

## Junior Department.

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### Child's Morning Prayer.

BY W. H. FARR.

I thank Thee, Lord, for morning light,  
That Thou hast care throughout the night;  
My voice I raise to Thee above,  
And bless Thee for Thy tender love.

Dear Jesus, I would humbly pray,  
That Thou wouldst keep me loving the day;  
Be Thou my Counsel and my Guide,  
And help me in Thy strength abide.

My body, mind, and soul are Thine,  
May each in fulness brightly shine;  
And when the twilight drowns with night,  
May there await the approving eye.  
Winnipeg, Man.

The following prayer was repeated by a young Christian in one of my class meetings once. I liked it so much that I asked her for it, and commend it as very beautiful for all our juniors as

#### A PRAYER FOR DAILY USE.

O Lord in me Thy mighty power exert,  
Enlighten, comfort, sanctify my heart,  
Sweeten my temper and subdue my will;  
Make me like Jesus, with Thy Spirit fill.  
I want to live on earth a life of faith,  
I want to credit all the Bible saith,  
I want to imitate my Saviour's life,  
Avoiding lightness, gloom, and sinful strife;  
I want to bring poor sinners to Thy throne;  
I want to love and honor Christ alone.  
I want to feel the Spirit's inward power,  
And stand prepared for death's eventful hour.  
I want a meek, a gentle, quiet frame,  
A heart that glows with love at Jesus' name.  
I want to do whatever God requires;  
I want a heart that burns with pure desires.  
I want to be what Christ my Lord commands,  
And leave myself, my all, in His best hands.  
O Lord, pour out Thy spirit on my soul,  
My will, my temper, and my tongue control;  
Lead me through life to glorify Thy grace,  
And after death to see Thee face to face.  
Amen.

### Bible Questions.

#### CLASS I.

(Juniors 10 and under.)

1. Tell three things David says about God's Word.
2. Where does St. Paul tell Timothy to be careful about reading?
3. Who were the two true and faithful spies when the other ten were afraid of the giants in Canaan?
4. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle?
5. What other miracle did Jesus perform at the same place?

#### CLASS 2.

(Juniors under 16.)

1. Who wrote the greatest number of the New Testament Books?
2. To how many different churches did St. Paul write epistles?
3. How many books did St. John write? Name them.
4. How many of the four evangelists were Jews?
5. Our Lord showed Himself to His disciples five times on the day and evening of His resurrection. Describe these.

Answers to our Bible questions are coming in nicely; but there are not enough Juniors

sending their replies. Commence to-day. A post card will hold your answers each month. Remember to give Scripture proofs wherever possible. I want one hundred names on my roll this fall and winter. Let me have yours.

### Why Has the Epworth League Neglected the Juniors?

The following are some replies condensed from a valuable symposium on this important question as given in a recent number of "The Epworth Herald."

MRS. PERRY E. POWELL, IND.: 1.—Ignorance. The League as a whole knows but little about the Junior League. 2.—Thoughtlessness. The relation that they should sustain to the Juniors has not been laid on their hearts by our pastors. They must be made to feel a greater sense of personal responsibility for the little ones.

MRS. T. E. STEPHENS, KAN.: The adults never belonged to the Junior League, and further, are out of touch with the child-heart and child-mind.

MISS LEBBIE HANSEHER, ILL.: A disposition on the part of the adult League officers to hold aloof from the Junior work, and a further disposition too often on the part of the Junior Superintendent to hold aloof from the League officers, a sort of mutual let-me-alone state of affairs, because perhaps neither realizes the necessity of the other for the highest and most successful work. Miss Hansheher sees a better day coming when mutual helpfulness and encouragement will characterize all. So may it be!

REV. PAUL C. CURNICK, O.: This pastor wisely says that the two divisions of the League, Senior and Junior keep too much apart. They should be brought nearer together by frequent interchanges, union meetings, socials, etc., that the members may learn to know one another as part of the great Epworth host. Try it, it is as necessary in Canada as in Ohio.

O. W. SCOTT, MASS., suggests a study of the Junior constitution by the older Leaguers that they may see what the Junior League calls for. It is needed. The writer, at a very large Conference convention in this country, called attention to the constitution in his address, and on resuming his seat was asked by a prominent minister on the platform if there was such a thing as a constitution for the Junior League. At the same time it was bound up in the discipline of the Church!

JULIA A. ROBINSON, CHICAGO: "Self-centeredness on the part of the Epworth League and indifference to outside matters." She also calls attention to the disposition of many pastors to think that their duty to the Junior League is done when they have appointed a superintendent. The pastor should be there at least occasionally.

G. A. GRANT, MASS., hits the nail on the head in his opinion when he says "Junior work requires more of the laborer than any other department of the League." Are our Epworth League workers unable to give the time, thought, prayer, necessary? Are they unwilling to give themselves? The spirit of consecration is necessary in a large degree if a success is to be made of the Junior work. Let our best people take hold of it and give their best to it. It is worthy of the best and anything less is insufficient.

C. B. STEELE, MICH., thinks that the Epworth League has been looking so intently after itself that the Juniors have escaped its notice. The Junior department is too often regarded merely as an annex to the League.

LEWIS MOON, MICH., suggests that the secret of neglect is in the fact that the League is pre-occupied with things concerning itself. And further, the work of the Junior League often falls upon those who are already over-burdened.

MRS. PLANTZ, WIS., truly says "It is not widely known that the Juniors are a part of the League." Let the two divisions get together as one and keep the idea prominent.

E. S. GREENWOOD, MO., expresses the opinion that greater attention should be called to the department and that the whole church should be aroused to take a deep interest in the work!

MRS. SMILEY, MASS., sees that in this pioneer work of the League during the past ten years there has been but little time to think of the child. But now the forest is cleared, the home is built, and the family will come together more nearly than in the past. She strongly emphasizes the fact that the Junior League is truly a part of the League, as much as any of the various departments are.

From the above extracts it will be seen that the problem of the most prominent engaging the attention of the most prominent of our fellow leaguers across the line. The same difficulties have confronted them as we have had to face in Canada, and the suggested reforms there, are possible here. Let us have some of them.

In the same number of our valued contemporary the question as to the needs of the Junior League is asked. From the many answers given we suggest the following:

Organization.  
Sociability among all.  
Trained workers to lead.  
The pastor's leadership always.  
Better district oversight and care.  
"The breath of the Holy Spirit" on all.  
Something for all to do between meetings.  
A full equipment of good Junior requisites.  
A "sweet-spirited, devout, and intelligent superintendent."

The hearty co-operation of the parents of and Sunday School officers.

The sympathy and practical support of the whole church in the work.

### He Went, He Saw, He Conquered.

There is at least one Junior League president in Chicago who is able to protect the interests of the society.

One of the first ventures of a deaconess in a recently organized mission was to form a Junior League. A boy of seventeen was elected president.

At the first business meeting of the society the new presiding officer was occupying the chair with much dignity when one of the unregenerate scamps outside threw an old tin-pan into the room through the open window, just behind the president's chair.

It was an emergency, but the new president was equal to it. Quick as thought he vaulted through the window, lighting like a cat on his feet in the alley, and gave chase to the Philistines who had insulted the meeting. As he had neglected to invite anyone to occupy the chair during his absence, all business inside was suspended.

After a few minutes he returned with an air of virtuous satisfaction, and was about to go on with the interrupted business, when the minister who was present suggested, with a grave face but with a twinkle in his eye, that the members of the League would doubtless like to listen to a report of the proceedings outside.

With a terseness that would have done honor to a Grant or a Cesar he replied: "I caught four of 'em."

It was enough. He took the chair in the most matter-of-fact way, and continued the meeting, which was not further interrupted.

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