

Junior Department.

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Golden Keys.

A bunch of golden keys is mine,
To make each day with gladness shine;
"Good morning!" 'tis that the golden key
That unlocks every door for me.

When evening comes "Good Night," I say,
And close the door of each glad day.
When at the table, "If you please,"
I take from off my bunch of keys.

When friends give anything to me,
I'll use the little "Thank you" key,
"Excuse me," "Beg your pardon, too,"
When by mistake some harm I do.

Or if unkind harm we've given,
With "Forgive me" key I'll be forgiven,
On a golden ring these keys I'll bind;
I'll often use each golden key,
And then a child polite I'll be.

—Christian Inquirer.

Weekly Topics.

(Suggestive Matter.)

SOME BIBLE SOLDIERS.

Mon., Nov. 4. Joshua the conqueror. Josh. 6, 1, 2
Tues., Nov. 5. Faithfulness rewarded. Josh. 14, 9-13
Wed., Nov. 6. With trumpets and banners. Josh. 7, 19-22
Thurs., Nov. 7. The strong man. Judg. 14, 5, 6
Fri., Nov. 8. David and his armor. I Sam. 17, 38-40
Sat., Nov. 9. The centurion's trust. Matt. 8, 3-10
Sun., Nov. 10. **Topic—Lesson from Bible soldiers.** (Gideon, Joshua, Cornelius, Caleb, Samson, etc.)

Do not try to cover too much biography in this topic study. Rather use the characters and incidents in the week's readings as illustrations of great facts connected with the general subject of the Lord's army. Using the initial "C" as your starting point, group your lessons one by one around the main thoughts as:

1. The Cause—Holy, for it is God's.
2. Commander—Christ our Captain.
3. Call—Personal, urgent, etc.
4. Comrades—Many, united, sworn.
5. Campaign—All our life.
6. Captures—From every nation.
7. Crown—Rev. 2, 10. True soldiers must show both Courage and Constancy.

In some such manner, and by the use of Bible incidents as illustrations, the topic may be made intensely interesting and profitable.

GIVING MUCH.

Mon., Nov. 11. The world's need. Isa. 55, 1-3
Tues., Nov. 12. Our God meets the world's need. John 6, 33-45
Wed., Nov. 13. God blessing us. Ps. 63, 3-5
Thurs., Nov. 14. Let us return thanks. Ps. 100, 3, 4
Fri., Nov. 15. Much is required. Luke 12, 48
Sat., Nov. 16. Give as into God. Col. 3, 23
Sun., Nov. 17. **Topic—Missions, generous giving.** Gen. 28, 16-22

Make your blackboard heading:

GRATITUDE TO GOD MAKES GIVING GENEROUS

This is the secret of the whole. God's Goodness to us is the Ground of our Gifts to Him and His. If we are not grateful, we cannot be truly generous. Show that in the matter of Gospel blessings:

1. We have abundance.
2. Many others have none.
3. We will not have less by giving to them.

4. The only way to save the world is by the Gospel.

5. The only ones who can give the Gospel are those who have it.

6. As we have freely received, let us freely give, that others may know and enjoy the light and life of men.

N.B.—The motive, rather than the amount makes a gift acceptable to God. Our donors have not much as to quantity; but they have as to quality. "Two mites," if "all," becomes more than many dollars if but a fragment of a fortune.

A JOYFUL THANKSGIVING.

Mon., Nov. 18. Thanksgiving in song. Ps. 28, 7
Tues., Nov. 19. "Joy to the world." Luke 2, 14
Wed., Nov. 20. That sweet story of old. Mark 10, 14
Thurs., Nov. 21. "I Love to tell the story." Mark 7, 32-36
Fri., Nov. 22. "Jesus loves me now." I Tim. 1, 15
Sat., Nov. 23. All should praise God. Ps. 135, 2-5
Sun., Nov. 24. **Topic—Singing for Jesus.** Ps. 148, 1-4; 149, 1, 4 (A Thanksgiving song service.)

Make a break in your routine this week. This is a song service. For once use the regular church hymn-book. Let the selections be judiciously made as evincing praise for God's mercies in nature and grace, and interspersed with suitable Scripture, you should have a very happy meeting—e.g., Nos. 7, 192, 106, 907, 908, 909, 910 are excellent and appropriate thanksgiving hymns, and from the hundreds that are found bearing on Christ-life and experience, in our Methodist hymn and tune-book, all needed for a beautiful service may easily be selected.

BRINGING OUR SHEAVES.

Mon., Nov. 25. Jesus and His work. John 9, 4
Tues., Nov. 26. Remembering our tasks. Matt. 23, 20, 22
Wed., Nov. 27. Today's harvest is white. John 4, 35
Thurs., Nov. 28. Let few are the reapers. Matt. 9, 37
Fri., Nov. 29. Filling God's storehouse. Luke 12, 18-21
Sat., Nov. 30. Close to Christ for fruit. John 15, 4, 5
Sun., Dec. 1. **Topic—Fruitful for Jesus.** Matt. 7, 6-20

"Fruitful," i.e., full of fruit. As in nature so in grace.

1. Fruit is expected.
2. Fruit is cultivated.
3. Fruit is gathered.

(1) Jesus expects us to bear fruit (John 15). If we do not bear fruit for Him we must for Satan, for no life is fruitless any more than a garden. All ground grows something—weeds or flowers. Jesus looks for something worth growing in us all, etc.

(2) If we are going to grow good fruit, and lots of it, we must take as great care of our hearts as of our gardens and orchards. Christian culture includes prayer, study, work. We cannot do well easily. Hard work, watchful care, and constant cultivation are needed. Keep at it for weeds will grow.

(3) Our gathered fruits mean plenty and thanksgiving. The harvest is coming, therefore work while it is called to-day.

TRAVELLERS OF OLD.

Mon., Dec. 2. He went by faith. Heb. 11, 8
Tues., Dec. 3. Dreaming at Bethel. Gen. 28, 10-12
Wed., Dec. 4. Jonah's voyage. Jonah 1, 4, 7, 11, 12
Thurs., Dec. 5. The Wind of the East. Mat. 2, 1, 2, 7, 10
Fri., Dec. 6. The Ethiopian's return. Acts 8, 26-38
Sat., Dec. 7. Paul's travels. Acts 18, 17, 22, 28, 11-14
Sun., Dec. 8. **Topic—Lessons from Bible travellers.** (Jonah, Abraham, the Ethiopian Eunuch, Paul, Jacob, the Wise Men, etc.)

GOING? WHERE? HOW?

We are all travelling somewhere! Life, a journey.
We should know where we are going. Life not an experiment.
We should know how to get there. So the road through life becomes plain and pleasant.
Heaven is our terminus.
God's Word is our guide-book.
God's children are our companions.
Such truths as these may be well grouped together, and illustrated from

the incidents abounding in the Scriptures. Look ahead!

Keep out of the past! for its highways
Are damp with malarial gloom;
Its gardens are aere and its forests are
drear.

And everywhere moulders a tomb.
Who seeks to regain its lost pleasures,
Finds only a rose turned to dust;
And its storehouse of wonderful treasures

Are covered and coated with rust.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Junior Work at San Francisco.

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The Juniors were not overlooked at the International Convention. Many were present. Among the Canadian delegates were several Juniors. They were deeply interested, and came home enriched with many new plans of work. The Junior superintendents received many helpful suggestions regarding practical forms of work. In several of the great addresses kindly referred to was made to the work of the Junior Department, but Saturday was specially Junior League day. The conference on methods, held in Howard Street Methodist Episcopal Church, was largely attended, and was a most profitable session. Everything was out of the way, and those present were all deeply interested. The addresses were earnest, giving thoughts suggesting plans of work, and fittingly preceding the practical discussions that followed them.

Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock, of Nebraska, gave a bright address. Her topic was, "The Devotional Meeting." Her suggestive plans concerning prayer, testimony, and service are worthy special emphasis. Her object-lessons with California grasses, and her story of the child who went into danger while his parents slept, made indelible impressions on her hearers. Here is one sentence: "Man-saving is grand; but child-saving, if fostering care is given, is twice saving."

Another speaker was Mrs. Annie E. Smiley, of Lowell, Mass. She enjoys a continental fame as a Junior worker. Her topic was, "A Reading Course for Juniors." She emphasized the wisdom of intellectual training, and showed how very important it was that all should give attention to reading. She said, "A boy who has been brought up on Bible stories is not likely to go wrong in his reading." She also told about such men as Benjamin Franklin, Beecher, and John Wesley being influenced all their lives by the books they read in youth. Three books are selected as a course for Juniors, and she hoped the Board would adopt the plan.

The Round-Table on Junior work was arranged by Rev. S. T. Bartlett, of Napanee. He was unable to be present, and the chairman took charge. The questions were such as enabled every worker to touch the difficulties, or explain the successes they had met. Everybody seemed alert. Questions and replies came very quickly. Not a moment was wasted, and many splendid plans explained. Here are the questions:

1. What may we deem essentials "to a successful Junior League?"
2. What are undoubted "evidences" of a successful Junior League?
3. What have you found to be a valuable "help" in Junior League work?
4. What has been your chief difficulty in your Junior League meetings?
5. What plans have you successfully tried?
 - (a) In systematic study of Bible?
 - (b) In developing missionary knowledge?