

ward and visible evidence of our inward quickening.

Let the words "awake" and "arise" be made emphatic. Make this an evangelistic service. Invite decision for Christ. This is a good topic for a pledge service. Present the Active members' pledge and invite your Juniors to Christ and into the Church. (Let some capable Juniors read the 14th recorded miracle of our Lord, viz., the raising of Jairus' daughter as given in Luke 9: 40-51. Let another read the 28th miracle, viz., the raising of Lazarus as given in John 11: 1-46.)

May 8th.—"Medical Missionaries and Heathen Children."—Luke 9, 2.

It is very desirable that this subject shall be intelligently understood by the Juniors. For the best possible treatment of the subject we recommend a study of Chapter VI. in "The Heart of Sz-Chuan, China," which should be in every League of our Church. This book is the second text-book of the Methodist Young People's Forward Movement. No leaguer can know our mission work as it ought to be known without this book. Chapter VI., which we recommend in preparing for this week's study, comprises sixteen pages of the book. We could easily give a synopsis of the chapter, but we earnestly recommend every Junior superintendent to get the book itself and have the chapter studied by some one capable of teaching it intelligently and attractively to the Juniors. The book is published by Dr. Briggs, and is sold at cost, 35 cents. Send for a copy, or several of them, without delay. Your pastor will get it for you if you are "too busy."

"Juniors and Their Floral Offerings."

The Junior Epworth League of Crawford Street Church, Toronto, was organized last June. Already there is membership of over 110. During last summer they did splendid work in the flower distribution to the sick and aged. The most pleasing service rendered was after their floral services on Sunday. They had prepared a maltose cross, four feet high, on which they placed bouquets completely covering the background of wood. After Sunday-school the Floral Committee asked the pastor to give them names to whom they would carry flowers after the evening service. He gave them some twenty-four names, but when they received the list, they declared that they could not send out that many bouquets. He told them to go ahead and do the best they could. He then left them for a street service, and on his return to the church an hour afterwards found three or four of the Juniors leaving. He asked them how they managed, and the reply was, "We have already sent out twenty-seven, and have two or three bouquets left." The pastor says that he never witnessed such delight in a service of love. Below are some letters by the Juniors themselves handed to the pastor in connection with this work:

Scattering Seeds of Kindness.

Dear Pastor,—We made many calls during the summer months, and we were received very kindly by every one. We called at the home of an old gentleman, who had been ill for some time. The flowers seemed to bring him a gleam of sunshine. He told us we were scattering seeds of kindness. On a Sunday evening after church, two of the leaguers and one Lizzie Slack, the Junior president, and two of our superintendents visited a lady who was too feeble to attend church unless the weather was fair. This lady loved flowers very much, and the bouquet we presented to her seemed to bring ecstasy to her quiet life.—Nellie Duke (aged 16).

Happiness to an Invalid.

Dear Pastor,—An old lady had not been outside of the door for twelve months. She said she never appreciated flowers so much as she did the ones given by Crawford Street Junior League. One old lady who had been ill for some time, and not being able to attend to her church duties as she would have liked to, was very much pleased with the bouquet given to her, being the first she had received from the League. During the summer we called on a little girl who had fallen and broken her leg, and had to be confined to her bed all summer. The flowers were very kindly received and brought much happiness to the little invalid.—Millie Lewarne (aged 14).

It Seems Very Pleasant.

Dear Pastor,—I think it is very pleasant taking flowers around to sick people. Our Junior League last summer distributed sixty-three bouquets of flowers, twenty-nine being made on Flower Sunday. One Sunday there was about half a dozen girls, including myself, went to see an old lady, who was just waiting for the dear Saviour to take her away. We sang several hymns for her, and then took our departure. A few days after we heard she was dead. I have been to see many cases just similar to this.—Minnie Carter (aged 13).

An Easter Lily.

Guess what came to us last night
From the angels, all in white!
Such a darling, dainty dot!—
Can't you think what we have got—
A Little Easter Lily!

'Cause she came on Easter E'en
It can plan nigh we see
Not another name would do,
And this suits her through and through—
Our Little Easter Lily!

A Thriving Two-Year-Old.

Our Kirkton Junior Epworth League, which was organized on December 28, 1901, by Rev. S. A. Anderson, with only thirteen present, has now on the roll a membership of one hundred and four. This includes our Mission Band, which is in connection with the League, and also our Cradle Roll. Our League meets every alternate Saturday, on which day we have two topics, taken by the members of the League, and occasionally we have a meeting with the Seniors. Our Mission Band has a membership of forty. It raises its money by the systematic giving of one cent a month for each member. This, along with our birthday offering, is given to the Forward Movement. We have given altogether \$12.85 to the Forward Movement. We have also given \$10 to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, and have given \$20 for local purposes. Since our society was organized we have raised about \$110. The average attendance of our society for last year was sixty members. We have on our Cradle Roll a membership of twenty-five. Russell Brown, President.

Anniversary.

The St. Mary's Junior Epworth League celebrated its ninth birthday on February 19th by an enjoyable sleigh ride, after which ninety-nine Juniors did ample justice to the supper supplied by the parents. In the evening an interesting programme was given. One of the treats of the entertainment was the address by Miss Lizzie Slack, the Junior president. The boys and girls are in earnest, and the work is encouraging.

A Junior League has been organized at Epsom appointment, on the Camlachie Circuit.

Old Sayings.

As poor as a church mouse; as thin as a rail,
As fat as a porpoise; as rough as a gale;
As brave as a lion; as sly as a cat;
As bright as a sixpence; as weak as a rat.

As proud as a peacock; as sly as a fox;
As mad as a March hare; as strong as an ox;
As fair as a lily; as empty as air;
As rich as Croesus; as cross as a bear.

As pure as an angel; as neat as a pin;
As smart as a steel trap; as ugly as sin;
As dead as a door nail; as white as a sheet;
As flat as a pancake; as red as a beet.

As round as an apple; as black as a cat;
As brown as a berry; as blind as a bat;
As mean as a miser; as full as a tick;
As plump as a partridge; as sharp as a stick.

As clean as a penny; as dark as a pall;
As hard as a millstone; as bitter as gall;
As fine as a fiddle; as clear as a bell;
As dry as a herring; as deep as a well.

As light as a feather; as hard as a oak
rook;
As stiff as a poker; as calm as a clock;
As green as a gosling; as brisk as a bee;
And now let me stop, lest you weary of me.

Androcles and the Lion.

Androcles is said to have been a Roman slave, who fled from a cruel master and took refuge in a cave. While there he saw a lion approaching. He feared lest he should be eaten by it. But as the lion came nearer, Androcles saw that the beast was limping. He seemed to be in great pain. Androcles plucked up his courage and took up the lion's paw. From it he extracted a large thorn, which had caused the flesh to fester. The lion seemed most grateful and showed its pleasure by fawning upon its benefactor. The story tells us that later, when Androcles was taken prisoner and sent to Rome to be delivered up to the wild beasts, a lion was set loose to devour him. It was the same lion that Androcles had relieved in his agony. The animal remembered with gratitude his deliverer, and instead of springing on him to devour him, he went up to him and fawned upon him. Androcles declares that he witnessed with his own eyes the scene between Androcles and the lion in the Roman circus.

Detected the Thief.

The Boston Transcript gives the experience of a lady who put two fine lace collars on the lawn in front of her house to dry. The following was the result:

When she went to get them an hour later, they were gone. She was sure nobody stole them, because she was sitting beside a window at the foot of the house at the time, and would have seen anybody entering the yard. The next day she put another collar out and watched. A robin flew down from an apple-tree near by and carried off the collar. An investigation was made, and the other collar was found proven into the bird's nest in a crotch of the apple-tree. There was also a small lace handkerchief in the nest. The bird that was doing the "fine-art" nest building and its mate set up a big outcry and pecked fiercely at the man in the tree when the nest was being pulled down.

Many indeed think of being happy with God in heaven, but the being happy with God on earth never enters into their thought.—John Wesley.