The Juniors

HOME PRIZE BIBLE QUESTIONS

"A Request."—Pastors, superintendents, presidents, teachers, parents, all friends of the young folk are requested to assist the Editor in making this department a great success. Encourage your boys and girls to do a little home study. We give a nice book prize every month in each class.

"Awards"—In answer to our March questions the prizes are given as follows: Class 1, under 10 years, to Myra Flynn, Avonmore, Ont.; Class 2, under 13, to Ereta Flynn, Avonmore, Ont., Class 3, under 16, to Jean R. Howard, St. Stephen, N.B. We made awards without consulting places or names, and did not notice until prizes were awarded that two go to one place and to members of one family. But the girls did well, and Jean Howard's card is the most beautifully written one we have ever received. The questions were hard ones, too.

"Conditions"—All answers must come to the Editor written on an ordinary postcard. They must be postmarked not later than June 1st. Scripture proof texts should be given whenever possible. Your name, age, and address should always be given.

N.B.—You must do your very best every time.

"This Month's Questions:"

Class 1.—Under ten years.—What did Solomon say about obedient children?

Class 2.—Under thirteen years.—What three apostles were most often with Jesus?

Class 3.—Under sixteen years.—What chapter in the four Gospels contains the largest number of Christ's parables, and what are they?

JUNIOR TOPICS.

(Our Juniors will have to excuse our brief notes this month, because of the special Sunday school character of this number.—Ed.)

MAY 29.—WORK AMONG THE GIRLS AND THE BOYS IN OUR CITIES.

This topic will give the Superintendent a splendid opportunity to teach the lesson of brotherly love. The girls and boys in our cities are many of them, of foreign birth and speech, and too many have looked with something of scorn upon them, forgetting that God is their Father, as truly as He is ours. Some have come from homes of poverty and in many cases from persecution, to this new land, where there is freedom and the opportunity to become worthy citizens.

To meet the needs of these children and their parents, special forms of work have been undertaken in our great cities. The primary object, of course, is to bring them all to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and then to lead them to better and happier living here and now.

Let one of the smaller Juniors tell of the mission kindergarten, and of the children who attend. A second may impersonate a member of the kitchen garden class, if this girl wears a cap and apron, and carries a broom, the part will be more effective. Two of the older Juniors may describe the work of the various clubs, and then have one of the boys tell of life at the Fresh Air Camp.

Information for the preparation of this meeting may be found in Appendices Nos. 4 and 6 of "Strangers Within Our Gates," which are the reports of All Peoples' Missions, in Winnipeg and Montreal. The price of the book is 35 cents paper, or 50 cents cloth, or the reports alone will be sent free. Other references are: The Report of the Fred Victor Mission, Toronto (free); Report of the Children's Aid Society, Toronto (free); and Missionary Report (free). All of these and many other Missionary helps you may obtain from F. C. Stephenson, Methodist Mission Rooms, Toronto. Send ten cents for postage.—C. C. S.

JUNE 5.—A GIRL WHO OWED HER LIFE TO JESUS. Luke 8: 40-56.

1. Read the story to see how Jesus went to the ruler's house.
2. What incident occurred on the way to this home? See also Mark 5: 25-43, and Matt. 9: 20-34.
3. What two things does it show?
4. Which had the more faith, Jairus or the woman? (What is faith?)
5. Who did Jesus find in the house, and what did he do?
6. Do we not owe our lives to Jesus?
7. Is this a picture of what some day He will do for us?
8. Memorize 1 John 3: 1, 2.—C. G. W.

JUNE 12.—A BOY WHO WAS OF USE TO JESUS. John 6: 1-15.

1. Note that this is the first notable event in the public ministry of Jesus, recorded by all four of the Gospel writers. Read each account.
2. Picture.—Make your own, as only you can do.
3. Did the boy understand the words of Jesus?
4. What use did Jesus make of this lad? (The boy unselfishly gave up his food, with it Jesus fed the crowd.)
5. Has He need for boys to-day? In what way may they still serve Him? (Boys can help Jesus feed hungry souls with the Bread of Heaven).
6. Commit to memory John 6: 35. (Bread stands for necessary supply and also for sufficient supply.)
7. We feed our bodies on bread and meat. Upon what do we feed our minds and souls?
8. How may we get and keep the boys? Chapter 9 in the Junior League Hand-book gives some valued suggestions.—Read it—C. G. W.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Attention is called to the following Schools. Your League should be well represented at the one most convenient.

ONTARIO.

1. Boy of Quinte Conference, at Welling ton, July 4 to 11. Write Rev. R. Whattam, Woodville, for programme.

"SEE THAT PRETTY BUTTERFLY."

2. London and Hamilton Conferences, at Alma College, St. Thomas, July 14-21. Write Rev. J. W. Baird, 4 Hyatt Ave., London, for particulars.
3. Windsor District and Kingsville, July 18-24. Write Rev. A. E. M. Thomson, Amherstburg, for folder.

Others are doubtless being arranged but the above are all we have official knowledge of.

THE WEST.

1. Rock Lake, Man., July 4-13.
2. Lake Dauphin, Man., July 13-20.
3. Shoal Lake, Man., July 20-26.
4. Oxbow, Sask., July 26-Aug. 1.
5. Lumsden Beach, Sask., August 1-10.

It is expected that the General Secretary and Mr. Doyle will attend the Ontario Schools, and Mr. Farewell the Western ones as representatives of the General Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

ALBERTA NOTES.

The second annual convention of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of High River and Lethbridge districts was held in Claresholme, Alta., March 23-24.

The programme was very comprehensive, compassing every important phase of the work of these two departments of our Church. In addition to the uniform excellence of the papers and addresses, a stimulus was received in the round table discussions conducted by Rev. J. A. Doyle.

An important step was taken, in the projecting of a plan looking to the support of two missionaries, which involves the quadrupling of past givings and the inviting of the Medicine Hat District to cooperate in this project, together with the visiting of every point by a deputation to impart the necessary information and inspiration.

The newly elected officers are:—President, Mr. Norman Young, High River; Vice-presidents, (1) Rev. R. E. Finlay, Pincher Creek; (2) Miss B. Harrison, MacLeod; (3) Rev. George Webber, Okotoks; (4) Rev. H. H. Crage, Granum; (5) Miss A. A. Lyle, Lethbridge; Sec., Rev. W. W. Saunders (Gladys; Treas. R. M. Cooke, Nanton. Representative to Conference Executive, Rev. A. B. Argus, Claresholm.

"NO. 1 HARD"

Seed thoughts from the Northern Alberta Epworth League and Sunday School Convention, held at Edmonton, March 8th and 9th, 1910.

"The children trained now in the Junior League mean an impetus and growth in church activities among the seniors in the future."

"The vast amount of intellectual culture found in the West, if directed in proper channels will be of untold benefit to the peoples filling up that territory."

"Practice the plain common virtues in every walk in life."

"Get your life in tune with the Infinite at the very beginning of each day."

"Men should be sent to the homes of foreigners in our midst to learn their customs and language, for these people can give us much, and we have a vast amount to give to them. We must Christianize them or they will foreignize us."

"Creating interest among members of the League will result in increased attendance. More frequent discussions in the local League would prove beneficial, as no one speaker is able to exhaust a subject."

"A Sunday School Superintendent should be prompt and punctual in all his endeavors. He should not only seek to know the children, but, as far as possible, the parents. He should be in close touch with his teachers that they shall feel the responsibilities resting upon them."

"Special arrangements beforehand should be made for Rally Day, Decision Day, Temperance Sundays. Missionary stories should more frequently be told, and missionary boxes used. We should stand shoulder to shoulder to free our Provinces from the evils of the liquor traffic, which is sapping the life from many of our young men in the West. Our constant aim must be the abolition of the viper from our midst."

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. Cox, Edmonton; Vice-Presidents, (1) Wm. Ottewell Clover Bar; (2) Miss Thompson, Vegreville; (3) G. A. McKee, Strathcona; (4) T. G. Young, Wetaskiwin; (5) Mrs. Harrison, Edmonton; Secretary, Rev. Robert Pearson, Edmonton; Treasurer, Miss J. Edmonds, Edmonton; District Representative, Rev. W. A. Lewis, Norwood.

WORLD'S CONVENTIONS.

The first World's Sunday School Convention was held in London, England, in 1889; the second in St. Louis, U. S. A., in 1893; the third in London, England in 1898; the fourth in Jerusalem, Palestine, in 1904; the fifth in Rome, Italy, in 1907; and the sixth will be held in Washington, D.C., May 19-24, 1910.

FROM THE CENTRE

The Central Alberta Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, comprising the Red Deer, Lacombe, and Stettler Districts, met in Convention at Innisfail, on March 16th to 18th.

A high spiritual tone was manifest throughout the whole proceedings, the motto of the Convention being, "Individual Work for the Individual." Many vital points, essential to successful Sunday School work, were discussed, among them the following: "Responsibility," as related to the Scholar, the Parent, the Teacher, the Superintendent, and the Pastor. Much good was derived from the practical addresses, from which we have gathered a few helpful nuggets:

"Efficiency, adaptability, and atmosphere are requisite to the Sunday School as a Life Preserver."

"In the making of a citizen, Christian institutions have a very decided commercial value, the wealth of the nation is in the character of men."

"There is need for individual consecration, self-examination and prayer for the attainment of the fuller life."

In response to the suggestion that life be dedicated to a definite work, a young man stood up consecrating his life to the