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A THOUGHTFUL, SYMPATHISING LITTLE MAID

THOUGHTLESSNESS and selfishness mark the day in which we live ; and these two evil weeds often grow apace in children's hearts. Where, however, the love of God is known and enjoyed in any little measure things are different and we begin to think of others. So was it with the dear little Israelitish maid who had been taken captive by the Syrians, and brought into the house of Naaman, the mighty captain of their host, to wait upon his wife. She was only a little maid, but instead of murmuring at her lot, the love of God, and thoughtfulness for others, filled her heart. Right well she knew that, though her master was a great and honourable man, yet he was suffering from a disease, which God's power alone could cure ; and so one day her quiet thoughtfulness found expression in loving sympathy, as she said to her mistress, " Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria, for he would recover him of his leprosy."

This good news soon reached the king's ears, and he forthwith wrote a letter to the King of Israel, and sent it by the hands of Naaman, together with a present of ten talents of silver, six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment, requesting him to recover his servant of his leprosy. But, alas ! How perverted and misrepresented were the little maid's words to her mistress ; for, not only was the letter sent to the wrong man, but the suggestion implied by the accompanying gifts was that the desired cure should be paid for ! No wonder, then, that, on reading that letter Israel's King should rend his clothes, and excitedly exclaim, " Am I

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God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me."

What mighty lessons, dear children, does this story teach us, if we will only try and take them in! Leprosy is a striking type of sin; and what earthly king can cure that, and what amount of silver and gold could procure redemption from its cruel power? Elisha, the man of God, was the only one in that day, who, as God's prophet, had the mind of God; and, in this interesting narrative, he shines out as a beautiful type of our Lord Jesus Christ. And it was so, when Elisha, the man of God, had heard that the King of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the King, saying, "Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

How all-important are those words, "*Let him come now to me,*" and how they breathe the spirit of Jesus, the true Elisha, who never turned any away that came to Him, and who not only healed the blind, the halt, the deaf, and the dumb, but (needless to say) also cleansed many lepers, yea, *all* who came to *Him*! "So Naaman came, with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away and said, Behold, *I thought* he will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper."

Alas! dear children, how proud we all are by nature, preferring our own thoughts to God's Word, and our

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own way to God's way! "Behold, I thought," says Naaman, "he will surely come to me," evidently expecting the prophet to make a great fuss over him, although he was only a leper; but God's Word, through His servant's lips, was simply to wash seven times in Jordan, that wonderful river whose waters had more than five centuries before, rolled back when Israel entered the promised land, and not long before Naaman's visit had twice been parted when smitten by Elijah's mantle, and Elijah and Elisha had each passed over on dry land. But this did not suit Naaman's proud thoughts, and so, turning away in a rage, he said to his servants, "Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean?"

Yes, alas! we all think we know better than God, and that our own way of salvation is best; but, as it was with Naaman, so must it be with every poor sinner who really desires salvation, and that one, and only way is to *obey God's Word*. Even Naaman's servants were wiser than their master, and drawing near, they said, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean"? Good indeed was it for the poor leprous Captain that at length his strong will was broken, and he finally yielded to such good advice.

So we read, "Then went he down and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." Yes, "to *obey* is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams," and the same glad tidings are sent now to all who read these lines. God says, "Wash and be clean,"

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not, of course, in Jordan's waters, but, by faith, you are invited to wash in that precious life-giving river of atonement, even the blood that flowed from the wounded side of Jesus, and which "cleanseth from all sin." As the little hymn says:—

"Clean every whit, Thou saidst it, Lord,
Shall one suspicion lurk?
Thine, surely, is a faithful word,
And thine a finished work!"

Thus the thoughtful sympathy of a little captive maid, and her sweet confession to the power of God's prophet, was the happy means, through divine grace, of restoring her master to perfect health; and who can tell, dear reader, what blessing you, too, may be to others if you will only confess, however quietly, what Jesus has done for you! If you personally know that Christ has saved your soul, then let it be your joy to tell some one else.

S. T.

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SUCH a collection of letters lie on my table waiting to be posted. Some will be read under tropical skies, some in lands covered deep with snow—each one bearing a message.

But let us look at a few together. Here is one going to far away China, to a sailor lad who has to sit for some hours with an instrument fixed to his head—he is a wireless telegraphist on board a man-of-war.

Just before he sailed two years ago, he said, "Oh! what times I have alone in my cabin with the Lord. He seems so near."

Yes, that sailor, a few years before, had come to the Lord Jesus and confessed his sins, and the precious blood of Jesus Christ had washed them all away; and

so anxious was he to tell the wondrous story to the poor Chinese, that he sent in an application to be drafted to China.

So a message goes to him, that prayers were being offered that God would richly bless him in his service for his Master.

Here is another letter off to a country the other side of the world—to New Zealand. Ah, but this one makes my heart sad. It is going to a young man who a few years ago came with me to a Gospel Meeting. The Word preached that night went home to his heart and shewed him he was a sinner; but he was not like the sailor. He didn't accept God's wondrous gift, but going home felt miserable, for he knew he ought to be saved. As I pleaded with him, he said, "No, if I am saved, I shall never be able to keep it." Of course *he* couldn't; the Blessed Lord Jesus, who died to save, is the only One able to keep. However, he insisted that it was no use, and I left him.

Shortly afterwards he sailed for New Zealand, and as I bade him goodbye at the station I told him I was still praying. So *that* letter goes on its way, telling him that the Lord Jesus is still waiting to save all who come unto Him.

Where does this next letter go. As we look at it we see it addressed to Brisbane, Australia, travelling in company with our previous letter, going to a gentleman who has made Australia his home for many years. His life in England was spent on a farm with his parents, but they died and left him without a home, so he decided to cross the water and make a home in that far country.

The first letter received from him written on board was a sad one. He felt it was not well with his soul,

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and he wrote, in the words of Job, "Oh! that I knew where I might find Him." He wanted to find One who could save to the uttermost, and there is but One, the Saviour of sinners, but I have never heard whether he came as a sinner to the Saviour. Letters sent have never been answered, but once again a letter is going, telling again of the wonderful love of God to poor sinners, in giving His well-beloved Son to bear our sins on Calvary's Cross.



What is in this next letter? Just a word of cheer and prayer does this carry to Bombay.

Beneath those cloudless skies and brilliant sunshine is a doctor who, after the weary work of the day attend-

ing the sick and dying, wends his way to the soldiers' prayer-room, gathering from canteen and barrack-room such as he can and with a heart full of love to perishing souls, he pleads with those soldiers to put their trust in Christ as the only One who can meet their need.

The doctor's face I have never seen, but the letter carries a message that his work for the Lord is being remembered day by day, and prayers are offered that the seed sown in the soldiers' hearts may bring forth abundant fruit.

Our next letter is addressed to South Africa, and it goes to a home that is brimming over with love, because the Lord dwells in the hearts of those that live there. Sunday by Sunday the children are gathered in to that home, and there many have heard of the Lord Jesus for the first time, so news is sent to them that they are not forgotten, but remembered before Him whose ears are always open to our cry.

Now this last letter is off to Winnipeg, Canada, where the snow is covering houses and roads, snow that comes to stay, for the frost freezes it so hard that it never disappears all the winter; but our letter goes there carrying the warmth of love, telling them that though separated by land and sea, the same Heavenly Father, who loves both sender and receiver of letter alike has kept us safely through another year. So the letters go, and as your eyes are reading this, they all are on the mighty ocean which circles our earth, each one bearing a message, each one being followed by prayer.

Now, dear little reader, I have a message from God for *you* and as I send it, so I pray that God will bless it to you. *God so loves you*—but you are a sinner, and no sinner can stand in God's presence, so He gave His only begotten Son, and He went to the Cross and shed

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His precious Blood for you. And now God says, if you believe in His Son you will never perish, but have everlasting life. What will you do with God's message? He sends it to you, may you accept it and thank Him for His wondrous gift. C.



NOT TALK, BUT THE BOOK

AN African boy learned the alphabet, but found learning very hard work, and could not get so far as to put two letters together to make a syllable or word. Yet he had already learnt something better. Chebe, for that was his name, was the servant of a missionary, and one day the missionary's wife found him sitting on the ground, looking very sorrowful.

"What is the matter?" she asked.

"I am very sad, missis," he said, "because I cannot read."

"Why do you want to read?"

"I want to read to my people about JESUS."

"But why cannot you tell them about Him?" she asked.

"I have, but they will not listen to *me*; they would if I READ THE WORDS FROM THE BOOK."

—Adapted from *The Christian*.



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Nain, Luke vii. 1-15.
Annas, John xviii. 13.
Zacharias, Luke i. 13, 67.
Archelaus, Matthew ii. 22.
Rabbi, John iii. 2.
Egypt, Matthew ii. 13.
Thomas, John xi. 16.
Haran, Genesis, xxvii. 43.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Again we come to the beginning of another New Year. We hope and pray that this may be for you all a year full of blessing; that if you do not yet know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour you may come to Him without delay, as He invites you (Matt. xi. 28, xix. 13); and that as the days go by you may learn more and more to understand and to love God's Word. He will teach you if you ask Him. The Lord Jesus Himself has told us to "search the scriptures" (John v. 39); may each one of us learn to be able to say "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm cxix. 105).

During the last year some of you have been searching month by month to find answers to questions on the life of our Lord Jesus when here on earth, of His death and resurrection, and the promise of His coming again (Acts i. 11). We are glad to have received answers to these questions from so many of you, and to know that you have found them interesting. This month we are beginning a new set of questions, with a rather different arrangement; and we hope that many more of you will start answering, and will find what a good thing it is to search and see for ourselves what God has said to us in His book.

The Bereans of old were "more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and *searched the Scriptures* daily, whether these things were so" (Acts xvii. 10, 11).

Will not you be like them?

Your affectionate friends,

B. S. Q.

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY

Our readers are asked to notice that the questions this month begin a new series, in which the Junior and Senior questions appear in one list, those for Juniors only being marked by a star (*). The Juniors should send their answers as usual before January 20th, addressed "Questions," c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 and 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in March, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

Those under 12 do the four questions marked *; *over 12 and under 16* do the four marked ones and two others; the *seniors* do the four questions *not* marked, and any others also if they wish.

Questions for Juniors and Seniors

1* What are we told in the first ten words of the Bible as to when and by whom the world was made?

2* Find and write a verse from Nehemiah which tells who made the heavens and the earth and all things that are therein. (Nehemiah ix.)

3. Quote two verses from the book of Acts (chapters xiv. xvii.) which tell us the same thing; and give references to at least four other similar ones in the Psalms or elsewhere.

4. Quote at least three verses from which we learn that the heaven and earth were made *by the word of God*.

5. What do we read in the Psalms, the book of Proverbs, and Jeremiah, about the wisdom and power by which the heavens and the earth were made?

6* Find and complete the following:—

(a) "God that made the world" (Acts xvii.)

(b) "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made"
(Psalm xxxiii.)

(c) "The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth"
(Proverbs iii.)

(d) "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth"
(Isaiah lxvi.)

7. What does Peter say in his Second Epistle about new heavens and a new earth? And what does he say that those should do who look for such things? Give references to two other places where we read of new heavens and a new earth.

8* What shall never enter the holy city which shall be in the new earth? And who shall enter it?

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The senior answers should be sent not later than January 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Race as above. A reference Bible should be used, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer. In this division books will be awarded only at the end of the year.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.

Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for November:—58 papers received (including Q.F.S.) Commended: K.P., D.A.S., G.A.R., G.T., M.E.B., B.T., A.R., M.A.H., I.M.E., R.N., F.W., D.P., A.F., R.B.; (under 12) C.A.M., P.E.H., R.E.K.M. Six correct: K.K., J.W.; (under 12) J.R., Ernest R. Four correct: G.M.C., J.W. Correct except in one answer: A.E., E.G., J.G., J.M., D.M.B., C.E.M., N.A., L.D.G., W.F.H., D.J., D.K. (the first seven commended).

Answers received late from abroad: For September, E.M.K. (New South Wales); for October, G.M.C. (Canada).

Most of the papers were very good, but questions 3 and 4 were not well answered by some. The answer to question 3 should be Luke xi. 39, 41 & 42, and to question 4, John xii. 2 & 3. Also some omitted to answer the last part of question 5.

Answers to November Q.F.S. received from:—R.E.P., W.H.; Horace H., E.K.S., E.J., P.H., A.E.K. (Canada), A.L., R.G., Henry H., M.B.L., Edith K.

Also, late for October: A.E.K. (Canada).

Questions 1 and 2 were particularly well answered by the first six. Question 4 was in many cases not well answered. The best answer to question 1 (a) is found in John xii. 1 & 18; to question 3, Luke x. 38-42, and to question 4, Luke xxiv. 50 & 51, Acts i. 11.



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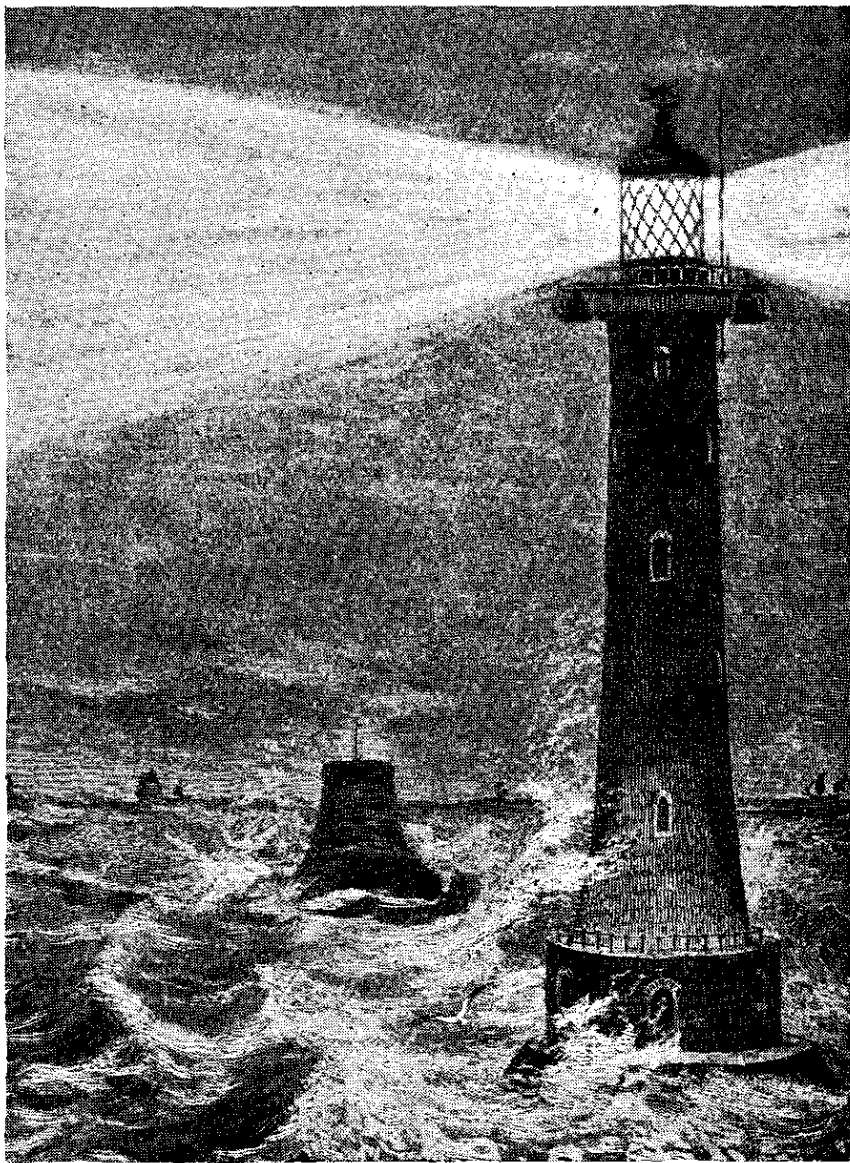
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LIGHTHOUSES

EVERY night, around the shores of dear old England, many lights are burning brightly: not to lure mariners to their doom, but rather to warn them silently against shipwreck amongst the dangerous rocks and shoals with which our coasts abound. Just, in the same way, is the Word of God His own warning beacon-light to guard and protect us from the many serious dangers to which we are exposed on the voyage home across life's stormy ocean; and also to guide us, lest we miss our way to the Eternal City, whose builder and maker is God.

Have you ever seriously thought of this, dear children; and have you any settled wish, or real earnest desire, safely to reach the Glory-land, where sin and sorrow are alike unknown? When, in the days of old, the storm arose on the lake, Jesus was with His disciples on the little ship; but, though He was asleep on a pillow, His word to them at starting was sure and certain, "Let us pass over unto the other side." The dark shadows of the evening had meanwhile fallen on raging waters, and the foaming billows dashed wildly over the sides of the boat until it was full; and then a wilder cry arose from troubled hearts and trembling lips, "Master, carest Thou not that we perish?"

There was no lighthouse on the other side; no life-boats to save them from a watery grave, and fear and dread were written deeply on those anxious faces, but, alas! they had forgotten the word of Jesus, and so, in their terror, they woke Him up. Quickly did that sleeping One arise, and, rebuking the wind, He said to the stormy sea, "Peace, be still." Needless to say, the wind ceased, "and there was a great calm," for the

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Son of God had spoken, and at His command both wind and waves obeyed, and were instantly silenced.

So, dear children, do danger, fear, and sorrow, all alike flee away, when Jesus speaks to our troubled souls; but He often has to say to us, as He did that day to His trembling disciples, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"

But perhaps you have never yet experienced that raging storm of sin within which sternly tells you that you are lost, and in danger of perishing eternally on the rocky shores of hell! Yet, thank God, the lights of heaven are shining brightly from its golden shores; and a voice rings out from the very throne of God, "They that seek Me *early* shall find Me." It is the same loving voice that breathed on earth those precious words, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Yes, the very same voice that bade the tempest cease now speaks from the glory, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near." It is the self-same Jesus who went through the bitter storm of God's judgment to save your soul, that bids you trust Him now. Perchance you have not been very long on the voyage of life; but the danger is none the less, and shipwreck is certain, if you willingly close your eyes against the holy light that is shining now from the face of Christ in glory.

The lighthouse of God's precious Word sheds its clear rays upon your path, so that you cannot miss your way; and, while it shews you your utter ruin, yet at the same time it also reveals God's boundless grace and love. When once you look, by faith, into that glorious face, the darkness and fear will vanish from your soul; peace will fill it; and God Himself will

make you His own dear child, yea a child of light so that you may warn others to flee from the wrath to come. Just as the lighthouse points upward to the sky, and sheds its clear and steady light amid the surrounding darkness, so may your young life be the means of leading many to those heavenly scenes above where Jesus dwells; while others "see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

"Jesus bids us shine,
First of all for Him,
Well He sees and knows it,
If our light grows dim;
He looks down from heaven,
To see us shine—
You in your small corner,
And I in mine."

S. T.



GOD SEES

SOME years ago a young man noticed that the biscuits which he kept in his room disappeared during his absence. This went on for a little while until one day he wrote "God sees" on a piece of paper and put it inside his biscuit box. The biscuits then ceased to be taken. After some time he removed the paper and strange to say the theft of his biscuits began again.

You may laugh at this story, though it is true, and think what a foolish person the thief was, to be stopped by the presence of the piece of paper instead of taking heed to the unalterable truth of the words which it contained.

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God sees, whether there is something to remind you of the fact or not. Wherever you are and whatever you are doing you are under the eye of God. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Proverbs xv. 3. Remember this when you are tempted to do that which is wrong, for "by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil."



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YOU know what a cushion is for. It is to make you feel easy and comfortable. Now Satan has his cushions with which he makes boys and girls feel comfortable in their sins, for our great enemy knows very well that when anyone feels uneasy about his sins he will want to seek the Saviour.

Here is one of Satan's cushions: "It is such a little thing." So seemed eating the forbidden fruit to our first parents in the Garden of Eden. Yet that one act of disobedience brought sin and death and all manner of evil into the world.

Some people were hurrying away from a wicked city where they had been living and which was about to be destroyed with fire. At least one of the little company had her heart still fixed on the sinful pleasures of the doomed city, and she longed to be back again in the midst of its godless mirth. She looked back—only a little thing—and was turned into a pillar of salt. "Remember Lot's wife" rings out a never-dying warning against making light of little sins.

Many say, "I have never done any harm." Will you dare tell God that you have never done any wrong?

What does this come to? It comes to just this—that you don't need Jesus; you have no use for the Saviour! What an ugly thought it is when it is put like that, is it not?

Here is another of Satan's cushions: "Everyone else does it." That will not save me from punishment. We can well imagine how the people laughed at Noah while he was building the ark. They no doubt said to themselves, "That man is always speaking about a judgment of God which is coming, and he is preparing that big ship to save his family. We see no sign of judgment. It is true we deserve punishment for our evil lives, but we are all alike. We are doing wrong, but *everybody's doing it*. Yes, they did wrong all together, but they died one by one.

Boys and girls may sin in a crowd, but they will be punished one by one. A boy who is very quiet when alone, often changes his behaviour when he gets among other boys. He feels bold to do wrong when there are other boys who are eager to applaud him. The presence of others makes him feel safe. He sometimes escapes punishment in the crowd because it may be difficult to find out the true offender and a mistake might be made. But God makes no mistakes. He singles each one out by himself and says, "The soul that sinneth *it* shall die."

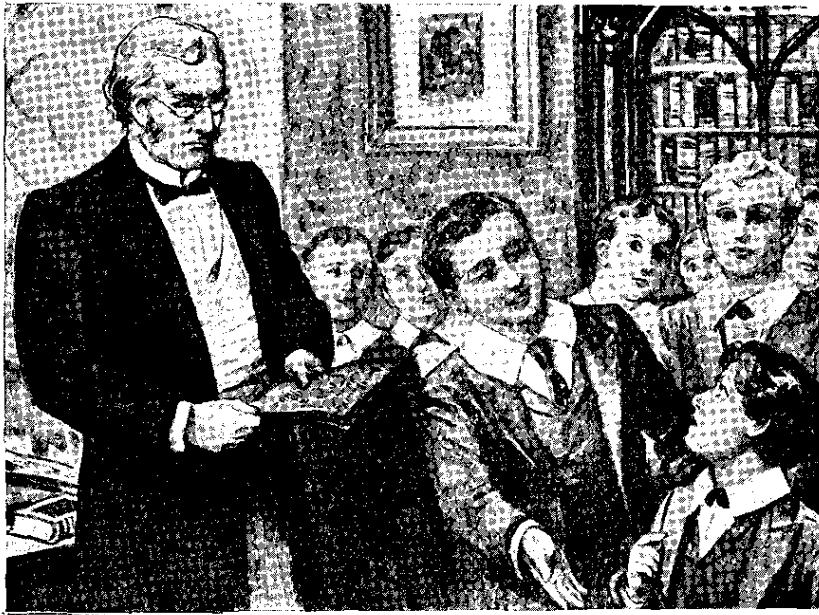
Satan has yet another cushion: "It will never be found out." Well, it may not be found out by anyone in this world, but God, the all-seeing one, knows all about it already, and, if unforgiven, it will have to be answered for after death, for after death comes the judgment.

And even if the wrong is not found out now, it will find us out. A boy cheats in an examination, gains top

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marks and wins a prize. Nobody knows the wrong he has done. He is admired and envied by the others, but he despises and hates himself. While the master is praising him before the other boys, he wishes the floor would open under his feet and swallow him up.



When he takes the prize it seems to burn his hand like a red hot iron. His sin is finding him out, and he gets no rest till he confesses it and takes back the ill-gained prize.

Don't let Satan put any of his cushions under your soul. Tell God the wrongs you have done, and take God's gift which you never could deserve—Jesus Himself.

E. A.



ABOUT THE BIBLE

I WONDER if you have ever thought what a wonderful book the Bible is. Without it we should not know anything about God, or about heaven, and the way there; nor why the Lord Jesus came down here to be a man, and gave His life that He might be our Saviour. But in it God tells us everything we need to know about Himself and His Son, about the life to come, about the many mansions and how we may go to them, and how we may live now so as to please Him.

I want you to-day to ask yourself how much you have learnt from the Bible during the past year. Have you remembered, like Joshua, to read God's Book, to think about it, and to do what it says? (Joshua i. 8). Perhaps you have not done this as much as you might. But "the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him," and He gives you now another opportunity to start afresh.

When you read the Bible, always remember that it is not just like any other book, but that in it God is speaking to you; and whenever you read it or hear it read, do not forget to "watch to see what He will say" (Habakkuk ii. 1). Remember that every part of God's Word is meant to teach us something (Romans xv. 4), but it is only by His help that we can really understand what we read, and learn what He has to teach us; and do not forget King David's prayer, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm cxix. 18).

The people of Berea were praised because they "searched the Scriptures *daily*." Are you like them? Everyone who does that, with prayer that the Lord

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will make His meaning plain, is quite sure of a blessing. The Lord Jesus tells us to do it. Let us remember how short our time is (Psalm lxxxix. 47), and pray that other prayer in Psalm xc. 12, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Let us come to the Lord Jesus as He tells us, and learn of Him (Matthew xi. 28, 29), that so we may follow His steps (1 Peter ii. 21); remembering always that it is God's Word alone that is able to make us wise unto salvation.



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God wants the boys, the merry boys,
 The noisy boys, the funny boys,
 The thoughtless boys;
 God wants the boys with all their joys—
 That He as gold may make them pure,
 And teach them trials to endure,
 His heroes brave He'd have them be,
 Fighting for truth and purity,
 God wants the boys.

God wants the happy-hearted girls,
 The loving girls, the best of girls,
 The worst of girls;
 God wants to make the girls His pearls—
 And so reflect His holy face,
 And bring to mind His wondrous grace,
 That beautiful the world may be,
 And filled with love and purity,
 God wants the girls.

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HIDDEN SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC

1. One of the two who went to Emmaus.
2. An aged widow who gave thanks to God when she saw the infant Saviour in the temple.
3. The one who found Nathanael and told him of the Lord Jesus.
4. The third son of the first high priest.
5. Isaac's wife.
6. A man of the Pharisees who came to Jesus by night.
7. One who was called the Friend of God.
8. A king of Judah in the year of whose death Isaiah had a vision.
9. The sister of Moses and Aaron.

The initials read downwards give the name of the place where the Lord Jesus came to dwell after John the Baptist was put in prison, and where He did many mighty works.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Our readers are asked to notice that the January questions began a new series, in which the Junior and Senior questions appear in one list, those for Juniors only being marked by a star (*). The Juniors should send their answers as usual before February 20th, addressed "Questions," c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 and 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in April, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to the Juniors who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time, and to the Seniors at the end of the year.

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Those under 12 do the four questions marked *; *over 12 and under 16* do the four marked ones and two others; the *seniors* do the four questions *not* marked, and any others also if they wish.

Questions for Juniors and Seniors

- 1.* Why did God say in the beginning "Let there be light?" What happened when He said this? (Genesis i.).
- 2.* Find and write a verse in Isaiah which tells for what purpose God "formed the earth and made it." (Isaiah xlv.).
3. What are we told about the beginning of Day and Night? For what four reasons did God set "lights in the firmament of heaven"? and what were the lights called?
- 4.* What are we told in Psalm cxxxvi. and in Jeremiah xxxi. about the purpose for which God gave us the sun and moon?
- 5.* Find and complete the following verses:—
 - (a) "God made two great lights."
 - (b) "The Lord is my Light."
 - (c) "That was the true Light."
 - (d) "There shall be no night there."(Genesis i.; Psalm xxvii.; John i.; Revelation xxi.)
6. Quote a verse from 2 Corinthians which speaks of God commanding the light to shine; and verses also from three different Psalms which speak of the heavens, and the sun, moon and stars as the work of God's fingers and created at His command.
7. Where and what do we read about the following:—The Sun of Righteousness; the Lord God a Sun and Shield; the Day Star; the Bright and Morning Star?
8. Quote two verses from Isaiah and two from Revelation which speak of the time when the sun and the moon will no more be needed.

The senior answers should be sent not later than February 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Race as above. A reference Bible should be used, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.

Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.

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Answers to Bible Searching Questions for December:—61 papers received (including Q.F.S.) Commended: D.A.S., G.A.R., J.M., M.A.H., R.N., I.M.E., A.E., W.F.H., M.E.B., K.P., (under 12) L.D.G., K.M., G.M.C., R.E., Six correct: D.M.B., R.B., G.M.R., J.G., E.G., D.P., A.R., B.S., G.T., B.T., F.W., (under 12) P.E.H., J.R., Four correct: Evelyn B., C.A.M., Ernest R., Charles W., Cyril W. Correct except in one answer: O.M.R., C.E.M., W.S., J.W. (the first two are commended).

Answers received late for October Questions: E.M.K. (New South Wales).

Answers to December Q.F.S. received from:—R.E.P., Horace H., W.H., F.L., N.H., E.J., A.L., Henry H., P.H., E.M., R.G., M.T., A.K., W.S., G.B., E.K., M.L. These questions were very well answered on the whole, but some answers to the latter part of Question 4 were much too long. *What He said* only was asked.

Question 1 (b) is answered by Matthew xxvi. 39, 42, and John xviii. 11; the two prayers in Gethsemane are only given by Matthew, Mark simply says He prayed again and spake the same words. The answers to the other questions are found as follows:—(2) Luke xxiii. 4, 14, John xviii. 38 & xix. 4, 6; Mark xv. 15. (3) Mark xvi. 9. John xx. 15-17. (4) Matthew xxviii. 9, 16-20; Mark xvi. 9, 12, 14; Luke xxiv. 13-31, 34, 36; John xx. 14-17, 19, 26 & xxi. 1-4; (a) John xix. 29; (b) John xxi. 15, 16, 17; (c) Luke xxiv. 25, 26.

Answers to the Hidden Acrostic in December from:—I.M.E., L.D.G., J.M., J.E., R.E.

Contributions for these pages are desired. Articles should be written on one side of the paper only, and should be sent to the Editor of "Glad Tidings," c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 & 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, E.C. The Editor reserves to himself the right of adapting any pieces submitted, unless the contributor states objection to this.



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MY SIXTH BIRTHDAY

I WAS dusting a high shelf the other day when I came upon a large square box made of rose-wood, and in the centre of the top there was a little piece of mother-of-pearl. As I dusted it, I read some letters engraved there—my own name! It was long since I had read them, and as I did so then, my thoughts went back years and years to the day when I first held that box in my hand—my sixth birthday.

Yes, I thought I could see myself as I was then, a little girl in a white pinafore, called into the drawing room to receive the beautiful birthday gift a kind lady had brought for me—a large work-box almost as big as my mother's—and all lined with blue satin, and a place inside for cotton and thimble and scissors and everything that a little girl could want when she was doing needlework.

And how did that box become *mine*? Simply by my *taking it*. That kind lady had bought it; she had paid a lot of money for it, and she had bought it for me. I did not pay a penny for it; I simply took it. And as I looked at the box, I remembered another present I had that day—my dear old dolls' house. But that was not *bought* for me; no, tenderer memories cling round that: it was *made* for me.

Ah, how well I recollect having been sent with a message to my father a few weeks before, and how I found him busy with a piece of wood which he was carving into the shape of chimney pots; and when he would not tell me what he was doing, I guessed he was making me a dolls' house! And he was so busy somewhere after that, but I was never sent to find him again till that birthday morning—and there in the dining room stood a lovely dolls' house.

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I think I can see it now—with its glass windows and lace curtains, and little green door with a brass handle! Ah, it was a beauty, which you little girls would have delighted in, and it was all the dearer to me because of the love that made it, that spent all that time and trouble over it, to give me pleasure. And when little girl friends sometimes told me of theirs, and said they had bigger ones or thought them better than mine, I used to say “But my father made mine for me you know.”

But those were not the only presents I had that morning. By-and-bye, the postman knocked—a loud double—and a brown paper parcel was put into my hands, with my name on it. Though I had not known the dolls’ house was coming, Grandmamma knew it, and so—all the way from London to my home in Dorsetshire—she had *sent* me some furniture for it. Inside the parcel was a pretty little sofa covered with red silk, and also a piano. Yes, a real piano, a few inches long, with real notes, that actually played when you struck them.

Oh, you say, “What a happy birthday that must have been!” Perhaps so, but *every birthday since then has been happier than that one*. Before another year had gone round, I had another birthday—a new one. You know the Lord Jesus said “Ye must be born again,” and ten months after that sixth birthday I was “born again.” I got a new life, a new nature; I became a “new creature.” I was not really happy on that sixth birthday, for I knew I was a sinner, and if I died I should have gone to hell; but God in His mercy showed me that He had a birthday gift for me, a gift which had been *purchased for me*, as my workbox was, only the price paid was not money, but blood, the

precious blood of Jesus; a gift too that had been made for me, that had required the work, the finished work of the Lord Jesus; a gift too that God *sent* to me, and all I had to do was to take it. That gift was SALVATION. I took it, it was mine; and I shall never lose it. Do you wonder that every year has been happier ever since? And you may have it too. Just as my name was on my parcel, and I knew it was for me, so your name, that of SINNER, is on God's gift, and you may claim it. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to SAVE SINNERS." "To YOU is the word of this salvation sent." T.



LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE

COME, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you *the fear of the Lord* (Psalm xxxiv. 11).
The fear of the Lord is His treasure (Isaiah xxxiii. 6).

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs i. 7).

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil (Prov. viii. 13).

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs ix. 10, Psalm cxi. 10).

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days (Prov. x. 27).

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge (Prov. xiv. 26).

The fear of the Lord is a fountain life (Prov. xiv. 27).

Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith (Prov. xv. 16).

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility (Prov. xv. 33).

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By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil (Prov. xvi. 6).

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil (Prov. xix. 23).

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

Then shalt thou understand *the fear of the Lord*, and find the knowledge of God (Proverbs ii. 1—5).



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LONG ago, in the days before the people of Israel had a king to reign over them, there was a woman named Hannah living at Ramah, who was very sad because she had no children. Her husband's name was Elkanah, and he tried to comfort her; but as year after year went by, and still she had neither son nor daughter, Hannah grieved more and more, for she did so badly want a little child of her own.

At last, one day when she had gone with her husband to Shiloh, where God's house was then, Hannah made up her mind that she would pray to God and ask Him to give her a son. This was her prayer, "O Lord of Hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life."

While Hannah was praying to the Lord, Eli the

high priest was watching her. Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard; and she was crying as she prayed. Because of this Eli thought she was not really praying but only making a mock, and so he rebuked her. But Hannah told him that she was only a very sorrowful woman, that she was not mocking at all, but pouring out her heart to the Lord and telling Him her trouble. Then Eli said to her, "Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of Him."

Then Hannah went away, and now she was not sad any more, but cheerful, for she had told her trouble to the Lord and asked Him to help her. He has told us to bring our troubles to Him, and those who do come to Him and tell Him their troubles will find that He can always comfort and help. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble," He says, "and I will deliver thee." Even children have troubles sometimes; and children too may bring their troubles to Him.

But may we come and ask Him anything we like? The Bible says "*In everything* by prayer and supplication—let your requests be made known to God." So you see we *may* tell Him of our wants whatever they are. But we must remember that He knows what is best for us far better than we do ourselves, and He may not give us always just what we ask for. A kind mother does not give her little child everything it cries for; the child might want what would do it harm. But His word says, "Let your requests be *made known*," and then "the peace of God shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Hannah did get what she prayed for at this time. The next day she went away home to Ramah with her

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husband; and it came to pass after a time that the Lord did give her a little son. She called his name Samuel, which means "Asked of God," for she said, "Because I have asked him of the Lord." And she was very, very glad and happy.

The next time Elkanah went to Shiloh, Hannah did not go with him; she stayed at home to take care of baby Samuel. But later on, when Samuel was old enough, she took him with her, and "brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh"; for she had not forgotten her promise. They brought the child to Eli,



and Hannah told Eli that she was the woman he had seen praying to the Lord. She said to him, "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him. Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." So Samuel became the Lord's servant while he was yet a little child. He stayed with Eli,

and helped Eli in God's service.

Every year his mother came to see him, and brought him a little coat to wear. How glad Samuel was to see her! And how happy she was now that she had a

little son of her own, and he was serving the Lord !
 " And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men." And " he ministered unto the Lord before Eli." So Samuel stayed at Shiloh, but after a time God gave Hannah other sons and daughters too, and she could say like king David in Psalm xxviii., " Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplication."

K. I. B.

Trust in Him at all times, ye people ; pour out your hearts before Him ; God is a refuge for us.

Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.



SATAN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

HERE is one : " The pleasure of sin which hides the guilt of it." Many years ago there lived in Egypt a man who had many advantages. He was strong and handsome, gifted, learned and well educated. He was prominent among the king's advisers, and stood a very good chance of himself becoming King or Prime Minister of Egypt.

But when he was forty years of age he made a very important choice—a very foolish one in the eyes of his worldly friends, but a very wise one in the eyes of God. He decided that he would no longer " enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season," and so he left the palace with its honours and riches, and threw in his lot with the people of God. Moses is the greatest man we read about in the Old Testament.

The " pleasures of sin." Has sin any pleasure in it? Of course it has. Why does a boy play truant ? Is it not because of the pleasure he gets out of his stolen

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holiday? Why does a girl take something out of the cupboard that is forbidden? Because of the pleasure that comes from possessing it. And the pleasure that comes of the wrong blinds them to the guilt of it.

A man was asked as he came out of a theatre, "Did you have a good time?" "Yes," he replied, "but it's all over now." God says that the pleasures of sin are but "for a season."

Satan has another handkerchief: "The profit to be had from sin that hides the wrong of it from the eyes of the mind." A man does something wrong, let us suppose, in business. He is not at first found out. On the contrary, he gains by the wrong. He repeats the wrong time after time, and still he seems to prosper. And all the time the profit he is gaining is blinding him to the sin he is doing. Poor man, Satan has got his handkerchief over his eyes. Let us hope that before it is too late he will face the question, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the world and lose his own soul?"

Boys, be long-sighted; girls, look right ahead. Don't play into Satan's hands. Don't let him put his handkerchiefs over your eyes. Look right into the future, past the time when you are grown up, past old age, past death, right through into the next world. You can't see through death without the help of the Telescope—I mean the Word of God. Death seems to you now like a great mass of black rock in the distance, stretching right from earth to heaven. You can see nothing that is on the other side. If you look through God's telescope, you will see that what you thought was a mass of rock is really a thin, half-transparent curtain, through which you can see some of the things that are going on, on the other side; you will see that what is on the other side is

real. God calls some of these things "pleasures for evermore," which will be enjoyed by every boy and girl that comes to Jesus.

And even in this world, which you think such a great deal of, you will have both pleasure and profit, for you will belong to the Lord who owns every blessing.

E. A.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

July to December, 1912

During the six months from July to December, 1912, we have received answers from a considerable number of our readers, 40 of whom have sent every time. During the whole year 142 have sent answers to the questions; 32 of these have sent every month throughout the year. Many of the papers have been very good and show much care and patience. We are glad to see that the questions are found interesting and hope that more of our readers will join the search. We are pleased to welcome those new ones who began in January as well as the old friends who have made a fresh start.

Books are awarded to those whose names appear in full.

12 to 16 years:—*Gordon Round, *Doris Saunders, *Mary Barney, *Kate Pettman. Highly Commended:—*M.A.H., *Amos E., †J.M., *R.N., *I.M.E., *C.E.M., *D.P., *W.F.H., *F.W., *A.R., *B.T., *R.B., †O.M.R., *J.G., *E.G., *D.M.B., †E.M.K., (New South Wales), †G.M.R., D.J. Commended:—*E.L., K.K., G.T., C.K., †R.C., S.McI., B.K.S., J.W., J.K.

Under 12 years:—*Ruth Evans, *Leslie Gardner. Highly Commended: *J.E., *K.M., *C.A.M., *Ernest R., †P.E.H., †G.M.C., (Canada), *J.R., D.K. Commended:—Evelyn B., C.W.

Those marked * have sent each time during the year and those marked † each time for the six months.



Questions for Seniors, January to December 1912

The answers to these questions have generally been very interesting and shew careful thought and study, 18 of our readers have sent answers 6 times or more through the year, 6 every month without missing. Several have written to say they find these

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monthly questions helpful, as they are thus led to search and find out what otherwise they might not notice. We hope that others will join them. Books are awarded as follows to those whose names appear in full; and small pictures of the Holy Land to all who have sent papers 6 times or more during the year.

Over 17. For the best sets of papers:—*Rena Pagden, *Winifred Harle. For good and careful single papers:—†Florence Smith, Elaine Martel. Under 17. For the best sets:—*Horace Harle, *Emma Jenner. For good single papers:—†Minnie Tidball. D. Paull. Highly Commended:—†N.H., †A.E.K., *Henry H., F.L., †E.P. Under 17:—†A.L., †E.K.S., †R.G. Commended:—†P.H., *M.L. Sent less than 6 times:—J.K., I.B.Y., Edith T., Edith K., Eliza K., and 5 others, the first two highly commended.

Those marked * have sent every month in the year; those marked † 9 times or more.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR MARCH

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before March 20th, the envelope to be addressed "Questions," c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 and 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in May, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to the Juniors who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time, and to the Seniors at the end of the year.

Questions for Juniors and Seniors

Those under 12 do the four questions marked *; *over 12 and under 16* do the four marked ones and two others; the *seniors* do the four questions *not* marked, and any others also if they wish.

The senior answers should be sent not later than March 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Race as above. A reference Bible should be used, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer.

1. Quote two verses from Genesis 1. which describe how God first divided the land and water; and at least 4 from other parts of the Bible which refer to this.
2. *Write a verse from Psalm 95 and one from the first chapter of Jonah which speak of God making the sea and the dry land.
3. *What do those see "that go down to the sea in ships?" (Psalm 107)

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4. Quote a verse from Jeremiah which speaks of the waves of the sea not being able to pass the bounds which God has set; and two from the Psalms which tell of His power over the sea, in ruling its raging and stilling its waves.

5. *Write two verses from Psalm 107 which speak of the earth and the sea as being full of God's riches,

6. *Find and complete the following verses:—

(a) "mightier . . . than the mighty waves of the sea,"

(b) "He maketh the storm a calm,"

(c) "He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea."

(d) "There shall be no more sea."

(Psalms 93 and 107; Matthew 8; Revelation 21.)

7. What do we read in the Psalms about the heavens and earth and sea praising the Lord, and about the sea's roar joining in rejoicing before the Lord?

8. What are we told in Isaiah 11 and in Habakkuk about the time when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, and where does Micah say that God will cast the sins of His people?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for January:—78 papers received. Commended: G.A.R., C.E.M., J.E., R.B., J.S., E.A.B., Elsie G., J.G., R.M., L.K.B., T.A., D.M.B., A.E. (under 12), C.A.M., R.E., F.J., E.P., C.W. (Gossington), B.B. Six correct: Emily A., K.K., W.L., L.M.L., A.R., B.S., G.T., B.T., F.W., J.W. Four correct: Evelyn B., Ethel B., J.W.C., P.E.H., F.M., C.M., H.M., K.M., E.R. Correct except in one answer: K.P., I.M.E., D.P., W.F.H., C.J., Eva A., W.J.B., L.D.G., G.L.K., J.K., A.L., E.L., E.W., V.A.W.; the first five are commended.

Answers received late for November questions: E.M.K. (New South Wales).

Answers to January Q.F.S. received from:—W.H., D.L., Horace H., N.H., F.A.M., P.H., M.A.H., M.E.B., F.L., E.M., E.K., Henry H., A.L., M.L., E.T.

The first five were particularly good and interesting papers. Some of the others gave only references when the verses should have been quoted, and some left out part of the answer to Question 7. A.L. quite misunderstood Question 3.

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“I AM THE WAY”

A FEW years ago, while walking through a country village, I somewhat surprised a little girl, who was returning from school, by quietly asking her if she could kindly tell me the way to heaven. A strange look came over the child's face, as she slowly answered, “No.”

“But, my dear child,” said I, “don't you go to Sunday School?” to which she replied, “Yes, sometimes.” “Well,” I added, “don't they tell you the way to heaven at your Sunday School?”; but, apparently bewildered by such a remark, she looked at me with a vacant stare, suddenly turned, and then hurried away, evidently thinking I must be a strange man to have asked her such a question.

May I, however, ask you, dear reader, the same question? If you have any real desire at all to reach that glorious home, surely it must be of some importance for you to know the way to get there! Perhaps you have never given the question a serious thought, or maybe think that all children go there when they die.

If so, let me remind you of Christ's answer to Thomas, when he said, “Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?” Yet, only just before, when speaking of His Father's house, Jesus had told His disciples, “I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also.” In spite of this Thomas did not understand the Saviour's words till Jesus plainly said, “I am *the* Way,” and hence there can be no other.

How truly did the prophet of old declare, “All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way”; and, by nature, we all prefer our

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own, foolishly thinking that, if we are only sincere in our belief, any way will do. Let Scripture answer, " There is a way that seemeth right unto a man ; but the end thereof is the way of death " ; and many who are now treading the " broad road which leadeth to destruction " fondly dream that, somehow or other, they will reach heaven at last.

" The way of the wicked, however, is an abomination unto the Lord," whatever that way may be. There is only *one way* to heaven, it is Jesus ; one way to be saved, it is through Jesus ; one way to have your sins forgiven, it is to trust the blood of Jesus ; one way to be truly happy, it is to know Jesus ; one way to be quite sure of heaven, it is to believe the words of Jesus, " Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out."

Neither tears, prayers, good resolutions, nor anything you can feel, try, or do, is God's way. God's way is *Jesus*, and there is *no other way*, for " there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." On earth, there are many ways and means of getting from one place to another, and vehicles of all sorts at your disposal ; but, if it be heaven you wish to enter there is only one way, and Jesus says, "*I am the Way.*" His cross, His death, His blood-shedding, His resurrection, are the one and only way to reach the golden shore ; for " it is not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to His mercy, that He saves us."

Have you then, dear reader, taken that way, or are you still walking in your own way, and thus missing eternal joy and everlasting peace ?

Many years ago, when walking from Pitlochrie to Aberfeldy, I lost my way on the Duke of Atholl's grounds, and, having no one to guide me, got rather

nervous, when, after wandering for many weary miles, I found myself entirely alone, far away from any house, and surrounded by dense masses of forest trees, with no sign whatever of any kind of path to help me. Many a time, during that long and anxious walk, extending over more than eight hours, did I lift my heart to God to shew me the right way, for, having to carry a heavy portmanteau, I had become very foot-sore and tired.

Need I say what joy filled my heart when, late in the afternoon, I found myself drawing near to a wide flowing stream, and exactly opposite me, on the other side of the water, I beheld a punt moored to the shore. Feeling sure that someone must be near at hand, to whom that punt belonged, I at once shouted for help, and had not long to wait before, emerging from the trees on the opposite bank, I beheld a man approaching, and I discovered I had struck the ferry. As the ferryman rowed me to the other side I found out that he did not understand my English, nor I his Gaelic tongue, so I simply wrote the one word “*Aberfeldy*.” on a piece of paper, and showed him, by my gesticulations, that *that* was the place I wished to reach, and very carefully he marked out on that piece of paper the exact way I should take, so that, about nine o'clock that evening I safely reached my destination, completely tired out, but oh! how deeply thankful to God for His preserving mercy, and also for leading me to the very man who could show me the right way.

Are you as anxious, dear reader, to reach those heavenly courts, as I was that day to reach Aberfeldy? If so, the finger-post of God's word points you to Calvary's cross; and as by faith you gaze there, the voice of Jesus rings from the very throne of God, “This is the way; walk ye in it,” for “*I am the Way*,

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and the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Then will the words of a well-known hymn sound sweetly in your listening ears:—

" Art thou weary, art thou languid,
 Art thou sore distrest?
 ' Come to Me,' saith One, ' and coming
Be at rest.
 " Hath He marks to lead me to Him,
 If He be my guide?
 ' In His Feet and Hands are wound-prints,
 And His Side.' "

S. T.



ANSWER TO HIDDEN ACROSTIC IN FEBRUARY

C leopas	Luke xxiv. 18.
A nna	Luke ii. 36, 38.
P hilip	John i. 45.
E leazar	Exodus xxviii. 1.
R ebekah	Genesis xxiv. 67.
N icodemus	John iii. 1.
A braham	James ii. 23.
U zziah	Isaiah vi. 1.
M iriam	Exodus xv. 20 ; Numbers xxvi. 59.
CAPERNAUM Matthew iv. 13.	



DORIS

I WOULD like to tell you a true story of a little girl named Doris. She had often heard of the love of Jesus—how He shed His precious blood for poor lost sinners—and Doris knew that her father and mother and sister loved Jesus, and knew that their sins were gone, because they had confessed their sins

and believed in the Lord Jesus. For God has said in His word, “ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.”

Now Doris was only six years old, but she did not feel happy, because she knew that she had not confessed. So one morning, while it was still dark, she crept into her mother's room, and her mother found her crying bitterly, and taking her into bed, asked her what was the matter.

“ Oh ! ” she sobbed, “ I do ask Jesus to forgive me all my sins and I don't think He has.” So lifting up her heart in prayer, her mother said, “ Let us ask Him together.” And in the early morning Doris found peace, and ever since loves to tell others that she is saved because she saw in God's Word “ He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.” John iii. 36.

M. M. C.



“ REMEMBER ”

WHEN King Charles the First was about to die, he turned to his attendant, Bishop Juxon, and uttered the one word “ Remember.” He did not say what the Bishop was to remember, but there is no doubt this last word had a very special meaning for both. Now if you will open your Bible and read the first verse of the last chapter in the book of Ecclesiastes, you will find the same word “ remember,” but this time very plainly telling Whom we are to remember, and when we are to remember Him.”

“ Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.” It is most important for us to remember Him, because it is with Him we all have to do ; and to Him we must all give an account, for before Him we shall all have to appear.

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“ Remember thy Creator ” of course must mean, do not forget Him. Do not go on living your life as though you had forgotten Him. We are told a very great deal about Him in the Holy Scriptures which are the word of God. But there are two things specially plain in the Bible about God, and you will find them both in the first letter (or epistle as it is called), by St. John. Turn to it and find it for yourself. In the first chapter and verse five you will read that “ God is light,”



and in chapter four and verse eight it says that “ God is love.”

Now one of the things which light does is to show clearly what is otherwise hidden by the darkness. If, for example, you were to go into a perfectly dark room, you would be quite unable to see whether it was spotlessly clean and prettily decorated, or dirty and ugly. But if a bright light is taken into the room, you are at once able to see just what it is really like. Swiftly, silently, but very surely, the light falls upon it and although the light does not make the dirty room clean, nor the ugly room beautiful, it does certainly show the need for cleaning and beautifying.

When we remember our Creator then we find out how very unlike Him we are in thought, and word, and deed. He is holy, just and good; but we have all sinned, and come very far short indeed of the glory or character of God. Still more when I remember my Creator, I realise that *I* have sinned, and that *I* have come short of His glory. Swiftly, silently, and surely, God's light shows up my sinful state and my real character, that is a sinner ruined by my sin.

God, Who is my light, shows me my utter need ;
 God, Who is love, provided me a ransom, a salvation,
 a Saviour. " For God so loved the world that He gave
 His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in
 Him should *not perish*, but have everlasting life."

" Oh what love of God, to send Him from on high,
 And what love of Jesus thus to bleed and die! "

Remember, then, that God loves you, and that Jesus
 died on the Cross of Calvary so that you might not
 perish and thus be lost for ever.

Be sure to remember also that the Lord Jesus Him-
 self said, " Whosoever believeth (that means trusts in
 Him as their Saviour) in Him shall not perish but have
 everlasting life."

King Charles' last word was undoubtedly a word of
 solemn import, and most probably Bishop Juxon faith-
 fully carried out his royal master's request ; but of
 much greater importance are the words " Remember
 now thy Creator." When is the best time to do this ?
Now, in the days of youth.

" O *think* of the Lord of glory,
 From heaven to earth come down ;
 His life—so pure and holy,
 His death, His cross, His crown ;
 Of His divine compassion, His sacrifice for thee.
 Then what will you do for Jesus ?
 Oh ! what shall the answer be ? "

W.G.T.



WHAT CAN WE BRING ?

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

WHEN the Lord Jesus came into this world as
 a little baby, people came from a long way
 off to see Him. The first who came to
 see Him were the shepherds, but they did not come

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from far. They were in the same country, near to Bethlehem, the place where He was born, when the angels came and told them the glad tidings. And at once they came to the Saviour, though it was the middle of the night. They did not wait till morning.

But there were others as well as the shepherds who came while He was still a little baby. There were wise men who came to Jerusalem from a far off eastern land, for they had seen a wonderful star in the east in their own land, and had followed it till they came there. Then they asked the people, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

The king of the land at that time was Herod, and when he heard the question he was not at all pleased, for he did not want another king. He was troubled at this news, and all the people too. But Herod called together the priests, and the men who copied the law, and asked them where the Messiah, or Christ, should be born; for Herod knew that He was to be King of the Jews. They told him it was in Bethlehem, for so the prophets had foretold long before. God had made it known to them.

Then Herod called the wise men privately, and asked them exactly what time they first saw the star; then he sent them to Bethlehem, and told them "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

The wise men heard what king Herod said and went on their way; and as they went, again they saw the star which they had seen in the east. Again it went before them, till it came and stood over the place where the young child was. When they saw it they were very glad, and rejoiced "with exceeding great joy."

You know that when the shepherds came to see the Saviour He was in a stable, lying in a manger, because there was no room in the inn ; but now He and His mother were in the house. When the wise men came into the house and saw the young child with Mary, His mother, they fell down and worshipped Him. How very glad they were to see Him ! They opened their treasures, and gave Him the gifts they had brought, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

We, too, may come to the Saviour, like these men long ago ; but what gifts can we bring Him ? And how do we know the way ? We have no bright Star to guide us ; but God's word is a Lamp to our feet and a Light to our path, and that tells us just to come to Him, for He is Himself the Way. He is the Star too, the bright and morning Star. His word tells us what gifts we may bring Him ; the very first is told in Proverbs xxiii. 26 "My son, give me thine heart." He wants our hearts. Have you given Him yours ? The first thing to do is to give Him your heart and your love, to be His altogether. Then we can give Him other gifts, like the wise men ; they *came themselves* before they gave their gifts. What can we give Him ? Ask Him to shew you. The *gold* may stand for ourselves, and our love and all that we have ; the *frankincense*, which was a sweet smelling spice used in God's temple, for our prayers and praises ; and the *myrrh*, a bitter spice, stands for our sorrows. He wants our hearts ; He wants our prayers and praise ; He carries our sorrows and troubles. Bring them all to Him, just like the wise men.

K. I. B.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR APRIL

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1. *After God had divided the land and the water, what did He say the earth was to bring forth? (Genesis i.)

2. What do we read in Genesis i. about the things that grow out of the ground and why they were given? Where do we first read of thorns and thistles?

3. What kind of trees did God make to grow in the garden of Eden? In what other places is the tree of life mentioned, and what do we read about it in the book of Revelation?

4. *What trees grew "in the midst of the garden" (Eden) and what did the Lord God say to the man about one of them? (Genesis ii.)

5. *What did the Lord Jesus say to His disciples about the grass of the field? (Matthew vi.)

6. *Find and complete following:—

(a) "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle."

(b) 'Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree.'

(c) "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean."

(d) "They may have right to the tree of life."

(Psalm li., civ.; Isaiah lv.; Revelation xxii.)

7. Where do we read something interesting about each of the following; Palm tree, cedar, sycamore, oak, fig tree, hyssop, olive tree.

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8. Find verses in the Psalms and in Jeremiah where the man who trusts in the Lord is compared to a tree.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for February:—78 papers received. Commended: Ruth N., L.K.B., D.M.B., J.E., I.M.E., C.E.M. (under 12), C.J., C.W. (Gossington), B.B. Six correct: T.A., J.G., Elsie G., B.K.S., J.S., F.W. Four correct: W.G.A., Evelyn B., R.E., P.E.H., F.J., J.R. Correct except in one answer: G.A.R., L.D.G., K.P., R.B., W.J.B., C.A.M., H.J.A., Emily A., D.E.B., W.M.B., J.W.C., L.C., A.E., L.G., S.W.G., K.Y.H., W.F.H., K.K., L.M.L., A.L., H.M., C.M., K.M., F.M., R.M., Richard N., D.P., W.P., E.P., Ernest R., G.W.S., G.T., J.W., V.W.; the first six are commended.

Answers to December questions received late from E.M.K. (New South Wales).

Many gave an incomplete answer to Question 3. The answer should be as follows:—"God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night" (Genesis i. 5). God set "lights in the firmament of heaven (1) 'to divide the day from the night' (2) 'for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years' (3) 'to give light upon the earth' (4) 'to rule over the day and over the night'" (Gen i., verses 14, 15, 18), 'the *sun* to rule by day,' 'the *moon* and *stars* to rule by night'" (Psalm cxxxvi., verses 8 & 9).

Answers to February Q.F.S. received from:—W.H., Horace H., F.A.M., M.A.H., A.L., N.H., M.E.B., E.M., E.K., P.H., Henry H., M.L., E.G.

The first four were particularly good. Some of the others did not *quote* (i.e., write out) the verses when required, but only gave references. The seniors *need not do* the marked questions.

Answers to Hidden Acrostic in February from:—L.B., L.D.G., N.H., W.F.H., K.Y.H., Amos E., I.M.E., J.E., D.E.B., L.M.L., M.L.

NOTE.—Please remember that *the answers should be in the words of the Bible when possible, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer. Quote* means that the verses asked for should be *written out*. Each answer should have *the same number as the question to which it belongs*.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.

Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.

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A WISE CHOICE

A QUAKER living in Paris was waited on by four of his workmen in order to offer their compliments and ask for their usual New Year's gifts. "Well, my friends," said the Quaker, "here are your gifts; choose fifteen francs or the Bible." "I don't know how to read," said the first, "so I take the fifteen francs." "I can read," said the second, "but I have pressing wants." He took the fifteen francs. The third also made the same choice. The fourth was a young lad of thirteen or fourteen. The Quaker asked him, "Will you too take these fifteen francs, which you may obtain at any time by your labour and industry?" "As you say the book is good, I will take it, and read from it to my mother," replied the boy. He took the Bible, opened it, and found between the leaves a gold piece of forty francs. The others hung down their heads, and the Quaker told them he was sorry they had not made a better choice.

Now, we have not told this story to make you think that if you read the Bible you will then become rich. But just as that boy made a pleasant discovery on opening the leaves of the Bible, so if you read the Word of God and put your trust in the Saviour of Whom it speaks, you will make a glorious discovery, for you will be able to say, "I have found Christ"; and when anyone can say that, he has something very much more valuable than a gold piece of forty francs. Forty francs are soon spent, but the gift which God wants you to choose lasts FOR EVER. That gift is called "eternal life" and it becomes yours the moment you choose Christ.

E. A.

“THE PICTURE OF OUR HEARTS”

I WAS looking the other day at a photograph of a large group of children. Some were smiling, while others looked a little shy; but though among them there must have been both gentle and loving, troublesome and naughty ones, all were anxious to look their best at this time.

I thought how God was like a great Photographer, who takes, not a likeness of our faces, but of our hearts, and gives it us in His word.

Do you remember how, when God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to anoint one of the sons of Jesse to be King over Israel, he was so pleased with the appearance of Eliab that he said, (1 Sam. xvi. 6.) “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.”

But the Lord said unto Samuel, “Look not on his countenance, nor on the height of his stature, because I have refused him, for the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.”

You know, if you have read this chapter, how finally, David, the least of all his brethren, was chosen to be the King.

Yet David’s heart was no better than theirs, for after he was King, we find him crying in Psalm 51st., “Create in me a clean heart, oh God.” But there was that in David which pleased the Lord—faith towards Himself.

He knew that his own heart was bad and that he could not trust in it; but he knew also that the Lord was willing to cleanse it, and he put all his trust in Him.

The Word of God says, “That the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked,” and in the

New Testament, Jesus speaks of the evils that proceed from the heart of man.

My uncle saw in a dream a picture of his own heart, and so horrible a sight was it, that he cried out to God to take it from him, to cleanse it from all its sin.

There are other pictures of the natural heart in the Bible, but what most concerns us is—Have we recognized a portrait of our own hearts in God's Word? Have we acknowledged our sin and cried, "Purge me from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin"? We may not *feel* our hearts are so vile, but God has said it and we must believe it.

None who come to God, asking to be washed in the precious blood of Jesus are ever—like Eliab—refused, they are accepted in the Beloved, and though we must come continually in order that we may be *kept* clean, we have the blessedness of knowing, for God has said this too, that we are complete in Him, that is in Christ our Lord and Saviour.

By nature and by practice far,
So very far from God;
But now by grace brought nigh to Him,
Through faith in Jesus' blood.

A.S.



CALVARY'S CROSS

Outside an ancient City's walls,
Hark! what the people cry,
"Away with Him"; "Away with Him,"
The Nazarene must die.

His tender pity, love, and grace,
Alas! they'd soon forgot,
Though, o'er that City, had he cried,
"I *would* . . . but ye would *not*."

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Yes, such was Jesus, full of love,
 His heart was always kind,
 He healed the sick—the lepers too,
 The halt, the maimed, the blind.

Yet, for His love received He back,
 But taunts and mockings loud,
 Yea, hatred, rage, and bitter scorn,
 Came from that wicked crowd.

But, as before her shearers dumb,
 The sheep so meekly stands,
 So Jesus suffered shame and wrong
 From sinners' cruel hands.

Soldiers, and priests, yea all consent
 The Lord to crucify;
 While, sitting down, they watch His pain,
 And wait to see Him die.

The darkness thickens round that Cross,
 While thieves revile and scorn;
 Yet meekly bows the Saviour's head,
 His heart with anguish torn.

"*Father forgive them,*" Jesus cries,
 "They know not what they do";
 "'Tis finished"—sin was fully judged,
 And thus He died for you.


Yes, e'en for *you who love Him not,*
 For *you* the Saviour bled;
 Man did his worst; but God has raised
 His loved One from the dead.

Then trust at once His precious blood
 For pardon, peace, and rest;
 The Lord will save you on the spot,
 You'll be for ever blest.

S. T.



“ LITTLE PETER ”

S soon as Peter was old enough to understand, his mother talked to him of the love of Jesus. He was a willing little listener, and very soon his desire was to please this dear Lord Jesus, who died for him.

Being reminded, in the midst of an angry passion of tears, that “ he belonged to Jesus, and should not act so,” smiles struggled with tears on the little face, while he exclaimed in his baby way, “ Go away naughty Satan, I *will* be a good boy.”

A little book, still treasured by his mother, contains a picture of the Saviour on the cross. This bears many marks of eager little fingers showing how he loved at all times to turn to it. He particularly liked to hear about the apostle, Peter. “ I shall see Peter when I get to heaven,” he would say, but of all Bible stories, it was of Jesus he cared most to hear. “ I love everybody,” he said, “ but I love Jesus best.”

When only four years of age, he was stricken with a serious illness, and his mother, knowing that God was taking little Peter to be with Himself, told him “ to have no fear, for when he was out of her arms he would be with Jesus.”

His last look on earth was one of glad surprise, as he stretched out his arms as to One waiting to take him.

Though Peter could not speak plainly, he was old enough to understand the power of sin and Satan, and the wonderful love of the Saviour who died to deliver us from them.

He had his little battles to fight, and if he overcame it was because Jesus was his Captain and he loved and trusted Him.

A. S.

COMING TO JESUS IS COMING HOME

SOME boys and girls think that there is something terrible in coming to Jesus. Now the boys and girls whom the Saviour invited to come to Him when He was here on earth did not think there was anything dreadful in going to Him. On the contrary, it was quite easy and natural for them to come and



trust themselves to Him. And He is still the kind, strong Saviour now that He was then. It is not strange for the needle to cling to the magnet. It is not dreadful for the flower to turn towards the sun. It is quite easy for a little child to trust its mother. Most boys do not find it hard and strange to come home after spending several months away at school. And so,

to come to Jesus now, and to trust yourself to Him should be easy and natural, for He is the home of the soul. If you come to Christ, you will find it is like coming home.

E. A.



LOOKING BACK

I THINK we all sometimes feel inclined to do two things, to look back and to look forward, and to-day I have been looking back to the year 1898, for it was then I first knew Jesus as my Saviour. As most of you attend a Sunday school somewhere, I would like to tell you about one of that time.

A kind Christian lady gave us her large kitchen for a schoolroom, and every Sunday saw about 20 children gathered to read and learn about the great Saviour, who gave His life that we might live.

The children were of all ages, from baby Sidney to Nellie who was nearly 16, and they sang the same hymns that you do to-day, and the teacher would tell them the story of the prisoners who sang glad songs in the night, and preached Jesus, even while they were in prison; because their hearts were glad. They could praise him even there. (Acts. xvi. 25). It was just one big class, and sometimes a gentleman would come from the sitting room in the house and speak to the children of Jesus the Son of God who died and finished the work that would make them perfect before God.

The children now are grown young men and women, and some have made their choice and are trusting in Jesus. Oh reader, you *must* either believe in Jesus or perish in your sins, for without shedding of blood is no remission. (Heb. ix. 22). You are young now, but do not put off your salvation.

Some children in that class did not grow up. Let me tell you of May W. One Sunday she did not come to school, but we hoped that she would be better in the morning. Then the doctor came and the nights became restless and little May had brain-fever. The kind lady

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was able to give her many things to make her comfortable, but we did not know if May was trusting in Jesus. The teacher called one morning as before, and the little girl's mother said, "Come in, but she will not know you, she does not know anyone." Will that teacher ever forget going in and taking her hand and the Doctor saying she does not know you? Little May however, opened her eyes and said "Teacher, let us pray," and before the mother and teacher were on their knees, she herself was thanking God for sending Jesus to die for her. Opening her eyes again she said, "Teacher, hear my lesson *now*. 'Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat, yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.'"

Little May never spoke again, and as the mother and teacher rose from their knees, the Doctor who had remained at the foot of the bed, left the room without speaking.

May you too be ready to go when the call comes.

M. C.



LOOK WHERE YOU ARE GOING

A MAN was taking a walk along the cliffs between Eastbourne and Brighton. He had got a little way past Beachy Head and was reading a paper as he went along. He was some yards from the edge of the cliffs. Above him the warm sun shone brightly, the soft turf was under his feet, and, with his head bent over his paper, he walked along with his mind taken up with what he was reading. Presently he happened to look up from his paper, and with a start,

stopped abruptly and just in time, for only a foot or two before him was the edge of the cliff. He thought he had been walking parallel with the edge, but in reality he had been moving gradually and unknowingly nearer and nearer to it. He was in danger all the time, but did not know it. A few steps more, and he might have been dashed to pieces over the cliff.

Many of the boys and girls who read this magazine are in danger, and do not know it. They are in danger of losing not their bodies, but their souls. Their sins are still unforgiven. They do not know and love the Lord Jesus as their own Saviour, although, maybe, they are constantly hearing about Him. They feel happy and contented enough. Their play, their work, their books, their friends—all these take up their thoughts, and they care little or nothing about where they are going.

You say, "Why didn't that man look where he was going?" Why don't YOU look where YOU are going? We can't trifle with God and eternity and then expect it to be all right with us at the end. The instant that man looked where he was going and saw his danger, he stopped, and got away from the edge of the cliff. He got to know his danger in time. While your sins are not forgiven you are on the road to everlasting ruin. Believe God now that you are condemned this moment, for one sin is enough to make us guilty and worthy of punishment, and so you will know your danger; and then turn away to the Lord Jesus and take Him as your Saviour. Remember, while still unsaved, you are in danger all the time, but after reading this, you cannot say you do not know it.

E. A.



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1. When and how did God make the living creatures of the earth? Quote verses from one of the Psalms which speak of man's dominion over them.

*2. What do we read in Genesis 2 about the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air?"

*3. What living creatures was Noah told to take with him into the ark when God was going to send a flood upon the earth? (Gen. 6.)

*4. To whom did God say that the beasts and the fowls belong? (Psalm 50).

5. What do we read in the book of Job (a) about learning from the beasts, fowls and fishes; and (b) about God teaching us more than he does them? What did the Lord Jesus say we should learn from the fowls?

*6. Find and complete the following:—

- (a) "The young lions roar" (Psalm 104.)
- (b) "the birds of the air have nests" (Matthew 8)
- (c) "Oh that I had wings like a dove" (Psalm 55)
- (d) "in the shadow of thy wings" (Psalm 63.)

7. What creatures are mentioned in Job 39? Where in the Psalms do we read of wild goats, wild asses, young lions, young ravens, beasts of the forest, fowls of the air?

8. Where and what do we read about the following :—"a hen and her wings ;" "wings like a dove ;" "wings of the morning ;" "the shadow of thy wings ;" "eagles' wings ;" "wings as eagles?"

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for March :—71 papers received. Commended: G.T., C.E.M., G.A.R., K.P., W.F.H., A.E., J.E., I.M.E., J.S., R.B., E.G., J.G., Ruth N., J.W., D.M.B., G.L.K., L.D.G. (under 12), C.J., C.A.M., R.E., P.E.H., B.B., K.Y.H., G.H.D., W.M.B. Six correct: G.D., L.M.L., D.P., B.K.S., F.W., E.W. Four correct: Evelyn B., J.W.C., L.C., V.H., C.M., (Kenilworth), H.M., F.M., K.M., Richard N., E.R., J.R., C.W. (Chelsea). Correct except in one answer: D.E.B., Lottie G., B.H., E.H., J.K., K.K., E.L., R.M., G.G.P., B.T., C.W. (Gossington), V.W.

We are sorry that the wrong reference was given to Question 5 in March, Psalm 107 being given instead of 104, but allowance has been made for this in going through the papers. We are very pleased that so many did find the correct answers.

Answers to March Q.F.S. received from :—F.A.M., N.H., W.H., Horace H., E.K.S., F.L., A.L., D.P., M.A.H., I.B.Y., M.E.B., M.T., A.C., G.C., Henry H. The first 7 were particularly good.

February answers received late from Canada.—A.E.K.

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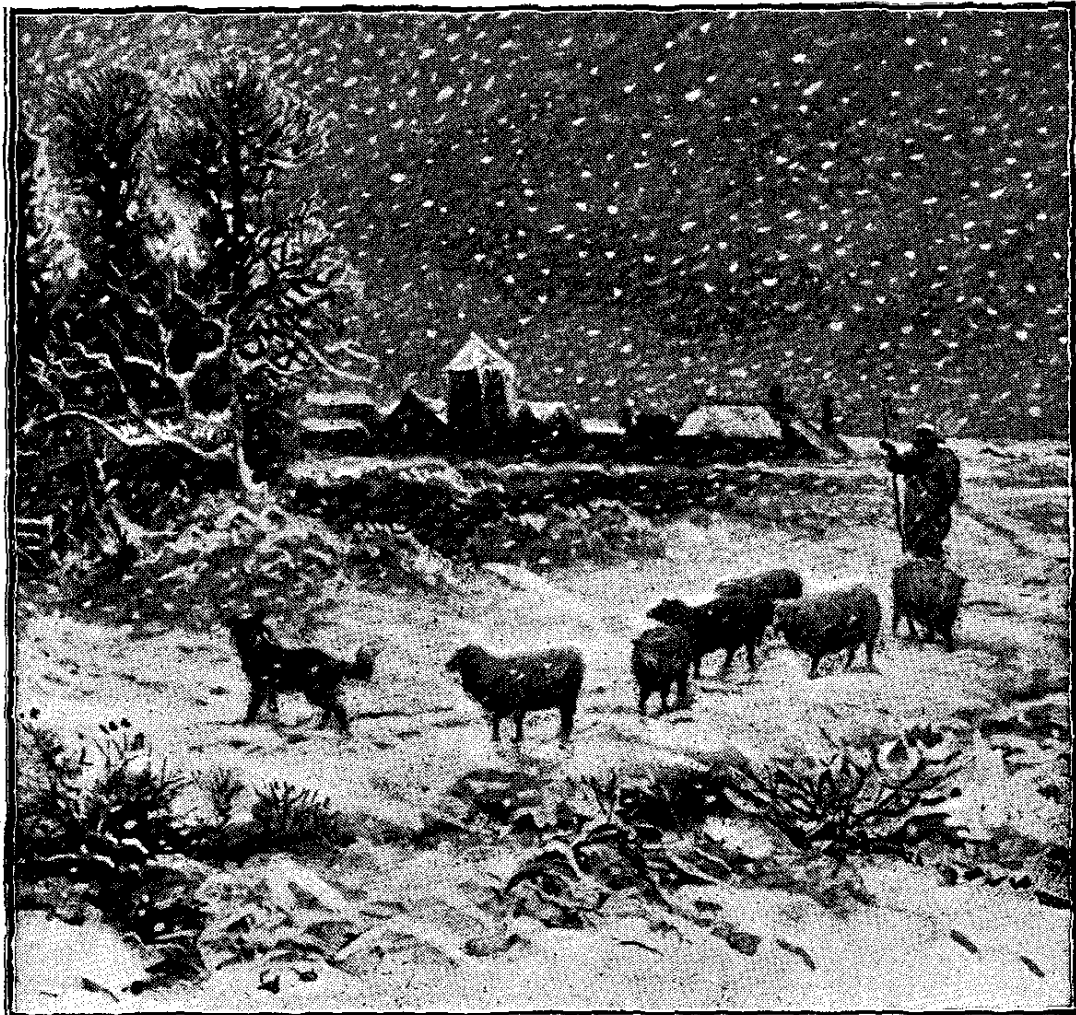
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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Shepherd opened the fold-gate wide,
And gathered the sheep and lambs inside,
 Into the sheltered fold.
He counted them silently one by one,
And his face grew grave when the last had gone,
 For one was still out in the cold.

Yes! one little lambkin with restless feet,
Had wandered into the village street,
 Wandered and lost his way.
His fears increased as the night came on,
And far from home he laid himself down
 And wearily longed for day.

The Shepherd found in the early dawn
The poor little lamb so wet and worn,
 It gladly crept into his arms,
And found there a shelter from falling sleet,
A resting place and a safe retreat,
 A refuge from all alarms.

There is a Shepherd who loved His sheep,
With a love so true, so strong and deep,
 That He came from heaven to die;
He opened the gate of heaven to all,
Who would hear His voice and obey His call,
 And will gather them home on high.

Oh little restless wandering one,
If you have not yet to this Shepherd come,
 Nor found the way to His fold;
For you His arms are now open wide,
He gently gathers the lambs inside,
 From the sin and want and cold.

If you will not heed this Shepherd kind,
When He comes for His own you'll be left behind,
 Nor sing in that happy place;
Where glorious praises swell around,
Till heaven is filled with the joyful sound,
 While we gaze on our Saviour's face.

A. S.

MINNIE

I HAVE a dear friend in this town where I live and sometimes when I go to see her she will tell me of her children, all of whom went to be with Jesus while they were quite young. I should like to repeat to you all I can remember about Minnie, the one who stayed longest with her mother. During a great part of Minnie's life her father was an invalid, and for many years in hospital, so her mother was obliged to keep a little shop, and though only ten years old when the Lord took her home she had for some time before been most helpful to her mother, especially in taking care of a little sister. Minnie was once asked by a friend if she loved Jesus. She replied with happy confidence, "Yes I do, and Jesus loves me too." In the morning, until it was time to get up, she and her sister would lie singing hymns. A favourite was:

"Around the throne of God in heaven,
Thousands of children stand."

I suppose it was because she loved hymns herself and knew they were about Jesus that she one day took a hymn-book to her father, believing it would comfort him. Sometimes she would bring her little Testament to her mother, and ask her to read to her. If my friend was busy she would answer, "Why cannot you read it yourself, dear?" but Minnie would say coaxingly, "Do please, mother, I can understand so much better when you read it—read about Jesus!" Then her mother would take the book and sit down, and the little girl would be perfectly happy.

One morning her mother awoke and found her kneeling by her side on the bed praying earnestly. Soon after she was in great pain and neither her

mother nor the doctor who came, could do much to relieve her, but it was to Jesus that Minnie looked—it was on His Name that she called continually, knowing that He alone could help and ease her. That same evening she passed away, but about an hour before, she knelt upon the bed and looking up, her little face and voice full of love and gratitude, repeated these lines :

Jesus, Jesus, Heavenly Lamb,
 From the Father's presence came
 To redeem and set me free,
 Loved and gave Himself for me.

Her last words were Glory! Glory! and then this little lamb of Christ's fold had gone to be with Him for ever.

Have you, dear reader, understood that Jesus loved and gave Himself for *you*? Have you been washed from your sins in His precious Blood? Are you seeking now, by His grace, to do those things which please Him?

Then should you, like Minnie, be called home suddenly, you would but leave your loving friends here to be safe in the arms of Jesus. A. S.



A VOICE IN THE NIGHT

NOT long ago you read in these pages part of the story of little Samuel, the child whose name meant "Asked of God," the little son God gave to Hannah, in answer to her prayer. You remember that as soon as he was old enough he was taken to God's house, at Shiloh, to be with Eli the priest, and there he learnt to help Eli in serving the Lord.

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The "house of the Lord in Shiloh" (1 Samuel i. 24), was the same beautiful tabernacle which the children of Israel had made while they were in the wilderness of Sinai, after the pattern which God shewed to Moses (Exodus xxv. 9, 40). For the house that Solomon built for the Lord (Acts vii. 47), was not made till some time after this, and when David was king the ark of God still "dwelt in curtains" (2 Samuel vii. 2). When Solomon first was king the tabernacle was at Gibeon (2 Chron. i. 3), and the temple he built, that beautiful house of cedar wood, covered over with gold (2 Chron. vi.), was at Jerusalem. But Shiloh was the place which God chose at the first to set His name there (Jeremiah vii. 12; Deuteronomy xii. 11); the tabernacle had been put up there in Joshua's time, after the people had entered the land (Joshua xviii. 1), and it had been at Shiloh ever since.

What did Samuel do at Shiloh? Perhaps he helped Eli to look after the golden lamps, in the beautiful seven branched candlestick (or lamp stand), which stood in the outer part of the tabernacle—the Holy place; these lamps had to be trimmed every morning and lighted every evening (Exodus xxvii. 21; 2 Chron. xiii. 11). Into the inner part of the tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, he might not go; only the high priest might enter there, and that only on one day in the year, the great day of Atonement. (Hebrews ix. 7). For "the way into the Holiest was not yet made manifest" (Hebrews ix. 8), the Lord Jesus had not yet come down here to "bear our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter ii. 24), and to open a way by which we may draw near to God. When He died upon the cross "the veil of the temple was rent in twain" (Mark xv. 38), that veil or curtain which shut off the Holy of Holies

from those outside; and now "by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way" (Hebrews x. 19, 20), which He has made for us, we may "draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith" (verse 22).

Perhaps, too, Samuel helped to change the loaves every week on the golden table of Shewbread, which stood with the candlestick in the Holy place—twelve loaves, one for every tribe. These were to be changed every sabbath day. (Leviticus xxiv. 8). Only the priests might eat of this bread; but now, whosoever will may come to the One who said, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger" (John vi. 35).

But, if Samuel, while he was only a boy, might not help to trim the golden lamps and change the loaves of Shewbread, if there was not much he might do, he would hear about all these things, and, no doubt he often asked Eli to explain to him what he did not understand. And he would hear God's law, and about all the wonderful things that God had done for His people in days gone by. For God's people were specially told to teach their children His commandments (Deut. vi. 7), and to answer the questions they asked. (Exodus xii. 26; Deut. xxxii. 7; Joshua iv. 6).

One part of Samuel's work was to open the doors of the house of the Lord (1 Samuel iii., 15); and always, of course, he was to do what Eli told him. All of us need to learn the lesson of obedience.

While Samuel was still a child at Shiloh, a wonderful thing happened. One night after he had gone to bed, and Eli too had gone to bed, while the lamp of God was still alight in the temple of the Lord, and all was dark outside, Samuel heard a voice call his name. He thought it was Eli calling; so he got up and ran to Eli,

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saying, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli had not called him; and he said, "I did not call you, lie down again." So Samuel went and lay down.

Then again the voice called, "Samuel." So he got up again, and went to Eli; but Eli answered him the same as before, "I called not, my son, lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and he did



not know it was the Lord who called him; but, when again the voice came calling for the third time, "Samuel," he did not get cross and impatient. Again he got up and went to Eli, saying, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli knew that the Lord had called the child.

So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down; and if the call comes again, say, Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." And Samuel went and lay down in his place. Do you think that he was afraid, because God was speaking to him? There was no need, for "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." (Proverbs xxix. 25). When again the Lord came and called as at other times, "Samuel, Samuel," he knew who was speaking, and what he must do. Now he did not go to Eli, but he answered for himself, "Speak, for Thy servant heareth." He was ready to listen to what the Lord had to say; and God talked with him in the night.

Have *you* heard the voice of the Lord speaking to you? He does not speak to us now aloud in the night, yet still He speaks, not only through His servants, but by His written word, the Bible, and with a still small voice in our hearts. Still, "He calleth His own sheep by name." Have you listened? Has He called *you*? "Come unto Me," He says, and He knows whether you have obeyed His voice: "The Lord knoweth them that are His." If you have not listened to Him before, will you listen now, and say to Him, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth"?

King David said, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak." The prophet Habakkuk said, "I will . . . watch to see what He shall say." If you listen, and hear, and watch to see what He says, the Lord is able to make you, like Samuel, His faithful servant, and teach you day by day to do His will.

What Samuel did was to listen to the Lord's voice, to remember what He said, and to tell what the Lord told him. In this way he came to know the Lord, and to carry His message while he was still only a boy. The

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Lord was with him as he grew to be a man; and all the people of Israel knew that Samuel was a faithful prophet of the Lord, truly making known His word and will. "For the Lord appeared again in Shiloh, and revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh, by the word of the Lord."

K. I. B.



THE JOURNEY AND ITS END

SUPPOSE that you were taking a journey to another part of the country, and that you knew that when you reached your destination, you would be made very welcome and quite happy? Would this knowledge prevent you from enjoying the journey? "Of course not," you answer at once, "I should enjoy the journey all the more." Then how is it that some boys and girls hesitate to get on to the road that leads to everlasting life and heaven because they imagine that the journey there through this world will be spoilt? If you know that your sins are forgiven and that you are sure to have a good time in the next world, that will not make you enjoy the journey through this life the less, surely? Of course, you will take care to do nothing that would make you ashamed when you got to the end of the journey, but you would not enjoy the journey the less because you knew that a good time was awaiting you at the end. You are fond of thinking out things for yourself, perhaps. Then think out what you have just been reading, and do not give it up till you are sure that you are on the road to heaven.

E. A.

LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE

"Come ye children, hearken unto Me."

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs x. 22.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. Psalm xxxiv. 8.

Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Proverbs xvi. 20.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him. Psalm ii. 12.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jeremiah xvii. 7.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven. Romans iv. 7.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Psalm xxxii. 1.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee. Psalm lxxxiv. 5.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help. Psalm cxlvi. 5.

Happy is that people whose God is the Lord. Psalm cxliv. 15.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm xxxiii. 12.

Blessed are all they that wait for Him. Isaiah xxx. 18.

O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Psalm lxxxiv, 12.



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1. The place where John was baptizing when Priests and Levites came to ask him, "Who art thou?"

2. The man who "walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

3. The surname of the apostle called Lebbaeus.

4. One who helped to hold up Moses' hands when Israel fought against Amalek.

5. One of the women who came to the sepulchre very early in the morning, the first day of the week.

6. The first man.

7. The son of Abraham and Sarah.

8. The place to which Saul was going when the Lord appeared to him in the way.

9. The father of James the apostle.

The initials read downwards give the name of the town from which came Philip, Andrew and Peter.

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR JUNE

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before June 20th, the envelope to be addressed "*Questions*," c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 and 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in August, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to the Juniors who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time, and to the Seniors at the end of the year.

Questions for Juniors and Seniors

Those under 12 do the four questions marked *; *over 12 and under 16* do the four marked ones and two others; the *seniors* do the four questions *not* marked, and any others also if they wish.

The senior answers should be sent not later than June 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Race as above. A reference Bible should be used, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer.

1. Quote verses from three chapters in Genesis about God creating man in His own image and likeness.

2.* Write a verse from Genesis 2 which tells us how the Lord God formed man and "man became a living soul."

3.* What work did God give him to do at the first, and what do we read in Psalm 104 about man and his work? (Gen. 2.)

4.* Why did the Lord God make woman? (Gen. 2.)

5. Find verses in Ecclesiastes, Isaiah and 1 Peter which speak of God as Creator.

6.* Find and complete the following:—

(a) "God created man in his own image."

(b) "the Lord our maker"

(c) "created in Christ Jesus"

(d) "we shall be like him"

(Genesis 1, Psalm 95, Ephesians 2, 1 John 3.)

7. Quote two verses from the Psalms, and any others you can find elsewhere, which speak of the Lord as our maker; also verses from Malachi and from Acts shewing all men are of one blood, created by one God.

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8. Where and what do we read about (a) "Christ . . . the image of God ;" (b) "the image of the invisible God ;" (c) "the express image of his person ;" (d) "conformed to the image of his Son ;" (e) "bear the image of the heavenly ;" (f) "changed into the same image."

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for April. 74 papers received. Commended: L.D.G., A.F., K.P., G.A.R., G.T., W.F.H., D.M.B., D.P., C.E.M., J.E., R.B., I.M.E. (under 12), K.M., G.M.D., B.B., C.W. (Gossington), C.A.M., C.J., C.M. (Kenilworth). Six correct: L.K.B., A.E., J.G., E.G., K.K., E.L., Ruth N., E.W., (under 12), D.E.K. Four correct: W.G.A., W.M.B., Evelyn B., R.E., Lottie G., P.E.H., V.H., F.M., H.M., Richard N., E.R., V.A.W., C.W. (Chelsea). Correct except in one answer: T.A., B.T., E.A., K.Y.H., J.K., G.K., R.M., J.S., B.K.S., J.W., F.W., the first two are commended.

Answers to February Questions received late from G.B. (Canada), N.M. and W.M. (South America).

Answers to April Q.F.S. received from: D.P., F.A.M., E.K.S., N.H., E.M., A.L., Henry H., M.A.H., I.B.Y., F.L., M.L. Three only from M.E.B., P.H. Nearly all these papers were very good, especially the answers to Question 7.

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“ LIKE HIM ”

FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS.

WHILE walking out recently with a young cousin of mine, she said to me “ Christians are always different from other people aren’t they ? ” It brought to my mind a story which I heard a preacher tell long ago.

He had at one time, he said, a class of Sunday-school children, and missing, several weeks running, one little girl from among them, he looked up her address and went to inquire the reason of her absence. He found the house a large one, where several families lived, and not knowing on which floor the little girl lived he gave an ordinary rat-tat and waited. Presently the door was opened by a woman, and after one glance at her face, he asked “ How do you do Mrs. —— ? ” addressing her by the little girl’s surname. “ But how do you know I am Mrs. —— ? ” inquired the woman, for the preacher was unknown to her. “ By your likeness to your child,” he promptly replied.

He had told us this story to illustrate how Christians should be recognised by their likeness to Christ. There is not one of us surely, who love that dear Name, who are redeemed by that precious blood, that does not desire to be like Him—Whose we are and Whom we serve ; and we have the promise that we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is. But in the meantime, while we walk down here waiting for Him to come, we should be “ the epistle of Christ known and read of all men.”

It is grace that saved us, and grace alone can keep us walking where Jesus leads,—in the paths of righteous-

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ness. Do you long, dear young believer, to follow Christ so faithfully that none shall doubt you are His, then listen to His own words : " If any will come after Me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." This will not be a hard saying to you if you truly love the Lord, if you have understood somewhat of His great love to you. For a dear earthly friend who has been kind to us, we would gladly do much to show our gratitude ; we find joy in pleasing him, and it is a sorrow to grieve him. How much more then do we owe loving obedience to the Saviour who bought us at such a price. It is well known that persons who are much together, especially if there is a tie of affection between them, grow like one another, they express themselves in the same way, they even think alike.

It is only by keeping very close to the Lord Jesus, seeking to do always the things that please Him, that we can shew the faintest reflection of His love and grace. Two cannot walk together except they be agreed, so if we would have Jesus constantly with us, we must let go all that is contrary to Him, all that is of ourselves.

It is with the humble and lowly that God has promised to dwell, and we shall have much to keep us humble if we are walking with Jesus. As we see more of His beauty, we shall realize more how poor and unworthy we are, and then our hearts will be filled with love and praise, that He could care for us in spite of all. We read in 1 John ii. 6, " He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked." Have you ever noticed how John the Baptist, looking on Jesus *as He walked* could say of Him, " Behold the Lamb of God " ?

If we have taken the Lord Jesus for our Saviour we have Him also for our perfect " Example."

SOMETHING WORTH READING

He was made like us, in all but sin, that as the beautiful hymn expresses it—

“That we as like Him might become,
As we unlike had been ;
Like Him in faith, in meekness, love,
In every beauteous grace.
From glory unto glory changed,
Till we behold His Face.”

A. S.



SOMETHING WORTH READING

A BOY walked up to the bookstall in Bath Station and asked the man in charge “Have you got anything worth reading?” “It all depends what you mean by ‘worth reading,’ ” replied the man. “Oh, I mean a boy’s book,” was the answer ; and a moment or two later the boy walked away with a cheap book which he had bought.

That boy would have been greatly surprised if the man at the bookstall had handed him a Bible as “a boy’s book.” Yet it is quite true that the Bible is a book for boys and girls as well as for men and women. Most boys and girls look upon the Word of God as a very dry and uninteresting book, and only read it because they have to learn certain lessons set from it.

Here is what a Christian boy of thirteen writes about his Bible :—“It was my Sunday School teacher who urged me to read my Bible. The more I came to the class the more I came to prize and read it. I have used it for about two years now, but I have one regret, and that is that I did not use it more. For the short time I have used it, however, I have been greatly blessed and helped in my Christian life.”

How is it that boys don’t love to study God’s Word ?

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The following words, written by a boy, will explain the reason :—"It was not until August (1910) that I really began to love my Bible. And why? Because it was only then that I gave myself entirely to Christ—spirit, soul and body." And another boy says :—"It was not until I came to the class and accepted Christ as my Saviour that I got right into touch with my Bible and used it."

So you see, if you really want to love and understand the Bible, you must get to know and love its Author; and the only way to do that is to come to Jesus. E. A.



SONG OF THE MOUNTAIN TORRENT

St. Niklaus, Switzerland, August, 1912

Dashing in their snowy whiteness
 O'er the boulders wild,
 See those free-born leaping waters
 Laughing like a child!
 On they go, those gladsome torrents,
 Happy, grand and strong;
 Full of life, and joy, and freshness,
 Giving God their song.
 Well I know the hand that formed them
 By His power divine,
 Ruleth all things in His wisdom,
 Yes, their God is mine :—
 Patience, grace, yea, love and mercy,
 All His ways proclaim;
 And from sin and hell to save me,
 To this world He came.
 Hence, beneath the waves of sorrow,
 And through anguish sore,
 Jesus, in His tender pity,
 Sin's full judgment bore :—
 Yes, in boundless, deep compassion,
 Shed His blood for me;
 Whiter than those snowy torrents,
 God my soul doth see.

S. T.

“ I S’POSE I WAS BORN BAD ”

I HAVE known Kathleen B. since she was a baby of less than a year old, even then it was difficult to keep her in my arms, such a restless little person was she, and a little later, she was most mischievous, and seemed unable to resist touching anything placed within her reach.

Once she turned the contents of a treacle tin on to the little table of her high chair, watching with delight the syrup falling in golden crystals. When she was six yearsold I went to her home, and remained for some months, and Kathleen became very dear to me in spite of her restless, and often, very tiresome ways.

While I could play with her or tell her stories, she would be happy enough. On one occasion she turned on the tap of a cask of expensive oil, and left it running and it was not discovered until a great deal was wasted. I am not sure if it was in connection with this or some other naughtiness that I exclaimed to her, “ Oh Kathleen, why *can't* you try to be good ? ” and received a prompt reply in these words, “ I have tried, and it's no good, I s'pose I was *born* bad.”

At that time I had not myself realized that in the flesh dwells no good thing and until we do so, we cannot enjoy full salvation in Christ, but are always trying to do something in our own strength, especially if we desire, as I did, to please God. So instead of giving loving counsel to the little girl, directing her to that One who died to deliver us from the power of sin and Satan, I was surprised into silence at her reply. Now I know that her young lips unconsciously uttered a great truth. We are indeed “ born bad,” and all merely human

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efforts to do well, are in vain—we must come to Christ as helpless sinners, “ for He who knew no sin was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

A few years ago Kathleen was staying at my home, and I was glad to see she loved to hear the word of God, and would ask intelligent questions about passages that were read; she was so pleased to join in the singing of hymns — her favourite seemed to be “ Jesus my Saviour to Bethlehem came.” In a letter received recently, she told me she had “ taken Jesus for her Captain, and wanted to serve under His banner,” and in the last letter I had from her she spoke with much delight of her Sunday school class of tiny girls.



May she and all young followers of Christ keep close to the Captain of their salvation, obeying faithfully His commands, only thus can they overcome the adversary. They must remember that “ the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ ” (2 Cor. x. 4, 5).

A. S.

SAFE !

A TINY girl of four stood gazing for some moments at a picture of the "Good Shepherd," and then exclaimed, "O mother! look! the Shepherd has taken the little lamb in His arms, and the poor mother-sheep wants it." Her mother replied "The mother can trust the Good Shepherd with her lamb, dear, she knows it is perfectly safe with Him," and the child was satisfied.

About a year ago a boy and girl were drowned somewhere on the Devonshire coast, and the bereaved father making known the sad news to a relative by telegram used these words, "A and B are safe in the arms of Jesus." How beautiful! he knew those dear ones had given themselves to the Lord, and therefore was confident that it was well with them.

Doubtless, you who have believing parents were given to the Lord from your birth, I mean, they accepted you as a gift from God, to be held, as it were in trust, and how earnestly they prayed that should you live, you might give yourselves to Him.

Dearly as they love you, your parents cannot save you, only the Lord Jesus can do that—"He gave His life a ransom for many," and you are one of them.

I read of a little girl who desired to be one of those mentioned in a beautiful text. Do you also desire to be among those redeemed by the precious blood of Christ? Do not let that quick temper and other faults of yours, and the fear of dishonouring Christ through them, cause you to hesitate to confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus. He knows our frame and we have only to yield ourselves up to Him and He will work in

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us to will and to do of His good pleasure. He *came* to save *sinner*s.

Perhaps one who reads this can see no beauty in Jesus. You do not think you need a Saviour, you like to go on in your own way. Oh, I am sorry for you! Did you never read that text? "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. xiv. 12). Should you be taken suddenly as many are, your parents could not say of *you* that you were safe!

There is nothing more blessed than to walk through this troubled world knowing we are safe! As safe in the tempest as in the calm, safe though there is turmoil and confusion all around us, safe alike on sea or on land, because we are kept by the power of God—our hearts are fixed, trusting in the Lord.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
He will not (He's said it) give up to his foes,
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
He'll never, no never, no never forsake."

A. S.



ANSWER TO HIDDEN ACROSTIC IN JUNE

Bethabara, John i. 19-28.

Enoch, Genesis v. 24.

Thaddeus, Matthew x. 3.

Hur, Exodus xvii. 12.

Salome, Mark xvi. 1.

Adam, Genesis ii. 19.

Isaac, Genesis xxi. 3.

Damascus, Acts ix. 3.

Alphaeus, Matthew x. 3.

BETHSAIDA, John i. 44.

LEFT BEHIND !

WHEN Lewis was quite a small boy he had heard how the Lord would come for His own, he knew also that his parents would be among those "caught up to meet the Lord in the air" for they loved and trusted the Saviour, but he was not at all sure about himself.

One evening, when he was asleep in his little bed, his parents did a most unusual thing, left home for a little while together. Shortly afterwards Lewis awoke and, thinking the house seemed strangely quiet, called out for his mother. Receiving no answer, he called louder, and again louder; then, feeling frightened, he slipped out of bed and down the stairs. Neither mother nor father were in any of the rooms; then an awful dread came to the child's mind, Had Jesus come and taken his parents home? Oh! why? why? had he not been taken with them?—and now tears and sobs so loud and bitter broke forth that a neighbour heard and came to see what could be the matter, but Lewis would not be comforted. How relieved he was when presently his mother appeared. He flung himself into her arms and told her between his sobs, what he thought had happened. Tenderly she soothed him, bidding him at the same time to "tell Jesus all about it, to ask God to forgive his sins for Christ's sake, so that he too might be among those caught up when Jesus came."

Surely my little reader would not like to be left behind when the Lord comes for his saints! It is not the Lord's will that any should; He has said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," and in another Scripture, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

A. S.

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR JULY

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- 1* What did God do on the seventh day? (Genesis 2.)
- 2* What are we told in Exodus xxiii. about resting on the seventh day?
3. Quote verses from Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy where God's people are told to work on six days and rest on the seventh; and give references to any verses where they are told (a) to keep His Sabbaths; (b) to hallow the Sabbath; (c) that it was given for a sign between God and His people.
4. What are we told in Isaiah lviii. about those who turn away from doing their pleasure on God's holy day?
- 5* Write a verse from Ezekiel xx. which tells why God gave the Sabbath day.
- 6* Find and complete the following:—
 - (a) "Six days shall work be done" (Leviticus xxiii.)
 - (b) "On the seventh day thou shalt rest" (Exodus xxxiv.)
 - (c) "It was the Sabbath day" (John ix.)
 - (d) "There remaineth therefore a rest" (Hebrews ix.)
7. Relate the story told in Nehemiah xiii. of how Nehemiah helped the people of Jerusalem to keep the promise they had made about the Sabbath (see Nehemiah x. 31).

8. Who is Lord even of the Sabbath? What three things did He say about it? And what miracles took place on the Sabbath day?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for May. 65 papers received. Commended: R.B., G.A.R., E.G., K.N.H., A.F., W.F.H., I.M.E., L.D.G., J.G., G.T., J.W., Ruth N., K.P., B.T., A.E., C.E.M.; (under 12) G.D., R.E., C.A.M., K.Y.H., C.M. (Kenilworth), H.M., C.J., F.J., F.M., E.R. Six correct: G.L.K., D.P., B.K.S., E.W., F.W. Four correct: Evelyn B., P.E.H., K.M., Richard N., L.T., C.W. (Gossington), C.W. (Chelsea). Correct except in one answer: D.M.B., J.E., W.M.B., N.B., B.B., J.W.C., Lottie G., K.K., E.L., R.M. (the first two are commended).

April answers received late from Canada: G.M.C.

Answers to May Q.F.S. received from: A.L., F.A.M., N.H., E.K.S., M.A.H., P.H., I.B.Y., F.L., M.L., E.A.; three only: M.E.B., Henry H.

Answers to April Q.F.S. late from Canada: A.E.K.

The first two papers for May were specially good. References to questions 7 and 8 are as follows: (7b) Psalm civ. 18, 11, 21; cxlvii. 9; civ. 20; viii. 8. (8) Matthew xxiii. 37; Psalm lv. 6; Psalm cxxxix. 9, 10; Psalm lxiii. 7; Exodus xix. 4; Isaiah xl. 31.

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LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE

"Come, ye children, hearken unto Me"

THE words of the Lord are *pure* words. Psalm xii. 6. *Every* word of God is pure. Proverbs xxx. 5. The word of the Lord is *tried*. Psalm xviii. 30. Thy word is *true* from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth for ever*. Psalm cxix. 160. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but *the word of our God shall stand for ever*. Isaiah xl. 8.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto *according to Thy word*. Psalm cxix. 9. Be merciful unto me *according to Thy word* (v. 58). Deliver me *according to Thy word* (v. 170). Give me understanding *according to Thy word* (v. 169).

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm cxix. 105. *Thy word* hath quickened me. (v. 50). I trust in *Thy word* (v. 42). The entrance of *Thy words* giveth light (v. 130). Order my steps in *Thy word* (v. 133).

Blessed are they that hear *the word of God* and keep it. Luke xi. 28. If a man love Me, he will keep *My words*. John xiv. 23. *Thy word* have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee. Psalm cxix. 11. I will not forget *Thy word* (v. 16). I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep *Thy word* (v. 101). My tongue shall speak of *Thy word* (v. 172). *Thy word* was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. Jeremiah xv. 16. I have esteemed *the words of His mouth* more than my necessary food. Job xxiii. 12. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by *the word of God*, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter i. 23.

A WHITE HEART

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All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but *the word of the Lord* endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. 1 Peter i. 24, 25.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth *My word*, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John v. 24. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but *My words* shall not pass away. Luke xxi. 33.



A WHITE HEART

A MISSIONARY lady doctor was sitting one morning in her hospital in India seeing the hundreds of women who came to her in the hope of being made better. Among them a woman came who did not seem to have much the matter with her. The missionary asked her questions, and examined her, but could not find out that she was ill at all. At last the doctor asked her, "Well, what is the matter with you? What do you want?"

"I'll tell you, Mem Sahib," said the woman, "I want some medicine to make my heart white, like yours." She had watched the lady missionary, and she wanted to be like her.

"I felt so ashamed," said the missionary, in telling the story; "*white like mine!* when I knew so well what my own heart was like." But though she knew so well her own faults and failings, yet her heart *was* washed white in the blood of Jesus, and she was able to tell that poor Indian woman, who had seen the

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difference in her life, about the precious "medicine" which can make white the heart of every one who comes to the Saviour, the Great Physician.

Is *your* heart made white by that precious "medicine"? Have you come to the Lord Jesus, and asked Him to make it clean and pure in His sight? Unlike this poor Indian woman, you have heard about Him ever since you were quite tiny; but are you washed white? Would people know by your life that *you* have a white heart?

"God forgive those," said the missionary, "who know of the medicine, but do not use it themselves or make it known to others."

"Create in me a clean heart, O God."

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

"Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood . . . to Him be glory."



"I HAVE BEEN YOUNG AND NOW AM OLD"

PSALM xxxvii. 25



AM nearing three score years and ten, and would like to give my testimony to the love and faithfulness of the Lord.

I heard of His love when a little child from the lips of a godly mother. I wanted to love and trust One whom my dear mother loved and trusted, and I would go to Him, when very small, with my trials and difficulties, with a simple confidence that Jesus would help and care for me, and truly He always did.

We were sent, for I had brothers and sisters, to a Sunday School two miles away, and how grieved I was

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when the bad weather kept us at home, I would not at all have minded cold or a wetting so eager was I to go where I heard of the Saviour, but this of course my mother would not allow, so instead we would have the large family Bible to read and look at the pictures.

I can remember my eighth birthday very well ; it was on a Sunday, and a sad day for us, for our mother was very ill. God raised her up again, but she was always very delicate afterwards and I, being the eldest girl at home, was able to wait upon her, and many were the precious talks we had together.

Years passed away and I had little children of my own, to whom I could speak of my Saviour as my mother had spoken to me. I have always felt it a great privilege to teach little ones God's word, remembering how the Saviour said “ Feed My lambs.”

Do you not like to feel, little reader that you are a lamb of Christ's fold ?—and will you not listen very attentively to those who seek to feed your soul with the precious food, which God has given to nourish you, that you may grow up in the Lord ?

Trouble and sorrow came to me also—sorrow so great that I could only cry to God—“ O Lord help me ” and He who had heard my prayer as a little child, did help and comfort me as no earthly friend could.

I am telling you this that you may know the Lord is an “ all the way home ” Saviour,—who having loved His own, will love them unto the end.

You too, if you live, may have sorrow and trouble, but if you have come to Jesus as a little child you will not have to bear it alone—He will turn it all to blessing, for all things work together for good to them that love God.

I had a great desire to serve the Lord, and to speak

to others about Him, and He gave me opportunities, and though some were not willing to listen, I had the joy of seeing others hear with understanding and delight. If the Lord Jesus is very precious to us, we shall love to tell those whom we come in contact with, what He has done for our soul.

During my life, which has been a busy one, I have met many people, watched by sick beds, and seen many pass away from this world, but all that I have seen or heard or known, has proved to me that the only truly happy people are those who have come to Christ for salvation, and are seeking by His grace to follow Him.

Dear children, let the Lord Jesus take possession of your hearts now, let Him guide your lives. If the everlasting arms are around you how safe you must be! Once we have accepted the Lord Jesus as our Saviour—nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. E. C.



AN EXPLORER'S COMFORT

AN autograph letter from Sir Sven Hedin has been sent by a friend to the Bible Society. Most boys have heard the name of this well-known Swedish explorer, who not so very long ago travelled in disguise across the forbidden land of Tibet. This is what that famous man says about the Bible:—
 “Without a strong and absolute belief in God and in His almighty protection, I should not have been able to live alone in Asia’s wildest regions for twelve years. During all my journeys the Bible has always been my best lecture and company.”

From the “Christian.”

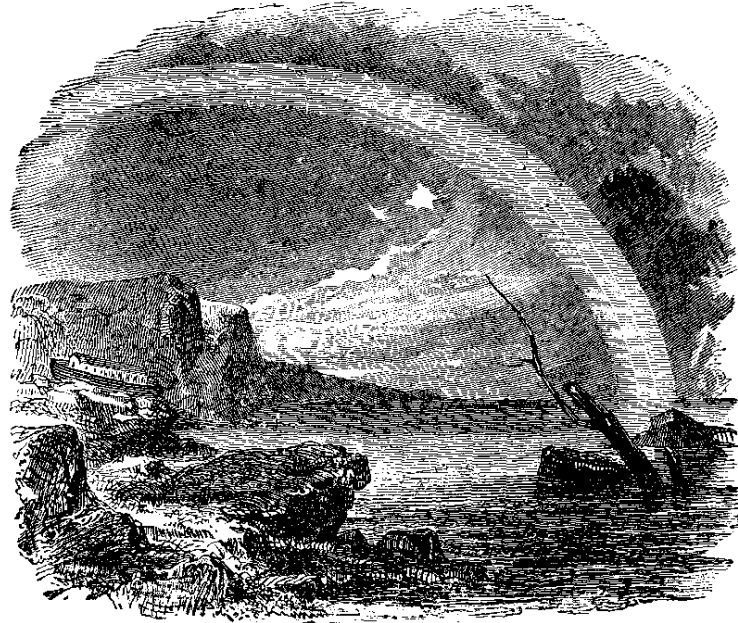
THE FAITHFUL GOD

A CHRISTIAN friend told me how, when a little girl at school, she was much impressed with the story of the Flood, and the promise made by God afterwards. The next time she saw the beautiful rainbow across the sky, she stood still and said to herself, "God must be true for He has kept His word." It was a solemn thought to her young mind that after thousands of years God was still true to His promise.

God gave an earlier promise than this, for as soon as man had sinned God promised redemption through His Son. The bow is set in the clouds for all the world to see, and God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

You could not see the rainbow if you resolutely turned your face from it, and you cannot have life through God's Son unless you believe on Him.

Most people admire the beautiful things which God has created, but there is a deeper joy and appreciation in the heart of one who can say "This God (the Creator of them all) is our God for ever and ever, He will be our Guide even unto death."



MY JOY'S SONG

Solomon could tell the children of Israel that not one word had failed of all God's good promises to them, yet full and rich as those promises were, they are not to be compared with the precious ones given in and through the Saviour.

On the other hand, there is a solemn warning of judgment to those who reject God's Son.

I trust you are among those who have come to Jesus and are able to praise God for His faithfulness, to say like my friend, "Yes! God is true for He has kept His word."

A. S.



MY JOY'S SONG

Songs are sung of many things,
People, Countries, Queens and Kings,
But mine is a sweeter theme,
For I sing of Jesus.

Some a wondrous beauty see
In the things on land and sea,
But the lovely One to me
Is my Saviour Jesus.

Truth and grace in Him combine,
Freeest mercy, peace divine,
Love that never will decline,
These are found in Jesus.

All my need each day supplied,
All my yearnings satisfied
By the blessed One who died,
Precious Saviour Jesus.

Would you call Him Saviour too,
Come! salvation is for you,
Joy and peace and pleasure true,
Freely given in Jesus.

Come! and join my happy song,
Now and with a countless throng,
Who around the Father's throne
Will ever sing of Jesus.

A. S.

LITTLE BERTIE

THE following is a true story about a little boy who used to live with me. When he was only two and a half years old, his dear mother died suddenly, so Bertie was left entirely in my charge.

When he was put to bed he always wanted to be told something about Jesus, dear mamma, and heaven. Although so young he loved the Lord Jesus and was always saying, "Bertie wants to see Jesus." When told that Jesus was coming one day to take all His little lambs to be with Him, he would clap his little hands with delight and say, "*Me go too.*" When the weather was bad and he could not go out, he loved to hear Bible stories and learn hymns.

Before he was four years old he was taken suddenly ill. Five days before, he was running about singing two verses of a hymn he had learnt that morning:

"If I come to Jesus,
Happy shall I be,
He is gently calling,
Little ones like me.

If I come to Jesus,
He will take my hand,
He will kindly lead me,
To a better land."

Little did we think that he was going so soon. Just a few hours before he died, his hands were uplifted, and a gentle little voice said, "Jesus here, Jesus here," and so dear Bertie went to be forever with the One whom he longed to see. Now, dear children, let me ask you, Are you ready if Jesus calls you? Do you want to see Jesus? If your sins have been washed away by the precious blood of Jesus, then you will be one of the "jewels" for which He is coming. "*Be ready.*"

M. J. F.

HIDDEN SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC

1. The disciple whom Jesus loved.
2. The son of Ruth the Moabitess.
3. A son of the man whom they compelled to bear the cross for Jesus.
4. The shepherd king of Israel
5. The course of the priesthood to which John the Baptist's father belonged.
6. The city where a young man was raised from the dead by the Lord Jesus.

The initials read downwards give the name of the river where the Lord Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist.



HUMILITY

The bird that soars on highest wing
Builds on the ground her lowly nest ;
And she that does most sweetly sing
Sings in the shade while all things rest.
From lark and nightingale we see
What honour hath humility !

Thus Mary chose the better part
And meekly sat at Jesus' feet ;
And Lydia's gently opened heart
Was made for God's own temple meet.
Fairest and best adorned is she
Whose clothing is humility !

Extracted.

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1. *Who tempted Eve to do what God had forbidden? What did he say?

2. What are we told in Revelation xx., and in one other place about "that old serpent"? and what did the Lord Jesus say (John viii.) about his being a liar?

3. Quote a verse where the devil is compared to a roaring lion ; another where we are told what he will do if we resist him : and two others which tell us that the Lord Jesus came—was manifested—that He might destroy the devil and his works.

4. *For what three reasons did the woman wish to eat of the fruit of the tree when she saw it? What did she do?

5. *What did Adam and his wife do when they heard the voice of the Lord God in the garden?

6. What three questions did the Lord God ask of Adam when he hid himself? Quote verses from the Books of Job, Psalms and Proverbs which speak of covering or hiding iniquity and sin, and what to do so that it may be forgiven.

7. *Find and complete the following :—

(a) "That old serpent, which is the devil" (Revelation xx.)

(b) "My sins are not hid from Thee" (Psalm lxix.).

(c) "I said, I will confess" (Psalm xxxii.).

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(d) "Able to stand against the wiles of the devil"
(Ephesians vi.).

8. What do we read about *temptation* in 1 Corinthians, James, 2 Peter, and the Book of Revelation?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for June. 60 papers received. Commended: K.P., A.F., L.D.G., G.T., G.A.R., W.F.H., C.E.M., L.K.B., R.B., J.E., I.M.E.; (under 12) G.M.D., W.M.B., C.A.M., R.E., Evelyn B., C.W. (Gossington). Six correct: A.E., K.K., E.L., Ruth N., D.P., B.K.S., J.W., F.W. Four correct: B.B., Lottie G., V.H., P.E.H., F.J., C.J., F.M., K.M., R.M., C.M. (Kenilworth), H.M., E.R. Correct except in one answer: L.C., J.W.C., J.G. (Canterbury), J.G. (Durham), Elsie G., Richard N.

Answers to June Q.F.S. from: Henry H., M.A.H., D.P., F.A.M., A.L., N.H., P.H., E.K.S., M.L. Henry H., F.A.M., and A.L. sent specially good answers to Question 7.

Answers for May from A.E.K. (Canada); D.P. (omitted by mistake last month).

The best answers to the Q.F.S. for June are found as follows: (1) Genesis i. 26, 27; vi. 1; ix. 6. (5) Ecclesiastes xii. 1; Isaiah xl. 28; 1 Peter iv. 19. (7) Psalm xcv. 6, and c. 3; Job xxxv. 10; Proverbs xxii. 2; Isaiah li. 13; liv. 5; &c., &c; Malachi ii. 10, and Acts xvii. 26. (8) 2 Corinthians iv. 4; Colossians i. 15; Hebrews i. 3; Romans viii. 29; 1 Corinthians xv. 49; 2 Corinthians iii. 18.

Answers to Hidden Acrostic in June from W.F.H., A.E., J.E., R.E., C.J., L.K.B., I.M.E., L.D.G., Elsie G., M.L., J.G.

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EBENEZER: THE STONE OF HELP

AFTER the time when God first spoke to Samuel in the night, there was a battle between the Israelites and the Philistines; and because the Israelites found they were getting the worst of it, they sent to fetch the ark of the Lord to be with them. But this was a wrong thing to do; for unless God told them that the ark was to go before them (see Numbers iii. 31, iv. 15, x. 33; Joshua iii. 3, 6, 8, and iv. 16), it was not right to move it from its place. Instead of praying to the Lord to save them, they trusted in something they could see; but the ark of itself could not save them, and it was not a sign of God's presence when He had not said that it was to go with them. The people of Israel were defeated by their enemies, and thirty thousand of them were killed; the ark of God was taken by the Philistines, and Eli's two wicked sons, Hophni and Phineas, were killed.

Eli was a very old man now, 98 years old; he sat by the wayside to watch for news, for "his heart trembled for the ark of God"; he knew that the people should not have taken it. And when the messenger came running to tell what had happened, and Eli heard that his two sons were dead and the ark of God was taken, he fell backward from his seat and died.

The Philistines took the ark of God back with them to their country, but they could not keep it. God did not mean it to stay there; it brought troubles upon them; and after sending it about from one of their cities to another, at last they sent it back to the people of Israel. You may read in 1 Samuel vi. the wonderful story of how they sent it back in a cart without a

driver, and the cattle who drew it went the right way of their own accord, for God guided them.

The ark was taken to Kirjath-jearim, and there it stayed for 20 years. Then the people of Israel began to repent and to be sorry for all the wrong things they had been doing ; and " all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord." By this time of course Samuel was a man, and he was God's servant and prophet ; he spoke to the people and told them three things that they must do. He said " If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then *put away the strange gods* and Ashtaroth from among you " (for the people had turned away from serving the Lord, to worship the false gods of the people around, and to do as they did) ; that was the first thing—" and *prepare your hearts unto the Lord* " ; that was the second—" and *serve Him only* " ; that was the third—" and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." It was through their own fault and because of their sin that He had not done this already, for He had said long before, " If they shall confess their iniquity . . . then will I remember My covenant " (Leviticus xxvi. 40, 42).

Then the children of Israel did put away their false gods, and served the Lord Jehovah only. Samuel told them to gather all together at Mizpeh, and he would pray to the Lord for them. So they gathered together at Mizpeh, and made an offering to the Lord, and fasted, and confessed their sin, saying " We have sinned against the Lord." But when the Philistines heard that the people were gathered together at Mizpeh, they came up to fight against them ; and when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid. Perhaps they wondered why the Philistines should be allowed to come again just when they had turned to the Lord ; but soon they

found that they had no need now to be afraid of their enemies. They said to Samuel, "Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that He will save us out of the hand of the Philistines." So Samuel did cry unto the Lord for Israel, and the Lord heard him, and answered their prayers. As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder that day upon the Philistines, and they were so frightened that they were easily overcome by the Israelites, and fled before them.

So the Lord saved His people from their enemies when they cried to Him, and He always will. We need fear nothing if we have Him on our side. "I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause," said the patriarch Job long ago; and king Asa was told by the prophet, "If ye seek Him, He will be found of you" (2 Chronicles xv. 2). The Psalmist, too, was able to say "My help cometh from the Lord" (Psalm cxxi. 2). So it was then, and so it is now.

Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, which means "The stone of help"; that was to remind the people always how the Lord had helped them that day; for He said "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

And "the Lord God will help" His people always when they ask Him. But we must turn away from the things that displease Him; "*Come* unto Me," said the Lord Jesus (and that is to turn our backs on our own way) "And I will give you rest." We must "Prepare our hearts to seek the Lord." How? "Learn of Me," said the Lord Jesus; He will be our Teacher. And "Serve Him only." We must "Seek *first* the kingdom

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of God " (Matthew vi. 33) and He will take care of all the rest.

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" Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice." Psalm lxiii. 7.

" Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may . . . find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews iv. 16.



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WHEN out one day, I saw on the step of a house I was passing a small boy, who, judging from his face and manner, was in great trouble. He looked up at me as if he wanted sympathy and, on my asking what was the matter, he told me he had "lost his mother!" He walked on with me, and before we had gone far he had told me all about it. His mother had gone that morning to the house where I had seen him, and had told him to meet her there at a certain time, and she would wait for him, now although he had gone punctually at the time arranged, the maid told him that she had left a little while before.

He had walked some distance, and had evidently looked forward to walking home with his mother; but the real sorrow of this little boy seemed to be that his mother had not kept her word. "She *said* she would wait," he repeated again and again, and I could only assure him that she must have had some very good reason for disappointing him, which he would hear when he got home.

I could not help thinking, after we had parted, that he must have a mother who did not lightly make or break a promise to her children, and I remembered how God

said to his people Israel that, though it was possible for a mother to forget her child, yet He would not forget them. There is no human love so true and strong as a mother's for her dear child, yet God's love is infinitely more true and strong.

The Psalmist said, "When my father and my mother forsake me then the Lord will take me up," so while we may have neither a father's nor a mother's love, we need not be without the wonderful love of God.

The other evening I saw sitting opposite me in the tram-car a very unhappy looking young girl, dressed in black. I went and sat beside her, but at my first words her eyes filled with tears, and she could not answer me. I was nearing my destination so only had time to whisper, "Do you know Jesus? I trust your dear one has gone to Him, and if you look to Him for comfort you will surely find it, and a Friend who will never fail you."

The extent of God's love was shewn in sending His Son to die upon the cross for us. "Not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." There was nothing in us to call forth God's love, yet He did love us, and if His love has called forth our love, we can say with the apostle John, "We love Him because He first loved us."

May our desire be to love Him more and more for all His love to us. We never can love Him as He deserves to be loved, but it is in His love for us that we can make our boast, that everlasting love!

We read in John xiii. 1, "Having loved His own which were in the world He loved them unto the end."

A. S.

GOD'S LOVING KINDNESS

I WENT one day to take for a walk the little four year old daughter of a friend. Before we left the house I told her mother I should like to take her to see the lady with whom I was living. We had not gone far before the little girl said, "You won't take me to see any ladies will you?—I don't want to see them." I told her she should not see anyone she did not wish to see.



She was glad, however, to be taken round a pretty garden, and found much to delight her in it, and was quite pleased, when she looked up, to see someone waving to her from a window so I gave her my handkerchief that she might wave back again—and so taken was she with the kind face looking down at her, that she very soon said "I like that lady, please take me in to see her." I did so and she very soon made friends with the lady

whom at first she had not wished to see.

Some grown up people as well as children do not think of God with pleasure, but with fear; they feel uncomfortable when others talk of Him, but that is because they do not know Him, or understand His great love. God says in His word, "Yea I have loved

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thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.”

What could God do for us that He has not done?—for He spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all. “Thy loving kindness,” says the Psalmist, “is better than life”—shall we not say so too?

Will you not, dear reader, believe that His loving-kindness is all for you, and be drawn to Him? “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.” God has done everything for us, and only asks us to accept His loving kindness, and to believe on His dear Son.

“He saw us ruined in the fall,
Yet loved us notwithstanding all.
He saved us from our lost estate,
His loving kindness, oh! how great.”

A. S.



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I PETER I.

LET the first care of every young Christian be, not service, not sacrifice, but *obedience*. God has very few obedient children, and yet He prizes obedience above everything else. I wonder if any who read this paper are among the number of God's obedient children! Whatever God tells you to do in His Word, do it at all costs. This will make you like God's own dear Son. The next verse speaks of resemblance to God our Father—“Holy, as He is holy.” You all know what it is to have “a family likeness.” . . . We belong to the royal family of heaven, and we should bear these two well-known marks of our relationship to God—“Obedience,” like Christ;

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"Holy," like God. Obedience and holiness are the two qualities we should cultivate and prize more than all our riches in heaven, because they show to those around us that we are indeed God's children.

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IN thought we see an aged man standing alone on a rocky mountain top. Though full of years, there is a vigour of frame, a brightness of eye, and a strength of youth about him that has never since been seen in one of his age. Behind him stretches a waste of sand and rock; before him lies a well-watered country—a very garden for beauty, dotted here and there with strongly-walled cities. He gazes afar with longing and yet satisfied eyes, as of one who has beheld far greater sights than these. Who is this man?

Extracted.



ANSWER TO HIDDEN ACROSTIC IN AUGUST.

1. **J**ohn. John xxi. 7, 20, 24.
2. **O**bed. Ruth iv. 17; Matthew i. 5.
3. **R**ufus. Mark xv. 21.
4. **D**avid. Psalm lxxviii. 70; 2 Samuel vii. 8.
5. **A**bia. Luke i. 5.
6. **N**ain. Luke vii. 11-15.

JORDAN. Matthew iii. 13; Mark i. 9.

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

January to June, 1913

During the six months ending June 1913, we have received answers from 112 of our readers, 44 of these have sent every time during the six months and some of the papers have been very good. Books are awarded as usual to those whose names appear in full; there is also a special award for great improvement.

Over 14 years:—*Gordon Round, *Grace Tidball (special award). Highly Commended:—*K.P., *I.M.E., *W.F.H., *J.G., T.A., L.K.B., A.F. Commended:—E.W., Emily A.

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Under 10 years:—*Constance Munsey. Highly Commended:—G.D. Commended:—*Richard N., *J.W.C., *R.M., K.Y.H., C.W. (Chelsea), L.C.

Those marked * have sent answers to each month's questions. Note:—The age is taken as that given in January, for the next six months it will be as given in July.



SENIOR QUESTIONS

Good answers have been received to these questions, some very good; but fewer papers have been sent in this section than last year, and we hope the numbers will increase. Those who are growing up need to "Search the Scriptures" just as much as the younger ones; "whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning," and we need to study them more and more.

No awards are made now in this division, but at the end of the year books will be given as before, for the best sets of papers, and smaller books for good and careful single papers, thus including those who may be unable to send every month.

Highly Commended for the six months:—*F.A.M., *N.H., *A.L., *M.E.B., *Henry H., *M.A.H., D.P., E.K.S., A.E.K. (Canada),

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F.L., P.H., W.H., Horace H. Commended:—E.M., I.B.Y., M.L., D.L., Edith K., M.T., A.C., E.T. Papers also received from G.C., E.G.

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Questions for Juniors and Seniors

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The senior answers should be sent not later than September 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Race as above. A reference Bible should be used, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer.

1. What did God say to the serpent about the woman's seed? Quote a verse from Galatians iv., showing how this promise was fulfilled.

2. What did God say to Adam because he had listened to the voice of his wife and eaten of the forbidden tree?

3. *What did the Lord God do to Adam because of his disobedience (Genesis iii.)?

4. *What did God place at the east of Eden, and why? and what is promised in Revelation ii. about the tree of life in the Paradise of God?

5. *What is the wages of sin? and what is the gift of God? (Romans vi.)

6. What do we read in Romans v. about one man's sin and disobedience and about the obedience of one?

7. *Find and complete the following:—

(a) "sin entered into the world" (Romans v.)

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(b) "thou shalt call His Name Jesus" (Matthew i.)

(c) "by man came death" (1 Corinthians xv.)

(d) "I am the Resurrection" (John xi.)

8. What do we read in the Old and in the New Testament about death being swallowed up in victory, and through whom is the victory? What is the sting of death? What do we read in the book of Revelation about the time when there shall be no more death?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for July. 56 papers received. Commended: G.A.R., A.F., D.P., G.T., J.G. (Canterbury), Elsie G., J.W., A.E., J.E., L.D.G. (under 12), K.M., G.M.D., W.M.B., B.B., Evelyn B., Lottie G., F.M., C.W. (Gossington), R.E. Six correct: R.B., W.F.H., J.K., K.K., Ruth N., B.T., B.S., F.W. Four correct: J.W.C., L.C., V.H., K.Y.H., P.E.H., F.J., H.M., R.M., C.A.M., Richard N., J.R., E.R. Correct except in one answer: K.P., C.E.M., E.L., C.W. (Chelsea), the first two are commended.

Answers to June Questions: G.M.C. (Canada).

Answers to July Q.F.S. from: F.A.M., E.K.S., D.P., A.E.K. (Canada), N.H., A.L., M.E.B., F.L., M.L. Nearly all were good, especially the first four; but some did not get Question 8 quite right.

Answers for June from A.E.K. (Canada).

The best answers to Questions 3 and 8 (July) are as follows:—
(3) Exodus xxxiv. 21 *or* xxiii. 12; Leviticus xxiii. 3; Deuteronomy v. 13, 14; (a) Exodus xxxi. 13, 14, Leviticus xix. 3, 30, and xxvi. 2, Deuteronomy v. 12, 15; (b) Jeremiah xvii. 22 and xxiv. 27, Ezekiel xx. 20 and xlv. 24; (c) Exodus xxxi. 13, 17, Ezekiel xx. 12, 20.
(8) (a) Matthew xii. 8; (b) Matthew xii. 11, 12; Mark ii. 27; Mark ii. 28 and Luke vi. 5; (c) Matthew xii. 10-13; Luke xiii. 11-14; xiv. 2-4; John v. 9; ix. 14. Also see Mark i. 21, 23-26, xxx. 31.

NOTE.—Please remember that *the answers should be in the words of the Bible when possible, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer. Quote means that the verses asked for should be written out.* Each answer should have *the same number as the question to which it belongs.*

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.

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“ DO IT NOW ”

WHILE staying at the sea-side for a holiday, I attended, with my two children, some Services for Children held on the sands. One day a gentleman was speaking to them on the text, “Now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation.” In the course of his address he told the children this story, which he said was a true one, to illustrate his text. He said that he wanted to tell them the story of an alarum clock. Harry was a boy who had just left school and was about to enter his first situation. His father called him to him one day and said, ‘My boy, I think that now you will be getting up early each morning, I had better buy you an alarum clock.’ As Harry was to learn to be an engineer, he would have to start work early in the morning. His father bought a clock and gave it to him saying, ‘When you hear the alarum sounding get up at once, or else you will go to sleep again. Just think to yourself I must do it now.’ His father impressed this lesson on him and Harry had these three words ringing in his ears ‘Do it now, do it now.’

Then the speaker told another story of an alarum clock, but this time it was about a girl, and the time was a few years later.

Mary had an invalid mother who was not able to do much housework, so Mary used to help her mother all she could after school. As time went on she found it impossible to continue her work of an evening so thought she would get up earlier each morning and help before breakfast. So off Mary went to the shop and bought

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an alarum clock. The shopman showed her how to set it for a certain time and said to her, “ I won’t give you this one as it is set, but will give you another clock in the place of it.” He handed the parcel to her thinking that he had done so, but in reality he had put the same clock which he had shown her in the parcel.

That night Mary was going to a meeting held in the chapel she attended. A week’s Special Services were being held, and as she had not time to go home before the service she took the clock with her. To her dismay, just as the preacher was making a special appeal to the people to yield their hearts to the Lord Jesus, and to accept Him as their Saviour and Friend, the alarum went off.

Mary was a believer and had learned to love the Lord Jesus, who had died for her, and was very concerned, thinking that the meeting would be spoilt, and that she was the cause of it, so she caught up the clock and rushed out of the place. The preacher too was disheartened and was about to close the meeting, but just then a young man rose from the audience and confessed that he was a sinner, and asked God to pardon him and to wash his sins away in the precious blood of Jesus, that was shed on Calvary.

Later on the preacher asked him what it was that had led him to jump up and confess that he was a sinner. He said, “ When the alarum clock went off and you were asking us to come to the Lord for cleansing, I thought of what my father said to me, when he gave me a similar clock when I was a boy, ‘ Do it now, do it now,’ and *I did it*.

Dear children, what a lesson for us to learn ! Why not take Jesus at His word? He says “ Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out,” and He has never

turned one away yet that has come to Him. Let me quote the text again that is at the beginning of this little story. "*Now* is the accepted time, behold, *now* is the day of salvation." Take Jesus as your Saviour, and may you "do it now," for His name's sake and for your everlasting blessing.

L. S.



'THE PRECIOUS BIBLE'



WHILE in the house of a friend, I went one day to my room and found the baby of the house playing with my Bible. I quite startled the little fellow by exclaiming, "Oh, Andrew! give it to me, my precious Bible!" He handed it to me at once, for he knew that he ought not to have it, and later on he begged of his mother an old coverless book which he showed to me, saying triumphantly, "See, *my* precious Bible."

I hope as he grows older that Andrew will find the Bible a precious book indeed. It is my earnest prayer for all my young friends that they may believe its precious truths, trust in the Saviour revealed there, and be faithful to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sent by God to teach us all things.

We read much in the 119th Psalm of the Word of God and what it was to the writer. We are told in the New Testament of the life, death, and resurrection of the Saviour Jesus.

Will you not add to your prayers this petition, that you may always love and honour God's Word.

A. S.

‘THE CHRISTIAN’S PATRON.’—KING OF KINGS

I HAVE often noticed when passing through ‘Wood Green’ the large board in front of the Printers’ Almshouses. It declares that the institution has for its Patron—‘His Majesty the King.’ The words have always suggested to me more than is actually written—they seem to say “We do not need a long list of patrons, we have the King”! or “ours is no ordinary institution, for the King is interested in us.”! Now is it not much more wonderful that ‘He who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords’ is interested in everyone of us? Is it not blessed to know, that those who trust in Jesus are precious to God, and the very hairs of their head are numbered? The Roman Catholics have those whom they call their patron saints, whose prayers they desire, and whom they seek to imitate; but God alone can hear and answer prayer, and the only One worthy to be imitated is the perfect spotless Lamb of God.

I am writing this in one of London’s large parks, and as I look round at the many people, it gladdens my heart to know that God so loved them all that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever (among them) believes on Him, might have eternal life. If we have come through our Lord and Saviour to this gracious God, how we ought to be interested and zealous in and for all that concerns His honour, we ought to be very unwilling to do anything displeasing to Him.

He, who is so far, far above the kings of the earth, would have us call Him by the dear and intimate Name of Father.

Let us be obedient children, loving children, seeking to let that light which He has given us shine through our words and deeds, so glorifyng our Father which is in heaven.

A. S.

HIDDEN SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC

1. The name of the angel who was sent to tell Zacharias that he should have a son.
2. The home of the man who "went to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus."
3. The brother of Mary and Martha.
4. A name meaning "God with us," by which the Messiah is called in the book of Isaiah.
5. The man who escaped when Sodom was destroyed.
6. One of the two who appeared and was talking with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration.
7. The husband of Naomi.

Initials read downwards give the name of the province to which Jesus departed when He heard that John the Baptist was cast into prison, and where He went about doing good.



SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME

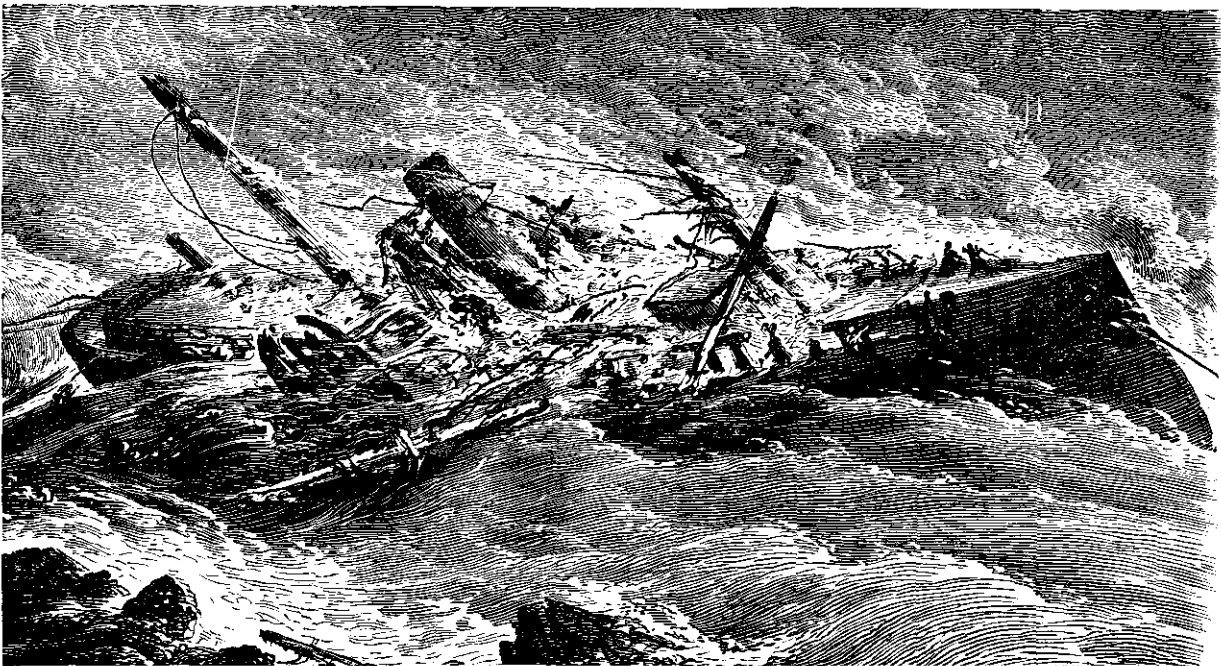
Jesus loved the little children,
Gently took them by the hand,
As they stood with upturned faces,
In that far-off eastern land.
Still the Saviour loves the children,
For He died that they might live,
Blest eternal life He gives them,
If they trust Him and believe.
Howe'er young and weak and tender,
They are precious to the Lord,
He will cherish, guide, and strengthen
All who love to hear His Word.
Jesus loves the little children,
Still is bidding them to come,
He will keep them all their journey,
Till they reach His glorious Home.

A. S.

FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE: OR TWO ANCHORS

Look at the 3rd, 5th, and 8th verses of 1 Peter i., and you will find in them these three words—Faith, Hope, Love. Some girls that I know wear “charms.” There are three they are very fond of: a Cross, representing Faith; an Anchor, Hope; and a Heart, Love. I do not admire these charms; but if I had to make them, I should have two Anchors and one Heart, and I will tell you why.

A ship was once anchored near the shore by one anchor from her bows, and it happened that a storm came on, when the ship swung round and was dashed



upon the rocks. The ship should have had anchors from both stern and bows, then she would not have been swung round and wrecked. Faith and Hope are the two anchors for the believer. Faith is the anchor behind; it holds us firm when our sins rise up—it is fixed upon what Jesus did for His people when He died for them;

and Hope is the anchor before: it holds us firm when the trials and sorrows of life beset us—it is fixed upon all that Jesus will do for us. If we have these two securely fixed, we are safe from every storm.

Extracted.



HOW THEY ASKED FOR A KING

FOR about 450 years after the people of Israel entered the land of Canaan they had no earthly king, but God Himself was their King, and He gave them judges to rule over them (Acts xiii. 20). Samuel was the last of these judges; he was Judge over all Israel, from the time when the people gathered at Mizpeh and began again to serve the Lord.

When Samuel began to get old, he made his sons judges also, that they might help him; they were judges in Beersheba, quite in the south of the land, and Samuel dwelt in Ramah. But they were not good judges like their father. They cared for money, and took bribes; that is, when two people came to them for judgment, and one offered them a gift, they gave judgment for that one even if he were in the wrong. This was wicked and unjust; and God had said that His judges were to be "men of truth, hating covetousness" (Exodus xviii. 21), and were not to "respect persons, neither take a gift" (Deut. xvi. 19; see also 2 Chronicles xix. 5, 6, 7,) but they were to "judge righteously" (Deut. i. 16). You see what a bad thing it is to care too much for money, and what we can get for ourselves; "he that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house" (Proverbs xv. 27).

Then the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to

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him, "You are getting old, and your sons do not do as you do; now make us a king to judge us like other people." Samuel was displeased when he heard this, for he knew that God was their King (1 Samuel xii. 12), and that He was well able to raise them up good judges as He had done before; the people seemed to have forgotten this. But Samuel did not say much to them at once; first of all he prayed to the Lord to ask Him what he should do. God told him to listen to all that they had to say; He said, "They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them." Samuel was to "hearken unto their voice"; but then he was to speak to them very solemnly, and tell them the kind of things an earthly king would do, and warn them that if they had one they would not like everything he did. Samuel did so.

But in spite of all that he could say the people would not change their minds; they still wanted to choose for themselves; they thought they knew better than God. It was perhaps not so wrong to ask if they might have a king, but very wrong to persist in their choice when God by His servant warned them against it. It is not always good to get the thing we ask for. God knows best, and we should leave the choice to Him. The people said, "Nay; but we *will* have a king to reign over us; that we also may be like all the nations." They wanted to be *like other people*, though they were the only people in the whole world then who had God for their King. There are people to-day who do not care to belong to the Lord, because they want to be "like other people." I hope you are not one of them.

Samuel listened to all that the people had to say, and then he went and told everything to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Hearken unto their voice,

and make them a king." They were to have what they wanted. God gave them a king. But though he did well for a while, very soon his heart was uplifted, and he turned aside out of God's ways.

You may read in the ninth and tenth chapters of 1 Samuel about the way in which Saul was chosen, and how God brought him to Samuel without his knowing why; how some of them did not want him to be king, and in chapter xi. how God gave them deliverance from their enemies through Saul. At last the time came when Samuel called them all together to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king (1 Samuel xi. 14, 15).

Then Samuel spoke again to all the people and reminded them of all that God had done for them in the past. He said, "Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the Lord hath set a king over you." But he told them again that they had been very wrong to ask for a king when the Lord was their King. He asked for a sign from the Lord, and the Lord sent a sign which all the people could see, so that they feared greatly. (1 Samuel xii. 17, 18.) They said to Samuel, "Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not."

Then Samuel said to them, "Fear not; you have done wrong; yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve him with all your heart." He said, "For the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake." They were still God's people, though they had done wrong. And he said, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way; only fear the Lord and serve him in truth with all your heart: for *consider how great things he hath done for you.*"

Is the Lord your King? or do you want to choose for

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yourself and go your own way? can you say like the Psalmist "Thou art my King, O God"? and like the apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, - - - be honour and glory"? If you have come to the Saviour as He has told you, then consider how great things He has done for *us*; turn not aside from following Him, no matter what other people may say or do; learn of Him "the good and the right way" and serve Him in truth with all your heart.

K. I. B.



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1. Where do we read of the first sacrifice, and by whom was it brought? What do we read in the New Testament about these two brothers?

2.* What did Cain bring to offer to the Lord? What did Abel bring? (Genesis iv.)

3.* What are we told in the epistle to the Hebrews about Abel's sacrifice? (Hebrews xi.)

4.* Why was Cain angry with Abel? What did he do to him? (Genesis iv.)

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5. Write four different verses from John's First Epistle, in which we read something about one that hateth his brother.

6.* Find and complete the following verses:—

- (a) "Whosoever hateth his brother"
- (b) "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit"
- (c) "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many"
- (d) "the sacrifice of thanksgiving"

(Psalms li. and cxvi.; Hebrews ix.; 1 John iii.)

7. Who has "given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice?" Quote as many verses as you can find in Hebrews vii., ix., and x. which speak of His thus offering Himself.

8. Where do we read about (a) the sacrifice of praise; (b) the sacrifice of thanksgiving; (c) a living sacrifice; (d) spiritual sacrifices; (e) acceptable sacrifice?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for August. 53 papers received. Commended: K.P., G.A.R., A.F., L.D.G., D.M.B., C.E.M., D.P., A.E., K.M., R.B., W.F.H.; (under 12) G.M.D., B.B., R. E., F.M. Six correct: Elsie G., Ruth N. Four correct: Evelyn B., W.M.B., J.W.C., L.C., G.R.D., Lottie G., V.H., H.H., P.E.H., C.J., R.M., E.R., C.A.M., H.M. Correct except in one answer: J.E., J.G. (Canterbury), J.R., G.T., B.T., C.W. (Chelsea).

Answers to August Q.F.S. received from: D.P., A.L., F.A.M., A.E.K., (Canada), N.H., M.A.H., E.M., Henry H. Three only: F.L. Received late: M.E.B. Also late for July, Henry H., M.A.H. Nearly all of these papers were extremely good, especially the first five.

The best answers to the Q.F.S. for August are as follows: (2) Revelation xx. 2; xii. 9; John viii. 44. (3) 1 Peter v. 8; James iv. 7; Hebrews ii. 14; 1 John iii. 8. (6) Genesis iii. 9-11; Job xxxi. 33; Psalm xxxii. 5; Proverbs xxviii. 13. (8) 1 Corinthians x. 13; James i. 2, 12; 2 Peter ii. 9; Revelation iii. 10.

ANSWER TO HIDDEN ACROSTIC IN AUGUST.

From W.F.H., J.E., Amos E., R.E., C.J., Elsie G., J.G., G.R.D.

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F you go down to the sea-side on a windy day and watch the sails go by, the fishing-boats, or yachts, or sailing-ships, you will soon notice that they do not all go the same way. Perhaps you may see two close together, as I did the other day, and then in a little while if you watch them you may see them separate and go off in different directions. The same wind blows them all along, and yet they go different ways. Why is it?

Not long ago I was taken out sailing on the sea in a small yacht. We started out from the little pier near which the boat is moored, and we came back to the same place. Yet the wind did not change; it was blowing all the time in the same direction. How was it done?

Here is a verse which explains it.

“One ship drives east,
One ship drives west,
By the self-same wind that blows;
It's *the set of the sails*,
And not the gales,
Which determines the way it goes.”

That is what makes the difference. It all depends on the man who is sailing the ship, and where he wants to go. The boat I went out in was quite small, only big enough for three or four people, but there was a man in it who managed the sails, and held the tiller, and watched the boat's course, and altered the sails as they needed it so that we went in the right direction. There was one to help him who was all ready to do what he said, and at the word, “Let her come,” the tiller was put down, the sails went across, and the course was changed so that we might go *where he wanted*. He

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knew how to manage the wind, or rather, how to make the boat sail before or against the wind. The harbour where we were sailing is very shallow in parts; we had to keep to the proper channels, or we should have been on the mud-banks. Going out we had to tack backwards and forwards; but coming back we drove before the wind. The same wind sent us opposite ways.

We are like little boats, sailing on the sea of life. Which way are you going, your own way, or God's way? Which way do you want to go? Do you let the wind blow you about just as it likes, or have you made up your mind which way you want to go? The wind may be contrary; you may find it hard work to go in the right direction; but it cannot carry you far wrong if you know how to manage "the set of the sails," or if you have a Captain that you obey. "Set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord."

The man who managed the boat I went out in was called Will. Have you ever thought that it is your *will* which decides which way you go, and whether you go in the right way, God's way, or your own? Perhaps you say you want to go God's way, but you don't know how. There is One ready to help you, to hold your tiller, to be your Captain and Sailing-master. Any ship would soon be in difficulties without a captain or someone who knew how to sail and to steer. He knows the way to sail your boat, and to keep in the channel, and off the rocks and mud-banks. He is able to teach you just what to do, and to guide you all the time. Do you know Who He is? He could say "I delight to do *thy* will, O my God."

The man in whose boat I went out did not always know how to sail her, but somebody taught him. Now he can hold the helm, and haul the main-sheet—that is

the rope that belongs to the mainsail—and say when the jib-sheet is to be let go, and put her about, and all the rest of it. How did he learn? By doing what he was told by somebody who did know. There was a small boy aboard the day I went out, and he could do things to help, but always he would say, “Dad, shall I do this?” The way for him to help was to do what the captain told him.

So it is with us all. The Lord Jesus Christ is the One Who is ready to be our Captain and Sailing-master and Guide. He knows just what we ought to do to go the right way, and He will teach us if we ask Him—if we *want* to go the right way—and He is able to bring us safe at last to the haven where we want to go. We can say “Teach me thy way, O Lord”; “teach me to do thy will”; and we know that He will do it, for He is able. We don’t know the way, but He knows.


Sometimes quite big ships have to have a pilot on board, when they are going through a channel which the captain does not know. We always want a Pilot, for we cannot go right of ourselves, we do not know the dangers around, nor the rocks ahead. But He is ready, and He is able, to be our Pilot, to steer clear of all the dangers, and to bring us safe into port.

“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way that thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye.”

“So He bringeth them to the haven where they would be.”



" MY FATHER'S HOUSE "

 S I write the word " House," a word as familiar and even dearer comes to my mind, that of " Home." What pleasant pictures this word calls up to the minds of most of us, what tender memories, and what heart-felt thanks! and what is it makes home a happy place, full of tender associations, but the people who live there? It is true that some who live alone find pleasure in their dwelling-place, but if they are unselfish they are glad to share it sometimes with others.

I hardly like to apply that dear name to a place where I spent some months of my childhood, I think my feet used to lag behind as I neared its doors, for I knew that no pleasant welcome awaited me, but sour looks and often harsh words. We cannot help doubting, as we see some poor children in the streets, whether home is a pleasant place to them, but we can have no doubt whatever that the Home of which the Saviour spoke is full of joy and peace and love. The happiest on earth must be those where the love of God is in the hearts of the occupants, giving them tender consideration one for another. What then can exceed the happiness of God's House where sin cannot enter, where every heart is overflowing with love? Earthly homes are often made sweet by contrast—how pleasant to the worker to find rest and quiet there, after the day of toil—how good it is to come from the drenching rain or the bitter cold into the light and warmth and to see the comfortable meal prepared! But heaven is unchangeably and eternally beautiful. We are not sorry to leave our earthly homes for a time for change and holiday, but once we enter heaven, we shall go no more out, and certain it is that we shall never want to.

To whom did the Saviour say that He was going to His Father’s House to prepare a place for them—was it not to His disciples who loved Him? How often in times of weariness and trouble, must they have called to mind that sweet promise, “I go to prepare a place for YOU,” yet the real attraction of that House for the disciples was that Jesus was there. He had told them about it, and they had seen Him go up, and Heaven for them was where Jesus was.

Are you going to that Home dear reader where those who love the Lord shall dwell with Him and see His Face? or are you too taken up with your earthly home and interests to attend to the future. Time is very brief and eternity is boundless. Surely it is important for you to know where you will spend the latter.

If you are not cleansed by the blood of Jesus, you will find the gate of heaven closed against you. All who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb can enter in. Have *you* done this? “Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow, though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool.”

Think of the One who will welcome you—the One who did more than your dearest earthly friend ever could do for you—who loves you with an everlasting love, and will love you, if you come to Him, throughout the countless ages of eternity. It is blessed to read in the Word of God the many things spoken concerning the Heavenly Home, but it is far, far better to know the Saviour who purchased it for us, at such a cost, and to have our hope fixed on Him. “We would see Jesus,” certain Greeks said to Philip; how much more the hearts of those who know and love Him long to see Him.

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“CHOOSE, AND PUT AWAY”!

I EXPECT you have all seen the picture entitled “The Light of the World,” in which the Saviour is represented as knocking at a door overgrown with weeds; a little girl who saw it for the first time at her grandmother’s house asked what it meant, and listened seriously while it was explained that Jesus was



so knocking at the door of our hearts desiring to gain admission. “But,” her grandmother added sadly, “so many people will not let Him in.” “But *you* will and I will” the little girl said. I believe Gladys did let Him in, and in a letter written a few months ago when she was recovering from fever, she wishes she had served more faithfully that One who years ago, she loved to hear and sing about. Per-

haps in that Egyptian Hospital where she was, God has been speaking to His child, calling her to another more entire surrender to Himself. Many

who have learned to love and trust the Lord Jesus as little children, grow careless and forgetful with years, and their hearts become colder and less tender towards the Saviour. They cannot always lean on the dear Christian friends who loved to tell them of the things of God, and they have not remembered that they could always lean upon Jesus, whose strength is ever sufficient for us. The Lord does not forget *them*, and how gladly He welcomes them when they come with longing and confession to Him.

When Joshua knew the time was drawing near that he should die, he called the children of Israel together to him, and as the mouth-piece of God reminded them of all the way God had led them.

Some had fallen into the naughty ways of their forefathers, others had been led into worshipping the gods of the Amorites, and Joshua called them to a putting away of these things and a surrendering of themselves afresh to God. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve," he says, and the people, touched to the heart by the reminder of all God's goodness to them, declare "The Lord our God will we serve and His voice will we obey."

Now those who grow careless, after having come to Jesus, though they have not worshipped images, have yet been serving other gods. Whatever it is that has robbed the Lord of His place in your hearts and thoughts, is "another god" and as Joshua insisted on the putting away of all that had come in and hindered, so must those who have wandered and long to get back, guard against clinging to any of those things which have hindered *them*.

The Israelites when called upon to think of the past, knew Who was the worthy One and in Whose service

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they had been happiest. Sorrow and bitterness were the result of their forgetfulness of God. If any young reader, who has known of God's love to them through Jesus, and has been allowing other things to rob Him of His rightful place in their souls, will they not seek His forgiveness, and by His grace put away the false gods, and serve Him with new earnestness and obey His voice alone?

A. S.



PILGRIMS AND STRANGERS

I PETER ii. 11.

EVERY word of God is full of meaning. Pilgrims and strangers do not mean the same thing. A stranger is one who is not at home; a pilgrim is one who is journeying to some distant land. A tourist is a stranger, but he is not a pilgrim. Our holiday resorts are filled every summer with thousands of strangers, but you cannot find a pilgrim amongst them. A mere stranger is always looking about him and observing everything, but a pilgrim has his face in one direction, and cares for nothing that is passing around him; his thoughts are towards the country whither he is going. Ages ago, pilgrims used to journey by hundreds across Europe, with strange dresses and long staves. They all had one aim, they were all going one way, to the City of Jerusalem, and everyone could tell that they were pilgrims. Are all of our faces set Christwards? For Jesus wants us not merely to be strangers in this world, but to have our faces so plainly set towards heaven that we may confess we are "pilgrims" also. How astonished the world would be if it saw us, who

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are Christ's, all pressing one way towards an unseen goal ; all passing on to the rest that remaineth for the people of God. Let us be strangers, not at home in the world, and pilgrims, pressing on to heaven.

From Faithful Words.



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O Lord, we have heard how 'tis writ in Thy word,
When children were brought unto Thee,
To those Thou did'st say who rebuked them that day,
Not so ; let them come unto me.

We oft have heard tell Thou did'st love them so well,
That no one might drive them away,
And still in Thy name is the message the same,
Thy heart is as loving to-day.

Still the children may come to thy heavenly home,
There is room for them all and to spare,
In Thy great heart of love, in the mansions above,
In the place Thou art gone to prepare.

Come, children, come now, at His feet lowly bow,
Who loves little children to-day ;
If our sins we confess, He will pardon and bless,
And He never will turn us away.

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“ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John i. 9.

“ Christ - - - his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.”

1 Peter ii. 21,24.

“ He hath - - - a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelation xix. 16.

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G abriel, Luke i. 19.

A rimathea, Luke xxiii. 51, 52. Matthew xxvii. 57.

L azarus, John xi. 1.

I mmanuel, Isaiah vii. 14. (See Matthew i. 23.)

L ot, Genesis xix. 16, 17. Luke xvii. 29.

E lias, Matthew xvii. 3.

E limelech, Ruth i. 2.

GALILEE, Matthew iv. 12.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before November 20th, the envelope to be addressed "*Questions*," c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 and 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in January, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to the Juniors who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time, and to the Seniors at the end of the year.

Questions for Juniors and Seniors

Those under 12 do the four questions marked *; *over 12 and under 16* do the four marked ones and two others; the *seniors* do the four questions *not* marked, and any others also if they wish; *those under 10* do three only of the questions marked *.

The senior answers should be sent not later than November 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Race as above. A reference Bible should be used, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer.

1. *Why did God send a flood upon the earth? (Genesis vi.)
2. *How did Noah know what to do to make a way of escape? What are we told twice over that he did do ("Thus did Noah"; "Noah did")? (Genesis vi. and vii.)
3. *What do we read in Hebrews xi. about Noah's faith?
4. *What did the Lord say to Noah after the ark was made; and what did He do when they had all gone in? (Genesis vii.)
5. Write briefly (in your own words) the story of the flood,

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saying why it was sent, what Noah was told to do, how many times over we are told that he did as God had commanded, how they were kept safe when the flood came, and who only remained alive.

6. Quote a verse from John's Gospel where the Lord Jesus tells us that He is the Door, by Whom we may enter in to safety, and another where He tells us He is the Way, by Whom alone we may come to the Father.

7. What are we told in 1 Peter about the longsuffering of God in the days of Noah? and what do we read about Noah in Ezekiel, in Hebrews, and in 2 Peter?

8. What does the Lord Jesus say in Matthew's Gospel about the days of Noah and the coming of the Son of Man? What does He say we should therefore *do* and *be*? and why?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for September, 48 papers received. Commended: A.F., K.P., G.A.R., D.M.B., F.W., G.T.; Elsie G., J.E. (under 12), B.B., G.R.D., J.W.C., E.G.H., G.M.D., K.M. Six correct: A.E., J.G. (Canterbury), Ruth N., J.W. Four correct: L.C., R.E., P.E.H., E.R. Correct, except in one answer: L.D.G., R.B., D.E.K., Evelyn B., W.M.B., V.H., K.K., E.L., C.E.M., C.A.M., J.R., C.W. (Gossington), the first three are commended.

Answers to August questions received late from Canada: G.M.C.

Answers to September Q.F.S. from:—M.A.H., M.E.B., F.A.M., F.L., A.L., N.H., E.M., A.E.K. (Canada), D.P. This was an exceptionally good set of papers; but some mistakes were made in Questions 6 and 8. The answers should have been as follows:—(6) Romans v. 12, 19. (8) Isaiah xxv. 8; 1 Corinthians xv. 54, 57, 56; Revelation xxi. 4.

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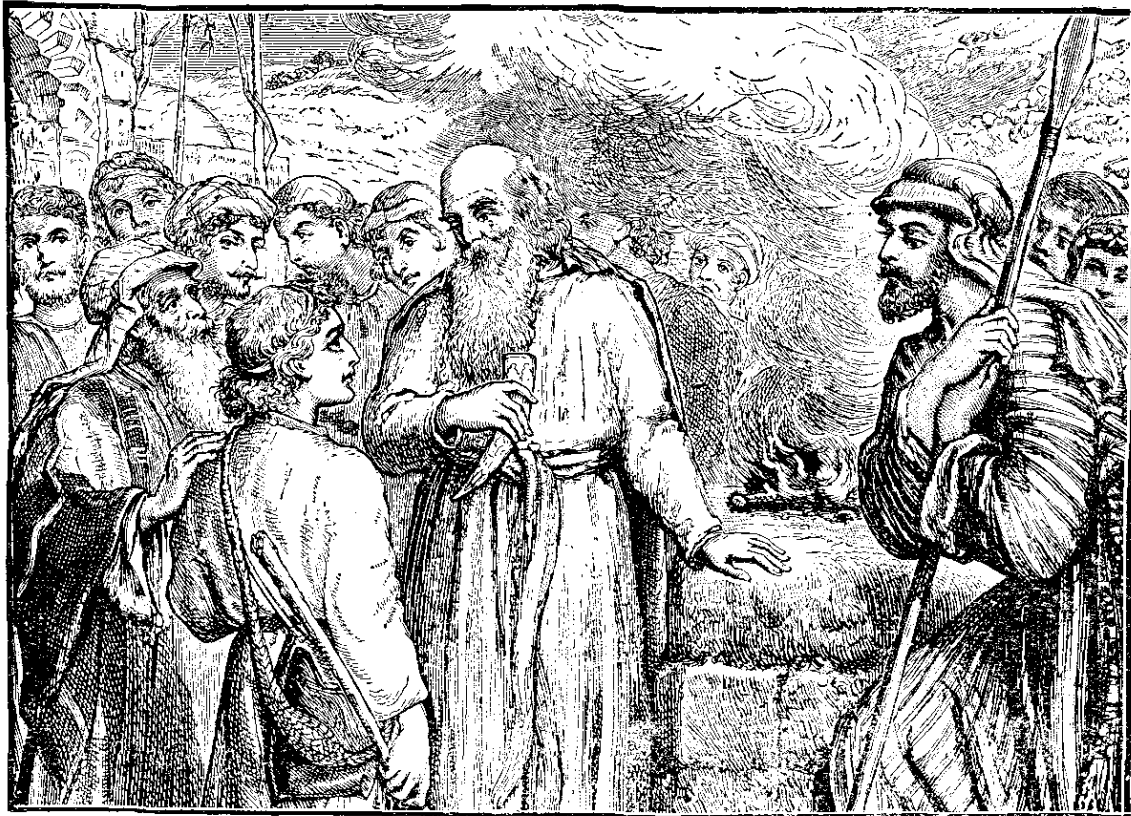
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And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him : for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him [David] in the midst of his brethren.

1 Sam. xvi. 12, 13.

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NOT long ago you read in these pages of the time when the people of Israel asked for a king, and how Saul became the first king of Israel. King Saul was a tall, fine-looking man, and the people were very pleased to have such a king. When he stood for the first time among the people as their chosen king, we are told that "he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward." All the people shouted, and said "God save the king"; and when they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal, all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly. But Saul's heart was not steadfast in the ways of the Lord, and after a few years he turned aside from following Him faithfully.

When he had been king for about two years, the Philistines came again to fight with Israel. Saul called the people together at Gilgal, for Samuel had told him to do this, and had told him, "Seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do." Because Samuel did not come quite as soon as he expected, to make known to him what he should do, Saul got tired of waiting, and thought he could settle things all by himself. So when Samuel did come he had to tell him, "Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord, which he commanded thee." And he told him that now his kingdom should not continue, but God had sought out a man after His own heart to be captain over His people, because Saul had not kept to what God had said.

But Saul was not at once turned out of his kingdom, and if he had truly repented and walked in God's ways all might have been well. For God has said that if people turn from their evil and obey His voice; then He

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will not do what He purposed to do to them because of their evil doings. (See Jeremiah xxvi. 3, 13). Instead of this, again a time came when Saul disobeyed God's command, and the Lord said to Samuel, "It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments." Samuel was very grieved at this; and he cried unto the Lord all night for Saul. In the morning he got up early and went to meet Saul; and Samuel had to tell him that what he had done was not pleasing to the Lord, because he had not been obedient. "To obey is better than sacrifice," he told him; and what pleases the Lord is that His people should obey His voice. It is no use to think we can do anything for Him, or give anything to Him, unless we do what He has said.

So, because Saul had rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord rejected him from being king over Israel, and another was chosen in his place. Though Saul was allowed to be king while he lived, his son was not to reign after him; and because he had not cared to follow the Lord and to do His commandments, the Lord left off helping him. It is a very sad story.

Samuel grieved and mourned for Saul; but at last the Lord told him not to mourn any longer, for He had chosen another to be king. He told him to take a horn of oil, and go to a man named Jesse, who lived at Bethlehem; "for," He said, "I have provided me a king among his sons." Jesse had a great many sons, and when Samuel came they were all at home except one. Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before the prophet, and when Samuel saw the eldest, he said to himself, "Surely the Lord's annointed is before him." But the Lord told him this was not the one; "Look not on his

countenance," He said, "or on the height of his stature ; . . . for the Lord seeth not as man seeth ; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Then the second son came, but he was not the one ; and then another, and another, till all the seven had passed by ; but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord hath not chosen these." And he asked him if these were all his sons. Jesse told him there was one more, the youngest, and he was keeping the sheep. Samuel said, "Send and fetch him." He was only a youth—a strippling he is called in one place—but when he came, the Lord said "Arise, anoint him ; for this is he." The One who knows the hearts of all the children of men knew which of those eight brothers to choose, not the eldest, or the tallest, or the best looking, but the one whose heart was right in His sight. This was David, the Shepherd-King, to whom the Lord said long after, "I took thee from the sheep-cote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel." It is David of whom we read in the Bible so many beautiful stories : how he loved Jonathan, Saul's son ; how he killed the lion and the bear that came and tried to steal his sheep ; how he fought against Goliath, the giant, and killed him with a sling and a stone. In all these things David was a type or picture of the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Who always takes care of His sheep : Who loves us more than David loved Jonathan, and Who overcame for us a greater enemy than Goliath.

It was not that David never did anything wrong ; he was only a man ; he was a sinner like all of us, and some of his sins were great sins. But when God sent His servant to rebuke him, David repented and humbled himself before God, and God pardoned his sins,

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though he had to bear the consequence of them in this life. You may read in Psalm 32 and Psalm 51 of his sorrow and repentance when he sinned against God, and how God forgave him. Many other psalms he wrote as well as these two, in which he tells of God's goodness to him. Just in the same way God will forgive us if we repent of our sins and come to Him for forgiveness, as David did, not justifying himself, as Saul did, but owning and confessing his fault. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins," because of the One who did more than David, the Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep; and "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

K. I. B.



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1. The wife of Chuza, Herod's steward.
2. The high priest at Shiloh when Samuel was a child.
3. Jacob's eldest son.
4. Another of Jacob's sons.
5. An Ethiopian queen mentioned in the book of Acts.
6. A prophet who made known the Word of the Lord in the second year of Darius.
7. The sister-in-law of Ruth.

The initials read downwards give the name of a city outside which the Lord Jesus gave sight to two blind men.

THE TWO FRIENDS

By MISS A. M. JOHANNSEN, YUSHAN, KIANGSI

I AM going to tell you about two little girls who were great friends. Their names were Kwei-hsiang and Anloh. Kwei-hsiang, or "Precious Fragrance," was four years old, the daughter of one of our² servants. From the time she was a tiny baby she



had come with her parents to the "Jesus Hall," as our place is called, and although so small, she had learned to love JESUS and to pray to Him in her childish way. But how much that little heart had already understood of CHRIST'S love, we did not know, and only found it out later.

Anloh, or "Peaceful Joy," was the daughter of our matron in the Girls' School. The grand-daughter had been the first one to teach her to pray to GOD, and to sing:

"JESUS loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, JESUS loves me," etc.

Later on the child was living with her mother in the school, where she daily heard about the Good Shepherd and His love for little children, and quietly the good

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seed had dropped into that little heart and taken root, and one day GOD gave us the joy of seeing the fruit.

In the summer of 1907 a smallpox epidemic was raging in the city, and these two girls contracted the disease. Anloh was taken back to her home, where she could be isolated, and there her mother nursed her night and day, whilst Kwei-hsiang was lying very ill in her home, anxiously watched by her mother. Day by day the dreadful disease grew worse, and at last the poor parents saw that there was no hope of keeping their little daughters, but that GOD wanted these two small flowers for His garden above. They were sorry to let them go, and prayed earnestly that GOD would not take them, but let them stay on here for a while longer, and yet they wanted Him to do the best for them and for their little ones.



And GOD did answer their prayers. He could not let the two sweet flowers grow up in this wilderness of sin and sorrow, as He wanted them in Heaven, but He made it easy for their parents to let them go, and comforted them so much, that I think they would not have called their children back, even if they had had the power to do so.

And now I will tell you how He did it. One day little Anloh said to her mother: "Please mother, will you wash me and dress me in all my new pretty clothes, for I am going to the LORD JESUS in Heaven, He is coming for me, and therefore I must be clean!" Her mother did as she wished, and Anloh was pleased and satisfied. A little later she said: "I want Kwei-hsiang to come too. We two must go together to the LORD JESUS!"

At the same time little Kwei-hsiang was telling her parents that she had to leave them. Once she said: "I am going to Heaven, I want my pretty clothes, and then my nice cup, which I got at the 'Jesus Hall,' I must have that with me, and then father, mother, and I will all go to Heaven." But a little later she added, "No, I must go first, and father and mother will come afterwards!" The parents wondered where her words came from. They said that it could not have been the child herself speaking, but GOD'S Spirit through her, to comfort their hearts; for she was their only child, and the separation was hard.

The afternoon wore on, the day would soon draw to a close, and at the same time the earthly lives of those little ones were fading, and there was quiet sorrow in the two homes, only about two minutes' walk apart. Anloh called out several times: "Kwei-hsiang, Kwei-hsiang, we must go now!" A little later she cried again: "Well, if you do not come now, I must go on without you, I cannot wait any longer!" and then the sweet little girl drew her last breath and went to the bosom of the children's Saviour and Friend.

Less than an hour later Kwei-hsiang joined her in that happy home, where they will never know the sin and sorrow so many of us must pass through here. In life they had been friends and daily playmates, and in death they were not separated. Together they went to the LORD JESUS to live in His Paradise, and there they are waiting for us. Shall you meet them there? Do you love their Saviour?

They rest together in the little cemetery outside the city of Yüshan. All our school-children went with us to the grave, and there we sang of the beautiful land, where our little friends had gone, and we prayed that

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each of our boys and girls might soon learn to love the LORD JESUS, so as to be prepared for His home.

Contrary to Chinese custom, we put a stone on each little grave, as we thought it might be a comfort to the parents. On Anloh's stone we wrote, "Suffer little children to come unto Me!" And on Kwei-hsiang's we carved the beautiful words: "He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom!"

From "China's Millions."



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If you could live the longest life,
And never, never sin,
This would not open heaven's gate
And give you entrance in.
If you could do the noblest deeds
Of wisdom, love and grace,
Not so is gained the Father's smile
Or seen the Saviour's face.

Though you might shed the bitterest tears
And grovel in the dust,
Still not in tears and penances
Or ought else could you trust,
Only the Saviour's precious Blood
Can wash and make you clean,
Clothe you in robe of righteousness,
Perfect, complete in Him.

If as a little child you come,
Simple and poor and weak,
If in your sin and want and need,
The sinner's Saviour seek,
Then all the "ifs" are done away,
You shall have freely given
Pardon and righteousness and peace
His love, His home in heaven!

A. S.

LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE

“Come, ye children, hearken unto Me”

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is *Thy Name* in all the earth! Psalm viii. 1. *The Name of the Lord* is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Proverbs xviii. 10. They that know *Thy Name* will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee. Psalm ix. 10. *Our help is in the Name of the Lord*, who made heaven and earth. Psalm cxxiv. 8.

For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. Psalm xxv. 11. Help us, O God of our salvation, *for the glory of Thy Name*: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, *for Thy Name's sake*. Psalm lxxix. 9. *Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord* shall be saved. Romans x. 13. *They shall call on My Name*, and I will hear them. Zechariah xiii. 9. *Then called I upon the Name of the Lord*; O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul. Psalm cxvi. 4. I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me. Psalm cxviii. 5.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt *His Name* together. Psalm xxxiv. 3. O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon *His Name*; make known his deeds among the people. Psalm cv. 1. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto *His Name*. 1 Chronicles xvi. 29. Glory ye in *His holy Name*. Psalm cv. 3. I will praise *the Name of God* with a song. Psalm lxix. 30. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto *Thy Name*, O most High. Psalm xcii. 1. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise *Thy Name* for ever and ever. Psalm cxlv. 2.

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before December 20th, the envelope to be addressed "*Questions*," c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 and 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in February if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to the Juniors who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time, and to the Seniors at the end of the year.

Questions for Juniors and Seniors

Those under 12 do the four questions marked *; *over 12 and under 16* do the four marked ones and two others; the *seniors* do the four questions *not* marked, and any others also if they wish; *those under 10* do three only of the questions marked *.

The senior answers should be sent not later than December 25th, addressed "Q.F.S.," c/o Mr. Race as above. A reference Bible should be used, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer.

1.* "God remembered Noah." What did He do because of this? Where did the ark rest when the waters began to go down? (Genesis viii.)

2.* How did Noah know when the waters were abated from off the earth? (Genesis viii.)

3. What did God say to Noah when at last "the face of the ground was dry"? and what did He say He would not do any more? (Genesis viii.)

4.* What does God promise shall not cease "while the earth remaineth"?

5.* Find and complete the following:—

(a) "I do set my bow in the cloud";

(b) "He hath remembered His covenant for ever";

(c) "I will make an everlasting covenant with you";

(d) "the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised";

Genesis ix.; Psalm cv.; Isaiah lv.; James i.

6. What covenant did God establish with Noah and his sons after the flood? What reference do we find to this in the book of Isaiah?

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7. What was to be the token of this covenant? and what did God say He would remember when He looked upon it? Do we read of this "token" anywhere else in the Bible?

8. Give as many references as you can to each of the following: (a) everlasting covenant, (b) "according to his promise," (c) promises of God, (d) great and precious promises.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for October, 53 papers received. Commended: A.F., G.A.R., K.P., F.W., G.T., R.B., Ruth N., A.E., J.E., B.T., D.P., C.E.M.; (under 12) E.G.H., Lottie G., B.B., G.M.D., G.R.D., W.M.B., K.M., C.A.M. Six correct: J.G. (Canterbury), K.K. Four correct: Evelyn B., L.C., R.E., P.E.H., V.H., C.J., F.M., R.M., J.R., E.R. Correct except in one answer: L.D.G., Elsie G., W.F.H., D.M.B., J.W.C., K.Y.H., F.J., J.K., the first three are commended.

Answers to September questions received late from Canada: G.M.C.

Answers to October Q.F.S. from: E.K.S., M.A.H., F.A.M., A.L., Henry H., N.H., Elaine M., D.P., M.E.B. Three only: F.L. Late for September: Henry H. These questions were all very well done; but some omitted the following references. In question (1) 1 John iii. 12, (5) 1 John ii. 11, (7) Ephesians v. 2.

Answers to Hidden Acrostic in October from: J.E., W.F.H., W.M.B., C.A.M., R.E., S.J.H., D.M.B., E.G.P., C.J., A.E., A.F., G.R.D., Elsie G., J.G.

NOTE.—Please remember that *the answers should be in the words of the Bible when possible, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer. Quote means that the verses asked for should be written out. Each answer should have the same number as the question to which it belongs.*

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of each paper.

Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.



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