

lightful meeting. But do not make the mistake of preaching. Let it be throughout a service of quotations from God's Word, and show how appropriate that Word is to every human need.

June 14th.—"Lessons from the lily."—Matt. 6. 28-30. The lily is mentioned several times in the Bible (directly).

1. Christ—The Lily of the Valley. Song of Sol. 2. 1.
2. Christ—His sweetness, lips like lilies. Song of Sol. 5. 13.
3. Christ—Feeds among his lilies. Song of Sol. 2. 16.
4. Christ—Gathers his lilies. Song of Sol. 6. 2.
5. Church—A lily among thorns. Song of Sol. 2. 2.
6. Christian—Shall grow as a lily. Hosea 14. 5.
7. Christian—Learn to trust from the lilies. Matt. 6. 28.

There are many varieties of the lily. Consider a few—e.g.:

1. The Lily of the Valley. Sweet and pure. Low-growing and humble. "Those who would gather its blossom must stoop." So low at the cross we will grow sweet. We become like those with whom we most associate. If Christ is our "Lily of the Valley," let us live close to Him.
  2. Lilies of the Field. (Matt. 6. 32.) These are used by our Lord to teach us to have faith in God our heavenly Father.
  3. The Lily of the Garden, as in Hosea 14. 5. Watched over, cared for, nourished, it is a beautiful flower. So we, planted in God's garden, watered by his grace, nourished by his word, grow.
  4. The Easter Lily, typical of the resurrection, and emblem of life, is known by us to-day.
  5. The Water Lily. Floating on the water, it has its roots deep in the soil below. It cannot live in the dark, nor can it flourish without water. So we must have the Christian life without light in Christ, or without the living water springing up into everlasting life.
- Many beautiful truths may thus be drawn from the study of the lily.

June 21.—"What the wall-builders teach me." Neh. 3. 28; 4. 6.

Mark the phrase, "So built we the wall." How did they do it? Artaxerxes was Persian king. Nehemiah was his cup-bearer. Hanania brought bad tidings from Jerusalem. Nehemiah was sad. Chaps. 1 and 2 give the record of what he did. (Have them read; and the story told briefly.) So they go to work to build up the ruined wall of the beloved place. How they did it!

1. They did it, despite criticism from outsiders. Verses 1-3. Work for God is still likely to be subject to a similar opposition.
2. They did it notwithstanding scornful ridicule. Verses 1-3 again. Some may wish us failure and laugh; but, go on working.
3. They did it notwithstanding active opposition from their foes. Verses 7 and 8. Persecution should not stop us. Keep building.
4. They did it, though some were slothful and would not help. Chap. 3. 5. Your League has lazy members. Stir them up! Never be discouraged. Continue at it.
5. They did it, though friends discouraged them in it. Chap. 4. 10. Still go ahead!
6. It was done by the co-operation of the faithful. "Working together" gives the secret of success then and now. "So we build the wall." There is a place for you at it.
7. By readiness of each to do what he could. Verses 16-18. Not all doing the same thing; but all doing something.

8. By prayer for God's blessing. Verse 9. And they watched as well as prayed. "Watch and pray."

9. By steady and courageous trust in God. Verses 14, 15.

Don't you think there are some excellent lessons for us (Juniors and Junior workers) to learn from these wall-builders? What are you building, and how? Work together, and your League will succeed, no matter what difficulties or discouragements may be in the way.

June 28th.—"How Jesus helps us to control our tongues."—Matt. 15. 18; 1 Peter 2. 22, 23; Jas. 3. 2-5.

Jesus helps us speak right words or not to speak at all. (1) By his example. No "guile" (hypocrisy) was "in his mouth." That is, he was truthful. His words were clean. . . . His speech was kind. . . . Let us try to follow him in our words. (2) By his grace. He will answer our prayer for control of our tongues. Many times we "offend" by thoughtless speech. Therefore, let us think before we speak. . . . We often speak hasty words. Let us be "slow to speak, as he was when his enemies falsely accused him. . . . We need to pray for kindness in speech. (Read Prov. 31. 26.) "In her tongue is the law of kindness." Is it in yours? If not, pray for "wisdom" to open your mouth or to keep it closed. . . . Where are Juniors most likely to offend in their speech? At home by unkindness, and away from home by bad words they would not want their parents to hear. "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in Thy sight" is an old prayer; but a necessary one still. . . . Have you formed the habit of "slang"? Break it. Ask God's grace to overcome it, for it is of "unclean lips." . . . Is there a boy among us who swears? Many around us do. Let our Juniors be careful. Be clean. Use "purewords." . . . Have you said anything, slanderous things about anyone? Ask God to forgive you, and as far as you can make it right with the one you have wronged. . . . Study God's Word, copy Christ's example, pray for grace, think before you speak, be kind, control your tongue, even if you have to bite it hard, and your words will be as very precious pearls.

#### BOYS OF THE BIBLE.

- Isaac, Genesis 22. 11, 12.—Son of Promise.
- Joseph, Genesis 37. 3.—King's Treasurer.
- Moses, Exodus 2. 10.—Deliverer, Law-giver.
- Samuel, 1 Sam. 1. 27.—Child of Prayer.
- Samuel, 1 Sam. 2. 18.—Servant of God.
- Samuel, 1 Sam. 3. 10.—High Priest.
- David, 1 Sam. 16. 11, 12.—King.
- Little Lad, 1 Sam. 20. 35.—God uses boys.
- Widow's Son, 1 Kings 17. 22.—God cared for boys.
- Shunammite's Son, 2 Kings 4. 36, 37.—God cares for boys.
- Azariah, 2 Kings 15. 2. 3.—A boy king.
- Joiah, 2 Kings 22. 1.—God's servant at ease.
- Daniel, Daniel 1. 8.—True to his purpose.
- Jesus, Luke 2. 42-46.—Can sympathize with a boy.
- Matt. 18. 2. "Set him in the midst." He loves boys.
- Another Little Lad, John 6. 9.—A helper to Jesus.
- Timothy, 2 Tim. 3. 15.—From a child, a Christian.
- So God has used boys, and uses them still.

A little four-year-old occupied an upper berth in a sleeping car. Awakening early in the middle of the night, his mother asked him if he knew where he was. "Tourse I do," he replied. "I'm in the top drawer."

#### Whistle Away.

Whistle away my merry boy,  
With happy face and heart of joy;  
If it will help you to be strong,  
Whistle a tune when things go wrong.  
And whistling lightens it for you,  
If 'er your task is hard to do,  
Whether it be sowing the seeds,  
Hoing the corn or pulling weeds,  
Gathering fruit or raking hay,  
Or driving cows, whistle away.

Whistle a tune, if you can't sing,  
And that should seem the next best thing  
That you can do; perhaps 'twill cheer  
The hearts of some who chance to hear.  
Better to whistle than to pout  
And scold and fret, no one can doubt;  
So keep a merry heart, my lad,  
And thus make other people glad;  
And all the good you can each day,  
Do as you toil whistle away.

#### How Should Your Body Be Like a Church?

(Suggested plans for superintendents and leaders.)

Call on the juniors to name the various parts of a church—pulpit, pew, altar, choir, bell, etc., and to tell the use of each.

Write the names on the board, and over against each one write the name of something that performs a similar office in the body temple; singing, the choir; hearing, the pew; speaking, for Jesus, the pulpit; loving, the altar, etc.

Give a minute in which the juniors may tell ways of polluting the ear, so that it will not be holy for God's use; as reading Sunday papers and impure books, and listening to vulgar or profane talk or jests on sacred things.

Give another minute for the juniors to tell ways of desecrating the lips; another, ways of defiling the heart, the thoughts, etc.

Draw from the juniors the names of some of the services held in churches, and what they are for—teaching, reforming, consecrating, marrying, comforting, etc. Get them to tell next of ways in which the body may be used in the service of others—doing errands for tired people, visiting the sick, reading or singing for the old and lonely, protecting animals from abuse, etc. Draw a church, and write on its walls these uses.—Endeavor World.

#### Come In.

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Oh, come in from the cold and rain,  
Come in from the mire of the street,  
Your Father's love has lighted the fire,  
And there is something good to eat.

And Jesus says, "I'll be your guest,  
Though I the feast have spread;  
I'll furnish the joys so rich and sweet,  
Oh, come unto me and be fed."

Your sins and fears will melt away,  
As you enter the lighted hall,  
For with blood the door is sprinkled  
o'er,  
Come in, there's a welcome for all.  
Homesville, Ont.

#### Junior Concert.

The Intermediate League of Cobourg, recently gave a most interesting concert. A dairy-maid's drill by sixteen girls in costume, a military dialogue by the boys girls, were the chief features of the programme. The sale of taffy and fancy articles helped quite materially in increasing the proceeds of the evening.