

made prominent to-day.) Starting out on a new year, we need all our members to be at work under wise leadership. . . . So much for the League's New Year Endeavor. But the League is no stronger than the individuals make it. It is like the rope we saw, weakened by every one strand, that is missing. Put the question: "Will you do your part?" Make this a covenant of duty. Have a religious signing of the Active Members' Pledge. Let the New Year stand out as a Memorial of mercies past and as a Covenant of future effort. By personal thought, prayer, and concentration let our Juniors carefully and devoutly dedicate their lives to Christ and His service. (Make more than usual preparation for this meeting yourself if you, as superintendent, would win the Juniors to a similar frame of mind and heart.)

Jan. 13.—"Esther, the Brave Queen." (True Courage) Ether 4, 16.

The story of Esther is that of a great dancer and a wonderful deliverance to the Jews in Persia. Tell the story of the King's feast at the palace of Shushan, the banishment of Vashti, the choice and elevation of Esther, and of the feast made in her honor. The first and second chapters contain this story. Explain that Esther was a Jewess, although she had not made this known. Mordecai, her cousin or uncle perhaps, had been promoted when Esther was made Queen. Two wicked men plotted to kill the King. Mordecai knew of it. He sent word to Esther to warn the King. She did so. The wicked men were executed. Mordecai's name was written down as the one who had saved the King's life. There was a man in the kingdom called Haman. (Our next Topic deals with him more fully.) He gained favor with the King. He also hated the Jews and sought to have them all put to death. He gained the King's assent to a decree to kill all the Jews because he said they did not keep the laws. The orders were sent out that the Jews were to be slain. When Mordecai heard of this wicked plan he told the Queen about it, and begged that she intercede for her people with the King. Esther was at first timid about it. Her life might be taken if she dared interfere. The "true courage" of our Topic was shown when she made up her mind to go in to the King, without leave, and beg for the lives of her people. While the Jews fasted and prayed the Queen prepared a feast and invited the King and Haman. How they came, were entertained, and the results are told in chaps. 5, 6 and 7. With them we have nothing to do now. In what did Esther show "true courage"? Briefly, in interceding for others at great risk to herself. She was unselfish, patriotic, and in consequence brave. Her story should aid us all to be true to others in their "need or danger."

Junior Missionary Meetings for 1907

A Missionary Trip Around the World.

The topics given below for the missionary meetings for the Juniors for 1907 have been arranged so they are conducted on the plan of an imaginary missionary trip around the world. Each month a programme and suggestions will be published in the Era on the topic for the month. Supplemental information and missionary stories will be supplied through Onward, Pleasant Hours, the Missionary Bulletin, and pamphlets.

Jan. 27th.—Preparing for the Missionary Trip. The Missionaries, the Travellers, the Conductors, the Guides, and the News-agents.

Feb. 24th.—Through Canada to Vancouver, visiting the Indian Institutes,

"All People's Mission," Winnipeg, with the Japanese and Chinese Work in British Columbia.

March 31st.—Across the Pacific to Japan, visiting our missionaries at their stations.

April 29th.—From Japan to Shanghai, China, thence up the Yangtze to the Province of Szechuan, visiting every station of our West China Mission.

May 26th.—From China to India, landing at Calcutta and travelling across India. Ceylon will be visited after leaving India.

June, July, August—See the Topic Card. No missionary meetings during these months.

Sept. 29th.—The Islands of the Sen. John G. Paton of the New Hebrides will be visited.

Oct. 27th.—Africa.

Nov. 24th.—From Africa to Quebec, calling at Newfoundland. A visit to our missionaries to the French in Quebec.

Dec. 22.—Missionary Thanksgiving Meeting. God so loved the world, John 3, 16.

The fifth Vice-President of the Senior League is Superintendent of the Junior League. This "Missionary Trip Around the World" will provide interesting and instructive missionary programmes for the Junior Missionary Meetings.

The equipment necessary for the trip consists of a ticket, a map of the world, and missionary literature, which may be had from the Secretary of the Forward Movement.

The Missionary Meeting for January is preparatory for the meetings of the year. It is recommended that during December the plan for the missionary meetings for 1907 be widely announced, and every Junior be impressed with the importance of being present at the January meeting in order to procure tickets and receive instructions regarding the news-agents, conductors, guides, and travellers. The January Era will publish full instructions for arranging for and starting on the trip.

Special arrangements for the tickets for the trip and literature for the conductors and news-agents may be made on application to F. C. Stephenson, Secretary of the Forward Movement for Missions, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto.

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