

Lord was with him. Refer briefly to the interesting stories in connection with his life, with which nearly every Junior will probably be familiar.



The Bible.

Aug. 21.—What practical uses may we make of the Bible? Ps. 119: 97-105.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Gives light, Ps. 119: 130. Tuesday: Gives warning, Ps. 19: 11. Wednesday: Gives wisdom, 2 Tim. 3: 15. Thursday: The Bible in the home, Deut. 11: 19, 20. Friday: The Word in the heart, Ps. 119: 11. Saturday: The power of the Word, Heb. 4: 12.

The method of making this particular meeting practical would be to have the Juniors carefully memorize all the books of the Bible in order. This may be easily done by grouping them into fives and twelves. The Books of Moses, Books of History, Books of Poetry, Greater Prophets, and Minor Prophets. The most difficult to learn are the Minor Prophets. One way that I have seen used very successfully is to group the abbreviations of the names of the books and memorize them as follows:

Ho. Jo. Am. Ob. Jo. Mi. Na.
Ha. Ze. Ha. Ze. Ma.

If these were memorized before the meeting, sides might be chosen, and the Juniors tested as to their knowledge.

Then as to the use we make of the Bible. "Thy Word is a lamp" (Psa. 119: 130). If we want our lamps to burn brightly, we trim the wick, wash, dry, and polish the glass, and keep the shade clean. The lamp is our friend, but we must take care of it. What the Bible brings to us will depend on what we bring to it. All are not equally equipped for its study; but every one can do his utmost in patient study, and no labor brings a richer reward. Encourage every Junior, not only to have a Bible of his own, but to mark favorite passages and learn many by heart. Inquire what part such passages will take in the Christian armor (Eph. 6: 17). Motto, John 5: 39.



With Your Might.

Aug. 28.—Work with your might: why? how? Eccl. 9: 10, John 4: 31-35.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Work heartily, Col. 3: 23. Tuesday: Love God with might, Deut. 6: 4, 5. Wednesday: Strengthened with might, Eph. 3: 16. Thursday: Strong in the Lord, Eph. 6: 10. Friday: Josiah's energy, 2 Kings 23: 25. Saturday: Joash's lack of energy, 2 Kings 13: 18, 19.

It is an old but none the less true rhyme:

"Whatever you do, do with your might;
Things done by halves are never done right."

It is a curious fact that the word "character" signifies first the sharp tool with which a seal or die is engraved, and then the inscription or the object which is cut in the seal or die. Our character then is the image we cut upon our life, for however much happens to us from outside causes beyond our control, it is true that we largely determine our own character. We hold the tools, which are thoughts. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Let our might first be directed to our thoughts. Fill the mind with the good, the pure, the noble, then our purposes in life will bear the same stamp.

Reviewing the Bible heroes, notice that the ones who accomplished their great deeds were the energetic people—those who did their work heartily (Col. 3: 23). Contrast the two men mentioned in the Daily Readings, Josiah and Joash. No one serves God with all their might until he learns that all his might comes from God. It is said that if every

Christian in the world for one short twenty-four hours did as he should, looked after his Father's business with zeal and energy, that the world would be won for Christ in a remarkably short time.



Gems of Thought.

LINGER, O gentle Time,
Linger, O radiant grace of bright To-day!
And daily, hourly, loving and giving,
In the poorest life make heavenly living.

THE Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble.—David.

Do you know the Scriptures better than you did a year ago? You ought to. Have you more places in the Bible to which you go as the bird goes to her retreat? You ought to. Are there more precious spots in the Bible than there were once? There ought to be. Suppose some one had intrusted me with a great matter, and had given me written instructions as to how to conduct it; and suppose that when I felt like it I went and read a sentence, and then, after a week, half a dozen sentences; I should have only the most fragmentary knowledge of the instructions. But how many Christians treat the Bible thus!—Hoyt.

GOD broke our years to hours and days, that hour
by hour

And day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong.
Should all the weight of life

Be laid across our shoulder, and the future, rife
With woe and struggle, meet us face to face

At just one place,
We could not go;
Our feet would stop;

God lays a little on us every day,
And never, I believe, on all the way

Will burdens bear so deep,
Or pathways lie so threatening and so steep,
But we can go, if by God's power
We only bear the burdens of the hour.

It is very easy to find reasons why other people should be patient.—Brooks.

GROW very familiar with Bible prayers, those terse sentences pregnant with meaning: "Create in me a clean heart, O Lord"; "Keep the door of my lips"; "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust"; "Be thou to me a strong rock"; "Continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee"; "Send out thy light and thy truth." I should like to continue these quotations without number. The Bible is very rich as a prayer-book. If we linger much among such petitions, habit will come to our aid, and the Bible words will rush in upon us when we pray before others.—Meyer.

Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there.
Thy Word is like an armory
Where soldiers may repair,
And find for life's long battle-day
All needful weapons there.