

OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



A POLAR BEAR.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

IT is usual at this time of the year to greet your friends with "A Happy New Year," but one is afraid that the greeting may often be just a formality and there it ends.

Believe us, then, dear reader, that as we greet you with the customary expression the desire of our hearts is that the year now entered upon may indeed be a happy one in the truest sense of the word. And in order that this might be so we affectionately tell you that you need to make the acquaintance of the One who alone can fill the heart with joy and happiness.

Around you are things that attract and claim your interest, but the hymn-writer truly wrote when she penned the lines :

"The world has nothing new to give,
It has no true, no pure delight;
Look now to Jesus Christ and live,
Thou would'st be saved, why not
to-night?"

The boys and girls who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour have abundant cause for thanksgiving, and as they keep in daily touch with Him by prayer and Bible reading, enjoy the things of Heaven *now*, so they MUST be happy, because He is the One who alone gives fulness of joy.

Do you know Him in this way? If not, make your decision here and now. Tell Him you take Him to be your Substitute for sin's judgment, and thank Him for having borne God's punishment in your stead. Then you will prove the truth of our words, and your only regret will be that the Lord Jesus was not trusted earlier in life.

The wisest man who ever lived, wrote, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes xii. 1).

Act on this excellent advice, and not only "a happy New Year" will be yours, but it will be the beginning of true happiness and joy that will continue through an endless Eternity.

J. H. R.

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A "MAN OF GOD"

(I)

I WONDER how many of the boys and girls who read OUR CHILDREN have asked, "What is a 'Man of God'?" Now, without answering the question at once, we intend to write a little on every "Man of God" mentioned in the Bible, and then, I think, you will see something of what the title means. I am sure that all who write in these pages desire that their readers become men of God.

Now the first man in the Bible to have this title is Moses. What a lot has been said and written about him. From his birth to his death his life is a long interesting account of a man who always put God first. Here is the first great mark of a Man of God. Can it be said of you, boys and girls, that *you* put God first in everything?

Moses could have had all the pleasure this world offered, but we read that Christ was more to him than the pleasures. Why? Because he knew the pleasures were only for a season (Hebrews xi. 25). Then, as to the treasures in Egypt he could pass these by, knowing that the riches which God gives are far greater than all the riches of this world. If you take the trouble to read through the Epistle to the Ephesians you will find riches mentioned six times. Are you enjoying these riches? It is God's desire that you should, and it was a sense of His enrichment that led Moses to choose the reproach of Christ rather than the treasures of Egypt. We want you, like Moses, to go in for divine enrichment.

Now a day came when God wanted a man to lead His people out of Egypt, and Moses was the man whom God chose. Do you want to be used of God in His service? Be done with this world, its pleasures and its riches, and God will use you for His glory. God spoke to Moses face to face. What an honour to have God speak to us as a man to his friend; and Moses spent so much time with God that his face shone with the glory of God. All these wonderful things were his portion because he was a "Man of God," here for God, to be used by God. Make this the object of *your* life, and divine blessings will be your portion.

G. D.



ONE LITTLE SIN

IT is a beautiful, warm, summer morning, the sun shining brightly into a cosy little room in the suburbs of one of our large Scottish towns. A little, fair-haired girl, of some five years or more, sat at her mother's feet, listening eagerly while she read aloud the daily portion of the Bible. Slowly and distinctly the twenty-second chapter of Revelation is read, and each word of these first grand verses falls sweet and clear in the silence of the room.

"And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."

And, as each verse was read, the description of that fair city seemed glorious indeed to the little listening child:

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever."

The child sat breathlessly, with clasped hands and flushed cheeks, as she listened

to the revelation of the glory of the City of Light, and looking at the dancing sunbeams that streamed through the window panes, she thinks, "No candles, neither light of the sun." "Behold, I come quickly," the mother reads, and the child lifts her eyes to the blue heavens as if expecting to see them roll away, and the Lord descend with a shout, "for the time is at hand." But, then, the awful words of the next few verses filled her with dismay. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still," and the gentle voice reads on, till, pausing slightly, she ends with—

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

"For without"—oh, how that sad word pierced through the listening child, and reached her very soul, "for without are dogs," and on through the verse, ending with, "and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

"Oh! mother," cried the child, starting to her feet, and the big tears rolled down over her cheeks. "Oh! mother, mother, I will be shut out." Surprised, the mother drew the little one towards her, and placing her arms round the trembling form, asked her to tell her all.

"Will one little sin shut me out of heaven?"

"My dear child," the mother answered, earnestly, "there shall nothing enter into that fair city that defileth, and one little lie, one single stain of sin, will shut you out for ever from that beautiful city I have just been reading of."

"Then, mother," sobbed the child, "I can never go to Heaven, for I know I have told lies and sinned many times. What shall I do; will Jesus forgive me?"

Very tenderly the mother told the weeping child the sweet, old story of Jesus and His love, of how He died for sins not His own, suffering in our room



THE DAILY BIBLE LESSON.

and stead; then, turning to 1 John i., she read in the seventh verse:

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Slowly the light from Heaven dawned on that little soul, and she saw it was for her Jesus died, and His blood cleanseth "whiter than snow." And she learned that thus cleansed she could go in, pure and holy, to the heavenly city.

A. J. P.



COME TO JESUS NOW

LITTLE children, come!
Come to Jesus now,
All the work is done,
Crowns are on His brow.

Older children, come!
Enter while you may.
Open stands the door,
Do not stay away.

He will welcome you
To His loving heart,
Through His wondrous grace
With Him to have part.

And to know the love
Of His Father-God,
Love which Jesus told
Ev'ry step He trod.

Love now to enjoy,
Love in heav'n too,
And His watchful care
All the journey through.

Then for aye to be
With and like our Lord,
Where His glory shines,
Where His name's adored.

A. H. L.



LET IT PASS!

Be not swift to take offence;
Let it pass!
Anger is a foe to sense:
Let it pass!
Brood not darkly o'er a wrong
Which will disappear ere long!
Rather sing this cheery song—
Let it pass!

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PETER'S SECRET

SOMETHING wonderful had happened to Peter! Everyone at home noticed the change in him. People who came to sympathize with him over the accident which had made him a cripple, went away better and happier for having visited him. What was the secret?

That was what his mother asked him one day, when they were alone. "Peter, dear, you are different now from what you used to be, even though you belonged to the Lord Jesus before. Old Mr. Quint came in yesterday to cheer you up, and when he went away he told me it was he who had been cheered up by your patient faith and joyfulness in spite of the pain. What has made the difference, Peter?"

Peter did not answer for a few minutes, and then he whispered, shyly: "Well, you see, Mother, darling, I have asked the Lord Jesus to take all there is of me, and to use me for His Glory. Before I used to think, 'What can I say to so-and-so about my Saviour,' but now I just turn to Him, and say, 'What shall we say, Lord Jesus?' It just makes all the difference, Mother, dear, for you see it is no longer anything to do with me, but all of Him."

You see, boys and girls, Peter could now truly say, like St. Paul: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians ii. 20).

Peter did not live here on earth very long after this, but many were made better through having known him, and it was all because of this wonderful secret. Would you not like to be like him? Then make this your prayer:—

"Oh, to be saved from myself, dear Lord,
Oh, to be lost in Thee;
Oh, that it might be no more 'I,'
But Christ that lives in me." M. S.



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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Some months ago I spent a most profitable and interesting afternoon amongst the schoolboys. It was the Lord's Day. Instead of going out to the villages, I stayed at Loto. I had borrowed a book of Old Testament stories from Mrs. A., and I read some of them to the boys. They listened eagerly and attentively.

The reading finished, we sang a hymn and prayed. Ikoko came to me, and said, "Sir, these stories are beautiful." "Yes, Ikoko," I answered. "They are, truly." "I want to hear them again," he said.

Dear Ikoko seems to be going on, and growing in grace. I have asked him to address the school on Wednesday afternoon. He is one of our best boys just now. We desire earnestly that the Lord may equip him to go to his own people with these "beautiful stories," and the still more wonderful story of Jesus.

Please pray for Ikoko. Pray, too, for the many young people and old who have not been acquainted with the story of Jesus. *We count upon you young people at home to help us in our work here. We want you to feel that it is your work as much as ours.*

Let our watchword be "The Youth of Africa for Christ."

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

J. B.



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(I)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

I AM pleased to see so many of you persevering in the Scripture Searching tests. *But I wonder why there is such a long list of names at the beginning of the year and before a few months have passed the list has become so very much shorter!* Is it that when you lose marks you drop off because you think that you will not get a prize? It is a good thing to obtain a prize, but it is a great deal better to have a knowledge of the Word of God.

This is a day of many books and much reading, but a great part of what is written is not worth reading—indeed, not fit to read—and we do well to choose our reading matter with great care.

The Bible stands apart from all other books and can be read and re-read, and read again with fresh interest every time. There is no “make-up” in the Bible, but we have pictures—pen pictures drawn from human life—homely scenes lived by men and women like ourselves. There is a great appeal in the Bible—something which reaches our hearts—a personal message. Read it carefully and, when you read, think that it is a living Person who speaks to you in the Word.

This year we are going to study a little in the gospels, and I am looking forward myself to help and pleasure in reading about the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Let us join together and try to interest others to do the Scripture Searching.* It will be a blessing to your souls. People talk to-day about massing together the youth of the country, and there are all sorts of youth organizations in operation, but there is nothing to bring us together like reading the Bible. As

I look down your names from month to month I just feel as if I knew you all. We are scattered, we are all living in different parts, but we seem to be one big family.

Now I want to say that the word “gospel” comes to us from the days of that good servant of the Lord, Wycliffe. It means “Godspel”—news about God. In the four gospels we have the one gospel under four aspects. The one story of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ written by four men, each in his own way, and each guided by the Holy Spirit for a particular purpose. To know the ways of the Lord Jesus you must read all the gospels and, when you read, it will help you always to remember that

MATTHEW speaks of the KING.

MARK speaks of the SERVANT.

LUKE speaks of the SON OF MAN.

JOHN speaks of the SON OF GOD.

Your affectionate friend, C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

A very happy New Year to all of you. I hope this greeting will be received by many new searchers.

I was glad to see some new names amongst November papers, but as some of you left out references you will find your names are in Second Class. All of you please remember that chapter and verse must be given. O. Hodgins only answered five questions. D. Glendinning is in First Class for August.

I am sorry to hear L. Parsons is in hospital and trust he will soon be better.

You will see that all of our questions this month are to be found in the Gospel by Matthew, so that the searching should be easier for you now. I know a good many of you have to do home-lessons, but I trust you will not have to give up your Scripture Searching for this, as some have already informed me. The questions all being from one book, the searching should not take you quite as long to do.

My love to you all,

Your sincere 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.

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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 January, 1937.

Subject :—Matthew.

1. Why was His Name to be called Jesus? (Matthew 1.)

2. What is the meaning of Emmanuel? (Matthew 1.)

3. What did the voice say from heaven? (Matthew 3.)

4. What same three words did Jesus say to the devil three times? (Matthew 4.)

5. What did Jesus say unto Peter and Andrew? (Matthew 4.)

6. How many verses begin with "blessed" in Matthew 5?

7. What cannot be hid? (Matthew 5.)

8. "Your Father knoweth. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Matthew 6.)

9. What happens to treasures upon earth? (Matthew 6.)

10. What are we to seek first? (Matthew 6.)

November Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—J. Alexander, A. Allen, E. Allen, I. Beattie, B. Bennett, M. Blake, M. Blissett, L. Brown, J. Cherie, A. Clark, E. Clough, D. Crosby, B. Currie, G. Douglas, N. Elvidge, E. Falconer, J. Gatenby, D. Green, B. Harwood, E. Hedley, N. Henderson, B. Hunter, C. Jackson, V. Kinniburgh, D. Knox, E. Langfield, A. Mathie, J. McWilliam, E. Parkinson, L. Parsons, E. Pattison, A. Pratt, D. Proudley, D. Pugh, I. Rigg, E. Ritchie, N. Bixson, S. Scott, I. Smelt, M. Snaith, F. Stirling, Jas. Stirling, John Stirling, G. Taylor, D. Westwood, E. White, C. Woodhouse, F. Woodhouse.

2nd Class.—S. Bell, M. Broadbent, F. Davidson, J. Fairfoul, E. Frost, D. Glendinning, B. Graham, M. Hudspeth, I. Irving, V. Jones, I. Liddle, M. Thompson.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—E. Anderson, A. Baugh, H. Baugh, W. Bennett, G. Black, E. Blissett, G. Brooks, J. Burrow, J. Burton, R. Cadwell, K. Carr, S. Cheese, A. Connor, F. Connolly, F. Coultas, M. Day, I. Eddy, P. Empson, M. Francis, A. George, W. Haldane, P. Hall, M. Handyside, E. Hedley, P. Heskest, D. Hill, A. Hodgins, Jas. Hodgins, H. Holder, E. Houston, J. Houston, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, D. Kohler, F. Liddle, R. Lowrie, E. Maill, L. Mathie, W. McDonald, V. McGorrie, W. McKay, L. Melville, A. Messenger, R. Meyer, J. Montier, V. Moss, H. Munro, J. Munro, B. Myers, M. Nicholson, N. Pugh, A. Raeburn, D. Rice, G. Scott, N. Slater, A. Smith, W. Snaith, E. Storey, D. Stuart, F. Swift, E. Thompson, E. Thomson, N. Tuohy, D. Walton, V. Watts, R. Webster, D. Wraith.

2nd Class.—J. Adams, B. Adkins, M. Barclay, I. Blake, D. Coop, E. Cullum, J. Daniel, A. Dodds, G. Elson, P. Elson, J. Gasston, R. Gasston, G. Gronow, D. Hook, G. Houghton, E. Hudson, J. Lunn, R. Luxton, I. McWilliam, H. Norrie, V. Ranson, A. Redman, M. Stephenson, H. Taylor, E. Thompson, R. Turner, I. Wallis, D. Webster, J. Westwood, Doris Worthy, Dorothy Worthy, G. Worthy.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—K. Althorp, T. Baugh, B. Beckett, J. Brayshaw, M. Britton, M. Brown, A. Callan, H. Callan, J. Callan, J. Cappy, T. Caygill, B. Cherie, A. Collyer, T. Connolly, C. Cordin, D. Cumming, B. Dodds, I. Douglas, P. Edens, E. Bungblut, J. Gaddas, M. Graham, J. Hardman, P. Hepple, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, E. Hook, T. Hopkinson, L. Houston, R. Hughes, J. Jobling, J. Johnston, L. Knowles, B. Lilley, B. Lilley, M. Lilley, A. Lonsborough, W. Malcolm, A. Marria, J. McQueen, J. Mellington, J. Merritt, M. Messenger, N. Milne, J. Mitchell, J. Morris, G. Norrie, N. Percy, I. Purvis, J. Redpath, D. Rice, J. Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, B. Rohr, J. Scott, H. Shields, M. Short, T. Short, H. Simpson, Andrew J. Smith, D. Sowerby, B. Stephenson, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, M. Stuart, M. Swinburn, M. Tears, K. Tomba, D. Wilkinson, V. Williams, J. Willis, I. Witton, J. Witton, P. Wood, L. Woodhouse.

2nd Class.—J. Binnie, P. Brett, H. Colver, E. Elson, L. Emmett, A. Fisher, K. Glide, J. Henderson, C. Hodgins, B. Horton, O. Irving, F. Mohun, A. Peavor, A. Reade, J. Bevil, P. Rich, A. Smith, F. Wood, J. Worthy.

Honour all men.
Love the
brotherhood.
Fear God.
Honour the
king.

1 Peter II. 17.

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A LESSON IN NET-MENDING.

THE LOST KEYS

"HURRAH! last day of term at last—I can hardly believe it," said Mabel, as she ran lightly up the stairs to begin her packing.

"Yes; I don't ever remember such a long term before. But cheers for eight clear weeks of home now," said Sylvia, as she followed her.

"You are a lucky thing to have a home of your very own to go to. I can't go all the way to India to mine!"

"But you're going to spend the hols. with cousins, aren't you, Mabel? That will be jolly, anyhow. Poor old thing, I wish I could take you off home with me!"

"Yes; I'm going down near Bristol to my Aunt and Uncle. There will be five cousins, so it will be quite jolly. I'm off by the 8.30 to-morrow morning."

The two girls hurried over their packing, and had soon got it done, but when Mabel came to look for her keys she could not find them anywhere. "I've searched everywhere, and they just aren't anywhere at all," she said in despair, as she sat wearily down on her bed after a long hunt in every conceivable corner. "Oh, Syl., whatever shall I do? Miss Georgie says she won't let me go away for the holidays till I have found my keys. You know her; she just won't let me go to-morrow if I haven't got them. She stays on here for at least another ten days, and as Mother is in India, and can't interfere, she'll just keep me here. I know she will!"

"Yes; do you remember the Saturday she kept you in and wouldn't let you come out to spend the day with me when Mother was staying at Aldershot, because you had lost your needlework, and couldn't discover it?"

"Yes, I do!" replied Mabel, with feelings distinctly ruffled. "And I've

only just discovered the wretched thing."

"Where was it?"

"Oh, it had slipped down behind my drawer, and it was only when I took it right out to pack the things in it, that I found the needlework! Well, I don't know what on earth to do; I can't bear to think of staying on here all alone. I say, Syl.," she added, suddenly, "do you remember the verse we had to learn for Scripture the other day? 'What things soever ye ask in prayer believing'—what was it?"

"'All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive' (Matthew xxi. 22)," quoted Sylvia.

"Well, I'm going to ask God to show me where my keys are, and I'm just going to believe that He will!"

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"Have you found your keys yet?" asked Sylvia, as she and Mabel went upstairs to bed that night.

"No; but I'm just trusting God to show me where they are, and I believe He will, so I'm not worrying," was Mabel's reply.

She had a hasty look in each of her drawers before getting into bed, but without success, so into bed she slipped, and was soon fast asleep, and dreaming of the wonderful holidays she was going to have.

But things did not look so rosy the next morning, when all the other girls were hurrying to be ready to go off, and still Mabel had not found her keys. "Oh, God, show me where they are, please," she prayed earnestly. A few minutes later she pulled out a small drawer to get something, and there, right in front, were the missing keys!

Mabel could hardly believe her eyes. She had looked more than once in that very drawer—and yet there they were! "Thank You! Thank You!" she praised, as she picked them up.

"Look, Sylvia!" she triumphantly shouted, holding the keys up before the wondering gaze of her friend. "It's true that God answers prayer! Three cheers, I'll be in time to catch the 8.30, after all."

Yes, dear reader, it *is* true that God still answers prayer, and nothing gives Him greater joy than to answer the cry of a boy or girl who asks, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

M. S.

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A MESSAGE OF INVITATION

C Who invites? JESUS
O Whom does He invite? YOU
M When does He invite? NOW
E Why does He invite? TO SAVE

JESUS INVITES YOU. This is a message of invitation from the Lord Jesus Christ. He invites you because by nature you are lost and away from God. Jesus, the Son of God, came down into this world. Here on earth He walked and talked, and uttered these wonderful words which have come down to us through all the ages. "Come unto Me . . . and I will give you rest." Have you come? Have you got rest?

JESUS INVITES YOU BECAUSE YOU NEED SALVATION.

Reformation won't do. You may try to make yourself better, but that won't save you. **Only Jesus can save you.** With all your sins, in all your guilt, just as you are, come to Him and He will not only forgive but justify you freely from all things. Surely, you will accept such a gracious invitation. An invitation from an earthly monarch is counted

great honour; *how much more then should we esteem this invitation from the Lord of Glory.*

JESUS INVITES YOU NOW.

He nowhere says the invitation will hold good to-morrow. Have a care, then, how you treat this message. If you put it off it will show you are not in earnest. Think of the awful misery of eternity without Christ. Think of the unspeakable bliss of eternity with Christ. Consider these two things. Be in earnest and decide now to accept the Saviour's invitation, "Come unto Me . . . and I will give you rest" (Matt. xi. 28).

A. J. P.



AN ACT OF SAMSON (Judges xvi. 3).

A "MAN OF GOD"

(II)

THE next "Man of God" found in Scripture is in the book of Judges, chapter xiii. 6. This one we find was an angel. Now an angel is a messenger from God, and this is a great point for a "man of God." God has a lot to say to His people, and He uses men of God to carry the message. Are you fit and ready to be a messenger for Him? It means you must first be saved by faith in the Lord Jesus, and then be found waiting upon Him, like Mary, at His feet to hear His word. You will then get messages from Him to give to His people and, like this angel, be used in His service.

It was a dark day in Israel when this message came, but as we said in our last article, the "man of God" comes to light at such times. The message was to tell of a mighty man who would be born to deliver Israel from their enemies. The angel did not tell the name, but when the child was born his parents called him Samson—"son of the sun"—no doubt in remembrance of the glory of this heavenly messenger. Having delivered his message this angel goes back to God in a wonderful way. Read verses 19 and 20.

The next "man of God" is found in 1 Samuel ii. 27, and here it is a man, but his name is not given. From this we would learn that one can be a "man of God" and yet be almost unknown in the world. Yes, boys and girls, you do not need to be well known, very rich or high born, to be a "man of God." You may pass through this world unknown and yet stand for God just where you are. This man seems to come from nowhere. No name, no tribe, no town is spoken of, but he was there, ready for God to use, and he comes forward at the right time.

Again, it was a dark day, the people being led away from God, instead of to Him, causing them to serve their leaders when they should have been serving God. Listen to this, boys and girls, *you* are living in a day almost similar. All around are men who profess to be leading the people to God, but who are really leading them astray. God wants boys and girls, men and women, like this man, to warn folk of the danger and the judgment that is coming. Are you ready and willing to be used of God, to speak for Him? If you are, tell God about it, and He will instruct you what to do.

"Jesus bids us shine
Then for all around,
Many kinds of darkness
In the world are found,
Sin, and want, and sorrow,
So we must shine,
You in your small corner
And I in mine."

G. D.

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DO WHAT YOU CAN

1. Do what you can,
Be what you are ;
Shine like a glow-worm,
If you cannot like a star ;
Work like a pulley,
If you cannot like a crane ;
Be the wheel-greaser,
If you cannot drive the train.
2. Be the pliant oar,
If you cannot be the sailor ;
Be the little needle,
If you cannot be the tailor ;
Be the cleaning broom,
If you cannot be the sweeper ;
Be the sharpened sickle,
If you cannot be the reaper.
3. BUT DON'T be the wheel-greaser,
If you ought to drive the train.

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FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

"There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—Proverbs xviii. 24.

FAITHFUL. The Friend we write about is the Lord Jesus Christ. There is none so faithful as Him. He was so faithful that He went into death in order to save us from our sins. Now that He lives in Glory He is just as faithful in leading us home.

RICH. We cannot tell how rich He is. He made everything, so everything is rightly His. In Him there is enough to meet all our needs if we trust Him, and He has promised to provide for us all the way until we see Him face to face.

INTIMATE. The Lord Jesus Christ knows all about us. He sees us through and through. There is not a word we say but what He hears—not a thought of our hearts but what He knows. We can confide in Him with all our troubles and find that He is at hand to sympathize.

EVERLASTING. He is not a Friend of to-day and gone to-morrow. He is always the same and will ever be the same throughout eternity. A Friend who loveth at all times, whatever be our circumstances. We change but **He changes not—the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.**

NEAR. So near is He that we can converse. He is always ready to hear our cries and listen to our prayers. The faintest cry will reach His ears. None are too young or feeble to speak to Him. And, if we speak to Him, we will hear His voice speaking to us.

DEVOTED. Was there ever a more devoted Friend? A man may give his life for his friends, but the Lord Jesus gave Himself for His enemies. There was nothing in any of us to merit His favour, but such was His great love and devotion that He died in order to be our Friend.

"I have a Friend, whose faithful love
Is more than all the world to me,
'Tis higher than the heights above,
And deeper than the soundless sea:
So old, so new,
So strong, so true,
Before the earth received its frame
He loved me—Blessed be His Name!"

C. S. R.

PRIZE LIST, December, 1936.

Aged 14 years and over.

1. BETTY HUNTER, 22, Myrtle Park, Crosshill, Glasgow.
2. JESSIE CHERRIE, 12, Caledonia Road, Glasgow.
3. GEORGE DOUGLAS, 44, Niddrie Mains Terrace, Craigmillar, Edinburgh.
4. NANCY HENDERSON, 116, Springfield Road, Millhouses, Sheffield.

Texts.

- J. Alexander, A. Allen, E. Allen, I. Beattie, B. Bennett, M. Blissett, L. Brown, R. Dryden, N. Elvidge, C. Jackson, D. Knox, R. Lambert, E. Langfield, M. Milne, A. Pratt, N. Rixson, M. Snaith, C. Woodhouse, F. Woodhouse.

Aged 11 up to 13 years.

1. JAMES JOBLING, 34, Hucklow Road, Firth Park, Sheffield.
2. RONALD MEYER, 75, Waleran Buildings, Old Kent Road, London, S.E.
3. ALEXANDER HODGINS, Park Villa, Oastle Knock, Co. Dublin.
4. JOSEPH MUNRO, 47, Kingshurst Avenue, Cathcart, Glasgow.

Texts.

- E. Anderson, W. Bennett, E. Blissett, G. Brooks, V. Burrows, K. Carr, S. Cheese, F. Connolly, I. Eddy, M. Francis, E. Hedley, D. Hill, H. Holder, W. Jackson, E. Maill, N. Mauser, V. McGorrie, V. Moss, H. Munro, E. Myers, M. Nicolson, M. Percy, A. Raeburn, W. Snaith, E. Storey.

Aged 10 years and under.

1. JEAN MCQUEEN, 83, College Street, Aberdeen.
2. JOYCE HARDMAN, 3, Bickersteth Street, Stockton-on-Tees.
3. ERIC LILLET, 18, Conference Terrace, Whingate, Leeds.
4. BERNARD LILLEY, 18, Conference Terrace, Whingate, Leeds.

Texts.

- K. Althorp, T. Baugh, M. Brown, A. Collyer, T. Connolly, D. Cumming, D. Dewar, I. Douglas, J. Gaddas, P. Hepple, T. Hopkinson, John Jobling, M. Lilley, J. Melling, J. Merritt, N. Milne, G. Norrie, I. Purvis, John Redpath, D. Rice, J. Robertson, K. Rogerson, E. Rohr, D. A. Rugg, K. Rugg, J. Scott, T. Short, E. Simpson, D. Sowerby, M. Stuart, M. Tears, J. Willis, P. Wood.



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(II)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

IN the Gospel according to Matthew we have the Lord Jesus Christ specially portrayed as the KING. The Key to the whole book is found in the first verse of chapter one, where we read, "Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham." He came into the world as the King of the Jews and the One who was to fulfil all the promises given to God's earthly people. It is very noticeable how He was rejected from His birth. Very few people were willing to receive Him, although He came with blessing for everybody.

The wise men worshipped Him as a King, but Herod sought the young Child to destroy Him. It is very sad to think that here was Emmanuel, God with us—God come down in grace amongst men in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ—yet there was no room for Him here. He was set at nought from His earliest days. Such was the heart of man and such is man to-day. **The Saviour is not wanted!**

But, as we read on in the Gospel, it is encouraging to find how grace opens hearts here and there to acknowledge the Lord Jesus, and some men leave all to follow Him. When the call came there was an attractiveness about the Lord Jesus which could not be resisted. Many of us have proved this in our own lives. His love is compelling and, if you put yourselves under the power of that love, you, too, will find what a wonderful thing it is to follow Him.

His call to-day is to everybody—**He wants all to share the blessings which He is so ready to give.** *What is needed on our part is simple faith.* Do you believe that He is able to do all that He promises?

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to meet all the sorrow and misery of man, and it may truly be said of Him that "He went about doing good." In the eighth chapter we see how His sympathy and healing power reached out to all classes. The leper, the centurion's servant, Peter's wife's mother, the devil possessed and the crowd of sick people who were brought to Him, all found that Jesus was able to meet their need.

He had authority, too, for He stood over the raging sea, and there was a calm at His word of command—He touched the leper and there was cleansing—He touched the fever and it vanished—He commanded the evil spirits and they fled.

There was never any lack of power in Christ and there is no lack to-day. He comes with blessing, and, if you meet His compassion and love with faith, He will pour His blessing upon you.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

Our prize list this term is rather an unusual one, as most of the winners are *boys*. I wonder why? It is usually the other way round. I hope the girls will put their best into their Searching, and I hope *all* of you will search the Scriptures, not merely for earthly gain, but knowing that they are able to make you wise unto salvation. As previously, a kind gentleman has provided the Bibles for 1st prizes.

H. Calvert and R. Hall must give chapter and verse. H. Munro and E. Eungblut left out some references.

D. Pugh is in 1st class for October and May Crosby is 1st class September and October.

Please tell your friends to do the Searching, and try and send your papers in a little bit earlier each month.

Your loving friend,

R. M. A.

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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 February, 1937.

Subject:—Matthew.

1. Ask. Seek. Knock. What will happen if we do these three things? (Matthew 7.)

2. At what gate are we to enter in? (Matthew 7.)

3. What does a good tree bring forth? (Matthew 7.)

4. Why did the house fall not? (Matthew 7.)

5. Why did the house fall? (Matthew 7.)

6. Who followed Jesus? (Matthew 8.)

7. Who worshipped Jesus and what did He say? (Matthew 8.)

8. What did Jesus say to the centurion about his faith? (Matthew 8.)

9. What did Jesus say to a certain scribe? (Matthew 8.)

10. What title did the devils give Jesus? (Matthew 8.)

December Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—J. Alexander, A. Allen, E. Allen, I. Beattie, S. Bell, B. Bennett, M. Blake, M. Blissett, L. Brown, J. Charrie, E. Clough, F. Cowle, F. Davidson, G. Douglas, N. Elridge, E. Falconer, B. Graham, D. Green, E. Hedley, N. Henderson, J. Houston, M. Hudspeth, B. Hunter, I. Irving, C. Jackson, V. Jones, V. Kinniburgh, D. Knox, B. Langfield, I. Liddle, M. Milne, E. Pattison, A. Pratt, D. Pugh, I. Rigg, N. Rixson, A. Robertson, J. D. Rugg, S. E. Scott, I. Smelt, M. Snaith, M. Spencer, John Stirling, M. Thompson, D. Westwood, E. White, C. Woodhouse, F. M. Woodhouse.

2nd Class.—P. Heslop, E. Parkinson, L. Parsons.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—B. Adkins, E. Anderson, G. Anderson, H. Baugh, W. Bennett, I. Blake, E. Blissett, G. Brooks, N. Burn, V. Burrows, B. Cadwell, K. Carr, S. Cheese, F. Connolly, F. Coultas, M. Crosby, I. Eddy, M. Francis, A. George, P. Hall, M. Handyside, E. Hedley, P. Heskett, D. Hill, A. Hodgins, Jas. Hodgins, H. Holder, D. Hook, G. Houghton, E. Houston, B. Hunter, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, D. Kohler, F. Liddle, J. Lunn, R. Luxton, D. Lyon, E. Mail, W. McDonald, V. McGorrie, W. McKay, L. Melville, A. Messenger, B. Meyer, J. Montier, V. Moss, J. Munro, A. Mutch, E. Myers, M. Nicolson, H. Norrie, A. Raeburn, A. Redman, D. Rice, G. Scott, N. Slater, A. Smith, W. Snaith, R. Stirling, E. Storey, F. Swift, R. Turner, D. Walton, J. Wass, F. Watton, V. Watts, D. Webster, R. Webster, J. Westwood, Dorothy Worthy, D. Wraith.

2nd Class.—A. Baugh, R. Hall, E. Hudson, H. Munro, N. Pugh, D. Stuart, N. Teague, Doris Worthy.

Age 10 years and under.

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2nd Class.—H. Calvert, T. Caggill, L. Emmett, E. Eungblut, K. Glide, J. Henderson, W. Malcolm, P. Rich.

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of our Lord and
Saviour
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"JESUS SAVES!"

"We have heard the joyful sound;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell the message all around;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!"

HOW often you have sung these words! Let me tell you about a poor, sinful man in London, and how he found that "**Jesus Saves.**" He lived in a dirty slum with his wife and his little girl. She used to go every Sunday to a big Sunday School, where she heard about the Lord Jesus, and where she had learned to love Him. *How she longed that her daddy should love her Saviour, too,* and be changed from the drinking, cursing man he was, into a man, such as those she met at the Sunday School. Often little Lorna prayed for her daddy, but he would never listen when she tried to talk to him about the stories she had heard at Sunday School, and only aimed a blow at her if she began singing a chorus or a hymn.

But one day this poor man became ill, and slowly he grew worse and worse. Oh, how afraid Lorna was lest he should die, and go to be with Satan for ever and ever. At last she could bear it no longer, and, creeping out of the house late one evening, she went to see the preacher she sometimes met at Sunday School, and begged him to come to see her daddy. "Please, please, will you come to see father before he dies?" she begged; so the preacher put on his hat and went with her.

When they reached the poky little place which Lorna called "home," she brought him inside, but meeting her mother on the stairs, the woman exclaimed: "He will never see *you*, sir. He only curses preachers." But still they went on, and when they stood outside the door of her daddy's room, Lorna slipped quietly away, while the preacher man called out: "May I come

in and tell you about an inheritance which has been left you?"

"Come in," replied the man, full of curiosity and excitement; but when he saw who his visitor was, he began to curse and swear. The visitor was not going to be put off so easily, and told him about the wonderful inheritance prepared for him in Heaven because the Lord Jesus had died for him. Still the man cursed and swore, so his visitor could do nothing but turn and go home. After he had left the room, the sick man called after him, but the preacher was then out of the house. The man could not forget the words spoken to him, and, in answer to Lorna's prayer, the Holy Spirit of God was working silently in her daddy's heart, convicting him of his sin, and his need of a Saviour.

Three days later, he called Lorna, and told her to fetch the preacher to see him again. Once more she stood outside his door, and begged him to come to see her father. "*He wants to see you this time,*" she said; so the preacher went with her. Oh, what a different welcome he received this time! The man neither cursed nor swore, but cried out to be told about Jesus, the Saviour of sinners. How the preacher rejoiced, as he told about the Son of God, who had loved this poor, sinful man, and given Himself even for him; and then to hear the confession of Jesus from his lips. When he left the house this time, he was begged to come again, and as he walked away, he could hear a little childish voice singing, as she sat beside her daddy:—

"We have heard the joyful sound;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell the message all around;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!"

M. S.



THE LITTLE PREACHER

THE shortest sermon I ever heard was preached by the shortest preacher I ever saw, on a small steamer on the river St. Lawrence in Canada. Ever since the boat left the wharf I had been amused by hearing a clear, high-set voice asking questions, one after another, as fast as the little tongue could go.

A policeman took his place beside the little boy, who turned up his dear, sweet face, and said :

"Are you a policeman?"

"Yes," answered the man, looking at him kindly.

"Why are you a policeman?" was the next question.

The policeman gave a puzzled laugh, but took out the key of the patrol box and a pair of handcuffs, and told him

they were to put on bad boys when he took them away.

"You won't take me away," said the little fellow bravely, looking him straight in the face.

"No, my boy, I won't take you; but whom do you belong to?" asked the big man, still smiling at the mite.

"I BELONG TO JESUS," said the child.

The big policeman went very red in the face, and, rising very hurriedly, left his seat.

I will never forget that little preacher and his little sermon.

The sermon was only four words. Little reader, could you preach it?—"I BELONG TO JESUS."

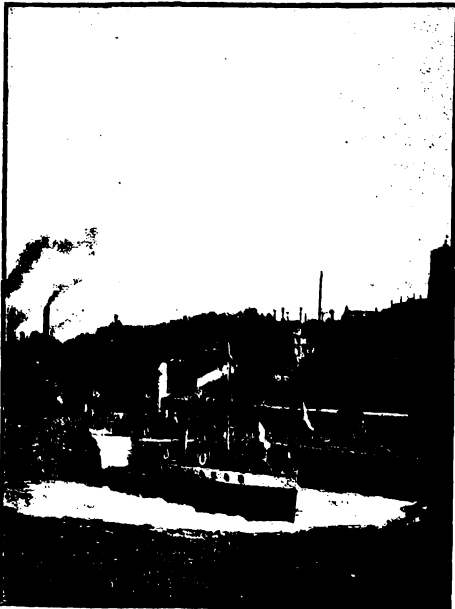
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A "MAN OF GOD"

(III)

OUR next "Man of God" is one who, I think, will be well known to all of us, Samuel, the prophet. How much has been said about this great man, and rightly so. Two great things seemed to mark him all his life: **an opened ear to hear the voice of God, and an obedient heart to do what God said.** Here, indeed, are two very important things for a "Man of God." This seems to be first spoken of him by Saul's servant in 1 Samuel ix. 6. He knew that Samuel was a man who had the word of the Lord and could help them when they knew not what to do.

How wonderful it is, boys and girls, to have the Lord speak to one in secret so that one need never be at a loss to know what to do. Besides, one can help others when they are not sure what course to take. A boy or girl who *hears* God's word and *does it* is sure to



A RIVER STEAMER.

be blest themselves and also be a blessing to others.

Another remarkable thing said about Samuel was that the Lord let none of his words fall to the ground (1 Samuel iii. 19). Be sure of this, Christian reader ; if you speak the word of the Lord it will stand. Did not the Lord Jesus Himself say, "Heaven and earth shall pass away : but My words shall not pass away" (Mark xiii. 31). Whatever else we say will pass away, but the Lord's word, never. Is it not then well worth while to learn to speak God's word, for "**the word of the Lord endureth for ever**" (1 Peter i. 25).

One other thing to notice about Samuel is that he began from his youth to be a "Man of God." Now if I was to ask you, "How old do you think one should be to start to serve the Lord?" what would you say? I will tell you what I would say. The best time is *now*. Begin at once, get into the Lord's presence and ask for help and guidance to show you what is right, and to give you grace *to do it* ; to show you what is wrong and to give you grace *to flee from it*. Read your Bible, for the Lord speaks to us by the Scriptures, and in this way you will be fitted to serve Him. I am sure it is in this way that men of God are formed.

G. D.



A PRICELESS SUPPER

SEVERAL years ago I was cycling in the British West Indies from Hamilton City to Boaz Island when I had a most unusual experience. Arriving at my destination in the evening supper was ordered at a café. Within a few minutes the supper was served, when it was observed that the proprietor was not the usual coloured native but a genial Englishman. Having eaten and rested,

I asked the charge for the food, and prepared to pay, when to my amazement the payment was refused. Upon asking the reason for this, I was informed that it was the proprietor's birthday, and that one day every year he made it a rule to celebrate the anniversary by having a free day in his business. Of course I thanked him and wished him "many happy returns."

Then I began to think on these lines. Here am I a stranger in a strange land, without any claim or merit, the recipient of food, hospitality, and kindness, from a stranger. Then my mind was occupied with two words, **SUPPER** and **PRICELESS**. Had not God provided for unworthy strangers a great supper, and is it not priceless so far as the receiver is concerned? Luke xiv. 16 says that "A certain man made a great supper, and bade many." What is spoken of here is the supper of salvation, and it is priceless because it is impossible to put a price upon it. All the wealth of the world could not buy it, but the shed blood of **JESUS CHRIST** has paid the price for you, so that you may have salvation with eternal security freely. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans vi. 23).

Just as I had food without price, so may you have eternal life through God's grace for the taking. If you know not the Lord as your Saviour, why not come now and banquet with the King of kings before the door is shut and you are too late? Acts xvi. 31 says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." May you do so now.

W. S. H.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

IT took no small courage for those 102 Christian men and women to go on board the *Mayflower*, a tiny vessel of 180 tons, and sail hundreds of miles across the stormy Atlantic Ocean, to land they knew not where, if ever they landed at all.

They set sail on September 6th, and landed on December 21st, 1620. What a wearisome fifteen weeks it must have been! Nowadays big steamers, ranging up to 80,000 tons, race over the ocean in less than four days. How tired of the voyage these poor people must have been!

With what relief they must have first beheld the land. They landed in Massachusetts Bay, where they founded the town of New Plymouth. From that small but important beginning sprang the New England States.

They fled from religious intolerance in England, and whilst they claimed fullest religious freedom for themselves, alas! they denied it to others, and persecuted in their turn.

It is only by keeping close to the Lord Jesus that our spirits will be kept gracious and gentle, and we shall be like our Master. Yet we must ever honour the memory of these brave men and women who desired, at the cost of exile from their native country, and all the dangers and privations of a foreign land to be free to worship God according to their consciences. Their struggles and trials have long been over. **May we be found in our turn faithful and true to the One who has saved for ever, every one who trusts in Him.**

SOMEBODY ELSE

WHO is "Somebody Else?" I should like to know;

Does he live in the north or south?
Or is it a lady fair to see

Whose name is in everyone's mouth?
For Meg says, "Somebody Else" will sing,

Or "Somebody Else" will play,
And Jack says, 'Please let Somebody Else'

Do some of the errands to-day."

If there's any hard or unpleasant task,
Or difficult thing to do,

'Tis always offered to "Somebody Else,"
Now isn't this very true?

But if some fruit, or a pleasant trip,

Is offered to Dick or Jess,
We hear not a word about "Somebody Else,"

Why? I will leave you to guess.

The words of cheer for a stranger lad,
These "Somebody Else" will speak;
And the poor and helpless, who need
a friend,

Good "Somebody Else" must seek.
The cup of cold water in Jesu's name,
Oh! "Somebody Else" will offer,
And words of love for a broken heart
Brave "Somebody Else" will proffer.

There are battles in life we only can
fight,

And victories, too, to win;
And "Somebody Else" cannot take our
place

When we shall have entered in.
But if "Somebody Else" has done His
work.

While we for our ease have striven,
'Twill only be fair if the blessed reward
To "Somebody Else" be given.

(From "Wise unto Salvation.")



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(III)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

WE saw last month that the Gospel by Matthew presents the Lord Jesus Christ here amongst His own people in all His grace and power. His great heart of goodness went out to all classes, and it is wonderful how the needy thronged around Him.

But, as you read the ninth chapter, you will see that the chief people accused Him of blasphemy because He forgave a man his sins, they found fault because He sat with sinners, and they complained because He cast out devils. How dark was the heart of man! And how the leaders of the people were filled with their own respectability! They looked down upon the poor sinner. They were religious, certainly, for they kept the feasts and were devoted to all outward forms of religion. But Jesus declared plainly—"They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick . . . I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Strange it is that man preferred his own way, and it is just the same to-day. The grace of God is despised because it honours God and makes nothing of man. *If the blessing you would have, you must take the sinner's place.*

So Jesus laboured on, meeting the exercise of faith and filling up the moments with acts of grace and goodness. "Come unto Me," said He, "all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is

light." What glorious words! But the people were persistent in their refusal—they would rather have their own ways of darkness. In the twelfth chapter the leaders again accused Him because His disciples plucked the corn on the Sabbath day, and because He relieved a needy man on the Sabbath. Jesus, however, quietly withdraws Himself from them.

He came in the first place to His own people, but, as they refused Him, His great heart of compassion went out to everybody. This is where we come in. We, as poor Gentile sinners, can claim His blessing, for, if you read chapter xiii., you will find that the word is scattered in all the world, and is not confined to the limits of Israel. The Gospel is preached to-day for everybody, both Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, young and old. *All* are invited to partake of the blessings which are so freely offered in the Gospel. All barriers fall before Him, and the time is quickly hastening on when the peoples of every clime and race and tongue shall bow down before Him and call Him Lord.

Your affectionate friend, c. s. r.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am very pleased to welcome so many New Searchers, especially the younger ones, and I should like to remind you that you may answer ANY six or eight questions, according to your age.

Always look over your papers before sending them in. Some of you have forgotten to do this, as D. Glendinning left out one reference, and R. Fisher only answered seven questions. Several new Searchers have given correct answers but no chapter or verse. This must be given for each answer. W. E. Best must give correct age.

M. Crosby was in 2nd Class for October and 1st Class for December. No paper was received for November.

We do not print the names of those who receive prizes for two certificates. Some of you have written as to this.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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In addition a text will be given to Searchers who are in 1st class for the half-year. Two texts so gained will entitle Searchers to a Consolation prize. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

Questions for March, 1937.

Subject:—Matthew.

1. What did Jesus say to the sick of the palsy ? ((Matthew 9.)
2. What did Jesus say unto Matthew ? (Matthew 9.)
3. Whom did Jesus come to call to repentance ? (Matthew 9.)
4. What are we to pray the Lord of the harvest ? (Matthew 9.)
5. What was the second thing Jesus said about the sparrows ? (Matthew 10.)
6. Who is greater than John the Baptist ? (Matthew 11.)
7. To whom did Jesus say "Come unto Me" ? (Matthew 11.)
8. What did Jesus know ? (Matthew 12.)
9. Why did Jesus do not many mighty works ? (Matthew 13.)
10. When did Peter say, "Lord save me" ? (Matthew 14.)

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

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to forgive us
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1 John 1. 9.

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THE KING OF BEASTS.

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THREE ENEMIES: AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM

YOU all know well the story of how

David when he was a shepherd boy, saved a lamb of his flock from a lion and a bear, killing them both (1 Samuel xvii. 34-36); but I wonder whether you who read this have ever thought of yourself as being like that lamb. You may say that there are no lions or bears wandering about loose in this country, seeking whom they may devour, but I want to tell you about even more dangerous enemies than these wild animals are a picture of; and we can add to them another which we read about in the New Testament (John x.), i.e., the wolf.

These three enemies do not want to devour our bodies, but, what is much worse, they want our souls. They do not wish you to come to Jesus and have your sins washed away in His precious blood, so that you may become one of His lambs or sheep.

Now, who are these enemies?

The first and foremost is the great, roaring lion. "Your adversary [or enemy] the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter v. 8). **Satan will do all he can to keep you from coming to Jesus. He will tell you there is plenty of time, you are so young, and it will spoil all your pleasure and happiness if you become a Christian. That is one of his lies, for it is the Christians who have the most reason to be happy and who have joys that are not mere passing pleasures.**

The other two enemies, the bear and the wolf, are closely allied with the lion and are under the command of the king of beasts, as we are speaking of them.

The bear does not pounce on his prey as the lion does, but he comes up very close until he can put his great arms round it and gives it a hug that squeezes the life out of it. You have heard of a "bear's hug," have you not?

Well, I think the bear may picture for us an enemy that is very close to each of us, and that is—self. It is spoken of in the Bible as "the flesh." **Self-pleasing and self-satisfaction are some of the things that keep boys and girls, and older people too, from coming to Christ. Perhaps you are satisfied with your own goodness as you compare yourself with others and do not feel the need of a Saviour.**

Poor silly lamb! *None but the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep can save you.* And these enemies are just as strong and you are just as weak even when you have been saved, so that you need to keep very, very near to the Shepherd. He who has saved you will keep and protect you. Do not trust to your own strength, for if you do you are sure to fall and grieve the Lord Jesus who loves you so much.

Then there is the third enemy, and you say, What can the wolf mean? Well, he is a much more sly customer than either of the others; he creeps in so noiselessly, before you are ever aware of his presence, and so he is a picture for us of the world. This great enemy keeps many a heart back from Christ and hinders many of those who are saved from being out and out Christians. He creeps in by things that seem to be of no harm: fine dresses, the party, the show, or maybe the dance or the cards.

In countries where there are wolves they are always most dangerous in the time of snow. And so it is when the Christian's heart gets cold and he gives up reading his Bible and praying and does not think much about Jesus, that he turns to the world and its pleasures

and amusements to try to find satisfaction there. Beware of the wolf!

Not even the wolf can pluck one of the sheep out of the hand of the Shepherd (John x. 28), but he can, and alas, often does spoil the life and hinder any bright testimony to Him who gave His life for the sheep.

The world, the flesh and the devil are too strong for you, but the weakest child who believes in Jesus has His almighty power to count upon, and He is "able to save" and "able to keep."

E. W. T.



A "MAN OF GOD"

(IV)

THIS time we are going to speak of two "Men of God," for they come very close together. They are found in 1 Kings xii., xxii., and xiii. 1. A very serious state of things had come to pass in Israel. The twelve tribes had divided. Two had Rehoboam for their king whilst ten had Jeroboam. Civil war was about to break out between these two kings, but the Lord would not allow it. Hence we find in chapter xii. a "Man of God" is sent to Rehoboam, and in chapter xiii. another is sent to Jeroboam. Again, we find that no matter how bad things are, God can always find a man who will stand for Him. Shemaiah is the name of one, but no name is given us of the other.

Now the question may be asked, which of these kings was right and which was wrong? The answer surely is that both were wrong. No doubt Jeroboam was worse than Rehoboam as we shall see, but both were wrong before the Lord. It is easy to talk, when one is wrong, of someone worse than oneself, but if one is wrong before the Lord, it were better to get right than look for someone worse. The Lord sends

Shemaiah to tell Rehoboam he must not fight with his brethren, but he has also to send to Jeroboam because he had set up idol worship. Idol worship is a very serious thing in the Lord's eyes. Take care, boys and girls, that you do not have idols. If you serve anything in this world that keeps you from serving God, it is an idol. Pleasure, sport, fame, wealth, etc., are idols, for men serve such things instead of God. We are warned in 1 John v. 21 to keep *ourselves* from idols.

Now in this division of the tribes some were on Rehoboam's side and some on Jeroboam's. Suppose you had asked the two men of God, "Whose side are you on?" What do you think they would have said? I feel sure this would have been their answer, "I am on the Lord's side." This is the answer, boys and girls, that *we* should be able to give.

In a day when men are choosing their leaders and whom they will serve, you make the choice of a "Man of God" and serve the Lord (Joshua xxiv. 15).

G. D.



THE TWO "I DO'S"

HERE is a little talk about God. You know God made you, and He loves you. He wants you to please Him all the time. No one can hide from God, for He sees you all the day. If darkness comes and you sleep He sees you just the same. He does not like the bad things you *do*, or *say*, or *think*, when you go your "own way." These things are sins, and God must punish sin.

It must be cleared away from our lives every day. His dear Son, the Lord Jesus, came down to bear the load of our sins, and the punishment they deserve, and to make us fit to live with Him for ever, in His happy Home where sin can never come.

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ADA AND HER LITTLE PET.

THE TWO "I Do's"—*continued*

A very little girl was stamping an angry foot on the nursery floor one day, crying, "I will, I will." "What do you mean, Ada?" said nurse. "I mean it for naughtiness, I do."

In a short time, while nurse was busy, Ada ran into a corner, hiding a red face in her pinny, and sobbing out her sorrow to the One she had forgotten in her passion.

"Oh! Jesus!—Oh, Jesus. I meant it for naughtiness, I did—I do thank you that you was punished 'stead of me. The Bible says, You came from Heaven that we might have our sins forgiven. Oh, Jesus! thank You, thank You! Thank You! I mean it. I do."

From that day, Ada's obedience showed that she meant it.

"Repentance is to leave
The sins we loved before;
We show that we in earnest grieve
By doing so no more."

What about you, young reader?

E.

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FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

A LOVING ACT

LET me tell you of a lovely story I read the other day. An old, old woman, with a bundle on her back, and walking slowly along the street, sat down on the curbstone to rest awhile. Her clothes were very poor, although she was clean and tidy. On her wrinkled old face, too, there was a sweet smile.

All of a sudden, three children, the eldest about nine, came and stood before

her. They did not say anything, but smiled. The old woman suddenly lifted her apron to her face and wiped a tear away. Then the little girl of nine stepped forward, and asked, "Are you sorry you have not got any children?"

"I had children once," whispered the old woman, "but they are all dead,"—and then she sobbed.

"I am awfully sorry," said the little girl, as her own chin quivered. "I'd give you one of my little brothers here, but I have only got two, and I don't believe I would like to spare one."

"GOD bless you, my child, GOD bless you forever," sobbed the old woman, and for a full minute she bent her head and continued sobbing.

"But I will tell you what I will do," said the child seriously. "You may kiss us all once, and if little Ben is not afraid, you may kiss him four times, for he is just as sweet as any candy."

To the utter amazement of the passers by the three well dressed children put their arms round the old woman and kissed her. They did not know the kindness in the heart of a child, or hear what the old woman said as the children left her. Her words were, "Oh, children, I am only a poor old woman believing I had nothing to live for, but you have given me a lighter heart than I have had for ten years."

Remember, young Christian, what a lovely thing to have is a tender heart. As you love Jesus, ask Him, and He will touch your heart to do many kind and loving deeds, and so lead others to think of His wonderful love which led Him to die on the Cross for guilty sinners.

E. G. C.





Scripture Searchers' Corner

(IV)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

THE chapters of Matthew's Gospel which we read this month show plainly that the hatred of men was rising very quickly against the Lord Jesus Christ, and dark shadows—shadows of the cross—were showing themselves upon His pathway. Time and again He told His disciples what would happen at Jerusalem but they failed to understand. The Lord came into the world with one object, and that was to save the lost. This was only possible by Himself going into death. To this end God was allowing the wickedness of men to accomplish His own plan.

Faith is a great thing in these chapters and is the handle by which we open the door into blessing. In the fifteenth chapter we read the wonderful story of the Syro-Phœnician women whose humility and faith are an example to each of us. She came to Jesus with a great sense of her own unworthiness, and she was ready to take the lowest place. It is people like this who get the blessing and before whom all the bounty of heaven is placed. God has rich provision for those who turn to Him in faith.

And we see, too, that Jesus not only wanted to bless "grown-up" people, but His great heart went out to little children. He was displeased when the disciples rebuked those who brought the little ones. The disciples did their best to keep the children away. "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me," said Jesus. He still calls to-day to the boys and girls. None are too young for the Lord Jesus Christ. You may not

understand much about the way of Salvation, but the Lord Jesus wants you to come to *Him*.

At this time the Lord was on His way to Jerusalem. He had travelled all over the land of Palestine—wrought miracles of mercy, and told out all the love of God for man, but He was rejected. The Jews would not have their King and they crucified Him. For a throne they gave Him a cross. For a crown they gave Him a crown of thorns. But, by His death, He has opened up the way of blessing—the way of salvation.

Dear boys and girls, this salvation is for *you*. It is to be obtained by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Is it not a simple thing to trust the Lord Jesus? Then why not trust Him now?

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

As some of the February questions were rather difficult I have given marks where perhaps the answers are not quite correct. The Scribe in Matthew 8. 19, said, "Master, I will follow thee," but we are not told whether he actually did follow the Lord Jesus. I wonder how many boys and girls have merely said or even sung these words without meaning them?

A. Russell, K. Bates, E. Mead, G. Nesbit, L. Robbins, R. Armstrong, G. Careysforth and N. Bell have lost marks through not giving chapter and verse; V. Kinniburgh and M. Day left out one question. M. Greig left out one reference.

I am glad so many January papers have come, even though rather late, as this shows interest.

I have heard of one girl who said, "the prize isn't everything." No, dear boys and girls, if we gain *all* the prizes and lose our own soul—what then? Before finishing your searching this month will you read Mark 8. 36 and Romans 6. 23?

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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

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Questions for April, 1937.

Subject:—Matthew.

1. What did Jesus say about the woman's faith? (Matthew 15.)

2. What was the first thing Jesus did when He took the loaves and fishes? (Matthew 15.)

3. "Except ye be converted. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Matthew 18.)

4. What has the Son of man come to do? (Matthew 18.)

5. "Even so. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Matthew 18.)

6. What did Jesus say about two or three gathered in His Name? (Matthew 18.)

7. What did Jesus say about little children? (Matthew 19.)

8. "With God . . . are possible." Write out the two missing words only. (Matthew 19.)

9. What did the Son of man come to do? (Matthew 20.)

10. What did the blind men do when they received their sight? (Matthew 20.)

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from the Lord
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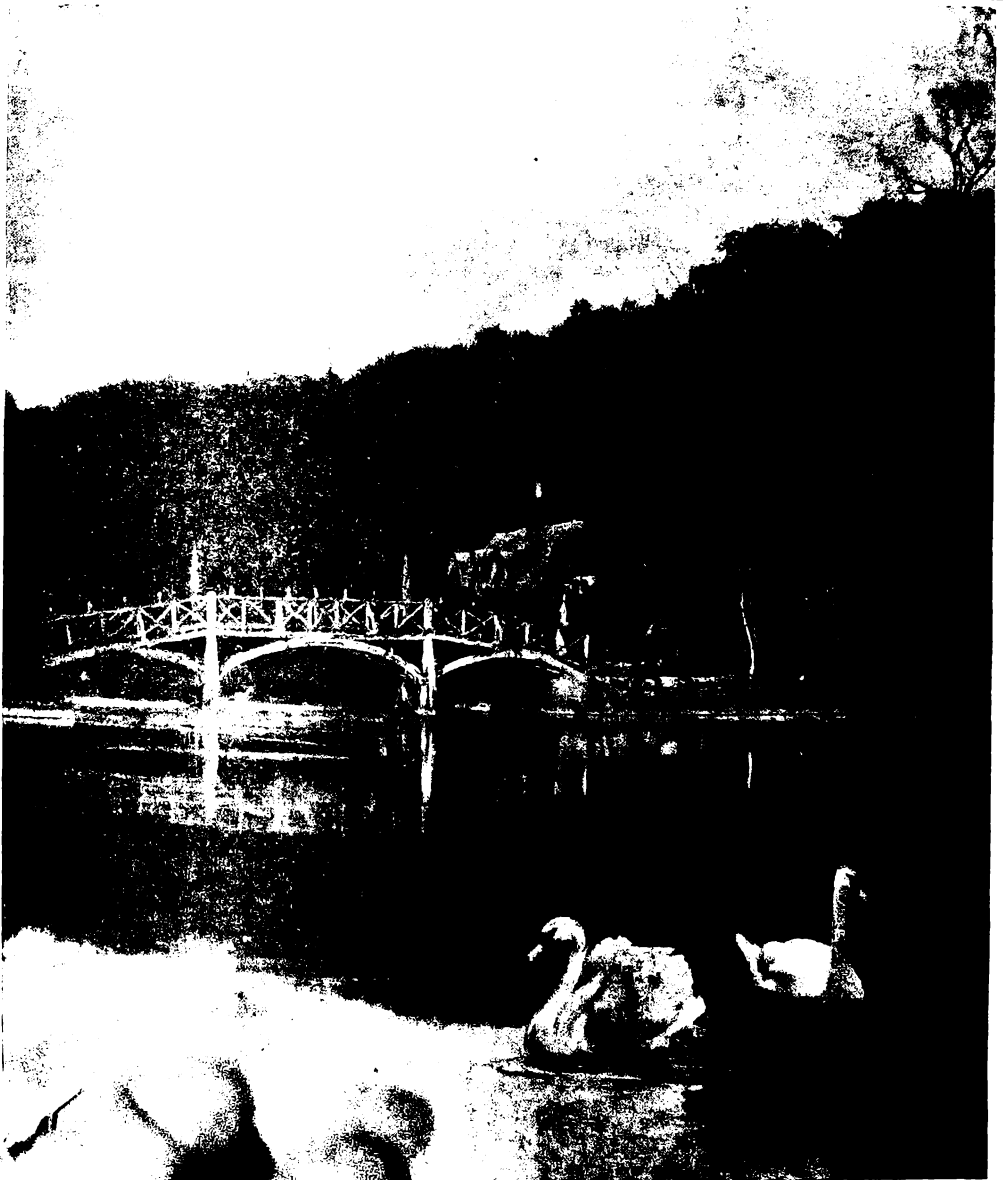
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OR

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

MORE than half a century ago a little six-year old boy went for the first time to school. It was the hour of the Scripture lesson, and old Mrs. B., head of the school, was saying, "Children, if you are good, God will love you, but if you are naughty, God will not love you!"

Suddenly, the voice of the little new comer rang through the classroom—"Oh, Mrs. B.," he cried with solemn earnestness, "that is not true. Papa says that God loves sinners and sent His Son to save them."

Astonished, Mrs. B. corrected the little fellow for having interrupted and, strangely agitated, soon brought the lesson to a close. But the child's words kept ringing through the soul of this well-meaning teacher, who had for years been seeking by means of a good life to merit the love and favour of God, yet who remained conscious that in spite of all her effort she was still a sinner in the eyes of a holy God.—"God loves sinners, and sent His Son to save them!"—"Can it possibly be true," she mused, "that God loves me, a sinner?" And, undaunted by the long walk it entailed, Mrs. B. resolved to visit the parents of her new pupil, and was soon seated in earnest conversation with the child's father. She related the incident of the previous morning, adding that her object was not to complain, "but," she continued rather diffidently, "I want to ask, do you really teach your children that God loves sinners, and can it possibly be true?"

Gladly this Christian man showed from the Scriptures God's wonderful

love to sinners, emphasizing that God, although holy and hating sin, yet "commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Also that we must come as sinners, for "He looketh upon men," and if any say, "I have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not! He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light." That "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"; that "We love Him because He first loved us."

Thankfully this thirsty soul drank in the good news, turning from the plague of her own heart to the Saviour who came to seek and save the lost. She went on her way rejoicing, able now to tell the children of "the kindness and love of God our Saviour," who saves us "not by works of righteousness which



ROMPING HOME FROM SCHOOL

we have done, but according to His mercy through Jesus Christ our Saviour."

And the little boy who on that day had preached his first sermon was destined by God's grace to preach many more. For, constrained in early manhood to a whole-hearted devotion to the Saviour whose love he had so early realized, he eagerly spread the glad tidings in earth's dark places, until from India's burning heat, at the early age of 33, he was called to his reward.

Do you know this Saviour, and have you yet spoken of Him to others?

J. D.

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A STORY FOR "OUR CHILDREN"

ONE day a little Indian girl was walking in the wood, when she saw some sparrows sitting on a bough of a tree.

This brought to her mind the verse in the Bible about the sparrows (Luke xii. 6), and as she was saying it to herself she came across a poor little girl who was starving; so this little Indian girl took the other little girl to her Indian cottage, and gave her some food and money.

Then she started to tell her about Jesus, and how He called the little ones to His knee. Then, when she had finished this little talk, she let the other little girl go home. A few days after the two met again, and the poor little girl told the Indian girl how she and her family had been converted through her, and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. F. (aged 8).

[How many have you told of Jesus and His dying love, young Christian reader? Soon, the day of such privileges will pass, so ask the Lord to give you grace to be a true witness NOW.—EDITOR.]

A "MAN OF GOD"

OUR next "Man of God" is Elijah.

He stands out in Scripture as a witness of the great power of prayer (James v. 17). This is another great mark of a "Man of God." Israel, during his days, had the worst of all their king's ruling over them, Ahab by name. He made the children of Israel sin very wickedly before the Lord.

However, once again in these evil days, God had a man ready to do His bidding, and so Elijah is brought forward. Now Elijah did not begin by speaking to the people, but by speaking to God, and the result was there was no rain for three and a half years. This, no doubt, was wisely ordered, for the people were worshipping many false gods, and the drought and famine would teach them who the true God was. He it was who sent the rain and sunshine, producing their food, and the people soon found that the gods they worshipped could not give them either.

Now, boys and girls, here we see one great reason why we should serve the Lord, for all our food comes from Him. Do you give thanks for your food at table? You should, for God has given it to you. It is just as true that *all* our needs are met by God, and we ought to give Him thanks for everything. Israel had to find this out through a famine, and when in heart they turned to the Lord, He sent rain, proving in truth He was God.

Elijah said, "If the Lord be God follow Him," and very wisely the people decided to follow the Lord and not Baal. In Psalm lxxxiv. 11, we read, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Be sure that if you serve the Lord faithfully, He will see that your needs are met (Luke xii. 29-31).

Elijah's life ended by his being taken to heaven in a chariot of *glory*. What a grand finish to his life of service for the

Lord! Would you not like to end up like that? Well you can, for soon the Lord is coming to take home to *Glory* everyone of His servants. His coming cannot be far off now, so make the best of the time that is left. Trust and confess Him faithfully down here, as Elijah did, and so make sure of being one of the vast redeemed company who will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thessalonians iv. 16, 17.)

G. D.

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A SCRIPTURE SEARCHER'S LETTER

DEAR Mr. R—,

I was very glad to see that the questions were to be found in Matthew's Gospel, as that is the Gospel I am studying at home.

I am very glad, because my Scripture Searching helps me with my studying, and my studying helps me with my Scripture Searching. There is one thing I can say since I started the searching, and that is *my knowledge of the Scriptures has increased.*

When I first started to answer the questions I was not really interested, and I only did them to fill up my spare time, but since I have been saved through the precious blood of Jesus, I take a pleasure in searching for the answers.

I will tell you how I was converted. I was at the Sunday School for about two years when one of the teachers suggested a sewing class for the older girls in the school, and, of course, I joined. The sewing class had been going on for about three months when an Indian preacher came to G— for

a week, so it was decided to put the class off for that week.

On the night of his address I thought I would like to hear him, so I turned up, and found he was to speak of his own conversion. After the meeting was finished I went home and thought over all that had been said, and came to the conclusion that I was refusing the most wonderful thing that anyone could possess, and that is "ETERNAL LIFE," with Jesus as my Companion; so I just got down on my knees, and said, "Jesus, I will trust Thee." I can say I have never regretted saying these words.

The date of my conversion was October 22nd, 1935. On December 1st, 1936, I was baptized, and I first remembered the Lord on December 6th, 1936.

We had our S.S. Treat on December 22nd, and the majority of the children received first prize. There were several special prizes, such as Scripture Searching and for bringing new pupils to the school.

I must thank you very much for the booklets you have sent me. I am reading them just now, and will pass them to some other young person. Hoping the number of Searchers doubles itself this year.

I remain,

Yours affectionately in Jesus,

J. C.

[We are always glad to know of our readers having been brought to trust Christ, and to hear of their taking a keen interest in searching the Scriptures, and, with our young friend, we sincerely hope that many, many more will be led to engage in this very important exercise.—
EDITOR.]



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MY LIFE STORY

(PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE).

I ONCE lived in Psalm lxxxiv. 10
(latter part) and walked in Ephesians ii. 2.

My conversation was like Ephesians ii. 3.

I heard of a mansion being built for me at John xiv. 2 by One who lives at Hebrews iv. 14.

I called at Matthew xi. 28, as my prospects at Romans iii. 10-19 were very bad.

The house I sought for I found at 2 Corinthians v. 1.

The house has but one door, which I sought at John x. 9, and one knocker, which I saw at Matthew vii. 7.

My address for the present is Ephesians ii. 6.

Call any day at Proverbs viii. 34, and you will meet me and many others.

Mind you pay attention to what the servant says in Luke xiv. 17.

When 1 Thessalonians iv. 16, 17 is fulfilled, I will be as at Revelation xxii. 4-6, and my song as Revelation v. 9-10.

By and by I will see Revelation xxi. 1, fulfilled, and forever enjoy the good of Revelation xxi. 4 and 5; also Psalm xvi. 11.

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A SPIRITUAL SONG FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS

Tune: HAMMOND, Golden Bells, 53.

THE Son of God, on Calvary,
Has borne sin's awful load;
The suff'ring Son of Man was He,
The glorious Son of God.

Chorus—

We'll praise Him, praise Him,
Praise our glorious Lord!
Praise Him, Praise Him,
We'll praise our glorious Lord!

And now at God's right hand on high,
He sits upon the throne,
The mighty Victor, glory-crowned,
Because His work is done.

We praise Him for His life on earth,
His death upon the tree,
And for the cleansing blood that doth
Set each believer free.

Through Him we have forgiveness found,
And life, and peace, and joy;
And gladly we, as saved by grace,
In praise our lips employ.

A. H. L.





Scripture Searchers' Corner

(V)

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

THIS month we commence to read the Gospel by Mark. This is a much shorter Gospel than the others, and you will find in many ways the character of the Gospel differs from Matthew's narrative.

The chief thing which strikes one is that Mark gives us no genealogy of the Lord Jesus, and there is no account of His birth nor His boyhood. All the young life of the Lord Jesus which we find so beautifully presented in the Gospels by Matthew and Luke is passed over here. Then the long discourses which you read in Matthew are omitted by Mark. We have very few parables in our present Gospel, but there are a great many mighty acts shown to us. It is these great acts of power and grace which Mark emphasizes. This is a gospel not so much of WORDS but of DEEDS.

Mark is the Gospel of the SERVANT, and the key to the book is found in chapter x., verse 45. The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to be God's Servant, and to undertake that great work which God gave Him to do—"to give His life a ransom for many."

The first verse of the Gospel is very important. "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." We are here introduced immediately to the Subject of the book, the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are told that, although He came to be God's Servant, He ever was the "Son of God." We must never forget this. All that He did had value because He was the Son of God. His work upon the cross is sufficient to save every finite creature because He is and ever was the infinite Son of God.

Satan had great sway over men, and before the Lord Jesus entered upon His path of service He first met Satan and defeated him, then went forth to defeat his works.

What tremendous power we see exhibited in this Gospel! It is indeed a Gospel of "POWER," and the writer does not forget to tell us time and again what a great impression was made upon the people who saw the miracles of Jesus.

You do not see these miracles to-day, but you are allowed to read about them and, as you read, I do trust that they will make an impression upon you. *Such an impression, that you will not rest until you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your own Saviour.*

He, who said to the fishermen by Galilee, "Come ye after Me," wants you. Those fishermen, at the call, gave up everything and, in simple obedience and faith, followed Him. This is just what the Lord Jesus wishes you to do—to surrender fully to Him.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

As so many of you gave the wrong answer to the eighth question for March, I have called it correct. It says lower down in the chapter, "Jesus knew their thoughts." Just read through the *whole* of the chapter before writing down the answer.

P. Kennedy, L. Robbins, M. Priestley, M. Burgess and K. Bates must give chapter and verse. N. Spaight, M. Tears and E. Allen left out one reference. M. Monti only answered five questions.

I notice a lot of papers are not in yet. No doubt this is owing to the holidays. If so, please send them in now and marks will be given though the names will not be printed.

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.

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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*.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes will be given in each class at the end of each half-year, but a successful searcher may only qualify for ONE such prize during the current year.

In addition a text will be given to Searchers who are in 1st class for the half-year. Two texts so gained will entitle Searchers to a Consolation prize. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

Questions for May, 1937.

Subject:—Mark.

1. What did Jesus do when He arose up a great while before day? (Mark 1.)
2. What were the first two words which Jesus spoke to the leper? (Mark 1.)
3. What was the first thing Jesus said to the sick of the palsy? (Mark 2.)
4. What power hath the Son of man? (Mark 2.)
5. What did the unclean spirits say? (Mark 3.)
6. Where were the twelve to be before Jesus sent them forth? (Mark 3.)
7. "Satan cometh immediately." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Mark 4.)
8. What happened to that which fell on good ground? (Mark 4.)
9. When did Jesus expound all things unto his disciples? (Mark 4.)
10. What did Jesus say to the sea? (Mark 4.)

March Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—B. Adkins, J. Alexander, I. Beattie, R. Bennett, R. Boyes, E. Dunford, N. Elvidge, M. Francis, K. Freeman, J. Gatenby, V. Gibbons, B. Graham, E. Hedley, E. Hunter, O. Jackson, J. Jobling, J. Johnston, E. Langfield, E. Mill, J. Munro, M. Murray, A. H. Pratt, D. Froudeley, D. Rice, E. Ritchie, N. Rixon, A. Robertson, J. D. Rugg, S. E. Scott, M. Simm, M. Snaith, J. Stirling, A. Thurston, V. Tones, F. Watton, D. A. Westwood, E. White, J. Wilcock, M. J. Williams, C. Woodhouse, F. M. Woodhouse, N. Woodhouse.

2nd Class.—E. Allen, M. Gillilan, J. Houston, M. Hurford, E. Mail, J. Manthorpe, J. McWilliam, J. Moor, L. Parsons, N. Speight, C. Williams.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—C. Anderson, E. Anderson, H. Arthur, C. Beattie, N. Bell, W. D. Bennett, V. Blair, K. Bowbanks, J. Bice, G. Brooks, E. Brown, I. Brown, J. Burton, J. Cappy, A. Carmichael, S. Cheese, A. Collyer, A. Connor, F. Connolly, O. Cordin, M. Crosby, B. Davis, J. Davis, B. Dadshon, I. Eddy, E. Fleming, D. Francis, A. Gillilan, J. Gray, E. Hamshaw, N. Hamshaw, J. Hardman, D. Hill, G. Hirst, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, D. Hook, G. Houghton, E. Houston, G. Houston, E. Jackson, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, J. McKenzie, J. McQueen, N. Middleton, J. Morris, R. Moss, M. Nicolson, G. Norrie, R. Norrie, K. Palmer, J. Parker, E. Pill, P. Price, D. Purvis, A. Raeburn, A. Reade, J. Redpath, R. Riley, M. Rutherford, J. Salter, M. Scanlan, G. Scott, R. Sewell, W. Snaith, W. Speight, H. Spence, B. Stephenson, D. Stewart, R. Stirling, E. Storey, D. Stuart, E. Swift, E. Thompson, D. Thurston, M. Tombs, I. Wallis, D. Ward, V. Watts, D. Webster, R. Webster, H. West, J. Westwood, G. Williams, H. J. E. Wilson, B. Wright, E. Wright, M. Wright.

2nd Class.—M. Day, A. Dickson, A. Dodds, M. Gray, E. Hedley, C. Hillery, P. Horncastle, E. Hudson, T. Loxton, D. Lyon, I. Middleton, F. Mohun, N. Oldham, A. Parker, V. Ranson, E. Revill, L. Robson, A. Smith, J. Stirling, W. Surtees, N. Swain, N. Taylor, N. Teague, E. Thomson, K. Tombs, E. Topping, E. Wilson.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—P. Adkins, K. Althorp, Q. Barker, B. Beckett, J. G. Binnie, F. Brice, M. Brown, N. Bunce, L. Burgh, T. Caygill, J. Chivers, T. Connolly, J. Dodds, I. Douglas, K. Elvidge, L. Emmett, E. Bungblut, L. Fleming, J. Gaddas, L. Goddard, C. T. Harvey, P. Hepple, V. Hickman, F. Hicks, P. Hirst, E. Hook, T. Hopkinson, L. Houston, I. Jackson, P. Leppard, B. Lilley, M. Lilley, C. McCallum, E. McTavish, J. Mellington, J. Merritt, M. Messenger, D. Mitchell, J. Mitchell, J. Moncur, E. Moor, J. Morton, N. Norval, A. Peevor, M. Phillips, I. Purvis, O. Rahson, J. Reeves, Joyce Reeves, D. Rice, Jean Robertson, Joan Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, E. Rohr, D. A. Rugg, K. Rugg, J. A. Scott, H. Sharpe, J. Sharpe, T. Short, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, C. Sorenson, D. Sowerby, F. Speight, B. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, M. Stuart, N. Stuart, J. Swinburn, M. Swinburn, M. Tears, A. Templeman, N. Templeman, P. Todd, S. Veale, M. Walker, G. Westwood, V. Williams, J. Willis, A. Wilson, I. Witton, J. Witton, F. Wood, L. Woodhouse, O. Wright.

2nd Class.—K. Bates, M. Burgess, B. Dickson, I. Gray, C. Hodgins, R. Loxton, M. Monti, B. Ponder, M. Priestley, J. Revill, L. Robbins, H. A. Shields, J. A. Smith.

Beloved,
follow not that
which is evil,
but
that which is
good.

3 John 11

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HOW MANY SINS ?

ALL my young readers would, I am sure, be astonished, if they could number their sins.

Let me ask each of them three questions.

1. Do you think a wicked thought once a day ?

2. Do you speak an evil word once a day ?

3. Do you commit a sinful deed once a day ?

Supposing you have to answer "yes" to each of these questions, and every honest child must do so, then you have committed three sins each day, and this would make in a year **ONE THOUSAND AND NINETY-FIVE SINS.**

Perhaps you have gone on sinning ten years. Then you may reckon that at the rate of three sins a day, over 10,000 sins have been marked against you, and will come up in the Day of Judgment.

Is it not an awful thing to have all those sins upon you in the sight of God ?

The Lord Jesus is willing and able to blot them all out.

He has died for children on the Cross. There His precious blood was shed, which cleanses from all sin, and all who trust in Him are washed from all sin.

When here on earth, He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark x. 14).

Do not think that they were specially good children who were brought for His blessing then. It may be that they were naughty, and so the parents took them that the Lord might pray on their behalf. At any rate, they were taken to Jesus, and although their nature was sinful, and they doubtless had stubborn wills and evil tempers, yet they were not refused by Him ; "But He took them up in His

arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

YOU, with all your sins, though they be ten thousand in number, yea ten thousand times ten thousand, may be blessed by Him, and fitted for His glory. His heart is just as loving now as then, and His power is just as great.

Not one of your sins can enter heaven ; for it is written, "There shall in no wise enter into it **ANYTHING** that defileth" (Revelation xxi. 27). **But the blood of Jesus can cleanse you, and make you whiter than snow.**

A. J. P.

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JACKIE'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

JACKIE was thirteen years old. What a happy birthday it had been ! He lay back in bed, and sighed with happiness, as he thought of all the kindness which had been showered upon him.

Owing to an accident, poor Jackie was an invalid, and had been on his back for the last three years. Never again would he be able to walk and run like other boys, but for all that he was a wonderfully cheerful, plucky lad. Only his mother knew how difficult he found it always to keep smiling.

When all the visitors had gone, and Jackie was alone at last with Mother, she sat down near his bed, and, taking his hand in hers, said : "Jackie, dear, would you not like a birthday present from God ? He offers you *now* 'ETERNAL LIFE,' and He also asks a gift from you. He says, 'My son, give Me thine heart.'"

Jackie did not answer, and his mother went on to talk to him about the Lord Jesus, and how He had died for Jackie, just as if there had been no other person

in the world. She told him about the love of God, who "gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then softly she repeated the lines Jackie knew so well, and had so often sung :—

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

When she stopped speaking, there was an interval of silence, and then suddenly Jackie spoke. "Mother," he said, with a radiant smile on his face, "I have just been giving myself right up to God." The joy of that double birthday remained with Jackie right to the very end of his life. Everyone noticed the difference in him. His Bible became his constant companion, and how he loved to read the stories in it about his "precious Saviour," as he called the Lord Jesus.

Dear boys and girls, will you not do as Jackie did, and take God's wonderful gift of "Eternal Life," and give him His rightful place in your hearts?

"Open, open, open the door of your heart,
Let Jesus come in to be Saviour and King;
He'll come and He'll never depart."

M. S.

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"A MAN OF GOD."

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ALL that is said about the next "Man of God" is found in one verse of Scripture—1 Kings xx. 28. I like this, for it tells us that a "Man of God" can do a little thing as well as a big one. Just one short message, but it was for God and that was the thing that mattered. Think nothing too small for the Lord! We are not all able to do great

things but we can all do something. However young you may be, or however small your little service may seem, do it with all your might and the Lord will bless you. Far better to do a little thing well, than attempt a big thing and fail. Read Luke xvi. 10.

We come next to Elisha. Here we have again a man whose whole life was devoted to the service of the Lord. He is brought in after Elijah had gone to heaven, to carry on the Lord's work down here. He had the mantle of Elijah on him and represented him so much that people could clearly see it (2 Kings ii. 15). Now, boys and girls, the Lord Jesus Christ has been in this world and, like Elijah, has been taken up to heaven (Acts i. 11). He wants us to represent Him down here just as Elisha represented Elijah. Are you doing this? To serve the Lord, we must be like him. Elisha saw Elijah in the glory and came out like him. Just so with you and me. We need to look on the Lord in glory, read His word, and the Spirit will open our eyes to see His glory, and we will become like Him. Then we can serve Him as we should.

If you read on in Elisha's history, you will find he went about doing good. This man with the spirit of his master on him was noted for doing good. You know how the Lord Jesus, when He was here, went about doing good. Well, if we learn of Him as our Master, we will become like Him and will do good to all. *LIVING* like the Lord has a more powerful voice than all that we can say. It was said of the Lord that He began to do and teach (Acts i. 1). Be like the Lord, and what you have to say will be listened to, and will lead people to trust Him. On the other hand, to attempt to speak when we are not living for Him may drive them away. Let us then do and teach, and thus become a blessing to others.

G. D.

"ALL ABOARD."

THERE lived in one of the Western States of America a little boy named John, who had lost both his parents and greatly longed to go to a relative in Chicago. One day he wandered down to the Railway Station, when the Chicago train arrived. "Chicago! That is where I want to go," thought little John.

Presently he heard the conductor shout, "ALL ABOARD!" and with that the bell began to ring. "All Aboard," thought John; "that means everybody aboard, and if everybody is invited, that means me." "ALL ABOARD!" shouted the conductor again, and John clambered into the train. "Tickets please, tickets please!" said the conductor. But John had no ticket nor had he any money. He was sternly told to leave the train at the next station.

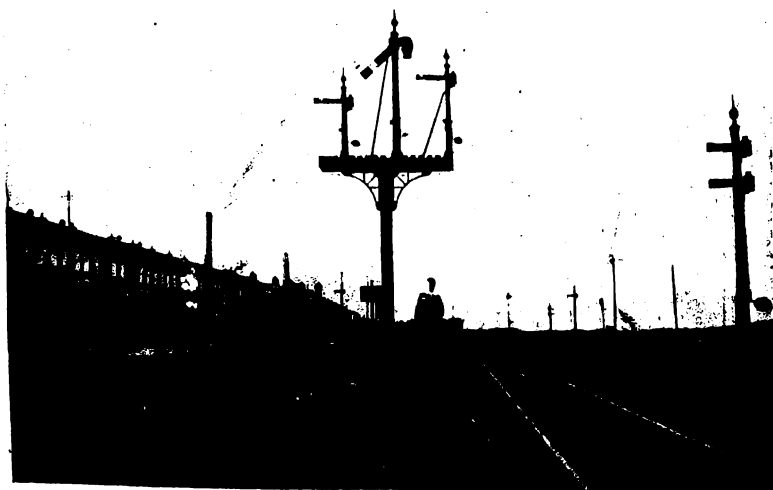
This he did, but to his astonishment and delight he heard the conductor shout again, "ALL ABOARD," and he once more took his place in the train. Angrily the conductor asked him if he had not told him to leave the train at the last station. "Yes," was the reply of the child, "and so I did, but you said, 'ALL ABOARD,' and I thought that meant me, so I got on again." The conductor saw the point of the boy's mistake, so after hearing his sad little story he let him ride freely to the journey's end.

Young reader, God is calling you to heaven, and if you desire to go He has provided all that you need to get you there. In infinite love He gave His beloved Son to die in your stead, and if you will only repent as a sinner and trust in the precious blood of Christ to have atoned for your sins, heaven's gate will

be opened wide to receive you at the journey's end.

The Lord Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John xiv. 6). Trust Him now, and He will see you safely home.

(Adapted).



WAITING FOR THE TRAIN.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

TEMPTED, YET VICTORIOUS.

HILDA SMITH had recently accepted Christ as her Saviour, and was determined to let her light shine, and try to win others to Him. But she found, as others have done, that the Christian's path is not one of roses.

Being engaged in a city office, more than once she was instructed by her employer to say he was out, when he was busily engaged. This prayed upon her mind very much, so much so that she consulted her Sunday School Superintendent on the matter. "I cannot tell an untruth," she said, "and I might lose my situation."

"Never mind that," he replied, "God is watching over you, and if you are faithful to Him, a way will be opened for you; take it to the Lord in prayer, and stand up boldly for Him."

Again she was instructed to say her employer was out, and she refused.

"Well, I can't have any Christian girls here," he said, "and you must leave."

Hilda, remembering her Superintendent's words, left her employment, and, sauntering a few days afterwards in the city, seeking a new situation, she stopped before a solicitor's office. "Why shouldn't I go in there?" she thought, "there will be no harm done. I will go in and inquire."

Being ushered in before a kind-looking gentleman, the latter naturally inquired of her why she had left her last place.

Hilda related the facts. "Well, my young lady, I am pleased to tell you that I too am a Christian, and I am delighted to think you stood up boldly for the Master. I am in want of a clerk, and shall be very pleased to engage you."

Hilda to-day is praising God for the way He has led her. Perhaps some of the readers of this story are placed in similar positions, and are tempted to deny their Lord as this young girl was. Take heed, and rest assured that if God be for us, none can be against us, and that we shall come off more than conquerors through Him who loves us. Remember that for every temptation there is a way of escape.

Long, long ago, it was written, "Them that honour Me I will honour" (1 Samuel ii. 30); but He who said this remains the same—God Himself—so there is every encouragement for the Christian to uphold the honour due to His Name.

The Lord Jesus has said that if we confess Him before men He will confess us before His Father, who is in heaven (Matthew x. 32).

In the strength of such assurances you are encouraged to live daily the life that is well pleasing to Him, and in the coming day you will have His approval.

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

This month I have noticed that a few of my best searchers have not sent in their papers yet. I hope they are on the way.

Quite a dozen new searchers have forgotten to give chapter and verse. That is why their names appear in second class.

P. Dent and O. Creighton must give verse as well as chapter. R. Hall and A. Redman must answer eight questions. J. Parker left out one reference.

I shall be pleased to answer any questions about the Scripture searching if you like to write them at the foot of your papers.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend,

R. M. A.



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(VI)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS—

I HOPE that you are all reading very carefully the Gospel which is the subject of your Scripture Searching. Mark, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is a wonderful writer. He draws pen pictures which seem to be alive before our eyes. His little touches here and there, which the other evangelists omit, are very beautiful.

Mark's Gospel is full of sympathy and compassion. For instance, when the Lord Jesus entered the presence of Peter's wife's mother who was sick of a fever, Mark alone tells us that "He took her by the hand." What great compassion was expressed in that act! Then "He took the damsel by the hand" in chapter five, "He took the blind man by the hand" in chapter eight, and in chapter nine we read that Jesus took the devil-possessed man by the hand. When the leper came to Him in the first chapter of the Gospel we read that "Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His hand and touched him."

Oh, what unbounded compassion there is in the Lord Jesus Christ! His hand is still outstretched in mercy and grace. That hand of kindness is still open wide. I wonder if YOU have felt the touch of that hand! There is no mistaking the touch of Jesus.

If you are still in your sins, you are just like the leper to whom we have referred. Leprosy is a loathsome disease, small at the beginning but progressing steadily with the

most awful results. Sin is like that, causing terrible misery. But the bright side of human wretchedness and misery is the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ. His great heart of love goes out to the multitudes. That heart, more compassionate than any other, yearns over *you* to-day. He invites you to come to Himself for blessing. Be encouraged by what you read in this Gospel. See, in the fifth chapter which you specially read this month, how the Lord has power over *demons*, *DISEASE*, and *DEATH*.

But, although the Lord came with such great blessing, we find here, as we saw in Matthew's Gospel, that it was no easy path for Him. The opposition rose against Him. In His own country, where we might have expected to see a hearty response, He is treated with contempt, so that amongst His own people He is unable to do any mighty work.

How different, however, when He goes to Gennesaret. The people there gladly avail themselves of His power and mercy. If chapter six opens with hostility and rejection, it closes with a time of great gladness and blessing.

Think, dear boys and girls, the Lord is near to *you* to-day. He would put forth His hand upon *you* in blessing. Will you let Him? If you will, that touch you will never forget.

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Questions for June, 1937.

Subject:—Mark.

1. "Go home to thy friends." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Mark 5.)

2. What did the woman say about His clothes? (Mark 5.)

3. What did Jesus say unto the woman about her faith? (Mark 5.)

4. What five words did Jesus say unto the ruler of the synagogue? (Mark 5.)

5. What did the disciples go out and preach? (Mark 6.)

6. "Come ye yourselves apart." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Mark 6.)

7. Why was Jesus moved with compassion toward the people? (Mark 6.)

8. What did Jesus do when He had sent the people away? (Mark 6.)

9. What ten words did Jesus say when He walked on the sea? (Mark 6.)

10. Who were made whole? (Mark 6.)

April Searchers.

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2nd Class.—D. Anderson, R. Boyes, D. Fuller, I. Irving, A. Redman.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—C. Anderson, E. Anderson, M. Anderson, C. Beattie, N. Bell, W. Bennett, V. Blair, I. Blake, K. Bowbanks, G. Brooks, B. Brown, I. Brown, N. Burn, S. Burn, J. Burton, A. Carmichael, K. Carr, S. Cheese, A. Clarkson, A. Collyer, C. Connell, A. Connor, C. Corlin, M. Crosby, G. Darbyshire, M. Daye, D. Dewar, M. Dickson, A. Dodds, I. Eddy, M. Ensor, R. Fisher, H. Fleetwood, E. Fleming, D. Francis, K. Glide, D. Graham, J. Gray, M. Handyside, J. Hardman, E. Hedley, G. Hirst, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, D. Hook, G. Houghton, G. Houston, E. Hudson, D. Hudspeth, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, I. Knox, P. Landles, F. Liddle, W. Malcolm, V. McGorrie, M. McGough, W. McKay, A. McKinnell, A. McLellan, J. McQueen, A. Messenger, N. Milnes, J. Montier, E. Myers, M. Nicolson, G. Norrie, H. Norrie, K. Palmer, N. Pugh, D. Purvis, A. Raeburn, V. Ranson, J. Redpath, V. Robbins, A. Robertson, M. Rutherford, M. Scanlan, D. Scott, G. Scott, J. Scott, N. Slater, W. Snaith, H. Spence, E. Stephenson, D. Stewart, R. Stirling, E. Storey, F. Swift, N. Taylor, D. Thurston, M. Tomba, E. Topping, J. Wallis, D. Walton, V. Watts, R. Webster, H. West, J. Westwood, E. Wilson, E. Wright.

2nd Class.—G. Careyforth, O. Creighton, B. Davis, P. Dent, F. Gray, O. Greig, P. Hall, B. Hall, C. Harrison, E. Harrison, C. Hillery, N. Middleton, F. Mohun, J. Parker, E. Pill, A. Reade, E. Revill, W. Stutes, M. Tears, E. Thompson, V. Ward, H. J. E. Wilson, B. Wright.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—P. Adkins, R. Ainsley, K. Althorp, E. Archer, M. Bell, C. Bewick, J. Bewick, J. G. Binnie, M. Blair, M. Brown, N. Bunce, L. Burgin, K. Burn, T. Caygill, B. Dickson, J. N. Dodds, I. Douglas, K. Elvidge, E. Eungblut, M. Fleetwood, I. Fleming, L. Fleming, J. Gaddas, P. Graham, C. Harvey, J. Henderson, P. Hepple, P. Hirst, E. Hook, L. Houston, B. Lilley, B. Lilley, M. Lilley, E. McTavish, J. Mellington, J. Merritt, F. M. Messenger, J. Mitchell, J. Moncur, J. Morton, N. Norval, A. Peavor, B. Ponder, I. Purvis, C. Ranson, D. Rice, L. Robbins, J. Robertson, Joan Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, E. Rohr, J. Rollinson, D. Rugg, K. Rugg, J. Scott, J. Sharpe, H. Shields, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, A. J. Smith, O. Sorenson, D. Sowerby, G. Spence, B. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, M. Stuart, J. Swinburn, R. Swinburn, D. Templeman, N. Templeman, R. Thomas, P. Todd, S. Veale, J. Walker, M. Walker, D. Wilkinson, V. Williams, J. R. Willis, A. Wilson, P. Wood, O. Wright.

2nd Class.—J. Almond, E. Bates, B. Beckett, M. Careyforth, J. Chivers, L. Emmett, J. Flett, A. Heron, V. Hickman, C. Hodgins, T. Hopkinson, P. Kennedy, C. McCallum, B. Newton, T. Short, G. Westwood.

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with
ten thousands
of His saints,
to execute
judgment . . .

Jude 14, 15.

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JOHNNIE AND THE TEA CUP

JOHNIE will never forget the day he broke one of mother's tea cups! It became the most wonderful day in all his life; but it started as a very sad day, for Johnnie told a lie. Have you ever told a lie? Oh, I do hope you will try never, never, to do so, for lies are horrible things. Have you ever looked into the looking-glass when you have said something which was not true? What an ugly face you must have seen if you have! Do you know, lies grieve God very much? The Bible tells us God hates lies, and that no liar can go to heaven. God is **THE TRUTH**, *and all who want to go to live happily with Him for ever and ever, must speak the truth.*

Johnnie had been helping Susan, the little workhouse maid his mother had engaged, to wash up the dishes, and while he was doing so, he broke the handle off one of the teacups. Johnnie put it quickly into the cupboard, and hoped that Susan had not seen. By and by, when he was busy with his lessons, his mother came into the room where he was and said, "Johnnie, why did you not come and tell me that while you were washing up, you broke one of my best teacups? You know I would have forgiven you, my boy, if you had come straightway and told me; but now you have hidden it, I must punish you."

Johnnie looked up from his books, and he was afraid. The colour rushed to his cheeks, and he looked confused. "I didn't. . . ." he stammered. "I don't know anything about it—I didn't break the cup."

"Susan saw you break it, Johnnie, and she has told me," said his mother, severely. "Don't make it worse by telling me lies about it, Johnnie!"

Mother looked so grieved, that Johnnie could hardly bear to look at her face. Oh, how much he wished that he had not told that horrid lie!

"Go to your room, Johnnie," she went on, "and do not come down until you have made up your mind to tell me the truth."

Johnnie could never remember why he said it, but a second time he repeated that terrible untruth. "I didn't do it, mother." Then he ran from the room, feeling oh, *so* unhappy. He just wanted to get away alone, and cry. **You know, boys and girls, sin and sorrow always go together. When we do wrong things, they always make us unhappy.**

When Johnnie reached his room he threw himself down on his bed, and cried and cried. Presently he sat up and wiped his eyes, and as he did so he saw his little New Testament lying on the table beside his bed. His mother had given it to him on his last birthday. He picked it up, and it opened of its own accord at Revelation xxi. 8. "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." The words seemed to cover the whole page, and blot out everything else, as Johnnie read them. He burst into tears again, and rushed downstairs to the drawing-room, where his mother was sitting with her mending. Flinging himself into her arms, he sobbed out: "Oh, mother, shall I go to hell because I told a lie? I did break the cup, and I was afraid to tell you. I opened my little Testament upstairs, and I read that all liars should go to hell. Oh, mother, what shall I do?"

Mother put her arms round Johnnie, and told her little son very lovingly how the Lord Jesus had died to save him from sin, even the horrible sin of telling a lie. No liar could go to heaven, but if the lie was blotted out in the precious

blood of the Lord Jesus, then Johnnie would be saved.

Mother went on to tell Johnnie how hateful a lie was, for it was a cowardly thing to tell a lie. "I might have accused Susan of breaking my cup, because you told me you had not done it, Johnnie," she said. "But I know Susan is truthful—a thing I cannot say of you, I am sorry to say, for oh, John, I have noticed lately in little things that you did not always tell the truth. It has grieved *me* very much, AND I KNOW IT HAS GRIEVED THE LORD JESUS MORE."

Johnnie hung his head, for he knew what mother said was true. "I have tried, mother," he mumbled. "I've tried over and over again."

"Yes, Johnnie, in your own strength, but Satan wants you to tell lies, and he is too strong for you. You need the strong Saviour to help you fight against him. Oh, how you need Him, Johnnie! Why do you not come *now*, and give yourself to Him? He will blot out all the horrible lies you have told, and help you to tell the truth, even when you are afraid."

"Can I come now?" asked Johnnie. "Don't I have to repent first? Must I not try and do better, and be a better boy before I come to Jesus?"

"My boy, you will never come at all if you wait till you are a better boy!" replied his mother. "Without the Saviour we do not get better, but worse. Come now, just as you are; the loving Lord Jesus is waiting to cleanse and help you. Do not keep Him waiting any longer."

The mother picked up her Bible, which was lying beside her, and opening it, showed Johnnie from God's Word that the Lord Jesus was calling him. She showed him the third chapter of John's Gospel, and how the Lord Jesus Himself said we each need to be born again. "Do you ask me how to be

'born again,' Johnnie? By asking the Lord Jesus to come into our hearts, and handing over our lives to Him."

After a little more talk, Mother and Johnnie knelt down together in the drawing-room, and Johnnie told the Saviour all about his untruthfulness, and asked Him to come into his heart, and save him. Then and there Johnnie was 'born again,' and from that day he became a most truthful boy.

Several years later, Johnnie went to school and then on to college, and at both his masters and friends testified that he was the most honest and truthful boy they had ever met. That, boys and girls, is what comes of asking the Lord Jesus to come into your heart, and save you. Only He can make a boy or girl truthful, honest, and trustworthy. Have you asked Him to come into your heart, and save you? If you have not done so yet, then DO IT TO-DAY! E. G. C.

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A "MAN OF GOD"

VII

OUR next "Man of God" is David, the king (2 Chronicles viii. 14). How much has been said about this wonderful man, who, like Samuel, began to serve God from his youth. One great lesson we might learn from David is, *that a servant of the Lord must be prepared to suffer hardship*. Saul tried, time after time, to take David's life, but through it all, God preserved him. All in David's day did not bow to God's will, and all to-day do not, so we must be ready to suffer for the Lord. You may not lose your life, but you will be laughed at when you say that you are saved, or refuse to do the wrong things others do who do not belong to the Saviour. Never mind this, boys and girls, *go on serving the Lord*. He will keep you, as He kept David, and reward you at the end.



A GOOD LOAD.

Another thing said about David is that the Lord liked him (1 Chronicles xxviii. 4). Ah yes, be sure of this, the Lord loves all who serve Him as David did. The Lord Jesus said, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him" (John xiv. 23). We may be

tempted to do things sometimes to make the world like us, but how much better to do what God says and be loved by Him? I have no doubt the reason why the Lord loved David was because he always put Him first. We find this in Psalm cxxxii. 1-5. Read it and you will find that he really says, "The Lord first and David next."

Now I wonder if this is what *you* do ? It simply means that when I know what the Lord desires I do it first, no matter what else I might do for myself. It may be like this : Suppose some fine Sunday night I am tempted to go for a walk, instead of going to the meeting, or perhaps miss the Sunday School. I would say, "God first, my walk last." There is a very important word in Matthew vi. 33, "But seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." Well now, do you do this ? If you do, you will enjoy God's love and He will bless you as He did David. I appeal to you, boys and girls, never miss a meeting to do something for yourself. I am sure no one can hope to serve the Lord rightly if they do not love to go where God's people meet together. Why, if you read where David is called a "Man of God," you will see it was at a time when he was making provision for God's people to gather together (2 Chronicles viii. 14). God delights to have His people gather round Him, and there is a special blessing at such times, so see that you do not miss it by being absent. Do not forget the word, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is" (Hebrews x. 25).

G. D.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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MATTHEW xxiv. 35.

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T'will never change, howe'er he tries ;
For God's own Word shall stand for aye,
Though heaven and earth may pass
away.

Thrice happy they who trust the One
Of whom it speaks, **GOD'S BLESSED**
To them eternal life is given, [SON ;
And, when Christ comes, a home in
heaven. * * *

You may ask what I think of the Bible,
There never was a book like this ;
It is read by the king and the peasant,
By Mr., Mrs., and Miss.
It is read everywhere, is the Bible,
And of what other book is it said,
That it bringeth light to the darkened,
And e'en giveth life to the dead.

Yes, that is what I think of the Bible,
And the Author Himself doth say,
"Though heaven and earth shall vanish,
My Word shall never pass away."
And so may you cling to the Bible,
God's wonderful volume of Truth ;
His staff for the hoary and aged,
His guide for the season of youth.
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What a blessing to us all,
When we hear God's gracious call :
In His word, "Come unto Me,"

I have pardon, peace for thee.
May we never follow those
Who the truth of God refuse,
Truth that comes from heaven above,
The ever blessed Word of God.

He has said, it is the light—
For our path and for our feet ;
The sure guide along that way,
Where His children love to stay.

May this Word be ever dear
To all those who love to hear,
Who are ready to declare
They believe what's written there.

I. D. T.



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(VII)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I wish to write a few lines this month specially for those of our readers who are saved and who desire to do some service for the Lord Jesus Christ. To such the Gospel by Mark is worth a very close study. It is the Gospel of the Servant, and, if you study the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ, who was God's Servant here, and seek to follow Him, your service will be all the more fruitful.

A very interesting thing I notice in the seventh chapter of Mark, which chapter you are considering this month, is the way in which the Lord Jesus withdrew Himself from the multitude to do some great miracle. In the twenty-fourth verse, He entered into a house and would have no man know it. Again in the thirty-third verse, He took the deaf man aside from the crowd to cure him. In verse twenty-three of chapter eight, we see the Lord taking the blind man by the hand and leading him out of town—away from the people. There He healed the man, but asked him not to tell it to any in the town. How often in the Gospel we read that the Lord charged the people He healed not to tell it to anyone.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not seek the applause of men. He laboured quietly on, serving God, His own glory veiled for the time. The disciples were of a different spirit; they disputed amongst themselves as to who should be the greatest.

Now, I often think that when we get to glory and the records of our service are unfolded, we will get many surprises. We know how much we naturally love the favour of men, and like to do things to be seen of men. But the Lord sees not as man sees. He knows the motives of our hearts and

places right values upon what we do. Many things we have done, and for which we have perhaps been well praised, we will find are without value in God's sight; whilst little things, probably overlooked and forgotten by ourselves, are put down for great reward. The Lord speaks here about giving a cup of cold water, and a reward is connected with this. It is not altogether the big things we do, but often the little things, unseen by others, that bring blessing to our souls.

It is a wonderful thing that we are permitted to carry on, by the grace of God, this service. It is indeed a noble calling. Surely the Lord Jesus is worthy of all our powers. We need in these days zeal and energy. But, in what we do, whilst we may be intensely earnest, may we be extremely careful to serve the Lord according to His will and not merely seeking our own pleasure.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

There are still several of the regular searchers' papers not in for May. I hope these are on the way, as some of you may be prize winners.

P. Dent and W. Malcolm must give chapter and verse to each answer. R. Inman and I. Liddle did one question short. Will May Handyside and Dorothy Pugh please write their names on their papers, not on separate slips.

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2. "And were beyond measure astonished, saying. . . ." Write out the next six words only. (Mark 7.)

3. Why had Jesus compassion on the multitude? (Mark 8.)

4. What question did Jesus ask His disciples by the way? (Mark 8.)

5. What answer did Peter give? (Mark 8.)

6. What did the voice say from out of the cloud? (Mark 9.)

7. What did the father of the child cry out? (Mark 9.)

8. What had they disputed among themselves? (Mark 9.)

9. "Whosoever . . . sent me." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Mark 9.)

10. Who shall not lose His reward? (Mark 9.)

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cast into the
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Revelation 20. 15.

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A LESSON IN PATIENCE.

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THE PASSOVER

HAVE you ever wondered, boys and girls, why we don't offer animals to God in sacrifices, as Abel and Abraham and all the Old Testament people did? I used to wonder very much why we did not when I was first saved, and when I began to read my Bible I found out why. Shall I tell you why? I am sure you would all like to know. Well, those slain animals were just a picture of what the Lord Jesus would one day do. Each sacrifice was a shadow or a picture of the death of the Lord Jesus on Calvary. They all pointed to Him who is called God's Lamb. Do you remember how John, pointing to the Lord Jesus Christ, said to all the people standing round, "Behold the Lamb of God." All those Jews would immediately think of all the sacrifices Jehovah had commanded their fathers to offer. Their thoughts would go back to the first Passover in Egypt fifteen hundred years before. Do you know the story? You can read all about it in the letter called "Exodus" in the Bible. I am going to tell it only briefly to you.

The Jews were then living in the land of Egypt, and they were becoming so numerous that the Egyptians began to fear them. Then they began to persecute them, in the hope that many would die with the hard work which they forced them to do. But the Jews seemed to thrive; so the "Pharaoh," or King, ordered that all the boy babies were to be killed. One day a little baby boy was born whom God knew He would be able to use. God knows what we will be like when we grow up, even when we are babies; so He made a way of escape for this baby boy. His mother hid him successfully for three months, and when she could hide him no longer, God put

it into her heart to make a little cradle of bulrushes, and paint it on the outside with tar to keep the water out, and lay it among the irises growing by the river side. Presently the king's daughter came down to bathe, found the poor, little, helpless baby, and taking pity on it, made arrangements for him to be brought up as her own son. This little baby was Moses, whom God used, when he was grown up, to lead his people out of the land of Egypt. At last the time came when God sent Moses to tell Pharaoh to let His people go; but Pharaoh refused. One after another, God sent nine terrible plagues on the land of Egypt but still Pharaoh refused to let them go. Then God sent the last and most terrible one. He said that on a certain night He would send a destroying angel to kill the eldest son in every family. There was only one way by which a family could escape from death. That was by killing a lamb and putting some of its blood on the top and two side posts of their doorway. And God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass *over you*, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you" (Exodus xii. 13).

What a wonderful night that must have been. **You notice carefully that no blood was to be put on the doorstep, for the blood must never be trodden underfoot.**

The next morning there was great sorrow in the land of Egypt. There were, oh, so many dead! But there were no deaths in the houses where the blood had been put on the door posts, *for the blood had guarded the household from the destroying angel.* Why did not *everyone* put the blood on their doorposts? Because they would not believe God's Word, nor accept His way of escape. Boys and girls, have **YOU** accepted God's way of escape from sin and hell? People tell us nowadays that there is no such place as hell. I would



THE BLOOD SPRINKLED DOOR.

like to ask them how they know there is not; God tells us there IS, and He also tells us the one way of escape He has made. Oh! how foolish they are, not to gladly believe God and take His way of escape. I trust all my readers have had their sins forgiven and are trusting in the precious blood of Christ.

E. G. C. (*abridged.*)

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DO YOU LOVE JESUS?

MOLLY was seventeen years old, but it did not look as if she had anything to make her happy and bright, as she always was. She lived in Slumland; was so thin that it looked as if she was made of skin and bones; and, oh, how hard she found it to breathe on the hot

days when everyone else was rejoicing in the warmth. She lay on a little hard bed in a little back room with no view except the tenement houses opposite. Yet Molly was one of the brightest girls the Missionary had ever met. He loved to visit her, for it always cheered him up!

One day he said to her, "Molly, do you love Jesus?"

"Oh, yes, *I do!*" was her reply.

"Tell me why," said her friend.

Molly looked up with her bright smile, and said: "One day I heard some people singing and talking about Jesus, and one of the missionaries sang a hymn. It was:—

'There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.'

"Sir, as he sang that hymn I saw that Jesus was *my* Saviour. Oh, how I love Him!"

"Dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too;
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do."

Dear boy or girl, reading this, do **YOU** love Jesus? Can you say, like Molly, "Jesus is *my* Saviour"? You have many things to make you happy, whereas Molly had none. Yet she was a sunbeam for Jesus, because she knew that He had borne all her sins, and died in her place, so that one day she would be like Him. She could say, "I know that, when He shall appear, I shall be like Him; for I shall see Him" (1 John iii. 2). If in your heart, you know that you could not say these words, will you shut your eyes and pray this little prayer?

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."—M. S.

A "MAN OF GOD"

(VIII)

IN this paper we are going to take the last two Men of God in the Old Testament. They are to be found in 2 Chronicles xxv. 7, and Jeremiah xxxv. 4. The one mentioned in the first Scripture has no name, but the one in Jeremiah xxxv. is called Igdaliah. As to the first, he has a message for a king, and the king wisely took heed to it.

This king, named Amaziah, had hired men out of Ephraim and who served idols, to go and fight for him, but the "Man of God" told him God would cause him to lose the battle if he used them. However, the king listened to the word, sent the idolaters home, and then won the battle.

Has not this a voice for *us*? Surely it has, and would teach us that we must not make friends with those who do not serve the one true God, and that we should always seek the company of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Such will be a help to us to win the Lord's battles, but if we keep company with those who do not love Him, they will weaken us in the conflict. Choose your friends then from those, who, like yourself, wish to serve the Lord. (Read 2 Corinthians vi. 14-18.)

One more word from this "Man of God." He tells us that to obey the Lord in this way will bring much more blessing than to go on with ungodly friends (verse 9). Whatever we may lose by giving up worldly companions, we read here, "The Lord is able to give thee much more than this."

Now of our last "Man of God" in the Old Testament, Igdaliah, there is no record of anything that he said. It seems then, that one can be a "Man of God" apart from what one has to *say*. It must have been his *life* more than what he said that spoke to people.

Jeremiah knew he could use his chambers. Does it not seem that Igdaliah and his family kept all that they had for the service of the Lord?

Surely God is entitled to our all, not only what we can say but all that we have. Time, talents, money, all can be used if only we keep them for His service. Notice these men lived in the Temple, and what they possessed was dedicated to the service of the Lord. Think over those beautiful words in Romans xii. 1, 2, and then act on them.

G. D.



THE SHELTER

ONE day two friends and I were going for a walk. We had gone a good way when, suddenly, it started to rain, and it gradually grew worse. We did not know whether to go back the way we had come or to go on. At last we decided to go back.

It was now a storm, so we ran as fast as we could. Down the fields and along the lane we ran. We were looking for a shelter when we saw a gap in the hedge which was covered at the top, so we ran for it and it kept us dry till the storm was over.

Now, just as that shelter sheltered us from the storm, in the same way does Jesus shelter us from Satan and his wickedness, and keeps us pure, ready for the "Great Day."

Dear reader, if you have not yet trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ and taken Him as *your* Shelter, do so *now* before the storm of judgment comes. It is the simplest and easiest thing you can do, for it is without money and without price.

"The Lord's our Rock, in Him we hide;

A Shelter in the time of storm.

Secure whatever ill betide,

A Shelter in the time of storm."

D. A. R. (aged 10).

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

REDEMPTION'S STORY

CALLED by Jesus when a stranger
On the downward road to hell,
Called by Jesus, Mighty Saviour,
His own glories now to tell.

DRAWN by Jesus like the weary,
Who of old in sin were bound ;
Drawn by love and grace and goodness
All of which in Him are found.

SAVED by Jesus, once the Victim
Who His life a Ransom gave ;
Saved by Jesus, Risen Saviour,
Living now on high to save.

LOVED by Jesus, Wondrous Saviour,
(Not of love to Him I'd tell),
Loved by Jesus, Glorious Saviour,
His is love no tongue CAN tell.

LED by Jesus, Patient Saviour,
O'er the desert sands of time ;
Led by Jesus through the danger
To the land of joy sublime.

SING of Jesus, yes, for ever,
Round the everlasting throne ;
Sing of Jesus, oh, what pleasure
To extol His Name alone.

DWELL with Jesus, oh, the wonder
Of redeeming love and grace ;
Dwell with Jesus, 'tis His pleasure
We should live before His Face.

J. R. J.

A SONG OF JOY

Tune "Cwm Rhondda"

SONGS of joy and gladness raising,
Honour to our Lord we bring,
He, whom angel hosts are praising,
Deigns to hear the children sing !

Children's voices
Join in homage to the King.

Though He dwells in highest Heaven
Yet He to the Cross came down.

For our sakes His life was given,
Worn for us that thorny crown !

As our Saviour
Gladly now His Name we own !

By His power He ever holds us,
Shields us with His mighty arm !
There, where love divine enfolds us
Neither fears nor foes alarm !

In His keeping
Safe are we from every harm. A. M. C.

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Scripture Searchers' Corner

(VIII)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

THIS is the last of our studies in the Gospel by Mark. I wonder if you have noticed in reading the miracles of healing in this Gospel that quite a number of these refer to young people, such as Jairus's daughter, the demoniac child, and others. It is wonderful how the Lord Jesus sympathizes with boys and girls. None of you are beneath His notice. Although He is now in heaven He knows all about you and understands you.

I love to think of Jesus calling the children to Him. The parents brought the children, but the disciples turned them away—they quite misunderstood the heart of the Saviour. When Jesus saw it, however, *He was much displeased* and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." And He took them *in His arms*. How very gracious of the Lord Jesus! Do you think those children would ever forget that day? I think I hear you saying that if you had lived in those days and had been lifted up in the arms of Jesus, you would then have been sure that Jesus cared for you. But He is still the Friend of children. You can have confidence to come to Him now, for He never casts out any who come. His grace and mercy are just the same to-day as when He gathered those little ones long ago. He is ready to welcome all who come.

The disciples disputed amongst themselves as to who should be the greatest. Each of them wanted the top place—what pride! But Jesus took a child in His arms. And what a great sermon that child preached that day! The child is simple and natural, and this was a lesson to the disciples that they must lose their pride and become simple-minded and childlike if they would gain any place in the kingdom.

The last part of the Gospel is occupied with the sufferings of the Lord—His death and resurrection. What loneliness seems to mark

the Lord here. His disciples all forsook Him and fled. He was the subject of the taunts and cruelty of men. We read of the crown of thorns and the purple robe; the smiting and spitting; the mock worship; the railing; the mockery of the priests. We read, too, of His death—*His soul was made an offering for sin*—the curse fell upon Him.

He died, but He rose again and we find that He appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the two on the way to Emmaus, and to the eleven disciples as they sat at meat.

Then the Gospel closes with that charge, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The eternal destiny of the hearers depended upon their receiving the message; and so it is to-day. "He that believeth . . . shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be lost."

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

As you will see the prizes are divided equally between boys and girls. A nice Bible from a kind friend in London goes to each First Prize winner. I hope those who receive texts will hang them up where they can be as little reminders of the things of heaven.

No doubt many of you have been wondering if your name is going to appear in the Prize List. If it does not, I want you to remember that just one rubbing out or alteration disqualifies you. Then, too, do not feel discouraged because I trust these monthly Scripture Searchings are going to be a great help to you in time to come. Earthly prizes are very nice to have, but there is a *greater* prize to be gained than these. I wonder if you can find the verse in Philipians 3?

I am glad to see a few new searchers names. Try and get your friends to start.

E. Macdonald did a good paper, but gave no chapter and verse.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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Subject :—Mark.

1. What did Jesus say about little children? (Mark 10.)

2. What did Jesus do to the little children? (Mark 10.)

3. What is said about they that have riches? (Mark 10.)

4. "And Jesus looking upon them . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Mark 10.)

5. What did the blind man do when he received his sight? (Mark 10.)

6. What four words did Jesus say to them about faith? (Mark 11.)

7. "He saved others . . ." Write out the next four words only. (Mark 15.)

8. What did the centurion say about Jesus? (Mark 15.)

9. Who shall be saved? (Mark 16.)

10. What happened after the Lord had spoken unto them? (Mark 16.)

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let us make man
in our image . . .
so God created
man in His own
image . . .

Genesis 1. 26. 27.

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I WANT to tell you a little incident which happened last summer at G—.

One nice afternoon two sisters were finding their way up a rocky hill, not far from the little town, which is easily climbed by a zig-zag path, when their attention was drawn by the shouts of some men on the road beneath. They discovered that a boy was perched half-way up the face of the rock on a little ledge and could neither get up nor down. The men tried to reach him, but finding it impossible, went for help. Meanwhile, the sisters continued their walk, and when they came down again found the boy's mother and a friend anxiously watching. They told them that the boy, a stranger to the place, had been missing for some hours, and they had been searching for him.

Presently a car arrived with several men bringing strong ropes. One very athletic young man tried to reach the boy from beneath, but could not, so with some difficulty he and another worked their way round until they got above him. One let down the rope, and then the young man slipped down to the ledge, fastened the rope round the boy, and pushed while the other hauled him up, and they soon had him safe on the road.

Now, that boy could not save himself, he was helpless, and he knew it; but he cried for help, and it came from above. *I wonder whether my young readers have ever realized that they are in greater danger than that boy was, if still unsaved?* If so, there is a Saviour ready and able to save your precious soul from the judgment that your sins deserve, and not only that, but He is an all-the-way-home Saviour. That boy was in distress and hungry, having been there long

past his dinner-hour, and was about two miles from where he and his mother were staying on holiday, so the sisters put them both into their car and drove them right home.

**"Look unto me and be ye saved."
Jesus is able to save to the uttermost
those that come unto God by Him.**

E. W. T.

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BIBLE SEARCHERS

1. **A** man he killed with his own hand,
And then he hid him in the sand.
2. A woman prayed a son to have,
And then she to the Lord him gave.
3. A boy when young he loved to read,
The Scripture well he knew indeed.
4. A man who trusted in the Lord,
When in the stall there was no herd.
5. A woman who was very brave,
Cared not e'en her life to save.
6. A man beloved by Jesus here,
Was banished far from friends so dear.

R. H.

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Entrants are required to furnish the names of each person referred to, also the Scripture reference. By taking the first letter of each Book you will have the name of the queen of a great king. What name is it? Prizes will be awarded for the best three papers.

Answers must reach the Editor by the end of this month.

A "MAN OF GOD"

(IX)

WE come now in our last paper to the only "Man of God," so called in the New Testament. His name is Timothy, and it seems to me that we have gathered up in him, all the different things said about the others. We have seen in these Men of God that they come from God; delight in His Word; make much of prayer; and do good to others; and each takes a stand for God in a dark day.

Now if you take time to read the First and Second Epistles of Paul to Timothy you will find all these features mentioned. Timothy, to my mind, is the ideal pattern of a "Man of God." Perhaps you will say, "I would like to be a 'Man of God' but I am young." Well, Timothy was young (1 Timothy iv. 12). You may then say, "I am not strong and could not bear much, but Timothy certainly was not strong (1 Timothy v. 23). Again you may urge, "I feel afraid as I am timid by nature." Well now, so was Timothy (Timothy i. 1). Think of this; he was young, weak in body, and naturally afraid, yet the only "Man of God," so called, in the New Testament. Let us see what Paul has to say about these things.

In regard to his youth, Paul tells him, that power to be a "Man of God" does not lie in being old and well experienced but in *knowing the Scriptures* (2 Timothy iii. 15). Here he would find all he needed to know how to serve God. Paul says the Scriptures are given so that a "Man of God" may be *perfect*, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (verse 17). Here, then, is something within the reach of every one of us.

In regard to his weak body, Paul would remind him that he could be strong in the grace that is in Christ

Jesus (2 Timothy ii. 1). Be sure of this, boys and girls, that the strength the Lord Himself gives is far better than any strength of body, and it is just as available for us as it was for Timothy. Read for yourself what Paul said about himself and this strength (Philippians iv. 13).

Then, if Timothy was timid and afraid, Paul would remind him that the Holy Spirit would give him all the boldness he needed (2 Timothy i. 7). Here, then, are the only true helps for a "Man of God." Think of them. **THE SCRIPTURES, CHRIST JESUS and the HOLY SPIRIT.** I do hope that as the result of these little talks, many of you have made up your minds to be Men of God. **Make much of your Bible reading, engage constantly in prayer, and allow the Holy Spirit to lead and control you.** My last word to you, and which I hope you will read, is in 1 Timothy iv. 15. Do what it says and the Lord will richly bless you.

G. D.

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THE GREATEST TEXT

(JOHN iii. 16.)

God—*The Greatest Lover*
 So loved—*The Greatest Degree*
 The world—*The Greatest Company*
 That He gave—*The Greatest Act*
 His only-begotten Son—*The Greatest Gift*
 That whosoever—*The Greatest Opportunity*
 Believeth—*The Greatest Simplicity*
 In Him—*The Greatest Attraction*
 Should not perish—*The Greatest Promise*
 But—*The Greatest Difference*
 Have—*The Greatest Certainty*
 Everlasting Life—*The Greatest Possession*

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BRIDGES.

IN my young days I lived in a North Country town which has a wonderful bridge that took eighteen years to build and still stands as an historic landmark. Until recently it was one of the main roads, north and south, also connecting the town with its suburbs on the other side of the river. All who wanted to reach that town from the south had to cross by the bridge.

Now, owing to present conditions it became too narrow and dangerous, and a large modern bridge was built to carry

the stream of traffic continuously passing over. But the old bridge remains for those pedestrians (and slower moving vehicles) who care to use it; and the fact also remains that the town on the river side can only be reached by one of its bridges—the historic one—the new one for heavy, fast travelling traffic, and the high, picturesque bridge for railway traffic.

Now we can only get to know each other by intercourse—a bridge of communication by the words we speak which tell others of our thoughts. God and man are far apart, and if they are

to be brought together the distance must be bridged. I came across these lines which I think are helpful—

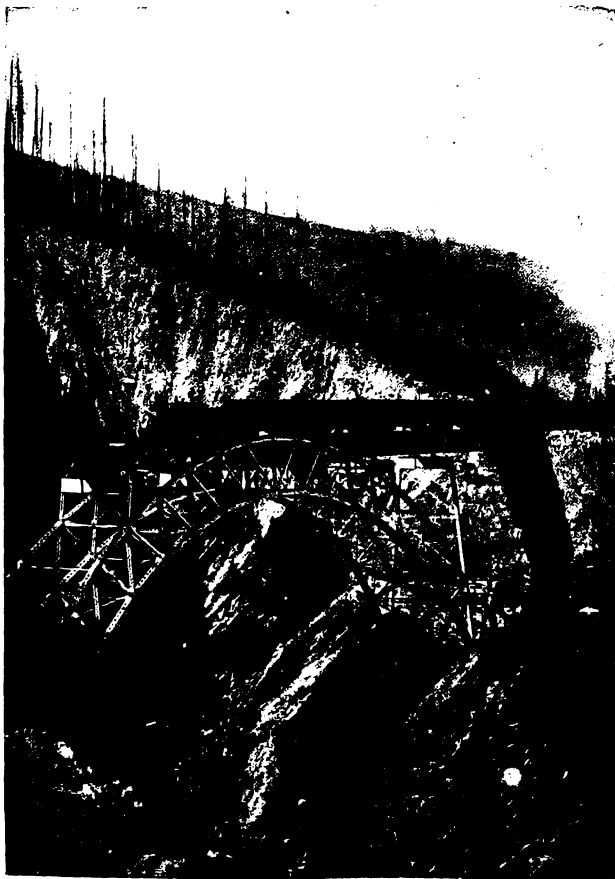
“Words make a bridge from mind to mind and heart to heart.

God’s Word is a bridge to you. Is the bridge open at your end?

Along it would pass to you The Saviour, all blessing and all heaven.”

The Bible is God’s Word to us, telling us of His character, thoughts, love; and revealing the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour—the “Bridge” between God and man. “Christ hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God” (1 Peter iii. 18). He Himself said, “no man cometh unto the Father but by Me” (John xiv. 6). “Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us” (Hebrews x. 15), because “no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost” (1 Corinthians xii. 3). Is there daily communication between the Saviour and you?

A. M. W.



A RAILWAY BRIDGE.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

OH Jesus, Lord! how good Thou art,
To care for young ones such as me!
How full of love Thy tender heart,
To die for me upon the tree.

Lord, teach me how to trust that love,
So wonderful and great and free,
Which brought Thee down from heaven above,
To make me fit to dwell with Thee.

For well Thou knewest Thou *must* die,
And shed Thy blood to cleanse my sin,
If ever young ones such as I
Thy glorious home could enter in.

For I was lost, and full of sin,
And could not fit myself for God;
I could not cleanse my heart within:
It needed Thy most precious blood.

Thou now art risen from the dead,
And gone into that heaven so bright;
But by Thy Word and Spirit led,
I'd trust Thee now, though out of sight.

Oh! Saviour, draw my heart to Thee,
That I may love Thee and adore;
That my desire while here may be
Each day to love and please Thee more.

And make Thy presence, Lord, to me,
And all Thy wondrous love and care,
A daily bright reality,
Until Thou com'st to take me *there*.

Then all Thy love I'll better know
When with Thee in that glory fair;
But grant me grace while *here* to show
In Thy reproach I too would share.

Grant me Thy grace to live to Thee,
And seek while here to do Thy will,
Then I with joy Thy face shall see,
In heaven to love and praise Thee still.

S. M. A.

A YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S LETTER

DEAR MR. R.—

THE piece "Tempted—yet Victorious," in the June magazine was very interesting, for it reminded me of a similar experience I had about three and a half years ago. My employer asked me to bring her some cigarettes. I didn't feel happy about bringing them, but you see I hadn't been converted long and didn't know whether I should bring them or not. I asked a brother at the evening meeting, after prayer about it what I should do. He said that some people would not have a conscience about it, but if she asked me again I had to tell her just why. A few days after she did ask me, and I said would she mind if I didn't bring them as I belonged to the Lord Jesus and wouldn't like to be found buying cigarettes when He came. She seemed quite surprised at first but did not say much, but I got on with her afterwards better than before.

Whilst I have been ill she has been to see me very often, and now I go and see her. She said after that she didn't mind going anywhere and leaving me for she knew she could trust me. So I think if we show that we belong to Christ at first, we get on much better than if we seek to try to hide the fact that we are wholly His. So I have found it.

Yours affectionately in Him,

I. S.





Scripture Searchers' Corner

(IX)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

BEFORE you commence to read the Gospel by John, I would like you to turn to chapter xx. and read carefully verse 31. This verse gives us the key to the whole book and helps us in the understanding of the Gospel. This is the Gospel of the "Son of God," and was written for the very purpose that we might believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is and ever was the Son of God. Two words in this verse are very important, and we will see them again and again as we read the Gospel—"believe," and "life."

There is much spoken and written to-day about life. We are told to do many things if we want really to enjoy life. The masses, especially the young, are devoting a great deal of time and energy to the one object of seeing life. *But the great mistake is that they leave God's Son out of their thoughts.* They think that, so long as they are in the circle of gaiety and pleasure, they are making the most of life.

Some people tell us that we must aim at a goal—we must have ambition—some definite object in life to enjoy it to the full. This is very true provided that we have the right goal and the right object. The Apostle Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians iii. 14). He certainly had the right object. He set the Lord Jesus Christ before him as the object of his life and his one desire was "that I might know Him." If ever there was a man who really lived and enjoyed life, it was the Apostle Paul.

Now we are told in John's Gospel that the way to life is by believing on the Son of God,

and it is also stated that "he that believeth not the Son *shall not see life.*" You may go in for the round of pleasure and culture here, you may develop your body and your powers and think that you are strong and have no need of anything else. *But the strongest has to leave the world sometime, and what would life be to you then?* HAVE YOU HOPE BEYOND THIS WORLD?

If you believe on the Son of God you have a new life—a life that can never die—eternal life. This is something more than money and fame and power, the things which men strive after to-day, and it is God's free gift. As you have heard so often, there is nothing to do that you might have eternal life but to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Simple trust in Christ will bring you blessing in this life and eternal life in the world to come.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

The July papers were done much better, and, as you will see, there are no names to call attention to this time.

I am glad to see some new names, and trust there will be still more who are going to take up the Scripture Searching.

I wonder if you have brothers or sisters to whom you have never spoken of the Lord Jesus. May you be encouraged to do so as you answer our third question for this month.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 18 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.

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

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

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

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by *letter post*.

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In addition a text will be given to Searchers who are in 1st class for the half-year. Two texts so gained will entitle Searchers to a Consolation prize. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

Questions for September, 1937.

Subject:—John.

1. What came by Jesus Christ? (John 1.)
2. What was the first thing John said when he saw Jesus coming to him? (John 1.)
3. Whom did Andrew first find? (John 1.)
4. What did His mother say unto the servants? (John 2.)
5. What did Jesus say about Moses? (John 8.)
6. Write out the fifteenth word only of John 3, 16.
7. Who shall not see life? (John 3.)
8. "But whosoever. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 4.)
9. What did the woman say when she went into the city? (John 4.)
10. "We have heard Him ourselves and know that. . . ." Write out the next ten words only. (John 4.)

July Searchers.

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1st Class.—B. Adkins, J. Alexander, E. Allen, I. Beattie, B. Bennett, M. Blake, E. Blissett, K. Carr, J. Charlie, I. Chivers, A. Clark, O. Creighton, M. Crosby, E. Dainford, N. Elbridge, E. Ewen, H. Fleetwood, K. Freeman, J. Gatenby, V. Gibbons, B. Graham, E. Hedley, N. Henderson, B. Hunter (Glasgow), B. Hunter (Ponteland), C. Jackson, J. Jobling, J. Johnston, V. Kinniburgh, V. Lancaster, E. Langfield, V. Moss, J. Munro, M. Murray, A. Pratt, D. Prondley, D. Pugh, D. Rice, A. Robertson, J. D. Rugg, J. Stirling, V. Tones, F. Watton, D. A. Westwood, E. White.

2nd Class.—M. Francis, I. Liddle, E. Parkinson, M. Snaith, O. Trotter, H. West.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

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2nd Class.—C. Anderson, M. Charters, F. Liddle, M. Scanlan, W. Snaith, N. Teague, K. Tombs, H. Wilson, M. Wispere, B. Wright.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—P. Adkins, K. Althorp, H. Bennett, A. Binnie, J. G. Binnie, V. Brew, M. Brown, N. Bunce, K. Burn, T. Caygill, J. Chivers, T. Connolly, R. Davison, B. Dickson, J. N. Dodds, I. Douglas, I. Elsworthy, L. Elsworthy, K. Elbridge, E. Eungblut, B. Fennell, L. Goddard, I. Good, P. Graham, C. Gray, R. Gray, C. Harvey, P. Hepple, P. Hirst, C. Hodgins, W. Instone, M. Lilley, D. Manson, A. Marrs, C. McCallum, J. Melling, J. Merritt, M. Messenger, J. H. Mitchell, N. Norval, D. Osman, G. Palmer, J. Pearson, A. Peever, B. Ponder, E. Pugh, I. Purvis, C. Ranson, D. Rice, J. Robertson, Jennie Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, E. Rohr, K. Rugg, J. Scott, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, A. J. Smith, C. Sorenson, G. Spence, B. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, M. Stuart, J. Swinburn, R. Swinburn, N. Templeman, P. Todd, S. Veale, B. Walker, F. Walton, G. Westwood, V. Williams, J. Willis, J. Witton, P. Wood, O. Wright.

2nd Class.—K. Bates, M. Britton, P. Kemp, W. Ward, I. Witton.

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I SEE THE
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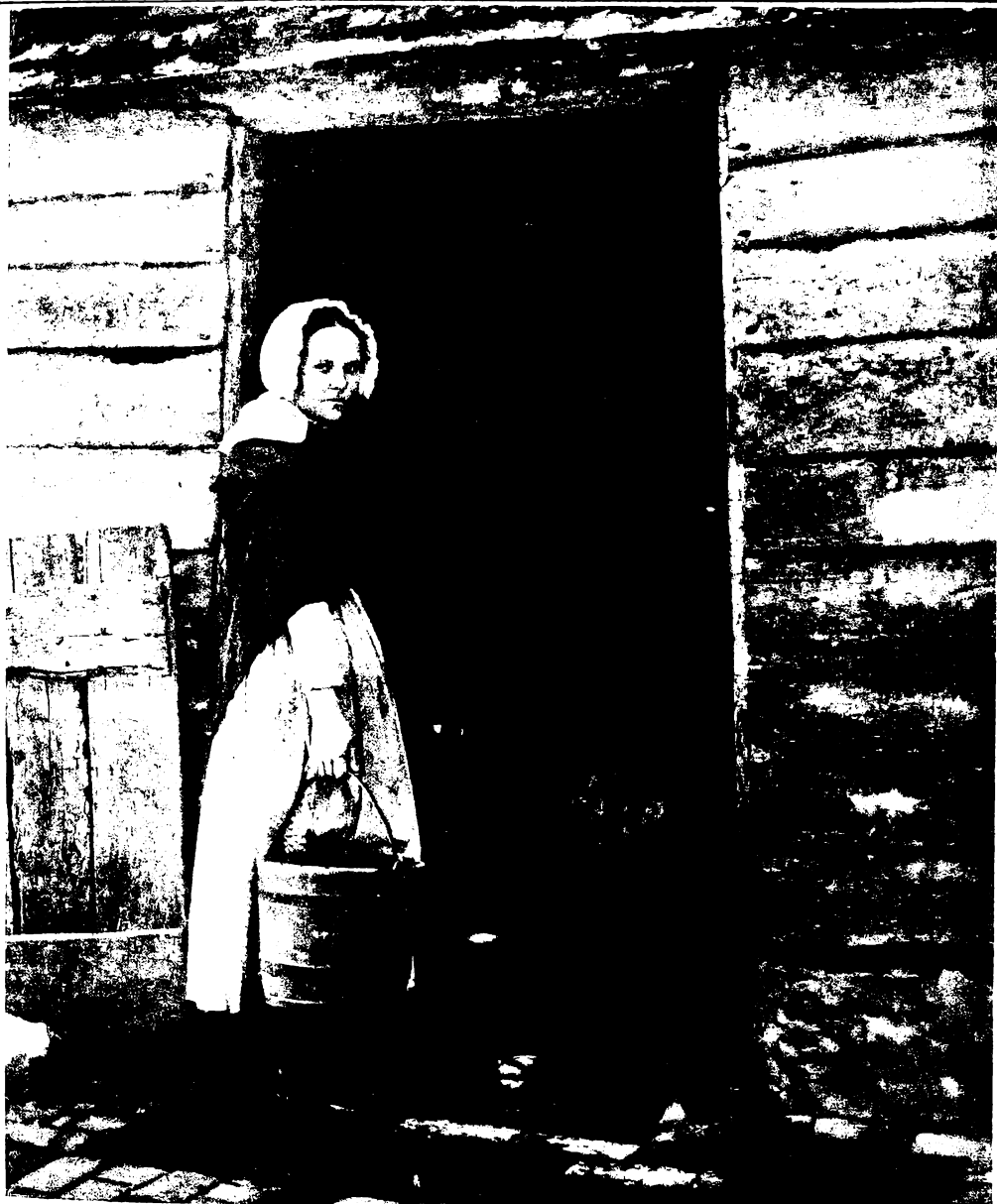
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DRIFTING

SOME of you will remember reading last month the incident of how a boy who had reached a dangerous ledge on a rock cried for help, and was saved. Now I want to tell you of another incident that happened a few days later. One of two sisters went for a short cruise in a motor launch round the bay of the town at which they were staying. On the return journey both wind and tide were against the boat, but the powerful little engine had no difficulty in making good headway.

Suddenly, when nearing the shore, the man at the wheel changed his course and went full speed out again. The passengers at first were mystified, but soon saw the reason for this when the engine stopped, and they were alongside a small rowing boat with two young women in it. A rope was thrown to them and made fast, and soon they were being towed as fast as the motor boat could go to the shore. The fact was, they had gone out for a row, and when they wanted to return did not realize that both wind and tide were taking them out to sea. They might soon have been miles out, for the current was running strong, and though they pulled hard at the oars they were drifting, drifting the wrong way, and did not seem to be aware of it.

How many there are like that who think that they are going to reach the heavenly shore by their own efforts! One oar of good works, may be, and the other oar of prayers and religion, and do not know that all their efforts are vain.

What about my reader? *Are you trying to be good, to do the best you can, to turn over a new leaf when there has been a fresh blot on the page of your life?* Some think that because they go to

Sunday School and say their prayers they are sure to go to heaven when they die. **Dear young friend, you are drifting, drifting! and you need a Saviour.**

Lay down your oars, you are no match for the winds and currents of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Salvation is "not of works lest any man should boast." "When we were yet without strength . . . Christ died for the ungodly." The work has been done, and again, He is an all-the-way-home Saviour. When you have put your trust in Him you will find that the currents against you are as strong as ever, but the power that saved you is "able to keep you." **"He will hold you fast."**

E. W. T.



FACING UP TO IT

WHILST walking along the street the other day I saw a very interesting incident. A policeman on horseback was coming along and approached a large motor van standing by the side of the road. Suddenly, the horse shied and backed away with wild prancing. Its rider with masterly control compelled it to come towards the van again, and once more it backed away.

This went on for several minutes; each time the horse backed away from the van it was brought back until, at last, it stood calmly with its nose almost touching the van, and the policeman was alternately patting the horse and the van, and seemed to be saying, "You stupid thing, can't you see it won't hurt you?"

When I thought of the incident later, I remembered that just as the horse was afraid and upset at the first sight of the motor van, so lots of people are afraid when they hear the Gospel message for the first time. They hear the Gospel



A PRANCING HORSE

telling them they are *sinners in God's sight* (no matter how good they think they are), and that God must bring them into judgment one day unless they trust the Saviour, who died under the judgment of God in their stead. They are, at first, filled with fear and want to get right away and never to hear that message again.

But, somehow or other, they do come again to hear the Gospel, and again they turn away uneasy in mind, though, perhaps, not so upset as on the previous occasion. And so, as time goes on, they

become used to the Gospel message, and Satan seems to whisper in their ear, "See, now, how stupid you have been to get anxious and worried, there is really nothing to be afraid of after all!" And they willingly succumb to the lie of Satan; they readily believe what he whispers, and they ignore the claims of God.

I wonder, children, if this has been your experience so far! You remember the time when you really felt concerned about your sins, and you were alarmed at the thoughts of judgment to come. But you got over that, and can now listen to the Gospel message with indifference because you believe God is too loving to punish you even on account of sin. But the Word of God says, He "will by no means clear the guilty" (Exodus xxxiv. 7). Perhaps you are saying there is plenty of time, and that you will give earnest attention to these matters when you are older. Again, God's Word says, "**Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth**" (Ecclesiastes xxii. 1).

You cannot afford to play fast and loose with these things; they are too sacred and too important. They relate to GOD'S CLAIMS upon you, and fix your ETERNAL Destiny. So I would urge you not to become "Gospel hardened," nor to turn a deaf ear to God's message, but to make up your mind to turn to Him *at once* just as you are, *a sinner*, and ask Him for that forgiveness which He is pleased to give to every sinner who turns to Him for salvation.

Don't put this important matter off another day, for if you do you may miss the blessing at last; you may find that when you would like to be saved in later years it is *too late*. "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians vi. 2).

LESSONS FROM MALACHI

(1)

"WHEREIN HAST THOU LOVED US"
(Malachi i. 2).

THE book of Malachi is full of interest to those who find pleasure in studying the ways of God. It is the closing prophecy of the Old Testament and shows the moral condition of the two tribes of Israel, Judah, and Benjamin, after being re-gathered to their own land. Their forefathers had been led captive because of their idolatry and impiety, but those composing the returned remnant were little different in piety from their forefathers, although they had been purged from idolatry. Happily all were not the same, for in chapter iii. verse 16 we read, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another," and in such the Lord delighted.

Verse 2 of chapter i. opens with the declaration of the Lord's love for His people. Protesting His love for them He says, "I have loved you." Israel's reply is, "Wherein hast Thou loved us?" Can we not discern in this reply a spirit of unbelief and haughtiness? It was as much as to say, "We see no evidence of this love you are speaking about." Patiently the Lord points out the evidence of His great love for them. He had loved their father Jacob, and had hated his brother Esau. On God's part it was sovereign love, although defended in Jacob who put a great value upon the blessing which Esau could not obtain because he despised the divinely given birthright.

Esau's inheritance, too, showed how God loved the descendants of Jacob. Desolate and waste, it is the witness of God's judgment, and although the

descendants of Esau will yet re-build and re-inhabit their land it will come under the unsparing and merciless judgment of Christ (see Isaiah lxiii. 1-6). Israel's land was not so in the days of Malachi's prophecy. The land had been spoiled, and partial recovery had already taken place, and this was but the earnest of the time of full recovery when Messiah should come as the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings (chapter iv. verse 2).

God is still saying to His children, "I have loved you." And if we ask sincerely the question asked by proud Israel, "Wherein hast Thou loved us?" the New Testament will furnish an abundant answer. Look at 1 John iv. 9-10: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." There are many more passages each of which gives its part to an answer that will engage our hearts and minds, and voices in praise for eternity.

Alas, some are still saying with the same haughtiness of Israel, "Wherein hast Thou loved us?" And when they hear the story of the cross they are still indifferent and unbelieving. Such will come under divine judgment like the profane Esau; *but those who appreciate the blessing of God and possess it by faith in Christ Jesus, shall be blessed eternally with Christ, like Israel who prized God's blessing.*

WM. C. R.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE CHRISTIAN'S SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE

HOW often one meets young Christians who are bemoaning the fact that they have lost the joy that they first had when converted. "Yes," they reply when questioned, "I remember when I was first 'saved,' I was so full of joy that I felt like singing all the time, but now, somehow it has all gone and I do not know how to get it back."

Then follows a deep sigh and generally the remark, "I *do* wish I could."

Perhaps this will meet the eye of someone who will say, "Why, that is just *my* experience"; if so, the following story may be a help to such an one.

Many years ago a girl was converted; the knowledge that she was saved eternally filled her heart with great joy and gladness, and the language of her heart was indeed, "Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away." Yes, that was a happy time, but, alas! her song soon changed.

After some weeks had elapsed she became conscious that her joy was diminishing and that she did not feel at all different from what she had done before her conversion. This greatly disturbed her, and sometimes she lay awake during the night telling herself that she was going to heaven, that her sins were forgiven, and tried to think of some of her many blessings in her attempts to fan again to a brighter flame the dying embers of the joy that she was slowly losing, but in vain.

Weary months dragged on; she had striven, longed, and struggled to keep bright and happy, chiding herself upon her ungratefulness to the Lord for not feeling very joyful that she was not going to hell but was destined for the glory, but all of no avail. All her strivings being futile she relapsed into indifference, although she often consoled herself with the thought that she was sure she was the most miserable creature living.

In all this, though she little knew it, the Lord Jesus was, in His marvellous lovingkindness, drawing her to Himself, for His words to each of us are, "**I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.**"

To proceed with my story. One afternoon Kitty went upstairs preparatory to her going out. All at once this verse came into her mind, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and will open the door, I will come in"—here she paused.

"If any man will open, I will come in." "Why!" she said, clasping her hands to her face in amazement, "Lord Jesus, all this time I have never let Thee into my heart, I've trusted Thee as Saviour and asked Thee to help me, but never once have I asked Thee to come into my heart."

Like a flood it rushed into her soul, and turning at once to the Lord Jesus she said, "Please, Lord Jesus, these are Thine own words, 'If any man will open the door, I *will* come in'; Lord, I open my heart *now* to Thee, please wilt Thou come in? I want Thee to dwell in my heart: that is Thy promise, Lord, and I believe it."

That was all, dear young Christian; but what a peace and joy flowed over her soul as she realized that now the Lord Jesus dwelt in her heart by faith.

To be continued.



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(X)

DEAR SEARCHERS,

THE chapters in John's Gospel which we read this month continue the important subject of "LIFE," and tell us simply and plainly how we may get on to the path of life.

The Pool of Bethesda brought relief to a few, but this relief was only from bodily ailments, and the strongest always got the blessing. The poor, weak people, who most needed a cure, were too slow to get into the water at the appointed time. The Lord Jesus Christ came, however, with power, not only to heal the body, but to give eternal life. And, a most blessed fact is, that the Lord brought grace to the weakest and those who most needed it.

A man had lain at the Pool for 38 years with no prospect of being able to find a cure for his bodily trouble, but the Lord healed him *immediately*. Later in the chapter, in the Lord's discourse to the Jews, we have unfolded to us the way of life. "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."

We may not have ailments such as those people by the Pool of Bethesda, but this fact is common to all who are without Christ that they are dead, having no life. This is the point to which the Lord brought Nicodemus in the third chapter, and it was explained there that there must be a new start for entrance into the kingdom of God. The story of the serpent of brass was told to show where we, as sinners, must go to commence this new life. The people were

bitten by the serpents and were dying, but God told Moses to take a serpent of brass and put it on a pole and whoever looked to the brazen serpent lived. *The meaning of this is, that the moment we, as sinners, look to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, we are relieved from our sins—the dreadful disease of sin—and have eternal life given to us.*

The Lord Jesus was grieved that the people would not acknowledge Him. "Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life," said He. "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" asked the people. "Jesus answered and said unto them, this is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." But they would not—they were interested in the miracles of Jesus—they loved the loaves and the fishes, *but the pleadings they resisted.*

Dear boys and girls, if you want LIFE—eternal life, there is but one way to get it. To believe, and take life as the gift of God through His Son is all that is asked of the sinner. Could anything be more simple for us?

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am pleased that so many of you sent in papers for July. These have all been marked and entered.

J. Jobling, J. Munro, K. Burn, A. Parker, and V. Wallace all left out one reference. Always look over your papers before sending them in.

No paper for June was received from E. Ewen. I thank Desmond Johnson for his encouraging little letter. May the Lord have the pre-eminence in the lives of each one of us.

A paper has come from a searcher aged nine from Old Catton, with no name.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for October, 1937.

Subject:—John.

1. "Verily . . . life." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (John 5.)

2. What are we to do with the Scriptures? (John 5.)

3. Of Whom did Moses write? (John 5.)

4. What did the men say who had seen the miracle which Jesus did? (John 6.)

5. What did Jesus do when they wanted to make Him a king? (John 6.)

6. Who shall never hunger or thirst? (John 6.)

7. "I am the living bread." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (John 6.)

8. What did Jesus say on the last, the great day of the feast? (John 7.)

9. Why was there a division amongst the people? (John 7.)

10. What did the officers answer? (John 7.)

August Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—B. Adkins, J. Alexander, E. Allen, I. Beattie, B. Bennett, M. Blake, E. Blissett, K. Carr, I. Chivers, A. Clark, O. Creighton, D. Crosby, N. Elvidge, H. Fleetwood, J. Flett, M. Francis, K. Freeman, B. Graham, D. Green, N. Henderson, J. Houston, B. Hunter (Glasgow), B. Hunter (Ponteland), C. Jackson, J. Jobling, J. Johnston, V. Kinniburgh, V. Lancaster, E. Langfield, H. Lyon, E. Parkinson, A. H. Pratt, D. Proudley, D. Pugh, D. Rice, A. Robertson, M. Robson, J. D. Rugg, I. Smelt, M. Snaith, J. Stirling, P. Watton, H. West, D. Westwood, E. White.

2nd Class.—T. Baxter, E. Ewen, I. Liddle, E. Mill, J. Munro, V. Tones, C. Trotter.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—O. Anderson, E. Anderson, O. Beattie, B. Beckett, N. Bell, W. D. Bennett, M. Blair, V. Blair, I. Blake, A. Britton, G. Brookes, E. Brown, I. Brown, N. Burn, J. Burton, A. Collyer, F. Connolly, B. Davis, I. Eddy, M. J. Fleetwood, D. Francis, J. Hagon, M. Handyside, J. Hardman, I. Hill, G. Hirst, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, E. Hook, T. Hopkinson, G. Houghton, E. Houston, L. Houston, W. Jackson, D. Johnson, D. Lyon, W. Malcolm, V. McGorrie, J. McQueen, J. Montier, H. Munro, E. Myers, M. Nicolson, K. Palmer, J. Parker, E. Pill, N. Pugh, D. Purvis, A. Raeburn, V. Ranson, J. Redpath, E. Revill, M. Robinson, D. A. Rugg, M. Rutherford, G. Scott, N. Slater, W. Snaith, D. Sowerby, E. Stephenson, R. Stirling, F. Swift, M. Tears, M. Tombs, D. Walton, V. Watts, R. Webster, H. J. E. Wilson, P. Wood, B. Wright.

2nd Class.—L. Burgin, D. Dewar, A. Dodds, J. Gray, D. Hook, J. Jobling, F. Liddle, E. Lilley, N. Middleton, A. Parker, A. Reade, D. Scott, H. Spence, E. Thompson, I. Wallace, I. Warner.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—J. Adamson, P. Adkins, D. Barker, H. Bennett, J. G. Binnie, V. Brew, M. Brown, N. Bunce, T. Cargill, J. Chivers, T. Connolly, R. Davison, B. Dickson, I. Douglas, K. Elvidge, E. Bungblut, L. Goddard, O. Gray, R. Gray, O. Harvey, P. Hepple, P. Hirst, O. Hodgins, M. Howard, M. Lawford, D. Manson, O. McCallum, E. McTavish, J. Melling, J. Merritt, M. Messenger, J. Mitchell, N. Norval, D. Osman, G. Palmer, A. Peavor, E. Pugh, I. Purvis, O. Ranson, D. Rice, J. Robertson, Joan Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, E. Rohr, K. Rugg, J. A. Scott, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, J. A. Smith, J. Stephenson, M. Stuart, J. Swinburn, M. Swinburn, D. Templeman, N. Templeman, P. Todd, S. Veale, M. Walker, D. Wilkinson, F. Wilkinson, V. Williams, J. Willis, F. Wood, O. Wright.

2nd Class.—K. Althorp, K. Burn, J. Dodds, B. Lilley, M. Lilley, P. Litster, G. Spence, B. Stephenson.

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every man his
mother, and
his father . . .
I am the Lord
your God.

Leviticus 19. 3.

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BONFIRES

"Be sure to remember the fifth of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot."

I THINK that is how the verse goes, only I am not sure, as I have almost forgotten it. Anyhow, you know what it talks about: the Fifth of November. Some people call it "Guy Fawkes," others "Plot," but it all means the same thing—bonfires, blazing and roaring, and crackers of all sorts, Jack-in-the-boxes, Roman Candles, Catherine-wheels and Rockets, not forgetting Jumping-jacks, exploding and whizzing all around.

I remember a bonfire, not in this country but away in Africa, and not on a cold foggy night but on a bright sunny day. Round the fire was gathered a group of Africans, dark of skin, both men and women, and maybe a few boys and girls to see what was happening. With them stood two white missionaries. One by one these people left the group and walked quietly up to the blazing fire to drop something into it. Some looked rather nervous as they did so, others did it quickly, as though to get it over.

And the things they dropped on to the fire were the oddest assortment you could imagine—various shaped sticks, the hollow horn of some animal filled with a black powder, a small basket containing all sorts of things, lengths of cord with charms attached to hang round the neck or body, pieces of creeper, and so on.

If you had been there, I can imagine you coming up curiously, and asking: "What *are* these people doing, and what *are* these things they are burning?" I would like to explain. They aren't having a bonfire for fun. These curious things they are burning are what are called "fetishes." Africans are terribly frightened of evil spirits, and they have

fetishes to which they pray for help and protection, others which they hang round their necks or bodies, and others to place in their houses or fields. They buy the fetishes from the witch-doctors, and they really believe that these pieces of stick or horn contain the power to aid them. They value them very much.

Why, then, are they burning them? Because the missionaries have told them that only God can help or protect them from evil, that He alone hears and answers prayer, and that He has sent a Saviour, His own Son, whose name is Jesus, to be to them all that they need. They have told them, too, that they have been deceived, putting their trust in fetishes which cannot hear their prayers, and therefore certainly cannot answer them.

This little group round the bonfire is composed of some of those who have believed this wonderful message, and who, by burning these things of Satan in which they have so long trusted, are publicly showing that they have forsaken them, and put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour. It meant a tremendous lot to them that day, and a lot to the missionaries who had gone so far to tell them the message, and it must have meant a lot to the Lord Jesus Himself to look down on that little group of believers out there in heathen Africa. At the end we sang: "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," in their language, of course. They sing it like this: "Nyulemia wulu wa Jisu." Don't you think they were singing in heaven that day, too? For the Bible tells us that there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over *one* sinner that repenteth.

I wonder if Jesus is *your* Saviour? If He is, and I hope He is, will you pray to Him often that many more of these Africans may be freed from their old and evil beliefs to believe in Him? R. H.



LIGHTING A BONFIRE.

"BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT"

THIS story was told on the death-bed of one who had been much used of God, as he handed a piece of paper to his sister as a treasure he had long valued, and that had been the means of leading him to Jesus forty years before.

He was only a little boy, when one day he stole from the cupboard a

piece of cake he had been expressly told not to touch. He took it to bed with him, but whilst eating it he fell asleep with the half-eaten cake between his fingers.

Later on, when his good mother came for a good night and kiss, there was the little sinner caught red-handed.

In the morning when he awoke he found the cake was still in his fingers, but neatly folded in white paper.

On it, in his mother's handwriting, he read the solemn words: "Be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers xxxii. 23.)

Not a word was said; never till the close of his life did he mention it, but then he told his sister, as he gave her the paper, how he had kept it hidden deep in his desk. Years had passed away, and still the solemn words had remained until he sought to know "The Way" (John xiv.

6) in which sin, so sure, so certain to find the sinner out, could be forgiven, and the memory of it blotted out.

He learned in due time that One, who had never sinned, and was without sin, had taken the sinner's curse, and borne the sinner's sins, and that for His sake the sinner turning to God in His name received forgiveness, and the sin was blotted out.

LESSONS FROM MALACHI

(II)

"Wherein have we despised Thy Name?"

—MALACHI i. 6.

NOT only has God given to His children the knowledge of His love, but He has made known to them His name. To the patriarchs God was known as The Almighty, to Israel as the Lord (or Jehovah), but to us the Son has made known the Father's name.

Abraham relied on the Almighty. God had said to him, "Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward," and because God said this Abraham sought God's intervention on his behalf, and when God promised to do so he believed God. To prove his confidence in God's name he was prepared to give up his only son Isaac in sacrifice to God, knowing the Almighty could raise him from the dead.

In our chapter, the priests of Israel, who should have taught the people by word and example to honour the Lord's name, are found despising it, and haughtily resent the charge saying, "Wherein have we despised Thy Name?" On the altar they had offered polluted bread instead of the fragrant meat offerings asked in Leviticus ii., and for victims without blemish and spot they offered the blind, lame, and sick. What their governor would have despised the priests thought good enough for God. Nor would they kindle the fire of the altar or close the temple doors without punishment.

What are we giving in sacrifice to God? God is not asking now for actual bullocks and lambs, but calls upon us to yield our bodies a living sacrifice (Romans xii. 1); and having done this we can offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, and do good, and give as

God has prospered us (Hebrews xiii. 15-16). Every member of our bodies is to be yielded up to God. The eyes that once read the world's literature are now to read the Word of God; the ears that listened to the various voices of the world are now to listen to God's voice; the hands—it may be holding the pen at school, or in the office—are to be used in God's service, and not for ourselves or for sin; and the feet that erstwhile trod sinful paths are to walk in the steps of Christ. Our hearts should be Christ's dwelling-place, and our minds should be occupied with Him and His things. He desires, too, that our time and means should even be at His disposal.

You may say, "I am young, and have little time after my duties are performed, and as for means, I have practically nothing." Being young He can form you for His will, and He wants *all* your time, not simply what is called "spare time." And as for having little, read in John vi. and see how the Lord Jesus used the little put at His disposal by a lad to feed a great multitude.

If you are thinking you can use the days of youth for yourself and for the world, and that you will give the years of later life to God, are you not like the priests who thought that what men refused was good enough for God?

But there is another company spoken of in Malachi iii. 16 in marked contrast to those who despised God's Name. This company feared the Lord, and thought upon His Name. How precious they were to the Lord! and He marked them out for Himself for the day He would make up His jewels. We find another company in Revelation iii. 8 very similar, who kept the Lord's word, and did not deny His Name.

May we all seek to be like those in Malachi iii. 16 and Revelation iii. 8.

WM. C. R.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE CHRISTIAN'S SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE

Continued from page 77.

Now, that is the first step. Go to the Lord Jesus and really and definitely open wide your heart's door to Him. The next thing I want to tell you about is something that will ensure your having peace, joy, and happiness *every* day until finally you go to be with Him for ever. Proverbs viii. 34 reads like this: "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching *daily* at my gates." This is full of meaning for the Christian. What it does *not* mean is this: a quick jump out of bed in the morning, a hurried glance through a chapter of the Word of God, two minutes' hurried prayer and then off for the day. *This* is the meaning that one would put to it: *Open His Word and then turn to Him, telling Him the portion that you are going to read and ask His blessing. Ask Him to give you understanding and that, by His Spirit, He would bring home the words that you read in living power to your soul. Then read it slowly, carefully, and prayerfully.*

The next thing is prayer.

Tell the Lord Jesus everything, all your hopes, your desires, your fears; withhold nothing from Him, but lay your heart bare before Him.

This is the way to begin the day if you would enjoy communion with Him. He delights to have you tell Him all; nothing is too small for Him. It is

because of His great love for you, dear young Christian.

If you remember, Mary of Bethany sat at the feet of the Lord Jesus. We do not read that she sat there until she had said all that she wanted and then rose and went away, do we? She sat, delighting in His presence, enjoying His love, and drinking in everything that He said.

The Lord Jesus wanted her there: He loved her, and her sitting at His feet gave Him great pleasure.

The Lord Jesus is the same gracious Person as He was there, and, by faith, He can become as real to you as He was to Mary. Seek His presence often, not only when you have something to tell Him, but just go to Him and realize by faith that He is with you and rest in His presence. It is in this way that He will make Himself known to you.

Cultivate the habit of getting alone with Him if you would learn what a wonderful loving Friend He is. Do earthly friendships sprout, bud, and blossom at one meeting? Deep intimacy on the part of friends is the result of their being often in one another's company. You will not learn what the Lord Jesus is, how much He loves you, and all that there is to learn, in your first meeting with Him, but it will be the constant, *daily*, quiet time with Him alone that will deepen your love to Him, and increase your enjoyment of His love to you.

In this way you will, dear young Christian, become a joyful, happy, heart satisfied Christian.

How true then is the verse, "*Blessed is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates, at the posts of My doors.*"

E. D. G





Scripture Searchers' Corner

(XI)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I HAVE often found that many boys and girls, when they have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, are not at all sure about the future. They have misgivings, and doubts arise in their minds as to their hope. Now, there is not a shadow of doubt as to the Christian's hope. The Lord Himself makes this very plain, and gives us the assurance that He will never lose any soul entrusted to Him.

If we have by faith given ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, we belong to Him—we are His *own*, and He has told us plainly that He is going to have "His own" with Himself in heaven for ever. This is one of the great thoughts of the tenth chapter of John.

We are told in this chapter, too, of the great love and care which the Lord has for each sheep of the flock. *Each one is dear to Him and He knows each by name.* This picture of the Shepherd and the sheep is very wonderful. You have often seen a flock of sheep and you cannot tell the difference between the animals, but the shepherd can, and it is remarkable how he can pick out of the flock any one sheep that he wishes.

So the Lord knows each sheep by name. This ought to give great encouragement to each one who loves the Lord Jesus Christ. He knows *your* name, dear young friend, if you trust Him. He knows, too, if any are in danger or suffering or in difficulties, and He is always at hand to lead to safety.

Sheep are queer animals. Most animals know where their home is, but sheep do

not appear to have such instinct. They just wander on and on, and a lost sheep never finds its own way home. The Lord Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, goes out to seek the lost sheep and, if we are found of Him, we are *safe*. Then He leads and the sheep follow. The way may be rough and dangerous but not one sheep will be lost.

"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." This statement is very assuring and should give us confidence that, in trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, we will be safe eternally.

A tourist in the Alps was afraid to trust himself to the guide in crossing over a perilous ledge. The guide put out his hand, and said, "This hand never lost a man." The Lord Jesus Christ *never* lost a soul. He has led untold multitudes out of every clime and nation and not one is lost.

You may feel yourself very weak and unable to do much in your own strength, but the Lord is strong and He will carry you along if you trust Him simply and wholly.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—Several of you have lost marks this month through not doing the correct number of questions. The following were short: G. Palmer, B. Polder, M. Lawford, D. Green, and M. Tears.

J. Gatenby gave the wrong word in John iii. 16. I am sorry to have to put him in second class after all these years.

I hope you will read through that wonderful tenth chapter of John very carefully as you look for the answers. I wonder if you are one of His sheep?

Your loving friend,
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2. What happened as He spake these words? (John 8.)
3. What shall make you free? (John 8.)
4. Who shall never see death? (John 8.)
5. What had the Jews agreed? (John 9.)
6. Write out the first verse beginning with "I am" in John 10.
7. "My sheep." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (John 10.)
8. "My Father." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 10.)
9. Write out the shortest verse in John 11.
10. Who shall lose his life? (John 12.)

September Searchers.

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2nd Class.—M. Blake, E. Blissett, K. Carr, J. Gatenby, D. Green, V. Lancaster, E. Parkinson, D. Westwood.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—M. Adams, A. Adkins, O. Anderson, E. Anderson, M. Anderson, E. Archer, A. Baugh, H. Baugh, C. Beattie, B. Beckett, N. Bell, W. D. Bennett, C. Bewick, J. Bewick, V. Blair, I. Blake, G. Brooks, I. Brown, L. Burgin, J. Burton, E. Carlson, F. Connolly, C. W. Cordin, O. Creighton, D. Cunningham, W. Cumming, B. Davis, M. Daye, D. Dewar, M. Dickson, A. Dodds, I. Eddy, M. J. Fleetwood, D. Francis, L. Goddard, J. Gray, R. Haining, M. Handyside, J. Hardman, I. Hill, C. Hillery, G. Hirst, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, D. Hook, E. Hook, T. Hopkinson, G. Houghton, E. Hudson, O. Irving, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, F. Liddle, E. Lilley, W. Malcolm, V. McCorrie, R. Meyer, N. Milne, H. Munro, E. Myers, M. Nicolson, G. Norrie, H. Norrie, O. Oldman, K. Palmer, N. Pugh, D. Purvis, V. Ranson, A. Reade, I. Reay, J. Redpath, A. Robertson, D. A. Rugg, M. Rutherford, N. Slater, W. Snaith, D. Sowerby, H. Spence, E. Stephenson, F. Swift, N. Taylor, E. Thompson, M. Tombs, D. Walker, A. Wall, D. Walton, I. Warner, R. Webster, J. Westwood, H. J. E. Wilson, P. Wood, E. Wray.

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ABOUT OUR PARENTS

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I AM going to have a short serious talk with you all, especially those of you who have Christian parents, for we do not perhaps appreciate them as we should. How frequently we complain if asked to do anything for them because it means putting aside something we want to do.

When a boy I was very fond of reading and anything I could get hold of was eagerly devoured. One day I realized that so much reading was making me very inattentive and unmindful of the wishes of my parents so I cut a lot right out. There stands on my shelf the very book which I was reading at the time, still unfinished.

Read by all means, but *be careful* what you read, and, above all, do not let anything crowd out the reading of the Bible. It is the most important book of all. Ponder its words!

My dear father died thirty-five years ago, but I remember many things he taught me. Although I did not always do the things I should have done, I was very fond of him, and used to try to do what he wished. How thankful I have been since that I did so, though I *might* have done much more.

Then my dear mother died four years ago, and how glad I am that I tried to please and help her. I only wish I had done *more*.

My opportunities for doing anything for my parents have passed, but many of you still have yours; so do all you can for them; you will *never, never* regret it.

But more than that, the *Bible* tells us to obey our parents and to honour them. (Ephesians vi. 1-3.) Remember that "*Even Christ pleased not Himself*" (Romans xv. 3). Just think of that!

"Whether you rise early, or go to bed late, Remember Christ Jesus Who died for your sake."

D.V., and the Editor allowing us, we are going to have a short talk on passages from the book of Proverbs each month next year, because it is such an important book for boys and girls as well as the grown-ups. After all, I am only a grown-up boy, so perhaps our monthly talks will help us all.

Your affectionate friend,

L. A. A.

I am very pleased at the thought of you all having these monthly talks on Proverbs, and feel sure that if you each read them prayerfully with Bible in hand, you will find much blessing therefrom.

Many voices are claiming the attention of young folk to-day, but let it be yours to listen to what God has to say through His Word, and happy indeed will be the result.—*Editor*.

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Results of Bible Searching Opportunity

(1)

As announced in the September Magazine, prizes have been awarded the following:—

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| 1st. | Elsie White, Thornaby-on-Tees. |
| 2nd. | Hannah Lean, Duns, Berwickshire. |
| 3rd. | <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Equal Marks</div> </div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> Harry Simpson, Coolaney, Sligo.
 David Austen Rugg, Stockton-on-Tees.
 Nancy Henderson, Sheffield. </div> |

The papers sent in were generally neatly done, but some failed to obtain full marks because of slightly incorrect and insufficient references.

Look out for another set of questions in our next number (D.V.).

EDITOR.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

ONLY the blacksmith's forge in a bush township, and a little girl four years of age. One day the little girl came to the smithy and said, "Do you love my Jesus?" She was met with curses and, "What do I know about Jesus?" Not being discouraged she returned daily with the same question, but with no better reception. "Get out of this with your talk about Jesus," said the blacksmith on the child's last visit. Time passed but the child did not go again, and the blacksmith asked about her. "I don't know who the child was,



THE BLACKSMITH AT HIS FORGE

but she got on my nerves," said he. "I know whom she was," replied the customer. "She won't trouble you again, because she is dead, and here comes her funeral." With bowed head the blacksmith watched the *cortège* pass.

Then he knelt and prayed the old prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and arose a new creature in Christ Jesus. Gone are the days when the Saviour's love he spurned; gone the days when from Calvary's scene he turned.

Dear reader, what God did for that blacksmith He is ready to do for you. Think of the blacksmith, with his curses, and God's humble instrument to lead him into the Kingdom. Think of that little child! How short her journey through this world, and how soon her mission was ended, but it was to hear the voice of her Saviour saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

He says to YOU, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." Have you come, and if not, will you do so NOW?

If you love the Saviour be a true witness for Him like our little friend.

(Adapted).



THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF REMOVING SIN

A FIVE-STORY brick building was successfully removed some years ago in New York. The building measured 100 ft. by 65 ft., and had an estimated weight of 3000 tons. It was moved 75 ft. south and 32 ft. east, 350 jackscrews being employed to furnish the power. Timber ways and shoes, lubricated with soap were used, and the movement at each turn of the jackscrews was three-sixteenths of an inch. The greatest distance which the building was moved

in one day's work was 9 ft. 8 in., and the whole movement of 75 ft. to the south was accomplished in seventeen days.

And yet it is far more difficult to remove ONE sin from before the eye of God. *To remove one sin took the Lord Jesus that long journey from the heights of glory to the cross of shame to die, for "without shedding of blood is no remission."* Yet when once the Lord Jesus has died and finished the work of salvation, one look in faith to Him will instantly cleanse from every stain, for "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from ALL SIN."

A. J. P.



LESSONS FROM MALACHI

(III)

"Wherein have we wearied Him?"—
(MALACHI ii. 17.)

NO one can read the history of God's dealings with His earthly people Israel without being touched by His longsuffering and patience. Time and again Israel murmured and spake against Him, yet He did not give them up, and when they cried to Him in their distress and sorrow He heard their cry and delivered them.

But there is a limit to God's endurance. Although He is merciful and gracious, He is also righteous; and after being long wearied with Israel's idolatry, rebellion, and sin, God was compelled to give them up before their enemies, and allow them to be carried into foreign lands. Yet even in the lands of their captivity God was not unmindful of His people, as the books of Esther and Daniel show.

After seventy years' captivity God brought back a remnant of the Jews to Palestine in preparation for the coming of Messiah, and these are the people addressed in the book of Malachi. We

should have thought that after tasting God's mercy in being delivered from captivity they would not have spoken against God.

They were saying, "Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them"; or "where is the God of judgment?" Was it not dreadful to say that God delighted in evil men and looked upon them as good? They also charged God with being indifferent to evil. Evil men may have prospered, and God has allowed it, but their prosperity was not a mark of divine favour or pleasure. Asaph, in Psalm lxxiii., had learned this lesson. He had been greatly troubled at the prosperity of the wicked, but on entering God's presence had learned that it is the future prosperity that really matters. It is no wonder that he begins his Psalm by saying, "Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart." To charge God with favouring the wicked or being indifferent to evil is very solemn indeed.

Are people to-day different from those in the days of Malachi? Often do we hear men speak as if worldly prosperity was a certain mark of divine favour. Others blame God for all adversity, and praise themselves for any prosperity.

In grace God has chosen the poor of this world rich in faith (James ii. 5), and the Lord in becoming Man chose to be poor, having no place to lay His head. Though Creator, He said one day, "Show me a penny," not being possessed of one. Listen to what Peter says to the lame man at the beautiful gate, "Silver and gold have I none," and to Paul, "I have suffered the loss of all things." But rich men and women have their part in Christianity, and God shows them how to enjoy their riches (1 Timothy vi. 17-19). From Luke viii. verses 2-9 we learn how that rich women ministered to the Lord of their substance, and from

John xix. how a rich man used his wealth to the burial of Jesus. There are rich and poor among the people of God to-day, but we must not think that riches are a mark of God's favour or poverty of His frown.

Our God blesses those who do good, but not necessarily with worldly goods. The Lord gives to such His peace and His joy, with the sense of His love and favour, and these things very greatly surpass present riches in temporal things. And if you read Exodus iii. verses 7-8 you will discover that God is not indifferent to the oppression and sorrows of His people.

Do not let us join with those who weary God by falsely charging Him with delighting in those who do evil or with being indifferent. There is coming a day when the good will find its reward, and the evil will be banished from God's sight for ever. WM. C. R.

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FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WATCH!

"What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."—MARK xiii. 37.

Against whom? An enemy who goes about "seeking whom he may devour."

How should you watch? As a brave little party did at the time of the fearful Indian mutiny. Far up amongst the Himalayan Mountains, they were enjoying rest at a Sanatorium there, never dreaming of danger, fearing no enemies, when the dreadful news reached them of the murder of hundreds of their fellow countrymen in the plains, along with a

rumour that large bands of the rebels were pressing up the mountains and would certainly attack the quiet resting place.

No time was lost. No more hours of listless repose! The enemy was at hand, they must "*watch*." Ladies and children were put into the safest place, whilst the few English officers, distrusting the natives around them, took it by turn to watch day and night, never relaxing their vigilance till the danger was over and they heard for certain that the enemy had gone off in another direction.

Now what should you specially watch against? Find out your weak points—those things in which you so easily give way—and set a double watch there, for these are just the places where the enemy of your soul will make his strongest attack, just as an earthly enemy finds out the weak spots in a garrisoned city, and begins his attack there.

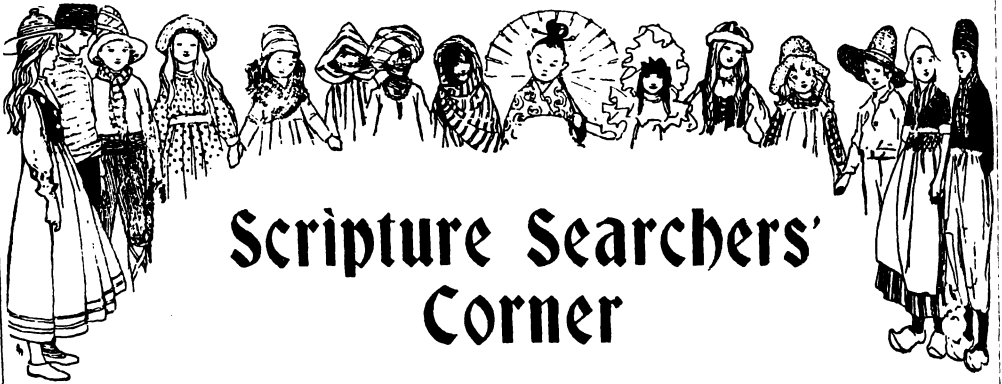
Have you a hasty temper? "**WATCH**"—set a guard over it, for Satan knows you have it and will act accordingly.

Are you fond of your own way—a self-pleaser? Take care—"WATCH." Satan will do all he can to foster your fault, for he hates those who, like Christ, please not themselves.

Are you given to indolence—dawdling over a lesson that might be learned in a few minutes, or idling with a work in hand? "**WATCH**." Satan is gaining access by a weak point. He will encourage you in indolence and procrastination, for he knows that "He that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster" (Proverbs xviii. 9), and *he never idles, never slumbers.*

Watch and pray; be a constant reader of God's Word and ever seek the help of your blessed Saviour. You will then prove more than conqueror over your great enemy; only see to it that you begin your "Watch" to-day.

M. H.



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(XII)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

IN the chapters of John's Gospel which we read this month, we first find the Lord Jesus Christ in retirement from the world and shut in alone with His disciples.

It would appear from verse 34 of chapter xii., that the people expected that Christ would always be with them, but now the Lord tells His disciples that He was going to leave them. They were amazed. It was the crushing of all their hopes. They had trusted Him as Saviour and they could not understand His words. It was like the blackness of midnight to them. But the Lord loves to comfort; He can turn grief into joy. What a relief it must have been to hear Him say, "Let not your heart be troubled . . . in My Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again and receive you unto Myself."

What wonderful grace that the Lord Jesus not only saves and gives a new life, but He is going to take all those He saves to the Father to enjoy the home which He has gone to prepare!

The shadows of the cross were now falling over the pathway of the Son of God. The cross was going to express the answer of man to the love of God—**HATRED—HATRED WITHOUT A CAUSE.** But the Lord looked on here beyond the cross, to the Father. He came from the Father to be the dispenser of all the Father's love, to show amongst men the Father's grace and power, and now He was going back to the Father. Another writer says, "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame." What was this joy! It was the Father's presence!

Are you, dear reader, looking on with such joy to being in the Father's presence, in that bright home prepared by the Lord Jesus Christ?

The Lord unfolded many things to His disciples in these chapters; things which are very important to all of us, if we would live for Christ in this world. One fact is, that it is impossible to be a friend of the Lord Jesus Christ and a friend of the world. The two cannot go on together. We Christians have the Holy Ghost as Comforter, who stands for us against the world. We read of the joys of those who belong to Christ—joys which the world knows nothing about—joys which belong only to those who know friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ. *But these joys can only be maintained as we abide in Christ.*

Can we go on with the world or indulge in the ways of the world when nothing but hatred has been shown by the world to the Lord Jesus Christ? Let us never forget that the world has turned the Lord Jesus out of it. Much might be written about this, but space forbids. Suffice it to say, that the world has no place for Jesus, so we should have no place for the world.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am sorry that some of you were wrong over the eighth question. If you had read *right* through the chapter you would have come across the correct answer. Always make sure about this before finally putting down the answer. A. Warren and J. Montier left out one reference. B. Pugh must give chapter and verse. V. Ransom only answered seven questions. A. H. and T. Baugh's papers were not received for August, only September and October.

A. Adkins is first class for August. I am sorry his name was omitted.

I have just heard that one of our youngest searchers has gone to be with Jesus. I wonder if you are ready? The Scripture says: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 18 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.

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

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

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

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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*.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes will be given in each class at the end of each half-year, but a successful searcher may only qualify for ONE such prize during the current year.

In addition a text will be given to Searchers who are in 1st class for the half-year. Two texts so gained will entitle Searchers to a Consolation prize. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

Questions for December, 1937.

1. What is the new commandment? (John 13.)
2. How shall men know that we are His disciples? (John 13.)
3. "And if I go and prepare a place for you . . ." Write out the next four words only. (John 14.)
4. Who is the way, the truth, and the life? (John 14.)
5. What did Jesus say about His kingdom? (John 18.)
6. What did Jesus say when He had received the vinegar? (John 19.)
7. When were the disciples glad? (John 20.)
8. "But these are written. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 20.)
9. What did Jesus say unto Peter the third time? (John 21.)
10. "If I will that he tarry. . . ." Write out the next three words only. (John 21.)

October Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—F. Acheson, B. Adkins, E. Allen, I. Beattie, M. Blake, E. Blissett, A. Clack, M. Crosby, E. Dunford, H. Fleetwood, M. Francis, K. Freeman, J. Gatenby, V. Gibbons, B. Graham, E. Hedley, N. Henderson, B. Hunter (Glasgow), B. Hunter (Ponteland), I. Irving, J. Jobling, J. Johnston, V. Kinniburgh, E. Langfield, J. Munro, A. Pratt, D. Proudley, D. Pugh, D. Rice, A. Robertson, J. D. Rugg, I. Smelt, J. Stirling, V. Tones, F. Watton, V. Watts, D. A. Westwood, E. White.

2nd Class.—K. Carr, V. Lancaster, E. Parkinson, M. Snaith, H. West.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

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2nd Class.—R. Ainsley, E. Pugh, F. Walton, D. Wilkinson.

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lest thou forget
the Lord.

Thou shalt fear
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Deuteronomy 6. 12, 13.

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