

Our Juniors

Seasonable Suggestions

- Vacation is nearly over.
- Families are going home.
- School duties are being resumed.
- Church work is being planned afresh.
- The boys and girls must not be overlooked.
- Do not be content with doing something for them.
- See that your plans include something to be done by them.
- The Junior Epworth League affords suitable opportunity for this.
- Therefore make a canvass of your community for enlarged junior membership.
- The main requirement for a successful Junior Department is tactful leadership.
- Let your opening League Business Meeting consider the needs of the Junior Division and provide for them.
- Your League Executive, whether local, district, or conference, should take steps to extend and develop the junior work wherever practicable.
- If your League has had no accessions to its membership from the growing juniors, you are trying to maintain your roll by illogical methods of work.
- Get the boys and girls, grow them into Christian character, train them in usefulness, graduate them from the junior into the adult section, and so preserve the continuity of the League life from childhood up to manhood.

Weekly Topics

SEPTEMBER 19.—“DOTH GOD TAKE CARE FOR OXEN?”—1 Cor. 9, 9.

This is intended to be a Band of Mercy meeting. Kindness to animals is the chief lesson to be taught. It is based on the providence of God. He has made provision for the needs of all His creatures. None are valueless in His sight. Cruelty is often the result of thoughtlessness on the part of the young. Hence all should be instructed in the spirit of careful and kindly consideration of the claims of the brute creation. Habits of cruelty increase and grow in our boys and girls unless they are early taught to be kind and considerate to all living things. Ask your members to tell of any incident they may ever have seen in which wrong has been done any animal by themselves or others they have seen. You will find them responsive enough. Then make application to their domestic pets. The horse, dog, cat, fowls, rabbits, and other animals and birds all have a daily claim on our care and attention. A boy who starts by being cruel to his dog will grow up to be a selfish and unkind man. A girl who neglects her canary will grow indifferent to the claims of her friends.

“A merciful man regardeth the life of his beast” is a wise and old saying. Show that unless this is done, we are not like our Heavenly Father, who careth for even the sparrows.

Encourage your juniors to a pledge against neglect and cruelty in every form and to a spirit of kindness and care towards every creature of God.

SEPTEMBER 26.—MISSIONARY MEETING.—THE SCHOOLS AND ORPHANAGE IN WEST CHINA.

We were all schoolboys and girls, so of course we were very much interested in the school work of our mission in West China. Mr. Carscallen told us about the old system of education in China, and it seemed very strange to us. Then he took us to our Chentu school, and here we found that the boys were studying geography and

history and arithmetic, just as we do at home. Mr. Carscallen told us all about the plans for the great university that is to be built shortly, and took us outside the gate of the city to see the land on which the new buildings are to stand.

The girls are very much interested in the new W. M. S. school where the Chinese girls are being educated. The pupils were all very bright and happy, and seemed to be enjoying their school work.

We were glad, too, to visit the orphanage, where so many poor little children are being cared for. Many of these little ones have been thrown out on the streets, and if the missionaries did not care for them, they would die, for girl babies are not wanted in China. But in their new home they are bright and happy.

At Yuinhsien, we visited the new mission school, which is in charge of Mr. Wallace. Such a happy crowd of boys as there was there. Mr. Wallace told us about the field day that they had some

we decided that we would like to help in this great work. So next year, our League is going to support a schoolboy in West China.—A. D. S.

OCTOBER 3.—“IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS.”—1 Thess. 5, 18.

Submit such questions as the following, a week ahead, to the brightest of your juniors. Let them find the answers at home and give them in the meeting.

1. What passage in the Bible teaches gratitude to God?
2. What people were accused of ingratitude to God?
3. Find some reasons that are named for giving thanks to God.
4. How should we express our thanks?
5. Find two things that accompany thanksgiving.
6. Name some who were grateful to Christ for His good deeds to them.
7. Who failed to give thanks for His mighty works?
8. What reasons have we in autumn for thanksgiving?
9. How should we observe Thanksgiving Day?
10. Is it right ever to murmur?
11. What do you think the topic means when it says “everything?”
12. To what does ingratitude lead?



HOW THEY FED THE DEER BABY

time ago, and all we wished that we could have seen the Chinese boys in their races and games. Mr. Wallace told us about the new high school which they hope to establish in Yuinhsien soon, and said that he hoped that many of the boys from this school would afterwards go up to attend the university at Chentu.

The work among the boys and girls is so important that schools are to be established as soon as possible after a town has been opened for services. In many cases, the teachers are Christian Chinese, but of course the missionaries are in charge.

It was all very interesting to us, and when Mr. Carscallen asked how many of us wanted to help, we all held up our hands. He said that prayer was the most important thing, and that this was something in which we might all have a share. But we can do more. Many of the boys from the Christian homes are poor, and their fathers cannot afford to give them an education. They want our help, because these boys are needed to preach the Gospel in China. It costs only thirty dollars a year to educate one of the boys, and

OCTOBER 10.—NOT IDLERS BUT WORKERS.—2 Thess. 3, 7-13.

1. When did St. Paul first visit Thessalonica? Acts 17, 1.
2. Why, do you think, did he write like this? Verses 11, 12.
3. What do you mean by “busybodies?” If they were not busy in their own work, in what were they busy?
4. What had Paul written them before? 1 Thess. 4, 11.
5. Find another reason for work. Verse 10.
6. (Without work we cannot expect to have even our food. Industry is a necessary law of life).
7. In work for God, what should we not be? Read verse 13, and find other passages, such as Gal. 6, 9, to show what is meant.
8. In what did Paul set himself up as an example in verse 7?
9. Did he write like this to any other people? If so, find what he said.
10. How can we work for God?