

said to him, "Did you not color that a little when you said that all the expense and labor would be repaid if it only saved one boy." "Not if it were my boy," was the solemn and convincing reply.

The Junior League believes we cannot begin too early to tell to the children the Saviour's dying love and have them rejoice in knowing their sins forgiven, for Christ does not regret in that young heart Satan will soon be at work again. To-day, when there is so much to lead the children away from what is right and noble, how anxious we should be to see the dear ones brought into his fold in earliest years.

If there is one word in our work that needs special emphasis it is "thoroughness." A Christian character is not attained in one day, nor in weeks, but requires months and years to attain any degree of superiority, so we see of what supreme importance is thorough Scripture training. Foundations should be laid in youth, on which to build a noble Christian character that will brave the storms of adversity and remain unshaken 'midst temptation's overwhelming waves—growing day by day more beautiful in the beauty which time and eternity can never efface. It is such men that the church and the world want. In addition to this, Christ's divine blessing must be secured in the work, for truly none need more grace and wisdom than a they who labor among the children.

For a few brief minutes I would like to deal especially with the organized Junior League. The one who is responsible, to a great degree, for the success of the Junior League is the Junior Superintendent. Rev. Bartlett, Superintendent of the Junior Leagues in the Bay of Quinte Conference, says that the Junior Superintendent who loves children will have little trouble if he or she goes at Junior work in the spirit of the following words, and there will be little danger of failure. These words are: Piety, Patience, Promptness, Pleasantness, Perseverance, and Progressiveness. The Junior Superintendent should be a Christian that reflects Christ in daily life—one who, next to Christ, loves little children and wins their love in return, and who possesses in addition to this, tact and patience together with sanctified common sense. Patience is needed, for the meetings should be taken in their interests either for work or pleasure, and they should be visited when sick. The ideal superintendent will be punctual and regular in attendance, will have method and order in her work, and will always have a smile and kind word for each one.

The meetings should never be long—in addition to this, they should be spicy and sunshiny. The time should be explained in language that will be understood and prove interesting to all, and so delivered as to appeal to their everyday life. The meeting should never be stiff, but instead, the social side should be cultivated, for surely the way to the child's heart can never be found if the meeting is unsocial and cold. Above all, the meeting should be a spiritual one. Christ should be shown to them as a precious, loving Friend, who loves them and wants their service, and that even they, no matter how small, can work for him. The Christian life in all its beauty can be pictured to them, and it will surely appeal to their young hearts.

I found it very effective to occasionally hand the meeting over to the Junior President. Tell the child a week or so ahead that she is expected to take full charge of the next meeting. Advise her to be sure to her that she can plan her work and give a dozen, or perhaps even more, something to do. One or two can give short essays

on the subject for that evening, three or four more can sing something bearing on the topic, a couple more can give short recitations along the same lines, while a number more will be prepared with biblical references bearing on the topic. The children will generally pronounce a meeting most successful in which they feel they have done something themselves. Their efforts may be very small, but it is not equating them for the larger and grander work awaiting them in after life.

The missionary meeting once a month generally proves most interesting, and it is not difficult to get many to take part that evening. The missionary collection taken on these evenings has, in the League, been always raised through the efforts of the children themselves. We ask them during the month to earn at least five cents for this collection, and many times twice that amount is handed in. The stories how it is earned are sometimes most interesting. To secure regular attendance, I have found it a good plan to give to each one present at each meeting a small scripture text-card. When they have secured ten of these they get a large card. Even such small rewards will serve as an impetus to regular attendance. Then, in addition to this, each old member who brings into the society a new member and sees he attends regularly for at least three nights, gets as a reward another small card.

There are many more little plans that any Junior Superintendent interested in her work can introduce, all of which will be sure to make the meetings more interesting and beneficial.

Is not this Junior League work a grand work? and should we not all—young and old—be interested in it. The child's need is the supreme need, and recognizing this fact, should we not do the best we can for the children, and so doing it will be clearly seen we are doing the best we can for the world. The Junior League affords us, as Methodists, the best channel for reaching and saving our children. Let us use it wisely and well. Chesterville, Ont.

### Pledge Signing

The World's Temperance Sunday seems to have been observed by Bridge Street Church, Belleville, and its Sunday-school in a practical way. The Daily Intelligence of the 27th of November states: "The pastor (Rev. J. P. Wilson, B.A.) preached appropriate sermons in reference to temperance, and during the evening service referred to the scenes which had been witnessed in the Sunday-school at its opening in the afternoon, when first all the officers and teachers assembled on and around the platform and pledged themselves abjectly and audibly, 'With God's assistance I promise never to drink intoxicating liquors and to discourage their use by others.' Then the scholars were invited to rise and join the officers and teachers in a like pledge, and without any hesitation men and women, boys and girls, arose and with bowed heads promised as their teachers and officers had. 'It was a scene,' declared Pastor Wilson, 'the like of which I never saw. It was wonderful in its influence. I believe heaven rejoiced at the sight; no one who took part in it will likely ever forget it; a whole school pledged to be total abstainers.'

### Beh and Yang

A brief yet interesting and attractively written story of the work of Dr. Ewan in Chentu Hospital, especially appealing to the Juniors through the little Chinese girl and boy, from whom the book takes its name.

### Not Afraid in the Dark

I used to be dreadfully scared of the dark, A year ago, when I was small, I never dared stir from the bright lighted room Even into the shadowy hall.

And another herself had to take me to bed.

And promise to sit near all night, For once I woke up all alone in the dark, And it gave me a terrible fright.

I thought I saw goblins up over my bed— Oh, wasn't I cowardly then! My grandfather said I would never be brave, Like heroes and all many men.

But now I go round in the dark all alone, And never am scared not one mite. I put out the gas upstairs by myself— When mother has kissed me "Good-night."

For I play that the dark is a loving old nurse, A colored nurse, kindly and quiet, Who holds me quite safe till I've fallen asleep— If you're 'fraid of the dark just you try it.

### Changed by a Laugh

Sometimes young people look upon a disappointment as a calamity. The thwarting of a youthful ambition may be the beginning of a better career, if the youth has courage and purpose. Senator Albert J. Beveridge tells how he was disappointed as the result of a careless laugh.

"When I was a youth in Illinois I heard that the Congressman from our district intended to hold an examination to determine what young man he should appoint to West Point. I pitched in and studied hard for that examination, and found it easy when I came to take it. Most of the other fellows seemed to be still struggling with it when I had finished, and I was so confident that I had made few mistakes that I was in a pretty cheerful frame of mind. This is why I laughed when one of the strugglers asked a rather foolish question of the professor in charge. The latter evidently felt that the dignity of the occasion had been trifled with, for he scored one per cent. against me. When the papers came to be corrected this loss caused me to fall one-fifth of one per cent. He is a captain in the army now, where I suppose I should be had it not been for that laugh. I believe in the power of cheerfulness. Looking back, I am rather glad that I laughed."

### Dolly's Excuse

Five-year-old Dorothy goes to Sunday-school, and always learns the golden text. Sometimes her mother is astonished at her application of these bits of Scripture. She was allowed to go to one of the neighbors to play one afternoon, and looked very sweet in her fresh, dainty gown. It was only a little while, however, before she ran home, besmeared with mud from tip to toe.

"O Dorothy!" mamma exclaimed, in a discouraged tone. "What shall I do with you?" "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to, mamma."

"But just look at your clothes, child! What am I going to do with you?" "Well," responded Dorothy, remembering her text for the previous Sabbath, "'Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.'" And what could mamma do?