

Christ and to seek the things that are above; these are the essential principles in the belief that saves. Christ is not merely the greatest historic personage of all the world's past, but He is the greatest living deliverer and friend that any one of us can have to go all through this present world with us. He lives not only in Heaven, but, better still, in human hearts on earth.

A] Four-fold Missionary Purpose

In conducting the Missionary Department of our Junior Work, whether it be in League or Sunday School, we should bear in mind the four-fold purpose that we have undertaken:

1. Education in the facts of missions. Our sources of information in such a course are the Bible and missionary experience. More and more are we seeing that the Bible is essentially a missionary book. The wealth of incident placed in our hands from the mission fields of the world is greater than we appreciate. There is no lack of interesting matter by the use of which we may make the study of the facts of missions interesting and profitable to our boys and girls, and unless they know we cannot expect their sustained interest in our Missionary Department.

2. Prayer for the success of missions. This feature of the great enterprise must not be forgotten. The place and power of prayer in the furtherance of the great commission must be borne in mind by the Church, or the work will become simply a commercial transaction. We may easily find many illustrations of the results of prayer in the past, but if we fail to bring ourselves to our knees for the success of the whole undertaking we sadly err. Our Lord, by both precept and example, taught the positive need of personal and protracted prayer. It is not simply a human undertaking that the Church has in hand in evangelizing the whole world. It must fall without the power of the Divine Spirit, and this power cannot be experienced without prayer. Teach the Juniors to pray for the whole field, but to offer daily, specific, definite, protracted prayer for God's blessing upon the representatives of the Forward Movement, in whom they are more particularly interested, as their agents under God in extending His Kingdom.

3. Giving for the support of missions. Study of missionary principles and facts will stimulate prayer for success, and both will eventuate in gifts for the financial sustenance of the work. Giving of money is not the greatest need, but it is a necessary phase of true missionary culture. What costs a boy or girl something will be highly esteemed. To give intelligently, the child should be taught the Scriptural law of giving which is based on self-giving. The abiding principle of personal love to Christ will make regular and systematic giving of money a joy rather than a hard and fast duty. Every child should have money of his own, and the giving by the parent in the name of the child is not the best way. Let him if possible earn in some way the money he gives, and it will represent more to him and be more acceptable to God in consequence. Not the amount given so much as the spirit behind the gift is the true measure of its value.

4. Volunteers for the work of missions. This is the supreme aim, or should be, of our Missionary Department. The field needs workers. Our boys and girls ought to be impressed with the thought, "God wants not only my mind, but my hands." From the ranks of our present Juniors may come the men and women who shall carry on the operations of the Church

in the distant fields of the future, and the children grow quickly. It is a splendid tribute to the influence of the Epworth League that so many who are now missionaries in the foreign field have grown up in the atmosphere of study, prayer and consecration which the League has placed about them in past years. We are persuaded that the future will be even more fruitful, and that if we conduct our missionary training of the present youth along right lines, we shall never lack for intelligent, devoted and capable men and women to carry on the work of the Lord. Let our policy therefore be one of Education, Prayer, Giving and Volunteers.

All Boys

We recently visited the Junior League of the Simcoe Street Church, Oshawa, and greatly enjoyed the evening spent with the boys. For the chief characteristic of this League is that its membership is composed entirely of lads. The Superintendent is a young woman and evidently possesses the absolute confidence and sincere regard of her boys. While she nominally presided at the meeting, the President and Secretary actually conducted the business in good order. A boy presided at the organ, the boys all provided with both hymn books and Bibles, and each one seemed

HOW SAVE THE BOYS?

"My message is really this: We must rely less upon scheming and method, and cease to look for the prophet of a miracle movement that shall solve our problem. In home and community and Church, we shall save our boys and Jesus did the world, by the sharing of life with them. For them we must go down into the Galilee of simple-heartedness and the Samaria of commonplaceness and dwell at the Nazareth of childish toil and struggle, and meet in the Gethsemane of intercession, yea, and climb the sacrificial mound of Calvary, as did the fathers and mothers and saints of old, to bring them to God and to form in them the eternal life of a new creation."—Dr. W. B. Forbush.

desirous of contributing to the success of the meeting. As the roll was called, the boys responded with a passage of Scripture. Though the exercises were somewhat abbreviated to permit of an address from the writer, it was evident that the members were being trained to good order, reverent demeanor, and systematic methods in their meetings. We commend these simple facts to those who say that they cannot have a boys' service with satisfaction or success, without nonsense or candy or both. Boys are sensible. They respond to sensible treatment. The Junior League offers a Constitution sufficiently comprehensive and at the same time sufficiently elastic, to meet the needs of our boys. Conducted as this Junior League is, it ought to be a splendid success in developing habits of self-control, reverence, study, worship, and such personal purity in daily living as are essential to growth in true and permanent manliness. And this League is disproof of the statement sometimes made that none but a man can "manage" boys. If the hour we spent with the Simcoe Street Junior League meant anything to us, it meant that given a godly, devoted and tactful young woman in charge, there will be no lack of interest on the part of the boys simply because they are not "headed" by one of their own sex. And such a young woman in charge of a couple of score of such boys is doing a work that well

merits the sympathy and support of the whole congregation. She is developing the citizens of the future, and so helping establish our land in righteousness, truth and the fear of God. We wish that every congregation in our Church had a League similar in spirit and purpose to the one we have herein referred to.

The Most Important Factor

The Junior Epworth League is not automatic. It will not run itself. It is good to have a League that has been well set agoing, but unless it is kept well agoing it will soon stop altogether. Large membership, varied programmes, active committees, are part of desirable machinery and equipment; but being asked as to the most important factor in profitable work among Juniors, we unhesitatingly answer, "Character in the Superintendent." The force of the leader's personality is constantly influencing the young minds and hearts associated together in the League. A weak "head" to the Society will mean weakness all through. Character that embodies Christly principles in its consultation and reflects such in living, daily practice, will prove in the long run to be the worker's most valuable asset. Children readily, and generally with correctness, form their estimate of those who undertake to teach or train them. Confidence in the teacher's personal worth is essential to profitable instruction. If, therefore, we would impart Christian virtues to the young we must be the living embodiment of such before them. If we would develop in them true Christian character, they must be able to recognize such in us as we come before them from day to day. Nothing can be offered as a substitute for this old-fashioned personal goodness. Many, if they knew it, might quote Emerson's suggestive phrase, "I cannot hear what you say for listening to what you are." What we are of we do in fact, and what we say loses its force if it is contradicted by what we are. God never errs in judgment of character, and children soon find us out at our true worth—all of which means that the right kind of Junior Superintendent or Sunday School teacher will reap a more abundant harvest, though the work be done under disadvantages, than a weak or halting one can expect, even though the latest methods and most complete equipment be used. A strong Christian character is the first and greatest essential in the organization of a Junior League, and is indispensable for its success in operation.

Bible Alphabet Exercise

Complete (from memory if you can) the quotations suggested by the following initial words, giving, of course, in each case, the Bible verse or phrase that follows the word—

- A, Abstain —; B, Behold —; C, Come —; D, Depart —; E, Enter —; F, Fear —; G, Go —; H, Honor —; I, In —; J, Judge —; K, Keep —; L, Let —; M, Mind —; N, Now —; O, Open —; P, Prove —; Q, Quench —; R, Remember —; S, Seek —; T, Trust —; U, Unto —; V, Yow —; W, Wine —; X, Xcept —; Y, Ye —; Z, Zealous —

The Juniors of Yarmouth, N.S., have had considerable memory review work with an exercise similar to the above. Try it in your League.

Teacher: "You have named all domestic animals save one. It is (has) hairy, it is grumpy, it likes dirt." (It is a pig.) "Tom." (It is a tom.) "Tom." (It is a tom.) "That's me."—Chicago Tribune.