

dom to approach Him and receive His blessing. We fear that many of Wesley's followers have receded from the strictly scriptural position he took, in their treatment of little children. Jesus plainly taught that the kingdom of heaven belongs to the children and the childlike. He did not tell little children that they must become as old men; but he did tell the older men that they must become as little children, or they could not even enter the kingdom. Jesus welcomed the children as belonging to Him. The church must do the same, or be untrue to her Lord. Heartily, gladly, and to bless them, Jesus opened His arms to receive them. So must we if we would "feed the flock of God, over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers." Not grudgingly, grumblingly, patronizingly, or reluctantly; but with a due recognition of their true place, their God-given right, and with great joy, must the church care for the children, until they can sever themselves from their real glory, or perpetuate herself in strength. Not by conquest from without, but by culture from within, is she to gain her most striking victories. To attack sinners by the power of the truth is a great mistake, to prevent sinning by the inner working of truth is greater. Salvation by pardon is wonderful; but salvation by prevention is more so. A little child, more fully than an adult prodigal, can appreciate the meaning of the name, Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Jesus for the children, and the children for Jesus, should be our constant watchword. Anything less than this dishonors Him, and robs them. Do not misrepresent Jesus to the children, and do not procrastinate in relation to their open confession of Him.

OCT. 11.—A YOUNG MAN WHOM JESUS LOVED. Mark 10: 17-22.

There were many really good things about this young man. He had almost as much heart, courage, wish, and yet was conscious of his weakness as that he needed. About this is came asking the question, "Good Teacher, what must I do to gain enduring life?" He knew that neither his good record, his standing in the community, nor his money could give him this. Jesus looked at him, and His love went out to him." He told him that there was one thing still wanting in him—he must prefer wealth in heaven to all the riches of earth. That made the young man sorrowful, for he did not seem ready or willing to give up the riches of earth for those of heaven. Was he selfish? It seems so. And is not that the trouble with the most of us? It is not easy to see how we can have by giving up, and yet the surest way is here. When it comes to a struggle between the earthly and the heavenly, the material and the spiritual, the temporal and the eternal, we are always poorer when the first-named prevail, and we choose it in preference to the latter. Like many of us, this young man had a wrong idea of the true value of one's wealth. Not what we have, but what we are, makes us rich. He had a lot of money; but still he was poor in what makes a true man. Cash remains but a little while, character abides forever. So we should prefer character to cash, and unless we can use the latter to enrich the former, we cannot be truly rich. He might have done so; but we fear he refused, and so continued poor. The life that endures is not composed of this world's goods, and we are wise only when we so use whatever we have for a little while, that it adds to what we own forever. Many of us speak of owning money. But this is a mistake. God owns all the money in all the universe, and if he has put more or less of it in our possession, he has put it there, it is that we may use it for His

glory. The young man did not see that he was only God's steward for all the money he had, and so he acted wrongly, and was the loser. "A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth"; but in feeling and doing like Him who gave His life for others.

A Sample Report

In order to give our Junior superintendents an idea of the kind of work every League ought to be doing, we have secured a copy of the report of the Moncton, N.B., Junior League for the past year, as read at the business meeting of the League by the fifth vice-president. We should like to receive similar reports from our Junior League superintendents. This one is as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Senior Epworth League, Central Methodist Church, Moncton, N.B.

Dear Leaguers:—It is our duty to give you this evening a report of the year's work in the Junior League. The League was reopened in September last after two months' holidays, and at the first meeting the new officers were elected from among the boys, the following being elected: Herbert M. Fairweather, President; Stuart MacPherson, 1st Vice; Vernon Jackson, 2nd Vice; Colin Baird, 3rd Vice; Don Bell, 4th Vice; Edwin Cuthbertson, Secretary; Jack Forbes, Treasurer; Paul Steeves, Temperance.

These boys held office until February, and were followed in office by girl officers, whose term of office has just expired. They were: Grace Jackson, President; Helen Mathews, 1st Vice; Rosie Lates, 2nd Vice; Daisy Everett, 3rd Vice; Ethel Forbes, 4th Vice; Myrtle Peters, Secretary; Winnie Lockhart, Corresponding Secretary; Vera Bell, Temperance Chairman; Beulah Forbes, Treasurer.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT.

The Junior Epworth League topics for the year were used, the Junior League taking the meetings in their turn, or helping to give the lesson for the day.

(a) We try to make each Junior fully understand the Active Members' Pledge before signing it, and so on each Consecration Sunday a Pledge Exercise suggested and arranged by Rev. S. T. Bartlett is used.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

"During the year the 'Missionary Trip Around the World' was completed, and many interesting facts gathered thereby. The French Methodist Institute at Montreal was the subject of our last Missionary Sunday's lesson.

Ten of the Juniors collected \$10.00 towards Chénuta Hospital Fund, which amount has been forwarded to Dr. Sutherland, Toronto.

SOCIAL WORK.

Two entertainments have been held by the members of the Junior League since the last annual meeting—the first in the month of June, 1907, and the second in January last. The latter was in the form of a "Bean Supper" for the members of the Junior League only; over one hundred Juniors being present, on that occasion, and, needless to say, all took part." In the evening a short programme was carried out, which had been arranged by one of the Juniors—Ethel Forbes, a splendid League worker.

CORRESPONDENCE PLAN.

A wide correspondence is carried on in the Junior League, letters and postal cards being exchanged between Junior Leagues—Napanee, Valleyfield, and Freshford. These letters have been very helpful to us in our work, and many of the plans suggested have been in-

duced into the League here with good result.

HOME STUDY.

Finding that the limited time of a Junior League meeting on Sunday afternoon would allow very little opportunity for Supplementary Bible Study, we have been trying a "Home Study" plan, which so far has proved to be successful, the Juniors being required to write out at home a certain portion from memory. This work is assigned to them a week previous, and a record is being kept of each Juniors' progress. The home study for 1908 consists of:

1. Lord's Prayer.
2. Mizpah. (Where found, who said it, etc.)
3. Beatitude. (Where found, who said them, etc.)
4. Benediction. (Where found, who said it, etc.)
5. Commandments.
6. Psalm 23.
7. Names of Books of Bible, etc.
8. Luke 1: 48-79 (Benedictus)
9. Luke 11: 29-32 (No. Dimittis).
10. Luke 1: 66-55 (Magnificat).
11. Luke 11: 10-14 (Song of the Angels).
12. Active Members' Pledge.

Several of the Juniors have made perfect marks so far, and it is proposed to have some recognition made of the same when the contest closes.

In conclusion, I wish to refer to the kind assistance of Miss Florence Mitchell, Mrs. Geo. Forbes, and Miss Augusta Wilcox, also of Mr. Geo. Moore, superintendent of the Sunday School. Miss Mitchell's successful management of the Primary Department of the Junior League is very apparent to a visitor to that department.

Attached hereto is Miss Mitchell's report on the work of the department under her supervision.

Sincerely yours in Junior League work,
BESSIE H. FAIRWEATHER,
Superintendent Junior Epworth League
(Fifth Vice-President).

From the report of Moncton Central Junior League for 1907-08, given herewith, we notice that for the first six months of the year the officers were all boys, and that the succeeding term was given over to the management of the girls. This is suggestive, for the question is frequently asked, "How can we use the boys?" Evidently the boys cannot be of use unless they are used, and useful boys are not ready-made, but trained. If your League is not treating the boys in a very practical way you will soon lose them, for boys naturally like to do things. A bit of sound philosophy was announced by a good old man, who said once, "It is always a good meeting when you take the part of clothes it is!" And if we expect our boys and girls to come to our meetings and sit still like empty vessels to be filled from the overflow of our superior knowledge, we err. Both boys and girls are to learn efficiency in doing by practice. And the Junior League is the practice ground of the church for the children. Boys have little use for anything that is dull or inactive. But wherever there is something doing you will find them interested spectators at first, but soon active participants. Do not be afraid to trust your boys with a measure of responsibility in office. It adds to a boy's estimate of himself and increases his sense of manliness to be so trusted. Where one will take you, and soon active participants, do not be afraid to trust your boys with a measure of responsibility in office. The church that has nothing doing for boys and by boys during the week need not be surprised if she soon loses them on Sundays, and it is a great sorrow and shame that this is really many churches. Do not be afraid to provision at all for boys between Sundays. Has yours?