

What the Juniors are Doing

In order to give our readers an idea of what the Junior League is, and what it is trying to do, we have asked for reports from the individual societies. Quite a number have responded, and are here presented. Most of them are from the Juniors themselves.

Woodstock.

We have a strong Junior League in the Central Methodist Church, Woodstock, with eighty-five members. The work we like best is missionary work. We have sent \$15 to India, and among the poor of our own city have spent \$5.—Geo. Grant, Superintendent.

Wellington Street, Brantford.

"Properly officered, there can be nothing better for a Senior society than a Junior society. Our Junior society is a success in every sense of the word, and the Senior society is continually receiving splendid graduates from its ranks. The spirit of enthusiasm is much easier to instill in the Juniors than after they become older, and carrying this spirit from the Junior society to the Senior is an untold benefit to the latter. We need fear no decline in the Senior societies if proper attention is paid to the Juniors."—Mr. A. M. Shepperson.

Lucknow, Ont.

We have a membership of forty-five, and an average attendance of twenty-five. We had our reorganization two weeks ago. We were very sorry to lose our superintendent, who had been with us so long. Every person seems to be taking a greater interest in the work than ever now. We have our work divided into three committees: Temperance, Missionary, and Lookout Committee. I think we, as a League, take more interest in the temperance work than in any other. Our Junior League gave a very good entertainment in the fall, at which we raised nearly four dollars for missionary purposes.—Lena Treleven, Secretary (aged 13).

Westmount, Montreal.

We have about seventy-five names on our roll, with an average attendance of about forty. Our secretary is thirteen years old. At Christmas we gave a Christmas tree to one hundred and fourteen children from a Band of Hope in the poorest part of our city. All of our Juniors gave a present instead of receiving one, and every child that came had a present, an orange, and a bag of candy, with refreshments. We also had a short literary entertainment. At Thanksgiving we filled a large basket for the poor.—Mrs. Wilder, Supt.

Copper Cliff.

We have a flourishing Junior League. Our presidents are our pastor, Rev. E. R. Young, B.A., and Mrs. Johns. About the first of December our pastor gave each of us a cent as a talent to be used for Christ, and out of which to make as much as we could for missions. He helped us to make money with our talents by getting good cheap story-books like "Methodist Stories Retold for the People." These we sold to our friends at what profit we could. Most of us have returned our talents with what we have gained, and we have now over twelve dollars for our

Missionary Society, almost as much as this place raised altogether last year for missions.—Mabel Bell, Secretary.

Queen Street East, Toronto.

The Junior League of Queen Street East Methodist Church is three years old. We have twenty active members, who come regularly, and we all have a long way to go. We think our League is large for such a small church. Last Christmas and the one before we made stockings and filled them for the poor. We also take flowers to the sick. We are now making an autograph quilt for the missionary cause. We are trusting in God for strength to do more good work in the future.—Ethel Bushfield, Secretary. (Age 12.)

Bell Street, Ottawa.

For the last three months we have been taking up a course of systematic Bible study, instead of the Junior topics, and we like it much better. Beginning with Genesis we are studying the Bible by books. The part liked best is the compositions, which are given at each meeting by the boys and girls. Then we ask for volunteers to write for the next meeting. The compositions are on the principal events recorded in the book which forms our basis of study.

We have a committee of boys who take turns in reading the League announcement in Sunday-school, and also a committee who helps the Senior League, and the church in general, by carrying letters, and distributing doggers, invitations, etc.

We manage our missionary collection by a free-will offering. Small envelopes are given to the Juniors a short time before the missionary meeting, and they are asked to save or carry most of the money contributed. So far we have had a liberal offering. Our motto, which we have printed on our envelopes, is,

"I'll do my best for Jesus,
Whatever the cost may be.
I'll give myself to Jesus,
Who gave himself for me."

All boys and girls like stories, but our Juniors like best to hear about the life of some noble character. So at each meeting we have a few minutes for "the story." We have finished with the Rev. James Evans, and are at present taking up the life of Mr. John B. Finch. This plan has not only been interesting, but has proved very helpful. I think the Junior League is the place for an ideal Reading Circle, if taken up in story form. Best of all, and most encouraging to every Junior worker, is the fact that many of our girls and boys are being won for Christ and the Church.—Sarah A. Boyce, Superintendent.

Union.

Our members are much interested in Dr. Bolton, our missionary, and a number give a cent a week for missions. They are also making scrap-books to send to Mrs. Bolton for the sick. One day I met with the Sunshine Committee, little ones six or eight years old, and they were telling what they had done the past week. One had taken flowers to an old lady, and helped other Juniors when their mother was away. Another was trying to make folks cheerful by doing things for them. One wee girl said she was trying to be and do to others at school. They have brought a

great deal of pleasure to the old, infirm and sick by taking them flowers, papers, etc. One old lady said she did not see what had got into the children. They were all the time bringing her something.

I think we have about the best Junior League president in the country. A boy, eleven years old, with a pure, sweet, happy face. Nearly a year ago he joined the church. We can see how the Junior League is helping and developing him. He leads in prayer voluntarily, in a way that shows great thought and love of his Saviour, and a desire to lead others to Christ. When he was appointed president he took the chair without a demur, and presided at the first meeting in a way that excited our admiration. Our minister said one day there were few men in the church who could conduct a meeting as he did. His parents and brothers say, "If any one is a Christian, W— is."

Our children are good to answer, in fact, if very much surprised, it is hard to stop them. I have been surprised sometimes at the answer they give. We have been much encouraged by hearing several say that our Junior League has done good work in preparing members for Senior Societies. They make the best workers we have. One thought which has greatly impressed me in Junior work is, "Let our children grow up, finding their pleasure in being helpful, in doing work for Christ, let them find that the Christian life is a truly happy and pleasant one, and they will not desire any other. Save the children for Christ and the Church—their souls for heaven, their lives for this earth."—Miss Emma Mathison, Superintendent.

Cobourg Juniors.

For some years there has been a flourishing Junior Society in Cobourg. This society has had an average attendance during last Conference year of forty, and a membership of sixty. There are four departments—Sunshine, Committee, Floral Committee, Scrap-book Committee, and the "Mother's Birthday Department." As their part toward the furnishings of the new church here, the Junior Society gave a Bible, hymn-book, and the collection plates.—Com.

Cobourg Intermediate League.

The Cobourg Intermediate League meetings are held Friday afternoons after school, and are not usually more than three-quarters of an hour in length. We open with singing and prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting are read and the roll is called. Then the lesson is read alternately by the president and League. The topic is read by one or more of the League members, one of the committees, or by the superintendents, assisted by the League. We try to have as much variety as possible. The first of each month is consecration service, and we select a practical, helpful subject. The girls and boys seem interested in their League work. We raise twenty-five dollars a year for missions, and are trying to pay for the pulp in our new church beside.—M. E. Clarke, Supt.

McLeod St., Ottawa.

We have here a membership of sixty-five, average attendance forty-five. Two weeks ago it was my privilege to be with them. It was certainly a test of their interest to come on such a day, for the storm was fierce, probably the most unpleasant winter weather we have yet had. Amid all the storm, thirty-two of the little folk were at the meeting. When opportunity was given after our Bible talk) four responded when asked to lead