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French Methodist Institute, Westmount, Montreal.

THE session of 1897-8 opened on the 28th September with a large number of students, the largest at any time since its opening. From the beginning the work has been most encouraging. The character of the students, the qualifications of the staff, and the interest manifested by all concerned have done much to lighten the burden of care and anxiety and to make the work pleasant and agreeable. There are at the present time (February 24th) seventy-five pupils in attendance, while over ninety have at one time or another been enrolled. Over twenty of the present number are Roman Catholics whose minds and hearts are being influenced and enlightened by the truths of the Gospel. The results of the examination held at Christmas were most encouraging, some taking a very high average, while many who had never passed a written examination before, gave evidence of having secured a good grasp of the subject in hand.

The religious work is receiving a large share of attention, and is not without beneficial effect. Our weekly prayer-meetings have thus far been marked by a deep devotional spirit, and an earnest enquiry after the way of life; indeed a deep work of grace has been going on in the hearts of the pupils, specially among the boys. This has manifested itself in their own prayer-meetings, held on Friday night, and in the fact that even after the retiring bell had rung, some anxious for salvation, and others burdened with desire for the conversion of their school-mates, have met for protracted and earnest prayer. We are hoping that some of these boys will eventually pass from us into the Wesleyan Theological College, and thence, equipped for the work of evangelization, will go forth to proclaim to their fellow-men the glorious Gospel of Christ. The girls also give evidence that the grace of God is fashioning them for active and successful work in the service of the Master.

We believe most heartily in the power of the Gospel of Christ to convert and to keep those who are willing to accept it, but we believe that the most effectual

and lasting work is that which is done in the minds and hearts of the young. Christian education, under the influence of Christian teachers, and surrounded with the safeguards and uplifting atmosphere of a Christian home, will do what nothing else can do to evangelize and lift up the French-Canadian race. This is the aim and object before us; this is our work. Brethren, pray that the seed we are sowing may indeed bring forth a glorious harvest.

J. PINEL, Principal.

French Evangelization.

It is an undisputed fact that the Province of Quebec is much behind the Province of Ontario in many respects.

This we believe is due not so much to the people themselves as to the system by which the majority are bound. It is so in all countries where Rome rules; there is lack of growth and development, lack of intellectual activity and progress, as compared with other countries where Protestantism rules. Hence the importance of the work, viewed even from a commercial or national standpoint.

That progress is being made there is not a doubt. True, immense difficulties are still in the way, multitudes are still bitterly prejudiced against what we believe to be the truth, and the Church, *semper eadem*, is still vigilant and active in her efforts to prevent the people from receiving the light of God's Word. But speaking generally, there never was a



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Principal of French Methodist Institute, Montreal.

time when French evangelization could be prosecuted more easily and more successfully than now. The French-Canadian people are breaking the chains that bind them; they are thinking, reading and expressing themselves as never before. In politics, in education, in religion, they are claiming the right of private judgment, and refusing to continue longer under the yoke of the oppressor. A colporteur said to the writer but a few days since, "Some fifteen years ago when I visited a certain community, I did so almost at the risk of my life, and had to beg for permission to lodge with them, so bitterly were they opposed to me and my work. but now, as soon as they know I am coming, they gather to meet me and listen to the Word of God."

The Methodist Church, in harmony with the sentiment expressed by her noble founder, "The world is my parish," has felt the need and importance of engaging actively in this work, and so has employed Bible-women, colporteurs, missionaries and school teachers in mission schools, in this department of her work. In the opinion of some, however, her zeal and activity in this direction have not been as aggressive as desirable. For this possibly reasons exist which it is not necessary to discuss here. But has not the time come for a forward movement in this direction? Is the Church giving all the attention that she should to this very important question? Would it not be better if, instead of as now when the different missions and schools are under the care of different and frequently changing chairmen and organizations, the whole department were guided and controlled by some one official or committee? Could we not do more in the way of colportage? Our French Institute in Westmount is doing a grand work; would not similar institutions, even if on a smaller scale, situated in the leading towns and cities of the Province, very materially and rapidly extend the spread of French Methodism? Let the laity as well as the clergy, the young people of the Church as well as Quarterly Boards and Missionary Committees, think, speak and pray about this work. Let every follower of the Lord Jesus count himself a missionary to herald the glad tidings to their own neighbors and acquaintances who in this Christian land and in this nineteenth century are in comparative darkness and without the blessed consolations that come to us from God's own Book.

J. P.

An Incident in the French Work.

Mrs. P., in her fifty-eighth year, had become a convert to the Protestant faith, and a few months later had gone to join the blood-washed throng in the spirit-land. On the Sunday following her death the parish priest warned his people against associating with the French Protestants of the community because of the danger resulting therefrom, declaring that through such association Mrs. P. had gone into the depths of hell and was then in the grasp of the devil. But a few days later he was making his annual pastoral call at the house of Mrs. P.'s son, when the latter, taking his Bible and giving it to the curé, said to him, "Can you prove to me from the Bible what you said on Sunday about my mother?" The only reply the priest could make was to rise and leave the house. Shortly after this the son united with the Methodist Church. His wife, however, was still a Roman Catholic, and deeply prejudiced against the Protestant Church. But the consistency of her husband and the truth of God's Word, to which she occasionally listened from the lips of her husband, were gradually removing the veil and revealing to her a better way. At Easter time, she, like all good Catholics, was at the Confessional, when the priest strongly urged her to adhere to the Roman faith, and said to her that if she were asking his advice, he would say, leave your husband. "Why," said she, "he is a good man and a kind husband, why should I leave him?" "Because," said the priest, "he is a Protestant, and if you live with him you will lose your soul." He further not only advised but required that she should on no account mingle with the Protestants of the community, lest she should be contaminated, and positively refused to grant her absolution unless she would promise to keep away from them. Not prepared to make the promise, she left him, saying, "You will grant me absolu-

tion next time I come." She has never been there since, and shortly after, she said to the writer, who was then in charge of that mission, "You may take down my name as a member of your Church." Thus Rome's prohibitions to her members sometimes become stepping-stones to their liberty and freedom.

Programme.

SUBJECT

French-Canadian Missions

HYMN 70.

PRAYER

For French Canadian Missions and Papal Lands.

BIBLE READING---

St. Luke xv. 1-10.

HYMN 82.

The Present State, some facts, manners, customs and religion of the French-Canadians. (See "Our Work Series," No. 6.)*

OUR FRENCH-CANADIAN MISSIONS---

Number of missions, missionaries and members. (See Missionary Society's Report, page lii.† W. M. S. Report, pages lviii.-lx.;* also Junior page this number CAMPAIGNER.)

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION --

(See this number of CAMPAIGNER, *Monthly Letters* for March and April, W. M. S.)

FRENCH METHODIST INSTITUTE, MONTREAL---

The Work, 1897-8 (this number CAMPAIGNER). A Montreal Minister's Visit (see *Guardian*, March 2nd, page 2.‡)

INCIDENTS AND RESULTS OF THE WORK---

See *Guardian*, March 9th, page 2. An incident in French Work (this number CAMPAIGNER).

The Cloven Foot (*Outlook*, January, 1898).

Raffle for Souls (*Guardian*, March 16th, 1898.)

HYMN 13.

QUESTION DRAWER AND DISCUSSION.

DOXOLOGY. Benediction.

Corea's Women.

"You are making a great mistake. Why don't you work the other way?" said an intelligent Corean to one of our missionaries. "If you want to win Corea, win the women. *Win the mothers of Corea* and all Corea will be Christian." But they cannot be reached by men, and but a handful of Christian women have gone to seek them. Woman's existence in Corea consists of endless drudgery. The wealthy wife goes inside her husband's house on the wedding day, and never comes out again till she is carried to her grave. Shut in a living tomb, she has nothing worth living for, here or hereafter. So the poorer woman's life is summed up in one word - plod, plod, plod, but to both poor and rich, woman's existence means an unspeakably wretched slavery to man.

* Order from Room 20, W. M. S. Report, price 10 cents; *Leaflets*, 3 cents each; postage 2 cents extra.

† Methodist Mission Rooms.

‡ Methodist Book Room, \$1.00 per year (52 copies).

Everybody Read This Twice.

A UNION meeting of the Fullarton Auxiliary of the W. M. S. and the Epworth League was held in the M. E. Church of this place on the evening of the 23rd February. The devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. Greene, assisted by Bro. A. C. Farrell.

Rev. J. Greene gave a short history of the Students' Missionary Campaign Movement, urging the importance and the necessity of the members of the League in supporting this cause. We hope the result will be an increase in membership. We have in our League twenty-two members who contribute on an average about 2 cents per week. Total amount contributed for the past year was \$24.81.

The Annual Financial Report of the W. M. S. was read by Miss D. Haynes, which showed total amount raised to be \$73.40, an increase over last year of \$38.00. This report was very gratifying to all present.

Miss E. Bain read the report of the Supply Committee in connection with the W. M. S., showing that good work was being done in this line also, the Society having sent a box of clothing valued at \$65.00 to Trout Creek, Muskoka, where it was thankfully and acceptably received.

Bro. A. C. Farrell gave a very interesting and instructive account of the missions in China and Japan. Our brother is a rousing missionary, and is doing noble work for the cause.

Mrs. J. W. Woodley read an excellent paper on "Our Indians," showing the good work which is being done among the Indians, and the work that awaits our further efforts.

Our League choir rendered valuable assistance at this meeting. The quartettes rendered by Messrs. Davis, Brown, J. and G. Woodley were highly appreciated. The recitations and singing by the children were very creditable.

S. S.

Chart and Map-making Easy.

THERE is really very little difficulty in the making of charts and maps with which to illustrate the various subjects and places discussed in the missionary meetings of the League. And we may add at the same time, that there is no way in which we can make the meeting more interesting or leave a more lasting impression.

The materials required are inexpensive and easy to procure. The only difficulty is in getting the right mixture and applying it so that the colors will not "run." After a good deal of search for the best method, the following is recommended as being both easy and satisfactory.

For material,—plain cotton will do as well as anything. The bleached is best. The cotton should be of medium weight. This is better than the heavy because the creases from folding will not be so difficult to shake out.

For the mixture,—to make one pint, take half a pint of Japan, and a quarter of a pint each of light vanish and turpentine. And for coloring,—take the ordinary paint coloring* and stir in sufficient of it to make a *very thin* paint. If the shades are too dark, use white lead to make them paler.

Two important things to remember here are not to have the paint too thick or too dark. Have all the coloring light (except, of course, the outlines of the diagrams of countries, which always should be in black).

* Paint coloring matters,—Lampblack, Venetian red, yellow ochre, Venetian blue, etc.

For charts,—frequently the black color is all that will be needed, but some filling in with coloring matter will often make them much more effective.

In applying the paint, the cotton should first be stretched on the floor or a frame (a quilting frame is a splendid thing), and then the outline marked upon it with a pencil. Then moisten it with a sponge or brush and apply the paint *while still moist*. Herein lies the secret of preventing the paint running. If it dries while working, moisten again so as not to paint on the dry cotton.

A very much simpler way even than this has been used and given very good satisfaction, although the outlines and lettering cannot be quite so clearly defined. This is by the oiled crayon method, as follows:

Have the cotton stretched as before and the design sketched upon it, then color it (while dry) "with oiled crayons," which can be bought ready prepared or can be prepared at home by buying the ordinary different colored chalks, soaking them in benzine, and then allowing them to dry before using. These are quickly applied and do not smear or rub off to any appreciable extent under ordinary careful treatment.

HORACE C. WRINCH.

A Telephone and a Picture.

WE have often thought that if our people could hear and see what our missionaries hear and see, that their hearts would be touched. If the telephone and photography could be so united and perfected that all might hear the Macedonian cry and see the condition of our needy Christless brethren, our efforts to help would be more prompt and effectual. Perhaps, though, many would be too engrossed in their own affairs to pause or pay the smallest sum for the privilege of knowing where sympathy and help are needed. One thing is sure, those who do not seek the printed page which tells of our Christless brother's present need, and those whose hearts are not touched by the work of the photographer and engraver of today, would render very little assistance to the helpless and hopeless even though a momentary interest were developed in a novel invention. The invention would be more to them than the vision of need and the cry for help. Those who will not heed the written Word of God would not regard any entreaty.

A LETTER AND AN ENGRAVING.

We have ventured to have made several hundred engravings of several of our missionaries. The engravings are nicely done on a rectangular, beautifully-finished card-board with a border so arranged that if it is desired to frame them no pads will be needed. If it is desired to keep it in a large scrap-book and album, they will be quite suitable. Again, these pictures are quite suitable for placing behind a glass which may be hung with a chain without a frame. If our friends support our effort we will furnish a picture for them of every missionary in the Methodist Church, both W. M. S. and General Board Missionaries, and will not charge more than 5 cents each for them, postpaid. Yes, and we believe we can furnish engravings of all our missionary churches, hospitals, colleges, schools and industrial institutions.

As these engravings are furnished we will print a short history of each missionary, and give his address, and will from time to time send our friends who desire them, copies of letters received from them.

At present we can furnish pictures of Rev. Daniel Norman, B.A., Tokio, Japan; Rev. D. McDonald, M.D., President of Japan Conference; Rev. J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., M.D., C.M., Bella Bella, B.C.; Dr. R. B. Ewan, Chentu, China; Rev. V. I. Hart, D.D., Keating, China; Rev. W. E. Smith, M.D., Ohentu, China; Rev. A. C. Borden, B.A., B.D., Japan; Rev. John Scott, D.D., Japan; Rev. Mizutaro Takagi; Rev. J. Pinel, S.T.L., Principal of French Methodist Institute, Montreal.

Items of News.

We have been helped by the many post-cards we have received. We publish a few samples of the words of appreciation of the usefulness and helpfulness of the CAMPAIGNER in the mission work of the Church. There are large numbers of earnest, devoted workers who give hours and hours of their time, as a free-will offering, in folding and addressing the CAMPAIGNER. These workers are glad to know the paper is really a help to so many. We therefore thank our friends for the kind and encouraging words which have come to us.

OMAGH, ONT., January 31st, 1898.

DEAR SIR,—As President of the Missionary Department in our Epworth League, I feel it my duty to write to you stating that I have read Dr. Jackson's letter from Bella Bella, B.C., and heartily endorse the publication of letters from missionaries, since this is the only present or visible means of knowing how much or what our prayers and pockets are doing for the benighted heathen. Again, too, I think much greater interest is thereby created in missionary work.

One interested in mission work, CHARLOTTE C. FORD

ORONO, ONT., January 5th, 1898.

DEAR FELLOW WORKER,—In reply to your request in the January CAMPAIGNER for answers to some of the questions, I can say: 1. I read the CAMPAIGNER. 2. Am helped very much. 3 and 4. We use Suggested Programme in League meetings once a month, and everyone seems to enjoy them. 5. Yes. 6. It seems easy to read the CAMPAIGNER's account of our Church work, as it is never *dry*. 7. I would very much like the letters from our missionaries published. 8. Yes. 9. Very much indeed. 10. Yes, and have it working. 11. I think we have *good* ones now, but would try to use all we get. At our meeting last month we used the Suggested Programme on medical missions, and although the weather was very unfavorable, we had a large gathering, and all declared it to be the best meeting we had ever held. The CAMPAIGNER is full of facts which are very useful to those with limited time to prepare for missionary meetings. Wishing you all success,

I am, yours in the work,

MABEL DAVV,
2nd V.-P. Orono E. L.

PITLEY'S ISLAND, Nfld.

DEAR SIR,—I received a copy of the CAMPAIGNER through our minister, and I am very much pleased with it. I believe, as a Church, we are laying too much on our oars. Rest seems to be taking possession of very many who ought to be assiduously working and giving to extend our Master's kingdom. We have a League here; it is not accomplishing what it would if there was but more self-devotion on the part of its members. Self is eating the life out of many.

I have read your papers on the Forward Movement, and heartily agree with it. Please send me the CAMPAIGNER

till the end of 1897; please find ten cents in stamps enclosed. God bless you, sir, is my prayer.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM GARLAND.

P.S.—If you will kindly send me a copy or two of the little paper, I will try to introduce it to others. W. G.

Our District has received much inspiration in the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions from the visits of Messrs. H. Smith and F. C. Stephenson, and we resolved to adopt the system as a District. The details are left to be arranged by a special committee composed of the Hon. President, the President and Second Vice-President. Our aim will be to support a missionary in the foreign field; but should we fail in that immediately, we will apply what we raise to that purpose, sending our funds to our District Treasurer, who will forward them to Dr. Sutherland.

J. B. LOBB,

Sec. Gall Dist. E. L.

PALMERSTON, February 26th, 1898.

DEAR CO-WORKERS,—It was impossible for me to send you a complete report by last Monday, as some districts did not report to me before the meeting of the Convention. I have been pleased with the reports of the several districts. They speak of a great awakening along missionary lines, and are full of encouragement for the future. In Hamilton Conference thirteen districts out of fourteen have adopted the plan of the "Forward Movement for Missions," and are co-operating to support, in whole or part, a missionary in the foreign field. Palmerston District has become responsible for the support of two native missionaries in Japan. Hamilton and Woodstock have each requested the General Board to designate them a missionary; the others are sending, through their District Treasurer, their contributions to Dr. Sutherland, to be used and appropriated as the General Board see best. I have not been able to secure the exact amount already raised, but from those districts that stated the definite amount raised, over \$400 is the total; \$1,934 is the amount pledged by the organized districts thus far, with a much larger sum in prospect. Withal we are delighted with the progress made during the year, and under the influence of the morning breeze of this new Conference year, we hope to rise from the sea of the old, and rising, catch the light of yet grander service and stronger faith in our missionary labors.

Yours in Christian love and service,

(MRS.) LUCY M. SMITH, *Oskville*.

Missionary Vice-Pres. of Hamilton Conference E. L.

Miss M. C. Tamblin, Missionary Vice-President, writes that she has received reports from seven senior and three junior Leagues, which are giving \$171.60. All the societies reporting have libraries of from five to twenty volumes, excepting one, where the Sunday School library contains missionary books used by the League. Two "Pray, Study, Give" bands, one at Port Granby with six members, and one at Bethel with five, joined with the Leagues in the work. It is hoped they will grow to be Leagues. Most of the missionary vice-presidents seem to feel the importance of the work. This is only one voice as to the request for a Campaigner during the coming year to visit us. We want and need one, and hope one will be available.

Our Missionary Vice-President, Rev. H. T. Ferguson, Collingwood, is working hard. We hope soon to be able to have a representative missionary.—FROM A LEAGUER.

PASTOR'S PAGE.

This page is supplied by our Pastors. Contributions are solicited from all our Pastors.

Our Work for Christ.



A.

This represents the sum of \$2,055,759.88, the amount raised by our Church in Canada to carry on her own running expenses and look after her spiritual needs; an average of \$7.45 per member.



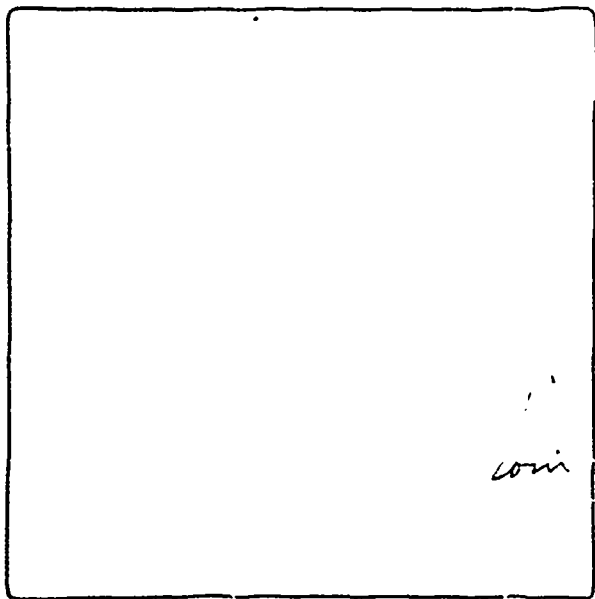
B.

This represents the sum of \$232,130.73, the amount raised by our Church in Canada through her General Fund, Woman's Missionary and young people's missionary sources; an average of 84 cents per member.



C.

This represents 5,000,000, the estimated population of all Canada, in which the Methodist Church alone expends \$2,055,759.88 every year for her own spiritual life and work.



D.

This represents 800,000,000, the number of people outside of Canada who have never yet heard the name of Jesus, 80,000 of whom are dying every day, and for whose salvation the Methodist Church in Canada only raised \$232,130.73 missionary money; 42½ per cent. of which is spent on our own English-speaking people in our own country (our home missions).

Last year, 65,805 members of our senior young people's societies raised less than \$7,669.70 for missions (this including the offerings of our Juniors), *i.e.*, less than 11½

cents per member. If they had given on an average two cents per week, they would have raised \$68,437.20, or enough over and above what they did contribute to send out 76 married missionaries to China and Japan. Had they made it three cents per week per member, it would have reached \$102,755.80, or enough over and above what was given to send forward 118 married men to the regions beyond.

In our Church in Canada we have 275,848 members returned last year as in good standing. Had these likewise each contributed three cents per week for missions, our General Fund would have been increased by \$103,276.65, or enough to send forward 129 married men to China and Japan, or elsewhere, as our officers saw best. Thus Church and young people would have been able to increase the number of messengers in the dark places of the earth by 247 married men, or nearly 500 workers in all. Surely this is not quixotic. And are there not very few, indeed, who could not give three cents a week? If some dear friend of ours moved away from us we would write them a letter every week and place on it a three cent postage stamp, and consider ourselves unworthy of his friendship if we so much as thought it a sacrifice. Shall we do less for our Master who has told us that if we love any person more than Him we are not worthy of Him? Let us give Christ our weekly postage stamp.

NOTE.—The statistics given above are taken from the Conference Minutes. The sizes of above squares are: A, ¼ inch; B and C, ¼ inch; D, 3¼ inch.

The Practicability of the Great Commission.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" is the command of our risen and ascended Lord to His Church. (Nearly 1900 years ago these words were uttered, and more than half of the human race are still without the Gospel. To show the needlessness of this state of things and the practicability of our Saviour's command we submit the following figures:

Starting with *one disciple* it would take but one generation to reach the whole world (at its present population and allowing for natural increase), on the supposition that each convert should reach an additional soul each year with the truth—

End of	1 year	.	.	2 souls.
"	2 years	.	.	4 "
"	3 "	.	.	8 "
"	4 "	.	.	16 "
"	5 "	.	.	32 "
"	6 "	.	.	64 "
"	7 "	.	.	128 "
"	8 "	.	.	256 "
"	9 "	.	.	512 "
"	10 "	.	.	1,024 "
"	11 "	.	.	2,048 "
"	12 "	.	.	4,096 "
"	13 "	.	.	8,192 "
"	14 "	.	.	16,384 "
"	15 "	.	.	32,768 "

End of 16 years	65,536 souls.
" 17 "	131,072 "
" 18 "	262,144 "
" 19 "	524,288 "
" 20 "	1,048,576 "
" 21 "	2,097,152 "
" 22 "	4,194,304 "
" 23 "	8,388,608 "
" 24 "	16,777,216 "
" 25 "	33,554,432 "
" 26 "	67,108,864 "
" 27 "	134,217,728 "
" 28 "	268,435,456 "
" 29 "	536,870,912 "
" 30 "	1,073,741,824 "
" 31 "	2,147,483,648 "

Two billions, one hundred and forty-seven millions, four hundred and eighty-three thousand, six hundred and forty-eight, being five hundred millions more than the present population of the world. And this could be done in a single generation!—*Sunday-School Lesson Illustrator.*

Dr. Jackson's Letter Concluded.

(See offer in February CAMPAIGNER.)

PERHAPS some of you are wondering why I said, in opening this letter, I felt like singing the doxology. Well, if your patience is not exhausted we will try and explain. Last week I was hastily summoned to attend a special meeting of the leading men in this village called by the chiefs, the purpose of which was to give me the result of their deliberations. It was somewhat of a surprise, as we had no knowledge whatever of the meeting or the question under discussion. Upon entering the house we found a circle of dusky faces spreading their huge forms in all kinds of grotesque fashion upon the floor, chairs being provided only for the chiefs, and the vacant chairs in the centre being reserved for the missionary and his interpreter. After seating ourselves there was a moment of hushed silence, then slowly and deliberately the leading chief rose to his feet and spoke thus: "We have heard that you are displeased with some of our customs, and we are anxious to know just what you want us to do. None of us want you to leave us, but to stay with us forever. We Indians don't know as much as the white man; we cannot read, nor can we ever hope at our time of life to do so, but we trust that our children will all be able to read the white man's books. Now, we have called you here to-night to know just what you want us to do, and we promise to do as you tell us as far as we can." We tried to show them the evil and danger of still clinging to their old heathen customs, and brought up the points we have already mentioned in this letter along with several others. Then followed the discussion by the chiefs. One could not see any harm in a feast when Jesus Christ, as I had told them a few Sundays before, fed five thousand. We explained to him that if the same motives prompted him to give a feast as prompted Jesus Christ, we had nothing to say against it, but everything to say for it. I asked if the people he called to a feast had been three days without food and were too weak to walk back to their homes, having come from a distance. If it were real need that excited his pity, then, by all means give a feast, but not otherwise. This man made no reply. I will merely

mention one more point brought up, as this letter is altogether beyond the limits of propriety.

I had said I did not like to see heathen figures erected over the graves of the dead. One chief thought he had me cornered this time, for he said some years ago, when his father died, he erected a heathen bird without spread wings, carved in wood, as a monument. The resident missionary at that time advised him to do away with such an ugly monument and procure a marble one, which he did. Then along came another missionary who advised him not to purchase such a costly tombstone, and now I advised them not to erect heathen figures, so that between one missionary and another he was at a loss to know what to do, and asked my advice. The answer we made in this instance was, that every man was a law unto himself in such questions. Speaking for myself personally, I said if I were to die my wish would be not to have an elaborate tombstone erected to my memory, but rather to have the money expended in carrying the Gospel to distant lands where the name of Christ was unknown, thereby erecting a spiritual monument which time could never obliterate. After a few more points were discussed they requested me to draft out rules or laws prohibiting all heathen customs, to be posted in the most prominent place in the village, which we did on the following morning. This, while not conversion, is a grand stride in the right direction, and we trust will not abate till every soul not only forsakes heathenism but sin. Are you not ready now to join me in the doxology? We have had several profess conversion—one of the hardest cases in the village has come out strong on the Lord's side. Time alone can tell as to the genuineness of the work done. There is much more that I might add on this line, but must not make my epistles too extensive, or the junior members in the back seats may get restless. I shall reserve the details of our Christmas entertainment for our next letter. In the meantime do not fail to bear us up in prayer to our loving Father that we, with you, may experience more of His grace and power. Mrs. Jackson joins me in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

Yours in His name,

J. A. JACKSON.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The Robie Street League, of which Bro. J. E. Hughson is pastor, is now organized, and has a committee at work amongst the membership. Subscribers already secured will give \$15 per year, and it is confidently expected that when the canvass is completed it will amount to \$25. This is good for this League.

B. SWINERTON,

Pres. N. S. Conf. E. L.

Rev. R. Whiting, of Forest, Ont., writes: Our League will raise between \$40 and \$50 this year on the "Pray, Study, Give" plan.

From Mr. S. C. Moore, Norland, Ont.: The missionary spirit is growing among our young people here, and we expect a substantial increase on last year's givings. We have very successful missionary meetings in our Leagues.

I WONDER many times that ever a child of God should have a sad heart, considering what the Lord is preparing for him.—*S. Rutherford.*

JUNIOR LEAGUE PAGE.

IN CHARGE OF

REV. S. T. BARTLETT, MADOC, ONT.

Our Missionary Work.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MISSIONARY EXERCISE.

NOTE TO SUPERINTENDENT. Arrange that each part shall be taken by a Junior. If you will go to a little trouble in the matter of costuming, the various parts may be made of greater interest than without. The parts as here given are necessarily brief, and may be lengthened by yourself with the aid of the annual missionary reports.

First Boy.—"I am a *Domestic* missionary. By that I mean that I represent the missions that are worked by our Missionary Society among those who speak English in *our own land*. Domestic or Home missions are carried on by our Church in *ten* different Conferences. I shall name these, and some of my assistants will tell you the numbers of missions in each Conference. The Conferences are, beginning in the east and going to the west: Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Manitoba and North-West, and British Columbia. I now ask my assistants to tell you the numbers of missions and missionaries in each."

First Assistant.—"Newfoundland has 54 missions and 50 missionaries."

Second Assistant.—"New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island has 48 missions and 48 missionaries."

Third Assistant.—"Nova Scotia has 52 missions and 49 missionaries."

Fourth Assistant.—"Montreal has 69 missions and 71 missionaries."

Fifth Assistant.—"Bay of Quinte has 28 missions and 29 missionaries."

Sixth Assistant.—"Toronto has 31 missions and 31 missionaries."

Seventh Assistant.—"Hamilton has 19 missions and 19 missionaries."

Eighth Assistant.—"London has 14 missions and 17 missionaries."

Ninth Assistant.—"Manitoba and North-West has 78 missions and 70 missionaries."

Tenth Assistant.—"British Columbia has 26 missions and 21 missionaries."

"You see, dear friends, from these figures given by my assistants, how great is the field I represent. Our Home or Domestic missions reach from the wild Atlantic on the far East to the wide Pacific in the distant West, and altogether they number 419 distinct fields of work, with 405 missionaries at work on them. Besides the missionaries, there are 27 assistants; so that altogether the Methodist Missionary Society in Canada employs 432 persons to preach the Gospel or teach it in our own land alone. On these Home mission stations more than 40,000 people are now members of our Church. You can all easily see what a great work this is, and I ask you to support it. Although last year more than \$80,000 were spent by the Church in these home fields, there were many of our missionaries who received very small salaries, and a great many of them have very hard work to do. They deserve your prayers, and more of your money than they have yet had."

Second Boy.—"It is true, dear friends, that Domestic missions are very important; but do you not think that the work I am going to tell you about is just as much so? You can easily see that I am an *Indian* missionary. I do not mean that I am from India; but that I represent the Indians of our own land. The red men of Canada are not as many in number as they were once; but they have souls to be saved, and more than that, they have lives to be made clean and happy by the Gospel. Our Missionary Society has done a great deal for them in the past; but a great deal more is yet to be done, for many of the poor Indians are yet unsaved from sin and misery. I represent the 54 missions among the Indians of Canada. On these 54 Indian missions there are 38 missionaries at work; these have 6 assistants, and there are also 35 interpreters. So you can see that altogether there are 79 persons trying to bring the natives to Christ. Over 5,000 Indians are members of our Church. The work for the Indians is more expensive than in some other parts of the field; but it *must* be done. Last year our Society spent more than \$72,000 in the Indian work. There are Indian missions in all the Conferences except Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. I feel sure that all of you who have thought of your duty to the red men and their children will remember them in prayer, and not forget the gifts needed to keep the work up. Soon the native races of our great land will be brought to Christ if the Church does all that ought to be done for them. I hope you all read the February number of the CAMPAIGNER, which had so much in it about these people and our work among them."

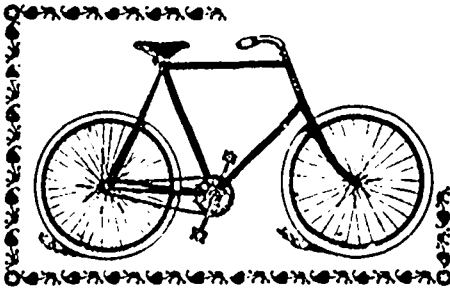
First Girl.—"Let me ask you, dear friends, to consider another very important branch of our missionary work. I represent the work among the *French* people of Quebec Province. In the Montreal Conference there are seven missions among the French people. I need not tell you that Quebec is almost altogether a Roman Catholic Province. You know that. Because it is so, the work there is very hard indeed. The Roman Catholic priests are no more the friends of our work than the heathen priests of China or Japan are there. But the Word of God must be preached and taught, and put into the homes and hands of the people; and it is this work that our missionaries are doing. The seven missions are as follows: In the Montreal District there are 3, with a membership of 120; in the Waterloo District there are 3 more, with a membership of 122; and in Quebec there is 1, with a membership of 31. In all, you see, our French work has only 273 members; but when you think how hard it is for a Roman Catholic to come out of the religion he has been taught, into the light of the Gospel in its truth, you will not be surprised that the rate of increase is small. Only 18 of an increase in membership is reported over a year ago. The cost of the whole French work last year was about \$7,000. Though the work is very difficult and in many ways discouraging, the promise of God is ours that His Word shall not return unto Him void. If any part of Canada needs our prayers and sympathies, it is the great Roman Catholic Province of Quebec. 'In due season we shall reap if we faint not.'"

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