

With the Juniors

The Door to the House.

THERE were idle thoughts came in at the door
And warmed their little toes,
And did more mischief about the house
Than any one living knows.
They scratched the tables and broke the chairs,
And soiled the floor and wall;
In a motto was written above the door,
"There's a welcome here for all."
When the Master saw the mischief done,
He closed it with hope and fear,
And He wrote above the door "Let none
Save good thoughts enter here."
And the good little thoughts came trooping in,
When He drove the others out;
They cleaned the walls, and they swept the floor
And sang as they moved about;
And last of all, an angel came,
With a beautiful shining face,
And above the door He wrote, "In here
Love has found a dwelling place."

Junior Suggestions.

Junior Finances.

Train the Juniors to give systematically. Youth is the time to learn the grace of giving, so that when they are older it will be a "habit crystallized." The open meetings of the Junior society may be made an opportunity for parents to help—but do not let the Juniors rely on this, but rather emphasize the systematic gifts of money by the Juniors themselves.

Consecration Service.

Concert repetition or chanting of the pledge is a good exercise for the consecration service, or some gems suggestive of the thought of such a service, as:

"I will go where you want me to go, Lord,
Over river or mountain or sea;
I will say what you want me to say, Lord,
I will be what you want me to be.
Whenever you speak I will listen,
I will read your sweet words every day,
And belong to you only and always
At my home, in my work, in my play."

The Daily Bible-Reading.

Make prominent in your talks about the daily life of the Juniors the importance of their private devotion. To encourage the Juniors ask all to study the same portions of Scripture. For variety or extra work, take something beside the topic readings. The study of some one book for a time would liven

the interest and gather concentration of attention as studying individual verses will not do. As this is considered to be the model way for Bible students of older years, why not try it for the Juniors?

Missionary Roll-Call.

In answer to the Roll-call ask the Juniors to bring some missionary fact about the workers in their own church fields. This will help to make them familiar with the names of the missionaries and of the fields in which they toil. Have also a special season of prayer for those brought to notice during this meeting.

One New Thing.

The interest in your meetings will depend on whether you teach the Juniors at least one new thought at each meeting or give them one new kindly act to put into practice through the next week. Your Juniors must be stimulated to new thought and action if they are going to *grow* in service and a live enthusiastic interest is to be maintained in this important work. Keep your eyes and ears open for new plans, and *then* put them into practice.

The Plans of the Juniors.

Ask the Juniors for suggestions,—five minutes at business meetings might be profitably used for this purpose. Sometimes have it as an open parliament, and occasionally announce it the week previous, and have the Juniors bring their suggestions written on slips of paper and drop them into a basket. Then have some one read them and adopt one or two feasible plans to be carried out the next week. The Juniors will be more interested in their own plans, and it will help to make them ingenious.

Notes on Junior Topics.

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True Worship.

April 2.—What is true worship of God? John 4:19-24.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: The one God, Ex. 20:1-3. Tuesday: Worship and praise, Ps. 138:1, 2. Wednesday: Worship and obedience, 1 Sam. 13:11-14; 15:22. Thursday: Vain worship, Matt. 15:7, 9. Friday: Worship in spirit, Phil. 3:3. Saturday: In the beauty of holiness, Ps. 29:2.

Every country has some form of worship—some religion. In all of the many countries discovered and explored, there has never yet been found one where the people had no idea of a god. In many countries their ideas are very vague, and they represent their god as a cruel monster.

Many of them, while worshipping idols, still have a dim, shadowy notion of the God who is a spirit.

Tell of Paul's visit to Athens, and the inscription he found there.

Explain the tendency of the ancient Hebrews to fall into idolatry, and therefore the necessity of the first and second commandments. Ask the Juniors