

### "WAIT, LITTLE GIRLIE."

"Oh, the day seems long till the grass  
shall grow,  
And the tinkling sound of the water's  
flow!  
Shall come from the places where ice  
and snow  
Keep holding them down!"

"Just wait, little girlie! the grass is  
awake,  
Turning over in bed, and beginning to  
shake  
The covers packed around it; all ready  
to take

A spring from them all.  
"Just wait, little girlie! the ice blinks  
its eye  
At the hot, long sunshine passing by;  
And the eye is beginning to water and  
cry:  
It is melting away.

"Oh, wait a bit longer! such grass and  
such brooks;  
Such mosses and flowers, and still,  
shady nooks;  
Such boys going fishing, and girls  
reading books;  
Oh, wait, little girlie!"

### WHY I BELONG TO THE JUNIOR SOCIETY.

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1. *I was invited to join.*—This was the reason I first joined the Junior League. I wonder how many of us have asked our comrades to join the League this year, or have helped to make it a success? If we have not, we should start at once.

2. *For the good I get.*—God has said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst," and it must be a delight to us and do us good when we think of this, to remember that we are not battling for the right alone. Then we acquire the habit of attending God's house regularly, and perhaps one of the best beginnings and greatest helps in moulding our character has been formed. The Temperance and Band of Mercy pledges, help us to keep our bodies, the temples of God, pure, and to cultivate the law of kindness. The course of Bible study, which every League that competes for our Provincial Banner must take up, enables us, as Juniors, to get better acquainted with God's Word. And as we promise to read some portion of His Word every day, when we sign the pledge and join the League, we, as individuals, are helped and comforted in temptation and trial. Another of our watchwords is, "A decision day in every society some time this year." Our decision day this year was on the first of January, when sixteen Juniors laid their sins at the foot of the cross and united with the Church.

3. *For the good I can do.*—I think the good we can do is best set forth by the work of the Sunshine Committee, whose bouquets of flowers brighten and cheer the rooms of the sick and helpless and let a little sunshine in. But we must not

forget the good we can do by contributing to the missionary cause. Our Society gives \$12 per year to aid in supporting the missionary, representing Brockville and Matilda District in British Columbia. We also give \$25 per year to support a boy in the Methodist College in Chen Tu, China, who, when he grows up to manhood, will do much, we hope, to illuminate the dark heathenish heart of the Chinaman with the Light of the World. All this money is raised by voluntary subscriptions from the Juniors with the aid of a missionary quilt.

4. *In order to set a good example.*—We set a good example to others by attending League regularly, but we must not put our candle under a bushel for the next six days until Sunday comes around again. During the week, whether at work or play we must, by our words and acts, show that we are Juniors and that we are honestly and earnestly trying to do what Jesus would like to have us do. Our motto is, "Lend a hand," let us live up to it.

the work done among the Juniors! Let the Junior Superintendent feel that she and her committee have the substantial, as well as the sympathetic support of the Senior Society.

But often pastors, and people as well, fail to realize the importance of this work, and question the utility of the Junior League, "the fifth wheel to the coach," as they dub it. Have not the children the Sabbath-school and the Church services. What more do they require? I think that both Sabbath-school and League have their peculiar functions. The child in the Sabbath-school learns (1) The Bible facts, (2) The principles of Christianity. The Junior League carries on the work begun in the Sabbath-school, and in this capacity it is a necessary adjunct to the Senior Society work. The aims of the Junior League are (1) To help the children to live Christian lives, to carry into practice the principles learned in Sabbath-school and (2) To train them in Christian activity. Because of the lack of just this helpful society in



TWO ROSEBUDS.

### INFLUENCE OF SENIOR MEMBERS ON THE JUNIORS.

BY MISS C. P. GRENFELL.

ONE of the necessities of our present League work is a closer union between the Senior and Junior Societies. In the existing disunion, or rather in the indifferent and irresponsible position taken by the Senior Society, we find the reason for the disbandment of many promising Junior Societies. The work in these places has rested too much on one, the Junior Superintendent, and when she failed all was gone. No successor had been in training. There was no one to take her place. This should not be. No Senior Society is fully equipped until it has a Junior Committee, and no superintendent is doing her duty unless she is using this committee in training Junior workers to carry on the work. The Senior Societies, in many cases, fail to realize that the Junior Society is as much a department of their organization as the Missionary department, and that the future of the Society depends upon

times past we have so many Christian drones in the churches to day. We hope and work for better things in the future, and no Senior Society should fail to organize a Junior Society for the sake of its own future and that of the Church.

The Senior Society has practically entrusted its own future to the leadership and guidance of the Junior Committee. It has given over the children into their hands, saying: "Train these children for the true-hearted active service in Christ's Church." Next to keeping the members of the Senior Society near to Christ comes this holy work of training the children. A child's intuition is seldom astray, and children know in whose goodness they can have confidence. Only let the leaders sent them by the Senior Society be consecrated, earnest, true-hearted, like their Master; only let the children have a memory of such leaders to carry with them into the Senior Society, or even out into the world, and we need not fear for the future of our young people. For such vine-dressers God has prepared a seat at His right-hand, and a crown full of stars of rejoicing.