

Is it a fact that He never issued a proclamation of emancipation? He did something better. He proclaimed the equality of all men, and asserted the redemption of the human race in its entirety. Slavery has disappeared before His coming, and Christian nations have been the great emancipators in all time. Is it true that He did not organize peace societies? He proclaimed the beatitude, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God;" and anticipated the time when war shall be no more, when there shall be a supreme court of the world, with its chief justice and associate justices; and before that bar, England, France and Germany shall stand, to have their international difficulties adjudicated. Is it true that He did not organize midnight missions? He resolved to do something better—to create in the heart of men an affection for women, founded upon personal esteem. He does not banish the courtesan from society. He demands reformation: "Sin no more." Is it true that He did not offer the pledge of total abstinence to any man? He did something better. He wrote over the gateway of the temple in the skies, "No drunkard shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."—*Bishop J. P. Newman, D.D.*

#### The Guiding Star.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Odors of Edom, and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favour secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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## With the Juniors.

### Junior Work at the Ontario C. E. Convention.

#### Junior Sunrise Prayer-Meeting.

**T**HE morning was dark and misty, and yet, in spite of this fact, girls and boys were hurrying, with eager feet, to the Junior sunrise prayer-meeting in the Drill Hall. Mr. Stewart, President of the Junior Union, kept a watchful eye on the meeting, as the young chairman, Master Geo. McLeod, Hamilton, ably presided at the gathering of Juniors, for this was the Juniors' own meeting. Mr. Robinson kindly led the singing, and brightly the young folks responded to the baton. The Juniors gave texts of Scripture—favorite promises—for that was the topic. Scores took part quickly and briefly. In the season of sentence prayers which followed, tender and sweet were the peti-

tions of the Juniors claiming the rich promises which had lodged their precious precepts in their hearts and minds. Three bright papers on the promises and their value, were read by three Hamilton Juniors. Rev. T. Albert Moore closed the meeting by a brief prayer of loving consecration.

#### The Junior Breakfast.

The threatened rain was falling as the Juniors came out of the Drill Hall. A short run for those who were not provided against the elements had to be made to reach Knox church, where the "Junior breakfast" was to be served. The repast was sumptuous, and the "after-breakfast" speeches did justice to the wit and ability of our Junior workers. Each told some incident of contact with child-life, which revealed character and tendency, and pointed out the lesson as to the best methods of dealing with these phases of the child's life and thought. One told tenderly of the little child whose tender conscience had been wounded because her mother insisted on her wearing birds in her hat. Another told of prayerful trust toward the Heavenly Father by the little ones. Rev. A. C. Crews, General Secretary of the Epworth Leagues, and Sunday-schools, for the Methodist Church, Canada, was present and spoke of the effective work done in Junior societies. This was the brightest meeting of the character ever held under the auspices of the Provincial C.E. Union.

#### The Junior Workshop.

The Junior workshop was well fitted up, with suggestive articles for Junior superintendents, scrap-books, simple garments, missionary quilts and many other items that would employ the busy fingers of the Juniors, and enlist their thought and sympathy as well as employ their energies.

#### Junior Notes.

Miss Wright, of Montreal, Provincial Superintendent for Quebec, was a welcome guest at all our meetings, and we enjoyed her messages of loving greeting. We all look forward to greeting her at Montreal '99.

Dr. Francis E. Clark favored the Junior School of Methods and the Rally with his presence and cheery greetings. The Juniors enjoyed this privilege as much as the older ones.

Much interest was manifested in the Junior work, and it is to be hoped it will crystalize into definite service—either the organization of a new Junior society or the reviving of an old one.

Hamilton '98 was noted for Junior attendance, and did not the girls and boys enjoy it all? especially the good time they had together at dinner and tea time.

The Junior Committee did themselves credit, and too much cannot be said in praise of the arduous toil of the committee in every department where