

OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



"WON'T YOU BE FRIENDS?"

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HOW TO MAKE SURE OF A HAPPY NEW YEAR

WE wish all our readers a very happy New Year.

I was struck with reading the account of the centenary of the freeing of slaves which took place in London at midnight on July 31st, 1934, when the bells rang out peal after peal in celebration of this great event, which one hundred years previously meant a happy New Year and life to so many thousands.

Just try to think, dear reader, what unspeakable joy must have filled the hearts of men and women, yes, and boys and girls, too, when in every part of the British Empire those who had been slaves were now **FREE**. Many would not be able to take it in that they were really at liberty to serve whom they pleased.

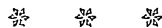
Now this reminds me of another kind of slavery which affects everyone of us—the slavery of **SIN**. We are all born in sin and practise sin, and try as we will there is no escape. Just as those poor negro slaves could never free themselves from their masters, so none of us is able to get out of the hands or service of Satan. To effect their freedom cost the British people thousands of pounds, but the cost of the liberty which those who are Christians enjoy can never be measured in money. The Apostle Peter says, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things *as silver and gold . . . BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST*” (1 Peter i. 18, 19).

Yes, dear reader, nothing short of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ would satisfy God about the sin question, so that He might be free to proclaim liberty to the captives, and in wondrous grace Jesus paid the price on the Cross. In whose service are you? Christ’s or Satan’s? You couldn’t imagine that

a single slave would refuse the freedom offered at the hands of the British Government and choose to continue serving a hard master. Yet there are thousands to-day who would rather serve Satan than Christ. At the best Satan can only offer a few fleeting, unsatisfying pleasures followed by an eternity of sorrow, whilst Christ alone gives peace and real joy in this life, and in the world to come “**pleasures for evermore.**”

Joshua of old called upon the people to come to a decision in the memorable words, “**CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE,**” and set the example by saying, “as for me and my house, **we will serve the Lord.**” Let this by God’s grace be *your* decision. Here and now acknowledge your sinfulness to Him, accept Christ as the One who paid the price of your redemption, and a truly happy New Year and life will be yours.

J. H. R.



VIOLET’S LETTER

AND HOW SHE CAME TO WRITE IT.

IT was a cold winter’s night in January, 1933, and quite a lot of people were very busy shopping in the middle of the city, but just a few yards away was a stairway leading up to a meeting-room where a children’s treat was being held. It was not cold in there, with two big fires and a goodly number of children gathered together with their fathers and mothers, who had come to hear them sing and recite.

After this was over a preacher spoke to the children for twenty minutes. He had a book without any words in it, called “The Wordless Book.” The first page was all **Black**, telling of how black our hearts are with sin-stains. The next page was all **RED**, to illustrate the precious Blood of Jesus which cleanseth whiter than snow.

Page three was all WHITE, and this was explained so that the boys and girls would understand that all those who trust in the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour have their hearts made clean and white in the eyes of God.

Lastly, we turned to the GOLDEN Page, which spoke to us of the Glory of God and that bright home which the Lord Jesus has gone to prepare for all those who love Him. *I do hope that you will be there.* After this was over the great moment came for the prizewinners to receive their prizes. Then all the children got an apple and a bag of spice, as they call it (I would say sweets, some would say goodies or bullets), and everyone went home quite happy, including Violet, so far as we could see.

The next day was Sunday, and the children came to school to start a New Year. Much of the afternoon was spent in re-arranging the classes, and making out a new list of names, but when this was over the same preacher who spoke on the Saturday night had five more minutes with them, his talk showing how black hearts are made white in the blood of Jesus. Sunday School being ended, all the children went home, and some of us began to arrange the seats for the evening Gospel meeting, when we found Violet in the corner crying.

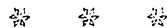
What do you think she was crying for? *It was the thought of her sins and her black heart.* Oh, how gladly we pointed her to the Saviour, but she burst out crying, saying, "Oh! my heart is so black, I can see it is *so Black.*" Again, we pointed her to the Saviour and His finished work on the Cross, then knelt down and asked God by His Holy Spirit to open her eyes, and lead her to trust in the Lord Jesus. The prayer was answered that very day. A few days after Violet wrote this little letter.

"The day on which I was converted was 10.1.33. I felt so miserable that

I had to confess to my teacher. They prayed and asked God to help me. Since then I have felt like a new girl. Now I believe and know that He, the Almighty God, has cleansed me from my sins. Every night I thank him for His deeds. I wish every one would do the same, and remember that Christ died for us."

Now, my dear little friend, may I ask if you know what Violet knows. **She can say she is cleansed from her sins.** Oh, do come and trust the Saviour before it is too late!

"Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37). J. R. J.



RING O' ROSES

WEE Kathie was thoroughly enjoying a game of "Ring o' Roses." Specially delightful to this small person was the "All fall down" part, where everyone collapsed in a heap, on the floor. Almost before the others had recovered their breath, two chubby arms were held out, and a baby voice pleaded, "Again, play again."

I wonder how many of my little readers have played this game, and how many, who have sung this simple rhyme, will join in the singing in heaven?

Do you remember the hymn—

"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."

Will YOU be singing there?

The verse says, "*Children whose sins are all forgiven.*" Are YOURS?

If not, won't you come to the Lord Jesus, and ask Him to be *your* Saviour, then you can join with these children in

"Singing glory, glory, glory."

A SANCTUARY

THE late Viscount Grey was a great bird lover, and in his grounds at Falloeden had built a bird sanctuary which was quite unique. There he spent many delightful hours with his feathered friends, who were quite at home with him, and seemed to know no fear. In that sanctuary there was an atmosphere of intimacy, security, peace, and understanding, and many pretty incidents were witnessed.

One day, the gardener saw a manderin duck in a very troubled state. It waddled up to him, and, as a dog might, coaxed him to follow her. When she found he did so, she looked around every now and then encouragingly to urge him on. Finally she stopped, and there, caught in some wire, he found one of

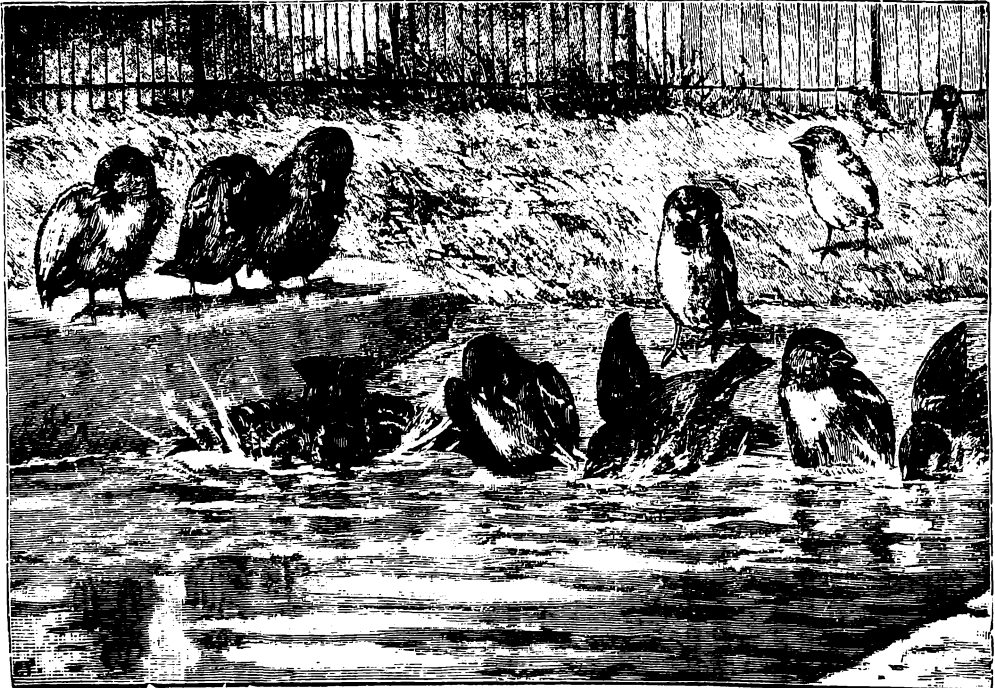
her little ducklings entangled. The mother duck looked on approvingly while he released the small captive, and then when the good deed was done, thanked him as plainly as a duck can thank a human being. How the birds loved the sanctuary where they knew they were loved and safe at home!

We, too, have a Sanctuary if we will only avail ourselves of it. "Neither fear ye . . . nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of Hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear. . . . And He shall be for a Sanctuary" (Isaiah viii. 12-14).

The Lord Himself says, "Yet will I be to them as a little Sanctuary" (Ezekiel xi. 16).

The "Sanctuary" of God has been purchased for us by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus; let us run into it and be safe.

A. M. W.



ENJOYING THE DAILY BATH.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



I.

HOUSES, houses everywhere! Where once there was beautiful country and quiet lanes now houses have sprung up, and, in some cases, whole towns now exist where a few years ago there was nothing but green fields. People *must* have dwelling-places. The word "home" is very dear to the heart of the Englishman.

The other day the writer was in a very large house—a mansion. In this house there are over one thousand rooms. As we walked from room to room, so far as they were open to the public, thoughts went back to that little incident spoken of in John xiv. The Lord Jesus Christ was telling His disciples that He was going to leave the world, and we can well imagine that they must have been very sad. He had been constantly with them; they had seen Him doing many wonderful things and had heard His gracious words. Now He, who had no house here, was about to go away. He told them that where He was going they could not come. How sad they must have been!

"Let not your heart be troubled." They did not know what He must pass through. He was about to take upon Himself the consequences of sin. The cross lay before Him, but He looked beyond the cross to the Father's house. "In My Father's house are many mansions." This earthly mansion of which we have made mention is a glorious place with its thousand rooms. A late king of England coveted it so much that the owner had to give it to the king in order to retain the royal favour. Then this mansion is only one of the

glorious places in this world. All the mansions here, however, are nothing compared with the Father's house. In the Father's house are *many* mansions. **There is room enough for everyone who has trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.**

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." These words were spoken to the disciples, and how their hearts must have glowed with encouragement. The sadness was turned to gladness. The same words have sounded out through the ages, and saints of all times have been cheered as they have pondered over the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ has gone into heaven to prepare a place for every Christian, and that He is coming one day to take us to that house. Not one believer, young or old, will be left behind.

The question we would like to raise is—**WILL you BE THERE**, or are you seeking to build all your hopes and aspirations in this world? c. s. r.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

As you will see, we are to have a *very special* corner in the Magazine this year, and I am sure we all feel very important now!

We are taking for our Subjects this year some words with which you are all very familiar. These common everyday words will teach us *many* things.

I should like to remind those over 16 that though they are not eligible for prizes, I hope they will continue the Searching and I am sure they will gain spiritually.

John Rugg and M. Stewart left out one reference for November. E. Parkinson and M. Fleming must give chapter and verse.

Now I wish you all a very happy New Year, and I trust many of you will commence it by taking the One into your lives Who is the Source of all true happiness.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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*.

Rewards will be given in each class at the end of each 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 the 1st Class for the half-year. Two certificates gained consecutively will win a prize.

Questions for January, 1935.

Subject—House.

1. And he said, "Come in. . . ." Find out the verse where these words occur and write it out. (Genesis 24.)
2. What happened to the house which was built upon the sand? (Matthew 7.)
3. Who was afraid and what did he say? (Genesis 28.)
4. "And they said. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 16.)
5. What is said about thy neighbour's house? (Exodus 20.)
6. What did Jesus say when He looked up and saw Zacchæus? (Luke 19.)
7. What did the Psalmist say he would rather be? (Psalm 84.)
8. "We have left all." Write out the *next two* verses to where these words occur. (Luke 18.)
9. What had filled the house of God? (2 Chronicles 5.)
10. "Now therefore. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Ephesians 2.)

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Lord of hosts;
Consider
your ways.

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CHILDHOOD DAYS.

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THE QUEEN AND THE PEASANT GIRL

A MISSIONARY and a friend were walking up the mountain side near the town where he lived. At a distance he saw what looked like two rabbits scuttling across the road, but they turned out to be two little girls. Their condition was deplorable—no hats, no shoes or stockings, filthy dirty clothes, and, worse still, they were as filthy as their clothes, their hair matted and their bodies encrusted with dirt.

The missionary got the little girls to take him to their home. They lived in one room with their father, a simple sort of man. The room was as dirty as the girls. The mother had died two years before, and the room had not been swept or cleaned since then. When the children were hungry they would go into the fields and steal a turnip or a carrot, or pick a few blackberries off the hedge. They did not know the use of a knife and fork. In warm weather they slept under the hedges.

The missionary got the father to allow him to care for the little girls in his orphanage. One of the little girls lay in the arms of the missionary's wife. Looking up in her face (they lived in a Roman Catholic country), she said, "Are you the blessed Virgin Mary, and am I in Paradise?" Poor child! how different her lot, to be clean, well-fed and cared for, than when going about ragged and dirty, more like a little wild beast than a human being.

Years rolled by. The elder girl was converted to God, and then later on the younger girl was converted. This was the desire of the missionary in getting them into his orphanage. He did not wish simply to improve their lot in this world, for that would soon end, but he sought their everlasting salvation. You,

who read these lines, who have been brought up nicely and go to Sunday School, **have you been converted to God?**

Then the father got old, and the elder child, now nicely grown up, had to go home and care for him. When she went in the evening to get her supply of water from the fountain, many other women were there. She soon found out that she was different to them, for she was saved. They began to ask her questions; and she was well able to answer them, for she had been well grounded in Bible knowledge in the orphanage. She knew fifty Psalms by heart, the Sermon on the Mount, Romans viii., some 150 well-known texts, and she knew the Old Testament Bible stories. *Best of all, she knew the SAVIOUR.*

Children gathered round her, then the women and then the men, whilst she answered their questions. The priest heard of this, and tried to stop her. But she knew much more of the Bible than he did, and he retired discomfited. Interest deepened, and it ended in this town becoming a centre of Gospel light and blessing through her agency.

Her sister—Luigia by name—trained as a nurse. At the big hospital where she trained she had to endure much persecution from Roman Catholic nurses and atheists, but she stood her ground, for she really knew and loved the Saviour.

The great war broke out, and Luigia's country went to war with a great nation. She was sent as a nurse to the front. Hundreds of dying soldiers heard the Gospel from her lips as they passed out of this life and entered eternity. What a change from the little dirty, ragged child! It is wonderful what the grace of God can do when it really enters into a life, however humble. **Has the grace of God entered your life?**

One morning when Luigia came out of the tent where she slept, she was astonished to find that the army had fled.

What did it mean? Spies had got into the army and had spread the report that the Government was about to abandon it—that no more food or ammunition would be sent to the front. The spies did their deadly work. Panic set in, and the army had fled.

What a situation! Luigia with about 450 nurses was left to the mercy of the enemy, who were only a day's march away. No time was to be lost. Luigia mounted a horse for the first time in her life, galloped after the retreating army and asked for an interview with the General. He refused, but Luigia stood hour after hour, determined to get an interview. At last a Colonel begged the General to see her. He said, "She will not leave till she does see you."

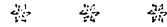
Luigia saw the General, pleaded the danger of the women she had left behind, and secured an order for a train with only four carriages. Armed with the order she went back on the locomotive with the driver. Fancy 450 women getting accommodation in four carriages; every inch of room was taken up: they swarmed on the roofs and footboards, and crammed the engine, but all got safely away.

The Queen of that country heard of this wonderful deed. She sent for Luigia, and complimented her on what she had done. Luigia replied that her Saviour had done so much for her, and what she had done was as nothing compared with what He had done. Luigia had developed into a young woman of great beauty, with a fine mind and winning, gracious ways, impressing all who came into contact with her. The Queen then pinned the Queen's Gold Medal on Luigia's breast.

Now think of the beginning of this story and the end. What a contrast! How happy that Luigia was trained to know and love and serve the Lord. What glorious opportunities God gave her of serving Him, and how He used her in His service.

I wonder if her story will not make you wish to be truly saved and for the grace of God to get into your life! Luigia still lives and serves the Lord. She is a young woman with life before her. May she be kept for further usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord. *But what of YOU?* This is what concerns us deeply. The Saviour died for us all, but we have each to trust Him for himself or herself, if we are to have our sins forgiven and be saved. The Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31). Will you truly believe and will you believe *now*?

A. J. P.



THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS

VII

THIS month I want you to read on from 1 Samuel xviii. to chapter xxii., where we find David in the cave of Adullam. Last time, you remember, we noticed that, in spite of all he had done, he had to fly, for he was rejected, and so found refuge in this cave. When his brethren heard of it they went and joined him. In verse 2 we read that all who were in distress, or in debt, or discontented, joined him, till they numbered four hundred men.

Let us consider a little these men. First, those in distress. They would be those who were in some great trouble and knew not how to get out of it, but in David they seemed to see the man who would give them peace, for a man in distress needs peace.

Secondly, those in debt. Men who had an account which they could not pay. Again, David is the one they turn to, to help them.

Lastly, the discontented. Men who had sought satisfaction but could not find it apart from David.

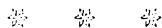
Now, which class are you in? We could put the three together to-day. Perhaps you are in distress because you owe a debt, and feel discontented as a result. Well, as surely as David was the only one who could help them, *Jesus is the only One who can help you*. If you are in distress when you think you have to meet God, Jesus can give you peace. You certainly have a debt of sins which you cannot pay, but Jesus can pay it for you by His precious blood. If you are discontented, Jesus can satisfy your heart and cause you to rejoice.

Did He not say Himself, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew xi. 28)? *He is rejected to-day*, but everyone who comes to Him finds all that he needs in this world, as well as in the world to come.

Now it did not seem to be a company that David could be proud of, but if you turn over your Bible to 2 Samuel, chapter xxiii., you will read there of David's mighty men and the wonderful deeds they effected. Who were these mighty men? The very same who came to him in the cave; and he made them valiant like himself. Who would have thought that the straggling, motley crowd would become these mighty men, and who later would surround David in his glory in the kingdom? Those who suffered with him, shared his glory.

There is another day of glory coming, when the Lord Jesus comes in His kingdom. Would you not like to be one of *His* mighty men and so share *His* glory? Be sure you can, if *to-day* you turn to Him, take Him as your Saviour, serve Him during His rejection, and then to be glorified together (Romans viii. 17).

G. D.



A SEA-PASSAGE

DO all of my readers like sea-trips? Perhaps some do and others do not.

One day, nearly two years ago, we went on a trip to Ramsgate, and, oh dear! it was rough. Some of our party got splashed quite a lot; but on one occasion, when the boat had just left the harbour and was turning round there came a big wave which drenched nearly everyone on board. My little girl, who was just two years old, remembers it very well, and often speaks of it still.

I think it must have been such an experience, but worse, that the disciples were having when they crossed the lake of Galilee (see Luke viii. 22-25). The Lord Jesus had got into a ship with his disciples and lay asleep. He was doubtless wearied with His journeyings from village to village, preaching the glad tidings. Suddenly a storm appears, the wind howls, the waves beat high, and the ship is soon filled with water. The disciples may have imagined the Lord did not care much about them and their troubles, as He was asleep, but knowing His great power they probably thought He would be able to help them safely across to the other side if they woke Him. Perhaps He would assist them with one of the oars, or help them steer the ship, and so by their united efforts they would safely reach land.

Only four words—"Master, Master, we perish"—but how earnestly uttered, for the disciples really meant what they said; and *He at once heard it*.

He heard Peter's cry, "Lord, save me." He heard the thief's cry on the cross, "Lord, remember me," and **He will hear your cry at once if you are in earnest as to your need of Him as your Saviour.**

Contrary to all expectations He rebuked the wind and the raging of the waves, and there was a calm, and all



CROSSING THE RIVER.

came safely across to the other side.

Let us all learn a lesson from this little incident. The Lord Jesus will *never* put His work alongside of ours, and so land us safely in heaven. Just as He did everything to quell the storm, so He did all the work when He suffered on Calvary's cross, for your sins and mine, *entirely alone*. It is faith in Him that saves us now because of the work that He did.

L. A. A.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



II.

THOSE of my readers who have read *Pilgrim's Progress* will remember that when Christian left the City of Destruction his mind was fixed upon one thing, the wicket-gate, of which Evangelist had told him. He eventually reached this gate and, passing through, travelled along the narrow way to the Celestial Gate through which he entered into the Heavenly City.

In Matthew, chapter seven, the Lord Jesus says, "Enter ye in at the strait gate." He appeals for definite decision for Himself. In life's journey there are two roads along which we may travel, *and only two*. First there is the broad road with its wide gate. Upon this road we all commence our journey through the world. It is a beautiful road, quite up to date, well paved and easy to travel. There are a great many people here, young and old, and it is not hard to drift along with the crowd. **The end is destruction.**

Then there is the narrow way with its strait gate. This is a hard, rough, up-hill path. It is said of Christian in *Pilgrim's Progress* that, whilst travelling along the narrow way, "he fell from running to going, and from going to clambering upon his hands and his knees, because of the steepness of the place." **BUT AT THE END THE GLORY GLEAMS!** To go this way we must leave the crowds—we must have grace and courage, and our trust must be in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The gate into blessing is very narrow—too narrow for most people. The Lord Himself said, "few there be that find it." The rich young ruler found it narrow

because his riches had the first place in his heart. If we would enter this gate, we must leave behind our wealth, our worldliness, our self-righteousness, and anything that would hinder our progress. There must be complete surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I wonder how many of you have entered the strait gate! It is a very good thing to hear of boys and girls being exercised as to their pathway in this world. Alas! most are content to go with the crowd and ignore the entreaties of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps my reader is hesitant—standing just now before the open gateway—your feet upon the threshold. You have come to the cross-roads and are uncertain which path to tread.

Let me persuade you to pass through the strait gate and enter the narrow path—the path of life. This is a definite road to future happiness. *The broad road, although trodden by the multitude, is a path of death and will end in eternal destruction.* Be wise, then, ponder the path of your feet, and respond to the Lord's words, "Enter ye in at the strait gate."

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

You will be eagerly looking to see if your name appears in the prize list. If it does not, I hope you will not be disappointed but "try, try, try again."

I am so sorry the papers from The Ponteland Homes have not arrived. Should any of the Searchers have earned certificates they will be sent on, though, of course, the names will not appear in the magazine.

N. Henderson and H. Lyon left out one reference. Stella Curman must give references.

I am glad some old Searchers have started again and trust they will continue.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for February, 1935.**Subject—Gate**

1. What question did Moses ask as he stood in the gate of the camp? (Exodus 32.)

2. "Enter ye in—" Write out the verse where these words occur. (Matthew 7.)

3. Who shall enter into the gate of the Lord? (Psalm 118.)

4. What did Jesus see when He came to the gate of the city, and what two words did He say? (Luke 7.)

5. "And David longed—" Write out the verse where these words occur. (2 Samuel 23.)

6. "Wherefore . . . without the gate." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Hebrews 13.)

7. With what are we to enter into His gates? (Psalm 100.)

8. "And . . . no night there." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Revelation 21.)

9. "And it was shut." To what does this refer? (Ezekiel 44.)

10. "Few there be that find it." To what does this refer? (Matthew 7.)

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2nd Class.—B. Adkins, B. Bennett, Z. Elrick, C. Elsey, M. Henderson, N. Henderson, W. Jackson, H. Lyon, A. Murray, B. Smith, M. Snowden.

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And the Lord
said unto Satan,
The Lord rebuke
thee, O Satan; . . .
is not this a
brand plucked
out of the fire?

Zechariah III. 2.

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HARD AT WORK.

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“CAN I HAVE MY NAME PUT DOWN?”

A FEW weeks ago a boy entered into the office of a large warehouse on Tyneside. I happened to look up from my desk at the time, and heard him ask the young lady at the counter if we had any vacancies.

I suppose he had oftentimes looked for employment, and would have been glad if we could have engaged him as a packer, or a lift boy. He waited at the counter while the young lady asked the chief clerk if we had a vacancy for him. I became interested in him, and began to wonder what he would say, or do, when she told him “No.” Had he called at many more houses that day? How often had he been answered “No”? Would he go away sad as he thought to himself, “It’s hard to get work”? It may be that these words passed through his mind, but what interested me as I watched him after he was answered “No,” was his further request, “Can I have my name put down?”

Now consider how important it is to have our names put down. This little fellow thought that if he had his name put down he might get employment from us in the future; and if we are anxious to have anything we are pleased if we can have our names put down. Our names are on the Register at day-school, and at Sunday-school, and we are delighted to have them entered on the prize list.

Now, dear children, I would like to ask you if your name has been put down in heaven? If you read Luke’s Gospel (chapter x., verses 17 to 20), you will find that the disciples told the Lord Jesus that the devils were subject unto them through His name, which of course was very wonderful. But what did he say—“Rejoice not that the spirits are

subject unto you; *but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*”

In the Epistle to the Hebrews (chapter xii., 23) the apostle speaks of those who are “written in heaven.” It is more important to have our names written in heaven than to have them written in a book on earth; and I would like to ask you if you have ever requested, as the boy did, “Can I have my name put down?”

Those children who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour *know* that their names have been written down in heaven. Make sure yours is amongst them!

C. R.



“’E AIN’T LOST, I FOUND ’IM”

THESE were the words printed below a picture on a wall calendar which riveted my attention. The scene depicted was, indeed, true to life.

Three different figures were shown. First, a little boy of about six years of age. Obviously his clothing had been borrowed from his grown-up relatives. His father’s check cap, his brother’s trousers cut short, a nondescript shirt with no sleeves, bare feet, and a look of deep interest on his face. In his hand was a short piece of rope fastened to the collar of a fox terrier, who sat most contentedly while a very tall policeman made inquiries of the small boy and registered his replies in a note-book. Both the boy and the policeman looked very much in earnest; it was evidently a battle of wits. The lad’s expression seemed to wear an appearance of finality as he gave utterance to the words printed above, “’E ain’t lost, I found ’im.”

Alas! the child was too young to realize that if a dog is described as

found, he must previously have been describable as lost—someone else must have a claim to ownership which could challenge his own.

As I mused on his evident joy in his new possession, and the policeman's challenge to his rights, a question arose in my mind of the change of masters which has come into many lives, old and young, and the far-reaching results of such a change. Many young people go through several years without ever having any definite sense of the claim of the Lord Jesus Christ on their life and allegiance. They have just lived to themselves, ordinary, self-seeking lives. Then, apparently, a new influence asserts itself in their minds. They feel all is not well with them. There is something in life which they are missing, and perhaps gradually, or at some crisis, the Holy Spirit makes them realize that the Lord Jesus is seeking the allegiance of their hearts. A sense of sin on the one hand, and a sense of drawing of heart on the other, results in one more young life being definitely yielded to Christ as Lord, an event of infinite moment to the soul that has thus been "found."

It was "lost" just because it was worth someone's while to seek, and to find. Listen to the record of this transaction where the Great Seeker reports it exultantly to the thronged courts of the redeemed. He calls for joyous sympathy—"Rejoice with Me; for I have found My sheep which was lost." There is no question raised as to ownership, no question of legal rights. *By every right—of creation, redemption, and regeneration—the newly-born soul belongs to his newly-found Saviour.*

My reader, can you take your place among those of whom the Lord Jesus can say without possible contradiction from the hosts of hell, "He is not lost, I found him"?

E. M. P.

WILLIE AND THE ANTS

WHILST walking along a country lane with his little boy, whose name was Willie, the father accidentally knocked on the roof of an ant-house with his umbrella. Lifting it up he asked his son what he should do with the ants crawling thereon. Willie said, "Father, cannot we tell them that we do not wish to hurt them?"

"Yes, my boy," was the reply; "we would, if one of us could become an ant and so be able to speak to them in ant language."

Now, boys and girls, we can learn a lesson from this story. There are very many people who think that God has hard thoughts towards them, and seeks only their harm, but this is not so. Indeed, in order that we might understand how much He loved us, His beloved Son was born into this world, the lowly Babe of Bethlehem's manger.

His very Name, JESUS, meant that He was to *save* His people from their sins. He grew up to Boyhood, then Manhood, and loved to tell out the love of God His Father to all who would listen. **But the greatest proof of God's love for us is seen at Calvary, where the Lord Jesus was crucified and made the Sinbearer.**

"God is Love," but you cannot fully benefit by this love until you accept Jesus as your Saviour. You have heard about Him from your Sunday-school teacher and your parents; but it is one thing to hear *about* Him, and another thing to hear HIM and then to accept Him.

What does He say to you? "Suffer [let] the little children come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Then "Come; for all things are now ready."

W. S. H.

“STOP! LOOK! THINK!”

THOUSANDS of people are killed and injured on our roads every year, and the authorities try to lessen the number of accidents, many of which are to children, by putting up warning notices. You may have seen the signboard with the words, “Children cross here.” Here is another:

“CHILDREN—
STOP!

LOOK!
THINK!”

Under the words there is a picture showing how accidents happen.



STOP! Boys and girls are apt to rush out of the school or home gate across the road, without pausing to see what is coming along. Pauses of another kind are good for us. For instance, on Sundays you pause from the ordinary routine of the week, and probably attend Sunday School, where you are reminded about higher things. This is very necessary, for, although we may like games and rambles, God has not made us butterflies; we *have* bodies, but we **ARE** souls, and

God wants us to learn to value our souls, that is, our truest life.

Then we have the word **LOOK**. Boys and girls are to look and see what is coming along the road; they must look out. How it would encourage your Sunday School teacher if you were always keen about the lesson, and looked out for the points to remember. Of course there is more than one sort of looking. *God wants us to look at Christ*, that is, consider Him as we read and hear about Him from the Bible.

Finally, you are to **THINK**. Before crossing the road think whether you have good time to get across before the motor car you have seen coming along will pass.

Well, we have been doing a little thinking already, and we are going to do a little more. You have, of course, looked *at* the Lord Jesus; you have *thought* about Him. But have you looked *to* Him? Have you **TRUSTED** Him? **THINK!**

Many lives are lost by accident; but a soul is never lost by accident; it is always by choice. Not to choose Christ as Saviour is to refuse Him; not to choose Him as Saviour is to choose to reject Him. When you do not say “Yes,” to Jesus, you really in your heart say “No.”

Think and act. Choose the Lord Jesus now, and you will be safe for ever.

For Young Christians

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

THIS seems the great question of these days, when the whole world appears to be on wheels, rushing by. We live in an age that glories in speed, activity and movement. We *must* travel fast, and if we have to tarry it means restlessness.

Many drivers appear most impatient when stopped by traffic signals. At busy crossroads they come upon the red light and seem almost irritable to be held up for the few seconds; and yet, what a safeguard they are, and how many disastrous accidents they prevent.

Yes, in every department of life people seem to have forgotten how to keep still, even for a little while. The message of the lights seems to be **Stop—Look—Think!** instead of rushing on, heedless of the way we take, only feverishly anxious to get on to the next place—the next excitement.

If we ask ourselves earnestly the above question and apply it spiritually, we *must* pause and allow ourselves to pray, meditate, and lift up our eyes unto Him “from whom cometh our help.” We *must* obey that injunction, “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm xvi. 10).

Never did we so acutely need a Shepherd—One who knows the way and will lead us safely through the turmoil, making His presence so real that He seems “nearer than hands and feet.” “Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness

knoweth not whither he goeth” (John xii. 35).

“He knoweth the way that I take” (Job xxiii. 10), and if we surrender our lives to Him, He will lead us to “green pastures” and “still waters”; restore our souls by putting them in tune with Himself, and give us that peace which the world can never know. Then, though we tread this noisy, rushing earth, we shall “dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil” (Proverbs i. 33), for our citizenship “is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians iii. 20). May this be your portion, dear reader.

A. M. W.

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What Gospel do You Preach?

“**A** LIVING epistle,
A chapter each day—
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.
Others read what you *live*,
Whether faithless or true;
Say, What is the gospel
According to you?”

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SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



III.

PASSING along one of our thoroughfares a short time ago a youth was heard to be singing that little chorus :

“ One door, only one,
Yet its sides are two,
Inside and outside.
On which side are you ? ”

Then with greater fervour and zeal he added—

“ *I am on the inside,
On which side are you ?* ”

This boy was evidently enjoying what he had learnt, and it is to be hoped that he really had found out what it was to have passed into the joys of salvation.

One of the very first things you understand as a child is a “ door,” and you very soon learn the use of a door. You want to go into a room, and if the door is open, you go in. If, however, the door is closed, you cannot get inside the room until the door is opened.

We ought to be very thankful that the way of salvation is put so plainly in Scripture, and when the Lord Jesus Christ spoke such simple words we can quite believe that He had young folks in mind. Many people in the world to-day will tell you not to trouble about your soul's salvation until you are a little older. But, if salvation was a matter for only men and women, I think that the Lord would not have spoken so simply.

The tenth chapter of John's Gospel is most wonderful, and the words of Jesus recorded there are very precious. One expression is this : “ **I—am—the—door : — by — Me — if — any — man — enter — in, — he — shall — be — saved.**” This

is just a question of stepping out of one place into another, as you would step out of one room into an adjoining room. What could be more simple ?

The Lord likens Himself to a Shepherd and, not only so, but “ the door of the sheep.” How very impressive this is ! It was the custom at the close of day on the slopes of the Syrian mountains to gather the sheep together for safety for the night. The shepherd stood at the door of the sheepfold turning his body to let the sheep pass. One by one he inspected them as they passed, tending the bruised and exhausted.

So to-day the sheep are wandering on the hillsides of this world—they hear the Lord's voice, they come and, by Him who said “ I am the door,” they enter in and are saved.

At present the door is open wide and all who enter are saved. The day is coming, however, when God's house will be full and the door will be shut. **You be wise, and make sure of Salvation NOW.**

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

It is nice to see some old Searchers' names again, also so many new ones, but I am very sorry that some are in second class through not reading the rules, and others through not reading the papers over *before sending them in*. If you were to do this *each* time, you would stand more chance of a prize, as some of you leave out just one reference, and of course this disqualifies you. Now do try to remember this.

A kind Christian gentleman has promised to give a nicely bound Bible to each of three first class prize-winners in June (D.V.). So you must all try your very best. If of course you already have a nice Bible, you may have a book instead.

We do not print the names of those who receive consolation prizes through having gained two certificates. Some of you have written as to this. The Lord bless you all.

Your loving Friend,

F. M. A.

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2. "I am the door." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 10.)

3. What door did the Psalmist ask the Lord to keep? (Psalm 141.)

4. What door is mentioned in Colossians 4?

5. What doors are mentioned in Psalm 24?

6. What door is mentioned in Acts 14?

7. "Blessed is the man. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Proverbs 8.)

8. The door was shut. Write out the verse which ends with these words. (Matthew 25.)

9. What did the Psalmist say he would rather be? (Psalm 84.)

10. "Behold I stand. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Revelation 3.)

January Searchers.**Age 14 years and over.**

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spake often
one to another :
and the Lord
hearkened, and
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Malachi III. 16.

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"THIS IS MY FAVOURITE PUSSY."

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THE WARNING ROAD NOTICE.

**"DANGER; SLOW DOWN;
ROAD UP."** The writer noticed it on the road near Worthing, in Sussex. The words stood out bold and clear, and spoke for themselves.

The warning reminds one of the words of the hymn: "Christian, walk carefully; danger is near." But it is not only the Christian who needs to walk carefully. Boys and girls who are not saved often hurry from one duty or pleasure to another, and don't give themselves time to think about Higher Things.

In the olden days a man used to drive a coach, and on the road he travelled was a dangerous hill, but he was always careful to get his foot firmly on the brake before descending. One day he was taken ill. He lay in bed in pain and fever. Presently he began to move his foot restlessly at the bottom of the bed, and then with a look of terror on his face, cried out, "I'm going down hill and I can't find the brake." In his delirium he thought he was again on the coach, approaching the hill, and as he could not find the brake he was expecting disaster at the bottom.

If you are not a Christian you are in danger. You are on a dangerous hill, and the older you grow the swifter the pace becomes, and the harder it is to pull up and turn to God and accept the Saviour. Pause, then, in your work and pleasures. Obey the message you know is true, and receive the Lord Jesus whose invitation you have so often heard.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John v. 24).

E. A.

CHANGES.

LAST summer, like a good many of our young friends, I went to the seaside to enjoy the beautiful sunshine and fresh air. Many years previously I had been to the same place, but in the interval, as you may imagine, there had been many changes.

First of all the town itself had grown in size; houses had been built where there had been none. Then I remember on my first visit there were two steamers calling at the pier, but this time they were not to be seen; for one had been sold and the other had become a total wreck. Also the lady with whom we stayed on the first occasion had died, but as she believed on the Lord Jesus Christ she had gone to be with Him. So you see all sorts of alterations had taken place. In fact, wherever we look we see changes of one kind and another.

One thing, however, had not altered in all this time. If I were to go to the North of Scotland or to Land's End, or even further away, still it would make no difference. Can you guess what I mean? I will tell you: **the love of God.** What a grand thing that His love has never changed.

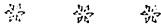
I was reminded of this when one Sunday evening I went to a gospel meeting which was being held on the sea front. The very first hymn to be given out was:—

**"The gospel bells are ringing,
Over land, from sea to sea."**

I expect many of you know the hymn and the tune. How strange, I thought, for I remembered singing that *same hymn* on the *same spot* just thirty-three years ago, but none of my friends who then sang it were with me now.

Boys and girls, the gospel bells are still ringing, are still pealing out the love of Jesus, and how He came to die

for poor sinners like you and me; *but have you heeded the call?* They will *not* go on ringing *for ever*, but there will come a change, for the sounds will no longer go forth one day. **Come to the Saviour to-day, give your young life to Him, and you will never regret it.** "*We love Him, because He first loved us*" (1 John iv. 19).
L. A. A.



THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS

VIII

LAST time we looked a little at 1 Samuel, chapter xxii.; now I want you to read on to chapter xxx. I am going to talk to you about the young man of Egypt in verses 11 to 15. He affords us a wonderful picture of a sinner being brought into blessing.

The first thing we are told about this young man is that he was found and brought to David. Now if he was found, he must have been lost. Then he was in the field. Now the field is the world (Matthew xiii. 38). How like the sheep in Luke xv. which the shepherd sought till he found it. **Lost in the world.** How sad!

Notice, too, this young man was an Egyptian, one who enjoyed the pleasures of the world, but when David's men find him, he is nearly dead. Of what use are the pleasures of the world to a dying man? No use whatever. Had it not been for David, the poor man would have died as he had lived. This world looks a fine place when you are young, but as you grow older you will find out what a hard, wicked, sorrowful place it is. Why is this? The young man says he was a servant of an Amalekite, which

means a servant of *sin*. That is why this world is such an awful place. *Sin* in all its terrible reality is here. It might look very nice on the surface, but underneath it is full of wickedness.

I can see in this young man my own history. Listen, and I will tell you about it. I can remember as a little boy, crying to go to school with my sisters. Then came the day when I could go. Did that satisfy? No. As I grew older I saw boys and girls leaving school and going to work, earning a little and having pocket-money with which to buy themselves sweets and things; so this was my next desire. At last I left school, went to work, and soon had a little money, but this did not satisfy.

When I am a man, I thought, and have plenty of money and can do as I like, then I will be really happy. Well, that day came, a good situation with plenty of my own way; so I turned to the world and sought there for happiness, but, strange to say, I was then more miserable than ever. I learned that two things went together. *Sin and sorrow*. At last, like the young man of Egypt, sick with sin, I was brought to Jesus. I found in Him what I had vainly sought for in the world, and He made and has kept me glad.

Now when the young man was brought to David, he gave him food and drink—just what he needed. This caused him to forsake his old master and become the servant of David. Which master are you serving? You will find that Satan *pays* very hard wages (Romans vi. 23), but God *gives* Eternal Life to those who trust the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember that the young man was first *saved* by David, then he *served* him, and the same order stands to-day as regards salvation and serving Christ. *Saved to serve*—that's it.
G. D.





OFF TO THE RESCUE.

For Young Christians

THE BOY AND HIS BIBLE

THERE was a little boy living in a fishing village on the South Coast, who loved his Bible even more than his breakfast or dinner, and every morning he would steal away with it to the seashore.

One day he was reading as usual, when a number of boys found him out and began to annoy him. So, to avoid them, he got into a little boat that was anchored near. Some of them cut the rope, which the boy, being intent upon his Bible, did not notice till he found himself drifting out to sea on the ebbing tide. Darkness and mist soon came on, and the poor little boy was alone with his Bible on the wide stretch of water.

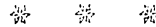
Three days after, a large Norwegian vessel was passing up the Channel, when a man at the look-out spied a black object on the water. The captain's telescope soon made out that it was a small boat, so the ship sailed up to it, and then they saw a little boy fast asleep claspng a Bible. They lifted him out and he awoke, but fainted away directly through weakness from want of food. However, kind care soon restored him, and then he told his story, and what a comfort his loved Bible had been to him in those long lonely hours on the water, until he was too weak to read. In this wonderful way God saved the boy who loved his Bible.

Cromwell's pocket Bible once turned aside a bullet that was aimed at his heart, and though we may not be in danger from bullets, our adversary, Satan, is ever ready to attack us with

his fiery darts. A Bible in our pocket is no protection against these. It is *only* by having it in our hearts that we can quench the fiery darts of the enemy.

"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

A. T. S. (Extracted).



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Here, Heaven is opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. **CHRIST IS ITS GRAND SUBJECT**, our good its design, and the glory of God, its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the Judgment, and be remembered for ever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labour, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents. * * *

"For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps. cxix. 89).

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SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



IV.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—

AS I take up my pen to write you a few lines, I am wondering how many of you have a Christian father. It is a very blessed thing to be favoured by God with parents who honour the Lord Jesus Christ. The great danger however, with boys and girls having godly parents is to hide behind their parents, and to think that, because father and mother are saved, that they will be all right. This is a very great mistake, and the Word of God is emphatic upon this fact, that we *each* must have dealings individually with God for blessing.

Your father may be a very good Christian man, but this will not save *you*. It is a blessing beyond value to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but, for salvation, let me repeat, **you must turn to the Lord Jesus Christ yourself.**

Solomon had parents who were God-fearing, and he was the subject of much care. He was carefully taught the law of God, and, as we know, he profited by the instruction received in his early days. But even David, great man that he was, could not put Solomon upon the right road—he could only show him the way.

There is a very interesting verse in 1 Chronicles xxviii.—verse 9. David had great ambitions to build a temple for God, but God told him that this was not possible because he was a man of war. God said, however, that Solomon, his son, would follow him as king, and that he could build a house for God, for he would have a peaceful reign.

Now, David gathered together the chief men of Israel to hand over to Solomon the work of building the temple. Before the great assembly he gave Solomon this splendid exhortation. I would like every boy and girl to read the verse carefully and, as the words came from father to son, let them right into your heart to-day. “**Thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all the hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever.**”

Perhaps you say, “I have not got a Christian father and my mother does not love the Lord.” Well, dear friend, this need not shut *you* out from the blessing. God loves *you*, and, if you give ear to His voice and walk in His ways, the Lord may open the hearts of your parents and turn *them* to Himself.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

In writing this little letter, I have just been thinking how quickly time passes. Here we are at the fourth month of the year already! I wonder how many Searchers—those who have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour—have really been helped by the questions. If you have, will you please put a little note at the foot of your next paper. Also, I wonder how many Searchers are still *outside the door*? (See last month's magazine.)

I am sorry to hear of the accident which has befallen Percy Jackson and trust he will continue to make recovery.

There are six children of one family doing the Searching. Isn't that splendid? See if you can find the names. Will the mother please accept my thanks for her encouraging little note.

Your loving friend,

B. M. A.

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.

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Questions for April, 1935.**Subject—Father.**

1. Whom are we to honour? (Exodus 20.)
2. "Your Father." Write out the verse where these two words occur. (Matthew 7.)
3. "His name shall be called. . ." Write out the *rest* of this verse only. (Isaiah 9.)
4. How many times does the word "Father" occur in John 14?
5. "Like . . . fear Him." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Psalm 103.)
6. "My Father." Write out the verse beginning with these two words. (John 10.)
7. What does a wise son hear? (Proverbs 13.)
8. What did the Lord tell Mary to say unto His brethren? (John 20.)
9. "My father." Write out the next *seven* words only. (Jeremiah 3.)
10. With Whom is our fellowship? (1 John 1.)

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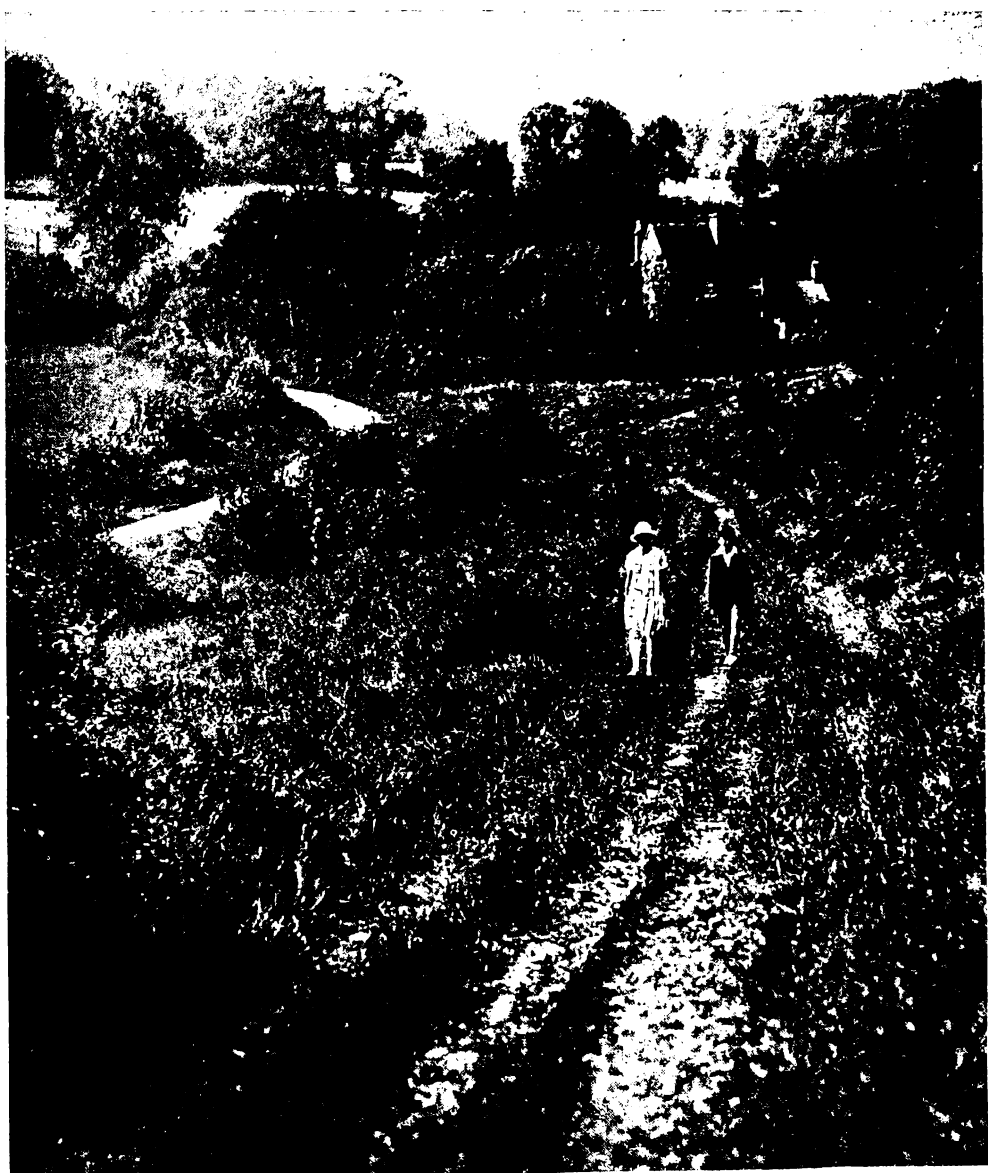
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GRACE

THIS title may make some of my readers think that I am going to tell them something about a girl of the name of Grace. I have heard of a man who made a similar mistake. Mr. Moody, the great evangelist, was studying what the Bible says about grace, and became so deeply impressed by what he read that he hurried out into the street and, stopping the first man he met, he asked him, "Do you know grace?" "Grace who?" was the surprised question. "The grace of God that brings salvation to all men," replied Mr. Moody.

Perhaps you ask, "But what *is* grace?" **THE GRACE OF GOD IS THE MIGHTY LOVE OF GOD THAT STOOPTS TO BESTOW MERCY AND FORGIVENESS UPON US UNDESERVING SINNERS.**

There are three ways in which you can become possessed of a thing—lawfully, of course. You can either inherit it, or earn it, or receive it as a free gift.

When a man dies his belongings pass to his heir, who becomes possessed of the property in virtue of his title. Now you may be the son or daughter of godly parents, but that does not make you a Christian. *To have a believing father or mother gives you no title to heaven.*

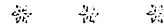
But what about the second way? Many young people, whenever they think about God at all, imagine that they have got to win God over to be kind to them; and so they try to do what they think is pleasing to Him in order to make Him love and bless them. In other words, they want to *buy* salvation; they try to *earn* eternal life, and think that if they try hard enough God will by and by reward their good works by forgiving them their sins and taking them to heaven. This is a common but a very serious mistake, for the Word of God says, "**By grace are ye saved through**

faith; and that *not* of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

There is one other way of becoming possessed of a thing, and that is by receiving it as a free gift; and that is just how we are to become possessors of salvation. *Our* thoughts are for *deserving* eternal life; **GOD'S THOUGHT IS FOR GIVING IT TO US WHO CAN'T DESERVE IT.**

The Gospel is the glad tidings of God's grace shown in the gift of His Son. Receive the Lord Jesus as your own Saviour, and the right and title of a child of God will be yours.

Perhaps your name is Grace. I wonder if you know the grace of God? But whatever your name may be, ask God to show you yourself as He sees you. If you really know yourself as you are in the sight of God, you know that you are a lost sinner and deserve nothing but punishment. Christ is waiting to save unworthy ones. Take the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and you will then know and enjoy grace! E. A.



SIN—ITS BEGINNING AND ENDING

IN New Zealand there is a small animal with thick fur that crawls idly along, so lazy and indifferent, that if a seed falls on its broad furry back it will not take the trouble to shake it off. The little seed takes root in the fur and sends tiny shoots upward and downward—at first scarcely noticed, then gradually causing discomfort, and at last drawing the very life out of the animal, and causing its death.

What a picture of sin—at first just a tiny thing, so little that we do not take notice of it. Many a great sin begins

with a tiny habit that we are too disinterested or indulgent to bother about. But that word—“**HABIT**” is a very significant one—take away the “**H**”—we still have “**A BIT**” left. “**A**” goes—“**BIT**” is still there; let “**B**” go and “**IT**”—the very thing itself—still remains.

Sin is too big a thing for us to tackle ourselves—we need a Saviour. God knew this, and sent His dearly loved Son into the world. When temptation comes and we are aware that the seed of sin has taken root, let us flee to the Saviour who loves us and died to save us, and ask Him to cleanse us from all sin, keeping us ever near to Himself; otherwise death—*eternal death*—must be our portion.

Do you know Him as *your* Saviour? If not, why not come to Him now, and ask Him to keep you as you journey through life, making you strong and watchful to resist evil, and “a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” (2 Timothy ii. 3.)

A. M. W.



HOW SIN IS PUT AWAY

A FEW kind friends one day visited a children’s deaf and dumb asylum—a place where people are taken care of. Now in this one only children were admitted—deaf and dumb boys and girls.

One of the gentlemen, who loved Jesus, and loved the little ones too, took a slate and wrote the question, “What is sin?” He held up the slate so that all could see it; and now many little hands were busy writing.

Some of the answers were very good, but one little boy’s pleased the gentleman very much; it was this—“Sin is just doing *my own will*.” The gentleman

again wrote on the slate, “Are your sins blotted out?” and gave it to the dear little fellow, who smiled, and wrote this beautiful reply:—“The bleeding hand of Jesus has passed over each page of my sins, so that they can’t be seen any more, because of the stain of His precious blood.”

Now, my dear young friends, here is a little boy who could not hear, and could not speak, and yet *knew that all his sins were forgiven*. He could smile and be happy for what had he to fear? **It is sin which makes people afraid to meet God.**

Adam and Eve were afraid to meet God, and so they foolishly thought to hide themselves amongst the trees of the garden. Why? Because they had done their own will, and not God’s; but after God had clothed them with coats of skin they felt quite safe and happy. No one is afraid to meet God, whose sins have been blotted out by the precious blood of Christ.

Now, this little boy not only knew that his sins were put away, and that God had forgiven him, but he also knew *what* blotted them out—**The Precious Blood of Jesus**. Oh, how I wish that all my dear young friends knew this too! I fear some think that their prayers and good deeds help a little to put away their sins and get them into heaven. I am quite sure that you could not tell me of one person in the Bible who got his sins blotted out, *but by the blood of Jesus*. “Without shedding of blood is no remission.”

Will you, then, think of Jesus, of His love in dying for you, of His power and grace to save you? His love to you is very tender and very great; for He loves you quite as much as when He took up little children in His arms and blessed them.

(*Extracted.*)





SAMUEL.
(1 Samuel i. 24-28.)

For Young Christians

WHAT IS YOUR CHUM'S SOUL WORTH—TO YOU?

I WOULD like to talk to young people who know the saving value of Christ's wonderful work. He *has* saved you, and you have thanked Him, and try to follow Him. Now to you is addressed the question which stands at the head of this paper: "What is your chum's soul worth to *you*?" You may say, "What a strange question. I have not thought of such a thing, and have never heard the question asked."

Let us think first what it was worth to Christ. To Him it meant leaving Heaven's Glory and living on this earth for thirty-three years in conditions of poverty, humiliation and grief—years closed by a shameful and terrible death, just to win and woo your chum's soul.

I heard of a lad recently, aged ten years—he was a thinker. Thoughts such as I have expressed had begun to take shape in his small mind, and he began to say to himself, "What could *I* do so that Jock's soul should be sought and found by the Saviour?" He sought opportunities to interest him in this great theme—but in vain. Jock, while friendly enough on other matters, clearly did not want to be bothered about this one. So he waited, and an opportunity offered. Doubtless he reminded His Saviour of his friend's need, of his friend's indifference, and meanwhile he himself attended the mission services where he was accustomed to hear about the Lord Jesus.

A special meeting was announced.

Captain W— was going to speak to young people. Crowds attended, and the lad felt everything should be spent on a last effort—he must not miss his chance. He went to his friend. "Jock, would you come and hear Captain W— at the Mission to-night, if I gave you my 10s?" Jock was amazed; ten shillings so easily won—only to attend a Gospel service.

"D'you mean it?"

"I *do*."

"Then I'll come."

Are you surprised to hear that God honoured the faith and the importunity of that school boy, that together they entered the inquiry room at the conclusion of the service, where Jock, now deeply interested and awakened to the need and danger of his undying soul, yielded to the seeking Saviour.

It is not often that a young lad could make such an unusual offer to his friend, and still less often that a lad would be prepared for such a sacrifice. It just proved how much he wanted his friend to be found by His Saviour, and His Saviour would not deny his importunity. Again, I say in conclusion, "Christian boys and girls, 'What is your Chum's Soul worth—to *you*?'"
E. M. P.

MARCH SEARCHERS—Age 10 years and under—contd.

G. Cook, G. Darbyshire, A. Denby, D. Dewar, M. Dickson, R. Diffin, A. Dodds, W. Draper, R. Dryden, C. Edward, K. Edwards, J. Fleming, J. Fletcher, J. Flett, A. Flight, R. Gallon, B. Govan, J. Gray, R. Hall (Aberdeen), E. Hedley, J. Henderson, C. Hillery, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, A. Hodgins, C. Hodgins, M. Holmes, B. Houghton, J. Houghton, R. Howson, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, H. Johnston, C. Jones, K. Jones, I. Knights, K. Kohler, B. Lilley, E. Lilley, O. Lock, J. Mackie, E. Matheson, A. Matthews, D. Mayne, A. McGough, M. Messenger, R. Meyer, H. Moody, B. Moorby, C. Moyes, I. Nicklin, N. Percy, J. Poole, N. Pugh, E. Rae, V. Ratcliffe, A. Redding, J. Redpath, J. Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, T. Russell, M. Rutherford, G. Scott, J. Scott, H. A. Shields, H. Simpson, N. Slater, R. Sloat, W. Smith, R. Stirling, E. Strubbs, D. Stuart, N. Stuart, E. Topping, M. Townsend, J. Wheatley, D. Whitham, M. Wiseman.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



V.

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Have you forgotten what we talked about last month? The subject of your Scripture Searching was "Father," and this month it is "Mother," so now we really continue our talk. We saw that Solomon had a good mother and, in the book of Proverbs, we are allowed to read some of the instruction this young prince received from her. It would seem that Solomon was a good deal in the company of his mother, and her influence and care had a great effect upon him in his early days. True, in later years, he wandered from the right path—this because he neglected the Word which had been his guide in his younger days. He sought his own way and looked for pleasure in the world. He found this to be very disappointing and, later in the Proverbs, he seeks to direct the reader in the right way so as to avoid the paths of evil.

What Solomon had learnt from his father and mother must have influenced him greatly, because afterwards he gave this important exhortation, "**My Son, hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother.**"

This word is very necessary to-day, for it is to be feared that many young people disregard their parents and seek to go their own way, thinking that **they know better**. *It behoves all boys and girls to respect their parents and to obey them.* This is clearly taught in the Word of God and is said to be "well pleasing unto the Lord." What a good thing to see in a family, especially amongst those who honour the Lord Jesus Christ, obedience characterising the children! There

are two thoughts running very much together in Scripture—**submission to God and obedience to parents**. We have a good example of this in the Lord Himself. He lived as a boy with His parents and was subject to them, but His heart was ever set upon the work He came to do—"I must be about My Father's business."

Perhaps one of the sweetest stories in the Old Testament about a mother is that of Hannah. This incident has been loved by us all from our earliest days. What boy has not delighted in the story of Samuel? Samuel was given to Hannah as a love gift in answer to prayer. We can well imagine how the boy would be loved in that home. He was Hannah's only child but she returned him to the Lord. *Her all* was handed to God—she brought Samuel to God that he might "there abide for ever." Hannah's life story does not cover many pages of your Bible, but we read how she was greatly blessed by God, and *you all know how Samuel grew in favour both with God and man*. May this be your portion.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

On the whole the papers this month have been done very well indeed. I am sure you are all trying for one of the nice Bibles which have been promised. Most of those who are in second class are there because they have forgotten to put chapter and verse.

H. Harrison only did nine questions. R. Beech must do eight. Only half of I. Liddle's paper was received. I shall be glad if she will send me the other half.

I am sorry to hear that Derek Rice is in hospital and trust he will soon be well enough to send in his papers.

Your loving friend,

B. M. A.

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

Questions for May, 1935.

Subject :—**Mother**

1. Whom did the maid call? (Exodus 2.)
2. "For whosoever. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these two words. (Matthew 12.)
3. What did Samuel's mother make him? (1 Samuel 2.)
4. What did the mother of Jesus say unto the servants? (John 2.)
5. "So will I comfort you." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Isaiah 66.)
6. What did Jesus see when he came to Peter's house? (Matthew 8.)
7. What are we not to forsake? (Proverbs 1.)
8. "Then saith He to the disciple." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 19.)
9. "And Orpah . . . , but Ruth. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Ruth 1.)
10. "When I call to remembrance." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (2 Timothy 1.)

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- 2nd Class.**—C. Baxter, E. Bell, D. Blissett, D. Fairlam, M. Fallon, H. Harrison, P. Kelterman, O. Marley, J. McLeod, K. Revill, M. Snewden, I. Tait.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

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Suffer the little
children to come
unto Me, and
forbid them not:
for of such
is the
kingdom of God.

Mark X. 14.

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CUPS AND THEIR CONTENTS.

EVERY boy and girl could tell me the use of a cup, were I to ask, I am sure. "A cup is used for drinking," you would all reply, and that is true.

Sometimes we have nice things to drink from a cup, and sometimes nasty things. A cup or glass of lemonade on a very hot day is a very nice thing to drink. When ill you have to take medicine, and that is not always a nice thing to drink, but nevertheless essential for your body.

Now I want you to think of some Cups which we read of in the Bible, and also of the people who had to drink from them. The first cup is one which the Lord Jesus Christ drank. Do you remember, boys and girls, how on that Passover night the Lord Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John into the garden of Gethsemane? There He thought of the cup which He had to drink, and the thought of it filled His heart with sorrow.

It was like a cup of medicine, only the medicine was not to heal Him, for He had no need of healing; *it was to heal poor sinful man.* God had poured into this cup all His holy anger against sin.

"Then why," do I hear you say, "had the Lord Jesus to drink it?" Because:

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

Yes, boys and girls, the thought of bearing our sin filled the Lord Jesus with sorrow. He had no sin, but He knew that when He took our sins upon Him, God would turn His back on Him, for He cannot look on sin. But Jesus loved us so much that He cried: "If this cup may not pass from Me, except I drink it,

Thy will be done." *He drank it all for us.* HOW MUCH HE LOVED US!

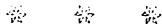
Then, as a result of His drinking that cup of sorrow, there is a cup for us to drink. The Bible calls it a "CUP OF BLESSING" (1 Corinthians x. 16). This simply means a cup of happiness.

The Lord Jesus drank the cup of wrath, and because of that we may be HEALED. We are lost sinners, however young, and the only way we can be saved is by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what it means: I know that the Lord Jesus drank the bitter cup; I know it was because of sin that He had to drink that cup; I believe that my sin was in that cup, so now I am healed and have a cup of joy, of blessing which comes from Calvary where Jesus died and suffered so much for me. Yes, this cup of joy tells me of His precious blood which He shed for me; it tells me of His great love, and makes me love Him in return. Oh! boys and girls, will you take this cup of blessing and drink it? Do not wait, for there is another cup which we must drink if we refuse His love.

Right back in the Old Testament days, Jeremiah, a prophet of God was sent to many nations with a "CUP OF FURY" (Jeremiah xxv. 15). They had to drink it because God was judging them according to their deeds. This reminds me of a cup which many will have to drink in the coming day. So many people are saying to-day, "I do not need a Saviour." But God has said they do, and His Word demands, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews ii. 3).

Let us face the matter out. The Psalmist cried: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psalm cxvi. 12.) He found out, for the next verse says, "I will take the CUP OF SALVATION, and call upon the name of the Lord."

Will you do so, too, in your young, happy days? Take His love gift given so freely and thank Him for it. Then you will know that there is no cup of wrath ahead, but a bright, happy eternity awaiting you when He shall come again. J. C.



THE HAPPY LAND.

PLAY "The Happy Land," said a little boy to me one Sunday afternoon.



A HAPPY FAMILY.

I did, as he asked me.

"Where is glory? How many miles is it?"

I did not quite understand his meaning till he repeated the line,

"Where saints in glory stand";

and then I knew that he thought "glory" was the name of a place on earth. He was a very little boy, so I simply told him that the Happy Land spoken of was God's home in Heaven, and that He would have His children to live with Him there.

But most of my young readers are, I

dare say, older than my curly-headed little friend, who only just knows his letters, and I should like to ask them if they have started to walk in the way that leads to "The Happy Land." The Lord Jesus has said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John xiv. 6). Those who trust Him for salvation are the objects of His unchanging love and care, and He will lead them lovingly to the Home which He has prepared for them.

I am sure you all desire Eternity in that Home, so to any who have not yet started to walk the path, my earnest advice is to do so

now by confessing your guilt to God, and accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as the One who died to make you fit for His Home.

(ADAPTED.)

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THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS

IX.

THIS month we are going to consider a very interesting time in David's history—his anointing. We read that he was anointed three times, but as they are mentioned in three different places we will look at them one at a time.

The first is in 1 Samuel xvi. 13. We drew attention to this in our second talk, so I will not say much more here. It was under the first anointing that David faced and defeated Goliath. This, as applied to our Lord, would cover the period of his history from the banks of the Jordan to the cross. If you look at the opening chapters of the four Gospels you will find in each that the Lord Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. You know, boys and girls, it is only by the Holy Spirit that we can really serve God, and here we see the anointing of the Lord Jesus so that He might serve Him.

You might ask then how you are to get the Holy Spirit of God. Turn to Ephesians i. 13, and you will see. Now, just as David, though anointed, was rejected, so has the Lord Jesus been refused in this world and has gone back to heaven. This brings us to the second anointing.

Turn over your Bible to 2 Samuel ii. 4 and you will read that David was anointed to be king over Judah. You will perhaps know that there were twelve tribes in Israel. Judah, though

the chief tribe, was only one of them. The other eleven did not own David as their king. We can look at this, I think, as shewing us the present position of the Lord Jesus. As yet all have not owned Him. One company only have accepted Him and become His servants. Do you belong to that company? I do.

We read that David was in Hebron, which means partnership, or fellowship. Do you know that to-day there is a company of people who are in fellowship with the Lord, and whose privilege it is to share in all He has gained by His death? That company is composed of all who have accepted Him as their Saviour. Soon, all peoples will own Him, but just now, one company are enjoying the blessings He has for man. *If you have not done so yet, join that company to-day by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.*

The third anointing is in 2 Samuel v. 3, where we find that all the elders of Israel came to Hebron and anointed David to be king over Israel. Here, then, is David's final triumph, when all bow to him and own him as the rightful king. This undoubtedly looks on to the day when the Lord Jesus Christ will reign over the whole world for God. Then will be seen in its fulness all His victory, for the Christ of God will reign in brightest glory. David, in Psalm lxxii., describes that time in glowing language. It is well worth reading. All who have refused Him in the day of grace, will be laid low in that day. So all who have accepted Him will reign with Him then.

The Lord grant that all who read these lines will be found of Him in that day having the righteousness which is of God by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians iii. 9.)

G. D.

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For Young Christians

I WOULD like you to turn to 2 Samuel xxii. 2 and 3, where four things that David said are worthy of your attention.

1. **THE LORD IS MY ROCK.** I have before my mind the picture of Edinburgh Castle as I think of those words; an almost impregnable position.

2. **AND MY FORTRESS.** Here you have the Castle on the top of the Rock. Christ is not only the solid foundation under your feet, but your strong walls around you, and the roof over your defenceless head.

3. **AND MY DELIVERER.** Here you have the commander-in-charge of the Castle. Alas, the best and strongest of positions may be surrendered, like Port Arthur, if the one in command be not a deliverer. **But Christ is this to us.**

4. **THE GOD OF MY ROCK.** Here you have the crowning assurance. Many a would-be deliverer has failed because God was not with him. Lord Wolseley could not deliver Gordon at Khartoum. But the One who is our deliverer is over all, God blessed for ever; and so our position before Him is absolutely secure and impregnable. Nothing can touch us; for **"If God be for us, who can be against us?"**

Well may David add, as he thinks of these four things, "In Him will I trust."

W. H. W.



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SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



VI.

MY dear young friends—It is a very comforting thing to know that Jesus is the Friend of little children. I love to think of Him gathering the children when He was upon this earth. You must feel sometimes, I am sure, that you would like to have lived in those days long ago in Galilee when Jesus was there. You think perhaps that then you would have got a blessing. But, although Jesus is in heaven to-day, He sees you and He knows all about you. You are not too young to escape His notice.

When they brought the little children to Jesus that He should touch them, His disciples rebuked those that brought them, but Jesus was displeased and said unto them, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Perhaps some people to-day will tell you that you are too young to think about your soul and to desire the grace of God. Dear children, *you are not too young to sin nor to die*—YOU ARE NOT TOO YOUNG FOR JESUS. He never says to children that they must wait until they are older for salvation, but He does tell grown-up people that they must become like children to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

I cannot see your face—I do not know your name, but this I do know, you have an immortal soul which must either be saved or lost. What a mercy that you are able to read about these things whilst you are young.

I suppose you know the hymn:—

"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."

Does it not make your heart rejoice to know that myriads of young folk will be in the glory? "The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." *But these are children whose sins are all forgiven.* Have children sins? Yes, of course, and you know this to be very true. You know all about the unkind and untrue words and actions—you know about the wrong thoughts. **Be assured of this, that no sin can enter God's presence.**

"How many children say that they would like to go to heaven,

But they never think that they must have their sins forgiven,

Before they can in glory be, or Jesus Christ in glory see."

You want to go to heaven! I am sure you do. Then what about your sins? You must get rid of these. Do your sins ever trouble you? Do they feel like a load upon your soul? There is One who can lift off the load. When Jesus died He became the Sin-bearer. If you come to Him, He will give you a welcome and will not turn you away. He will cleanse you from your sins and make you fit to dwell in the bright courts on high.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

First of all, I would like to thank those of you who have written to say that the questions have helped you. It has been very encouraging to read the little notes. We do prove, don't we, that the careful reading of the Scriptures brings its own reward.

I am glad to welcome some new searchers, but I notice a good many old ones have dropped out this month. I hope I shall see their names again.

Several of you have forgotten one chapter and verse, hence you are in 2nd Class. M. Stephenson only answered nine questions. V. Powell and C. Harkess must give chapter and verse.

Four of our searchers are only 6 year old! Are there others who will try?
Your loving Friend, E. M. A.

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Subject :—Children.

1. "O . . . children for ever." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Deuteronomy v.)

2. How are we the children of God? (Galatians iii.)

3. And he said, "Go sell the oil. . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (II Kings iv.)

4. What is well pleasing unto the Lord? (Colossians iii.)

5. Who shall be taught of the Lord? (Isaiah 54.)

6. What are children to do? (Ephesians 6.)

7. "Come ye children. . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Psalm 34.)

8. What did Jesus say about being converted? (Matthew 18.)

9. What did God give the four children? (Daniel 1.)

10. "Be ye therefore. . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Ephesians 5.)

April Searchers.**Age 14 years and over.**

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2nd Class.—D. Anderson, J. Atkinson, M. Collins, V. Cowell, F. Cowle, I. Dick, R. Murray, K. Reville, M. Stephenson, M. Stuart, M. Clayton.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—B. Adkins, J. Alexander, E. Allen, C. Anderson, W. Battersby, T. Baxter, I. Beattie, D. Bell, J. Bell, B. Bennett, R. Binns, H. Bird, M. Blake, E. Blissett, M. Blissett, H. Boulton, E. Bowman, R. Brayshaw, M. Britton, G. Brooks, L. Brown, V. Burrows, J. Burton, D. Butterwick, R. Caldwell, R. Cameron, K. Carr, A. Chapman, A. Christie, A. Clark, F. Connolly, F. Coultas, D. Cowgill, E. Cullum, K. Dockerty, M. Dryden, S. Dryden, I. Eddy, P. Empson, D. Etherington, J. Fairfoul, J. Fairlamb, I. Fallon, M. Findlay, J. Flett, P. Fraser, D. Fulbeck, G. Hall, John Hall, D. Hardaker, B. Harwood, E. Henry, P. Heslop, M. Hewitt, J. Hodgins, H. Holmes, I. Hume, B. Hunter, R. Inman, I. Irving, M. Jackson, J. Jobling, J. Johnston, V. Kinniburgh, D. Lambert, V. Lancaster, E. Langfield, H. Leeming, F. Liddle, E. Littlewood, R. Lowrie, E. MacDonald, E. McDonald, I. Mackie, E. Maill, N. Mansor, L. Mathie, P. Mayne, P. Moody, M. Moss, J. Mulford, A. Murray, E. Myers, S. Nelson, M. O'Brien, O. Oldman, J. Parker, E. Parkinson, M. Patterson, E. Pattison, M. Percy, J. Phillips, M. Pickering, D. Poole, L. Poole, J. Priest, F. Prince, R. Purvis, J. Redpath, M. Rennie, J. Renton, D. Rice, H. Rigg, E. Robertshaw, J. A. Rogerson, B. Roll, A. Russell, J. Russell, S. E. Scott, M. Simm, W. Small, M. Smith, F. Stirling, E. Storey, E. Thompson, M. Thompson, D. Thornton, M. Threadgold, M. Warnes, W. Warnes, M. Webb, D. Webster, J. Welsh, J. Welsh, W. Westgarth, D. A. Westwood, J. Westwood, M. Wilson, M. Woodhouse, A. Wormald, R. Wormald.

2nd Class.—M. Besford, V. Blair, M. Broadbent, I. Buckley, J. Ferguson, D. Flett, C. Harkess, M. Hedley, M. Jefferson, A. Johnson, I. Liddle, M. Milne, V. Moss, M. Nicholson, S. Noble, G. Phillips, A. Rusk, E. Smith, M. Stephenson, V. Stoker, F. Watton.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—R. Adkins, K. Althorp, E. Anderson, O. Barker, P. Battersby, I. Blake, B. Blowers, J. Bowman, J. Brayshaw, A. Britton, M. Britton, R. Britton, Jack Brown, K. Brown, D. Clark, K. Clarke, G. Cook, K. Craig, A. Denby, D. Dewar, R. Diffin, A. Dodds, R. Dryden, C. Edwards, K. Edwards, J. Fletcher, J. Flett, J. Flight, B. Govan, R. Hall, A. Hodgins, M. Holmes, B. Houghton, J. Houghton, J. Jobling, K. Kohler, B. Lilley, E. Lilley, D. Lyon, J. Mackie, E. Matheson, D. Mayne, H. Moody, B. Moorby, C. Moyes, I. Nicklin, E. Oliver, N. Percy, J. Poole, N. Pugh, A. Rodding, J. Redpath, I. Reid, D. Rice, J. Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, T. Russell, C. Salter, J. Salter, G. Scott, J. A. Scott, H. A. Shields, H. Simpson, N. Slater, R. Stirling, E. Topping, E. Webster, D. Whitham.

2nd Class.—M. Blair, C. Hillery, C. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, W. Jackson, A. Matthews, A. McGough, M. Messenger, C. Newton, V. Smith, M. Townsend.

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... joy shall be
in heaven over
one sinner
that repenteth.

Luke XV. 7.

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“UNDER NEW PROPRIETORSHIP”

“THIS establishment is under entirely new proprietorship.” Have you ever seen these words on the front of some house or shop? If so, did they set you thinking? Anyway, we are going to do a little thinking together about them now.

To the question, “To whom do you belong?” what answer would you give? I suppose you would say, “I belong to my parents,” and you might add, “I belong to England, or Scotland,” or to some other country where you live.

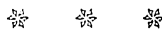
Well, of course, our parents have a strong claim upon us; and the government of the nation where we live has a claim upon us, for the nation is a kind of big family. But it is GOD who has the *first* claim upon us, because He has made us and preserves us, and wants us to be for His pleasure and service.

Have you acknowledged God’s claim upon you? I don’t mean just in so many words, but in a practical way that influences your life? When Earl Cairns was a boy he took as his life motto the words, “**God claims me**”; and the motto influenced his whole life.

Perhaps you do not like being reminded about God’s claim upon you, which shows that you are not living for Him; that He is not getting from you what He desires; that you are lost to Him. Sin of any sort, respectable as well as sin that is not respectable, always keeps us away from God. Dislike of thinking about God and His rights means distance and distrust; it means we are living for ourselves and the world; that we are putting second things first. *We need to come under a new proprietorship.*

That means we must be able to say, “I now belong to Christ; I am now a Christian.” A Christian is “Christ’s

one,” anyone who belongs to Christ; and you belong to Him as soon as you receive Him, for as soon as you receive Him He receives you. That is far more than just believing that the Gospel is true, or being able to repeat from memory a number of sentences from the Bible. It means that you definitely commit yourself to the Lord Jesus, so that you are now His by your own choice. *Will you do it?* You will then be able to say, “I am now under entirely new proprietorship.” E. A.



A LITTLE BOY’S LARGE ORDER

SAMUEL was a little boy about seven years old, who lived in India. His parents were poor, yet rich, because they had known the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour for many years. I hope you know Him as your Saviour! Samuel attended a Sunday School where he heard some of the wonderful yet true stories found in the Bible. He knew about Daniel in the lion’s den and also of a man named Elijah, who was for a time fed by ravens, or crows. He thought it wonderful that God could make such birds deliver bread and meat twice a day, for you know that any crow would eat such food itself, but God was using the crow for a purpose, and with Him “all things are possible.” He has power to close the mouth of a lion and also that of a crow.

When I lived in India it was impossible to carry food uncovered even a few yards without hundreds of these hungry birds swooping down and knocking the plate out of one’s hand. The only way I could stop them from touching it was to keep moving over the food a shining knife or spoon, which, dazzling in the bright sunshine, used to frighten them away.

Now Samuel thought to himself that if God could supply a man's needs in time of famine, He could surely supply his little wants, so he gave a large order for a start. His father, having had to go to Bombay on business, Samuel asked the Lord to put it into his father's heart to get him a complete outfit, including turban, shirt, coat and trousers.

Letters from Bombay were not encouraging; business bad, etc., which did not look promising for Samuel's order. However, he told the rest of the family that his father was bringing him the very things he had prayed for; but they only laughed at him. A week later the father arrived home, and after greetings and an account of the journey were given, he opened a parcel and drew out, one by one, the turban, shirt, coat and trousers. Samuel thanked the Lord for answering his prayer, and from that time he had real faith in God.

Soon after our little friend had a

greater answer to prayer. Not for ordinary clothing this time, but for a garment that never wears out. *It was the garment of salvation*, or the robe of righteousness which the Lord Jesus Christ alone gives to those who trust in Him. Can you say with Samuel and countless others,

"Jesus, the Lord, our righteousness!
Our beauty Thou, our glorious dress!
Before the throne, in this array'd,
With joy shall we lift up the head.

This spotless robe the same appears
In new creation's endless years,
No age can change its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.

Till we behold Thee on Thy throne
In Thee we boast, in Thee alone,
Our beauty Thou—our glorious dress,
'Jesus, the Lord, our righteousness.'"

If not, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31). May you do so now.

W. S. H.



A GROUP OF INDIAN SCHOOL-BOYS AND GIRLS.

WHEN IS HE COMING?

HE is coming, and coming soon—of that I am sure. I have no doubt about it at all, for He says, “Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me” (Revelation xxii. 12), but *exactly when* I do not know.

Our ideas of time are based on the years men and women live on this earth. Five or six years would be short, and one hundred years would be long. But heaven reckons differently, for one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day (see 2 Peter iii. 8).

When about 10 or 12 years of age I was interested in the subject of the Lord's coming, but I am very much more so now. I have watched events happen in these intervening years; there have been immense changes, and all these changes seem to have been carefully foreshadowed in the Bible, which is the great guide book from earth to heaven.

Yes, I feel more sure *than ever* that His coming is near at hand, and that it cannot be long delayed.

But if, as I believe, He is coming soon, what about those who are not ready? It will be awful indeed for those whom we have seen and loved and known, if they should be left behind for judgment when Jesus comes—that is what makes us feel so sad. “Be ye therefore also ready!” His precious blood alone can make you clean and fit for the home above. L. A. A.



AT THE BOTTOM OF A DISUSED PIT-SHAFT.

(See page 54.)

LUKE XV THE SHEEP

which was

LOST
LOOKED FOR
LIFTED
AND ED

Are you one of His sheep,
dear reader? G. D.

For Young Christians

A WORD OF COUNSEL

to those who desire to be servants of Christ now, and to receive His "well done" hereafter.

IF you have been truly converted to God, seek to begin and continue as Saul of Tarsus did. Immediately he heard the voice from heaven saying to him, "I am Jesus," he answered, trembling, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" It was a good beginning; well will it be for you, if you also receive your commission from above and if all your faith and service be learned from the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation. We live in a day in which the Scriptures are questioned and discredited; let them be to you the more sure word of prophecy "wherunto ye do well that ye take heed" (2 Peter i. 19-21).

Should there be a reader of this page who is not assured as to his own standing before God, will he read and ponder Romans iii. 10-26, and when he can praise God who has justified him "freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," let him pass on to Romans v. 1-11, and rejoice in "the love of God, shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost given unto us."

The servant of Christ is exhorted to be

- I. "Strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."
- II. To endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, not entangling himself with the affairs of this life.

- III. To strive for masteries lawfully.
- IV. To be a husbandman labouring.
- V. To preach the word, to watch, to endure.
- VI. To do the work of an evangelist.
- VII. To make full proof of his ministry, remembering that in the last days perilous times shall come; indeed, we may say without fear of contradiction, have come.

May it be yours to fight a good fight, to finish your course, to keep the faith, and at the end to hear from the lips of your Lord and Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew xxv. 21).

Crowns await those who are true to Him to-day—

For steadfastness, The crown of life (James i. 12; Revelations ii. 10).

For faithfulness, The crown of righteousness (2 Timothy iv. 8).

For self control, The crown incorruptible (1 Corinthians ix. 25).

For winning souls, The crown of rejoicing (1 Thessalonians ii. 19).

For feeding of the flock of God, The crown of glory (1 Peter v. 4).

Your joy in that day will be great indeed, but His, who in all things shall have the pre-eminence, shall be the greater.

J. R.





SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



VII.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

IT is a matter which ought to cause us to be very thankful that salvation is offered without money. Had it been otherwise, many of us would have remained in the darkness for ever without any hope. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said that He came "to preach the Gospel to the poor."

It is strange that many people stumble over the freeness of salvation. If we were bidden to pay a large sum of money, how gladly would people who were able, pay the required amount for the blessing. This would mean that those who were able to pay would be saved and the poor would be lost. This, however, is not God's way.

A story was often told by a late servant of the Lord in his preaching about a certain man who, when urged to accept salvation, said that he could not because it was too cheap and too easy. This man was a miner, and a few days after this event, he took the Gospel preacher into the mine where he was employed. They spent a good deal of time together underground looking over the workings. Then back to the shaft they came. "Now," said the Christian man, "how do we get out of this place?" "Just step into the cage," said the miner, "and we will be at the surface in a very short time." "How much have we to pay?" "Nothing at all," was the reply. "Oh," said the preacher, "that is too easy a way and too cheap, is there no other way?" The miner was rather astonished. "There is no other way of getting to the top," said

he; "it is cheap to you, but the company had to spend many thousands of pounds to sink this shaft, and there were a great many difficulties to overcome to make this way." "True," was the Christian's reply, "I quite understand this. Now the other day you said that salvation was too cheap, but you only considered the matter from your side. You did not think that, although it is cheap and easy for us, what an enormous cost it was to God. **He gave His Son, His only Son, to die upon the cross in order that salvation might be free to all.**" This man had never looked upon the matter of salvation in such a way, and that day was a time of great blessing to him.

Yes, dear boys and girls, **God gave His Son to die so that salvation might be free to us.** To-day salvation is offered to all without price. The poor are invited—the rich are invited—*all* are made welcome. As the sun in the heavens shines for *all*, so the bright rays of the Gospel shine for *all*. *It is a very simple thing to trust Jesus.* **WHY NOT TRUST HIM NOW?**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

Here we are at the beginning of a fresh term, and I hope the old Searchers who have dropped out will start again, and that there will be many new Searchers.

J. Boulton, M. Milne and M. Britton left out one reference. B. Wilson and C. Hillery must give chapter and verse. D. Fleming's paper was unfinished, and D. Thomson only did six questions. Will all these take more care in future.

J. B. Jardine is 1st Class for February, S. Cheese is 1st Class for April. R. Meyer is 1st Class for April. I hope his mother will soon be better. I have not received B. Graham's paper for April.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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Questions for July, 1935.

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1. What did Joseph command? (Genesis 42).
2. "Notwithstanding . . ." Write out the verse beginning with this word (Matthew 17).
3. What did Joseph gather up? (Genesis 47.)
4. What did the man do who received one talent? (Matthew 25.)
5. And Moses took the . . . money. Write out the *missing word* only. (Numbers 3.)
6. What did they give unto the soldiers? (Matthew 28.)
7. What was there in the chest? (2 Kings 12.)
8. "And Jesus sat. . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Mark 12.)
9. "Ye shall be redeemed. . ." Write out *next two words* only. (Isaiah 52.)
10. Why did Felix often send for Paul? (Acts 24.)

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John X. 11.

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ALL HAPPY EXCEPT PUSS.

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JOHNNY'S TROUBLE AND ITS CURE.

JOHNNY was not what might be called a wicked boy, because he had never stolen nor used bad language, like many other boys in the neighbourhood. His indulgence and love of mischief, however, caused his mother many a tear. Often when she needed him he could not be found; and when asked to do a job for her, he would grumble and say he had to work hard while other boys played.

Johnny went to Sunday School regularly and made many attempts to be good, but always failed, and so became discouraged. One day, unknown to his mother, he made up his mind to see his Sunday School teacher about his trouble. Mr. H—— was not a harsh man who held children at a distance, but one who loved them and treated them kindly.

"Well, Johnny," said his teacher, "I am very glad to see you; do you wish to speak to me?"

"Yes, teacher," replied Johnny, "I want to tell you something."

"What is it?" said Mr. H——.

"Why," said Johnny, in a voice choked with sobs, "I've been trying to be good ever so hard these last three weeks. When I rise in the morning I say to myself, 'Now I won't do a bad thing all this day. I'll help mother all I can, and I'll be good in school.' Then after breakfast mother says, 'Johnny, I wish you would split me a little wood before you go to school,' and something inside me says, 'Don't do it,' and I say, 'I don't want to do it,' or I do it in such a nasty way that it makes mother feel bad. The other day she wanted me to get some coal, and I put four big stones in the bottom of the pail and covered them with coal. Mother cried and said I had deceived her, and that she

could not trust me. What shall I do?" cried the poor boy, bursting into tears.

"Don't cry, dear," said his teacher, "you have commenced at the wrong end. You have been trying to be good with a naturally bad heart; and God's Word says that the natural heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah xix. 9). Now, Johnny, shall we pray together?" And kneeling down, prayer was made that God would make Johnny a "new creature," after which our little friend confessed to God that he was a sinner, and claimed the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. "If any man [boy or girl] be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new" (2 Corinthians v. 17). Rising from his knees Johnny returned home greatly comforted.

A few days afterwards Mr. H—— met Johnny's widowed mother. "You seem happy to-day," he remarked after a few minutes' conversation.

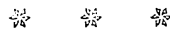
"I have good reason to be, Mr. H——," she answered. "My boy is so changed. I can hardly believe that he is converted, because he is so young."

"He is old enough to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts xvi. 31), so he is old enough to be saved," said the teacher. "Did you know he called at my house?"

"No, sir," answered Johnny's mother. Then Mr. H—— described the talk with the little boy, and tears of joy streamed down the mother's face as she exclaimed, "Johnny is saved, praise the Lord for His goodness to us."

Little friends, will you follow Johnny's example by trusting the Saviour, and then shine for Him at home or wherever you may be?

W. S. H.



BARRY

THERE is a monastery high up in the Alps, where the monks keep big dogs. They are called St. Bernard dogs, and they are very good at finding people who get lost in the mountains and are often covered by snow, and in danger of dying. But for these dogs, many a person would perish in the snow.

Whenever a snowstorm commences, these intelligent dogs become very excited, and leap and bark till the monks let them loose on their errand of mercy. God has gifted them with wonderful scent, so that they can discover a person, though buried under the snow.

Barry was one of the most famous of these St. Bernard dogs. He actually saved no less than forty-one persons from being frozen to death. Alas! in attempting to save the forty-second he lost his own life.

The man he was trying to save **KILLED HIM**. Barry had found this man lying unconscious under the snow, and had dug him out with his paws. Then he licked the man's hands and face

with his rough, warm tongue. When the man recovered consciousness, he opened his eyes, and saw this big dog bending over him. He imagined that Barry was a big mountain wolf that was trying to kill him. So he cautiously drew out his sharp knife, and plunged it into Barry's heart. With a sharp, short shriek, the poor dog rolled over on his side, dead, staining the pure white snow with his bright red blood.

The living man and the dead dog were discovered and brought to the monastery. They buried Barry within the walls of the monastery, and erected a tombstone over the brave dog's grave.

But why did the man kill the dog? Alas! he imagined that Barry had come to *devour* him, while he had come to **DELIVER** him. What a terrible mistake he made, and as long as he lived he would sorrow over what he had done.

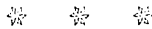
But we would remind you, boys and girls, that a worse mistake may be made, and that is to think that God is against you, when He is for you. Many think that God is a hard Being, yet the Bible tells us He is love, and He proved it



RETURNING TO THE HOSPICE WITH THE RESCUED.

by giving His only-begotten Son to die for us sinners. He wants us to believe in Him and to receive the Saviour as our own personal Saviour, and thus secure all the blessings of that atoning work He accomplished on Calvary's Cross.

The Saviour said, "**Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out**" (John vi. 37). Will *you* not come, and come NOW? A. J. P.



THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS

X.

NOW in this talk I want you to open your Bibles at 2 Samuel ix. We have here a lovely picture of David's grace and kindness which he showed to Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan. Let us look a little at his history.

If you turn back to chapter iv., 4, you will read that when only five years of age the nurse let him fall, resulting in his being lame on both his feet. The name Mephibosheth means *shame*; and in this connection his fall would not improve matters, for it made him a poor representative of a shameful house. Now this reminds me of someone else who had a fall—Adam—by which he became a man of shame, a *sinner*. Not only so, but all who have since been born share in his fall, and like him are *sinners*; for God's word plainly says, "**ALL HAVE SINNED**" (Romans iii. 23).

Now look again at chapter ix. and you will see how David treated this poor, helpless man. In verse 5 we read that David sent for him. It is certain that Mephibosheth could never have walked to David, so David sent and fetched him. How kind! Yea, David said it was "the kindness of God." Is God so kind

to us? Indeed He is, for of ourselves we can never reach Him. That is, we cannot do *one* thing to gain His favour, for we read that **salvation is not of works lest anyone should boast**. (Ephesians ii. 8 and 9.) But God in His great kindness sends for us by His gospel, which if we believe in simple faith, brings us right into His presence.

Now as soon as Mephibosheth finds himself in David's presence, he falls on his face; and this was quite the proper thing to do, for by so doing he owned his true place. David's first words to him are, "Fear not" (verse 7). How often we read these words. When the Saviour was born into this world the angel of the Lord said to the shepherds, "Fear not" (Luke ii. 10). Again after the resurrection of the Lord His angel said to the women, "Fear not" (Matthew xxviii. 5). What words to fall on a sinner's ear when judgment is before him: "Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness." Instead of being cast out of God's presence in judgment, when we bow before Him owning our guilt, and confessing the Lord Jesus, He brings us near to Himself in blessing. Have you received the blessing yet? God waits to give it you as soon as you come to Him.

In verse 13 we read that Mephibosheth now dwelt at Jerusalem, where the king was, and did eat at his table. What a splendid portion was his! To be in the king's presence and to eat continually at his table as one of his sons. Listen to what the Shepherd who died for us said. "**I give unto them [my sheep] Eternal Life; and they shall never perish.**" (John x. 28.) Such is God's kindness to us. He wants to have us near Him, to partake always of His rich provision, and once we yield by repentance and faith, we enter upon this life, the life that goes on *for ever*. Praise the Lord! G. D.

For Young Christians

SERVICE AND COMMUNION

A WORD TO YOUNG WORKERS.

IF I had the ear of my younger brethren in Christ who seek to serve their gracious Master in Sunday school work, in tract distribution, or any other form of Christian labour, I would say to them in deep affection, See to it that your service is the outcome of communion with Christ. Rivers of *living* water can only flow from those who go unto Him and drink, and *you must go continually*. Be careful to suffer nothing to becloud your enjoyment of divine love, for the joy of the Lord is your strength, and seek to realize for yourselves the exceeding preciousness of Christ, so that when you speak of Him it may be out of the fulness of a heart made abundantly happy. It is true the outward form of service may be sustained by the mere energy of nature, and apart from communion with Christ, but then every element will be wanting that makes the service acceptable to Him, and your own souls will be enfeebled and become like withered grass.

And I would further say, *Be on your guard against making service your one object*. They seldom serve well who do. We have known earnest men who have fallen into this snare. They are never satisfied unless always on the move, and they think little of others who follow not in their steps. Now Martha served much, and found fault with one who seemed to serve less, yet the latter received the Lord's commendation, and Martha missed it. There is a zeal that compasses sea and land, but it is not fed

from celestial fires. There is a running to and fro with restless feet, and a doing of this and that which after all may be but the goodliness of the flesh which fadeth away. The Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it and it is gone.

Cultivate communion with God, be much in prayer, and study the Word of God that your own soul may be fed. How shall you feed others else ?

"It is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith He it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written." In thinking of others, and labouring for their good, God would have us feed for ourselves. We shall soon famish if we do not, and spiritual strength will decline—a keeper of the vineyards of others, while our own vineyard will not have been kept.

You will find it a deadening habit to read the Word only to search out something for other people. It is a Gibeonitish service (Joshua ix. 21). Moreover, what you gather up and set before others will be mere religious information in which there will be no heavenly unction. It differs from the living ministry of the Holy Ghost as chalk from cheese.

W. B.

(To be continued.)



PRIZE LIST, June, 1935.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



VIII.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

This month you are reading about "Bread," and very important this is, because none of us can live without food. There must be personal feeding—no one else can eat for *you*. You may know all about bread—of what it is made and how it is made—but unless you eat, you will starve.

It is not about bodily wants, however, that I write. There is such a thing as soul-hunger. Boys and girls, I think, can quite understand this. A little girl, eleven years of age, once said that she felt hungry for the Saviour. What did she mean? She meant that she felt the need of salvation and a longing to know Jesus as her Saviour. Have you ever felt this need?

To feel hungry for your food is a good thing, but to feel this soul-hunger is something far better. How can you get the craving satisfied? There is nothing in the world to feed your soul. The Israelites, when they reached a certain stage in their journey, were hungry indeed. There was nothing in the wilderness for them to eat, but God sent them bread from heaven. He could not leave His people to die of hunger, so every morning for forty years, until Canaan was reached, the bread from heaven was sent. You may read this interesting story in Exodus xvi.

The bread from heaven given to the Israelites is a picture of the way in which God will feed your soul. It is **Jesus you want. No one else or nothing else will satisfy.** There is bread for *you*, the bread of life. The Lord Jesus Christ in John vi. said,

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER."

We get our hunger satisfied by trusting Jesus. Great wealth, amusements, pleasures, will not relieve us of this soul-hunger. We may have a good dinner set down before us, but it will not do any good to sit and look at the food. We must *eat*. So, by faith, we must take the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour if we would be saved and satisfied. *Dear young reader, is YOUR soul saved?* Your Affectionate Friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am sure you are all eagerly waiting for this month to see if your names are in the prize list. You have all worked very hard this term, but of course *all* cannot be prize winners. Just remember that one alteration or one blot may spoil your chance.

As promised at the beginning of the year, Bibles are being presented to the three 1st Class prize-winners by a kind gentleman in London.

Instead of certificates, you will receive texts this time, which will be just the same in value. To those who have not been successful enough for either a prize or certificate, I would say four words which will be found in the sixth chapter of Hebrews "Let us go on." If you find this verse and write out these four words and the next two—making six words in all—I will send you a little booklet. This only applies to those who have sent in papers for the past 6 months, but who did not gain either a prize or certificate.

Your Loving Friend,
E. M. A.

PRIZE LIST, June, 1935.

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4. CONNIE JACKSON, 18, Myrtle Road, Stockton-on-Tees.

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Aged 11 up to 13 years.

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2. JENNE RENTON, 186, Walker Road, Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
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4. IRENE EDDY, 10, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

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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.

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

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

Questions for August, 1935.

Subject :—Bread.

1. What did the Lord say He would send from heaven? (Exodus 16.)
2. What did Jesus say about the Bread of Life? (John 6.)
3. What cometh out of the earth? (Job 28.)
4. "But He answered and said. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words (Matthew 4).
5. "And satisfied them with. . . ." Write out *next four* words only. (Psalm 105.)
6. "Then said they unto Him. . . ." Write out the *next six* words only. (John 6.)
7. What did the ravens bring Elijah? (1 Kings 17.)
8. What did Jesus say when He took bread and gave thanks? (Luke 22.)
9. What were they to observe? (Numbers 28.)
10. "For as often. . . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (1 Corinthians 11.)

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Acts X. 43.

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ALL READY FOR THE FLIGHT

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WHITEWASHED AND WASHED WHITE

THE young missionary wife, just out from home, gazed after her husband until his tall figure faded from her sight. Then she turned back into the shady bungalow, but her heart felt heavy and lonely. It would be a week, at least, before the beloved husband could come back, and there was no other white person in the compound. Sometimes, life for the wife of a missionary is a terribly lonely thing.

She went into the dark, shadowed living room, where the heavy shutters kept out the tropical sun. Then, just as she was going to sit down and begin work, there came a tap at the door. It opened, and into the room there came something which kept the young missionary rooted to her chair. She saw, with amazement, that it was their little black boy, who had attached himself most devotedly to his mistress. But now she hardly recognized him, except for his black, beady eyes, for the whole of his small, chocolate-coloured body was thickly painted over with the whitewash which the workmen were using on the bungalow. Suddenly, the missionary shook with laughter.

"Oh, Naudi," she said, "whatever have you done?"

The little fellow's face broke into a grin of sheer delight.

"I know Massa go," he said, "you alone with black people, very sad. I make myself white, then you happy. Now Naudi same as white people."

Again the missionary gave a peal of laughter. But when her mirth had expended itself she became suddenly very quiet.

"Naudi," she said, drawing the little fellow as near to her as she dared because of his whitewash, "it truly doesn't

matter what you are like outside, and I like you so much better as God made you—all brown. You see, you are not really white, because all that will come off when you wash.

"But, Naudi, there is one part of you that can be truly washed white, and that is the part that matters most. Listen to what God says in His Word. '**Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**' It matters very much, Naudi, what



colour your heart is. If that has been washed white in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, then you need not mind what colour He made your skin."

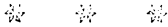
The little fellow listened solemnly. He had heard from the missionary Massa the story of how the Son of God had come to earth and shed His precious blood that the sins of mankind might be atoned for; but it had never, until that moment, struck him that this great sacrifice had anything to do with him—a little black boy.

But now, he suddenly saw. *He had only whitewashed himself*, but GOD COULD WASH HIM WHITE.

And so together they knelt down, the young missionary's wife and the queer little whitewashed object, and claimed the cleansing which God promised when He said, "The blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth . . . from all sin." (John i. 7.)

Young reader, are you washed white in God's sight, or only whitewashed?

A. O. S.



THE MAN WHO GAVE US OUR ENGLISH NEW TESTAMENT

MANY people have seen the statue of William Tyndale in the Victoria Embankment Gardens, between Charing Cross and Westminster Bridge.

William Tyndale belonged to one of the most important periods in the history of Europe, when the Middle Ages were ending and Modern Europe was commencing. Many remarkable events

took place about this time, such as the discoveries in Asia, Africa and America; the invention of printing; and, best of all, the glorious Reformation which put the authority of the Word of God in the place of that of a corrupt religious organization.

These great events combined to create new interests, a new outlook, and a new freedom of mind and spirit. The religious bondage of the Dark Ages was passing, and the pure Christianity of the first century was recovered from under the suffocating religion of Rome.

Greek once more came to the front, and Greek was the language in which the New Testament was written. As it was beautifully expressed, "Greece arose from the grave with the New Testament in her



TYNDALE BUSY WITH THE SCRIPTURES

hand"; and the invention of printing made it possible for an almost unlimited number of copies of the Bible to be issued.

It was in Germany that Tyndale translated the New Testament from the original Greek, and later, portions of the Old from the Hebrew. Printed copies of his New Testament were sent to this country secretly. Many were discovered and burned, and the people warned against them; but the work could not be stopped. Tyndale lived in exile and poverty, till at last he was captured and imprisoned. There he suffered untold misery from the cold, being insufficiently clothed and fed. Finally he was removed from his prison cell but only to be strangled, and then his body was burned at the stake. As he died he prayed, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." His prayer was marvellously answered, for very shortly after his death, a copy of the English Bible was ordered to be placed in every parish church by the king's command.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to godly scholars who have devoted their lives to give us the Word of God in our own tongue. Had not Bible truth been conserved, we moderns would have no pure Gospel to believe or to preach. Other men have laboured and we have entered into their labours.

In conclusion, may we ask the reader whether he really *uses* the wonderful book which God has given and, as it were, put into his hands? Many of the young people in our so-called places of worship have never got into real touch with their Bibles, for the reason that *they have never had a real experience of Christ*. Will you make sure that you know Jesus as your Saviour and Lord? Having Christ in the heart, you will have the key to the book, and will turn to it as by instinct to find out His wishes.

E. A.

EXODUS iii. 7, 8.

"And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmaster; for I know their sorrows.

"And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey."

(I) THE MOUTH

IN reading over the above Scriptures, dear boys and girls, it occurred to me that there was much in them which one might apply to God's present dealings with the world, so I propose, D.V., to bring this before you in the form of six object lessons.

You will remember that beautiful Scripture in Isaiah lv. 1, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth," and which boy or girl does not know what it is to be thirsty? When you think of the walks taken during the hot summer evenings, and how gladly you availed yourself of that fountain or spring, how refreshing it was to drink of the water and quench your thirst!

Yes! but our desire is to speak of another thirst, a craving for something to satisfy an inward longing, a longing for you know not what. You have tried time and again to satisfy it by all sorts of pleasure and excitement. But, dear boys and girls, *this* thirst cannot be met in that way. Listen to what the Lord Jesus said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew xi. 28).

The woman in the fourth of John desired to drink of the water, in order to save her coming to the well to draw more. Jesus said to her: "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst;

but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

God now invites you to come and drink of that Living Water, and so have the knowledge of sins forgiven and be able to say, "Jesus is *my* Saviour." Have you accepted the invitation?

W. C.

For Young Christians

SERVICE AND COMMUNION

A WORD TO YOUNG WORKERS.

(Continued from page 61.)

Be faithful also in little things; it may be that God will then entrust you with greater matters. We are a little afraid of those who neglect the common-place duties of every-day life for what they are pleased to think and call the work of the Lord. At all events do faithfully and well whatever comes to your hand. In a humble school, far removed from public observation, God is wont to train His servants for their higher mission. Moses was forty years in the back side of the desert keeping the flocks of his father-in-law, ere he was called to lead out the tribes of Israel from the house of bondage; and David in the wilderness watching over the few sheep of Jesse, was there prepared for his conflict with Goliath in the valley of Elah. The years thus spent were not wasted years, the fruit of them was seen ever afterwards.

But although I say this, let none hold back from serving Christ under the mistaken plea of youth or inexperience. An infant's hand may plant the acorn that shall yet become a stately oak. It

is no uncommon thing for small beginnings to have endings that are by no means small. What know we of Andrew's public preaching? Nothing. But it was he who brought his brother Simon to Jesus, and Simon's ministry we know was blessed to thousands. When John Williams was an apprentice lad a humble Christian woman invited him to go with her and hear the Gospel. Williams went and was converted, and afterwards became one of the most famous of missionaries, whose labours in the South Sea Islands led multitudes to Christ. We may not be able to do much, but let us do what we can. A word fervently spoken, a tract discreetly given, may yield abundant fruit if God's blessing go with it. Be it ours to sow the seed in prayerful hope, for who can tell but what the harvest shall be most abundant? "*Withhold not thine hand.*" "*Freely ye have received, freely give.*"

W. B.

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THE CREATOR SAVIOUR

WHEN I think of this creation—
Its length, and breadth, and height,
My heart is filled with wonder
And also with delight;

For I know that He who made it—
The heavens, the earth, the sea,
Did leave His ivory palaces
To save a soul, like me.

Yet such is the Gospel story
As told us in His word,
The Babe in Bethlehem's manger
Is Jesus Christ the Lord;
Come from His home of peace and love
Into this world of sin,
That sinners by His precious blood
Might live in heaven with Him.

Let me ask you, do you know him
As your SAVIOUR, and your Lord?
Have you yet with humble spirit
Believed His precious word?
If not, then at this moment
Come to Him, and own your sin;
He is waiting to receive you,
He will surely take you in.

G. D.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



IX.

MY dear young friends,

I am sure that you know what it is to be thirsty and you know quite well what to do when you are thirsty. I remember one very hot day, several years ago, when a party of us were walking in the Lake District. It was an exceptionally hot day. After we had tramped a long way we began to feel very thirsty, and, much to our disappointment, there was no water to be seen anywhere. On and on we went, feeling very exhausted when, suddenly, some of our friends, who were on in advance, came upon a spring on the mountain side. You can imagine how glad we were and how we did drink and enjoy the clear, crystal water.

There are great numbers of people in the world to-day who are thirsty, not thirsty for natural water but **thirsty in the soul**. They are unsatisfied, seeking for something to give them rest and joy. We have a wonderful picture of this when the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth. It was at the time of the Jew's feast of Tabernacles. Jesus was watching the people going through all the ceremonies, and He knew that much of it was only a form. Many there had sinful and unsatisfied hearts and thirsty souls. *He* could give them "living water" to drink, so loudly He cried, "**If any man thirst, let him come unto ME, and drink.**" (John vii. 37.)

I wonder if any of my young friends have experienced this soul-thirst. You perhaps feel the burden of your sins. You feel restless and dissatisfied. You think perhaps if only you could get

into the world and see some excitement, and pleasure, you would feel better. It is no use, dear boys and girls. People have tried this, and the great conclusion is that whoso drinketh of earth's waters "*shall thirst again.*" The Lord Jesus Christ said so in John, chapter four, and IT MUST BE TRUE.

The LIVING WATER is close at hand and is offered to each of us. *It is the gift of God.* In some hot countries where water is scarce it is carried about the streets for sale, but we cannot buy God's living water. It cannot be procured by good works or earnest endeavours. This living water is God's free gift. He gives life through the Holy Spirit to our dead souls, and in this life we have joy and peace. Are you among those who can truly say:—

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one
Stoop down, and drink and live.'"

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Several of the regular Searchers have not sent in their July papers. No doubt this is because some have been on holiday. If so, please do them and send in with August.

Quite a number of you gave the wrong answer to number four, which shows that you did not read right through the chapter. Always do this as otherwise you may give an answer which only *appears* to be correct.

A. Rugg, E. Littlewood, M. Jefferson, E. Bastian and N. Lowrie all left out one reference. Please look your papers over before sending them in. Will the new Searchers please remember to give chapter and verse?

I hope those who have been away have had a nice holiday.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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.

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Questions for September, 1935.

Subject :—Water.

1. What did Isaac's servants find when they had digged in the valley? (Genesis 26.)

2. "But whosoever. . ." Write out the verse beginning with these two words. (John 4.)

3. What happened when Moses smote the rock? (Numbers 20.)

4. What miracle did Jesus perform in Cana of Galilee? (John 4.)

5. "For we must needs die. . ." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (2 Samuel 14.)

6. What did Jesus say about water? (John 3.)

7. What did Elijah ask the widow woman to fetch him? (1 Kings 17.)

8. Who shall not lose his reward? (Matthew 10.)

9. "And they thirsted not. . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Isaiah 48.)

10. What did one of the soldiers do, and what happened? (John 19.)

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FOR THERE
IS NO
RESPECT OF
PERSONS
WITH GOD.

Romans II. 11.

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THE STEPS OF CARISBROOKE CASTLE

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THE KERRY BOY AND THE LOST SHEEP

ONE evening at the close of a cold February day in Kerry, Ireland, there was a knock at the door. A poor man wished to see me. I had never seen him before, and he introduced himself by asking pardon for coming at such a late hour, but he had one son, and he feared the boy was dying.

I rose immediately, and followed him. The cabin was perched on the mountain-side, and so isolated that I could scarcely feel surprised at not having discovered it before.

We entered the miserable hovel. An old woman rose as I entered, and, with the natural courtesy of the Irish poor, offered me a low chair. In one corner of the hut, on a heap of straw, lay the boy. He was about seventeen years of age, and in the last stages of consumption.

I told him as quietly as possible why I had come, and put a few simple questions to him as to his hope of salvation and the eternal world to which it was evident he was fast hastening. He appeared totally unconscious of my meaning, but I discovered from the few words he uttered that he had heard something of God and future judgment, but he had never been taught to read.

The Holy Scripture was a sealed book; he was altogether ignorant of the way of salvation, and his mind on this all-important subject was an utter blank. I was struck with dismay, and almost with despair. Here was a soul on the verge of eternity, and in utter darkness. What was I to do? I raised my heart to God for guidance and instruction to put the way of salvation clearly before him, and then I said:

“My poor boy, I fear you are very ill.”

“Yes,” he replied.

“Have you had this cough long?”

“A long time—nearly a year.”

“How did you catch it? A Kerry boy should be used to cold air.”

“Ah!” he answered. “So I was till that terrible night nearly a year ago, when one of the sheep went astray, and my father sent me to search for it. The snow lay thick upon the ground, and the cold wind pierced me through and through; but I didn’t mind it much, as I was anxious to find father’s sheep.”

“And did you find it?” I asked, with increasing interest.

“Oh, yes! I never stopped till I did.”

“And how did you get it home?”



SAFE AT HOME

"I just laid it on my shoulders and carried it home."

"And were they not all rejoiced to see you?"

"Sure enough, and that they were—father, mother, the neighbours and all."

Wonderful! I thought. Here is the whole Gospel story. The sheep is lost. The father sends his son to seek it. The son goes, seeks, suffers, finds, lays the lost sheep on his shoulders, brings it home, and rejoices over it with friends and neighbours.

I opened my Bible and read to the dying lad four verses in the fifteenth chapter of Luke. He at once saw the likeness, and followed me with deep interest while I explained to him the meaning of the parable.

The Lord graciously opened his heart to receive the things spoken; he understood, he believed, and he accepted Christ as his Saviour. I never saw a clearer proof of the power of the divine Spirit to apply the word of God.

He lived but a few days, and died peacefully, with the words, "Jesus, my Saviour and my Shepherd," on his lips.

(An incident in the life of J. N. D.)

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(2) THE EYE

"And the Lord said, . . . I have surely seen."—Exodus iii. 7-8.

LAST month we were considering what the Lord said, and inviting you to come and know Jesus as your own personal Saviour. Now we wish to direct you to a passage in the Gospel of John, chapter i., verse 29, "Behold the Lamb of God."

The one who writes goes on to tell us something more of this blessed person who is to be the Saviour of the world,

but how is this to come about? Going back to the beginning, we find Adam sinned and thereby distance came in between God and His creatures. That distance has to be bridged, but the question arises, how is this to be done? The only way is by meeting God's claims, and for this purpose, Jesus, God's well beloved Son, comes into the world.

We see him going about doing good and telling men to repent. Satan does not like this, so he stirs up enemies and causes hatred in the hearts of men, and we find the Lord Jesus put upon the cross. There His precious blood is spilt, God's righteous claims are met, the distance is removed, and we who believe are now free to draw near and enjoy the precious things which belong to those who know Jesus as their Saviour.

What does it say of those who crucified the Lord Jesus? "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him" (Revelation i. 7).

In 1 Corinthians ii. 9, we read, "**Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.**"

We again invite you to come and take Jesus as your Saviour, and then you will be able to partake of the good things spoken of in our last Scripture.

w. c.

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"Looking Unto Jesus"

Hebrews xii. 2.

LOOKING TO JESUS:

On the throne above;

LOOKING TO JESUS:

Learning of His love;

LOOKING TO JESUS:

Serving Him down here;

LOOKING TO JESUS:

Till with Him up there.

(Tune: "REDEMPTION SONG" 610—Chorus).

THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS

XI.

WE are going to look this time at David's last words, also the list of his mighty men, which you will find in 2 Samuel xxiii. Now I want you to notice that he speaks of two kinds of people. The "just" (verse 3), and those who are the very opposite (verses 6 and 7).

A just man is one who knows God and takes pleasure in doing His will. David was in this class. He ruled in the fear of God, and speaks of an everlasting covenant that God made with him which meant *salvation* (verse 5). We can look upon a follower of Belial as one who pleases Satan (of whom Belial is a type), whose end, David tells us, will be the *burning*.

Salvation or burning! What words from this great man, and yet how true, for this is the history of all mankind. The just will be saved, the wicked will be burned. Read Matthew xiii. 49, 50, where the Lord Himself says the same thing. How urgent it is, then, that every one of us should be sure that we are amongst the just. Romans iii. 23-30 tells us that though EVERYONE has sinned, God is perfectly righteous in justifying all who believe in Jesus, whether Jew or Gentile.

Can you say that you are among those who have been justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus?

Now in turning to David's mighty men, we must be brief. In looking down the list we find they all did something different. No two were alike, yet all had their place and due reward from David. I wonder who you think did the bravest deed! David put Adino

first; but I like to think that none went unrewarded. Some more, some less, but all rewarded for what they had done.

Now, if David did not forget to reward his servants, do you think the Lord Jesus will? Surely not, for whatever we do for Him will certainly bring its reward. We are not all alike; we cannot all do the same thing, *but we can all do something*. I wonder who will be accounted first with Him? Someone will surely get that honour, but whoever it is, will receive it as the result of very faithful service for the Lord in this world. We may not attain to a great place in this world, but we all have the opportunity to be great in the next world. "So run that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians ix. 24).

Here, then, we leave David, with his wonderful history, in company with his mighty men. You will remember they were those who had at one time been marked by distress, debt, or discontent, but having proved themselves true in the hour of their king's rejection, they were now fit to share with Him in His kingdom and glory, even as every poor sinner who comes to Jesus in this the day of His refusal, will share with Him in that coming day of glory.

If the Lord will, on our next occasion, we will look at the last mention of David in the Bible. See if you can find it!

G. D.





For Young Christians

FIVE POINTS FOR
YOUNG CHRISTIANS

1. Five things if remembered
Will help you each day ;
Obeyed they will keep you
From going astray.
Though Satan may tempt you,
And trials betide,
You surely will conquer ;
In peace will abide.
2. Keep looking to Jesus,
He never can fail,
And walk in His footsteps
In every detail ;
The world's vain allurements
Will vanish from sight,
By looking to Jesus,
Your Saviour and Light.
3. Read daily your Bible
If you would be strong :
To witness for Jesus
And overcome wrong ;

The Author, the Book and
The doer abide,
But they who neglect it
Will surely backslide.

4. Pray, pray, without ceasing,
Cleave closely to Him,
Who keeps you and fills you
With joy to the brim.
There's nothing so great that
Our God cannot do ;
And nothing so small but
He'll undertake too.
5. Confess Him to others,
And thus you may win
Some soul from the bondage
And darkness of sin ;
What help can you better
To all recommend,
Than Jesus your Saviour
The needy one's Friend ?
6. Do something for Jesus,
He did all for you.
Your joy find willing
His sweet will to do.
So speak just to please Him
Through life day by day,
His presence shall gladden
Each step of your way.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



X.

MY DEAR CHILDREN.—

I am sure that you all like to get new clothes. If the King's son was to be married and *you* were invited, you would certainly want a new suit or a new frock. You would not think of going in your old clothes.

In olden days, in Eastern countries, it was the custom for the host to provide an outer garment for his guests upon great occasions. The Lord Jesus Christ, when He was here upon the earth, told a wonderful story about a king who made a marriage for his son. The people who were first invited would not come, so the king sent his servants into the highways to bring all the poor people they could find to the feast. In they came until the hall was full. Then the king came to see the guests and immediately, amongst the great crowd of people, he saw a man which had not on a wedding garment. The wedding garments were at the door, but, probably, the man as he passed in looked at them and then at his own clothes and thought how much better were his own garments. He could not, however, escape the notice of the king and, in answer to the question, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" he was speechless. "Bind him hand and foot and take him away," said the king.

God has made a marriage for his Son and *you* are invited. Are you going to respond to the invitation? Many people say, "Yes, I would like to go and I am doing my best in the world to weave a garment that will be suitable for the occasion."

What does God say about *our* endeavours? "*All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.*" All that we can do will **not** suit God. We must take the garment which He has provided. What is that? In Luke xv. we read, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him." It is **CHRIST**. If we would go into God's presence in a suitable way, we must be clothed with **CHRIST**. Covered all over with Christ we are made suitable for God.

We read in Isaiah lxi. 10 these beautiful words, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." This is all God's providing, we have no hand in the matter whatever except just to take the garments which He gives. See to it that this is true of you, then all will be well for eternity.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am so glad to have received some papers for July. These have all been marked and entered. There are several missing for August. If this is through the holidays please do them and send in with September.

Will A. Robertson try and write the references out more carefully? W. Jackson, A. Dodds and J. Russell all left out one reference. V. Watts and I. Godley must give references.

I am so sorry W. Snaith is still suffering from eye trouble. Perhaps he can just manage to find one verse and read it—2 Corinthians xii. 9. What a message of cheer for us all!

The kind gentleman who gave Bibles last term is going to do so again, so you must all try very hard.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for October, 1935.

Subject:—Garments.

1. What things did Jonathan give to David? (1 Samuel 18.)
2. Write out the two verses which mention "garments" in Mark 11.
3. "How . . . the south wind." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Job 37.)
4. "And he . . . rose and came to Jesus." Write out the *four missing* words only. (Mark 10.)
5. What did they do with His garments? (Psalm 22.)
6. What did all the widows show Peter? (Acts 9.)
7. What is the first question asked in Isaiah 63?
8. What scripture was fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet? (Matthew 27.)
9. "Take away the filthy garments . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Zechariah 3.)
10. What is said about those who have not defiled their garments? (Revelation 3.)

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- 2nd Class.**—E. Blissett, A. Dodds, R. Dryden, S. Dryden, I. Godley, E. Henry, H. Holmes, M. Jackson, M. Nicklin, E. Roll, M. Stephenson, V. G. Watts.

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with a price:
therefore glorify
God in your body,
and in your
spirit,
which are God's.

1 Corinthians VI. 20.

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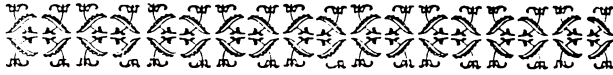
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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

YOU have all seen copies of that beautiful picture called "The Light of the World," I am sure. It was painted by a man called Holman Hunt, and the original painting is in Keble College, Oxford, England. It is very beautiful. Underneath the picture are the words: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. iii. 20).

I found this lovely description of the picture, and thought I would pass it on to you. "On the left hand side of the picture is seen the door of the human heart. It is fast barred; its bars and nails are rusty. On the locks are creeping tendrils of ivy, showing that it has never been opened. A bat hovers about; its threshold is overgrown with brambles, nettles and wild grass. Christ approaches it. He wears a white robe . . . with a crown of thorns. In His hand is a lantern; its colour is red and glowing. The light falls on the closed door—on the brambles and nettles and weeds." And the Lord Jesus is knocking at the door, and waiting so patiently for an answer. **You know, boys and girls, the Lord Jesus will never force His way into any heart. He knocks, and waits till we open the door and ask Him to come in.**

A little girl was once taken by her mother to a Gospel meeting, where she heard the people singing a hymn based on this picture. The hymn begins:—

"Knocking, knocking, who is there?
Waiting, waiting, oh, how fair!
'Tis a Pilgrim, strange and kingly,
Never such was seen before;
Ah! my soul, for such a wonder,
Wilt thou not undo the door?"

Though she was only about eight years old, the little girl was very attentive to what was said, and not only did her best to sing the hymn, but thought of what she was singing, and so she noticed how the hymn finished. The last four lines are:—

"Yes, the pierced hand still knocketh,
And beneath the crowned hair
Beam the patient eyes, so tender,
Of thy Saviour waiting there."

When the meeting had ended and they were coming away, she said, "Mother, I don't think that hymn ends right, because you see it leaves the Saviour outside at the end. I don't think it ought to end like that."

The mother saw her slip away to her bedroom when they arrived home, and it was some time before she came out. When she did appear, she went to her mother and put a piece of paper into her hand, saying, "There, mother, I think it ought to end something like that." Her mother opened the paper and this is what she read:—

"Enter! enter! Heavenly Guest!
Welcome! welcome! to my breast.
I have long withstood Thy knocking,
For my heart was full of sin,
But Thy love hath overcome me,
Blessed Jesus! Oh, come in!"

Have you let Jesus into your heart,
dear reader? E. G. C.

* * *

"The Children's Friend"

JESUS is the children's Friend,
Loving, faithful to the end;
Richest gifts from Him descend,
Joy and Peace.

Once from heaven to earth He came,
Suffered death, contempt and blame;
Died upon a cross of shame,
Crowned with thorns.

'Twas our sinful souls to save,
Thus His precious blood He gave;
Ransomed now from sin's dark grave,
We may sing.

(3) THE EAR

"And the Lord said, I have surely seen . . . and have heard."—EXODUS iii. 7.

WE have been considering the mouth and the eye; now comes the ear. In Isaiah lv. 2 we read, "Hearken diligently unto Me"; and again in verse 3, "Incline your ear, and come unto Me."

Have you ever given it a thought, dear boys and girls, that God has been speaking to YOU? Has your ear been open to the voice of Jesus to accept His invitation? God has purposed from the beginning that His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, should have a people for Himself; and even now, in spite of the treatment He received, Jesus is offering you Salvation without money and without price.

In the eighteenth of Luke, verse 11, we read of the Pharisee taking praise to himself for all that he has done as being "*Self-righteous*"; and in verse 13 we have the poor publican standing afar off and crying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." How different the thoughts of these two men, also their approach to God. What does God say? In verse 14 we have the answer, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other." Further, we read, he that "exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Well, then, be warned of judgment to come, and, like the publican, take your place as a lost sinner, own your need of a Saviour and in the words of Scripture (Romans x. 9), "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, **THOU SHALT BE SAVED.**"

PEACE, AND HOW TO OBTAIN IT

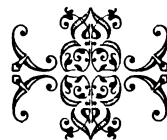
THIS word of five letters is often mentioned in the Bible, but there is one verse in Romans which I would like to draw your attention to. It is in the fifth chapter, first verse. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Now, dear boys and girls, do you know what it is to have peace with God? You may say, "I don't think I have peace with God because I don't feel very happy, and I know I would not like to meet Him."

Well, my dear young readers, you may have it, but there is only one way to get it and that is by confessing you are a lost, guilty sinner, and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. The Lord is able and willing to cleanse you from all your sins. Then, being justified by faith, you will have peace with God.

I urge upon you the necessity of coming to Christ, *now*, while it is still the day of grace. The Lord is coming again soon for those who have trusted Him as Saviour. May none of my dear young readers be left behind, but may all know what it is to have peace with God.

"Peace, peace, sweet peace,
Wonderful gift from above;
Oh, wonderful, wonderful peace,
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

B. H.





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CLEAVE to the Lord with purpose of heart. Depend on Him. There is power in Christ; there is sufficiency in Christ for all He would have you do or be. Some are allowed a long season of joy on first believing. But God knows our hearts, and how soon we begin to depend on our joy, and not on Christ. *He* is our object—not the joy.

Sin no longer remains *on* you, but the flesh is *in* you to the end: the old stock will put forth its buds, which must be nipped off as they appear. No fruit can come of it. It is the new nature that bears fruit *unto God*. But though the flesh is in you, do not be thinking of this, but *think of Christ*. As you grow in the knowledge of Christ, a joy comes, deeper than the first joy. I have known Christ more or less between thirty and forty years, and I can truly say I have ten thousand times more joy in Him now than I had at first. It is a deeper, calmer joy. The water rushing down a hill is beautiful to look at, and makes most noise; but you will find the water in the plain deeper, calmer, more fit for general use.

Cleave to Christ with purpose of heart. When my soul is *filled* with Christ, I have no heart or eye for the trash of this world. If Christ is dwelling in your heart by faith, it will not be a question with you, "What harm is there in this and that?" But rather, "Am I doing this for Christ?" "Can Christ go along with me in this?"

Do not let the world come in and distract your thoughts. I speak especially

to you young ones. They who are older have had more experience in it, and know more what it is worth: but it all lies shining before you, endeavouring to attract you. Its smiles are deceitful; still it smiles. It makes promises which it cannot keep; still it makes them. Your hearts are too big for the world; it cannot fill them. They are too little for Christ: He fills heaven, He will fill you to overflowing.

Cleave to the Lord with purpose of heart. He knew how treacherous the heart is, and how soon it would put anything in *His* place. You will have indeed to learn what is in your own heart. Abide with God and you will learn it with Him, and with *His* grace. If you do not, you will have with bitter sorrow to learn it with the devil, through his successful temptation.

But God is faithful. If you have been getting away from Him, and other things have come in, and formed a crust, as it were, over your hearts, you will not at once get back the joy. God will have you deal with this crust, and get rid of it. **Remember Christ bought you with His own blood, that you should be His, not the world's.** Do not let Satan get between you and God's grace. However careless you may have been, however far you may have got away from Him, count on His love. It is His joy to see you back again. Look at the sin with horror, but never wrong Him by distrusting His love. Mistrust not His work, mistrust not His love. He has loved you, and will love you to the end.

Talk much with Jesus. Never be content without being able to walk and talk with Christ as with a dear friend. Be not satisfied with anything short of close intercourse of soul with Him who has loved you and washed you from your sins in His own blood.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



XI

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

BEFORE you read this letter I would like you to look at the first question in your exercise this month and open your Bibles at the first chapter of Genesis. You will not have to read much before you find an answer to this question. If you have found a solution to the question, now imagine what an awful condition this world must have been in as described in Genesis i. God created the heaven and the earth. When, we are not told. We are told, however, that there was a time when "the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep." I am sure that none of us would have cared to live in such a world. In fact, as we are constituted to-day, we could *not* have lived at all. We need light and sunshine in order to live. There was darkness everywhere—not a ray of light. But God began to work, and the first thing He did was to command the light to shine. Immediately, the light shone, and what a change there must have been!

Now, after God called the light into existence, He did many wonderful things in connection with this earth, and then we read that He made man. You can read all about this in Genesis i. You probably know the story well how that man was put into the Garden of Eden to enjoy all the good things there, but Satan came along and blinded his mind. From this time Satan has been busy and is still very active in blinding people's minds lest the light of God should shine into their hearts. The Apostle Paul speaks about this in 2 Corinthians iv.

Read verses 3 to 6 and you will see that Satan's great effort is to keep people in darkness, away from the bright rays of the Gospel.

We cannot *live* like this! I mean **REALLY LIVE**. The man of the world does not *live*; no one can live until they know the Lord Jesus Christ, of whom it is said that, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John i. 4). Jesus said Himself, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John viii. 12). These are wonderful words but they are positively true. **The Lord Jesus Christ came into this dark world as the great Light from God**, and the Light did two things. *It showed what awful sinners we were and how very blind*, but **IT ALSO SHOWED WHAT A GREAT HEART OF LOVE GOD HAD FOR SINNERS**.

Do come, dear boys and girls, to the Source of this light. The Lord Jesus Christ will then fill your hearts with its rays and give you to feel that life is really worth while.

Your affectionate friend,
C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I wonder if any of you have thought where most, if not all, the things taken for our subjects this year are to be found? If not, our subject *next month* will tell you.

All the late papers which have come in for July and August have been marked.

Some of you are still making slips. E. Baxter must give chapter and verse. A. Murray and D. Hughes left out one reference. I. Mason left out two and S. Dryden three references. E. Parkinson only answered seven questions. I. Irving must do eight instead of six.

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Subject:—**Light.**

1. What was the first thing God said in Genesis 1?

2. "The people which sat in darkness saw . . ." Write out the *next two words only*. (Matthew 4.)

3. What had all the children of Israel in their dwellings? (Exodus 10.)

4. "In Him was life." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 1.)

5. Who is my light and my salvation? (Psalm 27.)

6. Who is the Light of the world? (John 8.)

7. Who shall be unto thee an everlasting light? (Isaiah 60.)

8. "For ye were sometimes." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Ephesians 5.)

9. What is said about the path of the just? (Proverbs 4.)

10. City . . . sun . . . moon. Write out the whole verse which mentions these words. (Revelation 21.)

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“SCHOOL IS OVER, NOW FOR HOME”

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IN THE HOLLOW OF ALLAH'S HAND

TWO little girls, one a Greek and one a Turk, were playing on an island in the Sea of Marmora, when a thunder-storm came up. The lightning zigzagged across the sky and it began to thunder.

"I am possessed with fear," exclaimed the little Turkish girl, "for Allah (God) is wrathful."

"Let us go back to the house," said the little Greek girl.

"No, it is too far; the storm would overtake and crush us," answered the little Turk. "I don't want to die. We must hide somewhere."

"We can't hide from God," said the little Greek. "He sees us everywhere—even in the darkest corner of a dark closet."

"I don't want to hide from God," answered the little Turk, "I want to hide from the thunder. Come! I know where we can go—to the Hollow of Allah's Hand."

Hand in hand they ran through the hard, beating rain and fierce wind to a high cliff which was partly concealed by pines. It resembled a gigantic hand, rising up, the fingers curving over and forming a protected hollow. Into this they crept and sat down on the dry sand.

While they watched the storm raging over the Sea of Marmora, the little Turkish girl said to the little Greek girl, "I believe the storm begins at the feet of Allah and ends there. and since we are sitting in the hollow of His hand, it can't hurt us."

These little girls did not know that they were illustrating the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has told us in John x. 29 that the safest place for the sinner is in the hand of God. His wrath is against sin and the little Turk was right when she said that it is the wrath of God we need to hide from, and not from God Himself. If the wrath of God falls upon the sinner, it is because he refuses to be separated from his sins by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, which cleanses us from all sin (1 John i. 7).

Those who acknowledge they are sinners in the sight of God and believe on the



A STORM AT SEA

Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross of Calvary to make an atonement for the sinner, are taken into the hand of God, for the Lord Jesus says, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one" (John x. 28-30). Washed from their sins by the precious blood of Christ and safely hidden in the hollow of God's hand, they need have no fear of the wrath of God against sin, for it cannot touch them there.

In the hollow of the hand of God my soul may
safely hide,
For 'tis there that I am sheltered by the blood
from Jesus' side,
And the wrath of God can't touch me but
'twill go on storming past,
For He'll never let go of me till He brings
me home at last.

M. E. H.
(Extracted.)



THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS

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AS we mentioned last time, we come now to the last reference to David in the Bible. I wonder how many of you have found it? It is Revelation xxii. 16. Not that we here read much about David, but rather about the One who is David's Lord, and also David's Son.

Now in human things this is impossible, but because the One who speaks here is the Son of God, He also is the Son of David. Being God He can say he is the root of David, for a root is the source from which the tree springs. Then, as becoming a man, the same person has become the Son of David, his offspring,

so that all that God promised to David might be brought to pass.

God had said to David that he would never want a man to sit on his throne (Jeremiah xxxiii. 17); also that his throne would be for ever (2 Samuel vii. 16). Now, how was this to be brought to pass? David had long since died, also his son Solomon. Both, through death, had failed to hold the throne. But turn over your Bible to Romans i. 3 and 4.

Here we read that the Lord Jesus Christ came as man of the seed of David according to the flesh. Yet He was the Son of God! This is proved by the power of resurrection. We learn, then, that the Son of God in resurrection will hold David's throne for ever. Soon He shall come forth in His glory, with all His saints (2 Thessalonians i. 10). He shall sit on the throne of His father David (Luke i. 32). He will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down, that men might seek after the Lord (Acts xv. 16). What a grand day that will be, when Jesus, the true Son of David, shall reign from the river unto the ends of the earth (Psalm lxxii.). Then will be brought to pass that which David spoke of in his last words—salvation and the everlasting covenant. *It was a great thing to share in David's kingdom, how much more to share in the kingdom of David's Lord!*

Till then we are in this world awaiting the moment when He shall appear. How then, are you going to occupy your time? We are in the night of His rejection; but, like a gleaming star, Jesus wants us to keep our eyes on His coming kingdom. Let me appeal to every boy and girl who has been following these little talks. *Are you going to be a servant of Jesus Christ? Have you given yourself to Him yet? You will find He is worthy of your all. If for the moment it might mean leaving many*

things that other boys and girls are going after, at the end it will be well worth it. My desire and prayer for you all is, that when you meet Him you will hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew xxv. 21).

Here we conclude our talks on David, trusting that you have learned from his history what blessed rewards are the portion of all who obey God's voice. He was chosen and proved faithful. May you, through grace, be among the number in the coming day.

G. D.



IT HAPPENED IN A TRAIN

ALL was bustle and hurry. The train was just going out when a mother and her tiny child came hurrying up. A porter opened the door and they were soon inside a carriage with a number of other people. The child pressed her cheek up against the window and watched for some time the objects fly pass. After being there about an hour she cuddled herself close to her mother and then in a soft voice began to sing :

"Jesus loves me, 'iss I know."

The hum of voices ceased in the carriage and looks were directed to the little one who sang unconscious of the many eyes looking at her.

"Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak and He is strong."

You could have heard a pin drop. But still the little voice went on :

"Jesus loves me, He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little one come in."

And as the child fell asleep, the last words from her little lips were :

"Jesus loves me ! He will stay
Close beside me all the way."

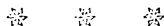
Many in that carriage wiped a tear out of their eyes as the childish hymn brought back many memories. How true it is that a little child shall lead



OFF FOR A TRAIN JOURNEY

them. Our little friend truly did in this case lead all in that carriage, for she made them think of the loving Saviour. Do you, saved boy or girl reading this, make people think of the loving Saviour? It is your happy privilege to do so.

E. G. C.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Little Missionary

A MISSIONARY'S little daughter, called E—, who had lived all her life up to 5½ years in Central Africa, had a nurse boy to wheel her out when she could not walk, and afterwards, as she grew older and had learned the native language, would very often tell Yanjibo, for that was his name, about the Bible stories she had heard from her parents. The stories were contained in her scriptural picture book.

This little girl, *though scarcely four years of age at the time*, one day turned to Yanjibo and said: "Yanjibo, do you not know that the Lord Jesus can save you?" The black boy had often heard the Gospel story of Jesus' love at the daily school where the Bible was read and explained, and when he heard this little white girl ask him such a question, he hung his head and made no answer. Soon afterwards, however, he said to his friends, "That white little girl says things that our little girls know nothing of. *She MUST love the Lord Jesus Christ.*" The simple talks set him thinking, for he began to inquire

about the way of salvation, and shortly afterwards was brightly converted.

Christian reader, remember that you are never too young to speak a word for Jesus; and if you confess Him before others He will confess *you* before His Father in heaven. **Just think of that! Jesus speaking of any of you to His Father—God.** What a joy! But should you not be a Christian you cannot have that joy until you yourself do as Yanjibo did—**believe in the Lord Jesus.** Then you can also be His little missionary in carrying His message to other boys and girls who have not yet heard of Him.

B. MCT.



The Power and Love of God

'TIS not the graceful trees,
Nor flowers that sweetly smell,
Or cornfields bowing in the breeze,
That God's blest NATURE tell.

And if we look on high,
That blue expanse above,
The stars which sparkle in the sky,
They tell us not of love.

God's pow'r, and wisdom too,
Both heav'n and earth declare;
And seas' contents, hid from our view,
Prove what we cannot share.

But if we may not share
That wisdom all divine,
Or pow'r which makes with beauty
fair
The face of nature shine:

Yet little children may
Know God's most precious love;
Praise Him for JESUS day by day,
Then endless joy above.

A. H. L.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER



XII

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

HOME! What a word so very dear to the heart of the Englishman. For those who travel much what happiness to be home again. To hear the voices—well-known voices, but there seems to be a new ring about them after an absence—and to feel the atmosphere of love! Long before the ship reaches port the traveller strains his eyes to get a first glimpse of the white cliffs, and immediately the homeland is sighted, bags and baggage are got ready so that there will be no delay in getting on shore. The traveller loves to be home again.

Dear boys and girls, are you going home? Perhaps some of you are at school away from home. You are looking forward to the holidays. What a thrill to be free from school and on the way home!

But, I ask, *are you going home?* Where is your home? You, of course, have a home here where your parents live, but can you look beyond the skies and say, "HEAVEN IS MY HOME?" I hope you can. If not, it is a very serious matter, and you ought to think it well over before you go much further.

We read very little in scripture about heaven—it is so very wonderful that words can hardly describe it. *Heaven is what it is because Jesus is there.* It will be a wonderful day when we reach that home and see the Lord Jesus Christ who by His death made it possible for us to be there. Can you look forward with such glad interest, and say, "I am going to heaven because my sins are washed away and I know Jesus as my Saviour"?

Perhaps you cannot look forward with such assurance. You know quite well that, if death should overtake you, or the Lord Jesus Christ should come to call His own away, you are not prepared. This is a terrible position, for you would be lost for ever.

We have warnings in the Bible which are as plain as possible. God speaks in unmistakable language about the portion of those who despise the provision which He has made. Week by week perhaps you listen to the Gospel—day by day things go on much the same—but you have no sense of impending danger. You are indifferent, the warnings are neglected. *Perhaps you may be lost for ever!*

Let me impress upon you that the only way of salvation is through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and your personal safety depends upon your accepting Him as your Saviour. There is no alternative way.

Make Christ your Saviour to-day and your future will not be a matter of uncertain hopes and fears. You will see a definite goal before you and you will be able to look on with real joy.

Your affectionate friend, C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS, -

We have now come to the last set of questions for the year. I wonder if any of you are sharp enough to notice something different in the way these questions are arranged? If so, write it at the foot of your next paper.

P. E. Hall, C. Thomson, F. Gray, and B. Black must give chapter and verse. P. Harkess only did five questions and C. Harkess only 7. M. Holmes and P. Battersby must now try and do six questions. J. Arnett must also do six. I am sorry some searchers are still poorly, and trust they will soon be better.

All late papers have been marked.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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*.

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

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

Questions for December, 1935.

Subject:—Home.

1. "Let them learn first. . . ." Write out the *rest* of this verse only. (1 Timothy 5.)

2. Who divided the spoil? (Psalm 68.)

3. "Then the disciples went away again. . . ." Write out the *next four* words only. (John 20.)

4. "Then He said unto him. . . ." Write out the *next seven* words only. (1 Kings 13.)

5. "Behold thy mother!" Write out the verse where these words occur. (John 19.)

6. "And Saul took him that day. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (1 Samuel 18.)

7. "And when he cometh home. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Luke 15.)

8. "Home unto thee." Write out the verse *ending* with these words. (Joshua 2.)

9. What did Jesus say unto the man who prayed that he might be with Him? (Mark 5.)

10. What did Joseph say to the ruler of his house when he saw Benjamin? (Genesis 43.)

October Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—J. Alexander, D. Anderson, J. Atkinson, C. Baxter, N. Bell, D. Blissett, M. Blissett, D. Britton, M. Britton, May Britton, M. Broadbent, L. Brown, J. Cherrie, E. Clough, M. Darby, R. Dryden, E. Falconer, P. Fraser, J. Gatenby, G. Gilbert, B. Harwood, M. Henderson, N. Henderson, P. Heshop, M. Hindspeith, C. Jackson, P. Kollerman, R. Lambert, I. Liddle, N. Lowrie, H. Lyon, A. Mathie, W. McConnell, A. Murray, P. Nicklin, J. Pickering, A. Pratt, D. Pugh, J. Punshon, F. Rennie, I. Rigg, N. Rixson, B. Robb, A. Robertson, B. Rowley, J. D. Ruzg, S. Scott, I. Sinelt, M. Snaith, A. Spence, John Stirling, K. Swain, E. White.

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Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—B. Adkins, R. Adkins, E. Allen, K. Bartlett, V. Bartlett, W. Battersby, A. Baugh, I. Beattie, J. Bell, B. Bennett, M. Blake, P. Briggs, R. Britton, G. Brooks, E. Brown, J. Burton, R. Cadwell, K. Carr, A. Chapman, S. Cheese, A. Christie, A. Clark, L. Clarke, F. Connolly, P. Corin, F. Coultas, E. Cullum, A. Dodds, G. Douglas, R. Dryden, S. Dryden, I. Eddy, D. Etherington, I. Fairlamb, M. Findlay, A. Finlay, D. Fleming, J. Flett, V. Gibbons, B. Graham, E. Graham, R. Gray, G. Hall, W. Halbylun, B. Harwood, E. Henry, J. Hobart, B. Hunter, R. Inman, I. Irving, Jas. Jobling, J. Johnston, R. Joss, D. Kemp, T. King, V. Kinniburgh, D. Lambert, V. Lancaster, E. Lansfield, E. Littlewood, R. Lowrie, D. Lyon, I. Mackie, E. Maill, N. Manser, I. Mathie, P. Mayne, R. Meyer, M. Milne, F. Moody, M. Moss, E. Myers, V. Neaves, M. Nelson, M. Nicklin, M. Nicolson, O. Oldman, J. Parker, E. Pattison, E. Paul, G. Pearson, M. Percy, J. Phillips, L. Poole, N. Pugh, J. Redpath, J. Renton, D. Rice, H. Rigg, J. A. Rogerson, M. Simm, N. Slater, W. Small, A. Sorenson, S. Sorenson, F. Stirling, E. Storey, E. Thompson, Eva Thompson, F. Watton, V. Watts, D. Webster, R. Webster, I. Welsh, D. Westwood, J. Westwood, F. Woodhouse.

2nd Class.—P. Barker, A. C. Binnie, B. Black, I. Blake, E. Blissett, G. Brown, V. Burrows, R. Docherty, M. Emery, J. Ferguson, P. Gray, P. Hall, C. Harkess, Jas. Hodgins, H. Holmes, M. Jackson, F. Liddle, M. Murray, E. Robertsshaw.

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2nd Class.—J. Arnett, J. Brayshaw, P. Harkess, E. Holmes, P. Horncastle, C. Thomson.

For ye are all
the children
of God
by faith in
Christ Jesus.

Galatians 111. 26.

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