

Junior interests were concerned. We cannot mention all the names, and yet we feel that special thanks is due to Mr. J. C. Harris, Secretary of the Junior Union; Mr. Stewart, President; to Miss Brass, who trained the Juniors for the rally; and to Miss Kelk, who superintended the breakfast and Junior meals.

Notes on the Junior Topics.

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Courage.

Dec. 4.—A Christian's courage: how will he get it and how show it? Acts 21: 10-14; Phil. 4: 13.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: David, 1 Sam. 17: 45-47. Tuesday: Elisha, 2 Kings 6: 15, 16. Wednesday: The three worthies, Dan. 3: 16-18. Thursday: Nehemiah, Neh. 6: 10, 11. Friday: The apostles, Acts 4: 18-20. Saturday: Paul, Acts 21: 12.

From the Daily Readings, select those which illustrate different kinds of courage. There is the courage of patience. Example: the missionary in the Congo District, who toiled for seven years before he had a single convert. The courage of self-sacrifice—those who "seek not their own," even more than that, those who push the claims of others—as the mother who often goes without many little comforts or luxuries, that her child may have a better chance in the world than she has had. The courage of endurance, as that of John Carter, the man who lay on his back paralyzed for fourteen years, and yet, instead of complaining, learned to do the most remarkable etchings, holding the pencil between his teeth. The courage of firmness, exhibited by those who stand boldly for an unpopular cause—for example, the early temperance leaders, and opposers of slavery. The courage of obedience—this is a quality that is peculiarly suitable to Juniors. At this point, have them give some of their own experiences. It is harder to obey parents or teachers, at many times, than it would be to disobey, for it is unpopular among many boys and girls. All true courage comes from the same source—Christ, "who giveth to all men liberally."

Daniel.

Dec. 11.—Lessons from the life of Daniel. Dan. 6: 10-23.

Monday: The testing, Dan. 1: 11-16. Tuesday: United prayer, Dan. 2: 14-19. Wednesday: The King's warning, Dan. 4: 24-27. Thursday: The writing on the wall, Dan. 5: 22-28. Friday: Faithful to men and to God, Dan. 6: 1-5, 25-28. Saturday: The vision of Christ's kingdom, Dan. 7: 9-14.

The life of Daniel is a good example of our last topic. He had the courage of firmness. Go back to Daniel's early history. He was of royal descent, Dan. 1: 3, 6. He early came before the notice of the king by interpreting his dream for him. Let the dream be read, and its meaning given. Daniel's high position did not make him vain. He still served God. Teach the Juniors that added honors bring added responsibilities. The more favor was shown to Daniel by the king, the more did his enemies determine to bring about his ruin. Dan. 6: 4. They themselves acknowledged that no fault could be found in him, unless it was concerning the law of his God. Have some Juniors prepared to give their plot, and its result. Sin always brings its own punishment. It may be delayed for months or years, but it surely comes. In the same way, faithful adherence to duty results always in good.

What was the effect of Daniel's faithfulness to God on King Darius? Daniel was very little older than many of our Juniors, when he was first brought into "the favor and tender love of the prince of the eunuchs. No doubt his example inspired his three companions to be firm in duty. The love of God was with them in the fire. Wherever there is one faithful person, there is always another, and His form is like unto the Son of God."

Christianity in Our Sports.

Dec. 18.—How can we put our Christianity into our sports? Isa. 35: 1, 3-6, 10.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Moderation, Phil. 4: 5. Tuesday: Truth and purity, Phil. 4: 8. Wednesday: Fairness, Luke 6: 31. Thursday: Patience, 1 Thess. 5: 15. Friday: Kindness, Prov. 31: 26. Saturday: Slowness to anger, Prov. 16: 32.

Teach the Juniors that whatever tears down, is not true recreation. Right sports may easily be made wrong by taking part in them at the wrong time, in a wrong way, or too long. One way of bringing Christianity into our sports, is by having Christian companionship, also by entering into them with a Christian purpose. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." The world is so full of amusements and sports, about which no question ever can be raised, that for a Christian to long for doubtful sports seems to be proof that his heart is not right with God. The only safe rule is to indulge in no sports or recreations in which we cannot easily imagine Christ's joining, if He were once more on earth.

Emphasize the fact that there must be no uncalled for impatience or anger shown by the Juniors, if they would show others that even in their sports they are Christians. Prov. 16: 32.

Then impress on the Juniors the beauty of just dealings. Take no mean advantage of one younger or smaller. Illustrate from the various games played by the Juniors.

Christmas Truths.

Dec. 25.—What are some truths that Christmas teaches? Luke 2: 8-20.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: The love of God, 1 John 4: 9. Tuesday: The mercy of God, Luke 1: 78-79. Wednesday: The faithfulness of God, Luke 1: 68-70. Thursday: The fatherhood of God, Luke 15: 31-32. Friday: The brotherhood of man, Acts 17: 26. Saturday: Salvation from sin, Matt. 1: 21.

1. The beauty of Christmas—It is the beauty of peace—song in the air, and song in the heart.

2. The splendor of Christmas is the splendor of power, for that little Babe held in His hand the sceptre of the world.

3. The glory of Christmas is the glory of self-denial—Christ gave up heaven for the glory of earth.

4. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ. "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister" is the secret of Christmas Day. Let us do as Christ did; give ourselves for others; deny ourselves that those who need may have a share in the good which has been given to us. Thus by giving, we shall know the joy of having and we shall truly join in the chorus that sounded over Bethlehem on the first Christmas morning. Our deeds of help will have more music in them than the chimes or the choir.

Thou who wast born and cradled in a manger,

Hast gladdened our poor earth with hope and rest;
Oh, best Beloved, come not as a stranger;

But tarry, Lord, our Friend and Christmas guest.

Make this Christmas time forever memorable, because on that day you place thought, will, affection, and life upon the heaven side.