

Hints to the Leader.

Wouldn't this be a good time to impress upon your society the duty and necessity of giving a loyal and hearty support to the Mission Boards of your own denomination, especially the Home Mission Board. Pray for your home missionaries; many of them are lonely and apt to grow weary. Remember they are among the country's best benefactors.

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Junior Department

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JUNIOR WORK in Ontario is winning its way! New societies are being organized. Counties are being thoroughly equipped for aggressive work. Elgin county has appointed one of its indefatigable Junior workers as county superintendent Miss Alice D. Beatty; while Welland has honored itself in a like manner in one of its bright workers Miss Ruby F. House. A shower of congratulations and best wishes!

THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL UNION is making a badge banner—contributions of senior society badges are requested. Please send the badge of your society to Miss Wiggins, 29 Metcalfe St., Toronto. Some have been making a collection of badges, and here is an opportunity to devote part of it to a worthy cause. Send promptly.

WASHINGTON '96.

BEST OF ALL.

WASHINGTON '96 eclipsed all other conventions for magnificent Junior work. Why? there was a whole session devoted to practical discussions of live topics by the best Junior workers on the continent. In each of the three tents some phase of Junior work was treated in eloquent and forcible addresses. Then what words can describe that wonderful Junior Rally! Well might the presiding officer, Dr. Stewart, ask, "Can heaven be any better than this?"

JUNIOR WORKERS' MEETING.

FROM the standpoint of a practical worker this was one of the best sessions of the entire convention. What an immense throng of Junior workers—the church could not accommodate the eager multitude, and a large overflow meeting was held in the school-room where the program was repeated.

Secretary John Willis Baer's graces as a presiding officer added much to the profit of the meeting. Then came those five-minute speeches. Eloquent? Yes—with such a theme as Junior work could they be otherwise?—but they were more than eloquent, they were full of practical points that will be taken home and worked out in many a society over this continent. Miss Grace E. Hyde, of Winchendon, Mass., spoke on "The Model Junior Society." In a model society the superintendent is wise, tactful, loving. The Juniors are attentive, responsive; they play the piano and sing, lead their own meetings, hold regular business meetings, give committee reports, give systematically for missions, and each has some definite work to do.

Miss Jennie T. Masson, of Indianapolis, Ind., gave a most interesting talk on "A Model Junior Superintendent." Model does not mean perfect or angelic. Model Junior superintendents are not born but made. Any society can cultivate one provided there be to start with a good-tempered Endeavorer with love for children. Add to this: belief in Junior Christianity, conference with the pastor, possession of every scrap of literature regarding Junior work, correspondence with Junior workers, an abiding interest in the organization of Mothers' Societies, and constant communion with Christ. These helps are the

scaffolding which God assists you to erect for that beautiful building of character—the model Junior superintendent.

"Some Things to Avoid" was the topic so ably treated by Mr. C. J. Atkinson, the well-known enthusiast in Junior work, of whom Ontario is so justly proud. Here are a few of his terse, bright sayings:

"Superintendents should avoid doing all the work themselves."

"Teach the Juniors early the valuable life lesson that it is better to try to do something and fail, than not to try and beautifully succeed."

"Avoid increasing members at the expense of thoroughness. Hand-picked fruit keeps better than windfalls."

"Don't call the Juniors dear little children."

"If we must have long faces let them be long cross-ways."

Wisconsin's splendid State Superintendent read a paper on "The Relation of the Juniors to the Older Society." She pleaded for greater interest in the Juniors. The contrast between the older society with its half dozen officers to run it, and the lonely Junior superintendent forced to keep busy fifty eager children, each of whom wants some fresh task every week, was pathetic.

"The Parents and the Juniors" was the theme of Ontario's Provincial Superintendent, Miss Lottie E. Wiggins. Parents should possess the utmost confidence of the Juniors, sympathize with them in their aims, study their tastes, encourage their development, and have great faith in the children. Make allowance for their failures. Let the children down as easily as older people. Five-year-old Flossie said to her mother on being reproved, "When its me, you say 'cross'; when its you, you say 'nervous.'" Parents should not only pray for the Juniors but with the Juniors. Thus our family altars will mean more, and over the homes of our country shall be written "Holiness to the Lord."

"The Pastors and the Juniors" was treated in a very practical way by Rev. Peter Ainslie, of Baltimore, Md. The pastor's pre-eminent duty is to make men and women better, and since it is easier to plant a truth in a child's life than to uproot evil or disfigured truth in a mature life, his opportunities and responsibilities are measureless. It is his as never before to directly influence manhood and womanhood, and make a safe passage in the launching of human barks upon the rough and pathless sea of life. Know the children by name. Get on an equality with them. Play with them. Be one of them. "I claim that I can do anything my boy can do, and we often try it."

Words could not describe those four "Discussions" led by Sec'y Baer, the "Open Parliament" conducted by Miss Haus, or the Question Box so ably handled by Mr. Thomas Wainwright. We will try to "gather up the fragments" in our *Gleanings*.

TENT WASHINGTON.

"THE Junior Society of Christian Endeavor" was the topic assigned to Miss Kate H. Haus, that pioneer in work for children, and full of telling power were all her points. The Junior Society—what it is: The Consecrated Energy of the Christian Endeavorers, Constantly Employed in Continually Enlarging Christ's Encampment Grounds with Children Exclusively, for Christ's Exaltation and the Church's Enrichment. To the Junior C. E. is left a most important mission, even this, helping the little feet to become planted upon Christ for a foundation that they may learn to walk in the right direction, and tenderly watched, guided, and guarded, till they become so firmly rooted and grounded in true Christ-like living that as they grow in years they may pass unscathed through the confusion of tongues of this world, and the many seemingly right but cruelly false ways, and in Christ stand firm against the world, the flesh, and the devil. So the aim after all, of every branch of C. E. work, is Christ's exaltation in character, life, and nation.

The Juniors should be taught where to go for

help from the Bible in prayer, times of trouble and temptation, in joy or sorrow, sickness or death, study, work or play.

Take up in simple forms all the various kinds of church and committee work that the children can easily be trained to perform well.

Have the regular officers and business meetings. Train them to systematic giving as well as to every other work. Train them in loyalty to their church so that it will be a part of their lives as long as they live.

TENT ENDEAVOR.

WHAT a reception was given to Mrs. Francis E. Clark! Yes, it was a sea of waving handkerchiefs. Mrs. Clark bowed her thanks and proceeded to discuss the subject, "The Mothers' Societies of Christian Endeavor." Surely Christian mothers everywhere desire above all things to draw nearer Christ themselves, and to bring their children to Him and train them for His service. Why should not the mothers band together for prayer and counsel about so great a work? The Junior Supt. is the connecting link between the Mothers' society and the Junior society. The Junior superintendent should read her report to the mothers, and give a short talk about her work, its encouragements, perplexities and needs. Let the Juniors, too, come in touch with the Mothers' society. Have at least once a year a union meeting when each may learn what the other is trying to do and thus they will be drawn into closer sympathy. It is not enough to pray for the Juniors but prayers should followed up and definite results gathered. Mothers would thus find many ways of helping the children, and the children would take great pleasure in the discovery that they too, could help the mothers in many little ways.

Juniors might act as messengers for the Mothers' society in carrying invitations to the meetings. The Junior society should be visited and some interest manifested. A surprise might be planned by the mothers in the form of a presentation of banner or new pledge cards, etc., and thus a new link is forged between mothers and children. Socials should be given to the Juniors which would be the best of all the year. If this were carried out should we not see more children in the church growing up to be earnest workers and also more mothers living really consecrated lives?

GLEANINGS.

WHILE the women outnumber the men in the church membership "sixteen to one" it is probable that the Junior superintendent will be a woman.

Mrs. Clark's bright speech was crammed with good things. Very suggestive was her word picture of the Junior Missionary meeting.

Secretary Baer's touching remarks about our "promoted" Juniors struck a responsive chord in every heart.

The Juniors get the geometrical truth that a straight, pure life is the shortest distance between earth and heaven.

Let your Junior society take no summer vacation unless Satan does or the Bible teaches it.

The same old question, but ever new problem, "that boy," was one of the topics discussed.

The pastor's duty was under discussion. One lady who defended the pastor from such loads of work which were being put upon him wound up by saying, "I'm a pastor's wife." This brought down the house.

What a library of bright Junior books as aids in Junior work Miss Haus described!

The Junior business meeting trains in regular, systematic service, and deepens by the committee reports faithfulness as a life-principle.

Enlist the fathers' interest as well as the mothers'. "Two heads in counsel" in home and national life.