

## Junior Department.

### From the Juniors Themselves.

We are glad to receive several letters from members of our Junior societies, showing that they have been reading our paper. We want them to become interested in the ERA, and promise to do all we can to help their work. The following letter is dated Tiverton, March 13th:

DEAR MR. EDITOR, I have not seen any letters from Junior Leagues in your paper. The EPWORTH ERA, but thought you might like to know a little about our League here. We think our Junior League the best in this district. We organized a year ago last November and we now have a large membership. We meet every Thursday evening at a quarter to seven, and the meeting closes at half-past seven. We have a missionary meeting every month, and the roll call at every meeting. Our superintendent, Mrs. A. I. Brown, is only just going to lead once a month, so we will have to take charge of it ourselves. We think the work of Junior Leagues is very good, as it prepares us for church work. We are going to try to help the seniors support Mr. Raley, the missionary of this district. When we see this letter in your very interesting paper we will write another.

MARY CHAMBERS, *President*, (Age 13.)  
MARIA GILCHRIST, *Secretary*, (Age 15.)

### Answers to Questions.

Master Edgar Taylor, of Minnewawa, sends correct answers to the questions asked in our last issue. The two boys referred to, he says, are Timothy and Daniel. Next time we hope to hear from scores of Juniors. By the way, can any of our Juniors tell us where Minnewawa is?

The following members of the Junior League at Prince Albert have sent correct answers: Alma Foy, Grant Heald, Aileen Rae, Pearl Rae, Olive Sutcliffe, Fred Madden, Mabel Williams, Willie Peterson.

An answer comes all the way from New Brunswick, from Wendell T. Stokoe, of Bloomfield, who says he is ten years old and is a member of the league at Bloomfield, of which his mother is president.

Wm. Essland, of Rob Roy, also answers correctly.

WELL DONE JUNIORS! Next time we will have to give you something harder.

### While You Are Yet Growing.

Growing girls and boys do not always appreciate that it is while they are growing that they are forming their figures for after life. Drooping the shoulders a little more every day, drooping the head as one walks, standing unevenly so that one hip sinks lower than the other—all these defects, easily corrected now, will be five times as hard in ten years. A graceful, easy carriage and an erect, straight figure are a pleasure to behold and a possession, and are worth striving for.

An easy way to practise walking well is to start out right. Just before you leave the house, walk up to the wall and see that your toes, chest and nose touch it at once; then, in that attitude, walk away. Keep your head up and your chest out, and your shoulders and back will take care of themselves.

A southern school-teacher used to instruct her pupils to walk always as if trying to look over the top of an imaginary carriage just in front of them. It is a good advice, for it kept the head raised. Don't think these

things are of no value. They add to your health and your attractiveness, two things to which everybody should pay heed.—N. Y. Times.

From Gerrard Street, Toronto.

One of the members writes as follows: "The Gerrard Street Intermediate League meets every Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. The meeting is carried on each week by different committees, each committee choosing its own subject. Every month there is a consecration meeting, to which all the members present answer to their names by a verse of Scripture. At present the missionary work is in its infancy, but in the near future we expect far greater interest to be taken in this field of labor. The average number of members present each evening is about fifty. At Christmas time a poor home was made happy by the receipt of a substantial dinner."

### Letters from the Country.

O. T. B.

DOUGLAS P.O., Oct. 23rd, 1898.

MISS HOPE, Endeavor P.O., Ont.

DEAR MISS HOPE,—I am in difficulty, and as help I have been trying to conduct a Junior League in our church since our last Conference Convention; but really it seems impossible to succeed. This is a country church, and we have all the difficulties there are, I think. I heard your paper at the Convention, and it set me thinking. As a result, I started the League. I know you have a good League, and so I make free to address you, and if you can assist me I shall be very, very thankful. If not, I shall have to give up altogether, for really there is no interest in the Junior League here on the part of either Sunday School, Senior League, Church, parents or pastor. Awaiting your reply, I am,

Yours sincerely,

ANNIE FEAR.

ENDEAVOR, ONT.,

Nov. 1st, 1898.

MISS ANNIE FEAR, DOUGLAS, ONT.

MY DEAR SISTER,—Yours of 23rd ult. received to-day, and I shall try to assist you by simply telling you of our Juniors and their work. I can heartily sympathize with you, for I fancy I have passed through all your experiences. But do not fail or be discouraged. Success in measure is possible to us all. I think your closing statement should be considered first, viz., lack of interest on the part of those from whom we would naturally expect sympathy and encouragement. Where this interest does not exist it must be created and developed. Have you ever interviewed your pastor? He is a busy man, no doubt, but I am sure would be pleased to have a call from you, and would aid you all in his power, I think. Ask him to study the Junior League Constitution with you, and remind him of the object of the League, especially as it relates to the care and culture of the catechumens of the Church. Invite him to come occasionally to your meetings; in short, interest him in your Juniors, and he will no longer be preoccupied, for no pastor could be prejudiced against the League. The same is true of the Sunday School. Get your Juniors to do something for the school—the Flower Committee might bring a bouquet for the superintendent's table; the Sunday School Committee obtain the names of absent scholars, and gain them to more regular attendance. There are many ways of helping the Sunday School, and when Sunday School Superintendent, pastor and church officials get the idea that the League comprises a working force of united, hearty consecrated boys and girls, there will be no lack of interest. Work always demands attention, and attention soon grows into

personal, practical interest. Get the parents interested by being interested in their boys and girls. As far as possible, call on them; talk up your work; arrange a mother's meeting occasionally; encourage your Juniors to go home from your meeting and tell of the good times you have, and soon you will see the parents all alive to the importance of your work.

Did you ever have a union meeting with your Adult League, such as ours is on the regular programme of the League for next week. Our Juniors give an exercise I have arranged for them on "The Childhood of Jesus," the topic for the evening, and I am sure all will enjoy it. If you cannot get assistants, do the best you can alone, and do not look for the harvest before the sowing. We had a hard time here at first. Our church is over a mile from the school-house, and some of the scholars live away on the other side of the school, so it seemed impossible to even get them together. I tried the church for a while, but saw it would not do. So I waited on the trustees, and secured the school-house. With the exception of Mr. Ancient, I found the trustees pleasant and agreeable, and he at last gave his consent.

On Fridays, after school, I was on hand. The teacher did not at first take any seeming interest but soon remained to our meetings and assisted somewhat. He is a good singer, and lacking an organ, we were thankful for his assistance. With the exception of my musical director, Three boys were appointed a Book Committee. Their duty was to bring twenty-five of the Canadian Hymnals from the church for our meetings and take them back for Sunday School. So we always had books and those boys were always at school. I have learned to do nothing that I can get the Juniors to do themselves. In the school-house we had of course the blackboard, and used it to advantage.

### Finding the Place.

"The good old custom of 'learning by heart,'" says the *Christian Uplook*, "has fallen out of use in our families and Sunday Schools, and passages of the Bible are no longer memorized by the rising generation; but we should at least be able to find a passage, even if we cannot recite it here."

The *Uplook* has some Epworth League and all other young people's societies a real service by putting into a sort of concordance the references of many important and familiar passages and narratives in the Bible. A little careful study might suffice to memorize this concordance. If that is not done, cut it out and paste it in your Bible. It will serve you in need and stand when you are engaged in a Bible reading or are leading a devotional or other meeting:

The Lord's Prayer—Matthew vi.  
The Commandments—Exodus xx.  
The Beatitudes—Matthew v.  
Paul's Conversion—Acts ix.  
Christ's Great Prayer—John xvii.  
The Prodigal Son—Luke xv.  
The Ten Virgins—Matthew xxv.  
Parable of the Talents—Matthew xxv.  
Abiding Chapter—John xv.  
Resurrection Chapter—1 Corinthians xv.  
Shepherd Chapter—John x.  
Love Chapter—1 Corinthians xiii.  
Tongue Chapter—James iii.  
Armor Chapter—Ephesians vi.  
Traveller's Psalm—Psalm cxxi.  
Bible Study Psalm—Psalm cxxii.  
Greatest Verse—John iii. 16.  
Great Invitation—Revelation xxii. 17:  
Isaiah iv. 1.  
Rest Verse—Matthew xi. 28.  
Worker's Verse—2 Timothy ii. 15.  
Another Worker's Verse—Psalm cxxvi. 6.  
How to Be Saved—Acts xvi. 31.  
Should I Confess Christ?—Romans x. 9.  
Teacher's Verse—Daniel xii. 3.  
The Great Commission—Matthew xvi. 15.  
Christ's Last Command—Acts i. 8.