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Mr. Fox knows well what is the proper Thanksgiving dinner. Every year Farmer Graham has killed one of his fine, plump geese for his wife to cook for their dinner and she has cut up a great yellow pumpkin and made such pies as would make your mouth water to see. Mrs. Graham, too, knows just how to cook a goose till it is nice and brown and juicy with plenty of rich goose gravy in the pan. But Mr. Fox and his family do not covet the delicious pies, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, nor Mrs. Graham's beautifully cooked goose either. There are a number of geese left in the farm-yard and Mr. Fox is determined to have one of them for Mrs. Fox to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner. So he spent his Thanksgiving Eve in Farmer Graham's barn-yard, causing fearful consternation amongst the turkeys and geese. He is having a fine chase for his prey but is sure to succeed in capturing it in the end. To-morrow he and his family in their home in the woods will enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner as much as any boy or girl in the wide world.



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PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

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Junior Epworth League.

CHRISTLIKENESS.—Eph. 5. 1; Matt. 22. 38; Rom. 7. 25; 12. 2; 1 John 2. 14; John 6. 63, 68; Acts 9. 36; Col. 3. 17.

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HOW AND WHERE SHOULD WE SHOW GENTLENESS?—Tit. 3. 1, 2; Eph. 4. 31, 32.

THE JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

ONE of the most interesting and vital features of League work is that which pertains to the care and culture of the children. For this special purpose the Junior Epworth League was established. Its scheme of work is a modification and adaptation of that of the Epworth League. Its chief officer is the superintendent, who is appointed by the pastor, and who is also a member of the Epworth League cabinet. The other officers are a president, four vice-presidents, a treasurer, and a secretary, who are elected by the Juniors from among their own number, and these, with the superintendent and pastor, constitute the Junior League cabinet. The membership is made up of boys and girls under fourteen years of age.

The "Junior Wheel" is the suggestion of Rev. N. J. Harkness, of the Rock River Conference, a most successful worker among the little men and women. Like the Senior one, it is divided into six sections. Each of these divisions has a key-word indicating something of its purpose.

The key-word of the first department is *heart*. It stands for the development of true heart life. The conversion of the children is the chief aim of every Junior superintendent. After there is evidence that the child has accepted the Saviour there should follow plain teaching in Christian doctrine and instruction in practical religious duties. The children are urged to take part in their own devotional meetings. They are encouraged to testify and lead in short, simple prayers. Besides, they are shown how to bring their young friends to the Master.

The key-word of Department Two is *hand*. The idea which it represents is that of helpfulness. Various kinds of mercy and help work are undertaken under the guidance of the intelligent superintendent, and the children are made very happy by the knowledge that they are putting life and joy into lives that have been full of darkness and sorrow.

Department Three has for its key-word *head*. This suggests thoughtfulness and study. Great interest is taken by the little people in the systematic study of the Bible as a book. Many of them can readily give the names of the different books, and the order in which they appear, as well as the name of the author and the circumstances under which the book was written. There are also drills in the history of our own Church, in the "ten points of doctrine" and Catechism. Literary meetings are held occasionally with great profit, the aim being to secure correct habits of thought and a taste for good literature.

Department Four is assigned to social work. The key-word is *feet*. The children are encouraged to seek out those of their companions who are not identified with the League or some similar society, and bring them in. In many ways they provide innocent and delightful recreation for each other and for their grown-up friends. The fifth and sixth departments embrace the usual duties of secretary and treasurer.

ABSTAIN FOR A WEEK TO TRY YOUR APPETITE.

A YOUNG man carelessly formed the habit of taking a glass of liquor every morning before breakfast. An older friend advised him to quit before the habit should grow too strong.

"Oh, there is no danger; it's a mere notion. I can quit any time," replied the drinker.

"Suppose you try it to-morrow morning," suggested the friend.

"Very well; to please you I'll do so, but I assure you there is no cause for alarm."

A week later the young man met his friend again.

"You are not looking well," observed the latter; "have you been ill?"

"Hardly," replied the other one. "But I am trying to escape a dreadful danger, and I fear that I shall be, before I shall have conquered. My eyes were opened to an imminent peril when I gave you that promise a week ago. I thank you for your timely suggestion."

"How did it affect you?" inquired the friend.

"The first trial utterly deprived me of appetite for food. I could eat no breakfast, and was nervous and trembling all day. I was alarmed when I realized how insidiously the habit had fastened on me, and resolved to turn square about and never touch another drop. The squaring off has pulled me down severely, but I mean to keep the upper hand after this. Strong drink will never catch me in his net again."

THE MAGIC OF A KISS.

"I have brought your dinner, father," The blacksmith's daughter said, As she took from her arms a kettle, And lifted the shining lid. "There's not a pie, nor a pudding, So—I will give you this—" And upon the toil-worn forehead She left a childish kiss.

The blacksmith tore off his apron, And dined in a sunny mood. Wondering much at the savor Hid in his humble food. While all about him were visions Full of prophetic bliss, But he never thought of the magic In his little daughter's kiss!

While she, with her kettle swinging Merrily trudged away, Stopping at sight of a squirrel, Catching some wild bird's lay. And I thought how many a shadow Of life, and pain we should miss, If always our frugal dinners Were seasoned with a kiss.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE EPISTLES.

A.D. 61-63.] LESSON VIII. [Nov. 19.

IMITATION OF CHRIST.

Eph. 4. 20-32.] [Memory verses, 30-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.—Eph. 4. 32.

OUTLINE.

1. The Old Man, v. 20-22.
2. The New Man, v. 23-32.

EXPLANATIONS.

"Learned Christ"—Become acquainted with the divine character as revealed in Jesus. "Ye have heard him, and have been taught by him"—They had never seen him personally, but from his followers they had learned of his spirit. "The old man"—That is, unchanged human nature—the good and bad qualities that characterized them before their conversion. "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind"—All a man's faculties and powers must be thoroughly, universally renewed. "Put on the new man"—The new nature, "Which after God is created in righteousness"—God in the beginning had created man in his own image. He proposes now to make him anew in the same image. "Putting away lying"—All falsity and prevarication. "Be ye angry, and sin not"—That is, if you must be indignant against wrong never allow your indignation to become wicked wrath. "Neither give place to the devil"—Give him no scope. "Corrupt communication"—Insipid, impure words.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson do we learn that—

1. We should closely study our Lord's character?
2. With the change of our hearts we should change also our companions, our words, our moods, our characters?
3. It is not enough to cease to do wrong, we must begin active godliness?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What did Paul say our state by nature is? "Corrupt, according to deceitful lusts."
2. What does he tell us is our immediate need? "To be renewed in the spirit of our minds."
3. What relation have we to each other? "We are members one of another."
4. What does Paul tell us to avoid? "To give place to the devil."
5. What other charge does he give us? "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God."
6. What is the Golden Text? "Be ye kind one to another," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Regeneration.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What lessons does this teach us?

The high honour put upon human nature, and the great virtue of humility.

Was not the Redeemer still further humbled?

He was "tempted of the devil" (Matt. 4. 1), though he was the Son of God, who could not sin.

LO, THE WORK OF POOR INDIANS!

BY C. H. S.

WHEN the North American Indian, driven to the far west from the shores of his ancestral home, where the white man discovered him four centuries ago, and there gave him the fire-water which has dampened the fringes of his wigwam and silenced the songs of his children, causing continued scenes of riot and bloodshed, carrying the poor Indian rapidly down to the drunkard's grave, destroying them as a nation; we say, when the Indian descendant, if he desires to glory in the downfall of his enemy, who has brought ruin and disgrace to his home and nation, when he sees what his fathers did toward the degradation of the nations of the earth in giving them "the weed that bewitches." When he sees the present degeneracy of Spain, Portugal and Turkey, and the great evil which other nations are feeling in the universal use and poisoning of the people by tobacco, bringing millions and millions of every class in life, the slum, dude, tramp, gentleman, peasant and president, to degradation and death, he can draw his proud form to its utmost height and look upon the scene before his vision with triumphal pleasure and say, "Lo, the work of poor Indian!"

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