

will create a taste for instructive reading. Our Sunday School libraries should be supplied with books of this class.

The lack of knowledge in regard to heathen life, as well as the darkness of Roman Catholicism, and the urgent need in the North-West, is the cause of the deplorably small giving in many of our churches. It is not lack of money. There is money enough for gratification, pleasure, ambition and personal adornment. If we have rightly conducted Mission Bands in every church there will be an observable increase in missionary knowledge. A Band worker writes, "My boy, twelve years of age, knows more of heathen life than most of our old church members." Many may learn from the children, "A little child shall lead them."

Not only should the world's needs be taught to the young, but their relation to this need. Teach that to work for missions is to work for God; and, that we are "fellow-workers with Him" as we endeavour to carry the gospel "to the uttermost parts of the earth," that they do this work through knowledge in themselves, and by working out this knowledge in effort for the world's good, for which Christ died.

Work with the little ones may seem small but it is the beginning of a life work that may tell in the future. Our agriculturists, teachers, merchants, doctors, lawyers and statesmen, as well as our pastors and missionaries are to come from the ranks of the young. That they may do their part rightly, whatever that part may be, they need to begin mission study, mission work, and mission giving young. Training in the grace of giving is important. In too much of our teaching, on these lines, we give the idea that God has need of our help, we should teach that all belongs to Him. "The world is His and the fullness thereof." "The silver and the gold are His and the cattle upon a thousand hills belong to Him." He is not dependent on us, but we on Him; that He has made us partners with Himself, that He may develop us spiritually. He is always giving, and that love for Him will give us a desire to do His command in evangelizing the world.

In teaching we should endeavor to create and establish a principle of benevolence. If we can get the boys and girls to decide to return to God at least, a tenth of all they receive, though at present the offerings may be small, the principle is fixed and in years to come, the question will be solved how to carry on the Lord's work with-

out debt, and Christ's name proclaimed to all peoples in this generation.

The W. B. M. U. recognizing the importance of early education, in the missionary enterprise, have undertaken this necessary part of Christian service, with the aim that there shall be a Mission Band in every church and every child a member. How far we have come short of carrying out this aim will be seen by the following comparison: In Nova Scotia, we have two hundred and three churches and one hundred Bands.

This movement should interest and claim the active support of all pastors. A few of the pastors recognize this fact and are giving their influence and assistance. Superintendents of Sabbath Schools can be very helpful; but the responsibility of organizing and conducting Bands fall mainly on the members of the Aid Societies; and they are not doing their whole duty to the cause of Missions until there is a Band, under their direct care, in every section of the church.

It has been asked, "How can anyone be a Christian and not be interested in missions?" To me, it is as great a problem how a sister can be interested in the Aid Society and not in Mission Bands, from which in future the members are to be drawn. If our girls are properly trained there will be intelligent recruits to the place of those removed from our ranks by death, and the number of young ladies who do nothing to obey the divine mandate, to give the Gospel to the world, will be greatly lessened. We need the young girls in the Bands, and they need the training to be had in the Band work. An interest in missions has an ennobling effect on young lives, and gives almost an assured promise of future usefulness. A number of the young sisters, in the province, realize this and are among our most efficient Band workers. In helping others their own souls are being enlarged and blessed and the boys and girls under their influence are learning to be unselfish and self-sacrificing, and thus being prepared for the highest usefulness possible.

The mother's influence is also needed, not only in the Aid Society, to see that a Band is organized, but in the home to see that the lessons are prepared, and the children ready and at the meeting on time; that ways and means are opened by which the members can earn or save in order to give of their own. To help the leader by speaking approvingly of her efforts before the children, and show appreciation by visiting the