

"I was born in Whitman County, Wash., December 11, 1897. When nearly five years of age we moved to Lane County, Oregon, and when nearly six years of age we moved from near Wendling to my grandfather's farm at Walden station, about three miles from Cottage Grove. Here my first school days began at the little old district school house which has since been replaced by a modern school building. However, the old school house with its moss-covered roof seems more dear to me because of the memories I cherish of the happy school days spent there when every day was a joy to me and my child heart was glad with the freedom of the fields and woods.

"When in the second grade we moved to Cottage Grove. When nearly eight years of age, shortly after moving to Cottage Grove, I became a member of the Junior Christian Endeavor at the Christian Church. I soon grew to love the junior hour and the memories of those junior meetings are of much help to me in my work as junior superintendent. At first I was very shy about taking part in the meetings but always loved to hear what the others had to say. I found it difficult to speak before others of my own thoughts on the lesson and not until I was ten years old did I overcome this shyness. Then I found that I not only gained more from the lesson by taking part myself but that I found a new and sweet joy in being able to express my own thoughts. I have found this true in the lives of many of my juniors.

"Shortly after my tenth birthday we moved to a lumber camp in the Row River Valley ten miles from Cottage Grove. While we lived at this camp I attended the Star school. I missed the junior meetings very much but continued studying my junior lessons and though no junior society was near for me to attend I found a sweet joy in studying the lessons all by myself. Those were happy school days spent in the dear old Star school house with all my dear schoolmates, for I loved them all. In an old composition book I have written many interesting things of my school days here. Last night I was looking over this book. One of my pet hobbies at that time was to be a missionary to India. I thought much of this and often told my schoolmates that when I should become grown up I was going away over to India. Everything I could find out about India was either clipped out of the papers and pasted in a little book I kept especially for that purpose or was copied in this book. Though now I feel that my work lies with the girls and boys of America, yet through my letters I am going to write to the juniors and through the books I am planning to write for them I hope that some day some of my juniors will go to far away India and carry to the boys and girls there the message of God's love as I planned and looked forward to doing when a child. Now my life work will be with the boys and girls of our own dear home land, for though the mission work in the foreign lands is one of the noblest missions on earth and one