

to; but the words are just as appropriate to Canada as to Palestine. (Have some of your Juniors prepare short papers on this section of the subject.) But the verses that follow, 13-17, are of greater importance. They teach us the real secret of a nation's greatness and wealth. Not what the land is, but what the people are, constitutes true national riches. The danger of old was that the people would forget this, and be satisfied with temporal abundance. And they did so for ages. God. Trouble came to them, as it will come to any people who do not live according to verse 13. The warning of verse 16 was forgotten, and great suffering and loss came upon the nation. (Let it be clearly understood that Canada's need is the same as that of the Israelites of old,—to remember and serve God,—and that no temporal wealth can take the place of the riches of character in the citizens of our land. . . . This is why we must seek to bring all the foreign immigrants that are coming to our country into knowledge of God's laws and obedience to them.) . . . It will be wise to ask one or more of your advanced Juniors to give short papers on "What Makes a Country Great?" "What is the Thing of Greatest Value to Canada?" "What is our Country's Greatest Need?" or some such subject.

JULY 12—WANTING TO BE GREATEST.
Mark 9, 33-37.

The disciples were thinking of being promoted to high places in the Kingdom which they expected Jesus to set up. They

service, and in it all the youth should be enrolled. Have you all you can get in your League? It stands for "character training for service in the Kingdom of God."

Books of the Bible

The following brief synopsis of the Bible books, in rhyme, has been kindly sent by Miss Fairweather, superintendent of the Junior League in Moncton, N.B. The Juniors of Moncton have profited much by memorizing the lines as here given:—

THE OLD TESTAMENT.

"In Genesis the world was made by God's creative hand;
In Exodus the Hebrews marched to gain the Promised Land.
Leviticus contains the law, holy, and just and good;
Numbers records the tribes enrolled, all sons of Abraham's blood.
Moses in Deuteronomy recounts God's mighty deeds;
Brave Joshua into Canaan's land the host of Israel leads.
In Judges their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite,
But Ruth records the faith of one well-pleasing in His sight,
In first and second Samuel of Jesse's son we read;
Ten tribes in first and second Kings revolted from his seed;
The first and second Chronicles see Judah captive made,
But Ezra leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.
The walls around Jerusalem, Nehemiah builds again;
Whilst Esther saves her people from plots of wicked men.
In Job we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod,
And David's Psalms are precious songs to every child of God.
The Proverbs like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear;
Ecclesiastes teaches man how vain are all things here.
The mystic Song of Solomon exalts sweet Sharon's rose;
While Christ the Saviour and the King the Rapt Isaiah shows.
The mourning Jeremiah apostate Israel scorns.
His plaintive Lamentations their awful downfall mourns.
Ezekiel tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries;
Whilst kings and empires yet to come, of Daniel in vision sees.
Of judgment and of mercy Hosea loves to tell;
And Joel describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell.
Among Tekoa's herdsmen Amos received his call;
Whilst Obadiah prophesies of Edom's final fall.
Jonah displays a wondrous type of Christ our risen Lord;
Micah pronounces Judah lost—lost, but again restored.
And Nahum tells on Nineveh just judgment shall be poured.
A view of Chaldaea's coming doom Habakkuk's visions give;
Next Zephaniah warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.
Haggai wrote to those who saw the temple built again;
And Zechariah prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.
Malachi was the last who touched the high prophetic chord,
His closing notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord."

THE NEW TESTAMENT.

"Matthew, and Mark, and Luke, and John, the holy prophets wrote,
Describing how the Saviour died, His life and all He taught.

Acts proves how God the Apostles owned with signs in every place;
St. Paul in Romans teaches us how men are saved by grace.

The Apostle in Corinthians instructs, exhorts and reproves;
Galatians shows that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.

Ephesians and Philipians tell what Christians ought to be;
Colossians bids us live to God, and for eternity.

In Thessalonians we are taught the Lord will come from heaven;
In Timothy and Titus, too, a bishop's rule is given.

Philemon marks a Christian's love which only Christians know;
Hebrews reveals the Gospel profured by the law.

James teaches without holiness, faith is but vain and dead;
St. Peter points the narrow way in which the saints are led.

John in his three epistles on love delights to dwell,
St. Jude us awful warning gives of judgment, wrath and hell.

The Revelations prophesies of that tremendous day,
While Christ, and Christ alone, shall be the trembling sinner's stay."

Gold From Many Mines

"If I value myself on anything, it is on having a smile that children love."—Nathaniel Hawthorne.

"Jesus has reason to complain of us, that He can do no mighty work in our Sabbath Schools because of our unbelief. Let us pray for the children. Let us labor for the children. Let us hope for the children."—McCheyne.

"... We believe with the pious Richard Baxter that if Christian parents were faithful in the use of the means God has put in their hands, most of their children would be converted before they are old enough to understand a sermon."—R. G. Pardee.

"... Our converts from among children are some of the very best we have. I should judge them to have been more numerous genuine than any other class, more constant, and in the long run, more solid."—C. H. Spurgeon.

"A good deal of pastoral experience in receiving children into the church on their profession of Christ, and afterwards trying to train them, strengthens my belief not only in the wisdom but the urgent necessity of such addition to our churches. But, consistently with this, I make personal care of my young people's meetings a marked specialty of my ministry."—Dr. I. N. Carman.

"I speak with assured confidence here, because I can point to the cases of earnest Christian men respecting whom I know they were converted in the cradle. Certain it is that the earliest unfoldings of their infant faculties were all under the manifest guidance and control of the Holy Ghost. Those most intimately concerned in their Christian nurture can say without a doubt that they never knew the time when, as children, they did not seem to be just what Christian children ought to be."—Dr. Richard Newton.

"I do not fear that a converted child will dishonor religion so much as I do that the aged sinner who has lived in the iron habits of sin for half a century will do so. With him it is the work of life and death to break off these old habits. . . . His thoughts, wicked and vile, will ever and anon flow back into the old deep-worn channels. . . . But piety in the child gushes up like the breaking out of a new spring, making its own channel, growing and widening and beautifying as it flows."—Rev. John Todd.

FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

"Human control, like Divine control, should be prompted by love. Human love is man's strongest controlling force, as well as his greatest life-giving power. Divine law is often necessarily restrictive of wrong, but it is lovingly restrictive. It is stimulating and growth-giving, never destructive."—Froebel.

looked for Him to show great power as the world's greatest ruler. How mistaken they were! Christ had very different them, for His purpose was very different to their thoughts about Him. He did come to set up a Kingdom, but it was to be in the hearts of men. He did come to be the world's greatest ruler, but not by sitting on a nation's throne or ruling as a temporal king. They had not learned that yet. But in time they did. They saw what we see now, that His Kingdom "is not of this world." Who are members of it? Jesus held a little child in His arms, and Mr. Wesley puts it. He said to the disciples, "The members of the Kingdom which I am come to set up in the world are such as these as well as grown persons of a childlike temper." "Little children, either in a natural or spiritual sense, have a right to enter into my kingdom." "Such are subjects of the Messiah's kingdom, and such as these it properly belongs to." Now, the disciples were thinking very different thoughts to these. They had no such idea of the kingdom as Christ stated with the little child in His arms. They had to humble themselves and become as little children. How thankful we should be that "children and the child-like" are very dear to Him. And how all the children should respond to the call of the Master and become His life-long disciples. You belong to Christ. Are you following Him? . . . The Junior League is a part of the church's training-school for