

Junior Department.

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The Boy Who Laughs.

I know a funny little boy,
The happiest ever born;
His face is like a beam of joy,
Although his clothes are torn.

I saw him tumble on his nose,
And waited for a groan;
But how he laughed! Do you suppose
He struck his funny bone?

There's sunshine in each word he speaks,
His laugh is something grand;
Its ripples overrun his cheeks
Like waves on snowy sand.

He laughs the moment he awakes,
And till the day is done;
The schoolroom for a joke he takes,
His lessons are but fun.

No matter how the day may go,
You cannot make him cry,
He's worth a dozen boys I know,
Who pout and mope and sigh.

Correspondence.

Juniors will greatly oblige by sending me letters concerning their League work. The following are samples:

Bridgeburg Junior League.

Under the efficient superintendency of Miss M. Bell, and with Miss M. Wenz as president, our League is progressing nicely and much work is being done for the Master. Our League, which has a membership of forty, meets in the church every Sabbath morning at ten o'clock. On February 12th our society held an open meeting at which an excellent programme was rendered. A collection was taken amounting to more than six dollars which was turned over to the Twentieth Century Fund. Open meetings are frequently held to which the parents and friends of the members are invited. We are now preparing some scrap-books which are to be sent to the Children's Hospital, Toronto. Our League also has a choir which leads the singing in our open meetings. We would like to hear from other Leagues throughout Ontario and elsewhere as we would like to know how they are working. We are doing what we can for the Master, and we know He will bless all the efforts put forth in His name to make our League what it should be. C. HOESE, Secretary.

Wingham Junior League.

Our League was organized in September with a membership of seventeen. Since then a great many more have joined us and two have moved away, leaving a present membership of seventy. Our average attendance for this year has been sixty. We meet on Wednesday evenings at fifteen minutes past four. We have four committees: Prayer Meeting and Lookout, Missionary and Temperance, Literary and Birthday, Social and Scrap-Book. Our colors are white and red—white represents purity and red is symbolical of sacrifice. Each member is expected to be pure through the blood of the Lamb.

Our Superintendent, Mrs. E. P. Paulin, has two competent assistants, Miss Hattie Reid and Miss Jennie Hobbs. During February our Superintendent entertained

each committee in her home. After tea a short time was spent in discussing League work, then an hour was given for games. We had a union meeting with the seniors one night, and the topic was "Seek first the Kingdom of God." We held a social at Christmas at which we cleared five dollars; this we have towards furnishing a room in the new church. Our fee is a cent a month for each member. The League is divided into three classes for the purpose of studying the books of the Bible, etc. In dismissing the meetings Miss Reid plays a march and we all pass out quietly and orderly. Signed in behalf of our League.

OLIVE MASON, President.
LIZZIE BARBER, Secretary.

Pictou Juniors.

The Junior League of Main Street Church, Pictou is evidently doing good work. The following interesting letter has been received from one of the workers:

"We thought it might be interesting for members of the Junior Epworth Leagues throughout our connection to learn what the Junior League of Main Street Church, Pictou, is doing. We have just closed our year's work, and have re-elected our officers for another year. All our members are professing Christians and members of the church, the majority of whom were converted at our revival meeting one year ago. Our topics are selected by the Executive Committee of the League with a view of instructing the members in the true principles and spirit of Christian life and work. During the year we raised over \$400.00, and the interest of the members in the different departments of church work is manifested in the distribution of the above amount. They voted \$10.00 to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund; \$5.00 to the Ladies' Aid, \$10.00 to our local church offering, and also purchased a beautiful pulpit Bible and hymn-book from our Book Room, which they presented to the trustees of the church. Their interest in missions is shown by each member having a mite-box. They also made a quilt and gave a pair of blankets for the box the Women's Missionary Society sent to the McDougall Orphanage, and some of the girls are in correspondence with the children of that institution.

Entertainment at Newmarket.

The Juniors of Newmarket recently gave an entertainment in the town hall which was well filled with an appreciative audience. Every number went off well. The recitations by the Misses Eltans Lush and Leila Manning were very amusing. In the doll drill the wet mothers delighted the audience. The umbrella drill and the dumb-bell exercise were exceedingly fine.

Important lessons were inculcated by the dialogue on "Contentment," and the "Monument of Truth." The patriotic song, "We are Bearing the Flag," was warmly applauded. The figures added their quota to the evening's entertainment. Eye and ear were both pleased by the golden boat-song, and the entertainment was happily concluded by the singing of "God Save the Queen" by Master Carl Stouffer, and a tableau, "What We Have We'll Hold," with Mr. W. C. Widdifield's mastiff, Lion, as the representative of Britain.

The candy stall was well patronized. Mayor Canon occupied the chair, and Miss N. Forster acted as accompanist. Proceeds, \$42.00.

Weekly Topics.

MAY 6TH—"The power of a temperate life."
Dan. 1: 1-17.

The young lad Daniel has been, and will ever remain, a perfect illustration of the topic. He lived some six hundred years B.C. At the time of the story he was from

fourteen to seventeen years of age. After reading the story impress some such lessons as these: Better to start right than to go wrong and reform after a while; Daniel's temperance was a tribute to his early training; a proof that early years are no obstacle to a good character; character gives power; Daniel "purposed in his heart"—his convictions of purity, his faith in God, his determination to do right, gained the victory, and he prospered greatly—*got more than he gave up.*

DANIEL'S

Pure life.
Unselfishness.
Right doing.
Perseverance.
Obedience to principle.
Steadfastness in temptation.
Every day alike for God.

Some such truths as the suggested above should be applied in the progress of your topic study.

MAY 13TH—"Patience." Matt. 18: 21-35.

Forbearance with others is one of the main lessons of this study. Juniors, as well as their seniors, are much given to hasty conclusions, judgments, etc. Why? Because we do not observe the Golden Rule in practice. Because we are selfish. "That's mine." To avoid this, "put yourself in his place" is good advice. See verse 27 of the lesson. The king put himself in the servant's place, and became sorry for him. See verse 30. There is the very opposite. The servant would not put himself in his fellow-servant's place, so was harsh, unkind, cruel to him. Apply to the home and school life. Brothers and sisters, playmates and friends, we must all "bear and forbear." Impress the great truth of God's patience with us. He has borne with us kindly, and we should *bear* others' burdens and *forbear* to condemn one another's weaknesses.

MAY 20TH—(Special) "Queen Victoria, Our Beloved Sovereign."

Prepare especially for this great National Festival—the Queen's Birthday. If possible, have some of your most advanced members prepare short papers on such subjects as these: "The Queen's Early Girlhood," "Her Coronation," "Her Family," "Her Castles and Palaces, Windsor, Buckingham, Osborne, and Balmoral," "Her Empire as it Now Is," etc. But whatever plan you take, *celebrate* the event somehow, and cultivate more and more the spirit of unswerving loyalty in the hearts of your young people.

Some facts to be memorized:

Queen Victoria was born May 24th, 1819. Her father was the Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III.

William IV died June 19th, 1837.

On the next day, June 20th, 1837, the Queen commenced her reign. Her coronation took place in Westminster Abbey, June 28th, 1838.

She was married to Prince Albert on February 8th, 1840.

In 1861, the Queen lost by death both her mother and her husband. The Duchess of Kent died in March, and the Prince Consort in December. These simple facts should be *memorized* by your League.

As Africa is to-day the continent most before the public eye, let your members learn: In 1837, Cape Town was the only British Colony in South Africa. Since then there has been added, Natal, in 1843; Basutoland, 1884; Bechuanaland, 1885; Zululand, 1887. During 1889-1891 the British South Africa Company has controlled 750,000 square miles. In 1890, Zanzibar came under British protection. The British rule extends over about 500,000 square miles in East Africa. The present Boer war is well known.