

OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



A WINTRY SCENE.

A SONG IN WINTER.

THE time when birds begin to sing had not come. It was winter-time; yet a lonely bird sang sweetly one December morning.

The dark night had passed away, but a damp, chill mist clothed the day. We sat at breakfast, and outside, before the windows, bare branches of trees stretched their leafless arms. All was still, cold, and wintry-looking. Then it was we heard the sudden outburst of song; and the notes of the solitary songster seemed all the more arresting because the music from that single singer sounded when none was usually heard.

At springtide it would be different. Many feathered singers are heard then, and perhaps their singing would be louder and better, as well as more plentiful. But, oh, how sweetly did the notes sound from the lonely singer on that dull, cold, winter morning. Yet the bird knew not how much its song was appreciated, and we heard its sweet strains ring out again and again later, at noon and eventide throughout that winter's day. We were glad indeed.

The bright day when the saved of the Lord shall join in the "loud eternal burst of song," has not yet come. Although grace has already saved those who trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, they have not yet reached the glorious time of song without sorrow, joy without pain; the time of praise, honour and glory when every saved one shall be with and like Jesus. Yet *even now* the saved can sing of their Saviour.

Of old we read that the Lord hearkened and heard, when those who feared the Lord *spake* one to another (Malachi iii. 16); and He hears to-day when we *sing* of Himself and His grace.

Others, too, hear the happy singer who knows the Saviour. Some who may be passing through dreary, sad days,

hear, perhaps, one of the Lord's singing a sweet song of His wonderful love and power. It cheers their hearts and sorrow gives place to praise. As some solitary singer sings, sadness vanishes and joy in the Lord awakes.

The thought that He loved us so much, He suffered and died to save us, might well make us sing His praise. We shall sing His worthiness unitedly in the day of glory:

"Thou art worthy . . . for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood."

We need not, however, put off till that happy day. We can sing the Saviour's praise **EVEN NOW**, before all the redeemed gather around the throne of God and the Lamb.

H. J. V.



LONELY BUT HAPPY.

"THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM."

YEARS ago there lived a wonderful man of God—William Pennfather by name. He was conducting a Gospel meeting when he noticed a little boy of four years old fidgetting about. He turned to the little fellow, and said, "Dear little boy, sit down; there's plenty of room."

Some time after the little boy lay dying. His last words were, "There's plenty of room; Jesus is making room for me, and, mother, you must come too."

The little lad died, but his dying words were used to his mother's conversion.

We tell you this touching incident in order to impress upon you the grand fact that there is plenty of room *for you*. The Lord Jesus said: "Suffer* the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark x. 14). If you are a "little child" you may be sure there is plenty of room for you. If older or grown-up, as the mother was, here is a grand text for you. The Saviour said: "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37). This applies to everybody. He died on the cross and endured the punishment for sin, in order that He might be a loving Saviour. You can surely trust Him. Will you not do so now? A. J. P.

* *Suffer* is an old English word with the meaning of *allow*.



THE PRIZE.

THERE are few of my readers who at some time or other have not tried to win a prize. The winning of a big prize by a friend of mine, reminds me of a most wonderful Prize a man set out to win nearly two thousand years ago. We should have known nothing of this, if

he had not written a letter to the Christians living in Philippi, encouraging them to follow him in the attaining of this great Prize.

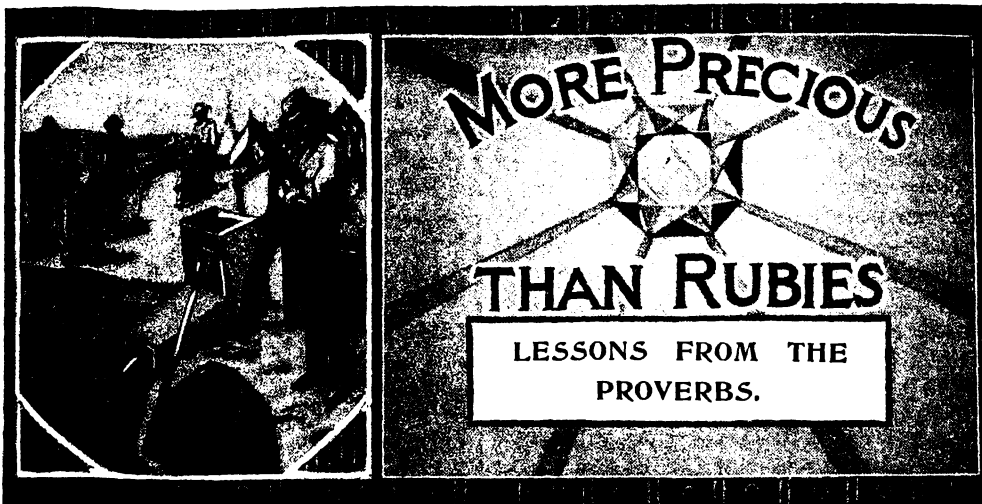
You can read his letter for yourselves. It is in the New Testament, and is called, "The Epistle to the Philippians." In chapter three he tells us what is held before his eyes as a prize to be won. "I have suffered the loss of all things," he says, "that I may win Christ." The secret his heart was set upon was the LORD JESUS CHRIST. To win Christ was his aim, the great Object ever before his soul.

How wonderful it is to have Christ ever before us as a Prize to be won! As in a race there must be the getting off the mark, and then the fixing of the eye upon the object, while all the runner's powers must be concentrated upon winning the prize; so Paul started well and ran well, and obtained the Prize.

We must turn to Acts ix. to read about his start. It was, of course, his conversion. God recognizes no other start. Until we are converted we can have no real desire to win Christ. Have you got well and truly off the mark, my reader? *Have you been converted? Is Christ your Saviour?* I beg of you go no further until you can answer, "Yes," to these momentous questions.

There is no better time than **NOW** to come to Christ. The Scriptures say: "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation."

Having started well, let us run well. The Holy Spirit is the power who will keep our feet upon the track, and the Prize will be gained when we enter the presence of Christ. Would you not like to be one of that great company who have thus won Christ? Of course you would. Then remember: first, and of vital importance is the start—Conversion; secondly, the course is to be run with the eye on the Prize; and thirdly, the Prize Himself—CHRIST. S. O. T.



XIII.

A FRIEND loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Proverbs xvii. 17).

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs xviii. 24).

What is a friend? At once you will answer, "A friend is one whom we love and trust in a special manner." Some one has put it, "A friend is one who knows all about us, and loves us just the same."

Solomon has quite a lot to say about friends. In chapter 27, verse 6, he tells us: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend." By this he means that a true friend will not flatter us, but will tell us our faults so that we may be helped to overcome them.

If we would have friends, and keep them, we must be ready to help them in every way we can. The old pagan poet, Ovid, wrote, "The way to be beloved is to be lovely," and nothing is more lovely than unselfish thought for others.

Friendship that is not true at all times is nothing more than a pretence. "Swallow" friends who fly to us in summer days of gladness, but who are gone in the winter time of trouble and difficulty are not worthy of the name.

One of the notable cases of true friendship is that of David and Jonathan. We read (1 Samuel xviii. 1) that when David was brought before King Saul after his victory over the giant Goliath, Saul's son, Jonathan, was greatly attracted to him. He "loved him as his own soul," and bestowed upon him his own princely robes, and his sword, as a pledge of his friendship. They entered into a Covenant, that is a promise, to be true to each other, whatever happened. We can imagine what happy times they had together, until dark days came, when King Saul became madly jealous of David, and tried to kill him.

Jonathan braved his father's anger, and remained true to his friend. In 1 Samuel xx. 41 we find the sad goodbye they had to say to each other; and, later on, Jonathan sought out his friend who was hiding in a wood, and "strengthened his hand in God" (1 Samuel xxiii. 16).

We see, too, how, after Jonathan's death in battle, David dealt kindly with his lame son (2 Samuel ix. 3).

There is, however, a still greater Friend spoken of in the New Testament. The Lord Jesus has shown Himself to be the One who loves beyond all others; and His love goes on and on as long as we need it (John xiii. 1). We have His own promise to those who love Him, "I am with you always" (Matthew xxviii. 20); and in John xv. 14 He says: "Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Is each little reader one of His friends, and can you say—

"I've found a Friend in Jesus,
He's everything to me?"

E. A.



GOD'S LOVING CARE.

ISN'T it wonderful to think that our world is going round and round, and yet we are not tumbling over! This is because God is caring for us.

Do you know that not one common little sparrow falls or dies without God knowing about it? In Matthew vi. 26, we read, "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

He gives us food and clothing, and, if we are Christ's, will answer our prayers if our desires are necessary. My mamma has often told me about many of her prayers that have been answered.

You may know some hymns on God's care, for there are many of them. There is one which says that the Great God who made the flowers and trees, sun, moon and stars, and the whole earth, cares for a little boy or girl like you and me; *actually cares* for us, will keep, and

be with us! I love to think that God is watching me, and so I try to please Him.

I have recently gone to a new school, and have found three other little Christian girls there. It is lovely to feel you are not the only one. I have only lived eleven years, yet I can think of many ways in which God's care has preserved me. For one thing, I have had only two illnesses. That is one way God's loving care has been seen. Then I have never wanted food or clothing, for God has always provided.

You perhaps know the chorus, "Count your blessings." Once I tried to do so, but I got muddled, there were so many!

One rainy day you might try, and if you think hard, I am sure you will find that there are a lot.

"Said the sparrow to the robin,
'I should really like to know,
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so?'
Said the robin to the sparrow,
'Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father,
Such as cares for you and me!'"

B. W. (aged 11).



ONE.

IT is a very good thing to see so many boys and girls joining in the ranks of the Scripture Searchers. There is no book like the Bible and, being the Word of God, is worth a very close study. I will never forget a man, who became blind in middle life through an accident, once saying that his great joy and comfort was found in the meditation of the Scriptures which he had learnt in his younger days. It was said at the annual meetings of the British and Foreign Bible Society last May that the Bible was in danger of becoming *the most widely circulated but the least read* of all books. See to it, dear boys and girls, that you give your whole heart to the subjects

before you month by month. Search the Scriptures diligently and may God bless your endeavours.

I just want to have a little talk upon the subject of your Scripture Searching this month and to consider three "one things." I will not give you references to the Scripture quotations, except to tell you that the first is in Mark's Gospel, the second is in Luke's Gospel and the third is in John's Gospel. It would be an interesting and profitable study to find and read the incidents for yourselves.

ONE THING THOU LACKEST.

He was an exemplary young man—in deed, the Lord Jesus Christ loved him—he had kept the law from his youth, and now he comes to Jesus to know the way of Eternal Life. Good, however, as his life had been, there was a great barrier between God and him. The barrier was his riches. If he wanted the blessing, his wealth must go because it filled his heart and was a hindrance. He went away from the Lord Jesus Christ grieved because he felt he could not part with that which he so much loved.

I wonder if there is a barrier in your life! Is there anything keeping you away from the blessing? It may not be the love of money—it may be pleasure, it may be the love of self, it may be ambition to get on in the world, it may be other things, there are many hindrances—it is a question you can only answer for yourself.

ONE THING IS NEEDFUL.

Martha and Mary both loved the Lord Jesus Christ and He is here visiting their home. Martha served, and she complained that Mary sat at the feet of Jesus listening to what He had to say. The Lord Jesus replied, "One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

If we want salvation we must listen to the voice of Jesus. He says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37). He has done the one thing needful for your salvation—that was in His death upon the cross. He wants you to come to Him *now* for blessing.

ONE THING I KNOW.

The blind man of whom we read in John's Gospel was positively certain of one thing and that was, that whereas he was blind he now had his sight. He was born blind, but the Lord Jesus Christ had opened his eyes. It was a great reality to the man as you can imagine. If *you* come to the Lord Jesus Christ and get the eyes of your soul opened it will be a great reality to *you*. If you are still unsaved, you lack one thing, and that is the forgiveness of your sins. In order to get your sins forgiven, one thing is needful—you must come to the Lord Jesus Christ as a sinner and, through the work He did on Calvary's Cross, He can forgive those sins and give you such assurance that you will be able to say in truth, "*One thing I know*, that whereas I was a sinner, now I am saved through the grace of God." C. S. R.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.

2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.

3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.

4. Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.

5. Address envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on ½d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by *letter post*.

Scripture Searching.

Rewards will be given in each class at the end of the half-year. Only ONE prize will be given to any one successful Searcher in the current year.

A certificate will be given to any Searcher who is in 1st Class for the half-year. Two certificates gained consecutively will win a prize.

Questions for January, 1932.

Subject—One.

1. "Blessed be the Lord." Write out the verse where these words occur the second time (1 Kings 8.)
2. What did the Lord say about the sparrows? (Luke 12.)
3. What did the Psalmist say about One that is mighty? (Psalm 89.)
4. When is there joy in heaven? (Luke 15.)
5. Why was there a great cry in Egypt? (Exodus 12.)
6. What did John say as he fulfilled his course? (Acts 13.)
7. What did the Psalmist say about one thing? (Psalm 27.)
8. What did the Lord say about one thing? (Luke 10.)
9. What shall there be in that day? (Zechariah 14.)
10. How shall many be made righteous? (Romans 5.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am sorry so many gave the wrong answer to No. 3 of November questions. Will you all just stop and think before putting them down? Several of you are in Second or Third Class through leaving out references. N. Orudge has full marks: I hope her hand is better. R. Dupen is in Third Class for July as one answer was wrong. F. Scampton is in First Class for September. The papers for October from Oldham have all been given their marks.

Will you be sure to give the age you will be *this* year on your January paper.

I trust you will all have a very happy New Year, but it can only be a *truly* happy one if we are in the good of that about which our eighth question speaks. Let it be your choice.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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Answers to November Questions.

1. Melchizedech . . . was priest of the most high God (Genesis 14. 18).
2. The word "priest" occurs eight times in Hebrews 7.
3. The priest shall make atonement for them (Leviticus 4. 20).
4. Hebrews 10. verses 11 and 12 written out.
5. 1 Samuel 2. 35 written out.
6. Jesus the Son of God (Hebrews 4. 14).
7. "Let us draw near hither unto God" (1 Samuel 14. 36).
8. Revelation 1., part of verses 5 and 6 written out.
9. Psalm 132, verses 9 and 16 written out.
10. Holy and royal (1 Peter 2. 5 and 9).

TEXT FOR COLOURING.

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beginning
God created the
heaven and
the earth.

Genesis I. 1.

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WHICH WAY ARE YOU LOOKING?

UNCLE JOB was a hale and hearty fisherman. He lived in a small cottage overlooking the sea in one of the fishing villages of Scotland. In all weathers he was sure to be out of doors, "enjoying God's provision," as he was fond of saying. Like all sailors, he was very fond of telling a tale, and usually they ended with some moral. I remember one very blunt sermon of his, and you shall have it in his own words:—

"I was taking a walk along the sea front one day in February. There was a boisterous wind blowing which almost knocked me off my legs. It was bitterly cold, and there was a steady drizzle of rain. Anyway, I was not complaining about it but just enjoying my walk.

"Do you know I learnt such a lot that day, and I thank God I went out? As I strolled happily along I met several folks with their hands in their pockets, collars turned up, and their heads bent down toward the ground. Oh! didn't they look a miserable crew, so I just kept far from them, for I could not wish them good morning!

"Then, as I still went on, I met a dear old fellow tramping steadily along, whistling gaily; his face was beaming brightly as he shouted out a hearty 'Good-day!' to me. I stood still and thought, 'I wonder why he is so happy and those other beings are so miserable. Ah! I know what it is, his *head* is turned the other way. He is looking up!' Yes, and it was worth while looking up, for between the dark grey clouds a silvery streak was showing, and, faintly but surely a beautiful rainbow was shining. He had his eyes on that, and was forgetting the cold around him.

"So, my friend, take my advice, and

do not keep your nose pointing to the ground or you will fall on it one day; but just march straight on with your head up, and it will lift your heart above the trouble here below."

I expect you will smile at this quaint story, boys and girls, but the old fisherman spoke much that was true. I was thinking of his story the other day, and it suddenly occurred to me that many people are like those whom Uncle Job met first—they are looking down.

Let us divide the whole world into two kinds of people: (1) Heads-down people; (2) Heads-up people.

The Heads-down people are those who do not rise above this earth. All their interests, their pleasures, and their hopes are in this passing world. They say, like the rich man in the New Testament—"take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." What a sad class of people! They have to get all the so-called pleasure they can in this evil world—during the very short time they are here—for the only thing they have to look forward to is *death* and judgment.

Now let us look at the second kind, the Heads-up people. Like Uncle Job's old friend these are happy and bright, because they are not relying on this world's happiness. If you were to go and ask one of them why he was so happy, no doubt he would reply, "I know that one day I am going to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in glory. He has died to save me—a poor sinner—and now, because I have trusted Him as my Saviour, I can look forward to the day when I shall be with Him and like Him for ever. One day all the sorrow and pain in this world will be over, for the Lord Jesus is coming to reign. He has made me so happy that I am just bubbling over with joy. Praise the Lord!"

Dear readers, I would ask you in closing, which way are you looking? Now,

while you may, I beseech you, "Look away to Jesus," and joy, peace, and forgiveness will be yours now and for ever.

J. C.

another on the opposite side, and as an animal passed through the door on one side its mate passed through on the other side; and so they continued on an

endless chain to go into the Ark in pairs. It was a sight which, I am sure, you would have liked to see.

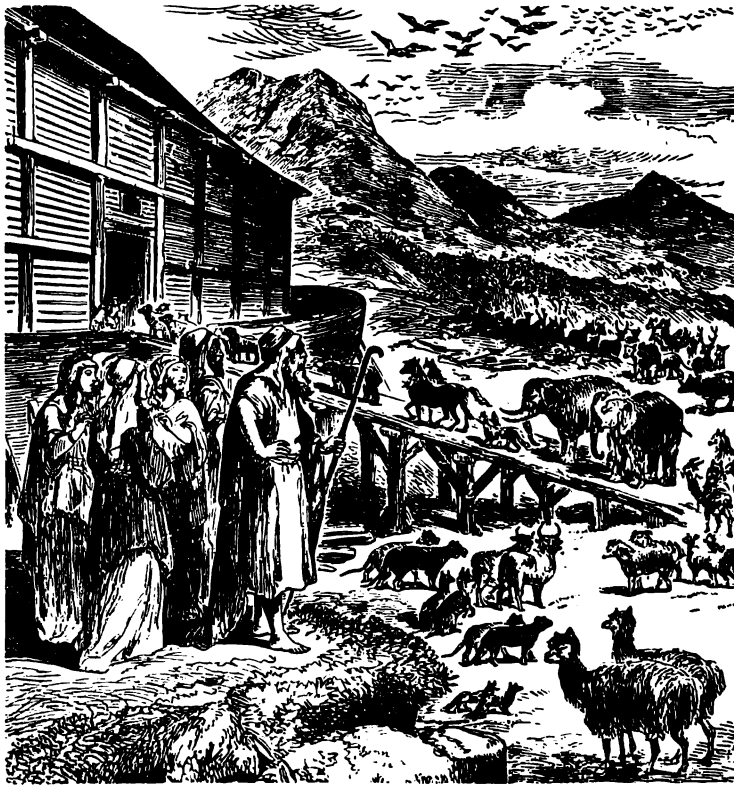
"But," I imagine I hear some boy or girl who is familiar with the Bible story, say, "there was something wrong with that Ark. It had *two doors*, whereas God told Noah when He gave instructions for the making of the Ark to make 'The Door' in the side thereof."

Exactly so. It only goes to show, therefore, that the people who made the Ark in the shop window had not gone to the Bible record for their information, but had made one according to their own ideas.

Now, that is just what many people like to do regarding

Salvation; they want to make doors according to their own ideas by which they hope to enter Heaven. Yet it does seem to me remarkably strange that the one thing about which we may be absolutely sure in this life, is the very thing about which many people are in doubt; and that thing is *the way of salvation—the way to Heaven*. The reason that people are in doubt is because they do not go to the right place for their information. There can be only one place

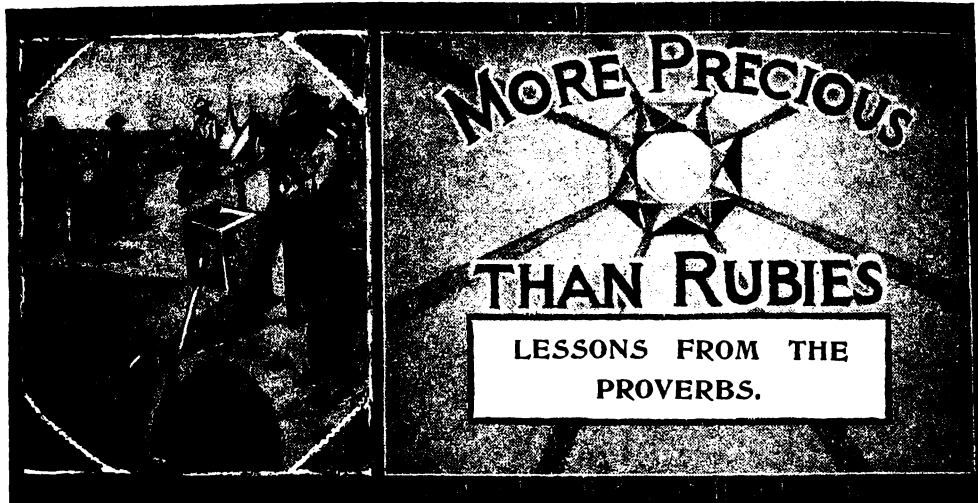
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THE ARK.

ONLY ONE DOOR.

AN enormous Noah's Ark, which almost filled a large shop window, attracted my attention when making a tour of some of the shops in London some time ago. A large crowd of people had gathered to see this wonderful sight, for it was so real. The animals were all there—lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes and various others—and they were marching into the Ark in pairs. There was a door on one side of the Ark and



MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES

LESSONS FROM THE
PROVERBS.

XIV.

READ PROVERBS XIX. 5, 9; xi. 8.

DO you know what that word, "witness" means? It means one who tells the straight truth about a thing he is perfectly sure of.

Now, a "false" witness is a very bad person because he is speaking untruths in order to gain some ends of his own. But we must never forget that no one could come to such a depth of untruthfulness, if he had not previously been in the habit of allowing himself to be careless in his talk. God's Word tells of some who "have taught their tongue to speak lies" (Jeremiah ix. 5), and in many places we read how God hates all deceit in words and in actions. Such conduct is bound, sooner or later, to come back in judgment upon the speaker himself.

Do you remember the story of Daniel? Daniel was, as you know, a captive at the court of the King of Babylon. He, and some of his friends, had been carried away from Jerusalem to the heathen country, but they loved God, and we are told that Daniel "purposed in his

heart" that he would not dishonour God's laws. The result of this brave purpose was that he was enabled by God to live so nobly that he rose to a position of great splendour; and as one king succeeded another, Daniel continued at his post for many long years.

At last a Persian king named Darius came to the throne, and before he had been reigning long the princes and courtiers, who were very jealous of Daniel, determined to get the new monarch to put him out of the way. Coming in hastily to the king one day, they urged him to set his seal to a decree they had written, ordering that any person who prayed to any god or man except to the king himself should be cast into the lions' den. This flattered Darius and, without further thought, he signed the writing.

When Daniel heard this he did not run away, or hide himself; but, "as he did aforetime," so now, he prayed to his God with his windows open towards his beloved Jerusalem (chapter vi. 10). His watching enemies saw him, and again they came in hastily to the king to tell him that "That Daniel" had been seen praying to his God.

Darius was "sore displeased with himself" that he had been trapped into such an evil decree, and he tried his utmost to deliver his faithful servant. But the law of the Medes and Persians could not be broken, so Daniel was thrown to the lions, and Darius spent a most unhappy night in his palace. At daybreak he made his way to the lions' den in fear and trembling; but to his great joy Daniel answered his call and told how God's Angel had been with him and the lions had not touched him (see Psalm xxxiv. 7).

At the king's command Daniel was taken up out of the den, and all those false and cruel men were thrown in and quickly destroyed. The lions were very hungry, but God had not allowed them to touch His servant; and so the righteous man was delivered out of trouble, and the wicked came in his stead.

E. A.

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from which to seek this information, for, being sinners in the sight of God, we can only look to the Word of God—the Bible—for real guidance. In the Bible we read of ONE, even our Lord Jesus Christ, who came from Heaven down to this earth on which we live in order to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke xix. 10). As sinners in the sight of God we could never enter His presence in Heaven, for nothing that defileth shall enter therein (Revelation xxi. 27). But the Lord Jesus Christ, in love to you and me, went all the way to Calvary where He shed His precious blood to wash away our sins. By His death on the Cross He has therefore opened a door which leads to Heaven and Glory, and which is now open for all who will avail themselves of it. Indeed, He Himself said: "I AM THE DOOR: by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John x. 9).

Thus the one who hopes to gain Salvation, or admission to Heaven by anything he or she may do is doomed to failure. For there is ONE DOOR AND ONLY ONE. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv. 12).

If, then, dear reader, you would be sure of this thing, that you are saved for Heaven and Glory, you must start now by entering in at THE DOOR. You must come in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ, for faith in Him is your passport to the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31).

W. B.

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TWO.

THE subject of your Scripture Searching this month is the number "Two," and the first question leads you into a very interesting portion of God's Word. I hope that you will read the whole chapter carefully—1 Kings xviii.

TWO OPINIONS.

Sometimes two opinions are better than one. When a man is in difficulties, perhaps in connection with his business, he seeks the opinion of someone else and, in this way, by the two minds working together, a way is made out of the difficulties. In the same way a doctor, who is rather baffled with a case which he is attending, consults another doctor, who has had more experience in similar cases, and the two together decide upon the manner of treatment.

But, when *one* person has *two* opinions it is disastrous. We read that "a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James i. 8).

How often perhaps in your own life have two paths opened up before you—

you wanted to go both ways yet you could only go one. You have said to yourself, "I hardly know what to do!" As people say, you were in two minds or you had two opinions.

Such was the position of Israel in 1 Kings xviii. They had promised time and again to follow God and to serve Him. Their king at this time, however, was a very wicked man. In fact, it is said of Ahab, for that was his name, that he did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him and he did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. Not only did Ahab give up the worship of God to worship Baal (which means Master), but he influenced his subjects to do the same. It is at this point we find the prophet Elijah gathering all Israel together and we hear him crying to the people, "How long halt ye between two opinions [or two minds]? If the Lord be God follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him." If you read on, you will see how God made His power to be seen and felt so that the people had to cry, "The Lord, He is the God."

Now in life's journey at some time you come to the parting of the ways. All that is to be seen and enjoyed in the world presents itself on the one hand, and the claims of God open out before you on the other hand. You cannot decide because, perhaps you want to go on with the world and yet, at the same time, you would like to pass as a Christian. The question is, "Is it to be the world or Christ?" Be assured of this, that you cannot serve

TWO MASTERS.

Satan is the god of this world and, if you decide for the world, you decide to acknowledge Satan as your master.

Are you Christ's? That is the real point to be settled. Either Christ's or

Satan's. Whom do you belong to? Whom do you serve?

The Lord Jesus Christ is calling to you. Obey His voice. You will never regret the step. It is the beginning of a new life and a new joy. C. S. R.

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1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.

2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.

3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.

4. Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.

5. Address envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by *letter post*.

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Questions for February, 1932.

Subject—Two.

1. What did Elijah say unto all the people ? (1 Kings 18.)
2. What is said about two masters ? (Matthew 6.)
3. "They two." Write out the three sentences where these words occur (not the whole verses). (2 Kings 2.)
4. What did the Lord say unto two of His disciples ? (Mark 14.)
5. How many were sent to view the land ? (Joshua 2.)
6. What is true ? (John 8.)
7. What is said about walking together ? (Amos 3.)
8. What happened while they looked steadfastly toward heaven ? (Acts 1.)
9. What was there in the ark ? (2 Chronicles 5.)
10. How many times is "two" mentioned in Matthew 18 ?

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—

First of all I must just say how cheering it was to see these words written on two of the papers sent in:—"Trusted Christ on Sunday night." May the Lord keep you both and make you a blessing to others.

I am glad that some of the new searchers have won prizes, and also that so many of you have gained certificates. I trust the others will not be disappointed but that they will make up their minds to try harder this half year.

I hope F. Grimes will soon be strong enough to leave hospital.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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CORRECT ANSWERS FOR SEPTEMBER RECEIVED FROM ABROAD—

H. Thomas, J. Breden, J. Ludbrooke, R. Thomas.

Answers to December Questions.

1. 1 Samuel 8. 6, written out.
2. Luke 19. 38, written out.
3. There they dwelt with the king for his work (1 Chronicles 4. 23).
4. When He perceived that they would come and take Him by force and make Him a king (John 6. 15).
5. Psalm 24, verses 8 or 10 written out.
6. Eight times.
7. Psalm 45. 11 written out.
8. Matthew 22. 2 written out.
9. The Lord shall be King over all the earth (Zechariah 14. 9).
10. 1 Timothy 6. 15 written out.

TEXT FOR COLOURING.

The Lord is
My strength
and song, and
He is become
My salvation.

Exodus XV. 2.

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THE HYMN WRITER'S MESSAGE.

NOT long ago, I was passing through a lovely village in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and was interested in an old-world house standing a little way off the main road. I was informed that this house was once the home of Bishop Heber, whose hymns are known throughout the English-speaking world. No doubt every reader of OUR CHILDREN will be familiar with the hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and perhaps will have been stirred to think of the darkness of other lands, where "men benighted" are still "bound with error's chain." As I looked at the old house in which the writer of the hymn lived, I could not help thinking of the many young people in "Christian" lands who are to-day "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians ii. 1).

Yes, we may perhaps sing, "The heathen in his blindness, bows down to wood and stone," but I want to put this pointed question to each of my young readers, Have you bowed the knee to Christ, and have you confessed Him as Lord? (Philippians ii. 10; Romans x. 9.) Depend upon it, if you have not yet yielded your heart and life to Him, you are in as perilous a plight as any heathen that ever lived. The solemn Scripture that tells us of the god of this world blinding the eyes of them which believe not (2 Corinthians iv. 4) applies very really to you, dear unsaved reader.

Oh! what rejoicing there will be, and what "joy-bells" will be set ringing, if you turn to the Lord Jesus *now* in all your need and darkness, and, trusting in His finished work and the value of His precious shed blood, you learn to say with many of us, "CHRIST FOR ME."

I am reminded of another of Bishop

Heber's hymns, written more than a century ago, which has these words in one of the verses:—

"There is joy in heaven,
There is joy in heaven,
When the soul that went astray,
Turns to Christ, the living Way."

Think of this, dear young friend! If you TO-DAY, in the Lord's presence, take the all-important step of faith which will place you amongst "His own," why, then you will be the subject of JOY IN HEAVEN; and then, of course, JOY will be your's too, for you will be able to say, "Thanks to HIM, I am His, and He is mine, for ever and ever."

May you know this joy, and know it NOW.

A. E. M.

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LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE IN HEAVEN.

A NEGRO servant was asked if he thought his master, whom he had recently lost, had gone to heaven.

He shook his head and thoughtfully said, "When Massa go up to de norf, he speak much of it and make many plans, but never did I hear him speak of going to heaven."

We are prone to talk of what is uppermost in the mind, "for out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh" (Matthew xii. 34).

Is the Lord Jesus precious to *you*? Do *you* know Him as *your* personal Saviour? Then "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke xxii. 34), and you will be anxious for others to know Him too. The Lord Jesus says, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark v. 19).

A. M. W.

A RETROSPECT.

ONE evening in August last year, I stood in the fields facing my old day school, and my thoughts travelled back to thirty years previous, when I finally said goodbye to schooldays.

I pictured to myself the stout old porter who stood at the large front entrance doors to prevent us boys flocking through, and who turned us aside to leave by the back exits whenever he was smart enough.

I imagined, too, the stately old headmaster, of whom we stood in great awe; and who instilled much fear into us, as well as made substantial marks on some of us with his canes. Fortunately, I escaped the latter for, on the one occasion when I had to appear before him for bad work, he asked me whether I would like to receive some strokes with the large thick cane or the small swishy one, I was prompt enough to answer, "Neither, sir," whereupon he let me off!

Then, too, I fancied the old drill sergeant and swimming instructor could still be seen at his post, a man who was scarcely known to have been seen to smile; and so I went through the whole list of some seventeen masters, and asked myself, where were they? They had all left the school years ago, several had died within the last two years, and there remained just *one* who was still living. Buildings had been added, the school was under quite new governorship, and methods of teaching were very much different.

"What a change!" some of my readers will say. Yes, there was a change indeed, and how it reminds us that *everything here changes*.

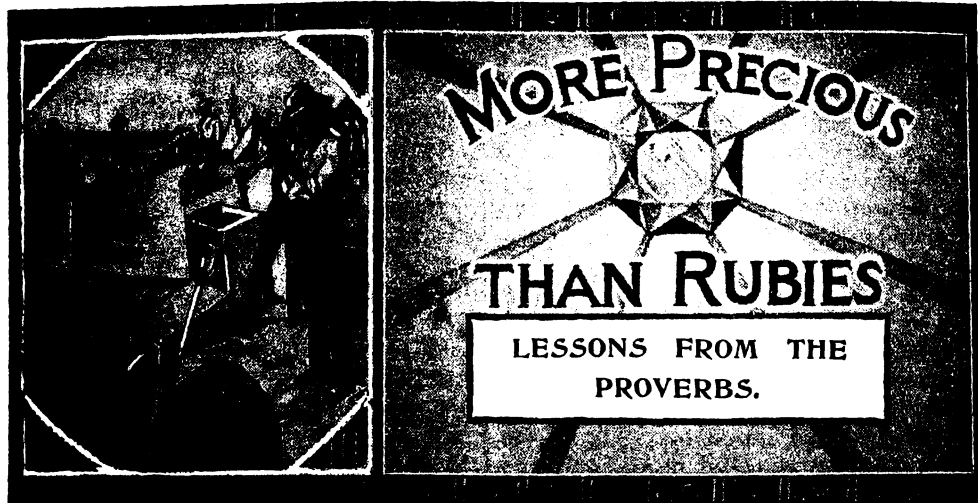
My thoughts travelled along fifteen years later, when I remembered standing on many occasions on very nearly the same spot on those fields opposite the school, listening to various speakers at

some meetings for young people. Where had that fine, stately, gentlemanly, speaker in the prime of life gone? Where was that short young man who always seemed to gain the interest and attention of his listeners? Then there was the regular middle-aged man on the outskirts of the crowd who was seldom absent—where was he? They had all *gone*. Yes, changes come about very quickly.

I looked around that August evening and saw the original convener of the meetings, and his son who had started them twenty-one years previously. *We* had been spared. How had we used those years? Alas! I find that I have not used them as well as I might have done, but come far short of the Apostle Paul, when he said: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy iv. 7). I have come far short of God's purposes; I have slacked when I should have been diligent, and have not seized many of the opportunities that have presented themselves to me. By God's help I will be *more* prayerful, *more* diligent, *more* aggressive, and *more* anxious for the eternal welfare of others.

My youthful reader, you stand more nearly at the threshold of life's golden opportunities if you are spared. Shall the coming period be used in your *own* interests, or shall it be used in God's holy, happy, service—which? Oh! give an answer to the question here and now before you lay down this magazine, and may the answer be given on your knees, not to the Editor, not to me, but to God.

But *if* you have not as yet accepted Christ's atoning work on Calvary's cross *for yourself*, you can *never* enter His service, and our little talk will be wasted; therefore, if you have not done so, come to the Lord Jesus Christ *at once*, seek His pardon from *all* your sin, and He will grant it you immediately. L. A. A.



XV.

WEAK AND WISE.

FOUR little things. Do you know what they are? Turn up Proverbs xxx. and read verses 24-28. Four of the smallest of God's creatures, but "exceeding wise," made wise by their Creator to fit the conditions of their life.

I. The Ant. The Arabs have two proverbs, which seem to contradict each other. "Weaker than an ant," because it is such a tiny creature and so easily crushed; "Stronger than an ant," because, in proportion to its size, it carries huge and heavy burdens. Have you ever watched ants at work, and seen them carrying their eggs to a place of safety? The egg is larger than the full-grown insect, yet it perseveres with its task and accomplishes it.

They are keen and industrious workers, and show their wisdom in the way they make their wonderful dwellings, and store up food "in the summer" against the bare days of winter. The Egyptians made the ant the hieroglyphic (or symbol) of knowledge; and the Arabs put one in the hand of a baby boy with

the prayer, "May he turn out ingenious and skilful."

II. The Coney. This is a little animal very like, but not the same as, our rabbit. It lives in Eastern lands, and its Hebrew name is "Shaphan."

Instead of burrowing underground where it might be dug out by some of the fiercer wild animals, it makes its house in the clefts of the high rocks (*see* Psalm civ. 18). An old male coney is posted as sentinel, and when he scents danger he utters a shrill whistle, thus warning his companions to scuttle home! Wise little coney!

III. The Locust. This creature is something like our grasshopper. It seldom goes alone; knowing its weakness—it moves in large companies. Famous travellers relate that a band of locusts will cover two thousand miles square: and when on the wing, millions strong, they will come along before the wind in huge clouds, darkening the sky, and striking terror into the hearts of men, who know that when the locusts have passed no food will be left.

They have no king, yet they made the King of Egypt send in haste for Moses

and Aaron (Exodus x. 16-20) to get rid of them.

IV. The Spider. This small thing seems to be much the same all the world over. It varies in size, and some species are poisonous. It has a wonderful structure on its tiny toes, which enables it to run along smooth surfaces upside down, like flies on the ceiling.

Think of a dusty long-legged spider in some coal cellar in Windsor Castle. With patience and perseverance she takes "hold with her hands" and never rests until by and by she finds herself in a drawing room, the very room where the King and Queen are! and if she escapes notice, she will with the same patience and perseverance spin her web and make her home there.

Boys and girls, are *you* as wise as these four little things? The ants "prepare", and *you* "prepare" for examinations, and holidays and other things. *Are you prepared to meet God?*

Have you, like the wise conies, fled for refuge to the "Rock"—that Rock of Ages, the Lord Jesus Christ, who loves you and wants you?

Have you joined yourself to a band of people who love Him, and who will help you in the right way? and, like the spider, will you "take hold" of eternal life (1 Timothy vi. 12) which the Saviour offers you, so that by and by, being found in the palace of Him who is the King of kings, you will receive His approval?

E. A.

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WAS JESUS A SINNER?

A few weeks ago a Sunday-school teacher was talking to her class of little girls. During the lesson one girl said that when Jesus was on the earth He was a sinner. The teacher then

asked the other girls if this was right, but I am sorry to say they did not know. Some said "Yes," and some said "No."

Let us just see what the Bible says about it. Here is a text in 1 Peter ii., verse 22, which says He "did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." No, the Lord Jesus Christ was *not* a sinner. He never did one single sin, or said one single wrong word; neither did He think a wrong thought. Satan tempted Him, and tried to make Him sin, but did not succeed. Jesus was perfect because He was the Son of God.

You and I are sinners. We have no right to go to heaven, where all is pure and holy; but Jesus has died for us and was punished for *our* sins, when He hung on the cross.

Believe in Him, and God will forgive you for Jesus' sake.

C. M. W.

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THREE.

THIS is Easter month; the season which speaks to us of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is strange that, although the Lord Jesus came from God with a message of grace and salvation, the men of the world refused both Him and His message, and eventually put Him to death. No doubt, you have often read the story of the Saviour's sufferings, and you cannot read it too often.

The twenty-third chapter of Luke's Gospel tells us what mocking and shame He endured at the hands of man. You may read in this chapter how the people cried to Pilate, "Away with this Man, and release unto us Barabbas." They would rather take sides with Barabbas, who was a murderer, than with Jesus. Three times Pilate appealed to the people on behalf of Jesus, but "they

cried saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him." "And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required."

Now notice the thirty-third verse of this twenty-third chapter of Luke. You will read there of

THREE CROSSES.

"When they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left."

What an awful place of dishonour they gave to Jesus! They heaped upon Him all the scorn and hatred which filled their hearts. But the Lord Jesus Christ did not die as *we* may have to do, because our appointed time has come. No, He was there on that centre cross as a

SPOTLESS, SINLESS SAVIOUR.

Not for any sins which He had done was He there, for He was sinless. Not for any crime committed, for His judges found Him guiltless. Why was He there? He was there as a willing sacrifice for guilty men. What wonderful love!

We have the unalterable record of the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation, that there can be no approach to God by a guilty sinner apart from the shedding of blood. The Lord Jesus Christ, perfect, spotless, sinless, willingly came to pay the penalty of sin. By His death on the cross, the work of salvation is finished, so that God may pardon every sinner who in faith comes to Jesus.

Look at the other crosses. On one of these we see a

SCOFFING SINNER.

He was there because of his misdeeds. This man was a thief. He had lived in sin and now he dies scoffing Jesus, who hangs by his side. He goes into eternity as he lived, in his sins, unsaved—

unforgiven. Salvation so very near, yet neglected with scoffings. What a picture of many to-day! They hear the Gospel, but despise it—they reject the Lord Jesus Christ. Be careful, dear boys and girls, how you treat the Gospel message—do not go in the way of this man!

From the third cross we have a fine testimony to Jesus. A man hangs there who was a thief too, probably quite as bad as the other. But now he is a

SAVED SINNER.

His heart has been touched and this testimony was well spoken, "This Man hath done nothing amiss."

In his dying hour he cried to Jesus for mercy: "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." The gracious response comes at once from the lips of the Saviour, "To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise."

The dying thief rejoiced to see
In Christ salvation full and free.

There is salvation, through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary, for every boy and girl who trusts Him. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

C. S. R.

Answers to January Questions.

1. 1 Kings 8. 56 written out.
2. Luke 12. 6 written out.
3. I have laid help upon One that is mighty. (Psalm 80. 19.)
4. Luke 15. 7 or 10 written out.
5. Because there was not a house where there was not one dead. (Exodus 12. 80.)
6. Acts 13. 25 written out.
7. Psalm 27. 4 written out.
8. Luke 10. 42 written out.
9. In that day shall there be one Lord and His Name one. (Zechariah 14. 9.)
10. By the obedience of One. (Romans 5. 19.)

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Questions for March, 1932.

Subject—Three.

1. What did Abraham say when he lifted up his eyes? (Genesis 18.)
2. While Peter thought on the vision, what did the Spirit say unto him? (Acts 10.)
3. Where were the three men going? (1 Samuel 10.)
4. Write out the verses in 1 John 5. where "three" is mentioned.
5. How many men obtained water for David to drink? What did he do with it? (2 Samuel 23.)
6. What did the Lord say unto Simon Peter the third time? (John 21.)
7. What did Daniel do when he knew that the writing was signed? (Daniel 6.)
8. What took place at the third hour? (Mark 15.)
9. Where were the six cities of refuge placed? (Numbers 35.)
10. What did the Lord say when He prayed the third time? (Matthew 26.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am glad there are so many new Searchers and trust they are going to continue through the year. Many of you would have been in 1st Class if you had given chapter and verse. Please remember to give this each time.

J. B. Jardine is in 1st Class for December.

Several who usually send in good papers have left out one reference and so are in 2nd Class this time.

I should like to remind you that those over 16 years of age are not eligible for prizes or certificates, but papers may still be sent in and marks will be given as usual.

I am sorry to hear about F. Kemaley and hope she will soon be better.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



SUDDENLY.....!

HOW jolly it is to have a picnic on the rocks, by the seaside!

A party of us one day last summer decided to picnic on the Brigg at Filey. The Brigg is a strip of rocks jutting out into the sea; nearly all of it is covered at high tide. After crossing the sands, we came to some pretty rock pools. We were admiring the shells and seaweed, when our attention was drawn to a white marble slab set in the face of the cliffs near by. All who passed to the Brigg could read its story.

Briefly, the sculptured letters told of a lady and gentleman who, like us, had decided to visit the rocks. It told of a lovely summer's day; the tide was low, and the sea calm. They had reached the big caves, and were standing at last on the rocks looking out to sea. How peaceful it must have been, as, enjoying the sunshine, they listened to the gentle lapping of the water. The sea like a playful monster swayed to and fro.

Suddenly, the story reads, *without warning*, out of the swaying sea came a great wave which washed the lady and her husband off the rocks—and they were drowned! The sun still kept shining, and the sea looked just as calm afterwards, but into the midst of that lovely scene *Death* had come.

Perhaps you are tempted to say, "How sad and cruel!" But listen. The old fishermen at Filey often warn folks of the unseen dangers of the rocks. Possibly the two people that were drowned had received such a warning, but when they saw the calm sea they said in their hearts, "Peace and Safety." The whole scene *did* look peaceful, and the rocks *did* seem safe, but in the words of 1 Thessalonians v. 8, "When they shall *say* Peace and Safety; then *sudden* destruction cometh upon them . . . and they shall not escape."

May I ask very tenderly, are *you* trusting in yourself, in the matter of your own **ETERNAL SALVATION**? Are *you* wilfully standing on the rocks of "Indifference" and "Good Intentions," with perhaps one foot on the big stumbling block, the rock of "Pride"? It just may be that you are not heedless to the warnings of God's precious Word, but still to-day finds you standing on other rocks; they are called "Doubts," "Fears," and "Indecision." Let us be lovingly frank with one another. The waters of Death can wash you off *all* these rocks *suddenly*—and there can be no escape!

How we long that you may utter David's words to the Lord, "Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." This Rock is none other than Jesus, the great Rock of our salvation. He is the Rock which the waters of death cannot reach—**NOW**. They did once, for "Jesus died for our sins, and was buried." But, oh, glorious news! He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, and "**DEATH** hath no more dominion over **HIM**." You can with every confidence trust in Him. **HE** tasted the bitter waters of death, that *you* might enjoy eternal life—never to come into the judgment of death, but to know on the authority of God's word that you are passed from death unto life.

Here are some very familiar words. What joy in heaven if from your heart, for the first time, you can turn to the Lord Jesus, and make these words your own:—

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power."

F. J. F.

FOUR.

IN the thirtieth chapter of Proverbs we have the words of a wise man named Agur, and he there tells us about

FOUR LITTLE WISE THINGS.

These little things give us a very helpful and beautiful Gospel picture, and I would like you to find the verses in your Bibles and read them for yourselves.

First. ANTS. Very little insignificant insects but always working in the summer-time. You have watched them in the country, I am sure! What are they doing? All through the summer their one thought is the approaching winter. They know that when the stormy winds are blowing, and the snow covers the ground, it will be difficult for them to get about, so they occupy their time in gathering supplies for the winter season. They store up food underground to keep themselves alive during the dark days. The great lesson we learn from the ants is that they **PREPARE** for the future.

These insects speak loudly to every unsaved person. In the dealings of God with man, the season in which we live is like the summer-time. The bright rays of the Gospel shine for everybody to-day but it will not always be so—the winter-time is coming, the dark time of judgment. Let me ask you the question, “Have *you* prepared for the future?” Do not idle away the precious present. Hours and days are so apt to slip by without making a definite decision for Christ. Let there be no delay—decide for Christ, to-day!

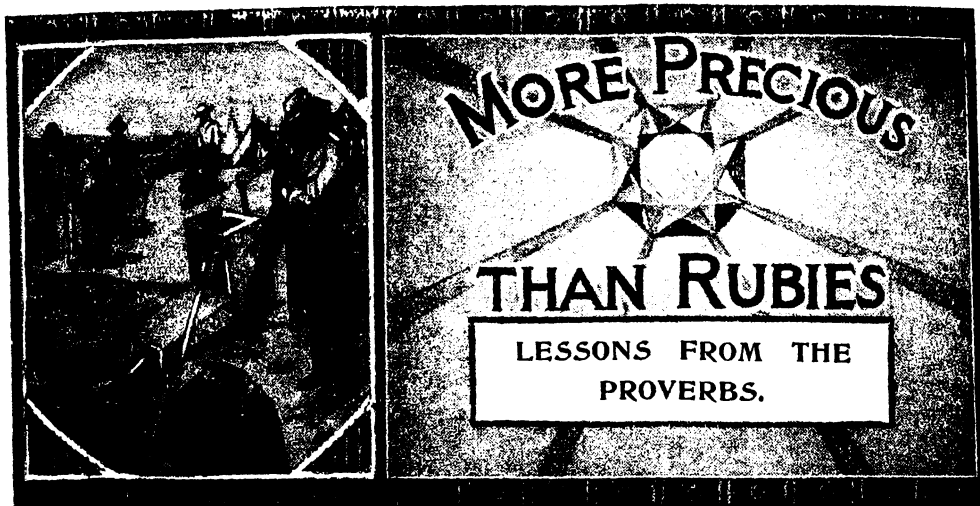
Second. The CONIES are but a feeble folk. They have no ability to burrow their homes out of the earth, so they make their houses in the rocks. They know where their safety lies and off to the rocks they go. There they are safe from the wild animals around,

and from the storms which may abound.

Like the conies, the sinner has no strength to make himself a refuge, but there is a hiding-place. The rock speaks of CHRIST. There is only one secure place from the dangers in the world and from the storm of judgment which is coming—that is, the Lord Jesus Christ. David says, “Thou art my hiding place” (Psalm xxxii. 7). Your only hope for salvation lies in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Third. The LOCUSTS go forth by bands. Here we have a word for the Christian. There was a time when it was said that “all that believed were *together*” (Acts ii. 44). The Christians in those early days found their joy in being together—they sought the company of one another. You could tell if a man was a Christian or if he was still an unbeliever. To-day it is not so. Christianity and the world have got so mixed up. Many Christians pass through the world, and it is hardly known that they *are* Christians. Dear boys and girls, if you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, beware of the friendship of the world. “If sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path” (Proverbs i. 10 and 15). Seek the company of your Christian friends.

Fourth. The SPIDER taketh hold with her hands. This speaks of faith—faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you want salvation—if, at the end, you want to reach the King’s palace—you must put out the hand of faith and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour. Nothing else will avail. No amount of good works or good resolutions. Simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is essential to salvation. Faith is trusting, trusting wholly in the person and work of the Son of God. Trust then now, and by that trust you get salvation and eternal life.



XVI.

"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs xviii. 10).

GOD'S "Name" is not only a title—it stands for what He *is*; revealing His wisdom, power and goodness, and His infinite love to sinners.

We might read Solomon's words thus: The Lord Himself is a tower of strength. His people run into it when dangers threaten, and are set on high, as in a strong castle, above their enemies.

Some of you know the Castle in Edinburgh, and on what a tremendously strong high rock it stands. It has many a time, in days gone by, been a secure place of refuge. But the Almighty God is a refuge far safer than the strongest earthly fortress; and He is always near to those who call upon Him for help (Psalm cxliii. 9; Psalm cxlv. 18).

There is a fine story in the Old Testament (2 Chronicles xx.) telling how a king and his people proved the truth of Solomon's words. King Jehoshaphat was rich and prosperous. He had overcome many enemies and his land was at

peace, when suddenly, one day, in came a messenger with the startling news that a vast host was on its way to attack Jerusalem.

What was to be done? The King knew his soldiers were brave and loyal, but, alas! they were quite unequal to repel the invading army. But Jehoshaphat knew God, and he at once resolved to implore His aid. Summoning all his people to observe a solemn fast, he went to the House of God, and, in the presence of a great crowd of men, women and children, he prayed very earnestly that God would defend the city.

God's ears are always open to the cry of distress. Immediately He sent a prophet with a message of promise that He, God, would Himself fight for them. Very early the next morning, as the soldiers passed out of the city gates, the King was there, bidding them trust in God. The procession of warriors was led by the Levites singing (see Psalm cxxxvi.)—a very unusual manner for an army to proceed to battle! When God heard them singing and praising Him, He caused such a panic among the enemy host that, instead of advancing,

as they intended, they drew sword against each other, and very quickly were utterly destroyed.

As the King and his courtiers viewed the battle-field from the watch tower, they saw the field strewn with dead bodies; and all the soldiers had to do was to collect the spoil. This was so immense and of such great value, that it took them three days to gather it all. On the fourth day they returned to Jerusalem in the joyful mood in which they had set out; and in memory of the mercy of God they called the place "The Valley of Blessing."

Boys and girls, you, too, may have in your small lives "valleys of blessing"—places where God helps you in some difficulty, if you seek Him truly, and try to do what pleases Him.

E. A.

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"JUST AS I AM."

WE all know this touching hymn, but some of you may not know how it came to be written.

When she was quite young, Miss Charlotte Elliott was spending some time in company with others, and during the conversation the Rev. Cæsar Malan asked if she were a Christian. She was a little displeased, not considering it a suitable occasion, and replied that she did not wish to discuss the matter then. Mr. Malan said he would not press it, but would pray for her.

They met again a fortnight later, and she of her own accord told Mr. Malan that the question had been troubling her ever since. She had been seeking the Saviour, and asked for help.

"Come to Him, just as you are," he replied.

"But will He receive me just as I am?"

"O yes, gladly."

Together they prayed and soon she had the joy of salvation, knowing the Lord Jesus as her own personal Saviour; and later out of her own blessed experience she wrote the hymn:—

"Just as I am—without one plea,
But that Thy Blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—
O Lamb of God, I come!"

Can you say that truly?

"Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37).

A. M. W.

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WHITHER BOUND?

I WONDER how many of you have been fortunate enough to take a trip in a pleasure steamer on the river, on a nice summer's day; and if you experienced the same illusion as the writer when a child, that all you saw on the shore—the trees, the houses—were hurrying away, whilst all the time it was you who kept moving, and all on shore remained still!

Thus, dear boys and girls, when least realizing the speed with which you go, you are travelling with rapid haste onward to eternity. Ah! what will eternity mean to you? "Where will you spend eternity?"

If you have not already done so, accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour now, whilst still there is time, and then your eternity will be spent with the redeemed and ransomed throng, blessing and praising that blessed One who has made our future secure!

"Fairest flowers soon decay,
Youth and beauty pass away;
Oh, you have not long to stay:
Be in time."

A. E.



ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE: I. THE LAMB.

IN God's Word the spotless little lamb is a picture of the Lord Jesus. The word alone tells us much of Him.

Lowly nature

A sin-offering

Mighty to save

Blessing to many.

While on earth, the Son of God, the Lord Jesus, chose the humble lot of a carpenter's son. He is "meek and lowly in heart."

The lamb was used in olden times as a *sin-offering*—just a picture of the Lord Jesus—"the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

The Lord Jesus is *mighty to save*; simply because "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter." He bore all for us, because He loved us so.

"*Blessing* [or happiness] abounds where'er He reigns." Listen, boys and girls! We have a glimpse of heaven in the Revelation. There a great company are praising the Lamb, singing, "Thou art worthy . . . for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood" (Rev. v. 9). They are indeed happy.

Boys and girls, come to the Lord Jesus now, that you, too, may sing that new song as one "redeemed by the blood of the Lamb."

J. C.

Answers to February Questions.

- 1 Kings 18. 21 written out.
- No man can serve two masters. (Matthew 6. 24.)
- "They two went on." "They two stood by Jordan." "They two went over on dry ground." (2 Kings 2. 6, 7, 8.)
- Mark 14. 13 written out.
- Two men. (Joshua 2. 1.)
- The testimony of two men is true. (John 8. 17.)
- Amos 3. 3 written out.
- Two men stood by them in white apparel. (Acts 1. 10.)
- The two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb. (2 Chronicles 5. 10.)
- Seven times.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.
- Address envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by *letter post*.

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Questions for April, 1932.

Subject—Four.

1. What was the breadth of one curtain? (Exodus 26.)
2. How long had Lazarus lain in the grave? (John 11.)
3. "The altar shall be . . ." Fill in the missing word. (Exodus 27.)
4. "And the city lieth . . ." Fill in the missing word. (Revelation 21.)
5. What did God give the four children? (Daniel 1.)
6. And He saw them . . . passed by them." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Mark 6.)
7. What is said about the form of the fourth? (Daniel 8.)
8. How many carried the man who was sick of the palsy? (Mark 2.)
9. If a man stole a sheep, how many had he to restore? (Exodus 22.)
10. How much did Zachaeus say he would restore? (Luke 19.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Will you all look at the Subject title before answering the questions this month. So many of you have given answers which have no bearing on the subject though they seem correct.

I am sorry to hear that so many Searchers are poorly. The papers can always be done later and marks will be allowed.

Several of our now Searchers are only six years old! May they seek the Lord early.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

February Searchers.

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underneath are
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Deuteronomy XXXIII. 27

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THE LEFT-HANDED CRICKETER.

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SAVED AND HAPPY.

THE STORY OF HARRY B—.

HARRY B— was a nice little boy, but just as full of mischief as an egg is full of meat. In his class at Sunday School he sorely tried the patience of his teacher, and she almost despaired of ever seeing any change in him.

One Lord's Day, to the great joy of his teacher, Harry said: "Miss A—, I am saved." Her joy knew no bounds, and Harry's joy was great indeed. It is only the girls and boys and men and women, who are saved who know what true joy means.

The following Lord's Day, Harry asked his teacher if he could have a New Testament, and she very gladly gave him one. The change in his conduct showed very plainly that Harry was saved and happy. Is there a boy of that name reading these lines? Listen, Harry! If you are not saved you are not happy; you will not be happy until you are saved; and our prayer is that you may be saved before you lay down this magazine. No matter what your name is, girl or boy, to whom we are speaking through this printed page, you will only be happy when you are saved.

Harry's teacher went to visit his mother one day. She said, "I do not know what has happened to Harry. He says he is saved. I do not understand these things, but I can tell you it has made a difference to him. He is like another boy." Of course it makes a difference. Mother knows it; Sunday-school teacher knows it; day-school teacher knows it; chums know it; everybody knows it. The Lord Jesus has made the change; for when He comes into the heart all is different.

One day, it was the day in the year

when boys love to set off fireworks and to light bonfires, Harry was playing with his companions. He had a toy cannon into which he put some gunpowder, laid a train, applied a lighted match, and then ran back to be clear of danger. The flame ran along the train of gunpowder but no report came from the cannon. Harry went over and stooped down to see what had happened. Just then there was a bang, the cannon burst, hit Harry on the forehead, and he fell back bleeding. He was rushed off to hospital, lived only a few hours, and was gone. The following Lord's Day Sunday-school scholars and teachers gathered round his little grave and, after the coffin was lowered, they sang:—

"Around the Throne of God in Heaven,
Thousands of children stand,
Children whose sins are all forgiven,
A holy, happy band.
Singing Glory! Glory! Glory!"

All were so sorry to lose dear Harry, and yet all were so glad to know that he was happy with the Lord Jesus, and that they had the assurance, which they would not have had had it happened a few months earlier, that all was well with him.

"Ah!" says someone, "that is how all these stories end. Girls and boys get saved and then they die. That is why I do not want to be saved too soon because I do not want to die yet." That is where you are mistaken. It is well to be saved in case you might die, or, perhaps more likely still, the Lord Jesus might come for His own and you be left behind. He wants to save you, however, that you might live to follow Him and to serve Him, and the life that is lived for Him is the only sort of life that is worth living.

The writer was eight years old when he was saved—how old are you?—and it would be necessary to multiply that

a good many times to find out how old he is now; and he constantly thanks God that he was saved when he was young.

Oh, trust Him now, Trust Him *now*;
Trust the loving Saviour *now*;
Your soul to save, His life He gave;
Trust in Him just *NOW*.

W. B. D.

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THE CALL OF JESUS.

JESUS calls the children,
Every girl and boy,
For He loves them dearly,
Fills each heart with joy!
When they early seek His face,
He will bless them with His grace!

E. H.

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FLORRIE'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

THERE is a story about a little girl—whom we will call Florrie—that runs as follows:—

Little Florrie was dying—at least, the doctor gave small hope of her getting better. He said that in the night there would be a crisis and she would probably die in her sleep, but if she regained consciousness then she would recover.

But Florrie's mother believed God would answer her prayer, and she knelt by the little bed and prayed that God would do something wonderful—would let Florrie stay with her, in spite of the doctor's almost hopeless words. The hours passed by and the mother watched and prayed. A slight movement in the bed made her look up, and, to her great joy, she saw that her prayer was answered and her little girl was conscious once more.

Florrie tried to speak, and just managed to say, "Oh! mother, what *have* you done?"

The mother was puzzled and thought her daughter's mind was wandering, as she was so ill and weak.

The next day, after many hours of refreshing sleep, Florrie was much better. Her mother kissed her gently, and said, "How are you, darling? God has been good to us in answering my prayer and giving you back to me." Again Florrie began to cry, and said as before, "Oh! mother, what *have* you done?" Mother was still puzzled and thought she would wait till Florrie was well enough to explain what she meant.

Some days later, when she could sit up, Florrie did explain, and this is what she said:

"Mother, I dreamt I went to heaven, and saw the Lord Jesus. Oh! He *was* kind. He took me into a beautiful field where there were flowers much lovelier than I've ever seen anywhere. There were lots of girls and boys and shining angels, and they were just going to start a wonderful game, and one angel came up to me and took my hand and said, 'Come along, dear little Florrie, we are just waiting for you to start our game.' I was just going to play when the Lord Jesus came back and said, 'Florrie cannot stay; her mother wants her back on the earth. Come along, Florrie, dear.' Here Florrie cried again, and it was hard to comfort her.

Would *you* have been disappointed if you had been in Florrie's place? No doubt she loved the Lord Jesus and was ready for heaven. Are you ready?

"How many children say,
'I'd like to go to heaven,'
Yet never think that they
Must have their sins forgiven,
Before they can in glory be
Or Jesus Christ in glory see."

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XVII.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."—PROVERBS iii. 6.

"**I***N all thy ways?"* What, tell God about everything we do, and everywhere we go?

Yes, just that! Read the verse again slowly and carefully, taking in the meaning of each word, and then take it to mean what it says. For if you want God to help and guide you, you must yield your way to Him; and do not be afraid that it would mean a dull sort of life.

God loves to see boys and girls happy; and very many grown-up people could tell you that to "acknowledge" God in everything, is the very best way to get the gladdest and altogether best life.

There is a lovely story in the early part of the Bible, about a man who was sent on a journey in search of a special treasure, and who found what he sought, because he told God all about it, and asked His help. You will find the whole story in Genesis xxiv.

The scene is the home of the fine old patriarch, Abraham. It had been such

a happy home, but, alas! sorrow had come. The beloved mother, Sarah, had just died, and Abraham and his son Isaac were very sad and lonely. Abraham longed to comfort his son, so he called his head servant, and bade him go to the land of Mesopotamia, where all his relations lived, and find there a bride for Isaac.

At once the servant set about obeying his master. Taking ten of his master's camels he loaded them with costly gifts for the looked-for bride, and with food for the journey for himself and the men who went with him.

It was a long journey through lonely country, but at last they came near to the town for which they were bound. Halting by a well outside the town walls he made his camels kneel down to rest, while he prayed very earnestly that God would show kindness to his master, by sending to the well the damsel whom He had chosen for his master's son. Verse 15 tells that "before he had done speaking," God answered his prayer. Rebecca came, and took him to her father's house; and the very next day, she, with Deborah her nurse, went with the servant to the land of Canaan, and we

read that when she came, "Isaac was comforted after his mother's death." Verses 42 and 48 show us how the servant "acknowledged" and honoured and thanked God.

Turn up the chapter and read it all through. It is one of the most beautiful stories in the world; and, boys and girls, remember the words of the wise king Solomon and take them for a life motto. "IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS."

E. A.



FINDING THE FIVE SMOOTH STONES.

FIVE.

FIVE SMOOTH STONES.

FIVE little pebbles lying in a brook; perhaps they had been there for many years—unnoticed by the passers-by. If they had been able to speak, they might have said, "What use are we lying here so long?" Had they been bigger, perhaps someone would have carried them away for some useful purpose, but there they still lay, day after day. The water has been continually running over them, gradually taking off all the sharp edges, so that now they are nice little smooth stones.

It was to be a great day in Israel. That terrible giant, Goliath, had defied the armies of Israel for forty days. It almost seemed as if the Philistines, who were in battle against the Israelites, were to get the victory through their champion.

David, the shepherd boy, came along to visit his brothers in the camp, and there he saw Goliath in the valley. All the men of Israel were afraid. What a terrible monster! What great armour! What a tremendous spear! But all this was nothing to David. Did not God help him to kill a lion and a bear when they came after his sheep? Would not God help him to kill this giant? *His soul was filled with the thought of God's power.*

"And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him, thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine." With his staff in his hand, down to the brook he goes and picks up the five smooth stones which have been so long unnoticed. He puts one into his sling, and,

with a mighty thrust, away goes the stone and hits the giant in the forehead. There was a glorious victory for Israel that day. It was a victory of faith. A little stone from the brook, slung by a shepherd boy, triumphed over Goliath with all his great formidable armour.

I think I hear you saying that you would like to fight the Lord's battles, but you feel so small and weak. Be content, dear boys and girls, to be where God has put you, allowing the stream of grace to do its work—forming and fitting you and making you ready for the work which God may have for you.

FIVE BARLEY LOAVES.

The incident we have just read shows us how God is able to use what we *are*; the following illustrates how God is able to use what we *have* to His glory, and the blessing of others. This story is about a boy who, no doubt, had heard of Jesus, and all the wonderful things He had been doing. So anxious was the lad to see for himself, that he went off from his home taking his lunch with him, determined, however great the distance, that he would find Jesus.

Great crowds followed Jesus that day. It was a desert place where they were gathered, and, when meal time came round, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away. The Lord Jesus Christ, however, was going to show them His mighty power in a wonderful way. "Give ye them to eat," said He to His disciples. This was a great problem. Philip said, "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them."

Andrew, that disciple who is always bringing someone to Jesus, found this lad. What has he got? Five barley loaves and two small fishes. He brought the boy to Jesus. Gladly the boy gave up his *tiny* store; it was distributed from the hand of Him, who can make great things out of small things, amongst

the great multitude of five thousand men besides women and children. They all had a good meal and, of the fragments that remained, the disciples gathered up twelve baskets full.

What a great privilege to be that little boy, and how very glad he would be to see his little store so used to feed the multitude. I am sure that you would have liked to have been that boy that day. God, however, is able to use *your* little store *to-day*; He wants you just to hand over to Him all that you have, your soul, your life, your all. First, yield to God your soul and then let Him use you and all that you have for Himself.

C. S. R.

Answers to March Questions.

1. Three Men. (Genesis 18. 2.)
2. While Peter thought on the vision the Spirit said unto him, "Behold, three men seek thee." (Acts 10. 19.)
3. Going up to God to Bethel. (1 Samuel 10. 3.)
4. 1 John 5. 7 and 8 written out.
5. Three men obtained water for David. He poured it out before the Lord. (2 Samuel 23. 16.)
6. Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me? (John 21. 17.)
7. He kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God. (Daniel 6. 10.)
8. They crucified Him. (Mark 15. 25.)
9. Three cities on this side Jordan and three cities in the land of Canaan. (Numbers 35. 14.)
10. Matthew 26. 42 written out.

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Questions for May, 1932.

Subject—Five.

1. How many times is "five" mentioned in Exodus 26?
2. What did the Lord Jesus do before He brake the five loaves and two fishes? (Luke 9.)
3. What was the length and breadth of the altar? (Exodus 27.)
4. What remained of the five loaves? (John 6.)
5. What did David choose out of the brook? (1 Samuel 17.)
6. What did the Lord answer the five foolish virgins? (Matthew 25.)
7. How many of his brethren did Joseph present to Pharaoh? (Genesis 47.)
8. What did Paul say about five words? (1 Corinthians 14.)
9. Where were the candlesticks placed? (1 Kings 7.)
10. How many brethren had the rich man? (Luke 16.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

The papers were not so well done this time. I wonder why. "Let us not be weary in well doing."

Many of you gave the wrong answer to Number 10. You should have written the *actual* words which the Lord Jesus prayed.

N. Ranston, M. Scott, and G. McFadden must give verse as well as chapter. A. Jaffray and L. Dodd must give chapter and verse. R. Hay must answer six questions. D. Anderson only answered six questions. N. Bell's marks are entered in correct division for January.

I hope you will all learn the great lesson which our second question teaches.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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up before the
hoary head . . .
and fear thy
God :
I am the Lord.

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A GREAT KING.

THERE have been many great kings in the world, and I have no doubt you know a few of their names, such as : David, Solomon, Nebuchadnezzar, Constantine the Great, and Alfred the Great. But I know of one who, perhaps, you have never heard of—Josiah. Yes, Josiah was a great king.

You ask, "What made him great?" Read what God's Word records. "For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his Father" (2 Chronicles xxxiv. 3). Josiah began to reign when only eight years of age, "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand nor to the left" (2 Chronicles xxxiv. 2). Therein lay his greatness.

Now, my dear young reader, I want you to take a lesson from Josiah. I would like you all to seek after the Lord while you are young. Josiah sought after the Lord and found Him, and so can you. What does the Lord Jesus say in Proverbs? "Those that seek Me early shall find Me." I have no doubt many of my readers would like to be a Josiah. Then seek after Jesus, the Saviour of sinners, for He it was who came to seek and to save that which was lost. So if Jesus is seeking you, my dear children, you won't have far to seek for Him.

Do you know that one of the most beautiful verses in God's Book speaks to children? It was written by one who knew what a loving Saviour Jesus is. Can you tell where it is to be found? It is in John's first epistle, chapter 2. "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His Name's sake." Now I wonder how many of my readers can say, "God has forgiven my sins, for the sake of His beloved Son?"

Josiah did many great things in his life. He rooted out all those evil things which God hates; he put down idolatry, and removed the images that God's people bowed down to in their foolishness. In a few words, everything that was bad did the good Josiah stamp out of the land. How he honoured his God! Read further what God says about him. "And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him." What a wonderful King!

If you have never turned to Jesus, do so now. He is waiting to save you and bless you. Much more could be said about Josiah, but I think I have said enough to show you that he was a great and true king for his God, in the hope that many of my young friends may become great and true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the KING of Kings.

J. S.



ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE.

II.

CAN you picture wolves and lambs, leopards, kids, calves, lions, cows, and bears, living happily together, boys and girls? "Impossible," you say! Well, in God's Word we read, "The wolf SHALL dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah xi. 6).

This will happen when the Lord Jesus reigns upon the earth in righteousness as King of Peace. Then "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." All will be under His control.

Even now the Lord Jesus is reigning in the hearts of those who love Him—and there is peace and happiness among them. The devil causes all the strife and sin both among men and animals. What a joy when he is dethroned and can no longer work mischief.

But, boys and girls, if you wish to be happy in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus, you must come to Him now and make Him your King, your Saviour.

We are not like animals—we have souls to be saved; and we must not wait until He comes, but NOW ask Him to make us His children, and then we shall reign with Him.

J. C.



SOMETHING FAR MORE WONDERFUL.

IT was fête day at a big boarding school. It was arranged to have a huge bonfire at night, so large that they informed the police beforehand in case the ruddy reflection of the fire in the sky might make the authorities think there was a house on fire, and the fire engine be sent to put the fire out.

Evening and darkness came, and the huge bonfire was lit. How the boys cheered as the flames rose higher and higher. Do not all boys like a fire? I know I do.

The headmaster was seen to leave the fire and hurry into the school. He returned with a big book in his hands. Holding it aloft, he said, "Boys, this is the record of the detentions and bad marks against your names during the past year—all your evil deeds are here recorded—but I am going to throw the

book with its black record into the fire, and destroy it. We will leave it behind for ever and start afresh." Heaving the book backwards and forwards a few times, he flung the book right into the midst of the fire, whilst the boys cheered, as we would say, like mad.

Oh! how rejoiced the boys were to see the end of the black record, and well they might.

We can picture the scene, and imagine how the kind heart of the headmaster rejoiced when he flung the book into the flames, and how the boys thought he was no end of a brick, and were delighted beyond measure.

But this incident only reminds us of something far more wonderful.

Boys, there is a black record against us in God's book. We have sinned, and we should never rest till we know how that record can be destroyed. Not by throwing it into the fire, but by the Son of God, Jesus, the Saviour, going into the fire for us. In other words, He had to die the terrible death of the cross, under the judgment of God against sin, so that we might be forgiven.

*"There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in."*

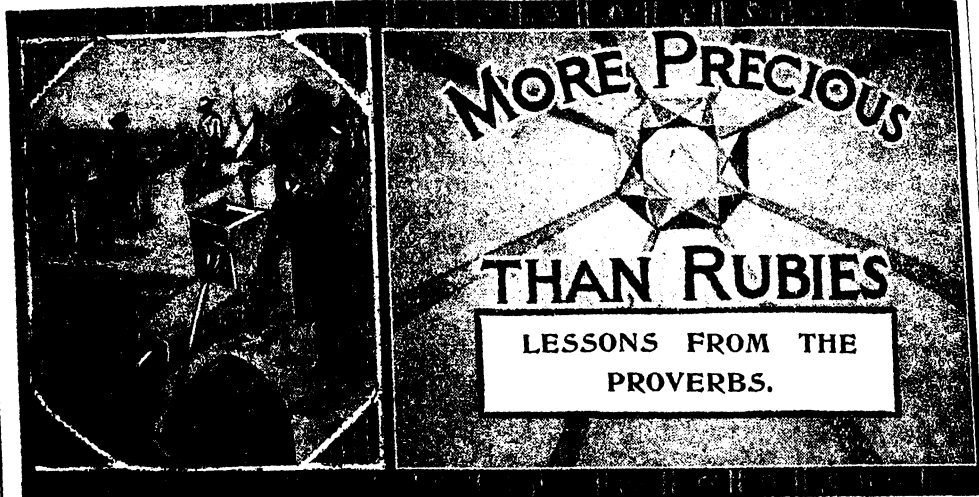
Is that not something far more wonderful? Let that love enter your heart and change your life, and lead you to trust the Lord Jesus as your own precious Saviour.

Then it shall be said of you, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews x. 17). Just as the school record was destroyed, so shall God no more remember your sins—all forgiven, forgotten, and gone for ever.

May you know this happiness.

A. J. P.





XVIII.

*"The wicked flee when no man pursueth :
but the righteous are bold as a lion."*
(PROVERBS xxviii. 1).

Put Solomon's words in another way, they mean that they who through wicked ways have made God their enemy, have no joy and no courage. Sin makes men cowards ; but they who do right are brave, because even in the greatest dangers they have a God of almighty power and love to trust to.

An instance of this is given in the history of Israel. You will find it fully told in 2 Kings vii. Benhadad, the King of Syria, a powerful nation to the north of Palestine, had come with a mighty army and laid siege to the City of Samaria. It was not the first time he had attempted to conquer Israel, but hitherto he had failed. God had protected His people. Now, however, things looked very bad indeed. The enemy, encamped outside the city walls, had carried on the siege so long that no food was left, and the people were dying of starvation.

Yet still they held out, for the prophet

Elisha had assured them that help would come. It did come, and in a very strange way. One day, four outcast men, ill and starving, determined to risk everything by going over to the enemy camp in the hope of getting food. When the sun had gone down, and it was nearly dark, they crept quietly along to the soldiers' tents. Here they found large numbers of horses picketed all round, as a sort of outer wall of defence, but no sound of men could they hear. Into one tent after another they went, until they had tramped to the uttermost part of the camp without finding a single soldier. Food there was in plenty, and the poor starving men ate their fill. Then they began to carry away gold and silver and costly garments.

"But," said they, "we do not well to keep these good things to ourselves. Let us carry back the news to the city." At first their tale was not believed. It seemed too good to be true. However, at the suggestion of a wise servant of the King of Israel, scouts were sent, on horseback, to find out. They quickly returned with the news that not only was the camp deserted, but "all the way was

full of garments and vessels which the Syrians had cast away in their haste."

Verse 6 gives the reason. God had sent a panic among the troops. He had wrought a miracle for the deliverance of His people, and the enemy fled, though no man was pursuing them!

For the second part of the verse, "The righteous are bold as a lion," we can find many proofs in God's Word. Try and think of some of them! Young David boldly faced the giant Goliath; the three Hebrew youths, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not quail before the fiery furnace; John the Baptist fearlessly reproved the wicked King Herod for his sins; and the great Apostle Paul, in the midst of much tribulation, said "None of these things move me" (Acts xx. 24).

What others can you remember? Never forget that to do always what is right, in the love and fear of God, is the only way to make you truly brave.

E. A.



SIX.

WHEN God brought the children of Israel into the Promised Land, He gave instructions for SIX cities to be used as Cities of Refuge. These were established at different positions—three on the east side of Jordan and three on the west. The object of the Cities of Refuge was to secure protection for a person who had killed another person by an accidental blow.

In the book of Deuteronomy, God gives an illustration of the manner in which these cities were to be used. Two men are cutting trees in a wood, when, suddenly, just as one man is about to make a stroke, the iron axe head slips from the handle and hits the other man,

who dies as a result of the blow. Now, if the dead man's relatives found the one who was the cause of the death, it was their duty to kill him. So off the manslayer runs as fast as he can to one of the Cities of Refuge. There, inside the city, he is safe from the "avenger of blood."

The first thing we notice in reading the account of these cities in Deuteronomy xix. is the instruction to prepare a way to the cities.

RIGHT WAY.

It was the duty of the Levites to keep the ways leading to the Cities of Refuge in good order and always clear, so that there might be no hindrance in the way of the runner. A very important thing for the man, who was fleeing for his life, was to make sure that he was on the right road. There was no time to lose, because behind him perhaps there was an

ENEMY FOLLOWING.

The "avenger of blood" quickly pursued in order to overtake the man, that he might slay him.

Dear boys and girls, there is an avenger on *your* track. We are not all man-slayers but we are all sinners. Death and judgment are coming—be sure that you are on the *right road* to the wonderful Refuge which God has prepared for sinners to-day—the Lord Jesus Christ.

FREE TO ALL.

The gates of the Cities of Refuge were never closed, and entrance was free to all. So the Gospel is unto *all*. There is nothing to pay to obtain salvation. No matter what the manslayer's position was in the world, rich or poor, young or old, he was quite at liberty to go into one of the cities and there he was

UNDER PROTECTION

so long as he remained *inside* the city. Outside the city was *danger*, the avenger was there—*inside* there was *safety*.



TRYING TO ESCAPE.

Only a step from the place of danger to the place of safety! Will *you* take this step to-day?

GOD'S PROVISION.

What makes the Gospel so sweet is the fact that it tells us what God has done. Referring to the manslayer in Exodus xxi. 18, God says, "*I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.*" It was God's provision, and so the Gospel comes from the very heart of God; it tells us what a safe Refuge He has provided for every poor sinner, and this Refuge is

ETERNAL.

When once inside we can never be lost. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Refuge which God has provided. His arms are open to receive you. His invitation is

to everybody. Flee, then, to Him to-day and you will be safe and secure from the judgment which will soon overtake this world.

C. S. R.

Answers to April Questions.

1. Four cubits. (Exodus 26. 2 or 8).
2. Four days. (John 11. 17 or 30.)
3. The altar shall be foursquare. (Exodus 27. 1.)
4. And the city lieth foursquare. (Revelation 21. 16.)
5. God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom. (Daniel 1. 17.)
6. Mark 6. 48, written out.
7. The form of the fourth is like the Son of God. (Daniel 3. 25.)
8. Four. (Mark 2. 3.)
9. Four. (Exodus 22. 1.)
10. Fourfold. (Luke 19. 8.)

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
4. Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.
5. Address envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by *letter post*.

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Questions for June, 1932.

Subject—Six.

1. How were the names of the children of Israel graven on the two stones? (Exodus 28.)
2. "Now . . . the sixth hour." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (John 4.)
3. Write out the verse where "six" is mentioned in Ruth 3.
4. What happened at the sixth hour? (Mark 15.)
5. Write out the verse where "six" is mentioned in Job 5.
6. When did Jesus come to Bethany? (John 12.)
7. When did David sacrifice oxen and fattings? (2 Samuel 6.)
8. How many water-pots were there? (John 2.)
9. How long was the Hebrew servant to serve? (Exodus 21.)
10. What was the sixth stone of the foundations of the wall of the city? (Revelation 21.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

You will see by the results that April papers were done much better. I hope you will continue to do them as nicely. I am glad to welcome the new Searchers from Ponteland. Their papers are very good for the first time.

Several of you still leave out chapter and verse, and a few have only given chapter and verse. Please read the rules carefully.

Papers have come from Rawcliffe and Monkseaton with no names.

All late Searchers have been given their marks.

Your loving friend,

F. M. A.

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AN OFFER AND HOW IT WAS RECEIVED.

THERE was much excitement in a private London restaurant a few weeks ago. In all departments of the office, people were eagerly questioning among themselves.

"What do you think," cried one girl, "everything in the dining-room is free to-day, and we can have anything we like." Her listeners heard this news with varying emotions.

"Hem!" said one, sneeringly, "I do not believe that."

"There's a catch in it," laughed another.

"Do you mean to tell me we have not got to pay for our meals?" demanded a third, "of course we have."

"Well, come and see for yourselves," said the news-bearer contentedly. "I am going to lunch, and I am going to have it FREE! You may, too, if you come." With that she left her companions and walked into the dining-room. Crowds of girls were surging in, some doubting, some expecting, and others carrying purses *in case* the news was not true.

Doubts, sneers and purses, however, were cast aside when the girls received their lunches free of charge. It was good to see them smilingly enjoying their meal, assured *now* that it was free. All did not, however, receive this gift. Some of those who doubted kept away from the dining-room, and afterwards had to repent of their unbelief.

I can hear some boys and girls saying, as they read this, "Oh! I wish I had been there, *I* would have gone in and had a jolly fine meal, I am sure." Perhaps you would have done. But do you know, dear readers, this small incident puts me in mind of something far greater, which is FREE to all who will come and take it?

I am thinking of the precious Blood which the Lord Jesus shed for lost sinners—and which John tells us "cleanseth from all sin." Yes, this is free. The Lord Jesus desires to cleanse every lost sinner in His precious blood, and He has said, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." Strange to say, in spite of this great offer, many people are still sinners in God's sight. They will not accept the great gift which God is willing to bestow upon them.

Some say, like the girls in the restaurant, "I do not believe it." Yet the Lord Jesus is saying still, "He that believeth . . . hath everlasting life." Surely the promise of God's Son is good enough for us? Others say, "Surely, I must pay for my salvation. I must be good and do good things, and *then* I shall gain Heaven." What a bad mistake to make, when the Lord Jesus is lovingly inviting sinners to accept salvation, the result of His work on Calvary.

Our good is so very poor in God's sight. We can never attain to God's standard of perfection; there was only One who could, the spotless Lamb of God,—the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heaven,
Saved by His precious Blood."

Boys and girls, do not think that you can get to Heaven by being good. Oh! no. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Salvation is entirely free,—"*without money and without price.*"

Those girls who did not enjoy a free lunch were sorry afterwards when it was too late to have one. So those who do not accept God's offer of pardon will be sorry one day, for soon the Lord Jesus is coming to take those who have believed in Him, and are washed in His Blood, to be with Him in glory. Will you be ready to meet Him in the clouds?

If not, dear reader, I would earnestly plead with you to trust the Saviour without delay. You may not think you are very sinful; you may not think it is all free; but God has said so. Then, take God at His Word! He longs to bless you and has provided a way back to Himself; so, while the Lord Jesus still tarries, trust Him as your Saviour, and, like those girls who went for a free lunch, receive the blessing which He will surely give.

J. C.



ONE AND ONLY SAVIOUR.

(Tune: "One there is who loves thee"
—*Golden Bells*, 227.)

ONE and only Saviour,
Jesus is His name;
All the way from heaven
Willingly He came;
Full of grace and mercy,
Kindness, goodness, love;
Died for sinners on the Cross,
Lives now above.

Through this risen Saviour
You will life receive,
And God's full forgiveness
When you just believe
On Him as your Saviour;
Then do not delay;
All you need is offered you,
Take it to-day!

CHORUS:

He has died for Sinners.
Oh, receive Him now!
He is waiting still to bless;
Why waitest thou?

A. H. L.

A BASKET FULL OF WATER.

ARTHUR was only a very little boy, but he used to ask some hard questions. One day he said to his mother, "What is the use of reading the Bible when I never remember what I read?" Possibly there are boys and girls who, like Arthur, think it not much use reading the Bible when they forget what they have read.

Mrs. T—— called Arthur one day and asked him if he would get an old basket out of the coal cellar. Arthur got the basket and brought it to his mother. She then asked him to take it to the pump and get it filled with water, so away he went. Presently he came back, as you will expect, without the water, because as fast as the water went in the basket, it ran out. Three times the little chap went to the pump, but with the same result. When he came to his mother the third time he was very sad because he knew it was no use.

His mother soon comforted him, and placing him on her knee said, "Now, Arthur, look at the basket! What was it like when you first found it in the cellar?" Arthur thought for a moment, and then he began to smile, saying, "Oh! I see now, mother; the basket was all dirty, and now it is quite clean."

Now, boys and girls, reading the Bible is just like the water washing the basket. In John xv. 3 it says, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Ephesians v. 26: "That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word."

So keep on reading your Bible, for it will cleanse your mind, your thoughts and words.

J. R. J.





MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES

LESSONS FROM THE
PROVERBS.

XIX.

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished." (Proverbs xxii. 3).

IN other words, a wise person when warned of danger will seek shelter; but foolish folk will rush on to destruction.

When Solomon wrote these words, was he thinking of an old story that his good father, King David, may often have told him when he was a little boy? It was a true story, and it happened more than 1300 years before Solomon lived. You will find it in the very early pages of your Bible. God had made the world very beautiful, putting into it everything that could make men happy. For awhile all went well. But one sad day sin came in, and spoiled it all.

Men chose their own way rather than to please God, who had been so good to them; and in spite of His warning messages, things got worse and worse, until at last God said He could bear it no longer. The ingratitude and wickedness of mankind "grieved Him at His heart" (Genesis vi. 6).

There was at that time just one good man in the world. His name was Noah. He "walked with God" (verse 9), and one day when God was talking with him, He told him that He was going to wash away all the evil doers with a Flood, and start afresh with a clean world. But, said God, I have seen (chapter vii. 1) that you love Me, and do what is right. Therefore you and your wife, and your three sons and their wives, shall be preserved.

Then God gave Noah full instructions to build an Ark which should shelter them during the Flood. How strange these tidings must have seemed to Noah! However, strange though they were he believed God, and "being wary" (Hebrews xi. 7, margin), he obeyed. Trees were cut down, and huge stacks of timber prepared; workmen were engaged; pitch was boiled in readiness for making the Ark weather-tight; and so the work was carried on.

People's tongues got busy too. "Have you heard what Mr. Noah is doing? Have you seen the big ship he is building? Have you heard him preach about the Flood he says is coming to drown us all?"

and so on, just as folks chatter to-day over unusual proceedings.

For 120 years Noah went on building and preaching. No doubt he was laughed at for both, but very careful was he to do exactly as God told him. At last all was finished. The animals were safely housed in the ark. Noah and his family were also in. Still God waited, in pity and love, seven more days, to see if any one else would believe, and come in to safety.

But no one came, so the Lord at last shut His own people in (chapter vii. 16).

All the rest were shut *out* to destruction. They shut themselves out *by their own choice*. Shelter was offered and they refused it.

What do you think must have been their feelings when the rain came down and the water rose and began to cover their fields and gardens?

Boys and girls, this story of Noah and the Flood is a true story. It really happened; but it is also a picture of the danger which faces every one who has not come to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. He is the Ark in whom we may rest secure from the judgment due to our sins. He, our loving Saviour, still stands, with His arms stretched out, saying, "Come unto Me." Have *you* come?

E. A.

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SEVEN.

YOU will have to read a long chapter in order to answer the first question in your paper this month. It is a very interesting chapter, however, and is well worthy of a quiet close study.

All boys and girls love to read the history of Joseph—it is a charming story. In various ways Joseph suggests many points of likeness to the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the beloved son of his

father, hated and cruelly treated by his brothers, sold into Egypt and eventually put into prison. In the chapter you are reading, the forty-first of Genesis, he is brought out of prison, exalted and made a deliverer.

How all this speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ! The Lord Jesus came into the world with a message of love. When he was here the Father showed His delight in Him by opening the heavens, and exclaiming, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." But the men of the world would not have Him—they hated Him—they cast Him out—they put Him to death. He has, however, been exalted to the right hand of God and there He is to-day as a Deliverer.

We read in Genesis xli. of the great famine which existed in Egypt for seven years, and all who wanted food had to go to Joseph. You remember how Joseph built storehouses during the seven plenteous years and filled these with surplus corn, so that all who came in the time of famine got a supply of food. If a man was hungry and he refused to go to Joseph he must perish, for this was the only way to obtain food.

Now, just as those people in Egypt and the countries round about were perishing for want of food, so the sinner without God is perishing—he is perishing *now*, and he will perish **ETERNALLY** if he does not accept God's provision. It is the sense of need which drives men to the Lord Jesus Christ. It was when the Prodigal Son in Luke xv. began to be in want, that he thought of his father and all that his father had. Have *you* felt this need? The Lord Jesus Christ wants to deliver you—to satisfy your need. God has made great provision for every man, woman, boy and girl. A well-furnished table has been spread. But you must come to the Lord Jesus Christ—He is the great Dispenser of



THE SELLING OF JOSEPH TO THE ISHMAELITES
(Genesis 37. 28.)

blessing. If you do not come to Him, you will perish eternally—perish in sight of plenty. If you do come, what a glorious reception you will get! May every boy and girl who reads these lines experience this reception for themselves.

C. S. R.



Answers to May Questions.

1. "Five" is mentioned eight times in Exodus 26.
2. He blessed them. (Luke 9. 16.)
3. Five cubits. (Exodus 27. 1.)
4. Twelve baskets full. (John 6. 13.)
5. Five smooth stones. (1 Samuel 17. 40.)
6. "Verily, I say unto you, I know you not." (Matthew 25. 12.)
7. Five. (Genesis 47. 2.)
8. 1 Corinthians 14. 19 written out.
9. Five on the right side and five on the left before the oracle. (1 Kings 7. 49.)
10. Five. (Luke 16. 28.)

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Questions for July, 1932.

Subject—Seven.

1. How many times is "seven" mentioned in Genesis 41.?
2. How many times is "seven" mentioned in Revelation 1.?
3. How many times was the house sprinkled? (Leviticus 14.)
4. To whom did the Lord first appear? (Mark 16.)
5. What did Samuel say about seven of Jesse's sons? (1 Samuel 16.)
6. Give the names of the seven men chosen. (Acts 6.)
7. "Then went he down." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (2 Kings 5.)
8. Into whose house did they enter? (Acts 21.)
9. What is said about the words of the Lord? (Psalm 12.)
10. What did the Lord answer Peter about forgiveness? (Matthew 18.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

Now that we have started the second half year, I hope there will be many more new searchers, and also that those who became discouraged at the early part of the year will start again. I do not think you will find the questions hard.

Papers have come from Bradford and Rawcliffe with no names. P. Hutton can send in her April answers now and marks will be given. N. Johnson is in first class for March. I am sorry her name was omitted.

Your Loving Friend, E. M. A.

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OUR CHILDREN

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"HIDE AND SEEK."

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HIDE AND SEEK.

WHAT boy or girl has not played this game?

The writer well remembers the fun and excitement he got out of it in his younger days. Do you know that this is the oldest game ever played? The first time it was tried there was no fun or joy about it. It was a very sad affair. Can you guess who were the hiders and who was the seeker?

There was a beautiful garden where all was perfect and delightful. God placed our first parents in this beautiful place, laying down just one simple rule, which they had to obey. Alas! the tempter came and spoiled it all.

This is how it came about:—The Serpent (who was really Satan) said to Eve, "Hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Eve replied, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." To which the Serpent answered, "Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Eve listened, then she looked at the forbidden fruit. It was pleasant to the eyes, a tree to be desired to make one wise, so she took of the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also to Adam who was with her; and he did eat. The deed was done! The first sin was committed, their eyes were opened, and they knew that they had done wrong. They had guilty consciences.

They covered themselves with fig leaves, and when they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden, they hid themselves behind the trees of the garden. The Lord God called to Adam saying, "Where art thou?" God

was SEEKING; Adam and Eve were HIDING. But they were quickly FOUND OUT and soon TURNED OUT of that beautiful place. An Angel with a flaming sword was sent to guard the way to the tree of life.

Poor Adam had now to work very hard, his sin brought a curse upon the earth, and even the very beasts which came to him to be named and fondled, became wild and fierce, but, worse than all, this first sin brought sorrow and death into the world.

It was FEAR that made Adam and Eve hide from God. The sin of disobedience brought about that fear.

So it is to-day. Men and women and boys and girls try to hide away from God, because of their sins and because they are afraid of God. They think that He is a hard Master and unmerciful.

God is still seeking, He wants to pardon and cleanse our sins and to bless us. He is a Saviour God—but we hide away. Some hide behind their respectability, forgetting that God can see the heart and knows us through and through; others may even hide behind their prayer saying or Bible reading. These may be but the filthy rags of our own self righteousness, and God can see the sinful heart underneath.

What, then, are we to do? Just as God's Word instructs us—"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso *confesseth* and *forsaketh* them shall have mercy" (Proverbs xxviii. 13).

God wants us to come out into the open, to tell Him all about it. To confess our sins to Him, and we shall find that "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John i. 9).

Are you trying to hide from Him?

Has the Seeking Saviour God found you?

Have you confessed your sins to Him?

G. E. M.

WRECKED IN A FOG.

I.

I WANT to tell you a true story of a sea captain who nearly lost his life through shipwreck.

It happened in the month of November, 1900, on a small island off the Cornish coast, where I was then living. He was captain of a full-rigged sailing ship on her first voyage from Germany to China and back. The captain and all his crew of thirty-eight men were Germans. He had taken his vessel right over to China and had returned to this spot, when crash! she ran on a sunken rock at midnight.



THE WRECK.

It was an intensely dark night, and dense fog. The fog had been bad for three days, and the captain had not the slightest idea as to what coast he had struck. He sent up distress signals and fired rockets to try to attract help.

The fishermen who lived on the island heard the guns and, quickly leaving their warm beds, they ran to their boats and put off to try to find the doomed ship. After running grave risks to themselves in such treacherous seas, and, after two hours' search in inky darkness and thick fog, they found the German ship.

"Oh!" you say, "I'm so glad they did find them." Ah! but wait a moment; what do you think the captain said when he found out just where he was? *He just told those fishermen that he didn't want their help.* His was a brand new ship and he quite thought he could save both the ship and himself.

Now, I just want you to stop a moment and think about yourself. You are a young boy or girl. Such a fine healthy body you have, and not likely to die! Oh, no! only old folks die. Ah! but just think. Don't you remember someone just about your own age who died last year? It might have been *you*! If it had been you, were you ready to die? Were you really saved?

The German captain did not realize the danger he was in, but the fishermen did. They pleaded with him to leave the ship, and come into their boats and be safe. No, he would not. How like some of you. Your parents, or your Sunday school teacher, have pleaded with you to let Jesus save you, and you

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MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES

LESSONS FROM THE
PROVERBS.

XX.

"They that forsake the law, praise the wicked; but such as keep the law contend with them." (Proverbs xxviii. 4).

THE "law" here means God's holy Word, what we call the Bible. Solomon would have us remember that we always show our own character by the praise or blame we give to other people. Wicked people will, naturally, speak well of one another, and so encourage each other in evil doing, and thereby quiet their conscience; but those who love God will strongly oppose sin, and do all they can to bring the wrong doers to better ways.

Last month we were thinking of Noah, and how he preached to the wicked men of his day, trying to bring them to repentance. All through the ages God has had His faithful servants, who have contended with the breakers of His Law. You can think of ever so many in the Bible times, and since then in the history of our own, and other lands. Martin Luther, in Germany; John Knox, in Scotland; Ridley, Latimer, and Hooper, and other holy men, in England, who

were burned at the stake because they rebuked evil doers.

The prophet Elijah was one of these great men. 1 Kings xviii. gives us the story of his contention with the wicked King Ahab, and the false prophets of the heathen god, Baal. The land of Israel was in sore straits. There had been no rain for three years and six months, and consequently there was neither corn nor fruit for the people, nor grass for the cattle. Ahab tried to kill Elijah, for his guilty conscience made him angry with the good prophet. But God had him in safe hiding.

At length one day God said to Elijah, "Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth." Elijah at once obeyed, and the result of his meeting with the king was that all the prophets of Baal, four hundred and fifty in number, were gathered together on the top of Mount Carmel for a great sacrifice to their god, to induce him to send rain. Elijah was also to offer sacrifice to the true God, whose servant he was. This was for the purpose of showing unmistakeably how sinful the nation and its king had become in forsaking God.

The four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal made an altar and laid on it their sacrifice, crying aloud, "O Baal, hear us! But there was no voice nor any that answered." All day from morning until late afternoon they continued with noisy, frenzied fury to call upon him, but Baal was deaf to their cries (Psalm cxxxv. 15-18), because he was only an idol.

Now comes Elijah's turn. Having built an altar, he laid his offering upon it, solemnly and earnestly praying to his God to show His acceptance of the sacrifice by sending fire from heaven to consume it.

"We may well imagine what a terror was felt by King Ahab and all his followers, and all the false prophets, when the fire came down from God, and how they would run from it as fast and as far as they could."—(M. Henry).

The story does not end here. You may finish it for yourselves in the chapter already named. Let us learn from it that God always honours those who honour Him, and let us ask Him to help us to bravely stand on the side of right, when tempted to do wrong. E. A.



WRECKED IN A FOG—*Continued from page 59.*

really don't think you are in danger. Yes, but suppose your ship goes down to-night, where will you be?

Those brave fishermen *risked* their lives to offer safety to the German captain and his crew, but Jesus DIED that you might be saved. Will you say to Jesus to-day, "Please go away, I don't want to be saved"? The German crew all wanted to leave the doomed ship, and, after two hours' waiting, they simply took their captain and pushed him overboard into the waiting boat. They forced him to safety. Now we cannot force you, dear reader, to be saved, but we can and do tell you that Jesus is waiting now to save you.

The boats pulled away from the wreck, and in less than ten moments after, the ship slid off into deep water and sank out of sight.

Perhaps in a later issue of OUR CHILDREN I may tell you of another wreck which occurred the same night as this one, but meanwhile I want you to ask yourself, "Am I in danger or am I not?" Your sins deserve ETERNAL DEATH, but Jesus died that you might have ETERNAL LIFE, and know it and enjoy it NOW. G. K.



EIGHT—NINE.

"JOSIAH was eight years old when he began to reign . . . and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord . . . in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David" (2 Chronicles xxxiv). What a wonderful testimony! Only eight years old, but he walked the *right* way.

It was one of the blackest times in the history of the Jews. Israel had been carried away captive by the Assyrians and now Judah is struggling for an existence. The Lord rejected Israel because of their awful sin and idolatry, and we read that "also Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made" (2 Kings xvii. 19).

Of Josiah it is said that "like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart" (2 Kings xxiii. 25). He gathered together all the people of Jerusalem and Judah, great and small, and made a public confession and "a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart. . . . And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it."

The history of Josiah teaches us this lesson, that it is possible to take the *right* path when we are young. It is very important to be set upon this road—the path of life. If you read the Book of Proverbs you will find much about the Path of Life—words of instruction as well as words of warning. Listen to God's words and it will be to your blessing if you open your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ when you are young. None of you are too young for Jesus to bless; you are not too young to sin nor to die; you are not too young to be exercised in your hearts to seek after God like Josiah.

"Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the Lord in Jerusalem. . . . And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept" (2 Chronicles xxxv. 1 and 18). There was worship and thanksgiving, and, in this connection, the last question which you are asked to answer this month is instructive.

TEN lepers were cleansed by the Lord Jesus Christ, but only *ONE* returned to Jesus to give thanks. "Where are the *NINE*?" said Jesus. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. If your friend gives you a present, you say, "Thank you." How forgetful we are sometimes of what God has done for us. God has been very good to us and the best gift He ever gave to this world was His "only begotten Son." Let us thank Him as well as we can.

C. S. R.

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Answers to June Questions.

1. Six names on each stone, according to their birth. (Exodus 28. 10).
2. John 4. 6, written out.
3. Ruth 3. 15 or 17, written out.
4. Mark 15. 33, written out.
5. Job 5. 19, written out.
6. Six days before the passover (John 12. 1).
7. 2 Samuel 6. 13, written out.
8. Six (John 2. 6).
9. Six years (Exodus 21. 2).
10. A sardius (Revelation 21. 20).

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Questions for August, 1932.

Subject—Eight-Nine.

1. What did Josiah do in the eighth year of his reign? (2 Chronicles 34.)
2. "And after eight days." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (John 20.)
3. When did Moses call Aaron and his sons? (Leviticus 9.)
4. Write out the verse which mentions "Noah" in 2 Peter 2.
5. What took place in eight days? (2 Chronicles 29.)
6. How many souls were saved? (1 Peter 3.)
7. When did the word of the Lord come unto Zechariah? (Zechariah 1.)
8. What did Peter find when he came to Lydda? (Acts 9.)
9. How many chariots had Jabin? (Judges 4.)
10. What did Jesus say about the nine? (Luke 17.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

It is nice to see such a long list of Searchers at the last month of the term. Usually a good many become discouraged and drop off, but I am glad that although you have not always been in 1st Class, there has been continuance in the searching. May the Lord reward you all.

Some of you would have been prize-winners if you had not made blots and alterations. Now try hard this next half year and take that little extra care which is *always* worth while, whether it be in our Scripture Searching or in the other details of everyday life.

Another of our youngest searchers, Frank Grimes, of Thornaby, has been called Home. A letter from his mother said that he *wanted* to go to Jesus. He had learned the truth of Matthew 19. 14. Have you come?

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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"LORD, SAVE ME!"

I.

IT is a very good thing for anyone to know where to turn when in trouble, and I would like all my readers to learn three texts of three words each, which words were all uttered by different persons who were in distress or trouble.

Who is there that does not get into trouble at some time or another? Peter, like the rest of us, made mistakes sometimes.

Let me tell you of how I was in trouble one day some years ago. I was staying at a farmhouse at Medstead, in the county of Hampshire, at the time, but being very fond of walking I took the road which led up to the entrance to Alton Woods. My brother and I walked right through the very narrow paths with exceedingly tall trees on either side, so much so that the sky could scarcely be seen, and we seemed to be walking in a kind of half darkness.

After we had walked through the woods and arrived at Alton, we walked about and eventually turned to go back home about seven o'clock. When we had proceeded perhaps half way we found the path branched off in several directions, and we wondered which path to take. We walked on and on, only to realize presently that we had taken the wrong turning. We therefore retraced our steps and sought another path, but alas! it was now getting dusk and we wondered how to reach the roadway.

I have on occasions in the daytime walked the whole length of these woods without meeting a soul at all, so you can imagine our feelings when darkness began to come on. How we prayed and hoped

that we might find our way home. We wandered on, and at last thought we saw what looked like a small opening among the bushes and trees, and our joy knew no bounds when at last we discovered ourselves on the outskirts of the woods, after which when once in the road, we made straight for the farm. I have often since thought that I should like to go again to that farm, but everything soon changes in a few years and the family have long ago migrated to Australia.

Now when we were lost we needed saving, and Peter was very nearly drowned—you will find all about it in Matthew xiv. 22-36. He was in a boat, and when he saw Jesus walking on the water he wanted to walk on the water too. Jesus bid him come, but, like ourselves, Peter made a good start and then commencing to look around began to be afraid. You see, directly we get our eyes on circumstances and off the Lord Jesus we are sure to get into difficulty, and so Peter found, for he began to sink. What did he do? Did he stop to argue or reason how he was going to be saved? No, he just cried out as quickly as he could, "Lord, *save me*" (verse 30), and Jesus did so immediately.

If you are really in earnest, as Peter was, to get rid of your sins, and ask Jesus to cleanse you from your sins, He will do so at once, because He died on the cross that you might live for ever in heaven with Him. But remember that Jesus has done all, and you must trust Him. Just say from your heart, "Lord, *save me*."

Next month (D.V.) we will hope to look at another short prayer of three words in the next chapter. Now see if you can find it before next month's Magazine reaches you.

L. A. A.

"THERE IS A LAD HERE."

THERE was a little boy at the meeting this morning, whose name was Philip. It was nice to see him there with his father, sitting happily among the people of God, and somehow the words of the Gospel story came to my mind, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes" (John vi. 9). What a happy boy that was! He had something he could give to the Lord Jesus, and I am sure you remember that Jesus took the loaves and the fishes, and used them to feed five thousand men, besides women and children.

On the first page of the May number of OUR CHILDREN is a picture of a little boy playing cricket. I wonder if that boy knows that he has something to give the Lord Jesus, or my little friend Philip, or the boy who is reading this now!

"What is it?" you ask. I will tell you of some gifts each one of you may bring. But before you can bring anything to the Lord you must first receive something from Him. You know well that you do wrong sometimes; you get bad tempers, and say words that should not be said, sometimes even words that are not true; and sometimes you are disobedient. So first you must come to the Lord Jesus and own to Him that you are a sinful boy, and He who loves you and died for you will grant you His forgiveness, and make you one of His own for ever. Then you can begin to bring something to Him, and as you learn to know Him you will find you can never bring enough, but will delight to go on bringing to Him as long as you live.

First, then, you have two hands to give Him, that is, instead of using your hands to do wrong things you will use them to do things that please Him. Even in very small things you can do

this, your sums and exercises at school, or your games, and you can learn to do little helpful things for others.

You have two feet to walk in His ways. Some people's feet walk in a way of selfwill and misery, but the Lord loves His children to have beautiful feet to carry the Gospel or glad tidings. Turn to Romans x. 15 in your Testament, and there you will read about the beautiful feet that bring "glad tidings of good things."

You may bring your lips to the Lord, and He will teach you how to tell the story of His love to others, so that they may learn about Him and come to Him as their Saviour.

Are you not glad to think that though you are only a little boy you may be like the lad in the Gospel who had something to bring to Jesus? But do it *soon*, do it *at once*, do it *always*. Perhaps your name is Philip, which means a runner, and I want you to be a real Philip always ready to run the Lord's errands. L. R.

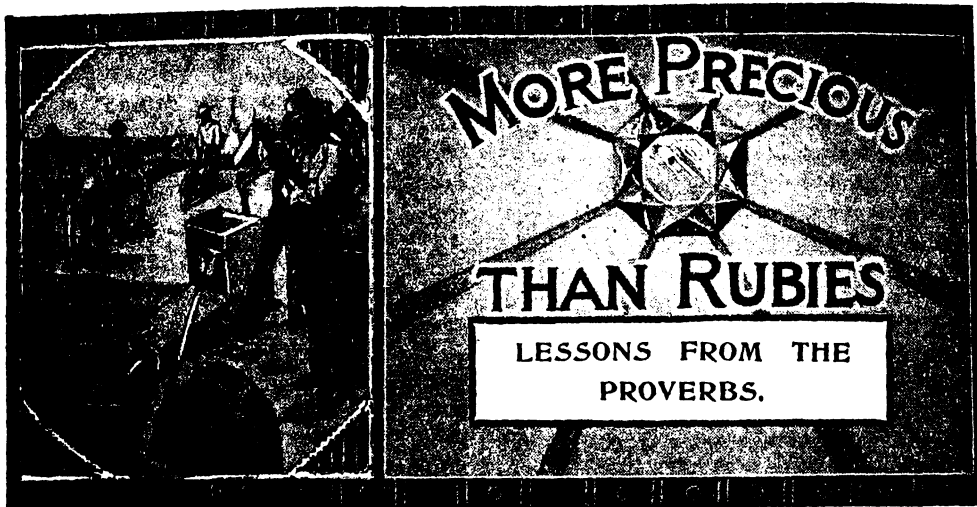


THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

DIRECTLY we are born we are launched like frail little crafts on the sea of life. In babyhood we are lovingly anchored and sheltered in the haven or harbour of home, but quite soon some little boys and girls have to set out on the voyage, and certainly all you who read this Magazine have already started; and, as one journey, storms, dangers, and difficulties will be met which you cannot weather in your own strength.

If we are to steer a straight safe course we must have a Pilot on board who knows the sea, the track we must follow, and the destination; otherwise we shall drift about at the mercy of winds, waves, treacherous undercurrents, rocks, even icebergs and the various dangers of

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XXI.

"TREASURES of wickedness profit nothing: But righteousness delivereth from death" (Proverbs x. 2).

Treasure which has been gotten by dishonesty and injustice will never bring any true happiness, and will carry its own condemnation when we are called to meet God. But if we are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, His righteousness has won Eternal Life for us, and His Holy Spirit will work in our hearts, making us hate what is evil, and love to do always what is right.

The first part of the proverb quoted above is pictured for us in several Bible stories. One of them is in 1 Kings xxi., and tells us how the wicked King Ahab secured for himself, by base and treacherous means, a much-coveted vineyard belonging to a good man named Naboth.

In the Gospels we have the saddest and darkest story in all history, that of Judas Iscariot, the traitor, who allowed his greed for money to lead him to sell his best Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ, to wicked men for the paltry sum of thirty pieces of silver, the price of a

common slave. Judas's "treasures of wickedness" not only profited him nothing, but brought him *everlasting* loss and shame.

Turn to 2 Kings v. 20 to 27, for another picture. Naaman, the general of the Syrian Army was in sore trouble. After wonderful exploits as a soldier he had become a leper and knew of no cure. One day, however, tidings came to the ears of his master, the King of Syria, that in the land of Israel there was a prophet of the true God, who could cure him. So he was sent, with a retinue of servants, to Elisha. A miracle was wrought by God, and he was cured, whereupon Naaman desired to show his gratitude by giving a handsome present to Elisha. The prophet, however, refused to accept anything; and Naaman with his horses and chariots and servants started to return to their distant home.

Now Gehazi, Elisha's servant, thought it a great pity that such generous gifts should be refused, and his greedy, covetous heart prompted him to run after the Syrian chariots, and get something for himself. He succeeded in attracting Naaman's attention. "What

can I do for you?" asked the General. Gehazi promptly made up a story that his master had sent him to beg some garments and money for two young men who had unexpectedly arrived, and who were in need. Naaman at once responded, giving Gehazi more than he asked for, and sending two of his servants back with the gift. Very carefully Gehazi bestowed the things in a "secret place" (verse 24, margin) before going in to wait upon his master.

"Where have you been, Gehazi?" were the first words of Elisha.

One lie always needs others to prop it up, and so Gehazi was led into further untruths. Little did he expect the awful punishment which was to follow his wickedness, and to come not only on himself but upon his children for ever. As he went out from his master's presence "a leper as white as snow," how poor and profitless must have seemed the "treasure" he had secured by his wickedness!

E. A.

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STORMY SEAS

The Voyage of Life.—Continued from page 67. the deep. The sooner we have a Pilot the better, and Jesus Christ, who is the Captain of our Salvation, is the Pilot we need. He knows the way, for He has gone before, and if we take Him as our Pilot Saviour we shall be truly guided, and He will bring us safely at last "To the haven where we would be."

A ship needs fuel, for though the machinery may be perfect, it cannot act without the driving force, and our lives are powerless till the Holy Spirit takes control and sets the machinery in motion.

Every ship, too, must have its supply of food for the use of those on board. On our voyage God has made provision for the way, but the loading of the ship is *our* responsibility. God has provided His Word as "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm cxix. 105). It is the Bread of Life which will sustain us, for the Holy Scriptures "are able to make thee wise unto salvation" (2 Timothy iii. 15). They are our chart and compass, and thus equipped on the voyage of life we shall be safe for time and eternity.

Do make sure then that all is in order on board your own little craft.

A. M. W.

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TEN.

IN response to the question, "Are you saved?" how often we hear it said, "Well, I am hoping to be saved—I am doing the best I can—trying to keep the law—what more can God require?" How sad it is that Satan has numbers of men and women, yea, even boys and girls deceived with the idea that the keeping of the law—the ten commandments—will save a soul! The law carries this promise, that

if a person could keep all the ten precepts, he would be entitled to live here on this earth as long as the earth remained. We have yet to find the man, however, who has lived up to the standard of the ten commandments in every respect.

The law was given to Israel, God's earthly people, as a standard of life. It was not a means of salvation, but was to show the people how very far short they were of what God intended them to be. If you were told that your face was dirty, a looking-glass would show the black marks but it could not remove them. The law cannot give life, it can only condemn. The law shows us that we are sinners, and then, when we realize this, we seek a Saviour (Galatians iii. 24).

There is a great difference between **LAW** and **GRACE**. The Lord Jesus Christ has borne the curse which the law pronounced, and He is able to deliver those who are toiling for salvation and vainly trying to please God under the law. He has brought in an everlasting righteousness—"the righteousness of God which is . . . unto all and upon all them that believe" (Romans iii. 22). How do we get it? By works? No, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; it is entirely a free gift. It is said that we are "the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians iii. 26). This is grace, it is God showing favour to those who deserved judgment.

The first step to blessing is to learn that we are dead before God—dead in trespasses and sins—with no ability to keep the law. Like the lost piece of silver in Luke xv., we, too, are lost and altogether unable to recover ourselves. We need Another to find us. The piece of silver was lost but it was not forgotten. The woman counted over the precious pieces which she held in her hand. She had only nine. She remembered that she had ten. That one piece of silver which was lost was of very great value

to the woman, and she earnestly sweeps until she finds.

Dear boys and girls, you may think yourselves of small account—of not much value, but God sets a great value upon you, *such value that He sent His beloved Son to seek and to save you, a lost sinner*. Has He found you?

Remember that your own efforts and goodness will not meet God's requirements. You cannot climb to heaven by the ladder of your own good works. The Lord Jesus Christ has done everything for your salvation. It is your part to trust Him, and may you do it to-day!

C. S. R.

Answers to July Questions.

Subject—Seven.

1. The word "seven" is mentioned 20 times in Genesis 41.
2. The word "seven" is mentioned 12 times in Revelation 1.
3. Seven times. (Leviticus 14. 51.)
4. The Lord appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils. (Mark 16. 9.)
5. The Lord hath not chosen these. (1 Samuel 16. 10.)
6. Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas. (Acts 6. 5.)
7. 2 Kings 5. 14 written out.
8. "Into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven." (Acts 21. 8.)
9. Psalm 12. 6 written out.
10. Matthew 18. 22 written out.

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Questions for September, 1932.

Subject—Ten.

1. What was written on the two tables of stone? (Deuteronomy 4.)
2. What did the nobleman deliver to his ten servants, and what did he say? (Luke 19.)
3. What happened when Isaiah the prophet cried out to the Lord? (2 Kings 20.)
4. How many lepers were cleansed? (Luke 17.)
5. When did the word of the Lord come unto Jeremiah? (Jeremiah 42.)
6. Write out the verse which speaks about the tenth hour. (John 1.)
7. "And at the end . . . the king's meat." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Daniel 1.)
8. How many pieces of silver had the woman, and why did she rejoice? (Luke 15.)
9. When did the people come up out of Jordan? (Joshua 4.)
10. Describe the ten virgins in Matthew 25.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

You will have to think very carefully before answering some of the questions this month, especially number four. Do not forget to give chapter and verse each time. Will the searchers from Australia please make a note of this?

I hear from the Editor that another of our regular searchers, Daniel McArthur, of Falkirk, is seriously ill. Let us ask the Lord if it be His will to rouse him up again. I am glad to be able to tell you that he is a bright Christian.

I hope you have all had a nice holiday.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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called Samuel :
and
he answered,
Here am I.

1 Samuel III. 4

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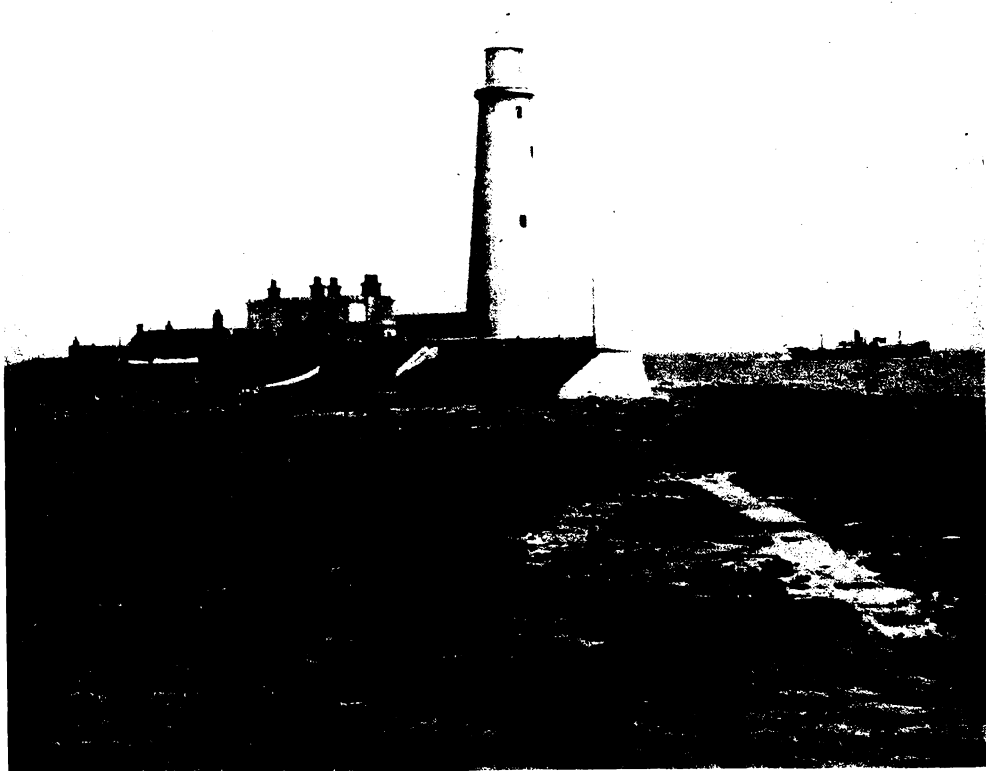
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A FAMILIAR SCENE OFF THE COAST OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

"LORD, HELP ME" II.

NOW I just wonder who has found the three words in Matthew xv., which some of you were going to look for last month. They are to be found in verse 25.

On this occasion the words were not uttered by a Galilean fisherman, but by a poor Canaanitish woman who had a great need and knew it. When I used to read the story in days gone by, I thought the Lord Jesus dealt very harshly with the woman; but we must remember that she could lay no claim whatsoever for Jesus to pay any attention to her, for she was not of the favoured house of Israel. Moreover, the Lord doubtless wanted to test her reality by appearing to be hard towards her.

Just in the same way that this woman had no claim on Him, neither have you nor I. What are we to do then, for we cannot even come and actually see the Saviour for He is in heaven? Whilst this is perfectly true, yet He listens to us, and His ear is open unto our cry (Psalm xxxiv. 15). It is said of Jesus that "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (John i. 11), and so now Jesus is calling *all* unto Him; it matters not who or what they are, so long as they acknowledge themselves as sinners and unworthy of blessing.

So many of us do not realize the terrible seriousness of sin in God's sight. He is so holy that sin cannot exist in His presence; how foolish of us then to think that our shortcomings will be glossed over. It is the blood of Jesus Christ, *and that only*, that can cleanse away all sin. Just as the Israelites of old, before they left Egypt, had to put themselves under the shelter of the blood, so must we if we are to be safe.

The woman in our chapter wanted the blessing for her daughter, and I wonder whether those of our readers

who belong to the Saviour have ever prayed for others. If not, commence at once, for this is a great privilege, and you may be the means of bringing someone else to your Saviour. Do not say that it is all right for older persons but that you cannot do anything, for that is untrue. It may require effort and time; it may and will require love; it may even mean tears on your part, but, remember, young Christian, that the one that "goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing" (Psalm cxxvi. 6). If you still feel unable to do anything, then just do like the woman and say, "*Lord, help me.*"

Now for next month search the latter half of chapter xxiii. of the Gospel of Luke, and see if you can find three more words. Two of them are just the same as in our text this month, but the middle word is different.

L. A. A.



WRECKED IN A FOG. II.

IN a previous issue of OUR CHILDREN, I told you how a German Captain of a large sailing ship nearly lost his life. You will remember he thought he could save himself, although his ship was badly holed, and fast on a sunken rock. He did not think he needed saving, but in the end had to leave all, and trust himself to the brave fishermen who had come over to help him.

Now on this same night in November, 1900, just four hours after the German ship was wrecked, a French barque ran on another rock, only a few hundred yards from where the German ship had struck, and had gone down in deep water. The vessel was quite an old one, and very quickly started to go to pieces. The captain of the boat knew his danger, and quickly tried to attract the attention of those on the shore. Again the

fishermen went out in their boat to try to save the French captain and his crew of twenty-seven men. After much danger, for the fog was even thicker than before, they reached the French ship.

Now what did this French captain do? Did he say he did not want help, as the German Captain had done? No! immediately the boats were alongside his ship, he, with all his crew, quickly left the doomed ship for the safety of the boats.

Now just pause for a moment! Unless your soul is under the shelter of the precious blood of Jesus, you are in even greater danger than those sailors were—that of being *lost for ever*. It matters not whether you have a young body or an old one. Both the new German ship, and the old French barque, sank in deep water, and were lost. “*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,*” says God’s Word. If you have not already trusted Jesus as your personal

Saviour, you are lost, and if so taken will have to spend eternity as a lost soul.

Everyone was saved from this French ship, even the sailors’ pets, two canaries and two cats. Yet it is so sad to think that possibly some who read these lines may be left behind and lost. Others may not realize their danger, but *you* can hardly say that, can you? In God’s Word it says that Jesus is coming quickly, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. These sailors had to leave everything they had and get into the the boat just as they were. Jesus wants you to come to Him, *just as you are*, a sinful boy, or a sinful girl, and God has pledged His word that He will forgive your sins for Jesu’s sake.

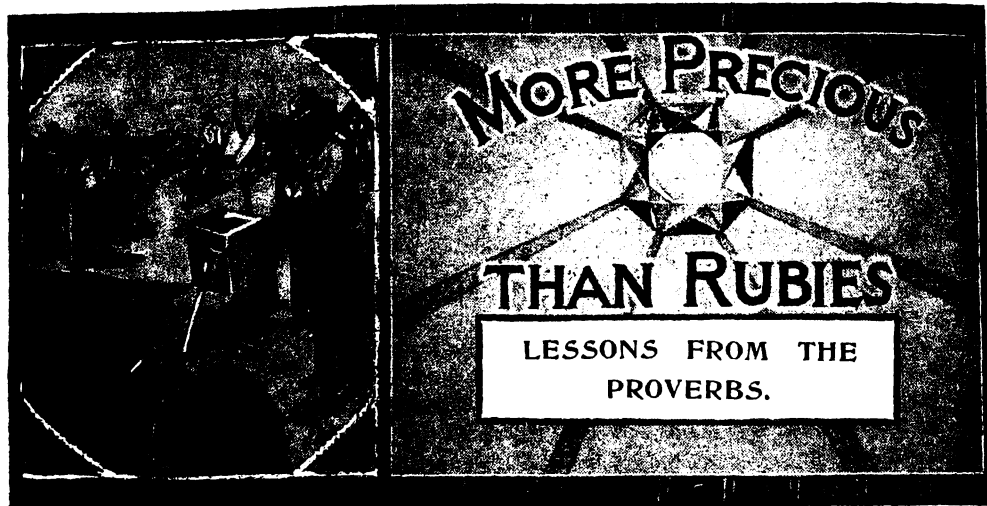
The Lord is coming quickly; are you ready for His coming? I saw every one of these sailors on the sea-shore; shall I see you in heaven? If you really want to be saved, and have no one to ask, just send a letter to the Editor of this magazine, who I am sure will either answer you himself, or forward it to the writer. We shall be just delighted to help you.

On this very spot where these sailors were safely landed, the writer was led as a little boy of thirteen years of age to trust Jesus as His Saviour, and has never regretted it, **AND NEVER WILL**. Now as you read these lines, will you just ask God to forgive your sins for Jesu’s sake? I’m sure He will, 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.” G. K.



“THE VESSEL . . . QUICKLY STARTED TO GO TO PIECES.”



XXII.

"THE sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is His delight" (Proverbs xv. 8).

Evil men will sometimes perform religious acts in order to keep up a good name with the world, and in the hope of securing the favour of God. But however costly and solemn the outward show of a wicked man's religious ceremony may be, God calls it an "abomination" and cannot accept it. Though we may try to cover an act of disobedience by a show of good works, we are displeasing to God. Whatever we offer to Him must come from a true and contrite spirit (Psalm li. 17) that loves Him "because He first loved us" (1 John iv. 19).

In 1 Samuel xv. there is a story illustrating this. Perhaps Solomon had heard it, and founded his proverb upon it. The prophet Samuel was sent by God to King Saul, bidding him go and utterly destroy the Amalekites, a fierce and cruel tribe who had been one of the

most powerful enemies the Israelites had to face. For 400 years, ever since the early days of the wanderings in the wilderness, God had borne with their constant warfare against His people, but at last the time had come when they must be got rid of. God bears long with wrongdoers, but He will not bear *always*.

King Saul gathered his army of more than 200,000 soldiers, and swept across their country, destroying cities, and people, and cattle, with the edge of the sword until his victory over Amalek was complete; but in the pride of his heart he failed to fully obey God's command.

Perhaps he wanted to do as other victorious monarchs did, and have a triumphal return to his capital leading the captive King Agag and a long train of spoil. We are not told his reasons; but we read that again God sent Samuel with a message—a message so stern and sad that Samuel "cried to the Lord all night" (verse 11). Early in the morning he arose with a heavy heart to meet the King. Saul greeted him with a boast of having done all he was bidden to do.

His conscience pricked him, so he tried to put a bold face on the matter, and pretend that all was right.

"What then," asked Samuel, "meaneth this bleating of the sheep in mine ears and the lowing of oxen which I hear?"

"Oh," said the King, "the soldiers spared the best of the cattle to offer as sacrifice to God," whereupon Samuel repeated the message God had given during the night, reminding him how he had been chosen as King over Israel and then sent on a special commission by God. In vain did Saul protest that he *had* obeyed, but that it was the soldiers who had done wrong. This was a mean, weak excuse which Samuel could not accept, and he replied to it in words which the Holy Spirit has recorded for us to take heed to. "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (verse 22).

This was not the first time Saul had been disobedient. Little by little he had rejected God's messages; and finally we find that he came to a very sad end as the result of persisting in his sinful ways.

E. A.

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BLIND !

DURING the quietude of the night, my thoughts were engaged with the following incident which befell me some years ago.

I was walking along a busy street one day, when a blind beggar stopped me, and said, "Excuse me, sir, but would you mind helping me across the road?" and I readily acceded to his request. Oh! how I felt how very little it was that I could do to help the poor man, for, after all, I had to leave him, still blind and helpless.

What a terrible thing it must be to be blind, and never to see the light of day!

My dear reader, are *you* blind? I mean SPIRITUALLY blind. Have you never seen the true Light? (John i. 9). Has the "god of this world" blinded your eyes lest you should look unto the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved?

The Lord has said, "I am the Light of the world." If you are blind, I beg of you to go down on your knees *now*, and ask Him, the "Great Physician," to give you sight. Tell Him you want Him to dispel the darkness and bring you into light. He gave sight to the blind while He was on earth, and He can do the same for you now.

I beg of you to get into His presence, and He will not only give you sight, but will also faithfully and surely guide you through the difficulties of this world until that bright and happy eternal home in heaven is reached.

You will then be able to say:—

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light,
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
Till travelling days are done."

J. G. D.

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ELEVEN.

I AM going to refer to the last question in your exercise for a little talk this month. It is not every boy and girl who is asked to answer this question, but I would like you all to read the chapter Acts ii.

The time of which we read was the Feast of Pentecost and great numbers of people were gathered in Jerusalem "out of every nation under heaven." It must have been a wonderful day when

Peter stood up with the eleven disciples to give the address which is recorded in Acts ii. Not a great many days before this the Lord Jesus Christ had been crucified. The angry mob had put Him to death on the cross. Peter charges the people with the wickedness of murdering the Lord Jesus, but preaches this striking Gospel message that "who-soever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved" (Acts ii. 21).

If, in the death of Jesus, we see displayed the wickedness of the heart of man, we also see the great love of God. God sent His Son to be the Saviour, and, by the shedding of His blood on Calvary, God can come forward with an offer of pardon and reconciliation.

Although the Lord had been put to death, Peter declares that God had raised Him up, and he concludes his address with this bold, direct statement, "Know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts ii. 36). He was not then upon the cross—the people had seen Him there—they had watched Him die. He had been buried, but now Peter preaches of His resurrection. Peter had seen Him alive after His resurrection and had witnessed Him go into heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ is in heaven to-day, an exalted Saviour, and this is a proof that the work which He did on Calvary has fully satisfied God.

The Spirit of God was working in the hearts of men and women that day, and when they heard Peter's message, it is said that they were "pricked in their heart," and they cried out "what shall we do?" Very gladly Peter pointed the people to the Lord Jesus Christ as the only hope of salvation. Later He declares, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv. 12). They

were convicted of their awful sin and desperate danger, and that day three thousand people were converted.

How very wonderful is the Gospel! *It is God's power unto salvation.* It has still the same power to-day as it had on the day of which we read in Acts ii. Have you yet come under the influence of the Gospel? You are a sinner as truly as those people who had actually put Jesus to death, but this message still rings out that "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

C. S. R.

Answers to August Questions.

1. "He began to seek after the God of David his father" (2 Chronicles 34. 8).
2. John 20. 26, written out.
3. "On the eighth day" (Leviticus 9. 1).
4. 2 Peter 2. 5, written out.
5. "They sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days" (2 Chronicles 29. 17).
6. "Eight souls were saved" (1 Peter 3. 20).
7. "In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius" (Zechariah 1. 1 or 7).
8. Acts 9. 33, written out.
9. "Nine hundred" (Judges 4. 8).
10. "Where are the nine?" (Luke 17. 17 or 18).

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 18 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
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Questions for October, 1932.

Subject—Eleven.

1. What was Joseph's second dream? (Genesis 37.)
2. "Afterward He appeared." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Mark 16.)
3. What is said about the measure of the eleven curtains? (Exodus 26.)
4. Who was numbered with the eleven apostles? (Acts 1.)
5. What was the name of Jacob's eleventh son? (Genesis 49.)
6. What question was asked those who were found at the eleventh hour? (Matthew 20.)
7. When was the house finished? (1 Kings 6.)
8. "And returned from the sepulchre." "They believed them not." Write out the whole of the two verses where these words occur. (Luke 24.)
9. Give the Psalm where the eleventh verse speaks of joy.
10. When Peter stood up with the eleven, what did he say about "This Jesus"? (Acts 2.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

There are still several who have not sent in their papers for August. If they do them now and send them in, their marks will be allowed as usual.

Will you see if your name is amongst the following?—W. Pinches, M. Schofield, N. Ferguson, F. Watts, N. Ashton, L. Davison, J. Stoker, I. Robson. If so, you are still losing marks through not giving chapter and verse.

Our ninth question this month may sound a little hard, but you will not have to search very far for it.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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"LORD, REMEMBER ME."

III.

NOW we come to the third person who addressed a very short petition to the Lord Jesus. The whole of the prayer is rather longer than the three words at the head of this paper, and is to be found in Luke xxiii. 42. This person was neither an honest fisherman, nor like the poor woman whom we were talking about last month, but was an absolute thief.

No one likes thieves, for they are persons who take things which do not belong to them; and if we prize an article and then someone steals it, it makes us very unhappy and perhaps annoyed. We do not invite thieves into our homes, do we? We try to get rid of them as quickly as possible. In fact, as we all know, if thieves are caught they very often find themselves in prison.

What this thief had stolen we are not told, but he had been evidently caught, and was now paying the penalty of his crime by being put on a cross to die. It was too late now to try to turn over a new leaf, he would soon pass from this life for ever. What was he to do? Beside him was another cross, and on it there hung the Lord Jesus Christ, who had never done any wrong. The thief earlier in the day had actually reviled Him. At last he began to *think*; and how I wish you would think just for a few moments as seriously as he did.

Evidently thoughts passed through his mind something like these. "Yes, I have been a wicked man, I have been caught thieving. I have joined with others in deriding and mocking the only One who could have saved me, and my life will soon be finished, and then I shall be shut out of the Kingdom of God. If only I had turned to this wonderful Person hanging on the cross next to me, instead of doing what I did, He would

have blessed me. I wonder if, after all, it is too late," and then in subdued tones he ventures to make his request: "Lord remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom."

It is his only hope, but listen to the immediate answer: "Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise" (verse 43). The poor thief was not unnoticed, nor was he turned away, and that is the remarkable thing I want you to note. I have never yet met a single person who knew of the Lord Jesus turning anyone away. I have heard of some who have turned away from Him, and they have always regretted it.

Do not say "I will turn to Jesus like the thief on the cross at the end of my life." Remember, there were *two* thieves; one was saved, and the other lost. You might leave it too late and be like the lost one. Come to Jesus *now*, and give Him the best of your life. Never mind if you have been bad up till now, and possibly caused your parents sorrow, for Jesus came to save such as you, for He said, "I came not to call the righteous, but *sinner*s to repentance" (Luke v. 32); and these words are recorded by both Matthew and Mark, as well as Luke. May you just trust Him and happy be.

L. A. A.



A SAFE HIDING PLACE.

WHAT a pleasant sight it is to see the mother hen and her brood of yellow fluffy chicks. Everyone is interested, and young people particularly. How careful the mother hen is, and how anxious as to the safety of her family. At the least sign of danger, she calls them and they obey immediately, running to her and hiding beneath her wings. This is illustrated in a striking way in the story that is told of some men, who after a great prairie fire visited, what was a little time before, a prosperous

farmstead, but now a heap of ruins. They were inspecting the damage when one of them kicked a charred object and out from underneath ran a number of little chickens quite safe and sound. It was evident that as the fire approached the mother hen had gathered the helpless chicks beneath her wings, protecting them as the fire swept over her, leaving her just a charred cinder.

David the sweet psalmist had noticed the way the mother hen protected her young and wrote down as a prayer these words: "Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings" (Psalm xvii. 8).

We all need a refuge, a safe hiding place, somewhere that we can flee to from the storms of life, from sin and from the coming judgment. Where can we flee for refuge? Who will hide us in time of storm? There is a place of safety, a safe hiding place, a sure refuge. It is a secret place—a sanctuary—God's presence.

Adam and Eve were afraid of being in God's presence because of their guilty consciences; and thousands of men and women and boys and girls are afraid of God's presence because they are sinners. But do you know, God wants to protect us! to save us from our sins and to bless us?

When the Lord Jesus was here, He came to save His people from their sins. His name means "Saviour." He wanted to protect His people from their enemies, but when He came in lowly grace as a babe in Bethlehem's manger, they did not recognize Him, and when He grew up to manhood and spoke to them of the salvation He had brought, they despised Him, rejected Him, and slew Him.

Almost at the close of His short life, He beheld Jerusalem, that favoured city, and wept over it as He thought of the way it was treating its greatest Blessor. He could say, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . .

how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" "I WOULD," said Jesus, but "YE WOULD NOT."

Don't let us be like those foolish and wicked people but, like David, let us all pray: "Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings," and, then like him we shall be able to say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust."

G. E. M.



THE MOTHER AND HER FAMILY.



MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES

LESSONS FROM THE
PROVERBS.

XXIII.

CORRECTION is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way; and he that hateth reproof shall die" (Proverbs xv. 10).

Those who cannot bear to be corrected must expect to be punished. Those who will not be reformed can only expect to be ruined. Better is correction, though it be grievous, than eternal death, which is the *certain* end of all who, by refusing reproof, forsake the way which leads to eternal life.

There is a story in 2 Chronicles xxv. which exactly illustrates what Solomon meant in the above proverb. Amaziah was king of Judah. He was the son of King Joash, who had been a good king for the first part of his reign, so long as Jehoiada, the good high priest, lived (2 Kings xii. 2), but, when he died, Joash turned from allegiance to God, and finally was cruelly killed by his servants, whereupon Amaziah became king.

He began well, because he knew what was right; but we read that he did not do it "with a perfect heart," that is,

he was not wholehearted and keen in serving God. One of his first public acts was a war against the Edomites. These people were old enemies. Centuries earlier we find them opposing the children of Israel in their march to the promised land (Numbers xx.). King David had a victorious war with them (2 Samuel viii. 14), and subdued them for a time. But they were strong and cruel, and about 150 years later they again revolted and gave trouble to the kings of Judah.

After many years of struggle, Amaziah succeeded his father Joash on the throne, and he determined to settle the old enemy. Gathering his army together, he found them to be three hundred thousand men; but, fearing this force was not strong enough, he hired another hundred thousand out of the neighbouring kingdom of Israel for a very large sum of money. Before going out to the battle, a man of God came to Amaziah with a special message, bidding him send back the men he had hired because God was not with them. Very reluctantly Amaziah obeyed; and, with his own force of 300,000, he met the armies of

Edom and conquered. Ten thousand of the enemy were slain on the field of battle, and another 10,000 were taken captive and cruelly killed by being thrown alive over rocky precipices.

God gave him the victory, because these Edomites were enemies to His people, but Amaziah showed that his heart was not true to God, for he brought back amongst the battle spoils the heathen gods, and set them up, and burned incense before them and worshipped them. "Wherefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah" (verses 14. 15). A prophet of the Lord came again to him with another message, "I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this and hast not hearkened unto my counsel" (verse 16). Amaziah hated reproof. He would not listen to correction, and so God had to leave him to a sad end (verse 27).

More than 200 years passed by, and again we read of severe judgment coming upon the people. This time it was final. God had repeatedly sent warnings and given His people opportunities of doing right, but they mocked His messengers and despised His words until there was no remedy (2 Chronicles xxxvi. 16). We even read that God rose early (Jeremiah xxv. 3, 4) to send them, because He had compassion on His people.

But His patience had a limit, and now the wrongdoers must take the consequences of their folly. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, came and besieged Jerusalem, taking captive nearly all the people, and carrying them into exile for seventy long years away from their own beautiful land, and the Temple their fathers had built.

So, boys and girls, take warning from these Bible stories, and remember that judgment must fall upon all who are determined to go on in evil ways.

E. A.

ASK.

HOW often do you ASK mummie and daddy for pennies? Ah! you all know how to ASK, don't you?

Now, I am going to tell you a secret. In Matthew vii. 7 you will read these words: "ASK, and it shall be given you; SEEK, and ye shall find; KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you." Now, see, those three words in big letters are all in that little word ASK.

ASK.

SEEK.

KNOCK.

The MOST IMPORTANT THING TO ASK GOD is that we may be made fit for Heaven.

Then the MOST IMPORTANT THING TO SEEK is His forgiveness for our sins. So we must SEEK the Saviour the Lord Jesus, whose precious blood "cleanseth us from all sin."

The MOST IMPORTANT THING TO KNOCK is——? Well, it is a Person, for the Lord Jesus says, "I am the Door" (of Heaven). So it is only by knocking or calling to Him that we shall find an entrance there.

Oh! boys and girls let us *ask* Him to cleanse us from sin, for He will; let us *seek* His pardon, for He will forgive our sins; and let us *knock on* the Living Door and He will gladly made room for us in His beautiful home for ever. J. C.

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TWELVE.

THE fifth chapter of Mark's Gospel speaks of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ over

DEMONS
DISEASE
DEATH

The poor man of whom we read in the first part of the chapter was in an awful condition. Possessed of a legion of

devils, he was living among the tombs, restless, naked and mad. He came into contact with Jesus, however, and there was a complete conversion. The people in the city heard about this and, when they came to Jesus, they found the man sitting at peace, clothed and in his right mind. It results in such a difference when a person makes friends with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The second incident is about a woman who also came into contact with Jesus. She had a disease which had kept her in suffering for twelve years. All her money was spent in seeking a cure but she rather grew worse. Jesus is to pass her way, she heard, and perhaps she had longed many a day to see Jesus, because she had heard of His wonderful cures. "If I may but touch His clothes, I shall be whole," she thought. She had great faith. She showed her faith and was immediately healed of her disease. The Lord Jesus was touched by hundreds of people that day, but it was the *touch of faith* which got the blessing. That which had troubled the woman for twelve years was gone in a moment.

This woman is just a picture of every boy and girl outside of Christ. They have that terrible disease of SIN, which is growing worse and worse day by day. There is only one hope for the person in such a condition, and that is the Great Physician. He is always ready to respond to the cry of faith. If you cannot touch Him personally to-day, you can lift up your heart to Him in faith and He will hear.

The little daughter of Jairus is the third case. She was only twelve years of age but she had died; *she was not too young to die*. There was great sorrow in that household. Jesus, however, comes along and it is very impressive how He goes into the room where the damsel is lying and takes her by the hand. He is able to command the evil

spirits and to drive away disease—now He shows His power over death. "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise." Death flies before His presence, and the people gathered there are astonished with a great astonishment when the girl arises and walks.

This is the power of Jesus. You are spiritually dead if you do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, but He is able to do for you what He did for the daughter of Jairus. He can give you LIFE EVERLASTING to-day if you only trust Him. Faith is a very simple thing. It is an easy thing to trust Jesus. Why not trust Him NOW ?

C. S. R.

Answers to September Questions.

1. The Ten Commandments. (Deuteronomy 4, 13.)
2. He delivered unto them ten pounds and said unto them, "Occupy till I come." (Luke 19, 13.)
3. The shadow was brought 10 degrees backward by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz. (2 Kings 20, 11.)
4. Ten. (Luke 17. 14 or 17.)
5. After ten days. (Jeremiah 42. 7.)
6. John 1. 39 written out.
7. Daniel 1. 15 written out.
8. The woman had ten pieces of silver. She rejoiced because she had found the piece that was lost. (Luke 15. 8 and 9.)
9. On the tenth day of the first month. (Joshua 4. 19.)
10. Five of them were wise and five were foolish. (Matthew 25. 2.)

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Questions for November, 1932.

Subject—Twelve.

1. What was the name of Jacob's twelfth son? (Genesis 49.)
2. What did the Lord do when it was day? (Luke 6.)
3. What were there at Elim? (Exodus 15.)
4. What remained of the loaves and fishes? (Luke 9.)
5. How many stones were there in the breast-plate? (Exodus 28.)
6. How old was the ruler's daughter? (Mark 5.)
7. What did they take out of the midst of Jordan? (Joshua 4.)
8. Write out the names of the twelve apostles. (Luke 6.)
9. What was Elisha doing when Elijah cast his mantle upon him? (1 Kings 19.)
10. What two questions did the Lord ask His parents when He was twelve years old? (Luke 2.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am sorry to hear that several of you have been poorly, and I trust by this time that you are all making progress towards good health.

M. Anderson and P. Mayne are still leaving out chapter and verse. W. Pinches must give verse as well as chapter.

T. Seymour is in first class for July. He does not appear to have sent in any paper for August.

I was very glad to get Eva Bell's note, and I trust she will grow up to realize how much we can accomplish by prayer.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Give therefore
Thy servant
an understanding
heart, . . . that
I may discern
between
good and bad.

1 Kings III. 9.

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OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
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AN INMATE OF THE ZOO, EDINBURGH.

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THE GIFT OF GOD, AND THE BLESSING IT BRINGS.

BRIAN stood staring wistfully out of the window. It was a dull December day, and he was thinking how a year ago he was in India with his parents, a happy, light-hearted boy. Early in the year an accident had robbed him of both his parents, and the little orphan boy was sent to England to live with his grandmother, a dear old lady, but almost an invalid. Life for the boy, in the large house in a dull London square, was often very lonely, and as Christmas was drawing near, he felt his loss all the more acutely.

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The fire burned cheerily in the play-room of Netherby House, casting a warm glow over the cosy room and the group of children clustered round the table. As the door opened and mother entered, a shout of welcome greeted her. "I am thinking, dears, how nice it would be to invite your cousin Brian here for Christmas. He must be very lonely, poor little boy, and if we have him it will save granny a great deal of thought. But I have come up to consult you first, as it will mean rather a difference to you. As you know, daddy and I are not nearly so well off as we were; we have lost a lot of money lately. I am afraid this year, especially if we have Brian, it will mean going without a Christmas tree and all the gifts we deck it with, so I have come to see what you think about it."

The children looked thoughtful for a moment and then Dennis said, "Do let's have him, mum, it will be such fun, and he will be so lonely in London"; and one and another chimed in, "Yes, do let him come."

Mrs. Urwin gazed smilingly round the group as she said, "I was sure you would feel like that. We could not enjoy our

pleasures half so much if we knew Brian was left out, could we? I'll go and write at once."

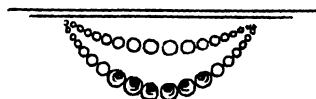
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The happy Christmas Day was drawing to a close, and the last hour before bedtime had been spent in singing carols and hymns, and now came the intimate talk. "This *has* been a happy day," said Brian, snuggling up to Mrs. Urwin; "it's been lovely being here, Aunt Fanny. I'm sorry Christmas is over."

"Ah, but the joy remains," said his aunt, and his uncle chimed in, "It's a lovely thought that the Lord whom many think of at Christmas is with us *all the year round*. 'Remember, I am with you ALWAYS, day by day [Matthew xxviii. 20, Weymouth's translation]; and now, before we say 'Good-night,' let us thank God once more for His wonderful gift of the Lord Jesus to be the Saviour of the world. May each one in this room be able to say with sincerity and truth, 'The Lord is my own personal Saviour'; and if you have already given yourself to the Lord, may you present yourself afresh, this Christmas Day, in fuller, deeper devotion." Mr. Urwin then led them in prayer into the very presence of God, and commended the household into His gracious care and keeping.

Do you, dear reader, know the real message and blessing of Christianity? Make it yours to-day! Take God's Gift and give Him yours—your heart and life.

A. M. W.



LITTLE MARY'S TEXT.

LITTLE MARY had just repeated her text to Auntie. "Now, Mary," said Auntie "if you say that to Grannie, I'm sure she will give you a pretty coloured text card."

A few minutes later the door opened and Grannie came in. A little figure ran to meet her, almost dancing with excitement, and, kneeling down, began in her sweet baby lisp to repeat, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." Then she held out her hand and, looking up with appealing blue eyes, said, "Auntie said you would give me a card, Grannie, please." Of course, the desired card was given, and the little mite was quite satisfied.

I expect each one of my little readers can repeat this text, but I wonder how many of you have answered the invitation, "Come unto Me." If you have not already done so, come to Him now, for He calls even the smallest child.

Will you, then, accept Jesus as your Saviour? for He is waiting to bless *you*, even as He did the little ones whilst here on earth long ago.

Do you know the lines of the hymn about little ones coming to Jesus?

"I think when I read that sweet
story of old,
When Jesus was here among
men,
How He called little children as
lambs to His fold,
I should like to have been with
Him then.
I wish that His hands had been
placed on my head,
That His arms had been thrown
around me,

And that I might have seen His kind look
when He said,
'Let the little ones come unto Me.'

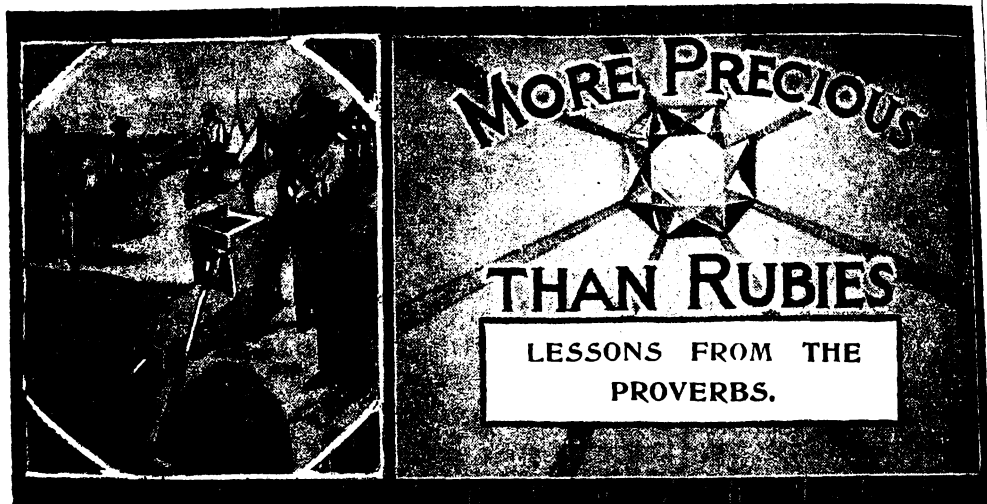
"Yet still to His presence in prayer I may go,
And ask for a share in His love;
And if I thus earnestly seek Him below,
I shall see Him and hear Him above,
In that beautiful place He has gone to pre-
pare
For all who are washed and forgiven;
And many dear children are gathering there,
'For of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

God grant that my little reader may
accept His invitation to-day.

K. E. D.



MARY REPEATING HER TEXT TO GRANNIE.



XXIV.

(CONCLUSION).

“TAKE *fast hold of instruction ; let her not go : keep her ; for she is thy life.*”—(Proverbs iv. 13).

This brings us to the end of another year in our talks together over some of the sayings of the wise king. We have seen how marvellously God has preserved them through the many changes and dangers of the 3000 years since they were written, in order that we may learn to live so as to please Him, and help others. Many incidents in Bible history have shown us what Solomon meant by his proverbs.

Our verse this month reminds us that it is one thing to have good teaching, and quite another to profit by it. Solomon says to every boy and girl, “When you’ve got a good thing, hold on to it. Don’t let go!” and the good thing he is speaking of is the opportunity to learn the highest and best wisdom which leads to God and eternal life (John xvii. 3). Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews (chapter ii. 1), says the

same thing. “Give earnest heed to the things you have been taught, lest they slip away from you like water out of leaking vessels.” It is not only for ourselves that we are to “take fast hold,” but also for others, lest by our carelessness and neglect we lead them astray from the right path. For remember this, our lives carry an influence, whether we will or no, on the people we move amongst.

There is a story in the book of Judges (chapters vi. to viii.) which makes this plain. The Israelites had arrived in the Promised Land but they were always in trouble. No sooner did they overcome enemies on one side, than they were attacked and defeated on the other. God had told them they were to be *always* conquerors, if only they were obedient to His commands. But, alas! too often they were sadly forgetful of His orders; and “forgot God their Saviour” (Psalm cvi. 21). Again and again they cried unto God in their distress, and in His love He sent deliverers, in spite of the ungrateful way they treated Him; one of these was named Gideon.

He was the youngest in a large family of brothers, and they were well accustomed to take to their heels and fly for dear life to some hiding place in the rocks, when the cruel Midianites swept over the land, clearing the farms and gardens of every bit of food, and killing anyone they could catch. God saw that young Gideon was just the man to do the work He wanted done; and how well he did it we know from Hebrews xi. 32, where his name is recorded amongst God's special heroes. Though he felt anything but brave or equal to his job, he was true to God. He would not worship the idol in his father's house (Judges vi. 25-29), and so mighty victories were given to him and his 300 soldiers. The people were so delighted that they tried to make him king. But like all truly brave men he was modest, and refused, saying, "The Lord is your King. He shall reign over you."

Sad to say, the story does not end there, for in the peaceful days which followed, Gideon "let go." A vast quantity of gold had been taken from the enemies, and Gideon thought a good way to help the people to remember God's mercy to them would be to make a golden image of a priest's ephod, and set it up where everyone might see it when they came to worship God. It was such a harmless looking snare! But it was the beginning of another downfall into idolatry, for when Gideon was dead, a real idol was set up instead of the ephod, and once more idolatry was established in the land.

Boys and girls, "don't let go!"

E. A.

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? WHO IS HE?

I.

"I SAY, Bobbie, do you like our new teacher?"

"He has not taken our class yet, John, so I do not know much about him."

This little chat made me think of the Lord Jesus Christ. I fear some little boys and girls have to say with Bobbie, "I do not know Him"; but we want you to know Him for He is lovely, so we shall tell you something about Him. One day the Lord Jesus opened the eyes of a blind man. Some people were angry and said wicked things about the Lord Jesus, but the blind man was glad. Later, the Lord Jesus met him and said, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" (John ix. 35).

"WHO IS HE?" asked the man.

"And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen Him, and it is He that talketh with thee"; and of course the man believed Him.

So we must remember that the Lord Jesus Christ *is the Son of God*. He lives from eternity. He made you and me, and cares very much about us, although we are so small. Later on, God willing, we shall see why, but meanwhile trust Him as your Saviour.

J. C.

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CHRISTMAS.

ALL boys and girls love Christmas. You will probably say that it is the merriest of all days because it is the day of gifts. Perhaps you have been making out a list of all the good things you want. You anticipate with rapture the presents that are coming. You are filled with glee when you get them into

your hands. Getting things is one of the greatest joys of children.

Friends give presents as a mark of love and affection and, when so given, they are appreciated by the receivers. Jonathan loved David and he expressed this love by giving him presents (see 1 Samuel xviii. 3-4). We read in Proverbs xvii. 8 that "A gift is as a precious stone [or a stone of grace] in the eyes of him that hath it." If you had a precious stone, you would value it and take great care of it.

But the greatest of all gifts is the Gift which God gave. Behind all this giving amongst ourselves, there stands out the Great Giver, *who gave His own Son*, as we have it recorded in that well-known verse of Scripture, John iii. 16—"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."

God did not love us because of anything that we had done to merit this favour. No, we were sinners lost and guilty. The love of His heart was towards those who in no way deserved it. Because He loved, He gave. This gift was no less than His own well-beloved Son. He gave Jesus that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We read that "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life" (Romans vi. 23). A gift is the very opposite to wages. If a gift is given to a person, it is not because he has worked for it or even deserved it.

At Christmas, by accepting the gifts offered to you, you make them your own. So with God's gift; you simply have to accept by faith what God offers. You remember the story of the woman by Sychar's well in the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke to her about the gift of God. Sinner as she was, she had only to ask

and receive. There is no other way of obtaining eternal life but as the free gift of sovereign grace.

The present year of 1932 is quickly drawing to a close and you have not yet made a definite decision for Christ. Hours and days are slipping by, and you are wasting the hours of youth, hours which might be spent in service to the Lord Jesus Christ. Surely you cannot afford to miss *this* opportunity which presents itself TO-DAY of taking the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Do not delay! Accept the gift of God NOW, before it is too late.

C. S. R.

Answers to October Questions.

1. Joseph dreamed that the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to him. (Genesis 37. 9.)
 2. Mark 16. 14 written out.
 3. The eleven curtains shall be all of one measure. (Exodus 26. 8.)
 4. Matthias (Acts 1. 26), or Judas (Acts 1. 17).
 5. Joseph. (Genesis 49. 22.)
 6. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" (Matthew 20. 6.)
 7. The house was finished in the eleventh year, in the month Bul. (1 Kings 6. 38.)
 8. Luke 24., verses 9 and 11 written out.
 9. Psalm 5. 11. (Or 16. and 32.)
 10. Acts 2. 32 written out.
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2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
4. Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.
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Questions for December, 1932.

Subject—Twelve.

1. What did Elijah do with the twelve stones ? (1 Kings 18.)
2. Who was not with them when Jesus came ? (John 20.)
3. What offering did they bring before the Lord ? (Numbers 7.)
4. To whom is the Epistle of James written ? (James 1.)
5. What was the sin offering for all Israel ? (Ezra 6.)
6. What did Jesus say unto the twelve, and what did Simon Peter answer ? (John 6.)
7. What had not Nehemiah done for twelve years ? (Nehemiah 5.)
8. "And when the hour was come." Finish this verse and write it out, and also the next verse. (Luke 22.)
9. What was the meaning of the twelve stones ? (Joshua 4.)
10. What were the twelve gates ? (Revelation 21.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am sorry that last month's list of searchers' names was headed October instead of September.

Will the searchers at Oldham please give references ? Some are still sending answers only. E. and R. Bignell must give answers in full.

All the papers which have come in late have been given marks.

Please take special care with your answers this month. Several of you still give the answer which *appears* to be correct, instead of reading through the chapter to make quite sure.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

Because thou
hast humbled
thyself . . . and
wept; I also
have heard thee,
saith the Lord.

11 Kings XXII. 19

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