

28th, 1838. The young Queen was married at St. James' Palace, Feb. 10th, 1840, to Prince Albert, Prince of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, the second son of the then reigning Duke. Until 1861 the married life of the Queen was very happy; but in that year the Prince-Consort died and the Queen spent the rest of her life in the loneliness of widowhood. The example set by the Queen and Prince-Consort was very helpful to the domestic life of the nation. Their stainless lives, their unobtrusive piety, and their careful education of the royal children bore rich fruit in the stability of their throne, for their subjects learned to love them deeply. Queen Victoria had four sons and five daughters. The present King Edward VII. was the second child, the eldest being the Princess Royal, Victoria, who became wife of Frederick William, Emperor of Germany, and so was mother to the present reigning German Emperor. (As many other facts as may be wisely used are easily obtainable; but we suggest the memorizing of a few of the most impor-

low me." "If any man would be my disciple," "If any man thirst," etc. The one thing God never breaks down is the human will. We must choose to be His disciples. There is virtue in this kind of obedience, and to it will be given great reward. But what inspiration there is for us in the study of Nature. The Old Testament writers all speak of it as setting a great example to man to worship and serve the Creator. Hence we must live close to Nature and catch the spirit of universal praise. If we do so it will make the worship of God a delight and to be learned here. History shows us how every force in the natural world answers to the command of the Creator of all. "All thy works, praise thee," is the verdict of the Psalmist. Psalms 147 and 148 illustrates this. What a glorious thing it will be for the earth when said thing it will be for the earth when said as the inanimate creation does. It is a sad fact that God may come to the earth and not be recognized or honored. Men

seen. Encourage the boys and girls to observe natural objects, and in all their study to cultivate a reverent spirit toward the Almighty Creator.)

Feb. 11.—"The Secret of Success."  
Joshua 1. 1-9.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua. What an illustrious line of obedient men. Not that they never failed. They did. But what a record of obedience to the supreme voice of the Almighty they have passed down to us. One after another came and passed away. After him, who? "Moses my servant is dead." These words fall on the ears of the listening Joshua, and to him comes the call to leadership. So it is. The boys now in our Junior Leagues are learning to serve, that they may lead some day. Every Moses must have his Joshua or the cause will lose. And the Joshuas come up when needed. Impress on your boys this vital truth. Obedience now is necessary if they would know how to command some day. Moses had preached his great sermon in the book of Deuteronomy and had passed away from earth. His work must be taken up by someone who is ready. That one is Joshua. Long years of preparation had fitted him for the position. Nothing is learned in a day; but all days added together mean a grand aggregate of knowledge. Joshua had served his apprenticeship and was in a good state of readiness to take up his great leader's work. If the young would be ready some day to continue the work begun by their fathers, they must learn a little to-day and to-morrow, and so grow in knowledge and fitness until the day of more prominence comes and they take up the burdens others have laid down that the work of God fall not. Every Junior League should be a training school for such service, and if you, Superintendent, can but fit one for subsequent leadership in some part of the Lord's heritage, your work will not have been in vain. What was promised Joshua? "Good success." We are all seeking this. But let us be careful that we have a right idea of what success really is. Briefly stated it is doing our best in everything according to the will of God and for His glory. This includes all our life's duties. Study, work, play, on Sunday and through the week, "do all for the glory of God."

This is success. To do one's best. How was Joshua to do this? By keeping God's law very prominent before him, by having good courage, in being strong to do everything good and casting away everything evil, in short by proving himself a true man in every event of life and in every duty that fell to his lot. That is the secret, and the only secret of success with all. "Be strong!" in faith, through prayer, by exercise, with others, "be strong!"

### Junior Prizes

In last month's Era a reward was offered to the boys and girls for the five best reasons why boys should not use tobacco in any form, to be stated briefly on a post-card.

The prizes have been awarded to Stanley Ramsay, of Antler, Assa.; Harry Prudham, of Watertown, and Ida B. Merkle, of Chesterville. Quite a number of very good answers were received.



ROCKS AT HOPEWELL CAPE, N.B.

The action of the strong tides is responsible for the weird images among the rocks at Hopewell Cape.

tant, such as are given above, rather than the mere statement of many to be forgotten.)

THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY—"OBEDIENCE."  
Feb. 4.—"The Obedience of Nature."  
Ps. 105. 31; Matt. 8. 26-27.

The great central topic of the month is that God is Supreme. Out of this comes the obligation on us to obey Him. His reign as universal King is seen in the whole realm of Nature. The heavens above, the earth beneath, all natural elements everywhere are obedient to His command. The majestic 104th Psalm should be studied in this connection. Also parts of the Sermon on the Mount. But the difference between the obedience of nature and that which we as God's children, are asked to give is that of intelligence. We know, and knowing, we choose to obey God. Nature may be said to be obeying laws that are fixed by the Creator. God's children show their obedience by intelligent and willing submission to Him rather than to any other power. Christ always had an "if" in His appeals. He said: "If any man fol-

and women, boys and girls, are very apt to have deaf ears to His Voice which speaketh from heaven. Our ears are often dull of hearing. Our eyes are often blinded to the glory of His Providence. Happy when both ears and eyes are on the alert to catch every evidence of His coming year, and when the heart responds with a willing obedience to all His calls. Seeing the wonderful Providence of God in the world about us, we may well turn our thoughts within as the Psalmist did and ask, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him?" Study nature, read her lesson of dependence on God, her ready response to God's controlling word; her united forces in obedience to His command, and then recognize His claims on you and obey them. (You will be able to illustrate this study by the snowflake. Show how beautiful it is in its symmetry. Looking at it under a microscope we find triangles, arches, bridges, stars, in short an almost endless variety of mathematical designs; but every one in perfection. No two precisely alike but all and each perfect in every sense. The perfection of God in His works is here