

"J" is for Junior; though young, we are strong,
And mean to fight bravely against sin and wrong.
Our lives hid in Christ, we shall conquer each foe,
Stand firm for the right, and learn to say "No."

"S" for society; in strength there is might;
With the breastplate of faith and the banner of light,
Then onward we'll go, and triumphantly sing,
For Christ is our Saviour and Captain and King.

"C" is for Christian: oh, that we may be
So full of sweet trust and of true purity,
That naught that we do will ever bring shame
To the dear Lord Himself, who gave us His name.

"E" for Endeavor; let's work while we may,
Till the trumpet of God sounds forth the great day;
Then, clad in His brightness, we'll march through
the gates,

Right into the city where Christ ever waits.

Work and Interest.

Your missionary meetings will be much more interesting if the Juniors, during the month that precedes, do some work for the missionary country or the mission field which is to be studied at the coming meeting.

Poems and Songs.

Obtain all the poems on missions that you can find, not forgetting, of course, the great missionary hymns. Have the children commit these to memory, and use one at least for every missionary meeting. Special missionary music may also be provided, and thus the Music Committee will be set to work as well as the Missionary Committee. Here is a verse used in some societies:

"I am but a penny in a little hand,
Can I bear glad tidings over all the land?
Yes, if love goes with me, then shall I be blessed,
For God's love is promised unto all the rest.
Dropping! dropping! dropping! Hear us fall?
Crowding in the mite-chests, offerings great and small.

Surely God will bless us as we gently fall,
Many prayers rise upward, for His help they call,
Till we form together such a mighty band,
As to bear salvation over all the land."

Filling Out Texts.

A Bible drill in which the Juniors will delight consists of giving small portions of familiar texts, as, "God so loved," the Juniors to add as promptly as possible the missing words.

A Sensible Fir-Tree.

SAID a saucy little Maple,
To her cousin Willow Tree,
"Miss Fir has no new mantle,
This spring like you and me.
She wears the same old garment
That she's worn since I was born,

I should think she'd feel so shabby,
With no new bonnet on."
As she tossed her head and nodded,
At the Fir tree's old-style clothes,
Willow laughed, she could not help it,
At the turned-up pea-green nose.
The Fir-tree, staid and modest,
Answered Maple not a word,
Though I'm sure—yes, certain,—
Everything was overheard.
She only softly murmured,
As she re-arranged her clothes,
"I'm glad my friends don't leave me,
With every wind that blows."

Notes on Junior Topics.

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NOTE.—During 1899 on the third Sunday of each month is given a lesson in the life of Christ, the twelve forming a chronological series that may be made the basis of a thorough study.

New Things.

Jan. 1.—What new things would you like this New Year? Ps. 51:10-12; Col. 3:8-14.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: A new heart, Ezek. 36:26. Tuesday: A new creature, 2 Cor. 5:17. Wednesday: The new man, Eph. 4:24. Thursday: Newness of life, Rom. 6:4. Friday: "A new song," Ps. 40:3. Saturday: "I make all things new," Rev. 21:5.

The young delight in new things. It is only as we grow older that our hearts cling to the old things. Since the last New Year, many of us have had friends who have gone to the "New Home" above and are now singing "The New Song." In order to join them there, each of us must have a new heart, which makes us "a new creature."

One thing is certain, if we desire improvement in anything, it will never come to us accidentally. It must begin in a distinct, resolved purpose to make a change for the better. Here you stand at the parting of the ways: some road you are to take; consider how you intend to live. Carry no bad habits, no corrupting associations, no enmities and strifes, into this new year. Leave these behind, and let the dead past bury its dead; then thank God that you are able to leave them.

"I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet,
I asked, and paused; he answered soft and low,
'God's will to know.'

'Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?' I cried,
And ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, 'Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do.'

Once more I asked, 'Is there no more to tell?'
And once again the answer sweetly fell:
'Yes! this one thing, all other things above,
God's will to love.'"

Fears.

Jan 8.—Things to fear and things not to fear. Ps. 27:1-14.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Fear of man, Prov. 29:25. Tuesday: Fear of evil, Prov. 1:33. Wednesday: Fear of sin, Ezek. 18:4. Thursday: Fear of death, Heb. 2:14, 15. Friday: Fear of the Lord, Ps. 111:10. Saturday: "Fear lest," Heb. 4:1.

With the expression of fear, comes also the way of deliverance, Prov. 29:25. It is no presumption