

cause girls in our Junior societies are of greater number than boys, their place and value increases proportionately. Just what Rhoda's position in Mary's Jerusalem home was, we cannot say. Nor does it matter. She was personally interested in the work of God. That she was a Christian is very clear. If her position and duties were what the world might call humble, they were none the less necessary or honorable because, in them, she showed her love for God.

"A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a house as for God's laws,
Makes that and the action fine."

The rose perfume breathed in comest surroundings makes the atmosphere sweet. Fragrance of holy living is possible wherever duty calls. So, whether daughter, sister, or servant, our girls and young women may adorn their station by being devoted to duty in the spirit of Christian faithfulness. Rhoda, in excess of gladness, failed to admit Peter; but hastened to tell the rest of the apostle's welcome deliverance. If our girls become possessed of the spirit of this man, they will rejoice to spread the good news of whatever progress the Lord's work may make in their community. Though they thought her beside herself, she affirmed again and again the reality of Peter's presence and her insistence of the fact brought ultimate conviction to their minds. It is a good thing for a girl to know a fact, and to so know that she knows it that nothing can shake her faith in its reality. In these days of weak convictions, our whole Junior work should stand for intelligent and persistent emphasis of demonstrable facts. The door may be opened, i. e., investigation will show that Peter is really there, and what the girl knows and declares as true is verified by the practical test—open the door—see for yourselves—"It is he!" So our girls may help by declaring the truths they know, and "a little child shall lead them." So in this story we have a fact and a lesson, viz.:

Learn to tell what she hastened with
Heard from Peter, good news.
Open wide the door by investigation!
Door, and
Admit the Visitor!

Rhoda's eagerness in running was commendable. It is suggestive of our duty in regard to all good tidings. The doubts of the company were not commendable. Why should they spend time in debate, when the simple process of opening the door would settle the question. So to-day, many spend time in unnecessary dispute over questions easily solved by personal test. It is the privilege of our girls and boys to be sure of their ground in vital truths. How Peter got out of prison, how he had reached Mary's home, the maid did not know; but that he was there, she was sure. And, while our Juniors may not know the "how" of Christian experience, they may have it, may "confidently affirm" it in passing it on to others, and so help the world find the truth. This may be made a good missionary study — "Run, Tell," "Affirm!"

MAY TOPICS.—"MEN WHO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING."

Our Juniors, like the adults, like to hear or read of deeds done. The Bible is pre-eminently the book of conduct. Full of action, it tells of men whose achievements are still bearers of life in the social, moral and civic life of the world. Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Paul, are the characters chosen for our study. The men and their accomplishments are to teach us lessons

full of inspiration for to-day. As an introduction to the month's course, we suggest the recitation of the following stanzas by one of your brightest lads:

MEN AND DEEDS.

Wanted, Men:
Men, not systems fit and wise;
Not faiths with rigid eyes,
Not wealth on mountains piled,
Not power with gracious smile.

Wanted, men!

Wanted, deeds:
Not words of miming note,
Not thoughts from life remote,
Not fond religious airs,
Not sweetly languid prayers,
Not love of scented creeds.

Wanted, Deeds!

Men and deeds:
Men that can dare and do,
Not longing for the new,
Not prating of the old;
Men whose life is action bold,
These the occasion needs.

Men and Deeds!

May 4th.—"Joseph, the man who could be trusted."—Gen. 29, 22, 23.

We all like a boy or man who can be depended on. This is one of the best things that can be said of any. "He may be trusted." Such a man was Joseph. With his early history all are more or less familiar. His place in Jacob's heart and home, his dreams, his brother's eternity, his sale into Egypt, his varied experiences there, are all among the best known of Old Testament stories. At the time of our lesson, Joseph is in prison. Yet even there the force of the young man's character is felt, and his jailer soon learns to commit to him responsible duties. More and more does he place dependence on the young prisoner, and the verses of our Scripture tell us why—"The Lord was with him." "The Lord made it to prosper." These are very important statements. Joseph was wise. Early in his boyhood he seems to have chosen the path of purity and moral integrity, and God honors him. Even in prison, the young man is a living exponent of the power of God to help in life's hard places. The secret of Joseph's trustworthiness lay in his truthfulness. He was true; through and through he was true. He did not compromise with his conscience; but chose the way of God in everything, regardless of the cost to himself. Soon, men learned to trust him, the great king of Egypt elevated him, the highest honors were heaped upon him, and the most exalted position in the kingdom was his. Our boys may not have to go to prison for their fidelity to God and purity, they may not obtain the same kind of recognition that Joseph did, yet they cannot accomplish anything worthy without Joseph's spirit. Be true, and being trustworthy, both God and men will honor you. That is the great lesson to teach this week. What is it to have the Lord with us? To be so guided by him, that whatever may be our earthly lot we shall know that we are doing his will, and receiving his blessing. What is necessary in us to have the Lord with us? To be willing to serve him in all things, whatever may be the consequences. That is the Joseph spirit. It may be shown in every sphere of life. Joseph as shepherd, boy, as prisoner, viceroy, in every station, was the same in spirit and motive. He was right with God. He kept right with God regardless of men's opinions. And so he became, whether boy, youth, or man, entirely trustworthy, and his achievements are evidence to our boys and young men, of the possibility of steadfast adherence to truth and duty at all times and everywhere. Joseph started right. Boys should do the same still. A good

start, a steady will, a fixed purpose, a high resolve, an abiding trust in God, a constant obedience to his will—these will ensure success, for, as God was with Joseph, is he willing to be with us. Boys, can God trust you? Let this grave question impress you with the need of the Psalmist's prayer: in Ps. 19, 14.

Hampton.

Our Junior League meets Sunday afternoon after school. We have an average attendance of thirty. One of the members usually prepares the topic, and the superintendent also talks on it. We take up other Bible study as well. We are now learning the books of the Bible. Last year we gave \$5 toward the T. C. T. Fund, and we have received our certificates of the enrolment on the Historic Roll, and will have it framed and hung in the League room. We are going to have the outside of our church painted next spring, and our Leaguers are going to try to raise a little money to help pay for it. Over thirty of the boys and girls have promised to earn five cents or more within the next month, and some of the boys and girls are very small.—Ethleen Johns, secretary.

Hannah Street Junior League.

Miss Mabel Taylor, superintendent of Hannah Street Junior League, Hamilton, sends the following interesting information:

Since assembling our League in September, 1901, we have more than doubled our membership roll, having now one hundred names enrolled, with an average attendance of seventy. We meet on Monday afternoon after school. Our secretary, who is seated at the door, enrolls the Juniors as they come in, and presents each one with a text card. The collection is also taken as they come in. Our regular League meeting lasts three-quarters of an hour, the children always taking part in the programme. Sometimes they prepare papers on the topic, or take part by giving texts, or singing, or even an instrumental selection now and again. The superintendent is taking up the "Pilgrim's Progress," giving a part of the story each day. On the following day two Juniors are required to review what had been taken the previous day.

After the regular meeting the girls remain to sew for half an hour, and the boys take physical culture drill. Before Christmas we made a patch-work quilt, scrap-books, and toys of various kinds, all of which were distributed among the poor of our city.

The girls are now preparing for a bazaar in May, the proceeds of which are for the Missionary Fund. In January our Juniors gave an entertainment, at which they made over twenty dollars, fifteen dollars of which we gave to the building fund of our church.

Besides the superintendent there are ten assistants, or young ladies of the church, who volunteer their aid in this work. The assistants supervise the sewing, and also act as conveners of committees, in order that the children may be properly guided in their work.

We have four committees, as follows: (1) A Work-up or Prayer-meeting Committee; (2) a Look-up Committee (looking after absentees). (3) A Clear-up or Music Committee; (4) A Cheer-up Committee, whose duty it is to see that the Junior meetings do not cause the caretakers unnecessary work. Our Juniors are greatly interested in their work, and are making progress in many ways. We have taken as our motto-hymn, "All for Jesus."