



OUR JUNIORS

"Train up a Child According to His Way."



Home Prize Bible Contest

AWARDS FOR APRIL.

Class 1, for Juniors under ten, Gordon N. Ellis, Renfrew, Ont. In Class 2, under thirteen, Florence Parlee, Moncton, N.B. In Class 3, under sixteen, Pearl Pounder, Hoard's Station, Ont. These were all good. As a sample of one of the cards, we give that of the youngest competitor, who is the winner in Class 1. This is the way Gordon tells in his own words the Story of Mark 10: 13-17. Read the verses and see if he has not done well.

"The people brought young children to Jesus and asked Him to touch them, thinking that this might bless them. The disciples thought this would bother Jesus and told the people not to bring them. But Jesus was displeased with the disciples, and said, let the children come, for they belong to the Kingdom of Heaven. Not only so, but who ever would get into Heaven must become like little children. Then He took them in His arms and prayed that they might be good."

THIS MONTH'S CONTEST.

We are giving you something different this time. Anyone under fifteen years of age, that is, who has not yet had a fifteenth birthday, may compete. Any unruled paper may be used, plain drawing paper will be best. The work is—draw a map of Palestine, giving the provinces, rivers, lakes, and the principal cities and towns visited by our Lord. This will help you in the Sunday School Lessons in your mind. The size of the map coming to us must not be larger than an ordinary sheet of writing paper, or about 9 by 11 inches. To give you time enough, you need not mail your map until July 25th. In the winning map is real good it will be reproduced in the ERA. The prizes offered are one dollar in cash for the best boy's map and one dollar in cash for the best girl's map. But the winning map must be a good one and not colored. Just black ink on white paper is asked for, as that will make the best engraving. Take time, do your best, and send map to Rev. S. T. Bartlett, 35 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ont., by July 25. Write your name, address, and age in the corner.

Weekly Topic Studies

JUNE 19.—A GROUP OF CHILDREN WHOM JESUS BLESSED. Mark 10: 13-16.

See that the Juniors commit these four beautiful verses to memory. A few Sabbaths ago we visited one of our large hospitals, where a dear old lady has been for some time. "How old are you now, Sarah?" we asked, for we had always called her that when she was a faithful attendant to the children in our home. "I was born on the same day in the same year as good Queen Victoria," was the reply. (How old?) As we chatted with her, could dimly see us, but the heart is still young, and passage after passage and verse after verse from the Bible was quoted to us. When asked how and when all these had been learned, she quickly said: "Why, I was one of a group of children long ago whom Jesus blessed. I was taught these in a little schoolhouse, where I learned to know Jesus, and now, though I cannot see to read, I love to recall many of the fine passages I used to recite when I went to Sabbath School." The

lesson she taught us made an indelible impression upon our minds.

The disciples of Jesus had been hearing much about the Kingdom of Heaven, and they wondered which of them would be the greatest there. Calling from a group nearby, a little child, Jesus, placing his hand upon its head, said: "Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Not the largest in size, not the most learned, but the most teachable and trustful, such as have within the spirit of the child, these are the "great." What a wonderful power the boys and girls yield in this world to-day. Every child who grows up in a true home is a constant teacher, and its opening life, like a rosebud, diffuses sweetness all about. Many a home has been transformed by the ministry of a child. The experiences of children become a means of grace to their elders. They teach us lessons of patience in our constant care and training of them. We are trained to gentler moods as we see their dirty cuticles and sufferings, as we watch their temptations and struggles.

No little child in the most sheltered home was ever carried so safely in the loving thought and care of earthly parents as is the least of God's little ones in the heart of Jesus Christ.—C. G. W.

JUNE 26.—ALL PEOPLES' MISSIONS, MONTREAL AND WINNIPEG (MISSIONARY MEETING).

Canada is a land which is rapidly becoming a fair land. Away over the sea, where there are poverty, over-crowding, and in some cases, persecution, the news of this land of freedom and opportunity has spread, and people are coming to us, to help or to hinder in the building of a nation. Whether they shall help or hinder us depends upon the welcome which we give them, whether we meet them with the open Bible or whether we leave them alone, to follow their old customs and ideals.

Let the Superintendent tell something of the lands from which our immigrants have come—the crowded cities, the oppression of Church and State. Let one of the Juniors tell of the preparation for leaving the old home, and of the long ocean voyage.

The work of All Peoples' Mission, Montreal, may then be described, showing especially the efforts that are put forth to make the boys and the girls into Canadian citizens. This may be followed by an account of the work at All Peoples' in Winnipeg, where more extended forms of work are carried on than in Montreal. Maps of Europe and of Canada, on which the journeys of the immigrants may be traced, and pictures of the mission buildings, the various classes, etc., will add very much to the interest of this session.

The Superintendent will have the opportunity once again of impressing upon the Juniors the necessity of a right attitude toward the boys and girls of other nationalities with whom they may come in daily contact.

Information for the use of the Superintendent will be found in "Strangers Within Our Gates," Appendices 4 and 5, cloth, 50c., paper, 35c.; or the Reports of All Peoples' Missions, Winnipeg and Montreal, will be sent free; the Missionary Report (free). Order from F. C. Stephenson, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto.—C. C. S.

JULY 3.—A FAMILY THAT JESUS VISITED. Luke 10: 38-42.

Three of the dearest friends of Jesus lived in a little village not far from Jerusalem. Some beautiful stories are told of this peaceful home in Bethany, where dwelt two sisters and a brother. On the occasion of our contest, the brother, Lazarus, was absent, perhaps attending the Feast of Tabernacles at Jerusalem. The sisters made Jesus welcome. Mary and Martha loved each other, although in disposition they were quite different. Martha thought she could at once prepare a meal for the visitor and guest. Mary, however, showed her love, not by bustling about, but by sitting down quietly and listening to His words. Martha grew impatient, and referred to Mary's conduct. While Jesus prized Martha's good qualities, He said she was too much troubled about household tasks, and Mary had chosen "the better part." What lesson does this little incident teach us?

We next hear of the little family circle being in sorrow. The brother took very sick and died. Christ's power and love were manifested, and Lazarus was restored to life again. Tell the story, and note the love that died.

We come back to Bethany and find a great supper being given in the house of one Simon. (What had Jesus done for him?) Lazarus was at the supper. Martha, no doubt, had been busy after the guests among whom was Jesus, and soon Mary entered carrying a beautiful vase of sweet-smelling spikenard. Refer to her special act. What did this act typify? What promise was declared? Has it been fulfilled? What is there in such an act for us?—C. G. W.

JULY 10.—HIS COMPANIONS ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP. Matt. 17: 1-13.

It was probably at the end of the Sabbath day, when Jesus, with Peter, James and John, had been passing leading up the mountain-side. We believe it was Mt. Hermon. (Locate this mountain on the map and describe it.) While up there Jesus was praying, and suddenly He was "transfigured" or "transformed." His disciples saw his face "shine as the sun and His garments became white as the light." (Recall other times besides the transfiguration when Jesus prayed.) What lessons are we to take from such incidents? Have the Juniors bring references to prayer from the Bible, as well as from human life.

Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared on the mountain-top with Jesus, and they heard a voice. What did the voice say? What was the truth taught? What did the disciples want to do? Why do you think they wanted to do so?

The following morning the disciples came down from the mountain-top to the valley. Does Jesus tell us to have little faith, or a faith to do something? What did Jesus do after he came down into the valley? Recall the lessons as found in Mal. 4: 5; Luke 1: 17; Matt. 11: 14.—C. G. W.

Always Helping Mother

Our friend and fellow-Leaguer, R. H. Smith, of Souris, Man., tells the following pretty story. The incident and Mr. Smith's comment on it are well worth the attention of all our readers:

"A little boy was walking down the street the other day, carrying an armful of bread. I said to him, 'You have a pretty big load, my boy.' He looked up and said, 'I am always helping mother, running up town and down again.' The thought came to me, as a Leaguer: That is the spirit I should have, always helping Jesus. And that is the motto of the League. What a beautiful motto for

"Train up a child in the way he should go but go that way yourself."