

It we disobey him, we cannot expect his smile or blessing. The aim of Jesus is best shown in his own words: "I do always those things that please him." And of others he later said: "If any man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him," etc. One of the principles on which Divine favor is promised is obedience to God's Word. This was so in olden times, and has never been changed. Therefore, the more God sees in us a desire to honor and obey him, the more he will make his favor known to us. We could not enjoy it otherwise.—(Tom was dissatisfied with his life at home, and made up his mind to run away. He did so. All the time he was away his father wanted to do him good, but he could not. Tom shut himself out from the good his father would have liked to do him. He learned a lesson, and after a few months came home again, glad to get back once more. His father was pleased to have him return, and Tom learned that the favor of his father was worth more to him than he had ever thought before. So with us and God. We cannot do us good if we do not live with him and obey his wise laws. His favor will be ours just so far as we love and serve him.) Timothy is referred to in our Topic. In Acts 16, 2 we learn that Timothy was well thought of where he lived. This was because he was known as a good boy.

From Paul's letters to him we learn that he was early taught the Scriptures, that by them he was made wise, that in his home he was loved, and that from his home he was able to go out into the world and work for Christ in the same kind, wise and reverent spirit. Like Jesus and Timothy, our boys of to-day should try to show home piety. The virtues of truthfulness, help, obedience, kindness, etc., at home are much needed still. Parents appreciate them when shown by their children, and nothing so sweetens home life as this spirit among all its members. . . . Let the Juniors feel that they should try in all ways to please God and gain his favor. Let them be instructed as was Timothy in the graces of domestic peace, unity and happiness, and if they honor these while young, they will grow into wise and useful men and women, whom God can both bless and use in his work.

June 24.—"The full stature of man in Christ Jesus." Eph. 4, 11-16.

The course of nature as seen in the processes of growth everywhere. In the vegetable kingdom it is "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." In the animal kingdom the same is seen. Your children see flowers expanding, fruit forming, the garden growing, the harvest approaching by processes of growth. In the same is true of themselves physically. They outgrow their clothes rapidly, and often pride themselves in their increased height or weight from year to year. It is true intellectually. They are promoted at school as they are able to understand the progressive steps of knowledge involved in their studies. Their text-books, like their clothes, become too small for them as their capacity increases. Now, as growth is a law of physical and mental life, so also is it in morals. A boy becomes a man physically by growing into one. So in wisdom. No one becomes perfect in understanding or character without growth "in grace." A parent does not expect his boys to be boys forever. He looks forward to the time when they shall be "men grown." So with God, our Heavenly Father. He expects us to grow into men and women "in Christ Jesus." Now, remember, if we are to grow we must observe the laws that govern us. If a boy is to grow strong in body he must eat, sleep, exer-

cise himself well. If he eats poison he will harm his body, or perhaps die. So with the mind. We must use our brains and think well if we would grow intelligently. And there are spiritual laws govern the growth of our soul's life. They were found in the precepts and example of Jesus Christ. We have studied them during June. If we go on growing we shall come to the stage of spiritual manhood some day. All the helps to growth we need are provided for us. God has given us everything we need that "we may grow up into Christ, our living Head in all things," and if we do as he asks of us we shall become strong men and women here, and his perfected saints at last. There is no need of stunted men and women in God's Spiritual Kingdom. He wants sound, healthy, wise and loving children and such we may all be.

JULY.

Thought for the month—"God in all Things."

July 1.—"God of the Nations—A Patriotic Song Service." Ps. 100.

July 1st, 1867, ought to be remembered by all as the date of Confederation, and as the birthday of our Dominion. Hence each succeeding 1st of July is known as Dominion Day. Our Juniors should celebrate it with patriotic loyalty and enthusiasm. Let appropriate hymns be selected for the programme. Arrange beforehand in lots of time with some of the more advanced members for papers dealing with Canadian subjects. Doubtless you have in your League copies of recent Reading Circle books. Take "Our Canadian Heritage" and appropriate the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th chapters to four persons for study and restatement in the meeting. Take chapters 9 and 10 of Millar's "Canadian Citizenship" for similar treatment. Both these books are in the E.L.R.C. In this way you will have dealt with the Dominion's Area, History, Climate, Resources and Government, and in such a way as will do much good to your essayists and members participating. This will be far better than doing all the talking yourself. Then a fitting close may be made from the Superintendent's device by pointing out that the nation's strength is in the characters of her people. And this is great by their religion. God must be honored, his Day must be held sacred, his Word obeyed, his House attended, his Kingdom everywhere established, or else the nation will grow selfish and before long disaster will follow. If we are going to be happy and prosperous, God must be worshipped and served by us. So will he make us strong and give us good success.

July 8.—"The Master Builder—God the Maker and Builder of All Things." Heb. 3, 4; Gen. 1, 9.

A reverent regard for the Creator is the main topic lesson for to-day. The argument from design will perhaps be the easiest way to impress the thoughts involved. Take a watch as an illustration thus, e.g.: Somebody made it. . . . Whoever made it knew how. . . . He made it for a purpose. . . . That purpose is fulfilled only when the watch keeps time. . . . It must be kept in good running order, etc. So with the universe. It could not come of itself, for there was a time when no earth existed. God made it. He made it and all the universe wisely and well. The purpose of all is to glorify him by doing his wise and holy will. What prevents mankind from doing all that God wants? It is sin in the hearts of men and women. A grain of sand, a speck of dust even, in the hair-spring of a watch may make it useless as a time-

keeper. So with sin in the heart. The watch must be repaired if it is in disorder. So with our hearts. God who made us, alone can keep us right. So made us, alone is our Creator and Saviour. He made us, and by his Son he has saved us from sin. Creator and Redeemer is he! . . . His wonderful works show forth his power and glory. His gift of his Son proves his love. We ought to both worship and lovingly serve him, for he has both made and redeemed us for himself forever.

Valuable Work

Rev. George E. Honey, B.D., writes that the Junior League at Drayton has taken up the Supplementary Lesson work, passing excellent examinations on the Catechism, the beatitudes, books of the Bible, the life of Jesus, etc. Twenty-one wrote, and eleven received 75 per cent. or over, thus securing a diploma.

This is interesting and valuable work for the boys and girls. If we cannot get the Supplementary Course introduced into our Sunday-schools, let us at least do something at it in the Junior Leagues.

A Walk and a Ride

Two little twin brothers were Willy and Frank.
Who were out for a walk one day,
They tramped over meadows and down the brookside
Till tired to death were they.
Then what did these boys do but sit down and cry:
"We can't take a step more, 'tis no use to try
We're tired, oh, so tired, 'till we're ready to die!
Boohoo! Boohoo! Boohoo!"
But good luck sometimes will play wonderful tricks,
And a Willy's feet lay two beautiful sticks,
As sooth and as sound
As ever were found.
"Why, Frank, here's a pair of fine horses!" said he,
"We'll ride, yes, we will!" and they mounted in glee,
And capered and cantered and galloped two miles,
And jumped over fences and leaped over stiles.
"We're not tired a bit, not a bit!" they both cried,
"It's tiresome to walk, but how pleasant to ride!"