

" My nature study is of much help to me in my work with the juniors for I find that the child heart readily unfolds to the true and the beautiful in God's out-of-doors. My nature studies include the flowers, mosses, ferns, trees, seaweeds, moths and butterflies, birds, rocks, minerals, fossils and astronomy. I have studied these by myself in the woods and fields of my home valley and with the aid of nature books loaned me by the state library at Salem. I love Nature and have loved it from my earliest childhood. To me all God's out-of-doors is one grand cathedral from I daily learn to see more and more of his divine love portrayed; in the season as they come and go; in the unfolding of blade of grass and bud in the spring time. The unfolding of a butterfly from a seemingly dead chrysalis is to me a divine symbol of immortality. The companionship of the hills has meant much, oh so much to me. Little by little their strength and their peace have entered into my life and I know no fear for my Father's wonderful love is with me wherever I go in the woods, in the fields, and over the hills. Daily it has made my life beautiful and worth while. And so I say it is this knowledge of Nature that is of so much help to me in my work with the boys and girls. I can reach a wilful boy quickly by showing him that I love the out-of-doors and that I am interested in the things that he thinks most girls are afraid of. While telling them the beautiful things I have learned from Nature, I am gaining their confidence, and only through gaining their confidence can I have the most influence over their lives.

"My ambition for the junior work in Oregon this year is:

"Fifteen hundred active juniors by January 1, 1916. (We now have about 1300 juniors). Juniors range in age from six to thirteen years.

"Fifty organized junior societies in Oregon by January 1, 1916.

"Two hundred junior experts in Oregon by January 1, 1916.

"To bring the school, the home and the junior into closer contact.

"To help the juniors all over Oregon to learn more of God's out-of-doors and to read his love as he has written it in Nature.

"I will do this by writing a series of nature letters for the juniors from which lessons will be drawn.

"To emphasize especially the keeping of the pledge during this year will be one of my chief aims."