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COME with me into my garden, and I will show you something. Where is my garden? Why, it is in Africa, of course; where else should it be? Don't ask foolish questions, but come down to the farther end of the garden, and sit down on this bench, under the thick green leaves of the cork-tree. Now look at that branch, and tell me what you see on it. "Leaves?" Yes; but what else? "Nothing else." Why, where are your eyes? Put your finger on that leaf and see—"O! O! It is alive!" Indeed, it is very much alive.

That is a chameleon, and a very singular fellow he is. He is a kind of lizard, and—see! Look! how his colour changes! He was green when we first saw him, and now he is nearly black, with round yellow spots all over him. He can change the colour of his dress whenever he pleases, without having to change the dress itself; that is a great convenience. He is so perfectly still you might think him asleep, if it were not for his green, big, round eyes, which are constantly moving. He can move them in different directions at the same time, which is more than you can do, or your schoolma'am either. One up and the other down; one forward and the other back; truly that is the way to use one's eyes. It seems very paltry to be obliged to move both at once, and in the same direction. Ah! he moves a little, just a very little; now he is still again. I think he sees that large fly which has just lighted on the branch. He says to himself, "It is dinner time." (N.B.—It is always dinner time whenever he sees a fly, or any other insect.)

Now, how do you think he is going to catch that fly? It is so far off he certainly cannot reach it from where he sits, and his motions are so slow that the fly might be half a mile away before he recoiled his tail from the branch round which it is closely twisted.

Flash! What was that? Out from his mouth darted a long, slender, round thing, as long as his whole body almost; it darts back again, with the fly on its tip; and Mr. Chameleon swallows quietly the first course of his dinner. That long, slender thing was the gentleman's tongue. "What a very remarkable tongue!" you say, and you say well. It is gun and fishing-rod, knife, fork, and spoon, to the chameleon. He will sit there for hours perhaps perfectly motionless, except for his tongue; and whenever a fly, or other insect, alights within reach of that wonderful member, flash! it is out and in again, and the unhappy insect is devoured before he can say Jack Robinson, supposing that he knows how to say it, which I doubt—Ah, look! You did not look quickly enough, my dear, in the time that it took you to turn your head a dragon-fly came, and was seen, and was conquered, and the last wing of him has just disappeared from view inside the chameleon's gaping jaws. And now I do believe the creature is changing colour again! Yes! the yellow spots fade out, and the black lightens, until now he is a light-brown all over—just the colour of a dead leaf. Pop! Another fly has met his fate.

Have you seen enough of this very greedy fellow? Jump up then and shake the branch. Whisk! Scramble! He is gone. You see he can make haste after all when he tries.



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PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

OCTOBER 15, 1893.

Junior Epworth League.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW LIFE.—Rom. 5. 2; Col. 1. 20, 21; Phil. 4. 6, 7; 1 John 4. 19; 1 Peter 1. 8; 1 John 1. 4; John 16. 24; 15. 11.

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WHY SHOULD WE REJOICE IN OUR TROUBLES?—1 Peter 4. 12-13; Rom. 5. 3.

CONSTITUTION.

IV.

ARTICLE I.

THIS organization shall be known as the Junior Epworth League, auxiliary to the Epworth League.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—Any Junior League that adopts the title, "Junior Epworth League of Christian Endeavour," as a local name, will be entitled to fellowship in the Unions and Conventions of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

ARTICLE II.

The Junior Epworth League shall have a Superintendent who shall be the pastor, or person approved by him, who shall be, when practicable, one of the vice-presidents of the Epworth League. The departments of Christian Endeavour and Religious work of the Epworth League are especially expected to assist the pastor and the Superintendent of the Junior League in its work and the instruction of its members. Where there is no Epworth League, the local Sabbath-school Committee may make provision under the pastor as above, and exercise control.

ARTICLE III.

The object of the Junior League shall be to systematize the work and assist the pastor and those appointed by him in the instruction and nurture of the catechumen classes as provided in the Discipline (page 28, par. 78), and to promote in its members an earnest and intelligent spiritual life, and train them in works of mercy and help. The Junior League shall be so managed as to contribute to the interests both of the Sabbath-school and the ordinary juvenile church classes.

ARTICLE IV.

Members of the Junior League shall be boys and girls under fourteen years of age, except as they may be otherwise determined as to age by each local branch of the Junior League for itself. After organization, persons shall become members by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the League.

ARTICLE V.

The earnest co-operation of the parents shall be solicited, and, where practicable, obtained. Meetings may be held Saturday afternoons or otherwise, as may be found convenient, for instruction in the Holy Scriptures, in our catechism, doctrines, history and biography, in moral movements and temperance reform, in all the spirit, manners and practices of the Christian life and intercourse, and in such other subjects as the pastor may choose and direct.

ARTICLE VI.

Any Junior Epworth League may adopt what Departments of the ordinary Epworth League work it prefers; but must maintain

those departments covering the ground contemplated in the disciplinary catechumen classes and the exercises necessary to give effect to the instruction there set forth.

ARTICLE VII.

The officers of the Junior League shall be the Superintendent, as provided in Article II., who shall also be the Honorary President of the Junior League, and have oversight of the work and all its affairs; as many Assistant Superintendents (Honorary Vice-Presidents) as there are departments at work, following the model of the Epworth League; a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer; these officers, with the pastor, and under his presidency, shall form the Executive Committee of the League.

The officers, except those appointed, shall be elected annually by the members of the League at a regular meeting, shall assist the pastor in his provision for the leadership of the catechumen classes, and maintain the efficiency of their respective departments to the best of their ability.

ARTICLE VIII.

To meet expenses, voluntary collections may be taken in the League.

ARTICLE IX.

Modification of this constitution may be made by the Executive Committee in any locality to meet its special needs.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE EPISTLES.

A. D. 58.] LESSON III. [Oct. 15.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.

Rom. 5. 1-11.] [Memory verses, 8-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.—Rom. 5. 8.

OUTLINE.

1. The Fruits of Faith, v. 1-5.
2. The Roots of Faith, v. 6-11.

EXPLANATIONS.

"Therefore"—In the two previous chapters the apostle has shown that God justifies all who believe. This word introduces the conclusions from his reasoning. "Justify"—Declare righteous. "By faith"—The condition on which we receive forgiveness. "Peace with God"—God is at constant war with wickedness. "Access"—The privilege of entering in, like Esther, to the king. "Stand"—Remain. "In hope of the glory of God"—In hope of hereafter sharing in God's glory. "We glory in"—We rejoice because of. "Tribulations"—Threshings which separate the chaff from the wheat. "Patience"—Better, steadfastness. "Endurance"—Approvedness. "Hope"—Our approvedness here increases our hope that we shall be approved hereafter. "Maketh not ashamed"—Mocks us not. "In due time"—As we would say, "At the nick of time." If he had come before, if he had waited later, the advent of our Lord would not, even from a human point of view, have been as efficacious. "Righteous man"—One upright, rigidly just. "Good man"—Benefactor of his fellows. "Saved by his life"—If by Christ's death we have been received into favour by an angry God, surely by his life we are triumphantly saved.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That faith brings peace?
2. That trouble brings patience?
3. That the Holy Ghost brings love?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Being justified by faith, what do we secure? "Peace with God." 2. What good results do we receive from tribulation? "Tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience." 3. What does experience work in us? "Hope, and hope maketh not ashamed." 4. What is the Golden Text? "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." 5. If



EVENING ON THE LAKE.

we are reconciled to God by the death of his Son, what follows? "We shall be saved by his life."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Reconciliation through Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is sin?

Sin is disobedience to the law of God, in will or deed.

What was the sin by which our first parents fell from their holy and happy state?

Eating of the fruit of the tree of which God had forbidden them to eat.

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