

easily frightened. Lions might be fierce or tame. It mattered not to him as long as God was with him. His heart was fixed, trusting in the Lord.

3. Live a pure life! Daniel did. They could not find any fault in him. His enemies tried, but his ways were beyond reproach, and "his strength was as the strength of ten, because his heart was pure." He knew that "his life was right." Read Ch. 6, 22. Are we "innocent"? Do we do "hurt" to any? These are the great questions. If we have not Daniel's sense of right we cannot be brave or safe when face to face with the lions.

4. Have faith in God! Daniel had. All through his life, as child, boy, youth, man, he looked up to God and God heard, blessed and helped him through all. "Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone; dare to have a purpose true, dare to make it known." So, like Daniel—

5. Let your light shine. You cannot be a true servant of God and people not know it. Before your family, among your companions, everywhere, let others see your good works and know that your mind and heart are fixed, and that you have chosen to be God's faithful child forever.

6. Keep on! Never falter! Never fail! The "purpose" will work itself out in your character, and your life will close by-and-by, as Daniel's did, with the tribute from above, "O Daniel, a man greatly beloved." Endure to the end.

March 8th.—"Bible lessons from lions." Ps. 34, 10; Prov. 28, 1.

Lions are used to represent strength. "The righteous are bold as a lion," stands for such strength to do right as we saw in Daniel last week. That is one figure used in the "Bible lesson for lions."

But a lion is used, too, as a type of a fierce and cruel enemy. "My soul is among lions." "A lion roared upon him."

(Of whom is this written?) "Thy servant slew the lion and the bear." (Who spoke like this?) "The devil speaketh about as a roaring lion." (Who said this?) He "slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day." (Who did?) "The Lord delivered me out of the mouth of the lion." (Who gave this testimony?) All such texts represent the lions as fierce and savage foes. As such, they stand for our enemies. They wait to do us harm, "seeking whom they may devour."

But the lions may be slain: David and Samson and Benaiah all slew the lions. So may we. Pride, lust, self-will, avarice, and many other sins are lions in our path. They may be slain, and our hearts and lives be safe from their ravages. And lions may be tamed. Daniel found this out. Their mouths were stopped, so that they could not do him any injury. God will save us from our foes. Don't run in the way of lions; but don't be afraid of them if they threaten you.

Meet the Superintendent tell the story of Christian, Mistrust and Timorous. Bunyan describes them, and the lions in Chapters 7 and 8 of Pilgrim's Progress.) Keep your eyes open for the lions. Jeremiah speaks of the "lion lying in wait" for its prey. Our temptations are very sly and cunning. "Watch and pray." And if we are in danger from them, let us pray as in Ps. 58, 6, that God may "break the great teeth of the lions" and we shall be saved from danger and from fear.

### Bible Terms.

Here is a handy table furnished by the Christian World which it would be well for you to cut out or copy for reference in your Bible studies:

A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-fifth miles.

A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile.

A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches.

A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches.

A finger's breadth is equal to one inch.

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents.

A shekel of gold was \$8.

A talent of silver was \$538.30.

A talent of gold was \$13,809.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A mite was less than a quarter of a cent.

A gerah was one cent.

An ephah, or bath, contained seven gallons and five pints.

A firkin was about eight and seven-eighths gallons.

A hin was one gallon and two pints.

An omer was six pints.

A cab was three pints.

### The Oban Juniors.

Miss Ida King, the Oban Junior League Superintendent, writes:

Through the abounding mercy of our Heavenly Father, we have been brought to the close of another year's work, and we are very anxious to thank God, take fresh courage and press onward. We have had a very busy year, but God has crowned our labors with success. In membership we have not grown much, have only twenty-seven members, but they are all active workers—no shirkers and it is wonderful what a little band of interested willing workers can accomplish. When 1902 first dawned upon us we started out with this motive in view, with determination to live true to our pledge, read ten verses of Bible every day, memorize the Books of the Old and New Testament, the Commandments, twenty-third Psalm, Lord's Prayer, Christ's Sermon on the Mount, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th chapters of John's Gospel, and the Catechism of our Church. Besides doing this we wanted to raise \$30 to help support a representative in China.

We raised this amount in full for missions last year. We did not accomplish quite the other, but intend to stick to it till we do. Many of our leaguers have been faithful in daily Bible reading. We take up the regular Junior League topic. Occasionally we have a union meeting with seniors. We hold our meeting on Sunday. Our Juniors still follow up their old plan during the warm months, raising and gathering flowers for church decorations, then distributing the same, with verse of Scripture, to the sick or aged. Our plan of raising money for missions last year differed some from the previous year. Last summer, in holiday season, we had in our treasury \$3.25; we added \$5 more to this amount.

Once a week we met and made up these articles. Then seven little girls volunteered to go from house to house and sell them. When sold we realized \$15 profit. Talent money was given to each member in the spring, the small amount of ten cents, which was to be collected and an honest report given of it at our rally entertainment. The report of our talent money was excellent and interesting. It grew to \$15.75. On Sunday, Dec. 21st, we had a grand Junior League Rally, conducted by Rev. G. W. Andrews, of Wyoming. On the Monday night following the Juniors gave a helpful and pleasing entertainment. Our pastor, Rev. A. J. Brown, Cantabile, presided.

The programme consisted of singing and recitations by Juniors. Reports of all work done by our League during the year (including sewing circle and talent money). A nice talk to the Juniors was given by the Junior Superintendent of

the district, Miss Hayne, of Sarnia, who also favored us with two solos. Rev. J. E. Ford, of Forest, Ont., gave a very instructive address that interested the parents as well as the boys and girls. The solos rendered by Chr. Geo. Steele were loudly cheered. China was represented by six young Junior ladies, attired in Chinese costume. Their message to us was, "More help needed." They then sang very plaintively "Come Over and Help Us." With a few earnest words from our pastor the meeting was brought to a close. Truly there is no work more blessed, no work more lasting, or so full of promise for the Master, as the work among our boys and girls. Training their young footsteps in the straight and narrow way.

### The "Lion Sermon."

I Pd. 5, 8, 9.

There is a curious service held in an old church in the City of London. On October 16th, every year, is preached in St. Catherine Cree, Leadenhall Street, what is called the "Lion Sermon." It has been preached every year in that same church for the last two hundred and fifty years.

If you want to be present, and would go a little earlier than the hour, you would hear the most lovely chime of bells—a chime beginning in the ordinary way, only more softly pealing, and then breaking into hymn tunes, "Sun of my Soul," "Abide With Me," "The Happy Land," and the like. Then there is the service, made very short; then the event of the evening—the sermon, the "Lion Sermon."

There was once in the city a very plump man called Sir John Gayer (or Gair). At one time he was Lord Mayor of London. Sir John happened to be in Asia at one period of his life, and when he, with his caravan, was travelling through a desert place, he found himself face to face alone with a lion. Evermore it is his company who could have helped him had gone forward. Sir John knew that only God could deliver him. He thought of Daniel in the den of lions. He perhaps thought of Paul, who was going to execute to meet an emperor who was as cruel as a lion. And he fell on his knees there before the beast and shut his eyes and cried to God to shut the mouth of the lion. And when he had finished his prayer and opened his eyes, the lion was nowhere to be seen. So when he came back to London he set aside a sum of money to be given away in gifts to poor people every October 16, and to secure that a sermon should be preached to tell the generations to come how God heard his prayer and delivered him from the mouth of the lion. Lions? There was an actual lion. Lions?

There are stone monuments of them! In abbeys and cathedrals you may see knights with their feet resting on the lion. Well, the lion the knights sought to trap was the evil spirit, which goeth about like a roaring lion. Perhaps you may never have to face an actual lion. But there are other lions you will have to face.

I. There is the lion of sloth. II. There is the lion of passionate anger. III. There is the lion of untruthfulness. IV. There is the lion that rends the soul. (Pa. 7.) V. There is the lion that waits secretly for his prey. Who is to help you to subdue them? Only God.

"Say, Mister," said the little Fresh Air child as he watched the catty enjoying their cud, "do you have to buy gum for all of them cows to chew?"

A gentleman one day took his little lad out for a walk, but the boy got lost, and, meeting a policeman, tearfully asked, "Please, sir, have you seen a man without a little boy?"