

ject of many fond hopes to his mother. Lesson: Mothers especially, should study their children individually, and bring to each case intelligent treatment and care. Mary was a true mother to her child. How many mothers of to-day are not! Jesus at home with his mother presents a striking picture. What a contrast to the multitudes of boys who are never at home unless unable to be away. Home is often a prison to our boys. It should be a paradise, and mothers can make it such. Boys may be held to home by the magnetism of mother's love, even above all other influences and considerations. Lesson—Make home attractive! Jesus was an example to modern boys of perfect filial devotion. We cannot even think of Jesus, the boy at home, ever being impolite, unkind, or disobedient. Too many boys of to-day are. Even at the last Jesus made a loving son's provision for his mother's comfort. (John 19, 26, 27.) Question for boys: "What are you doing for mother's pleasure and welfare?" So the summary may be worked out on the board with the result:

HONOR AND OBEY MOTHER EVERY DAY } Happy is the home where children do this. It is good and easy for all to be good!

**Blackboard Helps.**

Requests for outlines of board talks have been received. We know of no printed book giving outlines suitable for all occasions, but if the superintendent will keep both eyes open, occasional suggestions may be gleaned from various sources that will provide a goodly store from which to draw in time of need. Whenever an illustration or outline comes before you that may be of use some time, preserve it, and when "some time" comes it will be readily available. A sample outline is appended, as used on January 26th last for the Sunday-school lesson of the day.

Peter and John, addressing the lame man, said, "Look on us." He did so. Hence, we represent him thus:

US

He saw Peter and John; but more! Through them, he saw and realized the power of Jesus. Hence,

JESUS

He saw Jesus through the agency of the apostles. Better to see "Jesus than just us." So the world should see Jesus in and through us. So our board outline is made to read—

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Let others see Jesus as they look at us. This may be amplified point by point until the completed exercise appears thus—

JOYS. EXAMPLE. SEE. UNION. SERVICE.

The world recognizes Jesus in our "Joys," "Example," "Union," "Service." Or other points may present themselves as the occasion may require. In this simple way, step by step, we may lead our Juniors into the truth that not "us" but "Jesus" is to be prominent always and everywhere.

In all black board work, aim not so much at artistic effect as clearness and practical impressiveness—the highest art. Accustom yourself to the use of the board,

and remember that what you do in the presence of the Juniors, even if crudely done, is of greater weight than an elaborate design prepared and executed, beforehand. Do not say, "I can't use a board." Prove your ability by using it, and every time will make it easier for you. Nothing comes easily at first; "practice makes perfect."

**New Features.**

A good plan for keeping up the interest of the Juniors is to have one special feature every year. Some new work begun—a new committee—a library for missionary literature—a paper for the society—a new way of collecting for missions, etc. This last year, in our Intermediate League, which is only our older Junior League, we started the "Bugle Call." The year before, it was a "Do Without" Committee; the year before that a "Crutch and Kindness" League. This year we hope to organize in our Junior League a "Band of Mercy," and in the Intermediate League, "The Quiet Hour." It is a good thing, we have found, to be often putting members to work in new and unexpected ways, so that they may not get weary of the old committees, or get into the ruts.—Miss Nicholls, Vancouver, B.C.

**He Believes in the Junior League.**

"My knowledge of the Junior League dates from Lakefield." This extract from a personal letter recalls the autumn of 1891, when a Junior League, and sometime later, an Intermediate League, was founded in Lakefield, Ont., by the pastor. Among the first members were three bright children, a sister, and two brothers. One of the brothers, now Rev. G. Brown, of Tyrone, Ont., soon became active in it as in name. His first confession of Christ, his first prayer, his first public efforts in topic essaying, were in the Junior League, and while the League did not save him, it certainly helped to train him; and from Junior to Intermediate, from thence to adult, through one office after another, in local and district society, "George" has gone, until now, as junior pastor of one of our important country circuits, he writes his testimony, and gives some of his reasons for believing in the Junior League. And there are others beside him who, having arrived at early maturity, look back with gratitude to early nineties, when they, as children, met regularly. Mr. Brown says:

"Every one will admit the desirability, yea, the necessity, of saving the boys and girls for Christ and the Church. The difficulty of the work, methinks, lies not so much in leading a child to decision for Christ, as in providing scope for his activities, that his own spiritual character may be developed and his religious experience deepened and enriched. We want this development to be so sure that in after years he will continue in the service of Christ. Not only is the Junior League a successful agency in winning the young to Christ, but it seems specially adapted for this latter task. The Juniors in their meetings are practised to pray, to testify, and to express their thoughts on Scripture topics. Juniors are employed in many ways in promoting Christian work in their own community, among their own companions, and in active missionary enterprise, these undertakings demanding and receiving efforts of some kind from all the members. Four or five years' training in a Junior League cannot fail to develop the proper habits, and to send into the Church promising workers. Many Senior Societies are saved from stagnation, perhaps from decay, and are quickened to do successful work by the trained recruits from the Junior League. One grand result accomplished by this organization is that

it makes the Bible an attractive and beloved book, as well as imparting much spiritual truth to the young. I have known Juniors to spend hours in eager searching of the Scripture to answer the questions, or to prepare the studies given them in the meeting. The agency which secures such a result is worthy of commendation. The knowledge of Scripture and the doctrinal teaching imparted through Junior League studies also does much to make intelligent Christians."

**Links of Life.**

(Dedicated to the Juniors by REV. J. C. SPERDIN.)

A pretty little hopper-load  
Sat underneath a tree,  
A cunning little fellow,  
As ever you did see.  
He tumbled and he skipped about,  
And counted one, two, three,  
'I'll bet a hundred straddle-bugs  
You can catch up to me."  
A wicked little garter snake  
Was hissing in that tree,  
Awaiting little roady there,  
And laughing in his glee,  
"Just tumble, turn, and hop," he said,  
"And count your one, two, three,  
But you'll change your tune, I reckon,  
When you get a sight of me."  
A chicken-hawk was lolling  
In the lovely summer sun,  
He said, "I need my dinner,  
And the chicken-pie is done,  
I think I'll go a-hunting,  
And I need not take my gun,  
For I'll catch that snake and hoptoad,  
Now I've got them on the run."  
The gander-goose was snoozing  
With his head beneath his wing,  
A-dreaming of the time to come  
When he'd get voice to sing—  
He waked up in his fearful fright,  
"What do you think was seen?"  
The snake, the toad, and chicken-hawk  
Were fighting on the green.  
"You villains," yelled old Gander Tom,  
"What trouble's this you're at?  
"I whipped a turkey-gobbler,  
And I trounced a Thomas Cat."  
With wing, and bill, in awful rage,  
Like cricket, ball and bat,  
He fought them all, and all of them  
Were scarcer after that.  
Toronto, Ont.

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