

Some of you have read the story of the Black Hole of Calcutta, when 146 English were confined in a dungeon twenty feet square, during one night, and only twenty-three remained alive in the morning. This occurred in 1756, and then, one hundred years later, followed the Indian Mutiny. You will read about these with more interest now that you have seen the city.

ALLAHABAD.

We are going to take the train now, to Allahabad, "the city of God." This is

June 2.—"God's Prophets and their Messages." (The Prophets.) Jer. 25, 4-7.

The Prophet's were God's messengers to His people. They made known His will, and taught the people how to keep it. They not only told of things that were to come in the future; but they showed the people how they ought to live in the present. They were preachers and teachers. Their messages all called to Righteousness. When the nation of old heard and obeyed, they prospered. When they disobeyed, they suffered loss. The prophets preached Truth, and exhorted the people

information is given us in His Word. . . . 2. Choice. We must choose for ourselves. He teaches; but never compels us. . . . 3. Action. The very word "walk" means progress, not only movement. (Soldiers sometimes "mark time." They do not move ahead in doing it. "God wants us to do more than "mark time.") 4. Continuance. We should "Go Forward!" not just a little bit once in a while; but regularly and steadfastly every day. . . . 5. Separation. If we are to walk in His paths, we must keep clear of the ways of sin and wrong-doing. No one can walk in two ways at once. Everybody is walking one way always. Only he who walks in the ways of God is safe, happy, prosperous, and strong. The way of sin is the way of danger, death, and despair. . . . There is no excuse for ignorance, for God has given His Word; there is none for failure, for God has promised His aid. Therefore, let us all do His will.

June 16.—"Isaiah's Song of Thanksgiving" (Praise Meeting.) Isaiah chap. 12.

The study of the six verses of this chapter will give abundant illustration of "Praise" for the following subjects:

- Pace.
- Reconciliation.
- Aid.
- Instruction.
- Salvation.
- Excellent things.

The statement of the prophet, "He hath done excellent things," will open up a wide field, in which the Juniors may readily roam and find added reasons for thanksgiving to God.

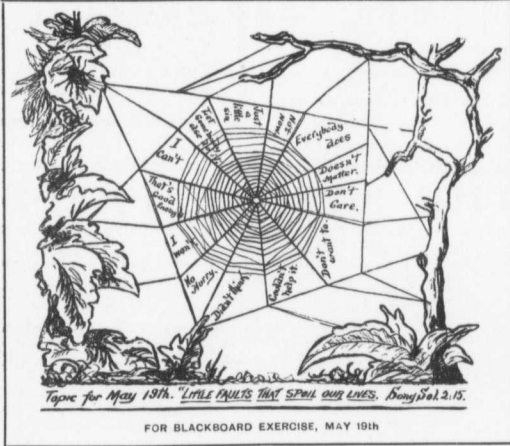
(In arranging for the Topics, do not forget in some way to remind the young people of the significance of May 24th. The memory of the good Queen Victoria should never be allowed to die out. The older Juniors will recall many things connected with her reign, but the younger children should be taught of her devoted character and Christian influence. If you can arrange for a special meeting commemorative of Her Majesty, do so.)

Boys Who Made Great Men

A Swedish boy fell out of a window and was badly hurt, but with clenched lips he kept back the cry of pain. The king, Gustavus Adolphus, who saw the boy fall, prophesied that he would make a man for an emergency. He did, for he became the famous General Bauer.

A German boy was reading a blood-and-thunder novel. Right in the midst of it he said to himself: "Now, this will never do. I get too much excited over it. I can't study so well after it. So here it goes!" And he hung the book into the river. He was Fichte, the great philosopher.

THE next issue of this paper will be a special Junior number, prepared by Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Associate General Secretary. This will contain many good things for and about the Juniors, and should be widely circulated. Copies will be supplied by the Book Steward at \$2.00 per hundred, post-paid, or \$1.00 for fifty. The Juniors can sell these at 5 cents per copy, and make a nice profit. Send all orders early, so that a sufficient number of papers may be printed.



Topic for May 19th. "LITTLE FAULTS THAT SPIN OUR LINES. Being Vol. 2, 15.

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a great resort for pilgrims, as it is situated at the junction of the Ganges and the Jumna, the holy streams of India. So many pilgrims throng the city, especially during the great fair, held every twelve years, that the natives call it the "City of Beggars." Allahabad, too, suffered in the Indian Mutiny, but you can read that up when you reach home again.

BOMBAY

In order that we may see as much as possible of this great country, we are going across to Bombay, on the western coast. We notice as we pass along how densely populated India is. You have heard of the great famines that sometimes sweep over the land, and now you can understand what a serious matter it is when the crops fail, for the people, as a whole, are miserably poor.

We should feel a special interest in India, too, for it was here that William Carey, the shoemaker, the pioneer missionary of modern times, did his work. We shall hear more of him later.

But here we are at Bombay, one of the great cities of India, almost as large as Calcutta. Here we find an enormous dockyard, covering 200 acres. In addition there are a number of buildings of interest, including the Town Hall, Cathedral, Custom House, and others.

MADRAS

Madrass, the last place we shall visit in India, is over on the Bay of Bengal, nearly 800 miles south-east of Bombay. This is called "The City of the College," and in it are to be found churches of all denominations. You can easily find these cities on the map of India. In your school geography. Our trip through India will make these places very real to you—not merely a number of meaningless names.

to live it. The messages of the prophets were mainly to denounce sin, call to repentance, and comfort the faithful servants of God. Sixteen different men have left their prophetic utterances in the Old Testament. (Find their names.)

But there were other prophets besides these. Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, and others were prophets; but there are no books bearing their names like those of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. . . . Taking the text assigned for the day: Who sent the prophets to the people? . . . What was their message? . . . How did the people receive them? . . . What was the result of their disobedience? . . . The call of God to us is the same in principle as it was to the Jews of old. . . . The need of righteousness is as great as ever. . . . The curse of sin is as bitter as the Jews proved it. . . . The blessing of obedience are as great as ever before. . . . And the folly of rejecting God's Word is as sad as in the days of long ago. . . . What the prophets explained from God's law as the people's duty then, the preachers and teachers make plain now. God still teaches us. We must heed and obey. If we refuse there is nothing but loss before us. But the way of obedience is easy to those who would walk in it. If we will, we may enjoy the favor of the Lord as truly as His Prophets declare it so long ago. Hear! Heed! Obey! These are the emphatic words.

June 9.—"Walking in God's Paths." (God's Paths.) Isa. 2, 1-3.

"We will walk in His paths," is the central statement to-day. What does this involve? . . . 1. Knowledge. We must know what they are. . . . This