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# OUR WISH FOR YOU

HERE is the old, old, wish, boys and girls, "A very happy New Year to you," and we say it from our heart.

How the years roll by, and each one ended brings us nearer eternity, when time is not counted.

In the early years of this world men and women lived to great ages; but not so now, for very few reach the hundred stage. We have to remember that as we live now, so shall we live in eternity. In other words, those spoken by the wisest man who ever lived, "In the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be," from which we learn that just as a fallen tree remains in a fixed condition, so each one of us enters eternity either as Saved or Lost. How very important, then, it is to not delay in making sure NOW—at the beginning of this new year—that were God to say. "Thy soul shall be required of thee." you would be ready to meet Him.

"How is this possible" do you ask? Just the same way in which God was able to save His people from the destroyer as he passed through the land of Egypt many many centuries ago. You can read the whole account in Exodus xii., but salvation could only be obtained in so far as the blood of the lamb had been sprinkled on the lintels and side posts of their doors. God's message to the people was, "When I see the blood I will pass over you" (verse 13). It was not enough that the blood was shed and the lamb killed, the blood had to be sprinkled, too.

Now the lamb killed and the blood shed speaks of God's Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, who ever was holy, spotless and pure, and Him God offers to you as the Saviour. You know that Jesus has died; you know His precious blood has been shed; you know it

cleanses from all sin; but have you taken shelter under it?

Have you said, "It was shed for me, I am the sinner for whom Jesus died"? If you trust the blood of Jesus to-day you will have a happy new year, and a happy eternity, too, when the years are all gone; but apart from this you can never be truly happy.

J. II. R.

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# WHICH WAY?

THERE is a way which seemeth right To people young and old.
But at the end there cometh death,
We in God's Word are told.

'Tis pleasant and 'tis easy trod,
That broad but downward way.
And happy faces beckon "Come!"
'Tis hard to say them nay.

There is a way, a narrow way,
'Tis stained with Jesus' blood.
But at the end there cometh life,
And joy and peace and—God.

Not always smooth, not always bright,
That narrow, upward way;
But oh! the joy on faces there,
They sing and praise and pray!

For ever with them goeth One, Who is Himself the Way. The blessed Saviour, Son of God, He leads them day by day.

Dear children, as this new year dawns, Which is to be thy way?

The world—and at the end no hope,
Or Christ—and joy for aye?

# LESSONS FROM MALACHI

(IV)

"Wherein shall we return?"
(Malachi iii. 7.)

DISOBEDIENCE and backsliding go together, as our verse clearly illustrates. Those addressed by God had not kept the ordinances delivered, and consequently were away from God. But God appeals to His backsliding people with words to reach the heart and conscience, saying. "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you." What a touching appeal! And Israel's answer but brings to light their sorrowful condition.

This description of unrepentant Israel, alas! also makes known the state of the professing Christian who has not obeyed the Word of God; and also has an application to the true Christian who has backslidden. Has it an application to us? Are we in the full enjoyment of the things of God? John wrote in his first epistle, "These things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." If there was a time in our history when we enjoyed divine things more than we do now we are backsliders. We may be as busy as ever in the work God has given us, and others may not be able to see any difference in us; but if we have left our first love the Searcher of hearts knows, and calls upon us to remember and repent (Revelation ii, 5).

The poor backslider is an object for God's mercy, and our pity and prayers. He has lost the joy of God's salvation. Salvation he can never lose, for none can pluck the sheep from the hand of the Shepherd, and from the hand of the Father, but the joy has departed from his heart. Having tasted Divine joy he cannot enjoy himself in the world

as before, nor can he be truly happy again until he returns to God. The Apostle Peter's restoration is a very touching case of a backslider's restoration. Remember how, after he denied his Lord, the look that Jesus gave Peter broke him down in tears and true repentance. Afterwards, the Lord Jesus had a private interview with him, and he was then doubtless restored in soul. Later he was publicly restored to his place among the apostles, and given a great work to do for the Lord and His flock.

Luke's Parable of the Prodigal Son is a lovely picture of the returning, repentant sinner. It is not the restoration of the backsliding Christian, but the blessing of one, who, realizing his sinfulness, repents, and comes to God.

OBEDIENCE is the first principle of blessing, and is the secret for prosperity and progress in Christian life. Many downfalls recorded in Scripture were on account of disobedience. Some notable examples are Adam and Eve, King Saul, the sons of Aaron, and Achan. By the obedience of faith we received the blessings of the Gospel, and by obedience we continue in the enjoyment of these blessings. John xiv. 15, we read, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments," and in his first epistle John says, "His commandments are not grievous." We have two natures, and the nature we received from Adam likes sin, but the nature we have received from God delights in God's commandments. Which nature are we going to gratify? Prayer and communion with God will enable us to starve the old nature, and allow the new nature liberty to gratify its desires in obeying the Word of God upon which it feeds.

If we have backslidden let us return to God, and if not let us seek to continue in obedience to the Word and will of God.

WM. C. R.

# "ALL FOR ME!"

THERE was once a very terrible fire, and when it was at its fiercest it was discovered that a little girl was trapped in the burning building. A man standing by saw the pathetic little figure at a window, and immediately rushed into the blazing house to try and save her. He succeeded in reaching her, and in bringing her to safety, but in doing so his hands were most terribly burned. To his dying day the scars remained, and whenever she saw the dreadful marks, little Dorothy would take the scarred hands into her own, and kiss them all over, saying as she did so, "All for me; all for me!"

I wonder if you who are reading this have ever realized that the Lord Jesus Christ was wounded in saving you? "He was wounded for — transgressions. was bruised for — iniquities; chastisement of — peace was upon Him, and with His stripes — healed" (Isaiah liii. 5). Will you fill in your own name in the spaces, for it is true that He was wounded for you? Then, like little Dorothy, you will be able to say, "All for me!" because being in the same perilous position as she was, on account of sin, you were doomed to destruction, but the Lord Jesus died to save you. "He died that we might be forgiven."

"Wounded for me, wounded for me;

There on the cross He was wounded for me. Gone my transgressions, and now I am free, All because Jesus was wounded for me."

M. S.

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# TALKS ON PROVERBS

(1) ENTICING (Proverbs 1. 10).

I HARDLY know where to begin, for there are so many verses in the book of Proverbs that we could talk about, and we shall only be able to look at a

few. Will you first of all make a promise which, of course, I want you to keep, and it is that you will read two chapters of Proverbs each month from January to May, and three chapters each month from June to December? Now to make a promise and not keep it is worse than making no promise at all; so try to keep your promise, and at the end of the year (D.V.) I may have something interesting to say to you.

Now for one verse, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." We are warned against being led into sin and evil practices. Alas, some persons hardly want any enticing in the wrong path; they seem bent on doing evil and enticing others too.

Perhaps you want to do right and go straight, and that is where you have to be so careful, for the tempter comes to such and he uses very plausible means. The evil thing that is suggested to you does not appear to be so very bad or you would refuse it, but the temptation comes so that you are slowly and gradually enticed away from what is right.

A friend of mine once told me how he was asked to do something he thought to be wrong, but the person seemed to give several good reasons, so that he was nearly enticed into doing it. This person had laid a trap for my friend, and if he had been enticed to do the wrong thing he might have had to pay a lot of money. He never forgot how nearly he had consented. We cannot help anyone seeking to entice us, but we can avoid consenting, that is, agreeing to it.

In no circumstances are we to consent to do wrong if enticed, but we are not able to carry out right desires in our own strength, so we need to commit ourselves every day into God's keeping lest we should be enticed away. May we always remember to do this, and so be preserved from sinning and displeasing God.

1. A. A.

# FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

# IN THE WAY

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."—PSALM XXXII. 8.

SHOW me Thyself, Lord Jesus, Show me Thy side once riven, Show me the hands, once pierced for me, That my sins might be forgiven.

Take me, I'm Thine, Lord Jesus, Oh, keep me near Thy side, Take me, and use me as Thou wilt, And I shall be satisfied.

Teach me Thy ways, Lord Jesus,
Teach me Thy path to know,
Teach me the Way, and walk with me,
Alone I dare not go.

Lead by Thy Spirit, Lord Jesus, Give me Thy patience too. Grant that Thy presence ever near May cheer me all day through.

Help me through life, Lord Jesus, Defend me from all sin, Help me through all the trials sore

To keep Thy Peace within.

Oh, guide me always, Lord Jesus,
For on Thee I depend,
Oh, guide me through shade and sunshine,
My Saviour, and My Friend.

K. E. D.

# BIBLE SEARCHERS' OPPORTUNITY (2)

BY whose fierce angry blows did death first enter here?
Who prayed that God would give a son her heart to cheer? [thirst? Who in the wilderness did nearly die of

And whom did Jesus call the bands of death to burst?

Whose songs the sweetest are that mortal ever penned?

What new-throned king's rough words his subjects did offend? [lend? She who to Satan's tale a willing ear did He who reproved a king for murder he had planned? [in her own land?

She who her mother kissed, yet stayed The name that Rachel gave the child that last she bore?

And he who for a thirsty land God's mercy did implore? [be mild? What Jesus bids us say that so our words The day the servants said the fever left

the child? [Goliath slew? The grandfather of him who great The last of those four words that only Daniel knew?

The place where Jeremiah said the mothers should lament?

The day when like to fiery tongues the Holy Ghost was sent?

Who was struck dead at once for false-hood boldly said?

What sea did Israel cross when from their foes they fled?

What Jesus said when he the deaf and dumb man cured?

Who through a cruel queen the pangs of death endured?

What sea did Jesus cross when winds and waves did rage?

And she to whom God gave a son in her old age? | there will find Now search the Scriptures, and you The persons, places, things, that I have named: [bined, The letters first of each in words com-

The letters first of each in words com-Enforce a duty by the Scriptures claimed.

In addition to naming the persons, places, and things, entrants must give chapter and verse where found. Answers, stating age, should reach the Editor by the end of this month. Prizes will be awarded for the three best papers.



# SHEEP

**(I)** 

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Sheep are very silly animals. I am sure that you have often been amused, when in the country, watching the sheep. You have seen a flock on the road and noticed their queer antics; what one does the next is sure to do. Then, although a sheep may have a good field of pasture, it is certain to get into the next field if it can find a hole in the hedge. On and on it wanders and seems to have no sense of home. A lost sheep never finds its own way back to the flock; it must be sought for.

Many trying times the shepherd has to find the lost sheep, and often we have heard of heroic men who have braved the winter's storms to recover the sheep which has gone astray.

I would like you to read a very interesting chapter in the Bible-Ezekiel xxxiv. This chapter is about sheep and in verse 6 you will read that these sheep, like all other sheep, wandered and the flock was-

### **SCATTERED**

Now, we are all likened to lost sheep. "All we like sheep have gone astray." This is true. We have all "gone astray," from the voungest to the oldest. We have wandered away from God. David said, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep," and surely we all have to confess the same thing.

To return to Ezekiel, you will hear the Lord God saying. "Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out " (verse 11).

### SOUGHT

If we have gone astray, if we have taken our own way, the question arises, "How are we to get back to God?" We might try many ways, but the sad thing is, that the more we try in our own way, the further we get away.

We must listen to God's way. He says, "I will . . . seek them." How does He do it? "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;

and the Lord hath laid on Him [Jesus] the iniquity of us all." To seek and to save the lost, Jesus came. The great load of our sins was laid upon Him, who gave His life for the sheep.

Further, in Ezekiel xxxiv. 14, we read of the sheep being-

### SUSTAINED

Sheep need to be fed and we have the promise that, "He that cometh to Me [Jesus] shall never hunger" (John vi. 35). He is mighty to save and able to keep. There is no fear, dear boys and girls, that if you trust Jesus, you will be fully satisfied. The world cannot give you satisfaction, but Jesus can.

Then verse 25 of Ezekiel 34 speaks of being-

### SHELTERED

A poor sheep has no strength but the shepherd has, and we are safe when we are in the keeping of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are borne along upon the shoulders of Jesus. Are you afraid to trust Him? Do not continue to wander but trust yourself to the outstretched arms of Jesus!

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

A very happy New Year to you all! If the Lord Jesus is our Saviour, it must be a happy one. I wonder is He yours? This year we are going to search for texts concerning the

familiar common and abstract nouns often mentioned in Scripture. May you all, with myself, be brought into closer touch with the Lord Jesus Christ as we read His Word.

The kind giver of a Bible to the three 1st Prize Winners wishes to continue this for 1938. So you must all try hard

I am pleased to welcome the new Searchers and trust they will continue. O. Reid and M. Brasser must give chapter and verse. O. Hodgins left out one reference.

The younger Searchers may answer any six or eight questions.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- 1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
- 5. Address Envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on ½d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by letter post.

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 January, 1938.

## Subject:-Sheep

1. What was Abel? (Genesis 4.)

2. What sheep must they not sacrifice? (Deuteronomy 17.)

3. What did Jesse say about his youngest

son? (1 Samuel 16.)

- 4. "But made... like a flock." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Psalm 78.)
- 5. "All we. ..." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Isaiah 53.)

6. What did he say unto his friends and neighbours? (Luke 15.)

- 7. How many times does "sheep" occur in John 10?
- 8. Who is the door of the sheep? (John 10.)
  9. Whose sheep was Peter to feed? (John
- 10. Who was brought again from the dead? Hebrews 13.)

# November Searchers.

# Age 14 years and over.

1st Class. -F. Acheson, B. Adkins, J. Alexander, E. Allen, M. Anderson, I. Benttie, M. Blake, E. Blüssett, K. Carr, J. Cherrie, M. Crosby, E. Dunford, H. Fleetwood, M. Francis, K. Freeman, J. Gatenby, V. Gibbons, B. Graham, D. Green, E. Hedley, N. Henderson, B. Hunter (Glasgow), J. Jobling, V. Lancaster, E. Langfield, J. Munro, E. Parkinson, A. H. Pratt, D. Proudley, D. Rice, J. D. Rugg, I. Smelt, J. Stirling, V. Tones, F. Watton, V. Watts, D. Westwood, E. White, N. Woodhouse.

2nd Class. - B. Hunter, P. Price, D. Pugh, M. Snaith, H. West.

# Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class .- A. Adkins, E. Archer, D. Barker, A. Baugh, H. Baugh, C. Beattie, B. Beckett, N. Bell, C. Bewick, M. Blair, V. Blair, I. Blake, G. Brooks, L. Burgin, J. Burton, A. Collyer, F. Connolly, O. Creighton, D. Cumming, B. Davis, D. Dewar, A. Dodds, J. Dunford, M. Edens, I. Eddy, M. Fleetwood, D. Francis, J. Geddes, L. Goddard, D.Graham, J. Gray, R. Haining, J. Haldane, M. Handyside, J. Hardman, E. Hedley, I. Hill, C. Hillery, G. Hirst, G. Houghton, O. Irving, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, E. Lilley, W. Malcolm, A. McLellan, J. McQueen, N. Milne, H. Munro, M. Nicolson, G. Norrie, H. Norrie, K. Palmer, E. Pill, V. Ranson, A. Reade, I. Reav, J. Rednath, M. Robinson, R. Rogers, D. Rugg, D. Russell, D. Scott, G. Scott, N. Slater, H. Spence, E. Stephenson, R. Stirling, D. Stuart, F. Swift, M. Tears, E. Thompson, K. Tombs, M. Tombs, D. Walker, R. Webster, J. Westwood, H. J. E. Wilson, P. Wood.

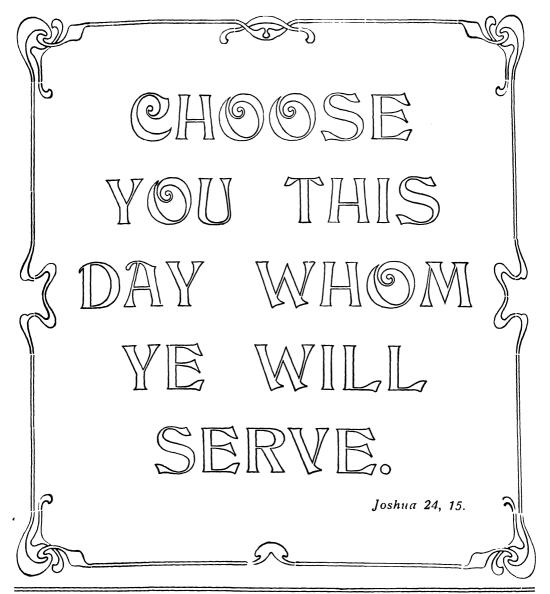
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# Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—P. Adkins, K. Althorp, T. Baugh, A. Binnie, J. Binnie, S. Binnie, V. Brew, N. Bunce, T. Caygill, T. Connolly, B. Dickson, J. N. Dodds, I. Douglas, E. Eungblut, B. Fennell, L. Fleming, P. Graham, R. Gray, C. Harvey, P. Hepple, P. Hirst, M. Land, M. Lawford, B. Lilley, M. Lilley, D. Manson, M. McQucen, E. McTavish, J. McIling, M. Messenger, J. Mitchell, N. Norval, D. Osman, G. Palmer, A. Peevor, M. Price, I. Purvis, D. Rice, J. Robertson, K. Rugg, J. A. Scott, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, A. Smith, G. Spence, J. Stephenson, S. Veale, J. Westwood, D. Wilkinson, J. Willis, I. Witton, J. Witton, O. Wright.

2nd Class. M. Adam, M. Brown, R. Davison, C. Hodgins, C. McCallum, E. Pugh, O. Reid, K. Rogerson, E. Rohr, J. Smith, M. Stuart, P. Todd, F. Walton, F. Wood,

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# TALKS ON PROVERBS

(2) HONOUR THE LORD. (Proverbs 3. 9).

THIS month we are going to have a practical talk on giving. "Honour the Lord with thy substance." We seem to forget these words oftentimes. What do they mean? Read them again very carefully and just think them over. Then I will tell you what I think about them.

The words can only mean one thing; that is, that whatever I have I should use part of it for God. We are not told how much or how little; that is left to us. Some persons have many things and some have very few; but whatever we have, some portion of it should be used for God.

Do you remember that verse in 2 Samuel ii. 30: "Them that honour Me I will honour"? Do you think God will forget what He says? Why, of course not. Bear in mind God does not ask you to give Him as much as somebody else who has more than you. He just asks you to honour Him by giving something. He does not want you to give grudgingly, for "God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians ix. 7), so do not give God anything just because you feel you must.

Most of us, I fear, use what we want lirst, and then we see if we can spare anything for God, which often means little or nothing. But our verse says, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase."

So we should give God His portion first of all.

Ever since I began to earn money I made a rule to give a fixed portion of it for God's work and the poor, and do you think it has made me miserable? No, never. Now just make a start

right away, and then in a year's time if you are spared write and tell me if you made a mistake.

But whatever you do, do not forget to give your whole heart to the Lord Jesus; that you should do first of all, and the rest comes quite easily.

L. A. A.

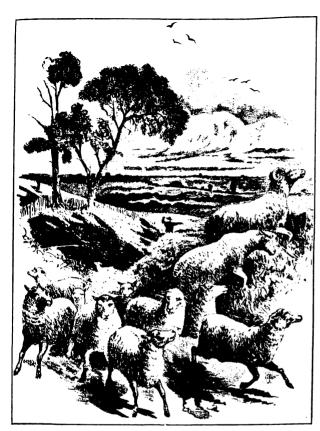
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# "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"

THERE is a story told of a gentleman who was taking a holiday among the hills of bonny Scotland. During his rambles he often came across a little shepherd boy tending his sheep, and would sit down and talk to him. The shepherd boy had never heard of the Good Shepherd, and how He had laid down His life for the sheep, and the gentleman told him the story as best he could, over and over again.

The laddie found it difficult to remember the words of the twenty-third Psalm, which his friend loved to repeat to him, and he could not read, so the gentleman taught him to say the first five words, "The Lord is my Shepherd" using a finger of his left hand for each word. When he came to the word "my," he was to clasp the fourth finger tightly in his right hand, and to remember that the Lord Jesus was his Shepherd, and had laid down His life for him.

His holiday over, the gentleman returned to his home in the south, and for many months he did not hear of the little shepherd boy again. But the following summer he visited the same part of Scotland once more, and immediately began to look about for his young friend. But look where he might, he could not find either the shepherd boy or his sheep. So at last he made inquiries, and was told that during the previous autumn there had been a severe blizzard,



SHEEP ON THE RUN.

and the little lad had been caught in it while out with his flock. A search party had set out to find him, but after a long hunt they found him, too late to save. The little shepherd boy was lying in the snow, fallen into his last sleep, surrounded by his sheep—but strangely, the people said, he was clasping the fourth finger of his left hand tightly in his right hand.

The heart of the gentleman rejoiced as he realized that in the hour of death the little shepherd boy had remembered the lessons he had taught him, and had gone home to his Saviour, knowing that the Lord Jesus was indeed his Shepherd.

Dear young reader, can you say: "The Lord is MY Shepherd"? What

a difference it makes when we make those words personal! Will you repeat softly to yourself: "The Son of God..loved me, and gave Himself for me.... The Lord is my Shepherd," and [thank Him for His dying love?

# ARE THERE ANY PEOPLE LIVING LIKE THIS BOOK?

"TRUE PEACE" was an Indian shopkeeper. One day as he was clearing out his little shop, he saw a little bit of paper in his waste-paper box. He was curious, for it had strange writing on it. After some little time he was told that the writing was, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." "Where did it come from?" he asked, "and are there any more words like it?" He was told it came from the Christians' Book, which they call the Bible. "You

buy a Gospel of St. Matthew," he was told, "and you will find more words like it."

So, greatly excited, he went and bought a Gospel of St. Matthew. How delighted he was! How he read again and again the precious words, especially the Sermon on the Mount! Then, he was told there were other books he could buy. So he bought a New Testament and read it through. While he was reading it through, he found the Saviour, and he said, "Are there any people living like this?" Yes! he soon found them, and became an earnest Christian. But he could not keep the good news to himself, so he began to tell others of the wonderful

words of Life, and how it was possible to find God, and to live the Book. Have you found the Saviour as that Indian did? Jesus is seeking you. Won't you be found by Him, and so learn the secret of all joy and peace?

E. G. C.

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# LESSONS FROM MALACHI

"Wherein have we robbed thee?"— MALACHI iii. 8.

(V)

LIKE Israel in the days of Malachi we often have a very poor idea of the meaning of our actions. Because they withheld the tithes and offerings due to Him, God charges the nation with robbery. Certain offerings were to be offered at will, but the daily sacrifices and those for the set feasts were compulsory, as were also the tithes needed to supply the ministry of the house of God.

Our first parents were also robbers. God in His great kindness provided Adam and Eve with a glorious inheritance wherein was everything that eye and heart could wish, and reserved for Himself but one tree. Of this tree Adam and his wife partook and so robbed God.

Do we not do well to inquire if this scripture speaks to us? Have we robbed God at all, or have we given to Him at all times that which is rightly His? All that we are and have should be given to God.

Some imagine that only older people are to be concerned about God's house. Remember little Samuel. From early days he was concerned about God's house, and while quite young attended to the voice of God. These things formed him for useful service to God.

Think, too, of the poor widow in Mark xii. While the Pharisees were robbing God, and the rich were casting much out of their abundance into the treasury, she of her want cast in all her living for the support of the house of God. How cheering this must have been to the Lord who within a few days would be sold by Judas for thirty pieces of silver. Are you going to be like Samuel, given to the Lord's service from early days and, like the poor widow, withholding nothing that God's work might prosper?

In contrast to Adam, to Israel, to the Pharisees, to ourselves who have robbed God, we have the Lord Jesus Christ. Not only did He give to God everything He desired, but He restored that which He took not away (Psalm lxix. 4). What the first man robbed God of, the Second Man restored. The first man dishonoured God by his disobedience and sin, but the Second Man in His life and in His death glorified God by His obedience and righteousness. It was at the cross He restored what He took not away.

As we think of the Lord Jesus may we earnestly desire to hold all that we are and all that we have at the disposal of God.

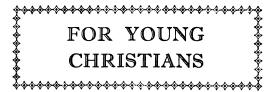
WM. C. R.

# GODLY COUNSEL

IT is said of one who in later years became a great preacher, that when a boy he was much discouraged, and in a fit of impatience said, "I wish I never had been born!" His pious mother replied, "Norman, you have been born, and if you were a wise bairn, you would ask the Lord what you were born for."

Perhaps some of our readers have expressed themselves in the same words, and to such we would heartily commend the advice given by this godly mother.

(ADAPTED.)



# WHAT A YOUNG CHRISTIAN WROTE

My DEAR MRS. ——.

REETINGS in Christ's most precious

I was very pleased to be able to go to that beautiful meeting, also to give my testimony. That was the first open confession of my Saviour I had made. He has given me His Holy Spirit, and filled me with His love, and power, and my great aim for His service now is to win other souls for our dear Master, whom I now love and serve.

My two sisters have accepted Christ as their most precious Saviour.

It gives me great joy to write to you of my new-found peace in Christ Jesus. I shall always be with you in prayer, if not in person, and if we never meet on earth again, we shall meet by God's will around the throne in heaven.

I am yours, for ever saved by His precious blood.

MARGARET W.

[It is good to have such a frank confession as the above, and I trust it may encourage all our Christian readers to witness boldly for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Never forget His own words, "Whosoever, therefore, shall confess Me . . . him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven (Matthew x. 32). What a reward to those who are not ashamed to own Him NOW, in this the day of His rejection.

Let it be known then, whether at home, school, or work, that you belong to Jesus .-

EDITOR.]

# "WATCH AND PRAY"

(MATTHEW XXVI. 41.)

"No time to pray!

No interview with Christ from day to day!

A hurried prayer, maybe, just gabbled through,

A random text—for any one will do.

But yet a small Voice whispered: ' For My sake keep tryst with Me,

You shall accomplish more if you will shut the door

For ten short minutes just to watch and pray '."

(SELECTED)

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# TREES

(II)

DEAR CHILDREN,

THERE are many trees mentioned in the Scriptures, and the study of these is full of interest. I want, however, to draw your attention to five trees which have been suggested to me somewhere.

The first is what we may call

### A TREE OF DEATH

You may read of this tree in Genesis ii. It grew in Eden. God made everything bright and beautiful in Eden, but sin came in and blighted the whole scene. God told Adam that he must not eat of this particular tree. Satan, however, came along and the happy pair could not resist his overtures. They took of the forbidden tree and we know the story how that they were driven out of the garden. They lost their happy communion with God, they lost all the pleasures of Eden, they were shut off from the "tree of life"—they lived in death.

### A TREE OF JUDGMENT (Acts x. 39)

This tree was Calvary's cross. The Lord of life—the Prince of Glory—hung upon the cross. He was there because He had taken upon Himself the consequences of your sins and mine. He bore those sins in His own body on the tree. The judgment which we deserved was meted out to Him so that by His death we might have life, and be brought into all the blessedness of salvation.

### A TREE OF HEALING

You will have to read Exodus xv. to find this tree. It grew not in a beautiful garden, but in the desert. The children of Israel could not drink of the waters at Marah because they were bitter. Moses cried to God and God told him to take the tree and cast it upon the waters, which, when he had so done, were made sweet.

The gospel makes the bitter sweet for

those who believe. In the troubles which are sure to come upon the Christian, there is a healing hand ever ready to help and to save and to make the bitter sweet.

### A TREE OF SATISFACTION

Look up verse 3 of chapter ii. of the Song of Solomon and you will see how the Lord Jesus Christ becomes everything to the Christian. If you trust Him fully, He will give you satisfaction. In the world there is a continual unrest—always a seeking after something fresh. But here we read of a continual feast. His grace is sufficient for us in all our circumstances, and every step of the way we may know the joy of resting in His satisfaction.

### A TREE OF LIFE (Revelation xxii, 2)

We look on here to eternity; the glory home of the redeemed of the Lord. What a home that will be! Will you be there? You hope to be! But what about your sins? "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth." Let Jesus cleanse you from your sins and you will be assured of a home in the glory. "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."

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS, --

Here we are with the prize list once more. I am glad to see some new searchers amongst them. Also, one or two old searchers who have tried very hard are at last rewarded.

If you have not won a prize, you have been reading about those things which are "more precious than rubies," and if you have been brought to know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, through reading the Scriptures, you have indeed gained the greatest of all prizes.

Mr. Rutherford, J. H. Mitchell, and B. Stephenson, all left out references. A Newman and B. Anderson must give chapter and verse.

I am glad M. Crosby found profit in reading John 21.

Your loving friend,

Ε. Μ. Δ.

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## Questions for February, 1938.

### Subject:-Tree

1. Of what tree were they not to eat? (Genesis 2.)

2. How were the waters made sweet? (Exodus 15.)

3. What is a Tree of Life? (Proverbs 15.)

4. "For he shall be as a tree—" Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (Jeremiah 17.)

5. What happened as Elijah slept under a juniper tree? (1 Kings 19.)

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

7. "The God of our fathers raised up——"
Write out the rest of this verse only. (Acts 5.)

8. "Who . . . were healed." Write out the whole verse in which these words occur. (1 Peter 2.)

9. Who shall cat of the tree of life? (Revela-

non 2.)

10. What was in the midst of the street? (Revelation 22.)

# December Searchers.

### Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—F. Acheson, B. Adkins, J. Alexander, E. Allen, I. Beattie, M. Birks, M. Blake, E. Blissett, K. Carr, A. Clark, M. Crosby, E. Dunford, N. Elvidge, H. Fleetwood, M. Francis, K. Freeman, J. Gatenby, B. Graham, Doris Green, E. Hedley, N. Henderson, B. Hunter (Glasgow), B. Hunter (Ponteland), E. Langfield, J. Munro, E. Parkinson, D. Pugh, D. Rice, A. Robertson, J. D. Rugg, I. Smelt, M. Snaith, J. Stirling, M. Thompson, V. Tones, F. Watton, V. Watts, D. Westwood, E. White.

2nd Class.—J. Jobling, A. H. Pratt, D. Proudley.

## Age 11 up to 13 years.

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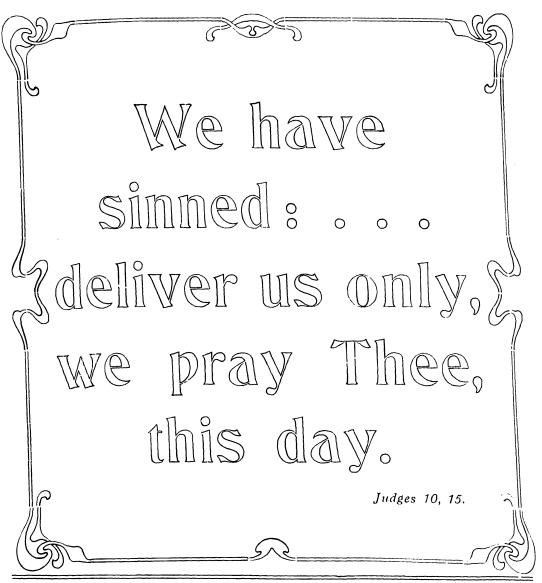
2nd Class.-M. Lawford, V. Ranson, M. Rutherford.

# Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—P. Adkins, K. Althorp, T. Baugh, J. G. Binnie, V. Brew, M. Brown, N. Bunce, T. Caygill, B. Chirrie, T. Connolly, R. Davison, B. Dickson, I. Douglas, E. Eungblut, B. Fennell, P. Graham, M. Grant, C. T. Harvey, P. Hepple, P. Hirst, C. Hodgins, J. Lang, D. Manson, C. McCallum, E. McTavish, J. Melling, J. Merritt, M. Messenger, N. Norval, E. Pugh, C. Ranson, D. Rice, J. Robertson, K. Rogerson, E. Rohr, K. Rugg, J. A. Scott, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, A. J. Smith, J. A. Smith, G. Spence, J. Stephenson, M. Stuart, P. Todd, E. Todhunter, S. Veale, F. Walton, G. Westwood, M. Wilkins, D. Wilkinson, J. Willis, I. Witton, J. Witton, F. Wood, O. Wright.

2nd Class.—K. Bates, J. H. Mitchell, A. Newman, A. Peevor, B. Stephenson.

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# TALKS ON PROVERBS

(3) Two Paths (Proverbs iv. 14-18).

ALL the way through our lives we continually have to make a choice. Now, I am very fond of raw fruit, and if you were to put before me a dish of lovely fruit, I should have difficulty in choosing which to take.

There are, however, more important choices which we have to make. Here is one: "The path of the wicked" (verse 14); and "The path of the just" (verse 18). But then we are not left in any doubt about which to choose. For we are told to "Enter not" the path of the wicked. We must not put even one foot in that direction.

More than that. We are to "avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (verse 15). How careful God has been to tell us to keep just as far from it as ever we can; for the only way to keep out of evil is to steer clear of it entirely.

How many tread this path because they do not take heed to these words, "ENTER NOT"? They put one foot in the wrong path, and having started, they go on.

Many years ago I was staying at a farmhouse in Hampshire. Now there was a very thick wood some miles long running from Medstead to Alton; perhaps some of our readers know it. I walked from one end to the other and then later on started to return. When I had got about three quarters of the distance there were two paths, one slightly to the left, and the other slightly to the right. I wandered about trying to find the right path, but it was getting dusk, and soon I had to call out, "Lost, lost, Lost." Fortunately I soon noticed a small patch of daylight amidst the trees in front of me and the right path was found.

Have our readers discovered that they have been travelling the wrong road and that they are lost sinners in God's sight? It is not nice to have to admit that we are lost, but do so and God will hear you, and show you "the path of the just . . . that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (verse 18).

L. A. A.

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# THE HEART AND THE ACTIONS

HAVE read of a boy who made up his mind one morning to see if he could be good. He thought that if he made solemn resolves and promises he would soon show to all how truly he was changed.

Everything went well at first, for nothing crossed his temper. He helped mother, amused his baby sister, and so on.

Just before dinner he thought over it all, something after this manner.

"Well, Frank, you've been a good boy, you were very kind to play with your little sister; you were a good boy to help your mother. It was very generous of you to give that penny to that poor child. I know father will reward you for your generosity, and mother will praise you for it all."

Thinking thus, he entered the house, holding himself up with a solemn self-satisfied air.

Just then his elder brother, looking at him, said, "Take a seat, parson Frank, you look very saintly."

Poor Frank's goodness all fled, and he answered with a hard blow. He thought that he could easily alter his actions, but found that his heart moved his hand, and that outwardly when his conduct was all that it should be, pride and conceit were within.

Are any of my young readers trying, like Frank, to be good, and earnestly seeking to make themselves fit for God?

Remember, the Ethiopian cannot change his skin, nor the leopard his

spots.

You will always need the power of God to enable you to walk so as to please Him. But first of all, you need His salvation, for as an unforgiven sinner you can never do anything that is really for His glory.

The blood of Christ must purge your conscience from dead works before you can really serve the living

God.

"Even a child is known by his doings."
"By their fruits ye shall know them."
The life will speak loudly, and little loving deeds done for father or mother, if done from the right motive, viz., love to the Lord Jesus, who has done so much for us, will show where we are.

(From "WISE UNTO SALVATION.")

# "FREE FOR THE MAID'S SAKE"

IN the great Doomsday Book, of which I am sure you have all read in your history books, against the name of the city of Domremy, in France, the place where Joan of Arc lived, these words are written: "Free for the Maid's sake."

That means that the city of Domremy was given its freedom from taxation for the sake of Joan of Arc.

And do you know, boys and girls, if you accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your own Saviour, your sins are blotted out because He died for you,



JOAN OF ARC.

and against your name is written in God's book: "Free (from the punishment of sin) for Christ's sake."

"Free, free, free!
For He carried my sins on the tree.
And He lives in my heart,
So sin must depart.
And I'm free, free, free!"

M. S.

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# LESSONS FROM MALACHI (6)

"What have we spoken against thee?"—
MALACHI iii. 13.

ONE of the great lessons the children of God have to learn is that things cannot always be rightly judged by outward evidences. Some things must be judged by their appearance, as we read in Matthew vii. 20: "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them"; but other things can only be understood as we commune with God. Added to these are many puzzling things of this life that will not be understood until we reach the judgment seat of Christ. Therefore, we must live our lives in obedience to the Word of God with faith in our Lord Jesus, and if we have difficulties that we cannot solve we must leave them until by communion and experience we grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, or even until the coming day when every hard question will be answered. Let us not fail like Israel in speaking against God in what we do not understand.

There are six things in verses 14 and 15 of our chapter, in which Israel spoke against God. Their first foolish expression was "It is vain to serve God." The service of God may bring us all kinds of difficulties, troubles, and sorrows, but the day of glory will show that it has not been in vain that we have served God. the Lord Jesus had to labour apparently in vain. Read Isaiah xlix. 4-6. But there was no foolish charge from Him against God. After He had said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent strength for nought, and in vain," He added with confidence in His Father, "Yet surely My judgment is with the Lord, and My work with My God." What a glorious answer He has already received, and the full answer in the coming day we shall see when we are glorified with Him.

Their second charge against God was, "What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance?" To be truly obedient to God brings great profit to the soul. Is it not great profit to have a heart that does not condemn, and to be in the present enjoyment of communion with God?

Thirdly they said, "What profit is it . . . that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?" It is a good thing to mourn the Lord's absence from this world as we think how men cast Him out and keep Him out, but we are to rejoice in the Lord always.

Their fourth complaint was, "And now we call the proud happy." Had they known Psalm cxxxviii. 6, and other such Scriptures, they would not have foolishly called the proud happy. God answers their fourth complaint and their fifth about the wicked in the first verse of the following chapter.

Fifthly, they murmured that, "They that work wickedness are set up." Wicked men may prosper now and be set up in positions of worldly greatness, but these things do not prove God's favour, nor does present trouble and affliction prove God's frown.

Their sixth and final grumble was, "They that tempt God are ever delivered." Man may profanely tempt God and be delivered, but this only magnifies the greatness of God's mercy, forbearance, and longsuffering. He is not willing that any should perish.

In marked contrast to the murmurers there were some who feared the Lord and spoke often one to another. The subject of their conversation is not stated, but we can readily understand that they spoke of the Lord and all His interests, seeing they feared the Lord and thought upon His name. Such were to be the Lord's in the day He made up His jewels.

The Lord ever hears with sorrow the words spoken stoutly against Him, but He hearkens and hears with pleasure the conversations of those who fear Him and think upon His name. May we therefore be found in the company of those who yield Him pleasure. Our comments on this interesting book are now ended, and we trust they have been of help to each reader.

WM. C. R.

# FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

# OUR BIBLE

THE Book of books containing sixty-six books, the work of forty writers, covering a period of 1500 years to write it. Partly written in Asia, Africa, and Europe, from four of the capital cities, Babylon, Jerusalem, Ephesus, and Rome. Written in palaces, in prisons, on mountains, and plains. Among its writers were two kings, one priest, many prophets, a king's cup-bearer, a herdsman, and a shepherd. The New Testament part was written by three fishermen, a physician, a tax-gatherer, and a tent-maker.

The time it took to write the book: 1500 years. The distance between the writers: Asia, Africa, Europe.

The different spheres in life of the writers: some in palaces and on thrones, others in prisons and dungeons; a few on the hills with their sheep and on the plains with their cattle.

It was impossible for anything but the finger of God to write such a book, and quite impossible for anyone but the Holy Spirit to dictate such a book, therefore it is the most wonderful book the world has ever seen, THE BOOK OF GOD, THE BIBLE.

It is the truest book in the world. Other books may err, but the Bible cannot, because its Author is the Eternal God, the God who cannot lie; all that He says is true.

It is the oldest book in the world. The five books written by Moses were written one thousand years before the first historian, Herodotus by name, wrote

his first book, and seven hundred years before Rome was built.

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Its Author is the Eternal God; its theme is Christ; its Teacher is the Spirit; its home is the heart; its field is the world. It is to be loved, read, reverenced, obeyed, treasured in the heart, and the principles it teaches practised in our lives.

READER! Can you really say from your inmost soul,

"Holy Bible, Book divine, Precious treasure thou art mine,"

and, like Jeremiah, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart"? May you each prove it to be more than ever before, the lamp unto your feet, and the light unto your path (Psalm 119. 105). (Adapted.)



# STONES

(III)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

WOULD like you to think of three stones mentioned in the Scriptures. The first is in Samuel xvii. and I will call this a

### POWERFUL STONE

The armies of the Philistines had gathered together to battle against the Israelites. The champion of the Philistines was a mighty man—a giant with a tremendous coat of armour. He defied the armies of Israel. There was great fear in the camp—Saul and all Israel were afraid.

But David, a shepherd lad, was in the camp of Israel one day visiting his brothers and, whilst he was there, the giant came out to defy God and His people. The heart of David was stirred. Was no one able to meet this man? He believed God, and what could God not do against such a warrior as this?

So away David went down to the brook and chose him five smooth stones. With these in his shepherd's bag and his sling in his hand he met Goliath in the valley. With great rage the giant advanced towards him but God was with David. One stone from the sling laid Goliath low, and what rejoicing there was in the camp of Israel that day!

The secret of David's success was that he went forward in the Name of God and, although he was only a lad against a giant, he conquered. Take your stand, dear boys and girls, on God's side. There is sure to be victory in your way if you do.

În 1 Peter ii. we read of a

#### PRECIOUS STONE.

Ah, how precious is Jesus to those who know him! Is He precious to you? There are many people who are so much taken up with their experiences and blessings that it is to be feared they forget the Blesser. If you are resting on your feelings or your blessings, let them

go. You need the Lord Jesus Christ. It is faith in *Him* which saves a soul.

Your life and conduct amongst your friends may be all that is desired—your parents may be Christians. But have you tasted the love of Christ? If you have not personally, for your own self, tasted that love, you have no part in God's salvation. Let the love of Christ, then, burn into your heart and you will certainly find that He is Precious.

### POWERLESS STONE.

Matthew xxvii. 66. A great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulchre where the body of Jesus was laid after death. The chief priests and Pharisees remembered that He had said that He would rise again. So they sealed the stone with the Roman seal, and set a guard of Roman soldiers to watch lest His disciples should come along and steal Him away.

Now He is secure, thought they. Who will dare to touch the stone? With the authority of Rome, it would be death to any man who interfered. But could a stone hold back the Saviour? In the early part of chapter 28 of Matthew's Gospel we read that an angel came and rolled back the stone from the door. The Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and what blessings are wrapped up in that resurrection for all who believe! He took upon Himself the death deserved by us. But He is raised beyond death and, upon the ground of this, we have remission of sins, if we put our trust in him.

Your affectionate friend, c. s. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,-

I am glad to welcome so many new searchers this month, and I trust you are all going to continue. Several of you have given answers without chapter and verse. Always remember to put this. K. Rogerson and M. Whaley left out one reference.

I am sorry that A, and K. Rung's names were omitted from the text list has month. I congratulate these two and many others, for their continuance in the Scripture searching.

In these days we need to read and study the Word of God more and more, so that when the enemy comes and seeks to put doubts into our minds, we shall be able to answer him with "TT IS WRITTEEN." Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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# Questions for March, 1938.

### Subject :--Stone

1. What did Jacob put for his pillows? (Genesis 28.)

2. "The Stone of Israel." Write out the verse ending with these words. (Genesis 49.)

3. What name did Samuel call the stone? (1 Samuel 7.)

4. How did David prevail over the Philistine?

(1 Samuel 17.) 5. What happened to the Stone which the

builders refused? (Psalm 118.)

6. Who rolled back the Stone from the door? (Matthew 28.)

7. What is become head of the Corner?

8. What does the name "Cephas" mean?

9. "Behold I lay in Sion. . . ." Write out the next six words only. (1 Peter 2.)

10. "Having the Glory of God. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Revelation 21.)

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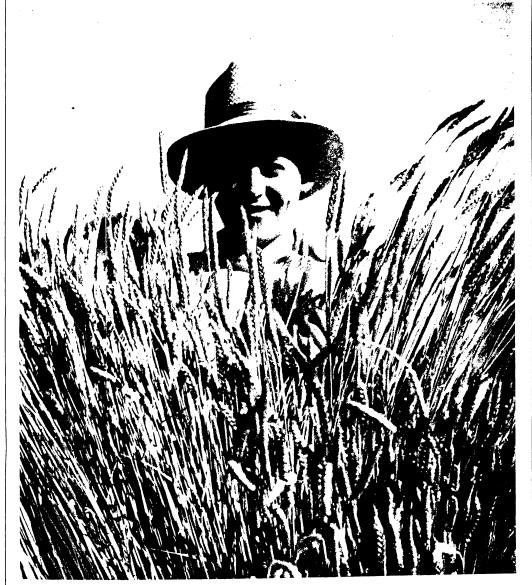


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# TALKS ON PROVERBS

(4) SEVEN THINGS (Proverbs vi. 16-19).

A LITTLE while ago when reading this chapter it struck me what terrible things these were that the Lord hated.

- 1. A proud look (verse 17). No one likes a proud person. If we are proud God can have nothing to do with us, but he will hear the very humblest (see James iv. 6). Remember next time you have a proud look, that it is a thing God hates.
- 2. A lying tongue (verse 17). This is far too frequent. When I was at school there was a boy who hardly ever spoke the truth. The headmaster one day publicly expelled him from the school because of his lying tongue.
- 3. Hands that shed innocent blood (verse 17). We can all understand this.
- 4. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations (verse 18). What a nasty thing this is, always to be imagining wicked things about persons.
- 5. Feet that be swift in running to mischief (verse 18). How easy it is for our feet to run about making mischief, telling tales and the like.
- 6. A false witness (verse 19). This is a person who will say anything in order to get gain—whether it is true or not he does not care.
- 7. He that soweth discord (verse 19). Do we ever make quarrels instead of mending them? The Lord Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew

May we always hate these seven things that God hates.

Jesus put up with:

1. The proud spirit of the Pharisees (Matthew ix. 13).

- 2. The lying tongue of the high priest (Matthew xxvi. 65).
- 3. The hands of Judas that shed innocent blood (Matthew xxvii. 4).
- 4. The hearts of the people that devised wickedness (Matthew xxvi. 47).
- 5. The feet of the soldiers who were swift in running to mischief (Matthew xxvii. 27-28).

6. The false witnesses (Matthew xxvi. 60).

7. Those who sought to sow discord amongst His disciples (John xviii. 8). For you and for me.

May our looks, tongue, hands, heart, feet, and everything we do or say be used for Jesus.

# YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."-1 Тімотну і. 15.

T DARE SAY you have heard the story of a little boy, nine years old, who went one night with his father to a gospel preaching.

As they walked along the country lane the father said, "Now, Johnnie, I want you to pay great attention while I am speaking, because in the address I mean to mention your name."

"My name! father, what will you

say about me?"

"Oh! you must wait, my boy, till you hear the address."

So Johnnie fixed his eyes upon his father, and listened very quietly till the service was over, when, as they were walking home together, he said: "Father, you forgot to mention my name."

"No, Johnnie, I said it more than

once. Walk quietly along. Now try to understand what I mean."

After walking in silence for some distance, the little boy said softly, "I think I know what you mean, father. Was it when you said 'sinner'?"

"Yes, my dear boy, for that is indeed your name."

I don't think Johnnie will ever forget that walk, and the nice talk he had with his father.

Do you, reader, know your name? Perhaps you are not aware that both your name and address are put down in the Bible, but such is the fact, for your name is "Sinner," and your address is the "World," and both are mentioned in the verse at the head of this article.

But there are so many children who do not know their names, like the little boy, three and a half years old, who took up the Bible and said, "Shall I read to you, auntie?" and then pretended to read as follows:—

"God — says : — I — am — a — wery —dood—'ittle—boy.''

Now the little fellow could not read at all, having invented this in his own brain, but his aunt soon stopped him, saying, "You are quite wrong, for God says you are a very bad little boy."

You see he did not know his own name. Do you know your name?

Now I will tell you a very sad story of a lady who went to have her photograph taken. After taking the portrait, the photographer was surprised to find that a number of little black spots came on the face.

He tried again, but with the same result. The lady could not understand it at all, but after two days she became very ill with smallpox, and a week later was dead. She had the disease and did not know it, but the bright light of the sun discovered the black spots lurking beneath the skin. And I have known

the bright light of God's Holy Spirit to show to thousands of boys and girls that they had the dreadful disease of SIN lurking in their hearts—a deadly, souldestroying disease.

Now some children look upon SIN (say the sin of disobedience, or the sin of telling lies, or the sin of being selfish or ill-tempered) as a little trifling matter. But God's Word teaches us that SIN is a very horrible thing indeed, and in the sight of God is far worse than the terrible marks of smallpox.

Listen, then, to the good news that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. It is a faithful saying, a true saying, and worthy of all acceptation. Will you accept the great salvation? Will you send up the earnest prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner"?

A. J. P.

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# Results of Bible Searching Opportunity (2)

1st Keith Rugg, Stockton-on-Tees.2nd Nancy Henderson, Sheffield.

3rd ( ਰੂਲ ) Mary Messenger, Wigton. Ruth Rogers, Kingston Hill.

The number of papers sent in was smaller than for the previous set of questions, but considering the scope of these, all entrants are to be commended for their efforts. The marking throughout was very close, which indicates careful work, but some still need to follow the Words of Scripture. instead of trusting to their knowledge of it.

Set No. 3 will appear (D.V.) in next month's magazine, so look out for it. The Lord give each of you a deeper desire to "search the Scriptures" and so to learn more of Him.

EDITOR.

# ARE YOU READY FOR HIS COMING?

IT was a beautiful Saturday afternoon, with the sun shining at its height, when a number of our Sunday School scholars went off for their annual outing. The train was boarded and away we went along the country and through a long, dark tunnel till we reached our station, then a long walk through fields. After stopping for tea in a field we went on the top of a crag (600 ft. above sea level), sang a number of choruses,



"NOW WE'RE OFF."

then returned home, all having enjoyed the time very much.

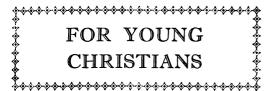
But what led to the writing of this article was through noticing the eagerness shown by the boys as they awaited the arrival of their train. Every few minutes they would inquire as to the time and would the train come all right. I shall never forget their faces as the train steamed into the station. The words of the Lord Jesus came to my mind, "In My Father's house are many mansions. . . And if I go . . . I will come again and receive you unto myself."

Yes, dear reader, Jesus is coming again for those who have trusted Him.

Have you yet trusted Him as vour own Saviour? The reason why He suffered at Gethsemane and Calvary was so that you and I might be forgiven and be found suitable to dwell with Him in the place where He now is. Oh, that God will give you faith to trust Jesus now as your Saviour, and, like the boys who were eagerly waiting for their train, you, too, might wait for the Saviour with joy in your heart meanwhile to be happy in serving Him. Then with many others you will be able to sing:—

"Jesus, Friend of little children,
Gladly we do praise Thy Name,
For we know Thee as the Saviour,
Who endured the cross and shame.
Gazing upward into heaven,
We rejoice to see Thee there;
And to know that Thou art coming
Soon for us that home to share."
W. E. N. B.





# MY LORD AND I

HIS promises are precious,
And on them I depend;
Whate'er the joy or trial
My Lord deems best to send.

Accepting Him as Saviour,
I know I am secure;
For Whosoe'er believes on Him
Eternal Life is sure.

When daily cares surround me,
Why should I be dismayed?
"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED,"
My Lord Himself doth say.

Then, when my life seems darkened By this world's strife and sin; 'Tis then I have His promise, "My PEACE I GIVE," within.

And should the world despise me, I seem to hear His voice, "Lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAY," And in this I rejoice.

My Lord will never leave me,
His Word is very clear,
"MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE,"
So nothing shall I fear.

This I know, whate'er He sends, My life by Him is planned; He over-rules each hour for me, My TIMES ARE IN HIS HAND.

So fully trusting, I'm content, That He will fail me never; NONE SHALL PLUCK ME FROM HIS HAND, For I am His for ever.

# "I AM THE WAY"

(John xiv. 6.)

THERE is a straight but narrow road
Which often men despise;
To go along a crooked path
Which by the town "SIN" lies.

Yea, there are many crooked paths
Run from that one straight road;
Along which, pilgrims' enemies
So oft make their abode.

And there are many worldly lusts

To turn our feet astray;

But blest is he who loves the Lord, And knows Christ is "The Way."

E. M. T.

The above poems are from the pens of two young Christian readers of Our Children, and should therefore be of special interest to all their readers.

It is a pleasure to receive communications from our young friends, and if we can be of any help to you do not hesitate to write us of your difficulty.

EDITOR.

#### DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am so sorry that most of those who are in second class this month are there because they have forgotten to give chapter and verse.

R. Danks and F. Wood must answer eight questions.

A few did splendid papers but forgot to give chapter and verse to one answer. Now may I remind you again to read your papers through before sending them in.

Some of our questions are very solemn this month. I hope you will all give heed to them, for although you may be very young the Word of God is a message to us all.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.



# FIRE

(IV)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

FIRE! What shall we say about fire? I think that we cannot do better than just put down a word for each of the four letters in "fire" and see if we can learn anything from this.

For F we will put

### FAITH.

The story narrated in Genesis xxii. is very interesting. I can always remember being thrilled as a boy reading about Isaac. came a day in the life of Abraham when he was sorely put to the test. "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest . . . and offer him . . . for a burnt offering." This was a great trial of faith. We cannot go into the whole story here, but a very touching verse reads, "Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together." Read the whole chapter and see how Abraham's faith conquered, and how he was rewarded. He ventured to give his only son, but God provided otherwise for a sacrifice and Isaac was freed.

It all depends in whom your faith is placed. If it is in God, it will never fail and you will find that, whatever comes, your faith will be victorious.

For the next letter we will put a long word ILLUMINATION.

You will quite well understand what this means. Do not only think of a great many prettily coloured lights such as we hear about at some of our sea-side resorts. I want you to think of a great light like a big fire going before you as you walk along a road on a very dark night.

You remember the coronation of King George

the sixth, and perhaps some of you saw a bonfire at that time. I remember going across some very rough ground and it was difficult to get along as the night was dark, but the bon-fire was lit and, when the fire blazed up, what a difference it made. In the light of the fire it was easy to walk, as the whole place was illuminated.

Such was the experience of the children of Israel. In the darkness of the wilderness night God went before them in a "pillar of fire."

So, boys and girls, in your Christian experience, you will have dark nights, troubles of many kinds will heap themselves upon you, but remember that God has promised to go before and lead you by the "pillar of fire." In His presence everything is light.

Then we have

### RUINATION.

We often hear the expression, "fire is a good servant but a bad master." In James iii. we see "fire" as a master and what havoe is caused! "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." The tongue is spoken of as an "unruly evil" and, if we do not keep it in check, we will to our sorrow find what great ruination is caused. A good deal is written in the book of Proverbs upon this subject. It is impressed upon us that talebearing, whether the tales are true or false, is a very great evil and brings much sorrow. True friends have often been separated through idle talk.

Lastly, in Revelation xx. we have the "Lake of fire."

#### ETERNITY.

"Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." This is the eternal portion of every one who has not found refuge in the Lord Jesus Christ. How do you stand in regard to this matter? Make your decision to-day!

Your affectionate friend, c. s. R.

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- 1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
- 5. Address Envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on ½d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by letter post.

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 April, 1938.

### Subject :-Fire

- 1. What did Abraham take in his hand? (Genesis 22.)
- 2. How did the Lord descend upon Mount Sinai? (Exodus 19.)
- 3. How long was the fire to be burning upon the altar? (Leviticus 6.)
- 4. What fell and consumed the burnt sacri-
- fice ? (1 Kings 18.)
  5. "... The Son of God." Write out the verse ending with these words. (Daniel 3.)
- 6. What happened the same day that Lot
- went out of Sodom? (Luke 17.)
  7. "And the tongue is a fire...." Write out the verse beginning with these words.
- out the verse beginning with these words. (James 3.)
- 8. Who is a consuming fire? (Hebrews 12.)
  9. "Every man's work." Write out the verse where these words occur twice. (1 Corinthians 3.)
- 10. "And whosoever..." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Revelation 20.)

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# And the Lord called amuel. Samuel. Them Sammel answered, peak; for thy servant heares

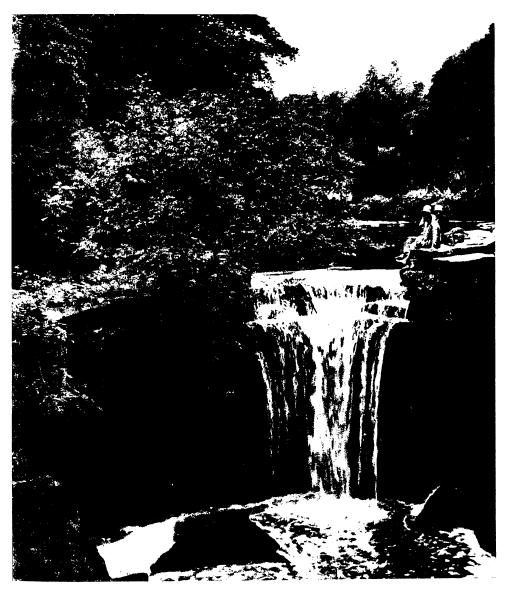
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ENJOYING A REST.

# TWELVE FOR THREEPENCE

"IT'S no use, Dot," Jock said, "there isn't any chance of our getting a present for mother's birthday in this out-of-the-world place. But look here, Jim, and I will let you join us. We've bought a photo frame and we'll say it's from you as well, see!"

But Dot shook her head dolefully.

"Oh, no!" she almost sobbed, "I must get Mummie something all from myself."

"Oh, very well!"—rather huffily—"You're an ungrateful little kid, and you'll have to go without, that's all."

Dot sniffed miserably.

"Can't I get her flowers, Jimmie? There's some lovely ones at that house opposite."

Jim laughed shortly.

"That's a conservatory. It belongs to the people who live there: they don't sell 'em."

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Mr. Josiah Green was tending his wonderful Japanese asters almost lovingly. For a moment or so he did not notice the tiny fragile child who had unlatched the gate and crept nearer and nearer to the open glass door, and was now peeping in.

He turned round suddenly and saw

ner.

"What do you want?" he said, sharply. "Run away, run away!"

Dot's hands were clasped, her lips

parted.

"O-oh! aren't they lovely?" she exclaimed, unheeding his injunction. "Please, are they yours?"

"Of course they are. Whose should

they be?"

"And—and you can do what you like with them?"

"Certainly. Why?"

"Because," taking the plunge, "you could sell some if you liked."

"That is so. But I don't like, and it

makes all the difference."

" O—oh!"

All the excitement died out of the child's vivid little face; keen disappointment took its place, and her lips trembled. She placed three pennies on the flower stand.

"Wouldn't you for all these?" she

asked, wistfully.

Her big blue eyes were irresistible: the pleading struck a chord in the old man's heart. Long years ago, before death had robbed him of his only child. he had been fond of little people. Ever after he had steeled his heart to their appeal.

"What do you want those flowers for?" he asked, decidedly less gruffly.

"For Mummie's birthday to-morrow. My sister Letty quite forgot to buy my present because she was so busy helping to get ready for the holidays."

"Indeed! And are you willing to expend the sum of threepence for a bouquet of my prize asters? How many blooms would you consider a fair ex-

change?"

Dot looked doubtful.

"Do you mean—" she began.

"I mean how many do you think I

ought to sell for threepence?"

"I—I rather don't know. They are very large and feathery. Could you let me have—twelve?"

Josiah Green turned away his head to

hide the smile that would come.

"Umph! Twelve! I—might. Suppose we consider it settled. I'll cut them for you to-morrow morning. Run across just before breakfast and they will be fresh and lovely."

Dot gave a little scream of delight;

her face was a study.

"Thank you ever, ever so much. And then Mummie won't know. I did just wonder where I should hide them. There isn't much room in the bungalow over the way where we are going to stay for a month."

"That's settled then. And—er—suppose you keep those pennies and buy yourself some sweeties with them? Wouldn't that be a good idea?"

He picked up the coppers and offered them smilingly.

Dot shook her head and pushed them back into his hand.

"Oh, no!" she said, decidedly. "It wouldn't be my present then. I've saved them up, and you *must* take them, please. I do hope to-morrow will come quickly."



DOT WATERING THE FLOWERS.

"What made you decide to—er—try this market?" the old man asked.

The child looked into his grim face a little undecidedly, but the ghost of a smile was hovering about his lips, and she took courage.

"I didn't," she confided. "I wanted to yesterday but the boys told me this

was a-a-conser---'

"Conservatory," he prompted.

"Yes, a conservatory, and the people who lived here wouldn't sell the flowers. So I—you won't laugh if I tell you what I did, will you?"

"I promise most faithfully."

"Well, then, I asked Jesus about it. We can always do that if we love Him, can't we? *He* let me come over here, and *He* let you spare the flowers. Goodbye, and thank you again."

For some moments after his small visitor's departure old Josiah Green stood staring at his wonderful blooms, yet

seeing nothing.

"If we love Him—if we love Him." The words followed him everywhere for the rest of the day. They brought back to memory another Bank Holiday Monday, fifty, aye nearer sixty years ago, when he had almost stepped over the line and decided for Christ. He might have been loving Him and living for Him all these years! Instead, he had grown into a miserable old man, hugging to his heart the delusion that no God of Love could have taken his dear ones and left him nothing.

That evening he took a little-used Bible from his bookshelf, and sat up reading it until a very late hour, and then went to bed restless and ill at ease. For days this unhappy condition continued, and then, strangely enough, it was little Dot who helped to lift the burden. He saw her one day looking longingly in the direction of his flowers, and he beckoned her along.

"Have you been-er-asking Jesus

about anything lately?" he inquired, hesitatingly.

"Yes "-shyly-" I asked Him to make you happy because you looked so

"And—" a little eagerly—" do you think He will?"

"Oh, yes! Don't you remember the flowers?"

Yes, indeed, the old man remembered the incident only too well. He had scarcely had a moment's peace since. And so the child was praying for him! She had such wonderful faith, yet, oh, the doubts and fears!

That evening, as he was reading through the Epistle to the Romans, Josiah Green realized for the first time "that being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." It was by grace that he was freely justified, through the great redemption purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.—(*Extracted.*)

L. L. G.

# TALKS ON PROVERBS (5)

## TWO CALLS

(PROVERBS ix. 4, 16).

IN this ninth chapter of Proverbs we read of two persons calling: one is the wise woman, and the other the foolish woman.

Now I am quite sure that none of us wants to listen to a foolish person, but there is always a danger of our doing so. The reason God has given us the book of Proverbs is to guide us right, and to warn us of wrong, and it is really very necessary in these days.

Both of the calls you will notice are to those who are simple, or who do not know all the dangers that lurk around.

One of the things the wise woman tells us is that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (verse 10). That means that if we really want to be wise we must commence with the fear of the Lord. We are not to be afraid of Him, but we are to be afraid of displeasing Him.

But then the foolish woman calls to " passengers who go right in their ways" (verse 15), and she says, "Stolen waters are sweet" (verse 17); but that is hardly true, for the sweetness lasts only for a time and then there is great bitter-She tries to persuade them to do as she bids; but just look at the end of it all—" *He knoweth not* that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell" (verse 18). He finds that out when it is too late.

So long as I live I shall never forget actually meeting one of these women. I had been working very late one night, and was waiting for a bus when suddenly one of these wicked women actually approached me. I looked greatly astonished, I can tell you; and then I remembered all about what I had read in this chapter, and I just got away as quickly as possible.

You never know how useful and helpful the reading of your Bible will be to you.

I hope by this time you have all read chapters i. to x. carefully, but if not start at once. L. A. A.

# SEARCHING BIBLE OPPORTUNITY (3)

It is regretted that, owing to lack of space, the questions for the above have had to be left over until next month, D.V.

Editor.

# OUR FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### REFLECTIONS

THERE is a famous thoroughfare in the oldest quarter of Edinburgh, which has been traversed by many noble and illustrious people for generations. It is known as the Royal Mile.

In the sixteenth century the ill-fated Mary, Queen of Scots, passed along for her marriage to Bothwell; and recently the daughter of one of our oldest noble families made the same journey, from Holyrood House to the Cathedral, for her marriage to the heir of the ancient Douglas clan.

When thinking of the splendour of these bridal retinues, it is hard to believe that near at hand are squalid, slum-like properties, with dark alleys and closed-in yards, where light of day has never penetrated.

It was in one of these hovels where lived a family of poor folk, a younger member of which, named Jimmy, was a cripple, and not only was he crippled, but he was blind.

Jimmy spent most of his days in the dark stuffy room where he lived with the rest of the family, but when the weather was fine he was taken down to the closed-in yard and placed on an old rug. Here, on Saturdays, his playmates had a whole day's holiday and usually spent the time playing with him. However, one Saturday in early summer, he was doomed to disappointment—hours passed, and no sign of his usual companions.

During the afternoon, after almost giving up hope, he was overjoyed to hear the sound of their eager voices and footsteps approaching, and in a moment his friends came tumbling down beside him on the rug, breathless and happy. Then one boy cried out above the rest: "Oh, Jimmy, guess where we've been. We've been to the country, and the birds were singing, and the grass and the trees were so green; oh, the sun was shining beautiful!" And then he paused. "Oh, I forgot, Jimmy," he said, slowly, "of course you don't know what the grass and trees are like, and you've never seen the sun!" Jimmy sadly replied, "No." There was a long pause, and then the boy jumped to his feet. "Just a minute, Jimmy," he cried, and disappeared.

After a few moments Jimmy felt a warm "something" stealing over his face and shoulders. He felt round his face with his hands, raised his head, and with his face beaming, cried, "Oh! it's lovely!"

Do you know what had happened? Jimmy's friend had brought a small mirror from the house, and had gone just outside the entry of the dark yard, caught the rays of the lovely sunshine on the mirror, and then reflected them upon the head and shoulders of his blind friend.

Dear young Christians, does this true story not convey a message to your hearts? Are you reflecting the sunshine of His love into the hearts of your unbelieving friends and playmates? We read in 2 Corinthians iv. 4, "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ . . . . should shine unto them "; and the 6th verse, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ."

Are you reflecting that glory and showing others the way of salvation, making them acquainted with "The altogether lovely One"? It is an immense privilege to be allowed to do so, and will win His royal smile and approval in that day. May you each do more of this blessed service. A. E.



### GOLD

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

In Exodus xxv, you read about the tabernacle in the wilderness, and a very wonderful building it must have been. It was divided into two parts by a vail—the holy place where the priests did their service day by day, and the most holy place where the high priest alone was permitted to enter, and that once only each year.

The most holy place, according to what we read, was very beautiful and most impressive. If you had been allowed to peep just inside the vail, I think what would have interested you more than anything else would have been the great amount of gold. Gold, gold, everywhere! It spoke of

GLORY AND GRACE.

The golden ark, the golden mercy-seat, the golden cherubim, all told out the glory of God. But this is where God met the high priest who appeared once a year on behalf of himself and the people. God's grace was displayed and the sins of the nation atoned for.

The second letter in our subject causes us to think of

OBEDIENCE.

If you would experience God's grace, this is the first step—obedience. We read that the Gospel is made known for the obedience of faith. You cannot do anything pleasing to God apart from obedience. If it is a matter of the forgiveness of your sins, you must obey God and do what He says. He looks for submission on your part.

Then, if you know your sins forgiven and you would serve Him, it is not to be as a slave, but

in the willing obedience of a child.

You see the terrible results of disobedience in Joshua vii. Achan deliberately did what Joshua said must not be done, and when the thing was found out, Achan was stoned to death in the valley of Achor.

What about our next letter? We will put

LIBERTY.

This is just another word for redemption and is a step after obedience. The Apostle Peter, writing in his first epistle, reminds his readers that they were redeemed from all the ritual and ordinances connected with their old religion, the vain conversation handed down from their fathers, not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Now, we can speak of redemption from sins in just the same way. Money cannot buy redemption. The precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ alone avails for this. Sin is a hard taskmaster, but you can be liberated—set free—by the blood of Christ.

The last point is

DESIRE.

When you are set free, you are filled with desires after the Lord Jesus Christ. The world has desires after gold, but the Psalmist in Psalm xix tells us truly that the Word of God is more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold. Then in Proverbs xvi we read, "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold?"

See to it, dear boys and girls, that you go in with all your heart for that which is most important. Gold you can lose, but the Word of God hidden in the heart you can never lose. This is fortune for eternity. Read and value the precious truth of God.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

First of all, I must remind you all to try and send your papers in earlier, otherwise you may not find your name in the printed list.

L. Houston and D. Allinson only answered seven questions. Many others left out references. Will the new searchers please remember to give chapter and verse, as well as the answer?

Before you close your magraine, just ponder over the two verses in our ninth question.

What a cost! The precious blood of Christ. Think of it! Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- 1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
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### Questions for May, 1938.

Subject :—Gold.

- 1. How many times is gold mentioned in Exodus 25?
- "I coveted them and took them." were they? (Joshua 7.)
- 3. "When he hath tried me. . . ." Write
- out the next six words only. (Job 23.)
  4. "More to be desired. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Psalm 19.)
- 5. "How much is it better to get . . . than gold." Write out the missing word only. (Proverbs 16.)
- Him? 6. What did they present to
- (Matthew 2.) 7. Write out the verse which mentions silver
- and gold. (Acts 3.)
- 8. What is much more precious than gold? (1 Peter 1.)
- 9. "For as much . . . without spot." Write out the two verses where these words occur.
- 10. What gold are we to buy? (Revelation 3.)

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### PRAYING WILL NOT SAVE

"MOTHER," said Jack, "may I go into the kitchen to show Mary my hymn book?" Mary was the new housemaid and Jack liked her kindly ways.

"Certainly, dear," said his mother. When Jack returned from showing Mary

the book he looked troubled.

"What is the matter?" asked his

mother.

"I have been reading some hymns to Mary, and when I came to the last one where it says, 'Praying will not save me,' she said, 'Oh, yes it will Jack, praying will save us."

"And what did you say Jack?"

"I said, 'No, Mary, praying will not save us, 'but faith in Christ will.'" Jack was only a little boy, but he was a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour, so he prayed that Mary might be "saved by grace." God heard his prayer, and Mary found that she was a sinner in God's sight, and she claimed the merits of Christ's atoning work upon Calvary's cross.

Sometimes they would get the hymn book out and sing together, and Mary's face brightened when they came to the verse which she loved best of all, because she had found out how mistaken she had been in supposing that prayer could save her. So they sang from their

hearts:-

"Faith in Christ will save me, Let me trust Thy Blessed Son; Trust the work that He has done; To His arms, Lord, help me run, Faith in Christ will save me."

Have you proved the saving power of faith in Christ? We are not saved by works, but by grace, through faith, which opens the heart's door to the Saviour. Accept the Lord Jesus Christ now as your personal Saviour while you have the opportunity.

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### SOME BIBLE ANSWERS TO THE BIBLE QUESTION, "WHAT SHALL WE DO?"

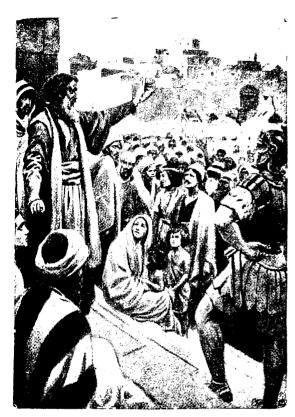
ABOUT seven weeks after the Lord Jesus Christ had been crucified and gone back to heaven the Apostle Peter was preaching at Jerusalem. You can read what he said in the second chapter of the book of the Acts of the Apostles. When he was preaching he told them that they with wicked hands had taken Jesus and killed Him, but that God had raised Him from the dead, and taken Him back to heaven and made Him both Lord and Christ.

Now we must understand that the Lord Jesus was the King of the Jews, their Messiah, and that when Peter told them that they had killed their Messiah they felt they had committed a fearful sin. They therefore asked: "WHAT SHALL WE DO?"

The answer was, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Just as God caused the people of Jerusalem in that day to feel their sin, so God to-day causes both grown-up people and children to feel their sins, and in answer to our question: "What shall we do?" He answers, " Repent."

Our Bible Question is again asked in John's Gospel, chapter 6. The people were following Jesus because He, by a miracle, had provided their supper. told them that they had not to labour

for the food that perishes.



A PREACHING SCENE IN THE EARLY YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY.

They then asked Him, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"

The answer was, "Believe on Him whom He hath sent."

After we have repented of our sins we have to believe on Jesus whom God has sent. This is the work that God wants us to do. If we have any energy it is to be used in believing on Jesus. He came into this world to offer Himself as a sacrifice to put away sin. Dear children, Repent and Believe.

The preaching of John the Baptist contains a very beautiful answer to our question. John had been telling the

people to repent, and was baptizing them in the river Jordan. Many of them repented and believed, but some of the multitude did not know that when we repent and believe we have to live here pleasing to God. John told them this; they then asked him, "What shall we do?" The answer is found in the third chapter of Luke's Gospel, where we find that the publicans, which is another name for the taxgatherers, and the soldiers asked the same question. What then was the answer?

Well, in a few words, it is this. The people had to be good and kind. The taxgatherers had to collect the right amount of taxes. The soldiers had not to be cruel, but had to be content.

The writer trusts that the children who read these answers may learn to repent of their sins; believe in Jesus, and live here as true children of God.

C. R.

### "WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS"

IT is just possible that my reader has already seen this text on a notice board, for it is (or was, a short while ago) displayed outside a Gospel Hall in a busy street in Westeliff-on-Sea.

At all events, you know who it was that first asked the question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" But if you have forgotten, turn up the reference, Matthew xxvii, and verse 22. Pontius Pilate was a typical Roman of the ruling classes of the first century: doubting, sneering, fond of power, and afraid of losing it, but with the strong Roman sense of justice still in his mind. He found himself in a difficult, and, in fact, a dangerous situation, for he was afraid that the Jewish leaders would accuse him

to the Emperor if he let Jesus go. But he was not in the habit of putting first things first, and so he followed the line of least resistance, as we say, and yielded to the wishes of Christ's enemies.

Many and many a sermon or address have been preached from the words on the board. Will you now let them talk to you? You may have your own thoughts about Cæsar, or Shakespeare, or Cromwell, or any other great man of whom you may have read; and it matters very little what you may think of them. And you do not ask yourself what you must do with them; but the Lord Jesus is alive, and He is the Son of God, and will be Judge by-and-by. The question concerns you, and you cannot escape it. Bear in mind the words JESUS and I.

And you have to DO something. No one becomes a Christian by chance; it must be by choice. You must decide, and Now is the time to decide for Christ. What do you hope to gain by putting off?

A young girl who was urged to accept the Saviour replied, "I am thinking about it." Many years later, when she was quite an old lady, with bent back and wrinkled face, she still said, "I'm thinking about it." Thinking about it will not do; we must do it. God is waiting for your choice.

Remember those three important words: JESUS; I; and DO. Let the language of the hymn help you, and say from your heart,

"JESUS, I DO trust Thee, Trust Thee with my soul." E. A.

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### BIBLE SEARCHING OPPORTUNITY (3)

A STRONG MAN whom a woman once did slay? (Judges.)

Whose death made David much afraid one day? (2 Samuel.)

Where was one born the fruit of fervent prayer? (Samuel.)

For whom did once an angel food prepare? (1 Kings.)

What trembling judge could not disguise his fears? (Acts.)

A mount up which a people went with tears? (2 Samuel.)

What king became a leper for his sin? (2 Chronicles.)

Who mid surrounding death was safe shut in? (Genesis.)

Where Joseph's brethren sold him for a slave? (Genesis.)

Who to a patriarch choice presents gave? (Genesis.)

Where was it Barnabas went to seek for Saul? (Acts.)

What name did one his child of promise call? (Genesis.)

Who housed God's ark and for its sake was blest? (2 Samuel.)

Whose parable once pierced a guilty breast? (2 Samuel.)

He that upon the sandy ground doth build

Will find at last his poor foundation yield:

But he that builds upon a rock is sure His house will stand, and angry storms endure.

All human merit is but like the sand:

To build on Christ is to be sure to stand.

Put these first letters together, and by them you'll see

What to His people Christ will for ever be (Isaiah).

Answers to the above should reach the Editor by the end of this month.

# FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### TALKS ON PROVERBS (6)

SLOW TO ANGER (Proverbs xvi. 32).

OUR talk this month is on a very important verse which is of special interest to young Christians: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city," though once again I find so many interesting ones in this chapter that I hardly know which to choose.

I feel that we nearly all fail here. Why, instead of being "slow to anger," we seem to read the verse as though it said "Quick to anger," do we not? There have been many brave and strong men and women, and how we like to read of their brave and mighty deeds; but here is something we can all be and do; and we shall be better than the bravest.

Alas! we get angry so quickly—something just comes along to upset us and our angry temper gets the better of us. Perhaps we are sorry afterwards, but it is too late, for we cannot undo that which we have hurriedly said and done.

Then again, sometimes our spirit gets sullen, so we sulk, and our spirit rules us instead of it being the other way round. It is so easy to act in this way, but if we do, it only shows that we have not paid attention to that which our text tells us.

It makes us almost blush to the roots of our hair when we take time to sit down and ponder the verse carefully, for we certainly transgress. If we want to be truly great here is a golden opportunity. Do you remember what David said—and it is mentioned twice in the Bible?
"Thy gentleness hath made me

"Thy gentleness hath made me great" (see 2 Samuel xxii. 36 and Psalm xviii. 35). Now, we cannot all save other people's lives or do great things of that sort, but surely we can all be gentle and so be pleasing to God.

Ask God to help you to govern your temper and your spirit, and then you will not only be happy yourself but make others happy too.

L. A. A.

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### "'I SAY,' MISTER!"

A LITTLE girl, while going for a walk, saw a man go up a very long ladder with a load of bricks on his head. After she had watched him go up a few times, she called out, "Say, mister, are you not afraid to go up that big ladder?"

He laughed and replied, "No, I am used to it."

The little girl was not satisfied with that answer, so after thinking for a minute or two, she said, "I think, mister, why you are not afraid is because when you came out this morning you knelt down and asked God to keep you safe."

The man did not answer, but for the rest of the day the child's words kept ringing in his ears. He could not forget them. They brought back memories of Sunday School and of his mother.

He knelt down and prayed, and through that little child's words he sought the Saviour and was found of Him. He passed from death unto life because the Lord Lord Jesus had died for him, and the words of the little girl reminded him of that great fact. Do your words remind people of the Lord Jesus? Perhaps you are not saved. Well, seek the Lord and you will be found of Him.



### VOICE

(VI)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I have three voices to speak to you about this month. The first is in Psalm exli. 1, "Give ear unto my voice." We will call this

#### PRAYER.

David had many temptations—he was often sorely tried, but his resource was at all times in God. His confidence was in God, and this is the reason why he always came out with a song.

In this psalm the world seemed to have been making a great appeal to him. The men of the world wanted his company—they offered him dainties, and, no doubt, it all appeared very attractive. David felt the pull and he was cast down before God.

Every boy and girl will meet temptations and difficulties in the walk of life. I often pity those who know not where to turn for help. The world has a great influence and holds out the hand to help. But those who feel for the hand find it just like a shadow. If you cannot help yourself, you will get no help from the world.

The Christian's trust is in God and, in every circumstance, he can look to God for help and guidance which he is sure to get.

What is the result? Look up Psalm xcviii. 5— "Sing unto the Lord with . . . the voice of a psalm."

#### PRAISE.

Can the worldling do this? No, he is outside this circle. This is triumph. The heart of the psalmist must have been throbbing with praise and thankfulness when he was writing these lines. He had felt the power of the Lord's hand—that hand which always gets the victory.

So he gives this exhortation to praise—it is a never-ending theme. The song of praise is put upon the lips of every one when they are saved and will go on throughout the ages of eternity. The third voice is in 1 Thessalonians iv. 16: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven . . . with the voice of the archangel." This is for the Christian

### A BRIGHT PROSPECT.

The Christians at Thessalonica were once idolaters but they had been turned to God and their one desire was to see the Lord Jesus Christ. They had learned the truth that He was coming again and they lived day by day in expectation of seeing the Lord at any moment. But, in the meantime, some of these dear Christians were dying, and trouble evidently began to arise as to what part these sleeping saints would have at the coming of Christ. Would they miss the joy of that rapture?

So the Apostle Paul exhorts them not to sorrow as those with no hope because, when the Lord appeared in the air, the sleeping saints would actually be caught up first, then those who were alive would follow, all together to meet the Lord in the air.

A wonderful moment this is going to be! The Lord Jesus came once to seek and to save that which was lost. He is coming again, He will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. Are you ready, dear reader? What if the Lord should come to-day? Would you go to be with Him or would you be left behind?

Your affectionate friend, c.s.r.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

T am sorry that two of the questions for April were a little difficult. Most of you have tried very hard, so I have given full marks, though the answer was not quite correct. R. Boyes and F. Teasdale left out references. B. Anderson and E. Robson must give chapter and verse. P. Hirst only answered six questions. F. Walton is First Class for February. I am sorry the name was omitted from the list.

I am sorry the Ashbury Searchers were unable to send in their papers owing to an outbreak of measles. Perhaps they can do them at some future date. I hope they have all been kept well.

I trust many of you will hear God's voice speaking to you as you seek to answer the questions for this month.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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### Questions for June, 1938.

Subject :-- Voice.

- 1. Whose voice did they hear? (Genesis 3.)
- 2. Whose voice did God hear? (Genesis 21.)
- 3. What did Elijah hear after the fire? (1 Kings 19.)
- 4. "My voice. . . ." Write out verse beginning with these words. (Psalm 5.)
- 5. "... send me." Write out verse ending with these words. (Isaiah 6.)
- 6. What did the voice from Heaven say? (Matthew 3.)
- 7. Whose voice shall the dead hear? (John 5.)
- 8. "My sheep . . ." Write out verse beginning with these two words. (John 10.)
  - 9. What did the voice say to Saul? (Acts 9.)
- 10. What are we to do besides hear His voice? (Revelation 3.)

### April Searchers.

### Age 14 years and over.

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2nd Class.-E. Blissett, R. Boyes, M. Grant.

### Age 11 up to 13 years.

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2nd Class.—B. Anderson, D. Barker, W. Fullerton, D. Heads, P. Hirst, D. Hook, W. Murphy, E. Robson, N. Seymour, A. Small, F. Teasdale, A. Wilson.

### Age 10 years and under.

A. Binnie, J. Binnie, S. Binnie, D. Boyes, A. Brack, V. Brew, E. Brewis, M. Britton, M. Brown, B. Burridge, N. Carr, P. Cavanagh, P. Clacherty, T. Connolly, R. Davison, G. Dean, B. Dickson, I. Douglas, N. Elliott, E. Eungblut, I. Fish, A. Gilmour, R. Gray, P. Harris, D. Hart, C. Harrey, L. Hedley, V. Hickman, B. Hodgins, C. Hodgins, A. Hudspeth, R. Hughes, T. Jardine, D. Jolly, B. Jones, D. Manson, C. McCullum, W. McConnachie, E. McTavish, J. Melling, J. Merritt, M. Messenger, A. Milne, J. H. Mitchell, E. Moor, E. Mossman, N. Norval, K. Parton, I. Purvis, C. Ranson, J. Revers, J. Renton, J. Robertson, John Robertson, B. Rogerson, E. Rohr, K. Rugg, B. Scarl, F. Seymour, R. Simpson, J. Smith, G. Spence, B. Stephenson, M. Stuart, A. Teasdale, R. Thurston, Ruth Thurston, P. Todd, S. Veale, I. Walker, F. Walton, G. Westwood, N. White, D. Wilkinson, J. R.

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1 Kings 17, 16.

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OUT AT SEA.

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### THE VOICE OF THE LAD

THERE was no wayside shop where a lad might buy ice cream and lemonade if he had money enough in his pocket in that hot and dusty desert in which Ishmael and his mother wandered, and no "stop me" there either; they had not been invented in those far away All that he had to wet his thirsty throat was the water in the leather skin that he carried slung over his shoulder. I don't think you would have liked to live in those days. Now Ishmael was a wayward lad and preferred to do his own way than obey his mother; many a time she would say to him, "Ishmael, don't drink so much of that water to-day, we shall want it to-morrow. took no notice of her and he ought to have done, for he was fourteen years old. He would just say, "I'm thirsty," and soon all the water in the bottle was done: it was as dry inside as outside.

And when to-morrow came it was hot, there wasn't a cloud in the sky and the wind blew the dry sand about so that every time they opened their mouths to speak they got such a lot of it between their teeth, in their eyes and up their nostrils, sand everywhere, and no water, nothing but a dry bottle. Then did Ishmael learn that he who disobeyed his mother yesterday is sorry for it to-day.

Now you could live a long time without food but not without water, and poor Ishmael, we are sorry for him, got drier and drier and hotter and hotter, until he began to moan and cry and gasp for breath, and his mother saw that he was dying, dying for the want of water: and she, poor mother, could not bear to see him suffer, and she could not bear to hear him crying for water when she had none to give him. So she dragged him under the shade of a little desert bush

and went a little way off and sat down and — remembered. What did she remember? Why, that years ago, she had been all alone in that same desert, just as unhappy as a woman could be, when God spoke to her, and she found out that though nobody else seemed to care for her, God did, and she said: "Thou God seest me." She remembered that GOD SEES.

God saw her, and God saw Ishmael just as God sees you and me. Was God angry with disobedient, dying Ishmael, or was He sorry for him? He was sorry for him, and He was waiting for Hagar and for Ishmael to speak to Him. I am sure Hagar did speak to Him; she prayed for her suffering boy, and it was very marvellous, Ishmael prayed too. His mother had told him about God, and perhaps in the tent of his father Abraham he had heard about God, and now when he was dying, and even his mother had left him, he prayed, and God heard him; we are told that God heard the voice of the lad. GOD. HEARS as well as sees.

How kind God is. He did not shut His ears when wayward Ishmael prayed to Him, He listened to his prayer and He answered it, for GOD SPEAKS as well as hears and sees. He spoke to Hagar and opened her eyes, and lo, quite close to her was a bubbling fountain of cold, clear water, and she ran and filled the bottle and was just in time. She let some of its pure drops trickle through Ishmael's open lips and down his throat; and soon he gave a quiet sigh and opened his eyes—his life was saved.

And he never forgot it, for God was with him after that, and I am sure he never forgot that God sees, and God hears, and God speaks. We must always remember these three things about God, and we must listen to Him, especially when He speaks to us about

the living water which is really the blessing we may all have through the Lord Jesus Christ.

J. T. M.

### I LOVE THE BIBLE

I LOVE to read the Bible, Its words are very sweet; It makes me strong and happy; It's what my heart can eat.

It makes me very loving,
And kind, and brave, and true;
It makes me glad and happy
In all I say and do.



THE DAILY BIBLE READING.

I read it, then I listen
To hear what God will say,
And then I thank and praise Him
All through each busy day.

### "LIFE AT BEST IS VERY BRIEF"

HAVE often sung, along with others, that little hymn beginning with the words:

"Life at best is very brief, Like the falling of a leaf, Like the binding of a sheaf. Be in time."

But lately something happened which impressed me with the truth of these words. It was getting near the Sunday School Treat, and I had been looking out for "pieces" to give to the little ones in my class, for each to learn and say on the day of the treat. I looked through the book to see if there was any piece suitable for the last little boy, and the piece I chose was, "Life at best is very brief."

Next Sunday he told me that his mother had found him another piece to say, and had given his other to his brother who learnt it and said it at two of the Sunday School rehearsals; but the third Sunday he was not there to say it, for just the Friday before (Christmas Eve) he had been run over by a bus. It appears that in an endeavour to save his dog from being run over, he himself was knocked down and both were run over, the boy being killed on the spot.

Life had indeed been very brief for him. It was sad news for us at the Sunday School to hear, as well as for his parents and his brothers and sisters.

But it is a comfort to realize that everything that happens is worked out by God for blessing, and though to us A—'s death seemed very sudden, God always gives everybody plenty of time and opportunity to be saved. A— had heard the Gospel many times, so we all hope that he had trusted Jesus as His Saviour.

Now, dear little reader, have you trusted Him? We can never be sure that we shall be here to-morrow. Life is very uncertain, but those who are saved need not fear how soon God will call them. But if you are not saved yet, take warning from this true story. It is dangerous to put off.

"Now is the day of salvation."

E. M. T.

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### TALKS ON PROVERBS (7)

### TONGUES AND TROUBLES

(PROVERBS XXI. 23.)

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

HOW very true this is. We open our mouth and then our tongue begins to speak, and soon, if we are not very careful, we are not only telling our friends all about our own affairs, but other people's too. Afterwards, when we have had time to think things over, we begin to see that we were a little unwise in letting so much out. Then we may have great regrets that we ever said all that we did.

Many years ago, there was a good king; a better king than there had been for many years. Indeed, there was not a king so good after him who reigned over his country and people. I wonder—can you guess who it was? No, it was not David, nor Solomon.

This important king made a very great mistake in God's sight. He began talking and showing all the things under his control and in his possession, and we find that God was very displeased with him. If only he had kept his mouth closed, and his tongue quiet, he could have saved his soul from many a trouble. Years afterwards, all those things he had been so proud of, and that he had talked of, and shown to his supposed friends, were taken away. The king's name began with the letter H, and you can find the story in 2 Kings xx.

As I look back over my past life, how I wish I had been wiser, and not used my mouth and my tongue so much; for I might have saved myself a lot of anxiety and trouble.

Boys and girls, be careful what you say. Say a little less and be ready to listen more. There is another verse which says, "A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards" (Proverbs xxix. 11).

The wise person listens to others first, and hears their side of the question before he speaks. But if you speak in a hurry you will be sorry afterwards when it is too late.

L. A. A.



# FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

THE Lord loves to have His people, young and old, acknowledge His guidance, and seek in every event in life His counsel, and, indeed, He makes the so doing the condition on which He promises to direct their paths.

Strive, then, to do this—to acknow-ledge the hand of God in all your ways—and ere long you will be praising the loving kindness of the hand which is directing your path. But no difficulty can befall you, however trivial it may seem in the eyes of man, that you may not take to God and ask Him to remove it, or help you through it, as seems good to Him.

You will find many winding paths on earth, and will often be at a loss which to take; but seek the guidance of the Lord and you will certainly be led aright. Then with a grateful heart you will adore Him for His direction. It is said of one who, living so near to the Lord, would not even take a journey without first committing herself to God, and little wonder that she felt that her steps were directed by Him.

That brings to my mind the Scripture, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and He delighteth in his way" (Psalm xxxvii. 23). Very wonderful is the way by which God leads His people, and many are the instances recorded of the care and thoughtfulness He exercises regarding those who acknowledge Him. Young as you are, you have only to look back

a little way to remember many marks of His kindness and love, and if you set yourself from henceforth to acknowledge Him in all your ways, and watch for marks of His working, you will soon find many, Depend upon it, you will feel the unspeakable blessing of having One to direct your paths, who knows all about them, and whose allseeing eye sees as you cannot, the end from the beginning. Sometimes, the path may be very rough, and if left to yourself, you would draw back and choose a smoother. But a strong hand leads you on, not always removing the stones or making the path less steep, but bearing you up over all, and now and then giving you a glimpse of the glory at the end. And one day, if not now, hereafter, you will be able to say, "All the paths of the Lord were mercy and truth."

### MY TASK

NOT mine to stand in crowded meeting place,

And tell the sinner of the Saviour's grace. But I can serve the Master, just the same, By teaching baby lips to speak His Name.

Not mine to join the great and noble band,

Who tell of Jesus in a foreign land. But I can live that all around may see His wondrous love and saving grace in me.

If in my home He is a welcome guest, There I can serve Him happiest and best. Perhaps like Mary, resting at His feet, Or basking in the sunshine of His Presence sweet.

F. W. C.



### SEA

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I want to tell you a little story. Several years ago, I went with some friends for a sail in a motor boat on the Mediterranean Sea. It was a delightful day, and the deep blue waters of the Mediterranean looked lovely. On the outward trip everything went well. We landed at a beautiful sandy bay, where a great many people were taking advantage of the sunshine. We had a most enjoyable time, then off we started upon the return trip. We had not gone far when a storm arose. The waves began to break over the boat. We tried to go ahead as best as we could, but soon it became clear that we could not go on in safety. There was a little panic on board—quite what you would expect. The question was, what to do? After a lot of talk, it was decided to make for the shore at the nearest point. With no little difficulty we got into a creek and managed to get on to the rocks, and so back to our destination by road, none the worse for our experience.

These inland seas are subject to quick storms. They arise with little warning, and quiet waters may be turned in a moment to raging seas. Of such a case we read at the end of Mark iv.

The disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee with the Lord Jesus Christ when "there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full." What a dreadful time it must have been for the disciples! They were in great

#### PERIL.

Jesus was asleep. The men were terror stricken, and we can understand this a littlethey were in a perfect panic. What was to be done? There was no need, of course, for the panie when Jesus was there, but this is just a picture of everyday life to-day. Things go along smoothly, and we who are Christians, almost forget sometimes that we have the Lord Jesus with us. Suddenly we meet a crisis, we are thrown into difficulty, or some trouble overtakes us, and we become panic stricken. It seems as if the Lord was asleep to our circumstances. But He knows. He slept through the roar of the storm, but He awoke the moment these men cried in

### PRAYER.

He was there in an instant to give the help they needed.

Ah, dear boys and girls, there are dangers in the world, and difficulties arise like the raging of the sea, and none of us are able to meet these things-we are helpless. But the Lord Jesus Christ is able to deliver. He arose, and said unto the sea, "peace be still . . . and there was a great calm."

#### PEACE.

After a storm at sea, it is often many days before the water settles down quite calm again. but at the word of Jesus, there was peace immediately. So it is in the daily life; and if you trust the Lord Jesus Christ, you will find Him at hand to pour peace upon the troubled sea, and He is so tender, loving, and kind in all His ways.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

We are now commencing a new term, and I hope I am going to see some of the old Searchers' papers again. I am so glad to welcome the new Searchers from St. Andrew's Colony. May God bless the reading of His precious word to each one of them.

Will the new Searchers please remember to give Chapter and Verse. Quite a number of you have left out references, which puts you into 2nd class. J. Renton only answered five questions.

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### Subject :- Sea.

- 1. What happened the first time Moses stretched out his hand over the sea? (Exodus 14.)
- 2. "Sing ye to the Lord." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Exodus 15.)
- 3. What did Elijah's servant say at the seventh time? (1 Kings 18.)
- 4. "From sea to sea." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Psalm 72.)
- 5. When did the sea cease from raging?
- (Jonah 1.)
  6. When was there a great calm? (Matthew
- 8.)
  7. What happened in the fourth watch of
- the night? (Matthew 14.)
  8. What did Jesus see as He walked by the sea of Galilee? (Mark 1.)
- 9. Who cast himself into the sea? (John 21.) 10. What did the sea give up? (Revelation 20.)

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### HOW VIOLET FOUND THE LORD JESUS

"LET'S have a children's open-air," suggested one of the leaders of the B... Bible Class.

"A splendid idea!" replied the other. At last, after much discussion, a certain Saturday in June was decided upon, and during the class the following Sunday, it was suggested to the delighted members. They thought it a glorious idea, and about a dozen found they were free to come. Each one was given something to do and some of the older ones asked to give their testimonies in simple language. A village about six miles away was decided upon, and bicycles were requisitioned.

At last the great day came and the little party set off in high spirits. It was a lovely sunny evening, and how wonderful it was to be really going to tell the Good News of their Saviour to other boys and girls who did not know Him, and never had had the joy of fellowship with Him! A friend had prepared the way by giving out the time of the meeting, and some fifteen children were already gathered together at the spot chosen when the party arrived. Others soon joined them and before long a happy little open-air meeting was in progress.

There was plenty of singing, and how the children listened as one young Christian after another stepped forward to tell how they had found the Lord Jesus, and how precious it was to know that their sins were all forgiven, because He had died instead. Just before the finish one of the leaders gave a short address illustrated by a home-made model. It represented a wall—the wall of sin. The bricks which made this wall were all of exactly the same size—"All have sinned and come short of the glory of

God." Each one of us have put in some of these bricks. It was said, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way."

Solemnly the children listened as the bricks were named—pride, bad temper, rudeness, not telling the truth, etc., etc. Yes, each had to admit they had put in some, and very serious grew the faces as they realized that a wall separates, and the wall of sin separates boys and girls from God.

But presently something was shown to be in the wall—it was a door. When it was opened, it was found to have written upon it, "I am the Door; by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved " (John x. 9). It was the Lord Jesus Christ who spoke these words, and He invites boys and girls to come and enter in without delay. How may we enter? By coming to Him and asking Him to let us in because He died for us on the cross. Will He let us enter if we come to Him? Yes; for has He not said, "Him [and that means her, too] that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37)?

The meeting ended, the girls gave a letter to each child in which was written a story showing the way to the Saviour, and giving an address to which they might write if they wished. Then the happy band of Christians, with hearts aglow, started back for home.

But that is not the end of the story. Among those who listened to the testimonies, and the model talk, was a girl called Violet. She had often heard of the Lord Jesus, and had even read of Him, but although she was fifteen she had no Bible and had never known the Lord Jesus to be her own personal Saviour.

A few days later the leader who had given the model address received a letter from her, and this is what she wrote, "I am just writing a few lines to you

to tell you when I came home on Saturday night the first thing I did was to take hold of that letter you gave me and read it, and when I had finished reading it I made up my mind to do as Dulcie did (Dulcie gave her heart to the Lord Jesus, and said 'Thank you,' to Him for dying for her), because He is the best Friend I've got and He makes me ever so happy. And on Saturday night I asked the Lord Jesus to let me pass through that lovely Door and He answered my prayer. He died to save me. . . . Yours lovingly, Violet."

That was how Violet came to know the Lord Jesus. Do YOU know the Lord Jesus? If not, will you not do as Violet did and ask Him to save you to-day?

M. S.

### TALKS ON PROVERBS (8)

### **ENVY**

"Let not thine heart envy sinners; but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long."—Proverbs xxiii. 17.

THERE are some young folks who, instead of doing their work honestly and carefully, prefer to cheat and copy from their neighbours' books; and it requires all who do not want to get into such habits, to take a firm stand.

But we have watched perhaps and seen others obtain higher marks than ourselves, because they have copied; this is liable to make us discontented and we are, therefore, apt to envy them. Never mind; it seems hard, very hard, I know, but those persons who are deceitful and dishonest in the long run never gain.

I remember a boy at school who was always cheating. Some years afterwards, I met him at business in London, and, sure enough, he was *still* cheating, though in a different way. He was actually

cheating his own mother out of money which she should have had. You see, he had started with that bad habit, and it had fastened itself round him so that it was difficult to get away from it.

One day he wanted me to help him in his bad ways, but I refused to have anything to do with him. This made him very angry, and so we had to part, though I lost business through it. We may have to suffer loss sometimes, but we are not to envy sinners.

My dear father, when saying goodbye to us as he left in the morning, often used to leave the second half of that verse with us, "Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long." Now, this means in the small things as well as the big things, that we are to seek to please God throughout the whole day. By so doing we shall forget to be envious of those who do wrong and we shall be seeking to please God, which is far better.

May this be your increasing portion.

L. A. A.

### "SAVIOUR"

WHEN I went to a certain part of Africa there was no written language, so I learnt scraps from the conversation of the natives. One word I listened for and never heard.

Two years and a half went by, and it seemed as if I never would make the people understand until I found out that word.

One night I heard some of the men telling stories of adventures. One related how his master had rescued him from a lion. I listened eagerly, hoping to catch the word—the long-sought word. The incident was finished, the word was not spoken, my hope was crushed, my heart was sick. Afterwards I spoke to the man, and asked him, "What did you call your master when he saved you from



TYPICAL AFRICANS PHOTOGRAPHED OUTSIDE THEIR HOME.

the lion?" At once he gave me the longed-for word, the word which means "Saviour," and I was able for the first time to make clear to him what the Saviour would be to him. With joy on his face he caught the message, as he exclaimed, "Is that what you have been trying to tell us all this time?"

I spent four years in Africa. For fourteen months I never saw bread; for months I have lived on African beans and sour milk; I have eaten everything from ants to rhinoceros flesh; but I would go through it all again for the joy of that moment when I heard the word "Saviour," and saw the light on that man's face at the message conveyed to him!

My young friend, do you know in your heart and life the meaning of that word?

"SAVIOUR" (From "Wise unto Salvation.")

### Results of Bible Searching Opportunity (3)

1st Mary J. Fleetwood, Stockport.

2nd (ਤੂੰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ) Majorie Harris, Birmingham.

3rd Elsie White, Thornaby-on-Tees.

Prizes have been awarded as above. In view of the fact that the various books were named the number of entrants was small but the papers were neatly done.

One paper bore no name or address, whilst only two boys sent in answers. Perhaps we shall have quite a number of them taking up our next set!

EDITOR.

### FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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### SHEW YOUR COLOURS

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A SUNDAY school scholar went into the country for his holiday. He had looked forward to going; counting the days in fact. He meant to spend his holiday helping the harvester.

One day one of the men was swearing terribly. The boy, having stood it as long as he could, said to the man, "I think I had better go home to-morrow." The swearer, who had taken a great liking for the lad said, "Why, I thought you were going to stay some time here?"

"I was," said the boy, "but I can't stay where everybody swears, so I must go home." The man felt the rebuke, and said, "If you will stay I won't swear." The man kept his word.

Take a bold stand, Christian boy or girl reading this. You will sow seed and reap a harvest in the land of eternity.

- "May others see the Lord in you, In what you do and what you say, In what you are by night and day, May you His character portray All worthily.
- "May others see the Lord in you, In tone of voice and look of eye, In gesture, walk or laugh or sigh May you His life exemplify All faithfully."

E. G. C.

### The Christian's Desire

PEN mine eyes, O Lord, I pray, That I may clearly see, The wonders that Thy Holy Word Doth ever hold for me.

Open mine ears that I may hear Thy Spirit's still small voice, Guiding me into all the truth, And hearing, may rejoice.

Open my heart, Lord, to receive, That I may hide within, The warnings of Thy faithful Word, To keep me back from sin.

Open my lips that I may tell What Thou hast told to me; And what Thy grace can do for all Who put their trust in Thee.

M. F.

### PRIZE LIST, June, 1938.

Age 14 years and over.
1. II. G. FLEETWOOD, 37, Watling Street Road, Fulwood, near Preston, Lanes.

2. IRENE EDDY, 6, Railway Cottages, Belmont Junction, Belmont, Durham.

3. A. H. PRATT, 26, Bagshot Street, Walworth, London,

1. MARGARET BOYES, 7, Netherby Road, Honor Oak, London, S.E.23.

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 D. Crosby, M. Crosby, M. Francis, K. Freeman, J. Hodgins,
 B. Hunter (Glasgow), R. Inman, V. Lancaster, J. Munro,
 M. Nicolson, E. Parkinson, D. Proudley, D. Rice, I. Rigg,
 M. Snaith, E. Storey, M. Tombs, F. Watton, V. Watts, E. White.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1. KATHLEEN ALTHORP, 964, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, C.3. 2. DOROTHY PRATT, 26, Bagshot Street, Walworth, London,

3. EVA THOMPSON, 3, Morton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 6. 4. NANCY SLATER, No. 8, Cottage Homes, Ponteland, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Texts.

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Age 10 years and under.

1. JOHN R. WILLIS, Snitter, Thropton, Morpeth, Northumber-

THOMAS JARDINE, 123, Cardross Street, Glasgow, E.1.
 N. J. WHITE, 129, Dunton Road, Walworth, London,

4. MARJORIE BROWN, 27, Laburnum Avenue, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 6. Texts.

Texts.

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### FRUIT

IN Jeremiah xvii we read about two kinds of men. One is like "the heath in the desert," all dried up and good for nothing. The other is like "a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." Read the whole passage for yourself and ask, "Which would I like to be?" I am sure that you would come to the conclusion that you would wish to be like the second man—the man that trusteth in the Lord.

I wonder what your great ambition in life is! Is it that your life may be fruitful? But make no mistake about this, that before you can bear any fruit for God, you must first of all give yourself to the Lord. If you do not trust Him, you will be like a parched, dried-up heath in the wilderness, and there is nothing more desolate than this.

Now, in fruit-bearing, the fruit is first of all for God, then others get the benefit of it. There are three ways in which we can bear fruit.

First, by our

### LIPS

Read Hebrews xiii. 15: "By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." This is a great privilege. And it is not to be only on certain occasions but "continually." We may well lift our hearts to Him in praise for all that He has done for us, for all that He is doing for us, and for all that He will do for us, as well as for all that He has given to us.

Secondly, we have fruit-bearing through our LIFE

In Romans vi. 22 we read, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." There are two classes of people spoken about in this chapter, and you belong to one of these companies. There is no alternative. "Servants of sin" and "Servants to God." I ask you to notice verses 21 and 22. The servant of sin has nothing to look forward to but DEATH. The servant of God is promised EVERLASTING LIFE. If you trust the Lord Jesus you are freed from sin to become a servant of God, and your life is to be occupied with what is good, and separated from the evil of the world, so that you might be a witness for Christ.

Lastly, we may bear fruit in service or LABOUR.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs ii. 30). This is not altogether a matter of public preaching or some great outward service. It is just the outcome of the ordinary every-day life of the Christian. You feel, perhaps, as if you cannot do very much in a great way, but you can be so devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ that your life will be so calm and peaceful that others will be affected. Your life will touch other lives, and, perhaps unconsciously, souls will be won.

Would you like to be a channel of blessing? Go on, dear Christian friend, day by day, determined to do your best in whatever lies to your hand. God always honours faithfulness, and your life will become great and noble if lived for Him.

Your affectionate friend, c. s. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

marks have to be taken off. Now do try to remember this.

M. Cameron, B. Anderson, D. Lee, and S. Wilkinson must
give chapter and verse. J. Jobling and M. Tears left out the
last references. E. McDondd and D. Tait must give verse
as well as chapter. R. Webster answered one short.

Be careful in answering number eight this month. Read right through the chapter before you give the answer. The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

No doubt most of you are eagerly awaiting the prize list, so here it is. Again I must remind those who are not prize winners that a prize might have gone to them if only they had looked over their papers before sending them in. So many of you forget to give a reference, usually the last one, and of course

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- 1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
- 5. Address Envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on ½d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by letter post.

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 August, 1938.

Subject :- Fruit, Fruits.

- 1. What did Cain bring as an offering unto the Lord? (Genesis 4.)
- 2. "My fruit..." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Proverbs 8.)
- 3. What is the fruit of the righteous? (Proverbs 11.)
- 4. "I sat down." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Song of Solomon 2.)
  - 5. What fruit is spoken of in Jeremiah 6?
- 6. What did the rich man say he would do with his fruits? (Luke 12.)
- 7. "Much fruit." Write out the verse ending with these words. (John 12.)
- 8. "I am the Vine." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 15.)
- 9. What is the fruit of the Spirit? (Galatians 5.)
- 10. What did the tree of life bear? (Revelation 22.)

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### A ROYAL GIFT

THE story is told of our late King George the Fifth that shortly before his death he promised a gift to the boy in the elementary school at St. Neots whose progress was the most satisfactory for the year. At the end of the term the successful scholar presented himself at Sandringham House to receive his prize.

"I have here a book," said His Majesty, "that I am going to give to you. When I was your age I promised my mother to read it every day, and this I have done almost without exception ever since. I owe much to it. If you care to make the same promise to me now I do not think you will regret it."

With this introduction he handed the boy an inscribed copy of the Bible, which we may guess is now his most treasured possession.

What is the Bible to you, dear reader? Can you say with the psalmist, "I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy Word"? (Psalm exix. 16). God grant it.

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### GOD'S INDIA-RUBBER

ONE day a mother was trying to teach her little boy of seven the beautiful words in 1 John i. 7: "The blood of Jesus Christ His [God's] Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Then she began to explain in very simple words just what they meant. At first the small boy looked puzzled, but suddenly he looked up with a bright smile on his face.

"I see how it is, mother," he exclaimed,
"The precious blood of the Lord Jesus
is like God's india-rubber—it rubs out
all my ugly sin marks!"

Yes, young reader, because the Lord Jesus Christ died for us on the cross, God says: "I will forgive the sins of all who come and ask Me to do so in His Name." Have YOU asked Him?

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### THE CALL

"SAMUEL! Samuel!!" cried the Presence;

Twice, yea, thrice and four times o'er, And each time Jehovah's pleading

Seemed much plainer than before. Said the lad of tender years, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant hears."

Reader, Samuel's God is calling;

He would now your service claim. Samuel's God, for He remaineth,

Yesterday, to-day, the same. Stifle not the Spirit's cry, From your heart say, "Here am I."

Little children, He was calling
When you stood by mother's knee,
List'ning to those wondrous stories
Of the Man of Galilee;
Heard you not His loving voice,
Saying, "Child, make Me thy choice"?

Just how often He has called you, Ye yourselves can never tell; Yet within your hearts' affections

He would have His Spirit dwell, To your cold and thoughtless heart He would boundless grace impart.

Children, then, in life's glad morning, Come as little Samuel came; He could say, "I am Thy servant," When the Lord first breathed his

Boys and girls of tender years, Answer now, "Thy servant hears!"

name.



SAMUEL AND HIS MOTHER, WITH THE HIGH PRIEST.

### A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER

LORD Jesus, I thank Thee
For care all this day,
For Thy love and guidance
At school and at play.

Take care of me now, and
Through all the dark night,
And waken me early
When morning is light.

Oh, Lord, now I ask Thee
To pardon my sin;
And help me, when tempted,
Thy battles to win.

Bless all little children
In lands far away;
And keep them in safety
By night and by day.

Take care of my friends, and
All those whom I love;
'Till we meet in Thy presence
In Thy Home above.

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### TALKS ON PROVERBS (9)

COALS OF FIRE (PROVERBS XXV. 21, 22.)

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat: and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink. For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee."

AM sure you will agree that it is a far easier thing to carry out the above instruction if instead of the word "enemy" we put "friend." But we cannot alter what God has written just as we like, and His word says "enemy," which is a very different matter.

You see, a person of the world who does not profess to be a Christian will act kindly to those who are kind to him or her. When, however, it comes to doing the same thing for one's enemy, some one who has done us an injury, it needs the love of Christ to be in our hearts.

I recollect my brother telling me an incident which happened to him some years ago. He and another man used to work in the same room at various experiments. This man did not like my brother, partly because he was a Christian and used to do his work conscientiously: so whenever he could he used to do my brother a bad turn and spoil his work. That was a very nasty thing to do, was it not?—I hope you will never grow up like that. I do not think you will if you love the Saviour and remember that the eye of God is ever upon you.

Well, it so happened one day that this man was suddenly called away in the middle of heating up some liquid. When he returned about an hour afterwards, he expected to find all his work spoiled on account of the great heat. My brother, realizing what would happen, carefully preserved everything. The man said little, but the surprise that came over his face was great, for he felt so ashamed of his past conduct. Needless to say he did not continue his mean and unkind tricks any more.

That is what heaping "coals of fire upon his head" means.

Ask God to help you to do this next time anyone is unkind to you.

L. A. A.

### FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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### THE UNEQUAL YOKE

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"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians vi. 14).

HOW often the command in this text is disregarded by those who profess to be Christians! and yet it is a very important one, and never more so than when applied to the young. In youth, impressions for good or evil are easily made, and the character is apt to be moulded pretty much by those with whom we closest associate.

Now, ask yourselves if in this important matter you have sought the counsel of God? Can you say, as the psalmist did: "I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts?" If so, then your companionship is a blessed one and much good will result from it. It is both pleasant and profitable to hold converse with one you love, especially if that converse be about Jesus.

When mind fits mind, there are few greater earthly pleasures than to commune together, and feel that the one understands the other, and in interchange of thoughts each benefits the other. But beware of thinking it possible that such an intercourse of thought or heart can be held between one who loves the Lord, and one who cares for none of these things. We say not that you must have nothing to do with such, for you must often needs meet with and talk to them, but make them not your intimate companions; seek their society only for their good and not for idle disputation.

Young Harry Moore was the child of Christian parents, and brought up in the fear of the Lord; but, when he left his parent's house he took as his companions lads whose whole aim in life seemed to be to shut out God from their thoughts.

And what is he now? A son who dishonours his parents and a scoffer at Christianity! He did not become so all at once, nor without many twinges of conscience; but the companions he had chosen led him on step by step. He first walked in the way of the ungodly, then he stood in the way of sinners; now he sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Oh, then beware. One cannot touch fire without being burnt. From the worldly and the ungodly, God says to you, "Come out . . . and be ye separate . . . and I will receive you"; and it is dependent on your so doing, whether or not you receive the blessed promise, "And I will be a Father unto you."

If you have not hitherto thought on this matter, begin to-day. Ask yourself, if you are making a close companion of one who loves not the Lord Jesus Christ; and if so, read again, solemnly, the words of the text, and seek grace to act in obedience to its command.

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### DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,-

I am sorry to see so many papers missing for July. If it is on account of holidays or the Sunday School being closed, please do your papers later and send them in with August or September.

H. Wilson and M. Anderson left out references. G. Davison, B. Anderson, and M. Butterwell must give chapter and verse.

I hope none of you will neglect the reading of God's Word while on holiday. It is then, perhaps, that we need it most. Let the Lord Jesus be the first in your thoughts at all times. If you have not yet trusted Him as your Saviour, may you do so while there is still the opportunity. Give heed to the solemn warning which comes in our first question this month.

Your loving friend,



### MOUNTAINS

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

We are thinking this month about the mountains of Scripture. There are many mountains mentioned in the Bible. The ark rested on Ararat; God came down upon Sinai and gave the law to Moses; from the top of Pisgah Moses viewed the promised land and then died; on the mountains of Gilboa the flower of Israel's army was slain by the Philistines; Carmel is associated with Elijah; we read of Lebanon and its cedars; of Olivet so dear to the Lord Jesus Christ; then the mountains round about Jerusalem speak of God's protecting care.

I want you to consider particularly four mountains. The first is in Genesis xxii., and is the

#### MOUNT OF SACRIFICE

There come very critical moments into the lives of everyone. We are faced with problems and we must make decisions. Abraham here was tested by God, and I think that he must have had a very anxious time. "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest . . and offer him . . . for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains."

Although this must have been a very difficult thing for Abraham to do, he never hesitated. On mount Moriah he was about to slay his son upon the altar when his hand was stayed. He looked behind and saw a ram caught in a thicket and this animal was sacrificed instead of Isaac. On the mount of Calvary The Lord Jesus Christ was sacrificed instead of me. Can you say, "He died for ME?"

The second mountain we will call the

#### MOUNT OF SALVATION

I refer to Hebrews xii. 22, where we read of mount Sion. This means "a fortress," and

speaks of stability and security. You have no doubt seen some of our great mountains. What a feeling of reverence seems to come across one's spirit when amongst the mountains! Mountain scenery makes one feel something of the greatness of God—the unchangeableness of God—and the security one finds in God. So we can ascend the mount of salvation by faith, and find that we are safe in Christ.

Then in Matthew v. we have the

#### MOUNT OF SEPARATION

The Lord Jesus took His disciples apart from the crowd. He loves to have His own near to Himself. It is a very happy thing to live for the Lord Jesus Christ—to give your best and freshest days to His service—but it is no easy thing. The world is against you. It needs courage to break with the world and it seems hard to give up worldly companions. But this must be done. You cannot serve God and mammon. You must be separated from the world if you are to be a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lastly, Matthew xvii. speaks to us of a mount of glory or we might say a

#### MOUNT OF SPLENDOUR

The disciples had a foretaste of the glory and the rapture of it thrilled their souls. They wanted to stay. It certainly was good to be there. What a glorious time it will be when we are away from this world and for ever in the presence of the Saviour! Can you, dear reader, look on with such delight?

Your affectionate friend.

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- 1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
- 5. Address Envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on ½d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by letter post.

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 September, 1938.

#### Subject: - Mountain. Mountain.

1. "Escape." Write out the verse where this word occurs twice. (Genesis 19.)

2. What did the Lord give unto Moses

upon Mount Sinai? (Exodus 31.)

3. "And no man. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Exodus 34.)
4. What was the name of the mount of God?

(1 Kings 19.)

5. What did the young man see when his eyes were opened? (2 Kings 6.)

6. Where did Jesus go at night? (Luke 21.)

7. Whom did Jesus take up into an high

mountain? (Matthew 17.)

- 8. "But ye are come. . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Hebrews 12.)
- 9. What did Satan show to Jesus from the top of an high mountain? (Luke 4.)
- 10. "And He carried me away. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Revelation 21.)

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# OUR CHILDREN WORDS OF WELCOME.



PLAYMATES.

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## THE GRACE OF GOD MAKES HEROES

HE was a poor illiterate negro boy, ten years of age, in the days of slavery. The heart of the little fellow was won by the Gospel of Christ, and his great delight was to go to the mission services.

His master, however, was an enemy of all vital religion, and forbade the lad to go to the mission services. This was a sad blow for the slave-boy. He sought guidance in prayer. It was impressed on his mind that when his going did not clash with his master's interests, it was his duty to assemble with those who worshipped God, regardless of all consequences.

He, therefore, went; but on his return was ordered to appear before his master to give an account of himself. The boy admitted that he had been to the mission meeting. This so enraged his hard master that he ordered twenty-five lashes to be given. On this order being carried out, the master with cruel and blasphemous taunt exclaimed, "What can Jesus do for you now?"

"He enables me to bear it patiently,"

replied the brave child.

"Give him five and twenty more," cried the wretch.

'Twas done. "Now what can Jesus do for you, eh?" hissed the tormentor.

"He helps me to look forward to a reward by and by," replied the noble little sufferer.

"Give him another five and twenty," roared the inhuman monster in a transport of rage. Again the lashes fell on the quivering flesh of the little hero for Christ, whilst the enemy of God and of all that is good listened to the groans of his victim. His hard heart knew no mercy and full of rage he again demanded. "Now then, what can Jesus Christ do for you?"

With the last effort of expiring nature, the youthful martyr replied, "He lets me pray for you, massa!" and died.

Can anyone refrain from exclaiming, "How noble! how magnificent! how inspiring this bold, unflinehing testimony of a Christian slave-boy! How it magnifies the grace of God, and how amply it justifies the title of this article, 'The Grace of God makes Heroes.'"

How completely it belies the oftrepeated taunt of the godless that the young Christian is a milksop. On the other hand I have been told by men who fought in the world war that braggarts who scoffed at religion were nearly always shown up as cowards when brought face to face with death. Small wonder! for unbelief gives no support in the day of trial.

Yet how often men and women and even boys and girls have had courage and strength to suffer for their faith, some accepting death rather than deny their Saviour.

The source of that courage is not far to  ${
m seck.}$  A day came in their lives, when conviction was wrought in their minds that the Word of God was true, that "all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way" (Isaiah liii. 6), and that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans iii. 23). Soul-anxiety followed, and the question arose in the heart, " What must I do to be sayed?" (Acts xvi. 30). Then the message concerning Christ was received—the Gospel telling how love to sinners in all their need brought our Saviour from heaven with His message of grace. How men demonstrated that they were sinners by crucifying Him after they had shamefully ill-treated Him. All this He faced unflinchingly for our redemption, and after man had done his worst, darkness shrouded that awful yet sacred scene as



A HAPFY YOUNG NEGRO.

the Holy Sufferer bore the judgment of God Himself against sin.

Then was fulfilled the prophecy, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah liii. 5).

Is it any wonder that those who realize that the Saviour bore all this for their redemption have strength and courage to suffer for their faith in Him who suffered so much to put away their sin that they should not perish but have eternal life?

May the message of grace be received by the reader to his present and eternal blessing!

A. F. P.

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### BLIND SALLY AND HER MESSAGES

OLD blind Sally, ever since she had found the Lord ten years previously, used to sit at the corner of Broad

Street, Glasgow, and read out aloud from her Braille Bible. One day, a student from the university who had been brought up in a godly home in the country, but had fallen into bad company soon after coming to the city, heard the old woman repeating over and over again. "I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine."

The words gripped him. He thought of his home and his mother, and what would she think if she knew where he was going. He hurried on, but even his feet on the pavement seemed to patter out the words as he walked, "I am the Good Shepherd and know My sheep and am known of Mine." He turned back and when he got to the corner where the old woman sat, found she was reading out slowly, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

He lingered near the corner, for the words comforted him. The old blind woman turned over a few pages and again she read aloud, "I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." The student hurried to his rooms, flung himself on his knees beside the bed, and, with tears, confessed his sins and came right back to the Saviour. He had been converted in the little old chapel in his village as a lad, but had wandered from the care of the Good Shepherd. From that day he started working for his Saviour and witnessed a good confession.

Have you wandered from the Saviour? If so, go in confession of this to God as your Father, and you will prove His forgiveness as John says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John i. 9).

E. G. C.

# TALKS ON PROVERBS

A Photograph in Water. Proverbs xxvii. 19.

"A PHOTOGRAPH in water," says someone; "why, I never heard of such a thing." What I really mean is a shadow of yourself in the water that you sometimes see on a fine day.

Now I expect most of you are well behaved boys and girls. At least, I hope so. That does not mean that you do not like a bit of fun, either amongst your friends, or even with your parents, as I used to do!

In many ways our readers differ. Some are healthy and strong, but others are weakly and have poor health. Then some are tall and some are short. Some are quick to grasp things, whilst others have to peg and peg away before they arrive at the same point. And so we could go on mentioning all kinds of differences.

In one respect, however, we are all alike, for "As in water face answereth face, so the heart of man to man."

Doubtless some of you may be outwardly better than others, and looked upon as being exceptionally good, yet your heart as well as mine are both bad. Our hearts are capable of the worst sins and the worst thoughts, and are by nature deceitful and "desperately wicked."

Our text tells us one person's heart is just the same as another's. There is no difference. Just as your shadow in the water is a reflection of you, so is one heart to another heart, though we like to think our own heart is just a wee bit better than someone else's.

What we each need to have is a clean heart. David found out his heart was bad, and so he asked God to make his heart clean. "Create

in me a clean heart, O God " (Psalm li. 10).

May each of our readers truly pray this prayer, and God will be sure to answer it, because Jesus died knowing you could not make yourself fit for the presence of God.

L. A. A.

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# A HYMN FOR ONE COMING TO CHRIST

TVE heard of Thy love, Lord Jesus, Thy death upon Calvary's cross, The suffering, shame, and forsaking Thou knewest, and sorrow and loss.

I've heard Thy blest words, Lord Jesus, Come, ev'ry one, come unto Me; I come to Thee now, blest Saviour, And take Thee my Saviour to be.

I've heard Thou hast said, Lord Jesus,
The coming one ne'er is east out;
That I've been received, Lord Jesus,
I not for a moment may doubt.

Twe heard Thou wilt come, Lord Jesus,
To meet all Thine own in the air,
To take them on high, blest Saviour,
Thy home and Thy glory to share.

Then keep me near Thee, Lord Jesus, Enjoying Thine own precious love, Until I am with Thee and like Thee, And dwell in love's fulness above!

# FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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"A time to keep silence, and a time to speak."—Ecclesiastes iii. 7.

A TIME to keep silence! What good can one do by keeping silence? "Much speech," it has been said, "is silver, but silence is golden," and so, at certain times, it is,

"Why were you so quiet last night, Laura?" said a bright young girl to her companion; "you scarcely said a word for more than an hour, till, I declare, you took away the power of talking from all the party, and Louise Allen declared your silence had the effect of stopping the whole conversation."

Laura smiled, for that was just the effect she had desired to produce. The conversation had been frivolous, and, more than that, ill-natured, and she had determined, that since she could not prevent it, at least to keep silence, and not join in it. Her silence stopped the talk more effectually perhaps than if she had spoken. Will you, under similar circumstances, try Laura's plan? and remember the Scripture, "A time to keep silence."

Willie Black had a hasty temper. If anything crossed him, a torrent of unkind words escaped his lips, which he deeply regretted having uttered, when he calmed down. One day, to the astonishment of his companions, Willie suddenly stopped short in his outburst of passionate speech, and asked the Lord to give him grace to control the "fiery member." He had learnt that when his feelings were crossed, and unkind words were welling up, then was

the time not to speak, but to keep silence, and that the Lord Jesus was at hand to help him in this. He was right, was he not?

"Mamma, how could you keep quiet when Mrs. Smith said all those provoking things to you?" said a young girl to her mother. "I know she wanted to make you angry; why did you not speak?"

"Because, Enima dear," was the answer, "I felt it was a time to keep silence. Words would have been of no avail. I told her once she was saying unjust and wrong things; more speaking would only have increased the evil. Do you remember how, when Jesus was reviled, He answered not a word? Surely He taught, by example, that there is "a time to keep silence."

Robert McCheyne used to say, that though some might plead they could not speak for Jesus, yet surely they could be silent for Him; and many a silly conversation, and God-dishonouring talk, would cease, if only Christians by their silence condemned it. Of course where we can witness against such, we should not hesitate to do so, but silence should be our attitude rather than engage in the talk.

" It was no word that was spoken to me," said a Christian man, "that awakened me from my death of sin, but the movement of a dying man's finger. He had pleaded with me but I heeded not: but I was beside him on his deathbed, and his last action was to raise his hand and point with his finger to the sky. That stirred me, and I had no rest afterwards till Jesus gave me rest." Where speech had failed, silence prevailed. How often are words spoken that are afterwards bitterly repented of, and there are few who have not some time or other wished with all their hearts that they had kept silence rather than spoken. M. II.



## SUN

DEAR CHILDREN.

You love the sunshine! I know you do. After a dark long winter everyone looks forward to the sunshine. It seems to bring new life to all. The birds sing their songs of gladness, the plants look up and put forth their flowers, and all creation is glad.

Solomon, the great king of Israel and the wisest man that ever lived, wrote these beautiful words, "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun" (Ecclesiastes ii. 7).

This gives me my first point— LIGHT

The sun is the chief source of light, and through it we get light from the stars and other heavenly bodies. What light is, we cannot say. Men have expressed their opinions but it is one of those things which we need not trouble about here. God sends the light each morning, and, with Solomon, we can say, "Truly the light is sweet."

The testimony of Scripture is that "men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." This is the reason why men hated the Son of God when He came into the world. He was the true light, and in His presence man in all his sins was exposed.

Now, if you turn to Deuteronomy xxxiii. 14, you will read these words, "the precious fruits brought forth by the sun." This suggests—

There can be no life without sunshine. If you shut yourself up in a dark room, you would very soon waste away and die. A story is told about the building of a home for blind boys and girls long ago. It was thought that, because the young folk could not see, there would be no need for windows. So the building was erected without windows, and just had slits to allow a passage of air. Very soon the

weaker children began to pine away, and the stronger ones became weak. The authòrities were alarmed, and at last they discovered that the decline was due to lack of sunshine. To-day things are different and, in our institutions, they have appliances by which the boys and girls can have the benefit of rays something like the sunshine even in the dark wintry days.

Just as we need the sunshine for our natural bodies, so we need the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the true Light of God, for eternal life.

Then in Judges v. 1 we have— LOVE

"Let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might." The Lord Jesus Christ brings us Light and Life and Love. As we are brought into the light, our sins and our sinful selves are exposed, but His great heart of love is also exposed to us. We learn what we are, but we also learn what He is. Who can measure His love? His love brought Him from the glory into this dark world that we might have life. Open then your heart to the love of Christ. Let the sunshine in. It will brighten your life in this world and give you knowledge of the life in the world to come.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The papers for August were, on the whole, very well done, Only a few were Second Class, B. Davis and F. Innan answered one question short. D. Warren must give chapter and verse. I am so glad the searchers from Cottage Homes, Pontcland, are continuum.

I trust you will profit in answering the questions this month. Do not merely put down the answers, but just stop and ask yourself, "What am 1 to learn from this verse?" If we give ourselves to reading thoughtfully and prayerfully the Word of God we shall discover many a hidden trensure in an apparently difficult passage.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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#### Questions for October, 1938.

#### Subject :- Sun.

- 1. "Precious fruits." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Deuteronomy 33.)
- 2. "The sun stood still." Write out the verse where these words occur twice. (Joshua 10.)
- -3. How long shall His name be continued? (Psalm 72.)
  - 4. What is the Lord God? (Psalm 84.)
- 5. When shall the light of the sun be sevenfold? (Isaiah 30.)
- 6. When did they bring unto Jesus all that were diseased? (Mark 1.)
- 7. "At midday." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 26.)
- 8. Write out the verse which mentions " sun " in Ephesians 4.
- 9. Write out the verse which mentions " sun " in Revelation 7.
- 10. Why shall they not need the light of the sun? (Revelation 22.)

### August Searchers.

#### Age 14 years and over.

1st Class. F. Acheson, C. Beattie, N. Bell, E. Blissett. G. Brooks, O. Creighton, D. Crosby, M. Crosby, G. Davison, E. Dunford, I. Eddy, H. G. Fleetwood, M. Francis,

K. Freeman, J. Gatenby, B. Graham, D. Green, F. Green,

E. Harris, B. Harwood, N. Henderson, J. Hodgins, B. Hunter, R. Imman, J. Jobling, V. Lancaster, P. Landles,

E. Myers, E. Parkinson, E. Pill, A. H. Pratt, D. Proudley, D. Rice, A. Robertson, M. Robinson, J. D. Rugg,

N. Slater, L. Smelt, M. Snaith, E. Storey, E. Thompson, M. Tombs, V. Tones, V. Watts, R. Webster, J. Westwood.

E. White.

2nd Class .-- M. Nicolson, H. Norrie, P. Todd.

#### Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class. - K. Althorp, E. Anderson, B. Beckett, O. Binns. D. Boothroyd, S. Bowe, C. Bright, A. Britton, J. Butler, F. Connolly, M. Dave, N. Elliott, M. J. Fleetwood, D. Francis, W. Fullerton, D. George, R. Gray, P. Hart, C. Hillery, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, A. Hodgins, E. Hook, G. Houghton, O. Irving, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, M. Johnston, J. Lannon, M. Lannon, A. Lennox, M. Logan, R. Maill, W. Malcolm, C. McCallum, M. McNeill, R. Meyer, F. Mohun, W. Murphy, G. Niblock, G. Norrie, N. Norval, D. Pratt, E. Pugh, N. Pugh, D. Purvis, V. Ranson, A. Reade, J. Redpath, J. Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, J. A. Scott, E. Sidebotham, C. J. Simm, H. Simpson, J. A. Smith, W. Snaith, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, M. Stone, M. Tears, N. Teasdale, K. Tombs, F. Usher, I. Walker, F. Walton, M. Walton, I. Warner, E. Watt, J. R. Willis, Alice Wilson, H. J. E. Wilson, N. Wilson, F. Wood, P. Wood, E. Wray, P. Wray.

2nd Class. -D. Allinson, C. Anderson, H. B. Bennett, G. Brayson, B. Davis, F. Inman, M. Lawford, D. Rice, G. Scott.

#### Age 10 years and under.

1st Class. -- M. Anderson, O. Anderson, J. Barker, M. Barker, A. Binnie, J. G. Binnie, S. Binnie, D. J. Bennett, V. Brew,

R. Bright, J. Brown, M. Brown, N. Bunce, B. Burridge.

M. Carter, P. Clacherty, T. Connolly, B. Dickson, E. Eungblut, R. Gidney, A. Gilmour, D. Hart, C. T. Harvey,

M. Henderson, B. Hodgins, C. Hodgins, A. Hudspeth,

T. Jardine, D. Jolly, D. Manson, M. McConnachie,

E. McTavish, F. M. Messenger, J. H. Mitchell, A. Norrie, K. Parton, A. Peevor, Jean-Robertson, John Robertson,

J. Robinson, B. Rogerson, E. Rohr, K. Rugg, R. Simpson,

J. Smith, B. Stephenson, M. Stuart, R. Thurston,

M. Urwin, S. Veale, J. G. Westwood, N. J. White D. Wilkinson, F. A. Wood, L. Woodhouse, A. Wray,

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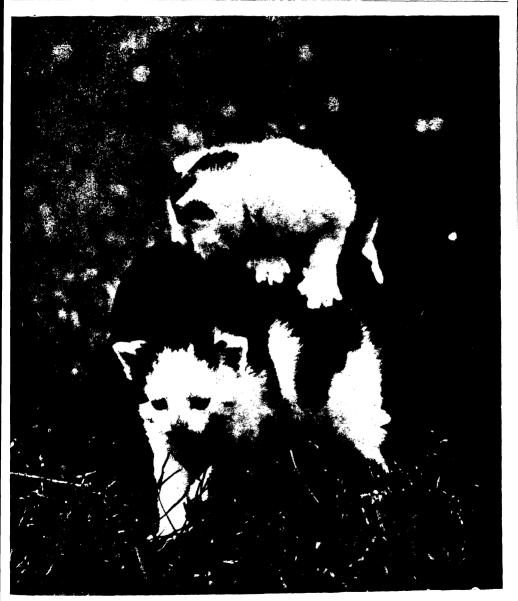
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TWO LITTLE MISCHIEFS.

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## MY REMEMBRANCE DAY

HAVE a Remembrance Day, but it is not November 11. It is in March. Have I ever told you, boys and girls, about this wonderful Armistice Day in my life? When peace was declared between me and the good God I had sinned against?

It was not until I was sixteen years of age that that happened. Up to then I was a rebel, for I never went to a Gospel meeting, and thought all who did so were hypocrites. Of course, I knew there was a God, but I did not know anything about Him. I do not think I could have told you who the Lord Jesus Christ was, and I certainly never knew He was my Saviour.

One Sunday night, however, I had a great longing to go to a preaching. My family were all immensely amused that I, of all people, should want to go; for I was such a wild girl, and the leader in all the fun and mischief. However, I managed to persuade one of my brothers to accompany me, and we went to a large chapel not far away. We sat in a back seat, and thought the service would never end. It was all so strange and new to us. The preacher made me feel very uncomfortable, although I did not understand what he was talking about. Both my brother and I decided we were very silly to have come, and made up our minds that never, never would we go again!

The next Sunday, however, I felt I must go again, and at last persuaded my brother to accompany me once more. We went to the same chapel, sat at the back in the same seat, and had the same feelings as the week before, and when we came out, we both said, "I will never, never come again!" So home we went and forgot all about it till the next

Sunday evening, when the very same thing happened, but this time, as I sat in my seat, I knew that if I died that night, I would go to hell, for I knew I was a sinner. Oh, how I longed to be saved. After the service was over, I was so miserable that I determined to see the preacher, and met him as he was leaving the chapel. Then, for the first time in my life, I heard with understanding the story of how the Saviour loved me, and died for me.

I said, "Oh, sir, but I have not given Him a thought all my life; I have cared nothing for Him." Then, very tenderly, and lovingly, he replied, "My child, the Lord loves you, and died for you."

For me! For me! Oh, I cannot tell you how I felt. In my joy I shook my brother and said: "Sid., listen to the good news!" Then the preacher took out his Bible and read me some verses. This was one of them: "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37). "Oh, sir," I cried, "I will come this minute," and my first prayer was, "Lord, save me, a sinner."

When I prayed that prayer, peace was declared between God and me, for, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans v. 1).

Would it not be splendid, boys and girls, if you would make to-day Remembrance Day in your life, the day to which you can look back and say, "That was the day when I, who was dead in trespasses and sins, was born again,' born from above, and made alive again for ever and ever."

Then you, too, will be able to say, "I have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and like me, you will sing:—

"I belong to Jesus,
"Twas a happy day,
When His blood most precious,
Washed my sins away."



Photo: J. II, Stone.

# THE OLD WATER-WHEEL

MOST of you will have seen a water-wheel. The running water strikes against the boards or floats surrounding it, and so the wheel is moved round. The wheel I recently saw at Romsey used to be employed chopping up the bark required in tanning. It is now used for working the machinery that produces the electric lighting of the buildings which surround it.

Even to-day in England, here and there, grain-mills are worked by large water-wheels, and we know that in early times it was the general method of moving machinery for grinding the grain.

What can we learn from the old water-wheel? Well, one lesson is that we are to be useful. Usefulness is the rent we have to pay for our room in the world. And to be useful we must use our time, opportunities, talents, money. We are not here just to have "a good time." In fact, to live just to have "a good time" is one of the surest ways of becoming "fed up."

You know the story of the man in the parable who went and hid his master's talent in the ground. He did not throw it away; he simply did not use it, and was severely punished for his neglect. What have you done with your time? In this country we are more favoured than in some foreign lands; we have more freedom and more opportunities of becoming Christians. Have you used these opportunities? What we don't use we lose. That is so with such things as a muscle, or a limb, or the memory, or opportunities. How many say, when grown up, "I had fine opportunities of becoming a Christian, but I did not use them, and now it seems too late." And even if they come to Christ late in life, they have a wasted youth to look back upon.

And, then, the water-wheel speaks of power through contact. The boards of the wheel must be in contact with the water, or the wheel won't move. Do you long for power over evil things in your life? Power is in the Lord Jesus, but you must get in touch with Him, you must receive Him. I have seen copies of letters written by boys of various ages, and in each the writer said that he got in real touch with his Bible as soon as he got in touch with Christ. O then, commit yourself to the living, loving Saviour, and you will receive power—power to overcome evil, power to understand the Bible; power to please God; power to be useful to God for His kingdom, power to live the most worth-while life.

E. A.

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# TALKS ON PROVERBS

### COVERING UP SINS

(PROVERBS XXVIII. 13).

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

NOW whether we believe it or not, these words are true, and most of us have proved them to be so. I should like to tell you a number of stories about myself and others who have, alas, tried to cover up our misdeeds. But one will have to be sufficient this time.

A man whom I knew had been defrauding someone else out of small sums of money. He began, as these things always do, in quite a small way. This went on for a number of years, and the man was always careful to cover up his ill-doings as thoroughly as he possibly could.

Well, he continued to cover up his sins very cleverly, and he did not think he was going to be found out; but he had forgotten those three words in the first half of our text—"SHALL NOT PROSPER."

One day everything was suddenly discovered. The Scripture, "Be sure your sins will find you out" (Numbers xxxii. 23), had come true. He suffered worry and anxiety for some time; in fact, it made him quite ill. Then he did a very wise thing. He resolved to confess it all and to pay back all he owed. As soon as he had made up his mind to do this he was forgiven.

Now God forgives much more readily than man does, and whatever you may have done, and however you have sinned against God, He is "ready to pardon" if you tell Him about it.

Confess to God that you are a sinner, that you cannot save yourself, and that you need the Saviour whom He has provided. Sin is such a terrible thing in God's sight that He cannot overlook it, so Jesus died in our stead. Remember, that the confession of sin and the forsaking of it brings mercy.

Have you nearly read through the whole of the Book of Proverbs? You should be up to the end of chapter xxviii by the end of this month. L. A. A.

# FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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"The apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught."—Mark vi. 30.

IT is indeed very pleasant to have a friend to whom we can tell all our

sorrows and joys, and on whose sympathy we can fully rely.

Have you not often, my young friend, when away from home, missed above all things the evening hour when you were wont to tell all the day's events to your loving father or mother, or, it may be, to a sister or brother?

"Oh, for just one hour's talk with mother," said a home-sick schoolgirl to us, some days after her first leaving home. She had met with little trials and vexations and, unused to bear them alone, longed to throw herself into her loved mother's arms, and tell her all, assured that she would put everything right. It was a natural wish, was it not? Her mother was far away and she could not go to her.

But there is a Friend who is always near us, and ready to listen to and sympathize with us. There is no trial and no joy He will not share; and that Friend is just the same One to whom the apostles unburdened their hearts, more than nineteen hundred years ago. Yes, they went and told Jesus "all things."

Will you do the same? He loves to hear your voices. Tell Him everything, your school cares, your work cares, your innocent joys, your shortcomings, your needs. Do not shut Him out from anything that concerns you. Make a friend of Him; speak to Him with all reverence, yet with the liberty and confidence you would repose in a loving brother. And oh! give Him the joy of hearing you tell that you have been trying to lead some of your companions to Him.

He loves all His people to be winners of souls; and remember, the apostles told Him what they had done and what they had taught.

"Every joy, and every sorrow,
Every grief, and every pain,
Take to Jesus, none have ever
Sought His sympathy in vain." -M. H.



#### ROCK

(XI)

THE first scripture I would like you to read in our little talk this month is in Isaiah xxxii, where the Prophet speaks of the Lord Jesus as "The shadow of a great rock in a weary land." This tells us of

#### REST.

I don't know if you will be quite able to understand what this verse means. But we can think of something like this. Travellers are going across a prairie. The ground is all parched and dry—the sun blazes down—and the men are tired and exhausted. There is no shelter from the heat of the sun anywhere to be seen. They tramp on and on, mile after mile. At last they see in the distance a mighty rock and on they go towards it. When they reach the rock how very glad they are to lie down in the shadow which it affords. There they find rest.

So, when we come to the Lord Jesus, we find rest—true rest. There is no rest in this world; there is a great deal to make us feel weary and exhausted; but it was Jesus who said, "Come unto Me... and I will give you rest... and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Then in Psalm xeiv. 22 we read, "My God is the rock of my refuge."

#### REFUGE.

I have no doubt that you have seen some of our great castles. What tremendous rocks they were built upon, especially in the North of England and the South of Scotland! I was passing below Edinburgh Castle the other day when I heard someone say, "What a rock!" You can think of an enemy battering away at such a place without making any impression. Such is salvation. It is founded upon "The Rock." If we are saved we are secure—we

have a refuge in Christ, a refuge not only from the judgment to come but from all the trials and difficulties of this life.

The mighty men of old who fought for the truth, who suffered persecutions and martyrdom for the sake of Christ, found this to be true. We can almost hear them through the ages taking up the language of the Psalmist, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalm xev. 1).

Isaiah xlii. 2 gives us these words: "Let the inhabitants of the Rock sing." So we get

#### REJOICING.

Who have a right to sing? The inhabitants of the Rock. Do you live in the Rock? The Rock is the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words we might say. "Are you saved?" If so, well might our voices be raised in song together. For, if we believe His glorious message in the Gospel, we shall find rest in Him, a refuge, too, for our souls, and we rejoice because we have a living Saviour. We have in heaven One who loves us and will soon take us to be with Himself.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS, -

I am glad so many of you have sent in your July and August answers, and I am glad to welcome some old Searchers.

Several of you are in 2nd Class through leaving out references. A. Wilson and W. Murphy did one question short, L. Foster must give chapter and verse, Derck Rice was wrong in most of his references this month. Now please let me remind you once again to go over your papers before sending them in.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend

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#### Questions for November, 1938.

#### Subject :- Rock.

1. When did water come out of the rock? (Exodus 17.)

2. "He is the Rock. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Deuteronomy 32.)

3. What did Hannah say about a rock?

(1 Samuel 2.)

4. "He brought me up. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Psalm 40.)

5. Write out the verse which mentions "a great Rock." (Isaiah 32.)

6. Who built his house upon a rock? (Matthew 7.)

7. "I will build My church." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Matthew 16.)

8. What happened to the seed which fell upon a rock? (Luke 8.)

9. Who was that Spiritual Rock? (1 Corinthians 10.)

10. What kind of rock is mentioned in 1 Peter 2?

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2nd Class. -W. Bewick, J. Corbett, J. Foster, L. Foster, J. Hibbert, E. Kelly.

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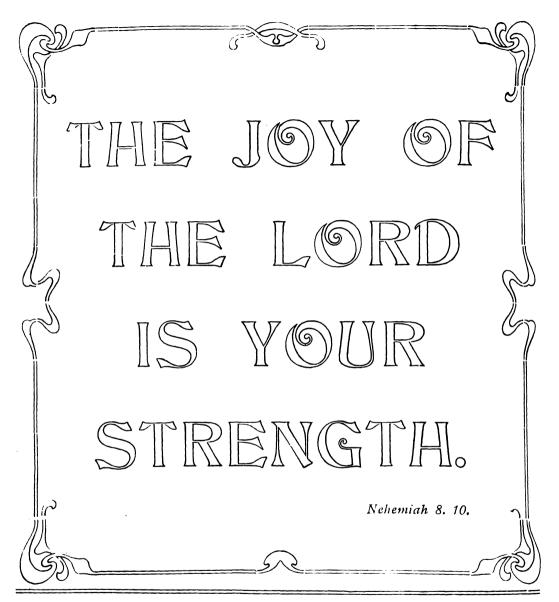
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THE RESPONSE TO THE S.O.S. CALL

### MY CONVERSION

MY conversion was not a very striking one, but, thank God, it was a real conversion. It was not merely profession, but it was possession and "confession." At the early age of four I began attending Sunday school, and was not a well behaved child. I remember when I was about ten years old, a scholar in the class cried out in a mocking way, "Jesus wept."

This pricked me to my heart, as I had been specially naughty that morning. I said to the teacher, "Doesn't that mean a lot?"

She replied, "Yes! I hope you realize what it meant. He wept for you."

This made me think, and at the end of school when the others had left, I stayed behind, and said to my teacher, "I want to be saved, pray for me."

She spoke to me nicely, and showed me the way of salvation. Evidently it was not God's time, so I went away without accepting Christ as my Saviour.

When I got to be  $15\frac{1}{2}$  years old, I thought I was getting too old for Sunday School, so I stopped. My teacher visited me and persuaded me to go the next Sunday, and also to attend a special Gospel meeting that evening.

That night the preacher spoke on two ways and two destinies, specially bringing out the open door of John vi. 37—"Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." He spoke solemnly of the shut door of Matthew xxv. 41—"Depart from Me."

He spoke very forcibly on "Come," and "Depart." I knew that I must be saved, if I wished to go to heaven, and I did not wish to hear the awful word, "Depart," from the lips of the Lord.

When the meeting was over I stood rooted to the spot. I felt very uncomfortable and uneasy. A dear old Christian

came up and said, "You want to be saved, don't you?"

I said, "Yes." He led my steps up to the front, and several Christians spoke to me. One repeated Romans x. 9—"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Then the question was asked, "Do you believe that?"

I replied, "Yes."

"Well, are you saved?"

I answered, "No."

He then repeated Matthew xi. 28— "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The first three words were enough. I responded to the Saviour's call. I confessed my sins, and received Christ as my Saviour.

That happened three years ago. The Lord Jesus is all in all to me. Have you got this Friend, this Saviour? What an awful thing to live a Christless life, to die a Christless death, and worse than all to have to spend a Christless eternity.

Take the Lord at His word, and come. He paid the debt of sin at the cross. His precious blood was shed for sinners, and that is for all, for you, for "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans iii. 23).

Can you not sing?

"Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,"

R. E. F.





'REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY COUTH, WHILE THE EVIL DAYS COME NOT, NOR THE YEARS DRAW NIGH, WHEN THOU SHALT SAY, I HAVE NO PLEASURE

N THEM."

Ecclesiastes 12. 1.

# TALKS ON PROVERBS (12)

"Open thy mouth."—Proverbs xxxi. 9.

"Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy."

IN one of our earlier talks (No. 7) we had a lot to say about the importance of keeping our mouth shut and not being too ready to talk. But here we are told to open our mouth, not to talk for the sake of saying something, not to show how much we know, but to "plead the cause of the poor and needy."

We should always be ready to stand up for those who are poorer than ourselves, and those who are in need, and not be afraid to open our mouth on behalf of others, in order to help them.

I remember my dear father used often to say to us, "You will generally find me on the side of the weak; the strong can always take care of themselves"; and I fancy he must have been thinking of this verse.

It is easy to go into the crowd or be on the side of the strong, but it may not always be the right thing to do.

Seek to do all things in the fear of the Lord, and judge righteously.

Now we have come to the end of our talks on Proverbs, and I hope that by this time you have nearly completed reading all through the book, as suggested a year ago, because I have something to say.

Pay careful attention to the following rules. Many make mistakes by not reading them carefully enough.

- 1. Write out the verse in Proverbs you like the best.
  - 2. State chapter and verse.
  - 3. State why you like it.
- 4. Explain it in your own words as best you can.

- 5. Your answer should not contain more than 200 words.
- 6. Do *not* choose one of the texts we have had for our talks, if you can help it.
  - ive had for our talks, if you can help it. 7. Give your name, address, and age.
  - 8. Write in your best handwriting.
- 9. Send it up to L. A. A., Park House, Cornsland, Brentwood, Essex.

Our monthly talks have by no means exhausted the book of Proverbs, and you are well advised to go through it again, seeking the help of the Holy Spirit to make the reading good to your heart.

L. A. A.

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### ISAIAH 53; 7

WHEN sheep are being sheared, one of them will sometimes get cut. The men are not unkind to the sheep, but if the shearer is tired, and perhaps gets careless, a sheep may be cut quite badly. But no matter how the sheep are cut, they never make a sound. Nearly all animals will make some sound when they get hurt, but a sheep never will.

How wonderfully this illustrates the verse which speaks about the Lord Jesus Christ, in Isaiah liii. 7: "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth."

How true the Word of God is in every detail!

M. S.



# FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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"No more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."—Ephesians ii. 19.

THE household of God! What a blessed thing it is to be a member of that household, and to hold the place of a child in it; because owning Jesus as your Saviour, then in Him, and through His precious blood (verses 12, 13), your place in God's household is that of one of His children. God is your Father. I wonder if you love, obey, and serve Him as such, bearing in mind what an honour it is to be one of that heavenly household?

Is it plain to all around you that you are a member of that family, a child whose Father is the great God, and His Son the King of kings and Lord of lords? That household has all certain marks which proclaim to whom they belong.

Here are some of them: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, and meekness. Have you these? They are all kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another. Are you?

They love to speak to themselves "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody" in their hearts to the Lord. Do you love to do so also? They love to "show forth the praises of Him" who hath called them out of darkness into His marvellous light. Do you?

They delight in "giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Is this one of your delights? Then do you ever think of all God does for those who belong to His household; providing a home for them, giving daily bread, lavishing love, giving needed chastisement, protecting and providing for all their needs? Marvellous privilege to be one of such a household, a child of such a Father, and an heir of grace through Christ Jesus! May you never cease to thank Him for having called you into His family.

M. II.

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### MY SAVIOUR

(Past, Present, and Future).

#### PAST.

"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans. v. 8)

Upon the Cross He died for me, And by that death I am set free From sin's eternal penalty—

My Saviour.

#### PRESENT.

"He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews vii. 25.) In Heaven now He lives for me,

His pierced Hands raised pleadingly, From sin's dread power to keep me free—

My Saviour.

#### FUTURE.

"We shall be like Him." (1 John iii. 2.)
Soon He will "come again" for me,
Then "like Him" I shall always be
From sin's vile presence EVER free—
My Saviour.

Past, Present, Future—Yes, 'tis

He saves me all the way right through, From hell, on earth, for Heaven too— My Saviour.

T. C. M.



### HEAVEN

(XII)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

We have now reached the end of this year. and our subject is a very good one for the final. I wonder if heaven lies at the end of your little life! We are all travelling along a road towards eternity-young and old together. This road we must tread—we cannot escape—for we cannot turn back. As fast as time can take us, we

are going on and on and on.

But now I see a parting of the ways. Instead of one road there are two roads, and at the corner I see a signpost. The road one way is narrow and steep, and looks rough. The sign this way reads "HEAVEN." Over the top of the hill vonder, I see the golden rays of sunshine. It is sunshine always, no darkness there, no death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain. The road may be rough but the beams of the glory brighten the way. This is the reason why everyone looks so happy and contented. They travel on in hope of the glory, for they know that heaven lies at the end, and there they will spend eternity with their Saviour. What a prospect! To see the Lord Jesus Christ and to be with Him for ever! Do you know anything about this?

The other road may appear to be smoother and the going seems much easier. Although the crowds make a great deal of noise and try to be jolly, I see sad faces after a while. Soon, sorrow and despair seem to take the place of the gaiety which once filled their hearts. At the end there is a great blackness, and it is almost possible to hear the cries of those who have reached the end of this road and find themselves in the awful

abyss for ever!

The Editor of our magazine some time ago told me about a letter he had received from one of our "Searchers." She said, "You will be pleased to hear that I trusted Christ last night in the Gospel meeting." This was splendid

She had reached the parting of the ways, which we may call DECISION CORNER, and she decided to go the heavenward way.

It is a glorious moment in the life of any boy or girl when a true decision is made for the Lord Jesus Christ. You have your happy times, I know, but there is no happier moment than when anyone says, "Christ for me." Your sins may cause you much sorrow and concern but, when you see that the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross to free you from those sins, your sorrow will

be turned into joy.

You have perhaps just now reached the parting of the ways and you hear the Lord's voice saying, "Come unto Me." Will you say, "Yes. Lord. I will henceforth tread the heavenward way."? Think of all He suffered that you might know the forgiveness of your sins. The full weight of those sins was upon Him that you might know freedom, and the darkness He endured that you might have light and joy and peace. Without the Lord Jesus Christ you can never reach heaven. But, if you trust Him and start upon the highway to glory, what a great vista of blessing will open out before you, and you will be assured of a place in heaven with your Saviour!

Your affectionate friend.

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,-

Several of you have forgotten to give chapter and verse this time to some of your answers. M. Logan and W. Duncan only answered seven questions. D. Wotton is in First Class for September.

We have now come to the last set of questions for the year, so take special care this month and be sure to read over your

papers before sending them in.
What an interesting subject we have, and how little we are really told about heaven in the Word of God. What we are told is the WAY to heaven. Do you know it? Have YOU come? When you have finished your questions this month will you answer these two, but just answer them to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. May you come before it is too late.

Your loving friend.

#### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- 1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
- 5. Address Envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on ½d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by letter post.

Ist, 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, 1938.

Subject :-- Heaven.

- 1. What was created in the beginning? (Genesis 1.)
- 2. What did the Lord say He would rain from heaven? (Exodus 16.)
- 3. "And of Joseph he said. . . . " Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Deuteronomy 33.)
- 4. What happened as they were going down to Beth-horon? (Joshua 10.)
- 5. "Whom . . . beside thee." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Psalm 73.)
- 6. What shall pass away? (Matthew 24.)
- 7. Where have we to lay up treasures? (Matthew 6.)
  - 8. Why were they to rejoice? (Luke 10.)
- 9. What did the two men in white apparel say? (Acts 1.)
- 10. What did Stephen see as he looked up steadfastly into heaven? (Acts 7.)

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2nd Class.—G. Davison, V. Lancaster, E. Parkinson, I. Teasdale, V. Tones, D. Walton.

#### Age 11 up to 13 years.

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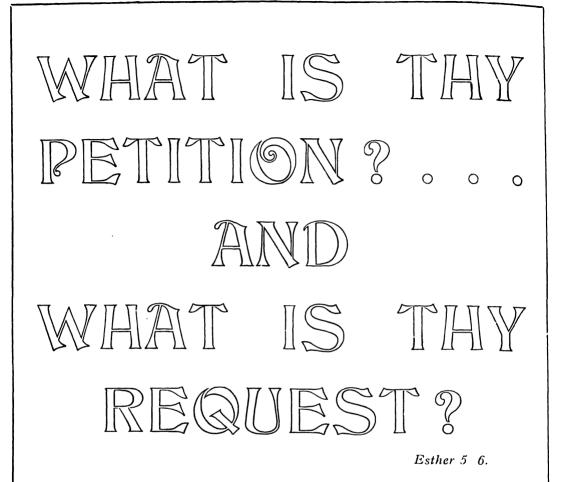
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