

Junior Department.

This Department is in charge of REV. S. T. BARTLETT, Maple, Ont. All communications bearing on Junior work should be sent to his address. He invites the co-operation of all Junior workers in making this page both bright and profitable.

Noble Deeds Live On.

He built a house, time laid it in the dust ;
He wrote a book, its title now forgot ;
He ruled a city, but his name is not
On any tablet graven, or where rust
Can gather from disease, or marble bust.
He took a child from out a wretched cot,
Who on the State dishonor might have
brought,
And reared him to the Christian's hope and
trust.

The boy, to manhood grown, became a light
To many souls, preached for human need
The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.
The work has multiplied like stars at night
When darkness deepens ; every noble deed
Lasts longer than a granite monument.

—Sarah K. Bolton.

Scripture Examinations.

AWARDS.

The first prize, "*The Cross Triumphant*," goes to Nina Mathison, Union, Ont.

The second prize, "*God and Good Stories*," is given to Mildred Smallhorn, Everton, Ont.

Out of a possible 370 marks, the first named obtained 351, and the second, 338. Honorable mention should be made of Blanche Elliott, Omeuca, who was a good third up to the New Year ; but whose answers for January and February did not come to hand.

Both the prize-winners answered all the questions, and they were the only ones who did. A great many sent answers to some of them ; but failed to continue.

The Leagues deserving mention as forwarding a number of replies are Omeuca, Tabernacla, Belleville, and Wall Street, Brockville.

Miss Coates, of the last named, has interested quite a number in the questions and reports favorable results among her members.

Commencing with this number is a new series open to all under 16. Competitors must observe the following points :

1. Give your age.
2. Use only a post-card.
3. Always give Scripture references to prove your answers.

Age, neatness, conciseness, and regularity will all count in my record.

(Nina Mathison is only twelve years old, yet her post-card replies are very creditable indeed.)

At present, I cannot promise any prizes, as this will depend on the number who regularly write me. You will find my address above.

S. T. B.

Bible Questions.

1. Tell five things about *Moses*.
2. Write from memory the *Fifth* Commandment.
3. Name a boy who commenced to serve God when only very young.
4. Who wrote the 90th Psalm ?
5. Where does St. James write of the blessing of the tempted ?

Weekly Topics

MARCH 11TH.—"Rejecting Christ." Mark 12 : 1-9.

Study this topic under two heads— "What?" and "Why?" Write them on the board, and find out by questioning the Juniors "What" is meant by rejecting Christ, and "Why?" people do reject Him. Work it out somewhat as follows :

WHAT?

- "Reject"—refuse.
- Christ offers.—1. Pardon.
- 2. Peace.
- 3. Plenty.
- 4. Prosperity.
- 5. Purity, etc.

All these are a gift offered us.

WHY?

- "Reject" because—
- 1. Indifferent. "Don't Care."
- 2. Pre-occupied. "No Time."
- 3. Postponing. "To-morrow," etc.

DO NOT NEGLECT—Heb. 2 : 1-3; Eccl. xii. 1.

MARCH 18TH.—"Born Again." John 3 : 1-15.

What is "A New Life"? Explain that the elements that are new in the life are principally :

**NEW AFFECTIONS,
AIMS,
MOTIVES,
DESTINY.**

The old life loved unworthy things, lived for the present, was selfish, and had no bright hope for the future. The Holy Spirit changes this and makes all "New." Repentance and faith lead us to this new life in Christ.

MARCH 25TH.—"Glorious Obedience." Matt. 21 : 28-32.

Re-state the story of the two sons, and mark the characteristics of each. The order was to "go to work to-day." The first son refused ; but on second thought changed his mind, and went. The second son promised to go, but did not keep his promise to the father. God still wants deeds, not words. Why do people fail to obey God's call? Many reasons, but mainly because they do not like "work." "A busy man has one devil to fight ; but an idle man has a thousand." Idleness is injurious, for we can get more only by using what we have. "The glory of obedience" is shown in the success we reap when we do God's will.

**OUR
BEST
EFFORTS
YIELD glorious results for God.**

APRIL 1ST.—"Be Always Ready." Luke 21 : 29-36.

"Ready" for what? Anything God requires, e.g.:

1. To speak His praises.
2. To do His work.
3. To share another's burdens.
4. To render our account to Him.

To be thus "ready," we must be

**WILLING
WORKING
WATCHING
ATTENDING.**

APRIL 8th.—"Christ our Missionary Model."—John 4 : 5-15.

1. He was moved by loving pity.
2. He came to His own.
3. He gave Himself in sacrifice for others.

4. He reached out to all the world.
5. He loved and labored unto the end.
So let us do because we have "compassion on the multitude," begin at home, hold back nothing of all we have, sow the seed everywhere, and never cease while we have life and ability.

(These topics are necessarily brief and fragmentary, and are meant only to be suggestive to superintendents and leaders.)

The Catechism in Junior Societies

BY REV. F. E. CLARK, D.D.

There seems to be a wide field of usefulness in the introduction of catechetical instruction into the Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor. Though the chief object of these societies is the *training* of the boys and girls in practical Christian work, instruction in the truth, by question and answer may well be added, and may appropriately occupy a portion of the Junior hour. I would not be understood as intimating that the training idea should ever be lost or minimized. It is still necessary to teach the boys and girls to pray in their meetings, it is still necessary to train them for service by their committees under the direction of a wise superintendent, and it always will be ; but I plead for the union with the training of doctrinal ethical instruction through the question and answer method.

Each denomination will of course provide its own catechism, and will instruct its children in its own doctrines, polity, history and missions, and each will doubtless add instruction in right living, purity, honesty, reverence, obedience, and truth.

The old historic catechisms may, in many denominations, have greatly increased use, and in others which have no such catechism new manuals of doctrine and conduct will be provided. Junior Christian Endeavor Superintendents all over the country, will, I believe, welcome such an effort, and will rejoice to co-operate with their pastors and denominational authorities in instructing as well as training the boys and girls in the ways of life. I commend this new effort of the Junior Endeavorers, which has already awakened great interest, to the careful attention of my brethren of all denominations.

A Prosperous Society.

The following is the interesting report of the Junior League of the Sapperton Circuit, B.C. Conference, Rev. J. P. Howell, pastor :

Our League is now about two years old. We have about twenty-four members. Our prayer meeting is held every Sunday at the close of Sunday School. We have four committees—the Prayer Meeting Committee, the Sunshine, Lookout and Missionary.

The attendance at the prayer meetings has been very good, during the past year, and we are sure that the presence of Jesus is with us in our work. One of our members has been received into full church membership, and four others have been received on probation. The last Sunday of every month we hold our consecration meeting, and take up our monthly collection. During the past year our Industry Committee has been making articles for sale. Our Sunshine Committee visits the hospital and other sick friends, carrying fruit and flowers, books and papers to read, and in this work we feel that God has specially blessed us.

Our Missionary Committee has held some very good meetings, and we feel we are learning more about missions, and our responsibility to God for the progress of the work. The Lookout Committee has added a few new members in the past year.

On behalf of the Junior League,
FLORA FLEMING,
Convener of Prayer Meeting Committee.

A Polite War.

A little boy across the line, with an interest in the meaning of unfamiliar words, said to his mother : "What is the meaning of the word 'civil'?" "Kind and polite," answered the mother. A puzzled look brooded for a second on the boy's face. Then he said, "Was it a kind and polite war that was in this country once?"