work Board to aid in the making of group programs.

The Canadian Girls in Training movement is a national one, and there is a growing consciousness of this in groups that are carrying out the program, whether they be in the far away Peace River district, in a new Canadian settlement in Saskatchewan, at the topmost point of the Island of Vancouver, or in a tiny fishing village of Cape Breton, and one great factor in this existent feeling of togetherness is the staff conference, where the Provincial Secretaries share plans and study problems and work together on policy and program material.

During the winter months when the work in the groups is at its height, Councils, conferences and rallies are held in the cities, towns and communities, and leadership training courses are conducted for normal school students and older girls, who will be leaders of groups, and then when the days swing round to spring come thoughts of camp.

"A Way of Living" is the interpretation given to the Canadian Girls in Training program. It is a way of living, of growing to the fourfold ideal that will bring to 'teen-age girls rich and manifold blessings.—Scotia Maid, Toronto Globe.