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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THIS is what we all wish each other the first time we meet in the New Year, is it not? Some people may say it just as a matter of form. We are quite sure our kind Editor means it every time (don't you, Mr. Editor?), when he wishes us all a happy New Year. We think most of the boys and girls who read Our Childden know the secret of not only a happy New Year, but of a happy Mere Year, but of a

happy *Ill*-the-Year. We remember, do we not? that fine verse that says, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm xxxii. 1). We are going to change that just a little and make it read, Happy is the boy or girl whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered. When we do something that does not please father or mother, (and we know how much they love us,) we are not happy till we go and own up and get their forgiveness. And we are not really happy when we remember how much we have sinned against God who loves us so dearly. Then when we learn that "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John i. 7), we come to God and pray, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm li. 7); and knowing that He has forgiven us we are "O, so happy!" and that is really the meaning of the word "blessed" in Psalm xxxii. 1. Then we belong to that great multitude of boys and girls, men and women, of whom it is written, "Happy is that people, . . . whose God is the Lord" (Psalm exliv. 15). What a happy people are they! Sins forgiven, soul saved, heart satisfied, sure of Heaven, and knowing the Lord Jesus as our very own dear, loving Saviour. Who would not rise to be among that company?

But that is not all. We read in Isaiah xxxii. 20, "Blessed [happy] are

ve that sow beside all waters." You can speak about the Lord Jesus at home; among your schoolmates; to your friends; you can give them copies of OUR CHILDREN; or you can post this, your favourite Magazine, to boys and girls abroad. Write and ask our Editor for names and addresses. Above all, you can pray that you may be enabled to live more and more like the Lord Jesus. so that others may see Jesus in you. Thus you will begin the year happy because you have trusted the Lord Jesus, and you will be among the happy people whose God is the Lord. You will also go through the year happy as you seek to serve Him; and you will be, oh, so happy, as you remember that soon, very soon, He will come and take you to be for ever with Himself, where—

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

It is with the fervent prayer that you may all be found among this number that we again wish you A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

W. BRAMWELL DICK.

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WONDERFUL LOVE

LORD of glory, can it be
That Thou lovest such as me
—Me, in whom is naught but sin,
Didst Thou die my soul to win?

Yes, I know that this is true, For the Bible tells me so. Help me, Lord, in some degree To return Thy love to Thee.

E. M. TURNBULL.



TAKING HOME THE NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

HAVE YOU COME?

JUST one year old—a babe indeed!
Of love and care, how much I need!

Two years, and I have learned to walk, And clearly I begin to talk.

Now three years old, though still a child I pray to "Jesus, meek and mild."

Four years, and life seems full of joy As I so quickly change each toy.

Five years and six, and now at school I learn that life bears many a rule.

At seven I begin to find How sinful I in heart and mind.

Eight years! I ought to trust the Lord To cleanse me in His precious blood.

But when I'm nine I'll think it o'er, I'll understand it so much more.

Ten years, what progress I have made! Eleven now—and still unsaved.

Twelve years! soon infancy I'll quit. (A wondrous age in Holy Writ.)

Thirteen, fourteen, I must give heed To that sweet Voice, while it doth plead.

Fifteen, sixteen—games, books, exams. (Some day I'll be one of His lambs.)

Seventeen, eighteen—life's changes near. And now that Voice I scarce can hear.

Nineteen, twenty—Oh, I will come To Christ, when I am twenty-one.

Still older yet, I scarce can stand Against the world's charmed, outstretched hand.

Oh! can it be, that ye who read Have still delayed that Voice to heed?

Come now, for wide is Heaven's gate, To-morrow it may be TOO LATE.

E. M. Aves.

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HAVE YOU A CROWN?

SOME years ago, when King George's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, was Queen of the British Empire, she heard a sermon about the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ which impressed her deeply.

When the service was over, she sent for the preacher, and spent some time talking with him about that great and wonderful time when the crucified Saviour will come back to this earth, and he crowned Lord of all

and be crowned Lord of all.

Presently, the Queen eyel

Presently, the Queen exclaimed, "Oh, how I wish He would come in my life-time!" "Why does your Majesty feel this very earnest desire?" inquired the minister.

With trembling lips, and a beautiful light shining upon her face, the Queen replied, "Because I should so love to

lay my crown at His feet!"

You and I will never have an earthly crown to lay at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ, but we may each have a crown to lay there—a Crown of Life! James tells us (i. 12): "Blessed is the man [which also means boy or girl] that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." Again, in the Book of Revelation (ii. 10), we are told: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

Has the love of Christ in dying for you won your heart so that you can say you love Him? If so, seek grace to be faithful even to death, and the promised crown will be yours.

M. STUBBS.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

IN WHICH CLASS ARE YOU?

HOW time flies! Here we are commencing another New Year, and yet it hardly seems but a few weeks since the old year was upon us. I wonder what the past year meant to you? With some it brought a new life, for such can point to a time when, perhaps through the reading of Our Children, they were brought to realize their sinfulness and had their faith directed to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour, or, perhaps, such a decision can be traced to the loving appeals of mother or father, or Sunday School teacher.

But with others of our readers it may be that, so far as the soul is concerned, 1939 finds them just the same as 1938. In other words they are still unsaved and, therefore, in danger of the judgment. To such of our readers we would say with all urgent affection, do not delay a moment longer, but here and now confess your sinfulness to God and tell the Lord Jesus that you thankfully accept Him as your personal Saviour. This is the only sure way of getting the best out of this life and making certain of following up the "pleasures for evermore" in the life that is to come.

And then there is another class—the boys and girls who have known the Saviour for some years. What is the New Year going to be for those? The year 1938 has gone for ever, with its opportunities used or neglected; and it seems to me that for our Christian readers no better question could be

theirs than that asked by the great apostle:—

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to

do ? " (Acts ix. 6.)

Is not this a suitable question for a new year's morning? Very pleasant it is, early on this day, to enter the rooms of parents and friends, to exchange new year's greetings and give and receive new year gifts. But it is still pleasanter to enter the presence-chamber of our Father (into which we have right of presence through the blood of Jesus), to receive His blessing and to thank Him for His many gifts—chief of all, the gift of His beloved Son, to seek His guidance through the year before us, and with hearts full of love to Him, to say, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Having asked the question, look out for and expect an answer. To Paul it was said, "Arise, and go into the city, and it will be shown thee what thou must do"; and so it will be with all who ask this question from their hearts.

Away, young Christian, to your usual duties, and watch for an answer there. Have you baby brothers and sisters to be helped, fathers and mothers to aid by little acts of loving thoughtfulness; sick friends, to whom you may prove comforters; poor and friendless ones to whom you can stretch forth a helping hand; ignorant ones, whom you can tell of a Saviour's love? The Christian's life should be full of good works, and so will the Lord Jesus be glorified.

Then see in all these the answer to your question, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" and from your hearts thank Him for so far honouring you as to allow you to do daily work for Him.

A truly HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of our readers is the prayerful wish of——

THE EDITOR.



ABRAHAM (1)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

During this year in the Scripture Searching we are going to read the lives of some of the great men of the Old Testament. At all times in the history of this world God has had His servants ready to do His will. Men of all classes from shepherds to kings have stood for God. Often lonely and rejected, but absolutely fearless in witnessing for the truth.

Abraham must have been a wonderful man. If I was asked to describe him in one word I would put

FAITH

The record of his life from beginning to end is a story of faith. So you would do well to read all the chapters in Genesis about Abraham, because faith is so very important. You will notice that Scripture gives a large place to the story of Abraham. The whole tale of the human race up to the time of Abraham is written in eleven chapters, but the account of Abraham takes about fourteen chapters in itself.

Why, think you, so much was written about this man who wandered up and down the country? I think it is because he was the leader of a new race—he was an outstanding type of all who should believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The early chapters of Genesis give us a tale of sin and the awful havoe which sin had caused, but now God takes up Abraham to commence a new era. The birthplace of Abraham was Ur-of-the-Chaldees, but he had travelled with his father Terah to Haran, where Terah died. It was at this place that God spoke to Abraham, and where the call came so directly to "get out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house." As you read this remarkable story

you will notice how the call was heard and obeyed immediately. Abraham severed the dearest ties. He broke with all the past and became a pilgrim here, looking on to a better country—a heavenly city.

In faith, Abraham moved on from Mesopotamia into the land of Canaan and settled for a time near to Bethel. There he built an altar and called upon the name of the Lord. Thus Abraham acknowledged God and recognized the need of sacrifice. His strength and security were in God, and a life of blessing followed.

Now if you seek a life of blessing, you must, too, like Abraham, step out by faith, faith in Christ, and rest upon the Sacrifice of Calvary. Faith saves because it is simple trust in what God says. Just as you believe what your good father tells you, so believe God's word. "The word is night hee... the word of faith... That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED" (Romans 10.8, 9).

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Here we are again at the beginning of a New Year, and I trust that for each of you it will be a very happy one. May you AND I find the study of God's Word a greater joy than ever.

As you will see we are taking for our subjects this year the lives of some of the patriarchs, from whom we shall learn some very wonderful lessons.

The kind gentleman who provides the nice Bibles for the three first prizes has again offered to do so this year.

Some of you have left out references in your November answers. H. Norrie and J. Walker sent in unfinished papers. Some of you write very faintly. Will you please write plainer and use ink if possible?

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.
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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.

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Questions for January, 1939.

Subject :-- Abraham.

1. What was the first thing the Lord said unto Abraham? (Genesis 12.)

2. Where did Abraham dwell, after he separated from Lot? (Genesis 13.)

3. Where did Abraham dwell next and what

did he build? (Genesis 13.)4. What did the Lord say when He appeared

in a vision unto Abraham? (Genesis 15.)
5. How many times is Abraham's name

mentioned in Genesis 22?
6. Write out the first verse which mentions

6. Write out the first verse which mentions Abraham in Matthew 1.

7. What happened to the beggar when he died? (Luke 16.)

8. Write out the verse ending with "I Am." (John 8.)

9. Write out the verse where Abraham is mentioned for the third time. (Romans 4.)

10. "By faith Abraham. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Hebrews 11.)

November Searchers.

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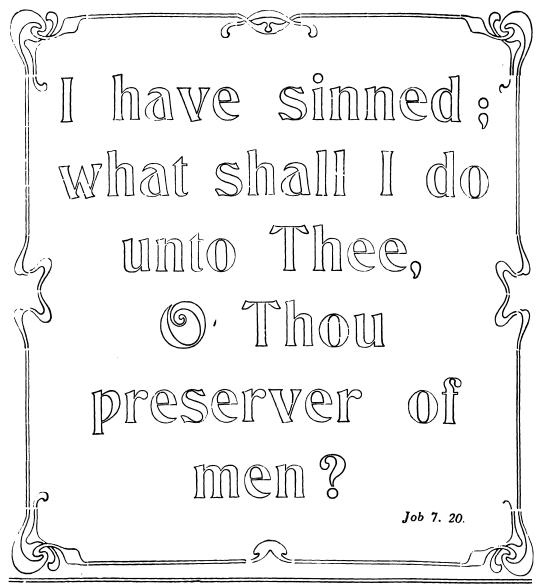
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Age 10 years and under.

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"NOW, PUSSY, DON'T JUMP ABOUT SO MUCH."

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A NURSE'S DEVOTION

SOME years ago, three little girls were recovering from serious illnesses in a large hospital. One spring day the doctor told the nurse that she might take them for a walk in the sunshine. They were all overjoyed, and started out with the kind nurse down the road. All at once they were terrified by the barking of a fierce dog which came straight for them, looking ready to tear them to pieces.

The nurse saw that the dog was mad, and knowing the danger, she quickly put the three little girls behind her against the wall, and struggled with the mad brute, who did his best to get at the little girls.

She fought bravely, and tried to hold it down, but it was useless; the brute bit her again and again, until she fell down from the loss of blood. It was all done so quickly that no one had time to save her; but at last a crowd gathered, and a policeman with one blow of his truncheon killed the dog.

The poor weeping children were led back to the hospital and were soon themselves again. But what about the nurse who had so bravely shielded them? She was tenderly carried back to the hospital unconscious, and though the doctors did their best she soon died.

You could not suppose the girls doing anything else but love her, could you? If they had spoken unkindly of her, you would have thought them quite inhuman. But there is One who has done infinitely more for you. Jesus died on Calvary that you might be delivered from Satan's grasp and be eternally saved.

Yes, His life was given for the children, and yet there are so many who slight His memory and think little of Him. Have you been guilty of this? If you have, oh! think of all that He endured that you might be saved, and TODAY confess Him as your Lord.

J. W. H. NICHOLS.

ARE YOU OBEDIENT?

THERE is a touching incident recorded about the intelligence and bravery of a cat.

The cat was trying to rear a family of kittens near one of the signal boxes close to a railway line where many trains come and go.

Watching her young ones frolicking about on the lines, she noticed a train bearing down upon them. Regardless of her own safety she rushed to them, and one by one threw them off the line, but they, unaware of the danger, and thinking their mother was playing with them, jumped back as fast as she threw them off, and in a few moments every one was killed and their mother so injured that she had to be put to death.

How foolish! You say, "yes!" but not more foolish than boys and girls who, like the kittens, disregard warnings given them by their parents or others older and wiser than themselves and thus risk destruction to themselves for time and eternity.

In contrast to the kittens, a story is told of a mother and two little girls who one morning went for a walk. The mother sat down to rest under a tree, leaving the little girls to run about picking wild flowers. Before letting them go she made them promise to come back to her as soon as ever she called out the word "Come!" "I will not call you a minute before I want you, but you must come at once the moment I do call you."

After a time, as the youngest was just stooping to pick a flower, such a lovely butterfly flew off it, and she said, "Oh, I'll catch you, Mr. Butterfly!" But the butterfly flitted about just above her head and seemed to be teasing her; he did not want to be caught, but she was determined to catch him. Taking off her hat she chased him and many times nearly caught him, but he always



AFTER THE BUTTERFLIES.

managed to escape. On and on went the little girl till her sister noticed she was very near the edge of a cliff, and ran frightened to her mother with such a startled look upon her face; but words failed her, and she stood white and trembling.

The mother jumped and seeing the danger in which her child was, cried out loudly the one word, "Come!" The child turned round directly, and ran to her mother: "Oh, mother, I nearly caught such a lovely butterfly, if you had not called me so soon I believe I should have had him, but I knew that I must come the moment you called."

Taking her to the edge of the precipice, the mother said, "If my child had not come directly she heard me call 'Come!' she might now have been dashed to pieces on the rocks below." Boys and girls, the Saviour is calling you to come and be saved. He wants you to come directly, and promises to save you from everlasting destruction and for evermore. Will you heed His call?

Many there are who are running after the butterfly pleasures of the world; things that cannot possibly satisfy their souls, and forgetting that any moment they may fall over the precipice from time into eternity, and be lost for ever. Will you come to Jesus now?

E. A. (EXTRACTED.)



THE PRIZEFIGHTER AND THE BOY

HE was a terrible character this man, named Bendigo. At one time he had been the champion prizefighter of England. One day while he was out he chanced to hear an evangelist by the name of Weaver preach the Gospel. He was convicted of sin but could find no peace.

He had been staying for several months at Weaver's house. One night Weaver saw his little boy on his knees with the man Bendigo, and his little boy was teaching him to pray. "Lord bless father," said the little boy, for he was

saying his evening prayers.

"Lord bless father," said Bendigo.

"Lord bless mother," said the little chap, and Bendigo repeated after him, "Lord bless mother"

"Lord bless Bendigo," said the little boy. "Lord bless Bendigo," said

Bendigo.

"They say Bendigo is a bad man Lord;" "They say Bendigo is a bad man, Lord—and it's true" added the old man.

"Thou canst save Bendigo Lord";

"Thou canst save Bendigo, Lord."

"Thy blood was shed for Bendigo," and the old man repeated, "Thy blood was shed for Bendigo."

"Lord, save Bendigo tonight," pleaded the child; "Lord, save Bendigo to-

night," said the old man.

There was a moment's pause and then the battered old pugilist sobbed like a child. When he arose he was born of God. He lived some years after trusting in Christ and showed by his life that he was a new creature indeed.

Young reader, have you trusted the Saviour?

MADE CLEAN AND KEPT CLEAN

A GENTLEMAN once bought a house in which he intended to live. He engaged servants to live in the house and to keep it in order. As he went to view the premises he turned to a servant, and said, "There must be no more dirt in this house; I will not have any more dirt."

The servant replied, "Sir, the place is very dirty, and has been neglected so long it will need a good cleansing before it can be MADE clean and KEPT clean."

It is useless to try and keep a dirty house clean, for dirt produces dirt. All the dirt of the PAST must be put out of the way, and the rooms thoroughly cleansed, before there can be any thought of KEEPING the rooms clean.

All the sins of the PAST must be forgiven before you can do anything to please God. Your past life is like a slate with a sum on it, which a little boy at school cannot get right. It is full of wrong figures, alterations, and smudges. The whole slate is in a fearful mess. What that boy wants is a kind teacher to come with a wet sponge and wipe out all his mistakes and failures, and present him with a CLEAN slate, and then teach him how to work the sum right.

That is just what will happen with your life, so full of sin and failure, if you come to Jesus. If you trust the living, loving Saviour to forgive you, keep, and strengthen you by His love and power, He will blot out all the dark, sinful past, and will then teach you to work out your future life so as to please and honour Him.

Will you let Him do this for you NOW?

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

TAKING UP THE CROSS

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IN Luke ix. 23, we read some words spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ, which we do not all understand. They are these: "If any . . . will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

In olden times there used to be a pile of crosses outside the Roman Courts of Justice, and when a prisoner was condemned to be crucified, he had to pick up one of the crosses, and carry it to the place of execution. You remember how the Lord Jesus was made to carry His cross, but when He fainted beneath the load, being weary and hungry after the long, all-night mockery of a trial, the soldiers compelled a black man, Simon the Cyrenean, to carry it for Him. Oh, what a hard thing it must have been to pick up the cross on which the prisoner knew he must die in agony, and carry it on his shoulder all the way to the place of his execution!

Yes, but the Lord Jesus said: "If any ... will come after Me... let him take up his cross daily, and follow Me." What is the cross which every Christian must bear? It is the cross on which Self must die. Bearing our cross daily means saying "No" to Self every day, and "What wilt Thou Have Me to Do?" to the Lord Jesus Christ, in everything. Will You take up your cross, and begin to carry it To-day?

M. STUBBS.

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"Talks on Proverbs" Prize List.

Awards have been made as follows:-

- 1st. SHEILA ROWE, Millom .
- 2nd. RUBY SIMPSON, Coolaney, Co. Sligo.

L. A. ANDERSON.



ABRAHAM (2)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

We continue this month to read about Abraham. I want to write specially about his FAITH, and you will see that, as blessing followed him, so blessing will follow you, if you put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

FAITH REQUIRED.

Last month we saw that the great call came to Abraham at Haran in Mesopotamia. It was a call to leave his country, his kindred and his father's home. It meant great faith on Abraham's part, but he never hesitated—he obeyed God at once.

For the salvation of your soul you are not asked to take the step which Abraham took. A call comes to each of you, but it is not a call to leave your father's house, but to obey the Gospel. God's command is to believe on the name of His Son. The Gospel is published for the obedience of faith, and in the Gospel you find the wonderful promises of God. Faith is like the empty hand put forth to receive God's salvation.

FAITH RESPONSIVE.

But you must put out the *empty* hand. If a friend offered you a gift you would not be enriched by the gift if you did not accept it. So you must accept salvation as a gift if you would benefit. The moment you say, "Yes, Lord, I do trust Thee, I do believe on Thee," your faith is honoured in heaven.

We read that "without faith it is impossible to please God." You cannot do a single thing to please Him until you first trust Him. You may try to merit salvation by your "good deeds," by your prayers, your tears, your endeavours. But faith alone saves. Faith is simple trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

FAITH REWARDED.

In Genesis xxiv we read these words spoken by Abraham's servant, "And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great." Abraham was a rich man and everything he did prospered. We are not, however, promised earthly riches. But the greatest of earthly riches are not to be compared to heavenly wealth and the joy which follows faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only does faith in Christ save us from our sins, but it separates us from the world. Just as Abraham, in company with Lot, left the home in Haran to walk a life of faith, so with the Christian it is faith all the way and every day.

Faith is often tested, as Abraham's was on Mount Moriah, when God asked him to sacrifice his son. But the life of faith is a victorious life. If you trust in God you will surely find that whatever difficulties there may be in the way you have the power of God to draw from and you have the arm of God to rest upon.

Your affectionate friend.

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am glad to welcome some new Searchers for December. I trust they will continue and find these texts a help and blessing to them. Will you all try and get one other Searcher? What a nice long list we should have if you did, and remember, too, you may thus be the means of doing what Andrew did for his brother. You will find what this was if you read through the first chapter of John's Gospel.

Some of you still leave out chapter and verse, and others have forgotten the last references.

Now, if you do not see your name in the prize list do not be disappointed, but read Galatians 6. 9. I have given you a little extra Scripture searching this month!

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age this year on the first lines of your paper.
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Questions for February, 1939.

Subject :-- Abraham.

- 1. In how many things had the Lord blessed Abraham? (Genesis 24.)
- 2. How much did Abraham give unto Isaac? (Genesis 25.)
- 3. "Your father Abraham." Write out the the verse where these words occur. (Joshua 24.)
- 4. "Called . . . blessed . . . increased." Write out the verse where these words are found. (Isaiah 51.)
 - 5. Whom did God remember? (Psalm 105.)
- 6. "Abraham rejoiced." Write out the verse where these words are found. (John 8.)
 - 7. Who appeared unto Abraham? (Acts 7.)
- 8. When did Abraham obtain the promise? (Hebrews 6.)
- 9. For what did Abraham look? (Hebrews 11.)
 - 10. What was Abraham called? (James 2.)

December Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

- 1st Class.—F. Acheson, E. Allen, V. Blair, J. Blake, E. Blissett, M. Boyes, G. Brooks, O. Creighton, D. Crosby, M. Crosby, G. Davison, I. Eddy, H. Flectwood, L. Foster, M. Francis, B. Graham, M. Grant, D. Green, R. Hall, E. Harris, E. Hedley, N. Henderson, J. Hibbert, J. Hodgins, B. Hunter, R. Inman, C. Jackson, D. Johnson, A. Leadbitter, E. Mason, R. Meyer, M. Nicolson, H. Norrie, E. Pill, A. H. Pratt, D. Proudley, J. Renton, D. Rice, A. Robertson, E. Rogers, J. D. Rugg, N. Slater, I. Smelt, M. Snaith, J. Stirling, E. Storey, E. Thompson, M. Tombe, V. Tones, D. Walton, R. Webster, J. Westwood, E. White, H. Whitelaw, T. Young.
- 2nd Class,--W. Bewick, J. Corbett, K. Freeman, E. Grubb, V. Lancaster, J. Routledge, R. Tweedy.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

- 1st Class.—K. Althorp, C. Anderson, E. Anderson, R. Bailey, T. Baugh, B. Beckett, H. B. Bennett, D. Boothroyd, S. Bowe, C. Bright, M. Brown, O. Brown, J. Butler, B. Davis, R. Davison, D. Dewar, W. Duguid, M. Fleetwood, D. Francis, W. Fullerton, M. Graham, I. Hill, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, A. Hodgins, C. Hodgins, W. Jackson, J. Jessop, J. Jolling, M. Lawford, C. McCallum, E. Milne, N. Milne, D. Mitchell, F. Mohun, G. Norrie, S. Palmer, D. Pratt, E. Pugh, N, Pugh, D. Purvis, A. Reade, J. Redpath, D. Rice, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, G. Scott, J. Scott, C. Simm, H. Simpson, W. Snaith, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, B. Stone, M. Tears, K. Tombs, F. Waltor, M. Walton, I. Warner, J. R. Willis, A. Wilson, N. Wilson, Nora Wilson, F. Wood, P. Wood.
- 2nd Class.—I. Adlinaton, A. Britton, W. Duncan, P. Hart, D. Heads, O. Held, C. Hillery, G. Houghton, A. Lennox, M. McNeill, J. Robertson, D. Russell, J. A. Smith, M. Stone, N. Taylor, H. J. E. Wilson.

Age 10 years and under.

- 1st Class. M. Anderson, J. Bayliss, D. J. Bennett, D. Boyes, V. Brew, B. Britton, M. Britton, N. Bunce, B. Burridge, P. Clacherty, B. Dickson, B. Fitchett, D. Hart, C. T. Harvey, L. Hedley, M. Henderson, B. Hodgins, A. Iludspeth, T. Jardine, C. Jobson, D. Jolly, S. Lawford, D. Manson, M. McConnachie, L. McDermott, E. McTavish, F. M. Messenger, A. Milne, A. Norrie, K. Parton, E. Robson, J. Reeves, J. Robertson, B. Rogerson, E. Rohr, K. Rugg, M. Scott, R. Simpson, J. Smith, G. Spence, B. Stephenson, E. Storrie, K. Storrie, Rose Thurston, S. Veale, J. G. Westwood, N. J. White, O. Wright.
- 2nd Class.—R. Bright, J. Robinson, M. Urwin, N. Warrener, In Woodhouse.

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" MAY I COME, I AM QUITE HARMLESS?"

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WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE SAID?

AT the close of a Gospel meeting one Sunday evening, a Christian gentleman approached K——, a girl of about twelve years of age, and the following conversation took place:—

Questioner. "What would happen to you, K—, if the Lord should come to-night?"

K. "I would go to be with Him in Heaven."

Q. "But how do you know you would go to be with the Lord Jesus in Heaven?"

K. "Because I am saved."

Q. But how do you know you are saved?"

K. "Because Jesus died to save me, and I believe on Him as my Saviour."

Now, dear Reader, how would you have answered if you had been in K—'s place? What would you have said? But let me repeat the questions in order that you may have a chance now to answer for yourself. If the Lord should come back to-day, what would happen to you? There is no reason I know of why He should not come back to-day. He says, "Surely, I come quickly" (Revelation xxii. 20). To many His coming will be a great surprise, for it is written, "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Peter iii. 10; 1 Thessalonians v. 2).

He's coming suddenly, coming soon; and He's coming for His own. "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever

be with the Lord " (1 Thessalonians iv. 16-17).

But how will His coming find you, dear Reader? Will you go to be with Him for blessing in heaven? Or will you be among those who will be left behind for judgment? That, of course, depends on whether you are saved. If you can say, like K——, you are saved, you most certainly will be caught up to be for ever with the Lord, and you can, therefore, rejoice in anticipation of His coming, knowing that no matter how soon He comes, you will then be with Him for ever, eternally blessed.

But are you saved? Can you say with certainty that you know you are saved because you have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ who died to save you? If not, it is our desire to tell you once again that Jesus came from heaven to earth "to seek and to save that which was lost." He died to save you, dear onc, from the punishment which you deserved because of your sins. He died to save you for glory that He might have you for ever with Himself in heaven.

But in order to enjoy the benefit of the salvation He has provided by His death on the Cross, you must believe on Him as your oven personal Saviour. To one who in deep anxiety and distress cried. "What must I do to be saved?" it was said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 30-31). That message is still true to-day for all who feel their need of the Saviour. And, so, we would urge you, if you have not already done so, to believe now on the Lord Jesus Christ as your own Saviour, and know without doubt that if He comes to-day all will be well with you.

W. BENNETT.





A PEACEFUL SCENE

Phot i, K. B. Puckett.

Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by."

"BUT WILL IT FIT ME?"

HARRY'S home was a common lodging house. He had been discharged from a hospital after an operation, with a State grant to provide him with a bed and "light feeding." but not sufficient to procure clothes.

"You look as though you could do with a suit of clothes," the missionary said to Harry.

"Indeed I could," was the reply. The missionary told him that a friend had given him a suit of clothes, and he would hand them on to him.

"But will it fit me?" asked Harry. He was told that it would, for God knew his size.

"That's a good one." laughed Harry.
"God knows my size?"

"Yes," replied the missionary, "it is a good one, but here's a bad one. God knows your sins as well."

The statement struck Harry. Surely if God knew his size, he also knew his sins.

"That's a bad one, right enough, guvnor," Harry replied, looking as if the remark had impressed him considerably.

"Harry," said the missionary, "God knows your size and has provided you a suit, which I offer you as a free gift. It cost a good deal, but a friend paid the price, and you may have it for the taking. Will you accept it?"

"Yes," was the grateful reply.

"Well, Harry, God also knows your sins, and has provided forgiveness, which he freely offers you. The Lord Jesus has paid the price. Will you receive Him as your Saviour, and accept that forgiveness, which He freely offers you?"

Harry, thank God, quietly answered, "Yes."

A few days later at a meeting in the lodging house, he bore a testimony to the Saviour, and chose the hymn, "I've

found a Friend, oh, such a Friend," which he sang with joy and happiness, raising his voice above the rest when they came to the words, "I am His, and He is mine, for ever and for ever." Harry is now linked up with a mission hall and living for the Lord Jesus.

The suit fitted Harry. Better still, the Gospel fitted Harry. The suit will wear away and perish, the Salvation he got is for ever and ever and ever.

You may have plenty of good clothes, which your kind parents buy for you, but all the money in the world cannot buy salvation. It is like God's sunshine—His gift. You cannot buy it. You cannot merit it, but you can receive it. Why not receive it as simply as Harry did?

A. J. POLLOCK.

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GOD'S CARE FOR HIS OWN

WHY should I "careful" be when God has said to me (Philippians iv. 6).

That everything is working for the best? (Romans viii. 28).

Though He my faith may try; He shall my need supply (Philippians iv. 19);

His promise gives me solid, perfect rest (Hebrews x. 23);

Relying on His care, He will my sorrows share (1 Peter v. 7),

And good things He will surely send along (Psalm 1xxxiv, 11);

(Psaim ixxxiv. 11);
Each day I'm bound to tell, He doeth all things well (Mark vii. 37),

He only is my comfort and my song. (Psalm exviii. 14).

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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"SO RUN, THAT YE MAY OBTAIN"

(1 Corinthians ix. 24.)

OBTAIN what? An earthly prize, a crown of flowers or of laurel leaves? Nay, but an incorruptible crown that will last for ever; a crown of glory, a crown of life, a crown of righteousness. But how are we to obtain it?

There are numbers of schoolboys collected on the lawn at Dunsmore House. A certain space of ground is marked out, at the end of which sit several people near a pole, from which waves a brightly coloured flag. Conspicuous amongst the group is a gentleman who stands holding in his hand a crown of laurel leaves, the prize to be awarded the winner of the race which is about to be run.

See, the competitors are off; swiftly, steadily they go on, not looking behind, not running off the line, but pressing on towards the goal, the sight of the crown increasing their energies as they near the end. One only of all the number can obtain the prize; and see, he has outstripped his companions, though only by a very short distance, but he has got in first, and so obtained the prize.

It has been obtained by close obedience to the rules given. Had he swerved off the appointed course, or loitered on the way, he would have failed, but he ran so that he obtained; and the heavenly crown is to be obtained in the same way, by close obedience to the rules prescribed by the Giver of the crown. Observe, the crown is not to be bought, because all the wealth of the world cannot buy

it. It is a gift, but certain rules are laid down for the obtaining of it, and these you must follow implicitly.

Here are some. Before running the race every weight and sin which does so easily beset you must be laid aside (Hebrews xii. 1). There must be no lingering on the way, no backward glances, but a pressing forward. No fainting, and no wearying with the length of the road; but it must be run with patience, with the eye of faith all the while "looking unto Jesus," the Awarder of the crown. He knows all the obstacles and difficulties of the race, having been here and emerged out of His pathway to the full delight of God the Father, so is able and willing to strengthen those who seek His aid. was said of Him that He did always those things that pleased His Father.

"So run." then "that ye may obtain." that ye may one day be a receiver of the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall award to all who love His appearing.

"No resting place on earth we seek,
No loveliness we see;
Our eye is on the royal crown,
Prepared for us by Thee.
But dearest Lord! however bright,
That crown of joy above;
What is it to the brighter hope
Of dwelling in Thy love."

M. II.





JACOB (3)

DEAR CHILDREN.

The life of Jacob is a wonderful story of how God can change a person's nature and character

and make him a new man.

I think that you will have read about Esau and Jacob. It is one of those stories which appeal to young people. Esau was the elder of these two brothers and on this account had certain rights and privileges, but the crafty and deceitful Jacob defrauded his brother and stole what was not his. Eventually he had to run away from home, and he lived for a long time with his Uncle Laban at Haran, where his grandfather lived many years before.

On the way to Haran, God met Jacob and promised to be with him and to look after him. Now, after twenty years with Laban, we find Jacob a very rich man and the envy of his cousins. For this reason Jacob was afraid that some evil might befall him by the hand of Laban, so God told him to go back to his home in Caanan. Away Jacob went with his family and his goods, and when Laban got to know three days afterwards, he pursued, intending, no doubt, to punish the runaways. But God's protecting hand was over Jacob and he was saved in this matter.

There was more trouble, however. Jacob's path was a hard one. Esau, whom he had wronged in years gone by, was to be faced. How could he meet him? The angels of God met Jacob at a place which he called Mahanaim. or the "two hosts." That is God's host and Jacob's company, a heavenly host leading an earthly band. But Jacob was not satisfied with this. He was a bit of a mixture. He believed God, yet he did not believe. He turned to prayer, such a beautiful prayer, but, instead of leaving the matter with God, he set about to plan his own way.

I wonder if you pray to God? God delights to hear prayer, and he will honour the person who is dependent upon Him. But, when you pray about anything definite, leave the issue with God and do not attempt in your own way to find an answer.

God had already prepared Esau to meet Jacob peaceably, and there was no need for Jacob to be troubled after he had put the

matter into God's hands.

Now the great crisis in Jacob's life came. He sent his family and goods over the brook Jabbok, and he was left alone with God. It is good to be alone with God—just to think things over. Perhaps Jacob felt that he needed a quiet time to face the problem of meeting Esau. Then there appeared the MAN who came close to Jacob, dealing with him in such a way as to take all strength from him and leaving him a helpless cripple.

"What is thy name?" said the MAN. Jacob, supplanter, crooked, deceiver. Such was the confession of Jacob. Then God said his name in future was to be "Israel"—a prince with God—prevailer. What a change! God can change both name and nature. Any poor sinner who owns his need and confesses his condition before God like Jacob, can have his name changed from SINNER to SAINT.

Will you let God do this for you?

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

What a lot of you are in Second Class! I am sorry so many new Searchers are there because they forgot to give chapter and verse. Then, many who usually send in excellent papers have forgotten to put references. This shows that you are not reading through your papers before sending them in.

To encourage you, texts will be given to those who are in

First Class for five months at the end of the half year.
R. Davison and G. Sloggett must do eight questions now.
O. Kent must give the answers in full.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

I want to tell you that our youngest Searcher is only five and a half years old! He has sent in a perfect paper, unaided. The Lord bless you all.

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Questions for March, 1939.

Subject :- Jacob.

1. What did Jacob ask Esau to sell? (Genesis 25.)

2. What did Isaac say when he felt Jacob? (Genesis 27.)

3. What did Jacob say when he awaked out of sleep? (Genesis 28.)

4. What did God say to Laban in a dream?

(Genesis 31.) 5. What happened when Jacob was left

alone? (Genesis 32.) 6. What new name did God give Jacob?

(Genesis 35.)

7. What did Jacob call the place where God spake with him? (Genesis 35.)

8. What shall come out of Jacob? (Numbers 24.)

9. "Art Thou greater. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (John 4.)

10. "By faith Jacob. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Hebrews 11.)

January Searchers. Age 14 years and over.

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P. Welsh.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

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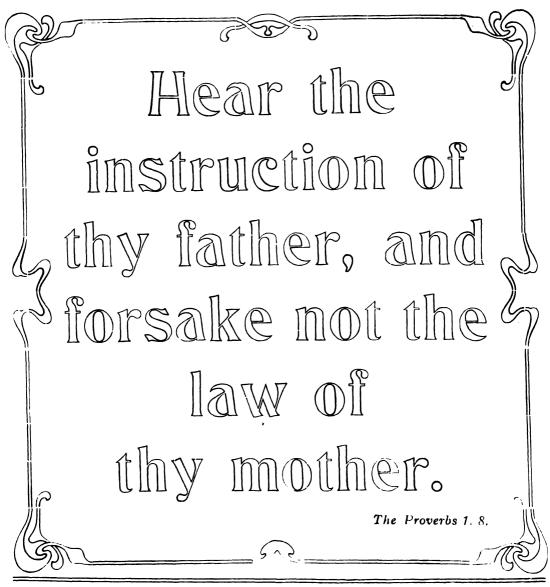
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AFTERWARDS

SOME years ago there lived an old man in a cottage, which he named "Arterwards Cottage."

I was told the reason for so naming it was, that if anyone did him an injury or injustice, he treasured it in his mind, and calmly remarked, "There's old Arterwards!" meaning that afterwards—no matter how long—he would have his revenge.

I offer no comment upon his unkind spirit, but the word afterwards—"arterwards," he called it—brought to my mind a passage of Scripture, which is found in Matthew xxv. 11-13, "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, 'Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.""

Children, do not forget that there is an afterwards; there is that which comes after. The other virgins referred to in the parable had no oil in their lamps, and while they went to buy the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterwards came the other virgins. Now just consider why they came afterwards. It was because they had no oil in their lamps and were consequently not ready to meet the Bridegroom. Only those who had oil in their vessels were ready. The others went away to buy, and, coming back afterwards, found the door shut, and themselves outside.

Now what is the meaning of the parable? I think it means this: The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, is, at present, away from this world. He was here once, and suffered and died upon the cross for your sins and mine. His atoning work completed, He is now in heaven; but He is coming back, and

there will be a company of people who will be (professedly) waiting for him. Some of them will be ready when He comes; their readiness consisting of having oil in their vessels. The others, whilst professing to be ready, will not be so, having no oil in their lamps.

Now let me put it to you. Are you waiting for the Son of Man to return? If so, are you ready? Would you go into heaven with Him, or would you be shut out?

What do you think is the meaning of the oil in the lamps? I believe it means having the Holy Spirit dwelling in the heart. He is the seal and earnest, proof that we belong to God. Let me quote to you one verse, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance" (Ephesians i. 13, 14).

Every true believer has the Holy Spirit, the oil in the lamp, and consequently is ready. If you have believed on Jesus, as did these ancient Ephesians, you, too, are scaled with that Holy Spirit of promise, and are ready to meet the Bridegroom; but, if you have not, you are not ready, and should He come before you finish reading this article, the door will be shut and you will be outside.

"Then AFTERWARD! AFTER-WARD!" What prayers! What tears! What cries! As you cry, "Lord, Lord, open to us," He will reply, "Verily I say unto you I know you not."

Dear children, come at once to Jesus; trust Him as your Saviour and receive the Holy Spirit. God save you before that door is shut, and you are left to face that dreadful "AFTERWARD."

J. H. EVANS.



THE COTTAGE BY THE SEA

THE SAVIOUR'S KNOCK

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock."

—Revelation iii. 20.

MANY of my young readers must have seen the beautiful picture in which Christ is represented as standing knocking at the door of an ivy-covered house; rust is on the hinges, showing how long the door has remained unopened.

There is a look of patience and yet of expectancy on the Saviour's face as He stands listening eagerly to catch the first sound of the footsteps of someone coming to open the door. Long has He waited, loudly has He knocked, yet no answer cometh. We can almost imagine we hear Him saying, "Open to me . . . for My head is filled with dew, and My locks with the drops of night."

Patient, loving Jesus! Do you not feel as you gaze, dear reader, indignant that anyone should refuse admittance to such a loving Friend; and yet it may be that He has knocked long at the door of your heart and found no response; craved for entrance there and been refused. "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." So you have said, but He has not departed. He is waiting still; His heart of love cannot bear to give you over, for well He knows if you shut Him out, it is only because Satan has obtained possession of your heart.

But you say, "When did He knock?" Ah, young as you are, He has knocked often. When your baby brother died, not so long ago, and the realities of the unseen world pressed on you as they had never done before, He knocked then. When your teacher begged you, with tears in her eyes, to come to Jesus now, and you wondered what made her so

earnest and almost resolved to take her advice, He knocked then.

He is knocking NOW. Oh! open to-day, and He will come in and dwell with you and make you blessed for time and eternity.

Let the cry of your soul be:—

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in to-day, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

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"ALL LIARS"

THERE was nothing Nellie could wish for so far as her home was concerned. It was a large, beautiful house, and her parents loved her much, doing all they could to make her happy. But one day she looked very miserable and unhappy, and everyone wondered why. At last Nellie asked a question of her governess.

"Are there any liars in heaven?"

"No, dear," said the governess, "all liars have their part in the lake of fire—but why do you ask?"

"Because I told mother a lie, so I am afraid I will never get to heaven!"

But the governess, who was a Christian, was able to tell Nellie of One who died for sinners and that the precious blood He shed could cleanse from all sin.

This was a turning-point in Nellie's history, for she found out there were many sins beside lying to be accounted for; but she "came to Jesus as she was," and found He was able and willing to wash away all her sins and fit her to spend eternity in His presence.

How nice it would be if every reader of "Our Children" were like Nellie,

FORGIVEN and happy.

J. W. H. Nichols.

FOR YOUNG **CHRISTIANS**

OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

PERHAPS you, young reader, are truly a believer on the Lord Jesus Christ; have come to Him as a poor sinner, and received the forgiveness of your many sins, and have been filled with joy and peace in believing. But sometimes, very soon after, clouds arise; there are daily trials, temptations, misunderstandings, and our wills get crossed. we have difficult things to do or to bear, and we find out that becoming a Christian has not taken away our impatient feelings. for the cross look and angry word seem just as ready to come as ever, and unless helped, the little believer does not grow, but the new life seems choked up.

I knew a young believer who was very much troubled about this for a long time. She knew that her life was not what a Christian girl's should be-her young brother would tell her so plainly sometimes, or even her mother would say, "I am sorry you have such a bad temper"; but they little knew how miserable L. was about it herself. Many a time she shed tears when alone at night, for she knew that it grieved the Lord, but she told no one.

At last, one day she had given way so much, and acted so badly, that she went up to her room, knelt down quickly, and cried, "O Lord, can'st Thou bear with me any longer?" and waited a moment or two. Then the answer came, "He ever liveth to make intercession for us." L. had heard those words before.

had even read them without thinking of their meaning; but now, coming to her as they did, in answer to her cry, how

sweet and precious they were! She has never forgotten it, though many years have passed, and has never been so miserable since, for she learned then that our gracious Lord not only saves us at the beginning, when we come to Him, but that He is caring for us all the time—all our weakness is known to Him, everything, but "He ever liveth to make intercession for us." What encouragement that gives to poor weak believers! What confidence! How we can rejoice in Him! To think of the blessed Lord Jesus, who died for us, now up there at the right hand of God, always thinking of us down here, and interceding for us!

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need," and may it ever be your earnest desire and aim to be pleasing to Him. L. LE M.

GOD OUR GUIDE

(PSALM 32, 8.)

I will guide you with Mine eye everywhere you

You shall know My guiding hand all your way

I will guide continually, morning, noon and night.

I will give the victory when the foe you fight.

All through life, from youth to age, I will be your guide ; Who can harm My followers keeping near My

I will guide you all the way, children of the

I will take you Home at last to the city bright.

K. I. B.



JOSEPH (4)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Jacob, of whom we read last month, had twelve sons, and the youngest of these was Joseph. The story of Joseph is one of the most thrilling tales in the Old Testament. In many ways he was a type or picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, and this makes the reading of his life so very interesting.

Jacob had a special love for Joseph, but his brothers did not like him—they were very angry with him. One day Joseph was sent by his father to see his brothers, who were away from home looking after their flocks. Instead of treating Joseph kindly, they sold him to some traders who were passing on their way to Egypt, and they told their father that a wild beast must have devoured him.

Then there came a time when famine pressed hard upon the people, and Jacob found himself without food. He heard that there was plenty of food in Egypt, so off he sent some of his sons to see the great Egyptian ruler, Zaphnath-Paaneah. Little did they think that this great man was their own brother Joseph. In his storehouses there was sufficient to meet their needs.

They came to the ruler and bowed themselves before him, thus fulfilling dreams which Joseph had many years before, and which dreams had made his brothers so bitter against him. Joseph sought to rouse their consciences and make them feel their sin, so that they said, "We are verily guilty." He planned means whereby all his eleven brothers were brought to him.

There they stood in the presence of the ruler. They did not know him, but he knew them; nor did they understand him, but he fully understood them. They had sinned

against him, but he loved them. Great compassion filled the heart of Joseph. He caused all the Egyptians to leave his presence and with flowing tears, he made himself known by saying, "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" The men were terror stricken and they shrunk back in Joseph's presence. But what an assurance it must have been to hear the words, "Come near to me"! This is the way Jesus invites. He appeals in love to every boy and girl in these words, "Come unto Me."

Then Joseph communed with his brothers and he opened his heart. He did not blame them for their crucity and hatred, but acknowledged the hand of God in all that had taken place. He told them to bring their father Jacob into Egypt, where he would find food for the family and flocks. Finally he kissed them and they talked with him.

This is a lovely picture of the great grace and love which fills the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ. He would first of all convict you of your sin, then convert you and commune with you. Although you do not perhaps love Him, He loves you, and wants to save you now, just at this moment. Will you let Him?

Your affectionate friend.

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,
I am afraid there are still many of you who do not read
the rules. Will all the following please remember to give
chapter and verse: M. Thwaites, H. and D. Coates, R. Fairbairn, J. Coates, R. Porter, A. Russell, S. Warburto,

D. Jenkin, S. Pattison.
 R. Davison and N. Milne must answer cight questions.
 P. Wood, R. Stirling, and G. Brayson left out references.
 I am so sorry these regular searchers have had to lose marks.
 A paper has come from Newcastle with no name, also

one from St. Andrew's Colony.

I hope you will enjoy and find much profit in the questions this month from the life of Joseph.

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.

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

Questions for April, 1939.

Subject :- Joseph.

- 1. What was Joseph's second dream? (Genesis 37.)
- 2. For how much was Joseph sold? (Genesis 37.)
- 3. What did Joseph's master see? (Genesis
- 4. "And he left all. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Genesis 89.)
- 5. What did Joseph ask the chief butler to do when it was well with him? (Genesis 40.)
- 6. Who forgot Joseph? (Genesis 40.)7. Write out the verse beginning and ending
- with "thou." (Genesis 41.)
 8. Why was Joseph's firstborn called
- Manassch? (Genesis 41.)
 9. Who bowed down themselves before Joseph? (Genesis 42.)
- 10. "But as for you. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Genesis 50.)

February Searchers.

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- 2ND CLASS.—E. Baxter, W. Bewick, J. Corbett, R. Hall, J. Lawson, G. Matthews, N. Middleton, S. Oliver, J. Reid, J. Renton, L. Robson, N. Slater, R. Stirling, E. Thompson, R. Tweedy, H. Whitelaw.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

- 1ST CLASS.—K. Althorp, I. Baker, H. Baugh, B. Beckett. H. Bennett, M. Blair, A. Britton, M. Brown, J. Butler, B. Cherrie, K. Clarke, G. Cook, I. Douglas, W. Duguid, M. Bedens, J. Edgar, M. J. Fleetwood, E. Fleming, L. Fleming, W. Fullerton, B. Harris, I. Hill, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, H. Humphries, G. Hunt, J. Joblinz, M. Lawford, R. Lee, A. Lennox, W. Malcolm, C. McCallum, I. McKay, M. McNeill, E. McTavish, I. Middlemiss, T. Millar, F. Mohun, J. Morris, H. Munro, G. Norrie, N. Norval, B. Ponder, D. Pratt, E. Pugh, D. Purvis, D. Pybus, C. Ranson, V. Ranson, A. Reade, J. Redpath, D. Rice, J. Robertson, E. Robinson, C. Rogers, R. Rogers, D. A. Rugg, G. Scott, J. A. Scott, H. Simpson, T. Simpson, J. A. Smith, H. Spence, B. Stephenson, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, D. Stuart, K. Tombs, E. Topping, W. Vernon, F. Walton, I. Warner, S. Welsh, J. Wheatley, F. Wood, O. Wright.
- 2ND CLASS.—J. G. Binnie, G. Brayson, J. Coates, J. Collingwood, E. Davis, R. Davison, D. Delamore, W. Duncan, R. Fairbairn, M. Graham, J. Green, D. Hart, P. Hart, C. Hodgins, D. Jenkin, L. Manthorpe, N. Milne, G. Niblock, E. Oliver, B. Patterson, K. Rogerson, D. Sharpe, G. Smith J. Stirling, B. Stone, M. Stone, M. Tears, M. Thwaites, I. Walker, J. Walker, M. Walton, J. Willis, A. Wilson, J. Witton, P. Wood.

Age 10 years and under.

- 1ST CLASS.—M. Anderson, J. Archer, F. Baugh, H. Baugh, M. Baugh, J. Bayliss, D. Bennett, A. Binnie, S. Binnie, D. Boyes, E. Boyes, V. Brew, M. Britton, P. Clacherty, G. Coutte, J. Davison, S. Endes, H. Green, S. Green, C. Harvey, M. Henderson, V. Hickman, J. Hince, B. Hodgins, H. Hook, D. Hornal, A. Hudspeth, C. Jobson, D. Jolly, B. Laycock, M. Lee, B. Maddrell, D. Manson, M. McConnachie, L. McDernott, F. M. Messenger, A. Milne, A. Norrie, D. Gsman, K. Parton, E. Patterson, C. Peevor, R. Purvis, A. Rice, J. Ritchie, N. Ritchie, J. Robertson, John Robertson, R. Robortson, B. Rogerson, E. Rohr, A. Row, R. Russell, M. Scott, A. Shields, R. Simpson, G. Spence, R. Sterling, B. Turner, S. Veale, K. Vernon, N. Warrener, M. Watton, R. Webb, G. Welsh, N. J. White, D. R. Wilkinson, L. Willis, E. Wilson, R. Wilson, L. Woodhouse.
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THE PIGEON COTE

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SOMEONE TO LOVE WHO WILL NEVER DIE

MANY years ago two dear children, called Fanny and Tommy, lived with their widowed mother in a small cottage in a pretty country village.

Fanny, who was the elder, was very fond of a sweet little canary, which had been given her as a birthday gift. She used to feed it every day; and loved to listen to its bright and cheery song. Her first thought, on rising, was always about her little pet, for she loved it dearly, and watched its every movement with the deepest interest and pleasure. From early morning till the close of day the little cottage used to ring with the melodious warblings of the yellow songster, which thus became a source of perpetual joy to the immates.

One morning, however, as Fanny was coming downstairs, she was struck with the strange silence of the little bird; and, going up to the cage, which hung in the parlour, she found, to her deep distress, that the sweet canary had fallen off its perch, and lay cold and dead on the bottom of the cage. Bursting into tears, the child at once ran off to her mother to tell the sad news; for, needless to say, the loss of that much loved bird was deeply felt by Fanny.

Not long, however, after the death of Fanny's bird, poor Tommy fell sick, and had to take to his bed. Notwithstanding all the care bestowed upon him by the doctor and his loving mother, the dear little fellow grew worse; and one morning, as Fanny was coming downstairs, she looked in, as usual, to see how he was. Approaching his bed, she noticed that his eyes were closed as

if asleep. Gently she called him, but received no answer. What was her horror to find there was no response to her repeated cries, for Tommy's body lay stiff and dead. In a paroxysm of grief Fanny rushed hurriedly from the room, and, flinging her arms round her mother's neck. exclaimed, amidst her sobs, "Oh! mother, Tommy is dead and the canary is dead, can you tell me of someone to love, who will never die?"

Through God's abounding grace, this double sorrow proved to be the turning-point in Fanny's life. Although that Christian mother's heart was naturally breaking with grief at the loss of her only boy, yet she was mercifully enabled to tell her weeping child of the wonderful love of Him who came from brightest glory to suffer, bleed, and die for even little children. Many times before had Fanny heard from her mother's lips the sweet story of the Saviour's love and grace, but now His death for her sins came with a fresh charm and power hitherto unknown.

Her young heart yielded then and there to the love of Christ; and she was led by God's Spirit to put her full trust in Him who, having suffered once for her sins, "the Just for the unjust," now lives again, to die no more. The young child's desire was thus fully realized; and from that day dear Fanny proved for herself that Jesus, whom she could now call her own precious Saviour, was indeed "Someone to love who will never die."

Reader, will you too trust that loving Saviour now?

s. T. (extracted)





Photo: E. S. Pugh

I WENT, I WASHED, I SAW

THE whole of the ninth chapter of John is devoted to the story of a blind beggar to whom Jesus gave sight. We can be sure that God intends us to learn valuable lessons from this story. Let us look at it and see some of the things written therein.

Jesus, we read, was passing by and saw a man who had been blind from his birth. He made some clay and put it on this man's eyes and told him to go to a pool called Siloam and wash. We may think it a very strange way to open blind eyes. To put clay upon people's eyes would make them unable to see. Yet when we remember that many people who said they could see were unable to see that Jesus was none other than God manifested in flesh, we can see how His manhood blinded them just as putting clay on eyes would.

We do not read of any others who got blessing from Jesus at that time, only this man, who was probably the poorest and most wretched. It was, of course, just for such people that Jesus came. He delights to bless even now. Especially does He like to bless boys and girls who are blind. Do you say, "I am not blind"? I sincerely hope you are not, but if you have not been to Jesus for sight, that is, if you have not seen in Him the only Saviour for boys and girls, then for yourself, how can you say that you can see?

I want you to notice that when Jesus told the blind man to go and wash, he went at once. "I went," he says, "and washed, and I received sight." Are you ready to obey at once? "Come," says Jesus. Are you prepared to come unto Jesus now?

Now this man was a fine character. He had been blessed by Jesus, and he intended faithfully to tell out all that befell him. "A man that is called Jesus," he says, "made clay, and anointed my eyes." You see he *knew* what Jesus had done for him. And although many who hated Jesus would have liked to have prevented his testimony or even to have persuaded the people that he never was blind, he boldly declared, "I am he."

We can see that no one could dispute what great things Jesus had done for him, because he could point to his eyes and say, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." Is it not fine to see a boy or girl who knows Jesus as Saviour boldly confess Him and live such a life that what is said is supported by what is done?

That would, of course, mean persecution. The man who was formerly blind found that out. Again and again he had to give an account of the great change wrought in him by Jesus. No one could gainsay his testimony because he was so sure of what Jesus had done for him, and wise enough not to try to tell more than he knew.

When they cast him out Jesus found him and revealed Himself to him as Son of God. Think of it! From begging at the wayside to an enlightened worshipper at the feet of Jesus. Is not this a fine example for us?

Let us each ask ourselves the question, what has Jesus done for me? Can all my readers say with the certainty with which the man in our chapter speaks, "I know He died for me, shed His precious blood for me, now lives on high for me and soon is coming again for me." If you cannot say this, do ask Jesus right now to open your eyes as He did the blind beggar's, and show you that He is the only Saviour of boys and girls—and a very precious Saviour too!

S. O. THURSTON.

THE TRUTH

PERHAPS you have heard of the captain of a vessel who once put in to an island and presented a small looking-glass to a princess who was a very ugly woman. Everyone had told her how beautiful she was, and in her vanity she really believed it, and, of course, never having possessed a looking-glass she had had no opportunity of finding out how she really looked.

Perhaps that is like some boy or girl Your parents and friends tell you what a good boy or girl you are and you begin to believe it is true!

But to return to our story. When she looked into the glass and saw her own face reflected she threw the glass down and broke it into fragments. Fancy being angry with the glass! It merely told the truth and reflected her ugly face, showing her just how she really appeared.

God's Word is like that looking-glass, and if you read the third chapter of Romans you will see a full-sized picture of yourself. It is not very handsome and a great many ugly things are said; but then, you see, they are true, and if true, it is better to own it and find out what God's remedy is for all our badness.

It is good to know that though "all have sinned," yet "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

J. W. H. NICHOLS.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house" (Matthew v. 15). PUT the light under a bushel? Nay, verily, no one would be so foolish; for if the light is to be hid, why not leave the candle unlighted?

And yet we have known people, who have a light shining in their own hearts, who are so careful to hide it from others, that it never cheers anyone but themselves. I wonder why they do so when there are so many in the world who are in darkness, and it may be, longing to

see light.

Now, I am going to ask you as one possessing the light, which, as you well know, only the love of Jesus can kindle, are you letting it shine, so that all that are in the house with you can see it? Do you let it shine out quietly, but brightly, in attention to the wishes of your parents, in loving actions to your brothers and sisters, in obedience to your teachers, in thoughtfulness for those dependent on you, so that all these can easily see the light and glorify not you, but Him who kindled it? If you do so—then the light will glow brighter and increase in usefulness, till not only those in the house, but all who enter it, shall see it, and it may be, become induced to seek it for themselves.

Don't say your light is too feeble to do any good, for the Lord uses small lights sometimes to dispel great darkness. If your light be a true one, it will always shine brightest in your own homes; but don't leave it there, carry it abroad with you.

Take it sometimes into the houses of poor, sorrowing ones, and when they look up, cheered almost in spite of themselves, by the brightness, tell them of Him who gave it and keeps it burning, who hath said of Himself, "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John viii. 12).

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MOSES (5)

DEAR CHILDREN,

I sometimes feel very glad to think that God often takes up the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. When a great work is to be done, He raises up at times a child to carry out His plans. As we trace through Scripture we find how this is true in many instances. God works in a quiet way preparing His servants, and when the time comes He is ready to strike the blow.

The subject of our study this month, Moses, was such a case. He was saved from death as a baby in a very wonderful way and led of God to do a great work. Samuel, too, was specially given by God to grow up for Him and to stand for Him in Israel. We might tell of others, babies raised up by God to do something great for Himself. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself came into the world as a babe and He did the greatest of all works, because He came to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, and to bring salvation to each of us.

I don't know who might be reading these lines but the question arises in my mind, "What might you do for the Lord Jesus Christ?" "Oh," you say, "I am so weak, I cannot do anything." Is there anything weaker than a babe? It is not exactly a question of what you can do, but of what God can do through you.

You have heard and, perhaps, read of David Livingstone, who, as a boy, opened his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and did such a noble work in Africa. Then there was Alexander Mackay, another boy who early gave himself to the Lord and spent most of his days in

Uganda seeking to lead others to Christ. Who has not heard of that "wild lassie," who, living at Dundee, used to play "at school" with black boys and girls as scholars in her imagination? She went with a few other girls to a class a woman had in her single living room. There the Lord saved her, and at once she became a messenger of mercy to others. Mary Slessor, for that was her name, went out also to Africa, and we cannot tell all that was accomplished through that girl.

Perhaps this magazine will fall into the hands of a boy or girl who may some day be used by God like Livingstone or Mackay, or Mary Slessor, or others who have gone forth bearing precious seed. Be assured of this, you cannot do anything for Christ until first you have yielded yourself to Him. Then, if you know your sins forgiven, you can take your stand for the Lord Jesus Christ, and who can tell what might be done through you? Next month we will (D.V.) continue our talk about Moses.

Your affectionate friend.

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

Quite a number of you were wrong in question eight for March. I am afraid you are not well up in the use of pronouns 1 But I have made allowances for this.

Several of you left out references, hence your names are in Second Class.

I want to remind you all again to read through the whole of the chapter before giving the answer, otherwise you might give the answer which only appears correct. Then, too, the reading of the whole may be the means of a direct message from the Lord to you. May it be so.

Your loving friend,

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Questions for May, 1939.

Subject :- Moses.

- 1. Why was his name called Moses? (Exodus 2.)
- 2. "I AM." Write out the verse where these words occur three times. (Exodus 3.)
- 3. Who promised to teach Moses what he should say? (Exodus 4.)
- 4. What was the first thing the Lord said unto Moses in Exodus 6?
- 5. What two words are used to describe Moses in Exodus 11?
 - 6. Who appeared unto them? (Matthew 17.)
- 7. "If they hear not Moses." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Luke 16.)
- 8. "Jesus Christ." Write out the verse ending with these words. (John 1.)
- 9. What did Philip say when he found Nathanael? (John 1.)
 - 10. Of whom did Moses write? (John 5.)

March Searchers.

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Age 11 up to 13 years.

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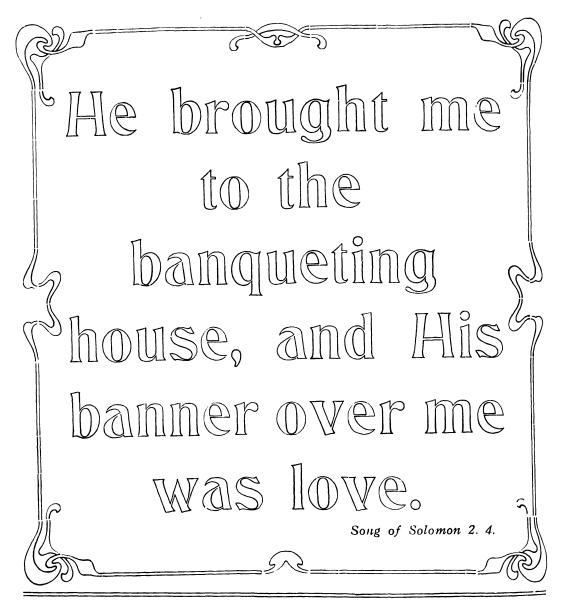
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Age 10 years and under.

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2nd Class.—M. Anderson, V. Brew, G. Butler, H. Coates, J. Farmer, H. Green, J. Hunter, C. Jobson, L. McDermott, M. Murphy, B. Pain, E. Reeve, E. Robson, B. Rushton, H. Waites, I. Walker, N. Warrener, R. Webb.

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THE POST ARRIVES FOR MEG.

MEG'S STORY-BOOK

MEG woke up with a feeling that something exciting was going to happen—and then she remembered, it was her birthday! Out of bed she sprang, and was dressed in next to no time, because she was anxious to see what the postman had for her that morning. And sure enough there was a nice pile of letters and postal packets. What fun it was opening them all, and looking at the nice things which had been sent to her. In one of her letters she found a postal order for five shillings.

"I will buy a story-book with it, Mother," she said; for Meg loved

reading.

"As it is your birthday we will go down to the shops this afternoon, and you shall choose a book," said her mother, and Meg was delighted at this arrangement. The morning soon passed, and then, dressed in her best coat and hat, Meg set out with her mother. What a long time it took to choose a book! But at last a book of Bible stories was chosen, and Meg came out of the shop proudly carrying her new possession.

The next day was Sunday, and, as it was a wet afternoon, Meg curled herself up in a big armchair, and began to read her new story-book. Presently she came to the story of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, and on the opposite page was a picture of the Lord Jesus hanging on the cross. There was a crown of long, cruel thorns on His head, and the nails which pierced His hands and feet had drawn blood. was a look of terrible suffering on His gentle face, and yet what love shone forth from His eyes! As little Meg looked at the picture she suddenly broke down, and began to cry, as she realized for the first time that the Lord Jesus had died for her!

No one was in the room with her, but it seemed to the little girl that the Lord Jesus Himself stood by her side, and whispered softly, "I died for you: will you not trust and live for Me?" She slipped off her chair, and, kneeling down beside it, confessed her trust in the Saviour and asked Him to make her His servant all the days of her life.

Meg is now grown up, but she still loves and serves the Lord Jesus Christ. What about You? Have you ever thanked the Lord Jesus for dying for you and given Him your heart and life? Oh, if you have not, will you not do so

NOW?

E. G. CLARKE.

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HAVE YOU A WATCH?

NE day a little boy was given a watch by his father for a present. This pleased the boy very much, and he made up his mind to take great care of his gift. Each day he carefully wound it up and for many weeks perfect time was kept; but one day he noticed that something had gone wrong, so he put the watch to his ear to hear if it was ticking, but no, it had stopped. only thing that he could do was to take it to the watchmakers and have it put right. When the watchmaker saw the watch he said it was dirty and needed cleaning, and the price would be five shillings. This made the boy very sad indeed, as he knew he would have to wait until he had saved the money to pay for his watch before he could get it back again from the watchmakers.

Now our hearts are just like the watch. All may seem to go well for a time, but sin is there and acts, and then nothing goes right, and as the boy took his watch to the watchmakers, so we must take our hearts to God our *Maker* to be



"EACH DAY HE CAREFULLY WOUND IT UP."

eansed from sin. In repentance, we ed to believe on *His Son* and the ished work of the cross. Unlike the y, however, we do not have to pay, for lvation's joys are "*Without money and thout price*" (Isaiah lv. 1), so we do t need to put it off, for the price has en paid. Turn your heart to Jesus w, and do not delay.

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son anseth us from ALL sin" (1 John i. 7).

E. KIRKUP.

MARY'S CALL TO HEAVEN

Possibly your first thought will

WHO IS MARY?

Mary was born at Selby, on June 20th, 1931, and was called "Elizabeth Mary," after her two grandmas. A few weeks after birth Mary was taken very poorly, but her tender life was spared and she made a good recovery, although she did not grow up to be a strong girl. Her hair was beautiful and fair, her face so sweet, her ways gentle, kind, and loving. She always looked frail, yet she was so lovely. Everyone who met Mary was drawn to her by her loving, winsome nature.

HER TWO SISTERS

Joyce and Margaret, each almost two years older and younger respectively, loved Mary, although each differed in their ways.

ONE THING MARKED EACH

of them—they loved to sing and hear about Jesus. Isn't it lovely, boys and girls, to hear the sweet and precious stories about the Lord Jesus? How eager we should be to learn more about the One who came from heaven and died upon the cross of Calvary, because He loved us, and who, now that He is living again in heaven, desires that we should be saved, then, one day, we shall go to live with Him in the home which He has gone to prepare.

MARY LIKED MUSIC

and was delighted when hymns and choruses were played on the piano. Nearly every night she used to have a "sing" before going to bed, and many times it was very difficult to sing "just one more chorus," because her little heart was so full that she wished to continue.

WE HAD A SUNDAY SCHOOL

which was attended by a few boys and girls. Like you, they loved to go and enjoyed its singing, talks of Jesus, and Bible stories. We all find it so fascinating to learn a new chorus, don't we? And on the last occasion of Mary's attendance we learnt the chorus:—

"A little child of seven,
Or even three or four,
May enter into heaven,
Through Christ the open door.
For when the heart believeth,
On Christ the Son of God,
'Tis then the soul receiveth,
Salvation through His blood.'

Everyone was soon singing the chorus, and again at the close of Sunday School we sang it through twice more before going home. When we had finished Mary said to me, "I am not yet seven, am I, Daddy?" To which I replied, "No, Mary," and off we went home. Mary was so pleased with the new chorus that she commenced to sing it at home, and to her Mammy she said, "I am not yet seven, am I, Mammy?" The previous Sunday evening Mammy had said to the three girls, "I wonder who would like to live with Jesus?" Mary immediately replied, "I would, Mammy."

Dear boys and girls, as you read these lines, just stop and ask yourself how you would have answered the question. You love your parents, brothers, and sisters, and they love you, also there is everything which makes home so dear, but again the question is repeated, "Who would like to live with Jesus?" Do you love the Lord Jesus, and would you like to live with Him in that heavenly home of eternal delight?

Early in the next week Mary was taken ill, and about 8 a.m. on the Saturday, she went to live with Jesus. When we laid her earthly remains to rest, we sang, by special request, that lovely children's hymn:—

"When He cometh, when He cometh,
To make up His jewels,
All His jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own;
Like the stars of the morning,
His bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown."

Oh, boys and girls, are you looking for the coming of Jesus?

A hymn writer wrote of the home which Jesus went to prepare, "No home on earth is like it, nor can with it compare," and we are so glad to own that it is true, although we like our own homes. Ah, but it is Jesus whom we long to see. Heaven would not be heaven if Jesus were not there.

In that home we shall live with Him, and enjoy His love unceasingly and unhindered. There will be no partings, no sorrow, no tears, and no pain. All these things which mark this world, because sin is in it, will be gone for ever.

Dear boys and girls, there is only one Royal way to heaven, and Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John xiv. 6). All who have come to Jesus and trusted Him as their Saviour are happy and glad, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. If you have not yet come, come now, whilst you may, for the Lord Jesus still says, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out" (John vi. 37).



MARY'S DADDY.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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FORGIVENESS

MANY young believers do not know their own blessings. Many years ago an English nobleman bought an ancient estate in Germany. After he had held it for twenty years an exploration was made in the crypts at the foundation of the castle and a treasure chest was discovered containing gold and silver to the value of nearly £100,000. For twenty years this wealth had been lawfully his own, yet the purchaser was not even aware of its existence. Should you not be glad, dear young believer, to hear of blessings really your own—the very gift of God to you?

Now the forgiveness of sins is the actual and present possession of everyone who belongs to Christ; yet many do not know this. Some are hoping to be forgiven; some think they were once forgiven, but not now; and others suppose they are partly forgiven. All such should read and remember 1 John ii. 12—"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His Name's sake."

Are you one of God's little children? Then stop reading, put down this book, and lift your eyes and heart to God your Father, and thank Him for these simple and assuring words, "Your sins are forgiven." God does not require to tell you this fifty times over in His Word. His one statement to God's little children is "enough for each, enough for all, enough for evermore." One title-deed to an estate is as good as fifty, and one plain word of God makes the young believer as certain of his forgiveness as fifty texts could do.

The fact is, "in Christ" there is "no condemnation" (Romans viii. 1), and in Him "we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians i. 7).

Blessed truth! The precious blood of

Christ is the full and final payment for all the Christian's sins. But there is something more to be said. Believers are children of God, they are in God's family, yet they may do what is wrong. If so, they lose very much. But what do they lose? Their salvation? Are they put outside the family of God?

No; but sin in a believer causes the loss of happiness and power, and these can never be regained until the naughty child has confessed his sin to his Father. Then he receives the Father's forgiveness. and his joy is restored. It is to Christians that the Apostle 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). Our first confession of our sins to God as **sinners** brought us forgiveness when we were made children of God. Our confessions, day by day, to our loving Father, keep us happy children in the Father's family.

Tell God your Father at once when you fall into sin. Be quite sure that if you do the confessing, the Father in His grace will do the forgiving. Do not allow unforgiven sin to burden your memory. One word more. In Psalm cxxx. 4, we read, "There is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared."

Remember this—if God so freely and fully forgives, it is that He may be feared; that is, reverenced and respected, not trifled with. Surely His forgiving love should not make you careless in your behaviour.

May you learn, dear young friends, to live in the joy of the present forgiveness and constant favour of God.

FROM "WISE UNTO SALVATION."



MOSES (6)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

Have you ever been near an iron furnace? I am sure if you have you will not easily forget the intense heat and the great flames of fire. No ordinary fire will do to smelt the iron. It requires white heat to make the metal run. How would you like to go into such a fire? God uses the picture of the "iron furnace" to describe the sufferings of the Children of Israel. Very flerce indeed was their tribulation.

Jacob had gone into Egypt with quite a small company during the time of the great famine when Joseph ruled under Pharoah. But Jacob died and Joseph died. Year after year passed by. The favour of God rested upon the Children of Israel and they increased in numbers and in wealth. Perhaps for over a century they lived in peace, but a day came when the war clouds began to appear and there arose a new King over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. He was afraid that the Children of Israel would increase to such an extent as to overrule him and become mightier than the Egyptians. Then the oppression and cruelty began. The lives of the Children of Israel were made bitter with hard bondage.

It is at this time we read about Moses. A decree had gone forth that all the male Hebrew children in Egypt should be put to death, but the parents of Moses were godly people. They trusted in God, and for three months they hid their little boy. A very anxious time it must have been for them, and when they felt that they could not hide him any longer, Moses' mother made a little ark and put him into it and then put the ark by the riverside.

You have probably read the story how the King's daughter came along, saw the child and took an interest in him. Moses' sister was watching to see what would happen to the baby,

and she came up to Pharaoh's daughter with the suggestion that she might get a nurse. Who do you think she got? The baby's own mother! So in the goodness of God, Moses was spared to his mother, who, when he was grown, took him to Pharaoh's palace where he was to live as a prince.

In all this history of Moses we see a wonderful type of the Lord Jesus Christ. His birth was lowly, hated by those who sought to take His life, given over to death, as no doubt Moses' mother probably thought that he would die, raised again and made a prince, and later to become a Saviour.

When Moses grew to manhood, on account of a certain happening, he had to run away from the palace because Pharaoh sought to take his life.

He went away into the land of Midian, where he lived for many years. Now the King of Egypt died, and so great was the tyranny of the Egyptians upon the Children of Israel that they cried out and God heard them. We will see in our next month's article how God brought salvation for His people through the hand of Moses.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

I am very pleased to welcome so many new Searchers from Itull. I hope they will enjoy doing the Scripture Searchings and above all that they may be brought into touch with the Lord Jesus Christ through them.

I am sorry so many of the Searchers from St. Andrew's Colony are in 2nd Class this time. As you are all above the age limit for prizes, and as you have tried so hard, I shall be sending you all a small booklet shortly.

S. Bowe only answered nine questions this month. F. Bates must do six. E. Anderson left out the last references. L. Foster must give chapter and verse.

I am sorry to hear that M. Scott is in hospital, and trust she will soon be well enough to do the back papers and send them in.

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- 2. Whom did the people believe? (Exodus 14.)
 - 3. To whom did Moses sing? (Exodus 15.)
- 4. What did Moses do when the people murmured against him? (Exodus 15.)
- 5. Whom did Moses say their murmurings were against? (Exodus 16.)
- 6. "For Moses truly said." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 3.)
- 7. "The Law of Moses." Write out the verse ending with these words. (Acts 13.)
- 8. "Concerning Jesus." Write out the rest of the verse (not the whole verse) where these words occur. (Acts 28.)
 - 9. What did Moses describe? (Romans 10.)
- 10. What did Moses choose? (Hebrews 11.)

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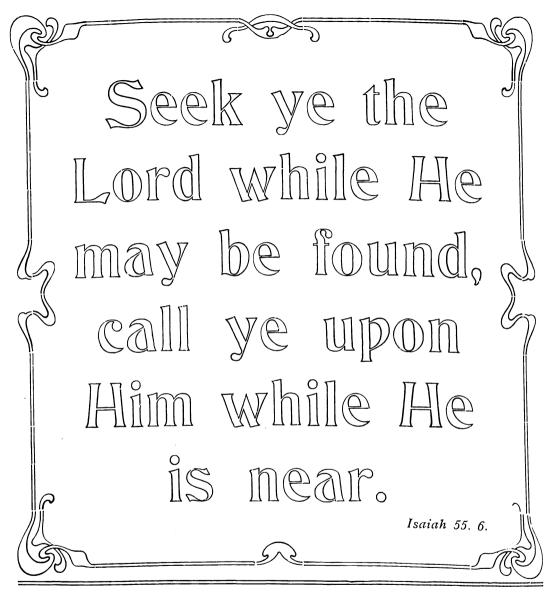
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FRUIT GATHERING

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HOW SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

HOW lovely it was in the beautiful garden God made for the first man Adam and his wife Eve! How they must have loved to have God come and talk with them! How they would look at the beautiful tree of life! How they would admire the lovely fruit on "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil"! I can imagine Eve saying to Adam, "Do you remember how God told you you could eat of all the fruit of the trees except this one?"

Yes, right away in the beginning when God put them in the garden, He told them this. Listen, I can give you the very words God said to Adam and Eve in that Garden of Eden long ago. He said, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis ii. 16, 17).

God made Adam to rule over all the animals, over all the fish, the birds, and the fowls of the air. Every living thing that God had made, he was to rule over; but if he was to rule, he must learn to obey, so God told him that in one matter he was to obey God by not eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God also told him of the punishment that would come if he disobeyed Him. Surely Adam after all the kindness that God had heaped upon him, would just love to obey God always! What happened? Let us read it, for God has written it all down for us (Genesis iii).

Now, disobedience always brings sorrow and suffering. Never forget, sin and sorrow God has joined together, and you will never separate them.

Adam and Eve tried to hide from God among the trees. Oh! how foolish of

them! Yet that is what is happening today—man is hiding from God and God is seeking him. How sadly God asks, "What is this that thou hast done?" This was how sin entered the world. Sin *entered*—it was not in God's lovely earth when He made it. Man chose to sin. He fell in Paradise where everything was lovely, pure, good, and innocent. Oh! boys and girls, how true God's Word is! Every graveyard proves it. No one believes Satan's lie today—"Thou shalt not surely die."

Now, once more the love of God comes in to deal with Adam. Does he deserve it? No, but God still loved the man and the woman; so in love He sends them out of the Garden of Eden after picturing for them how that one day His own beloved Son would free all who believe, from the power of sin and death which they had brought into the world through disobeying Him. Have you disobeyed God? All sin is disobedience; so God commands everyone to repent, believe His word and be saved. Have you? God desires that everyone should be saved, whilst the Devil wants to see everyone lost. You decide by your own choice whether you will be saved or lost—which is it to be?

Boys and girls, don't put it off, but let the Lord Jesus into your heart to-day; for His word says, "Now is the day of salvation."

E. G. CLARKE.

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THE DUMB BOY'S ANSWER

SOME kind friends were one day visiting a children's deaf and dumb asylum. Now some little boys and girls may think that an asylum is a place where only insane people are locked up; but that is not always the case. As the

word implies, it is really a secure or safe place of retreat. In this one, there were deaf and dumb children. One of the gentlemen who knew Jesus, and of course loved the little ones, took a piece of chalk and wrote on the blackboard this question, "What is sin?" Soon the many little hands were busy writing. Most of the answers were very good, but one little boy's quite pleased the gentleman; it was this, "Sin is just doing my own will."

Now I think that is a very good definition of sin. In fact, sin includes so many things that it is really difficult to define. For instance, a proud look is a sinful thing in God's sight; to be envious or covetous is another. Those who commit sinful acts which the public hear and denounce are not the only sinners, as there are hundreds of ways in which we may sin, and no one may know anything about it except God and our own hearts. Therefore this little boy couldn't have explained sin in a better way.

The gentleman was so pleased with this answer, that he wrote on the boy's book, "Are your sins blotted out?" and gave it to the little fellow, who wrote this beautiful reply, "The bleeding hand of Jesus has passed over each page of my sins, so that they can't be seen any more because of the stain of His precious blood."

Dear children, here was a little lad, who was deaf and dumb, and yet he knew that all his sins were forgiven. You may be able to hear and speak, and yet in God's eyes you may be spiritually deaf and dumb. God has sent His servants to tell sinners of His redeeming love, but some little people never listen to what God has done for them; they have lips and yet they never tell others about Jesus having come down from heaven to die for poor, lost sinners. Indeed some are spiritually blind, they

never see God made manifest in the beautiful works of nature by which they are surrounded, nor do they see Him in the godly lives of His servants who are working to extend His Kingdom.

Now this little boy not only knew that his sins were wiped away, but he also knew what blotted them out—the precious blood of Jesus. Perhaps some of my young readers may think their prayers and good deeds are all that God requires. That is not the case. God wants each one of us first of all to know that we are sinners, and to accept His Son as our Saviour—just like this little boy who knew that his sins were blotted out—and not till then will He bless our prayers and good deeds, and make us His true servants.

J. H. CRAIGEN.

"LITTLE ME"

MANY years ago, in Ireland, a little girl about ten years of age found out a very wonderful thing. She discovered that though she was a sinner and had often done very naughty things, yet the Lord Jesus loved her, and so much that He had borne all her sins Himself on the Cross, and put them away for ever, and that now she might go free. made her so happy that she must write and tell her Sunday School teacher the good news. She was not very used to letter-writing, but easily filled up the first page with her story, and then wondered what she should put on the next.

As she sat thinking with her hand on the paper, it suddenly struck her she would draw her hand, so she spread it out flat and carefully drew round it. Then on the first finger she wrote, "Jesus my Saviour"; on the second, "Jesus my Lord"; on the third, "Jesus my Friend"; and on the fourth,



"Jesus my King." And what do you think she wrote on the thumb? Just two short words, "Little me."

I wonder if you can guess why she chose the thumb to stand for herself? Why, because it alone can go to the fingers and touch them easily. She was just one poor little girl, but it took four fingers to express all that the Lord Jesus was to her. Now notice the order in which she wrote these titles of the Lord Jesus Christ. First He was her Saviour, the One who saved her from her sins and gave her a new life. Then in the power of that life she could call Him Lord and obey His wishes. Following on that He was her Friend, the One to whom she could tell all her troubles. and who would help and sympathize with her. Then lastly He was her King, the One who would lead her to victory

in all the battles that people, big and little, have to fight in this world.

Now, don't you think our young friend expressed herself very clearly? May you be found growing in grace day by day, and so enjoying the Lord in each of the relationships mentioned.

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THE GOSPEL IN BRAZIL

IN South America in the state of Minas Geraes is a town called Christiano Ottoni, where the Central Railway runs through the main street. About fourteen miles away is a country place called Corrigo Fundo. This name means "a deep stream."

Amongst the hills and woodlands live many families. Some of these are Christian families who have believed the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, preached to them by a relative.

These people live a simple farm life, growing most of their own food, rearing pigs, cattle, horses, mules, and poultry.

Some of the young women grow cotton and clean, card, spin, dye, weave, and make bed covers, towels, and clothing, etc.

The children early find many ways to help at home and in the fields, and with the livestock.

Some of the children are descendants of Portuguese West Africans and dark-skinned; mostly all are sunburnt and go barefooted.

Because there was no day-school the parents prayed about this, and two lady missionaries came to live amongst them. About seventy children attend their school, learning to read and write, etc.

On Wednesdays and Sundays choruses and hymns and Bible stories are taught the children, many of whom now believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. One boy, named Joseph, the only one in the family who could read well, accepted Jesus as his Saviour, then later his mother and sisters came to the meetings and were saved.

Another boy, named Amaro, also the only one at home who could read, received a New Testament and told us that he read the portion, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," and he believed and was saved.

Amaro read the Bible to his parents who sometimes came with him to the meeting, and his father trusted the Lord Jesus, and later his mother did the same. Amaro's face was radiant with joy.

About thirty of these children have their own Bibles and can read them.

Oh! English boys and girls with many more privileges than the Brazilians, read for yourself like Amaro and Joseph did, Acts xvi. 31. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. Take Jesus for your very own personal Saviour and you will be truly happy.

E. AND. I. AINSWORTH.

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THE JOURNEY AND ITS END

THE Bible is the book I love, And I'll just tell you why; Because within its pages dear I read of God on high.

And isn't that a pleasant thought—
I know He loves me so;
And helps me fight life's battles if

To Him I always go.

He gives to me my daily food, And Him I have to thank;

He bids me not to worry, whilst Going down life's bank.

And when the Main Road end is reached Which has been walked in prayer,

Shall God, who is my theme and song, Translate me straight up there!

T. YOUNG.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WHAT I KNOW

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I KNOW I have forgiveness of sins, from Colossians ii. 13.

I know I am justified, from Acts xiii. 38, 39.

I know I have peace with God, as I read Romans v. 1.

I know I am saved, as I peruse Ephesians ii. 5–8.

I know I have everlasting life, from John v. 24.

I know I cannot be lost, as I read John x. 28-30.

I know I am fully blest, from Ephesians i. 3.

I know I am now God's child, from 1 John iii. 1, 2.

I know I am an heir of God, from Romans viii. 17.

There are many other things I know, but you had better search them out for yourself. You can search the title deeds—study the charter of blessing yourself. God has written all down so plainly in the Scriptures that you have only to read and believe; and if you cannot read, get someone to do it for you, but the believing you must do for yourself.

Babes in Christ are blest as fully as fathers. All the foregoing blessings, and others too numerous to mention, are for all who simply believe in Christ. Are you a believer? Then you are forgiven, justified, and saved. Now read the Word of God, especially the New Testament, and mark especially the little words, "hath," "have," "are," which show what every believer has and is.

W. SCOTT.



MOSES (7)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

It must have been a strange sight to the soldiers and the attendants in Pharaoh's palace to see two poor Israelites coming to the palace and asking an audience with the great king. Their persistent demands to let the children of Israel free from their terrible bondage must have been a source of amazement and probably ridicule in the courts of the palace. The only reply which Moses and Aaron got was that the oppression would be increased.

You, no doubt, know the story well. How God hardened Pharaoh's heart—the plagues which followed, and the great conflict between Moses and Pharaoh. The time came, however, when Moses saw Pharaoh for the last time, and because of the refusal of the great monarch to let the Israelites go, God brought down one more judgment upon Egypt. This last plague broke the heart of Egypt and humbled Pharaoh

in his great pride.

Death, death everywhere! In every home of the Egyptians the firstborn was slain. The heir to the throne lay in the stillness of death. This was too much for Pharaoh. He sent a message to Moses in the night: "Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said."

So the deliverance of the children was secured. They went forth a great company under the leadership of Moses to journey to the land of Canaan.

The history of the children of Israel is very interesting and full of practical teaching. Their life in Egypt as slaves under the hard bondage of Pharaoh is just like those who are in their sins under the power of Satan—the god of this world. The deliverance which God wrought

for them is a picture of the way in which God works for all those who trust Him.

This vast army of Israel passed out of Egypt into the great wilderness. It was a journey ever to be remembered and all God's loving care for them, in spite of their evil hearts, their murmurings, and their waywardness, is a story which still has its blessed influence upon all who trust in God.

Like one great family, with Moses at the head, they moved on as God directed, and God provided all which they needed, day by day. But of that company which left Egypt, only two men entered Canaan—Joshua and Caleb. Even Moses did not go into Canaan. He saw the land from the top of Mount Pisgah. There he died and God buried him in the valley. He was 120 years of age when he died, and we are told that his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated.

Moses was a great man, but a man of meekness—the meekest man upon the face of the earth, we read. He was a faithful man and a man of prayer. He interceded for Israel and God talked with him.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

Many of you gave the wrong answer to Question 5 for May. The two words which describe Moses are "very great." However, I have made an allowance for this.

S. Pattison and B. Harrison must give chapter and verse. H. Humphries, J. Willsher and R. Sargeson must answer eight questions. R. Lee and J. Pinkstone left out references.

I am sorry to miss some of the Ponteland papers. I hope they will not give up. Try again and see if you cannot get first class marks. I am sure you will if you just look over your papers again before sending them in.

Your loving friend,

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
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Questions for July, 1939.

Subject:—Moses.

- 1. What was Moses to do to bring water out of the rock? (Exodus 17.)
- 2. What did Moses call the name of the altar? (Exodus 17.)
- 3. "And Moses . . . he lived." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Numbers 21.)
- 4. What did the Lord make known unto Moses? (Psalm 103.)
- 5. "An everlasting Name." Write out the verse ending with these words. (Isaiah 63.)
- 6. "Concerning Himself." Write out the verse ending with these words. (Luke 24.)
- 7. What did the Lord Jesus say about the serpent in the wilderness? (John 3.)
- 8. What had they heard him say? (Acts 6.)
- 9. What did Moses esteem greater riches than the treasures in Egypt? (Hebrews 11.)
- 10. What song do they sing? (Revelation 15.)

May Searchers.

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"HURRY UP, IT'S MY TURN NOW"

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GOD KNOWS ALL THINGS

"MOTHER," said Kitty, "father calls me a good little girl, and aunty does, and almost everybody; but I am not, mother, good at all."

"I am very sorry," said mother.

"So am I," said Kitty, "but I have got a very naughty think."

"Naughty what?" asked mother.

"My think is naughty inside me," said Kitty. "When I was dressed to go a ride yesterday, and the carriage came, and there was no room for me, I went into the house and aunty told you I behaved very good about it. She said I didn't cry or anything; but mother, I thought wicked things, and I ran upstairs and lay down, and kicked and kicked and kicked. I was so, so, so mad. I wished the carriage would upset and the old horses run away; that's what I mean. It was a naughty think in me."

"Well, nobody knew it," said John.

"Somebody did know it," said Kitty.

"Who?" asked John.

"God," answered Kitty. "He can't call me good, as aunty and father do. Mother, how can I be good inside?"

Kitty is not alone in asking that question. Many and many a one is asking it very sorrowfully—"How can I be good inside?" King David felt like Kitty, and he fell down on his knees and prayed this little prayer: "Cleanse Thou me from secret faults." Secret faults are in a way the worst sort of faults because first they deceive others and then they deceive ourselves, for we are apt to think that nobody will find them out, and that if they are not found out it is no matter.

Was Kitty deceived? No, she knew they were not kept secret from God, and it troubled her, and when her mother told her of King David's prayer she prayed that little prayer for herself, and she prays it every day.

God knows all your thoughts, hearts,

and imaginations.

God knows all your *needs*. He knows you need food and clothing, protecting, and growing in strength and knowledge. Above all, He knows you need the forgiveness of your sins, and that is why He gave Jesus to die for sinners. Do you know this greatest need of yours?

God knows all our griefs. An idiot boy was often badly treated by other boys and jeered at by older people, and being quite unable to defend himself, he would simply say, "Ah! God looked at that." It made such an impression on a young lady that she says in all her later years of life she has never seen any injustice done, but there would come back to her mind the idiot boy and his sermon, "God looked at that."

God knows all about your sins. A great astronomer was one day making some observations on the sun, and just as it was descending towards the horizon and was setting, there came into view of the great telescope the top of a hill seven miles away. On the hill was an orchard, and in one of the apple trees were two boys stealing apples. One was getting the fruit and the other was keeping watch. But there sat the astronomer, seven miles away, seeing every movement as plainly as if he were on the spot! So boys and girls think and act as if God's eye could not see them.

May you always remember that God knows all

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and if you trust Him He will bless and guide you! ***

HAVE YOU A FRIEND?

A GOOD many years ago a little boy about nine or ten years old was dying. His mother was a Christian woman. She was anxious about his salvation, and often spoke to him about the Saviour.

One day, as he was sitting on her lap, she said to him with tenderness and tears, which told how her heart was breaking, "Jamie, are you afraid to die?"

The tears gathered in his big bright eyes too, and looking up through them he replied, "Yes, mother, I am."

"What makes you afraid, my dar-

ling?"

"Oh, mother, I don't know anybody yonder. They are all strangers to me." Then after a little pause, he added, "Mother, I would not be afraid to die if you could go with me; but oh! I am afraid to go away all alone to be among strangers."

Dear little fellow! How honestly he told the truth, did he not? And how clearly he described the thing that makes death terrible to every unsaved soul, whether a grown-up or a child.



How many of our young readers, I wonder, know anybody yonder. How many can look up to heaven and say, "I have a Friend there?"

If your father said to you, "Tomorrow you shall go to London," very likely you would be very pleased. But if he went on to say, "I can't come with you, nor can mother, nor any of us go, and there will be nobody at the London station to meet you," you would probably call out at once, "Oh! please don't let me go!" Why, you would be all alone in the midst of all those millions of people, and that would be dreadful.

Now, how can you wish to go to heaven if you don't know anybody there? You would not like it, and it would be dreadful to you. Yet out of this world you *must* go sooner or later, and if you do not go to heaven you must go to hell.

Why is it that we all have to die and leave this world? Because we are sinners, sin has made us unfit to live in this world, so one by one God has to turn us out. Now, if we die because we are not fit to live any more in this world we cannot expect to go to heaven as we are. Hell must be our portion

unless something is done to put away our sins and make us fit for heaven. That something the Lord Jesus did when He died on

the cross.

Little Jamie, I am glad to tell you, was not afraid to die before his end came. He got to know the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, and had Him as his Friend. He saved him from his sins and put away all his fears. He found that God loved him, and God's perfect love cast out all his fear (see 1 John iv. 18).

Boys and girls, we wish you to be like Jamie in this. We do not wish you to die young as he did. You may, of course, so you must not delay. But very likely you will not, but live to grow up instead. You will need the Lord Jesus as your Friend. Whichever way it is, He is "a Friend of publicans and sinners" (Matthew xi. 19). Since you are a sinner you may come to Him and know that you are perfectly welcome.

F. B. Hole.

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GEORGE'S PROMISE

RED lay in bed very ill and was suffering great pain, so that every movement brought forth a groan. Being in very humble circumstances it was necessary for his mother to take up parttime employment, therefore she could not give the attention to her boy that she would have liked to have done. Whenever she could spare a little time to amuse him she did so, and delighted in telling him the wonderful stories of Jesus. His mother certainly was a comfort to him, but the hours when she was about her duties seemed to drag along, so much so that one hour to Fred would seem like a whole day.

One day, however, he had a very big surprise. The door of his room slowly opened and in stepped one of his playmates, George. You can imagine the change which came over Fred's face when he saw George, because he was a very kind-hearted little fellow, everready to do anyone a kindness.

"I am so glad you have come," said Fred, "and would you be so kind as to read a little to me? You will find a Scripture book on the table over there."

George, ever willing, replied, "I will; that I will." Fred became so interested that he soon forgot all pain, and was

truly sorry when it was time for George to go, but before he went Fred made him promise to come again to read to him. This pleased George to be able to do a good turn for his sick playmate; and so eager was he, that he visited his friend the very next day, declaring that he would come every day until Fred was better.

The days passed on in this manner until George had a day's holiday from school.

"Well, George," said his mother, "now that you have a holiday, wouldn't you like to visit Aunt P——'s?"

"Yes, mother," answered George, "I would, but I am sorry I cannot this time."

"Why? Surely you would rather miss anything than the jolly time you would have with your cousins."

"That may be, mother, but, you see, I have promised to go and read to Fred every day, and you have told me to be like Jesus as much as I can. Would not Jesus first go to those who are sick?"

"Yes, my boy, you are quite right, so we will postpone our visit and go another time. Keep your promise to Fred, and we must remember to thank God to-night for keeping you well and able to wait upon your little friend."

After a few more visits Fred was led to see that the Lord Jesus Christ had died for him, so that believing on Him he could know that heaven was his eternal home.

George was thus well repaid for his kindly actions.

Have you trusted the Lord Jesus for salvation, and, if so, are you shining for Him so that others may be led to trust Him too?

E. ELLIOTT.

FOR YOUNG **CHRISTIANS**

************** LITTLE WATCHERS

N Switzerland during the summer months there grows by the wayside a pretty little wild flower. It is found in abundance by the sides of the highways; the dry and dusty places, where you look for nothing bright and cheering. Its expressive German name is "Weg Warter," or, "Watcher by the wayside."

I wonder if our young reader is like one of these flowers, for has not the Lord Jesus said to His disciples. "WATCH" (Mark xiii. 37; xiv. 38).

器 LITTLE FOXES

LET us take the little foxes, Which our tender vines would mar, They are ever coming near us From around and from afar; And they creep within our garden On the grapes to make their meal; We must watch and catch them early, Or the rogues our fruit will steal.

There's a little fox called Temper, Who is very oft in sight,

And another one named Selfish, Who is quite an ugly fright;

While Grumbling and Arguing, Deceitfulness and Pride,

Must at once be trapped and taken, Or will harm us far and wide.

And the many other foxes, That most of us can know, Should be caught as soon as ever Their faces they may show; For they soon will grow much larger, And spoil our grapes most sweet; So we'll take them as they enter, And with DEATH our foes will meet.

PRIZE LIST, June, 1939.

Age 14 years and over.

- 1. Walter Jackson, 18, Myrtle Road, Stockton-on-Tees.
- IRENE EDDY, I. Royal Oak Crossing, Filey, Yorkshire.
 MARGARET TOMBS, Kingstone, Ashbury, Near Swindon,
- 4. ISABELLA BLAKE, No. 7 Cottage Homes, Ponteland, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Texts.

C. Anderson, N. Bell, G. Brooks, M. Crosby, B. Davis, W. Fullerton, J. Hodgins, D. Johnson, H. Norrie, E. Pill, N. Pugh, D. Rice, M. Rutherford, W. Snaith, D. Walton, R. Webster, P. Welsh,

Age 11 up to 13 years.

- 1. DEREK RICE, 102, Calton Road, Gloucester.
- 2. DOROTHY PRATT, 26, Bagshot Street, Walworth, London, S.E.17.
 3. M. J. FLEETWOOD, 1. Burlington Drive, Davenport,
 - Stockport.
- 4. Olga Wright, 3, Georgiana Street, Thornaby-on-Tees.

Texts.

K. Althorp, H. B. Bennett, M. Brown, B. Cherrie, P. Clacherty, Kithorp, H. B. Bennett, M. Brown, B. Cherrie, F. Chacherty, K. Clarke, I. Douglas, C. Hillery, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, J. Jobling, M. Lawford, A. Lennox, C. McCallum, M. McNeill, E. McTavish, G. Norrie, B. Ponder, D. Purvis, A. Reade, J. Redpath, Joan Robertson, R. Rogers, D. A. Rugg, J. A. Scott, H. Simpson, H. Spence, B. Stephenson, E. Stephenson, K. Tombs, F. Walton, S. Welsh.

Age 10 years and under.

- 1. JOYCE BAYLISS, 42, Woodall Road, Herringthorpe, Rotherham, Yorks.
- L. WILLIS, Snitter, Thropton, Morpeth, Northumberland.
 GORDON COUTTS, 53, Anderson Drive, Aberdeen.
- 4. DAVID HORNAL, 442, Allison Street, Glasgow, S.2.

D. J. Bennett, A. Binnie, S. Binnie, C. T. Harvey, M. Henderson, J. Hince, B. Hodgins, A. Hudspeth, D. Jolly, B. Maddrell, D. Manson, M. McConnachie, F. M. Messenger, A. Norrie, D. Osman, R. Purvis, A. Rice, Jean Robertson, John Robertson, M. Robertson, B. Rogerson, E. Rohr, A. Row, K. Ruge, A. Shields, G. Spence, E. Storrie, K. Storrie, S. Veale, G. Welsh, N. White, D. Wilkinson, L. Woodhouse.

DEAR EDITOR,

I hope you are keeping quite well and happy. I like the questions ever so much. What easy ones this time! Please would you excuse my writing?

I could not do the fifth, but I am doing the ninth instead, and so is my little friend, Cicely. I simply love being a Christian. I am so happy in these homes. I hope everybody will become a Christian.

> Goodbye, from M. L.

(one of your readers).



JOSHUA (8)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

There is perhaps nothing more thrilling to young people than stories of great exploits, battles lost and won, brave soldiers, and mighty leaders. Joshua was a great captain and his history is a delightful tale. He was born in slavery in Egypt. When over forty years of age he moved out of Egypt with all the other children of Israel to travel to Canaan.

The first we read about Joshua is in the book of Exodus, where we find that he was a servant of Moses. He seems to have been very faithful as a help to Moses and a ruler in the tribe of

Ephraim.

A great event in the life of Joshua was when he was sent with eleven others from the wilderness of Paran to see the land of Canaan, the good land which God had promised to the Israelites. I want you to see how in this work he trusted God, and how God gave him a wonderful promise.

Faith in God always leads to blessing.

For many months the children of Israel had been journeying to the promised land, and at last they reached the borders. But they lingered—doubts and fears took hold upon them—and would not go up to possess the land. They looked at the enemies and forgot the promises of God. They asked for someone to go first, and God allowed their wish. Joshua and Caleb, together with ten other men, were appointed to view the land.

They returned after forty days with some fruit, but it was a gloomy report which they brought back. The good things of which God had told them were certainly there, but there were difficulties—the cities were great—the walls were high—the giants were strong. They

quite forgot about the power of God.

Did I say all brought this report? No, we find Caleb and Joshua taking their stand against the other ten to convince the people that it was a good land and that they were quite able to overcome the difficulties. These two men had trust or faith in God, and this made all the difference. Faith takes possession of what God has to give. Unbelief shuts God out. Unbelief looks at the difficulties and fails to see that God has promised to help in every circumstance.

We all need faith for the salvation of our souls, and we must trust God for this. We need faith, too, for the journey home, and for the

smallest things of our daily life.

So Caleb and Joshua took their stand against the others with the assurance that God was able to fulfil His promises and break down all the barriers. God was displeased with the unbelief as He always is, and said that, of all the people who left Egypt, only Caleb and Joshua would enter the land of Canaan.

The promise is to those who take God at His word. Those who have simple trust in God are assured of blessing.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

There are sure to be some disappointed searchers this month as they read the prize list. I so often remind you to have a last look over your papers before posting them in case you have left something out. Now will you specially do this in future? May I also remind you again that no time spent over God's Word is ever lost. If we let His words sink down into our hearts, well then, we have something which is far more precious than any earthly prize.

I am so sorry that A. and J. Green left out references this month, and H. Green only answered five questions.

C. Graham must give chapter and verse.

Most of you, I am sure, will know the chorus, "Cling to the Bible," and I think one of the ways in which you can do your little bit of clinging is by continuing in the Scripture Searching. Will you think of this next time you sing it?

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 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, 1939.

Subject :—Joshua

- 1. How many times did the Lord tell Joshua to "Be strong"? (Joshua 1.)
- 2. What did the Lord say about this book of the law? (Joshua 1.)
- 3. What was the Lord going to let Israel know? (Joshua 3.)
- 4. Whose words did Joshua tell the children of Israel to hear? (Joshua 3.)
- 5. Why did Joshua have to loose his shoe from off his foot? (Joshua 5.)
- 6. Why did Joshua save Rahab? (Joshua 6.)
- 7. What did Joshua say to Achan about confession? (Joshua 7.)
- 8. When did Joshua rise up? (Joshua 8.)
- 9. What did Joshua read to the people? (Joshua 8.)
- 10. "For the Lord fought for Israel." Write out the verse ending with these words. (Joshua 10.)

June Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

- 1st Class. C. Anderson, E. Anderson, A. Baugh, E. Baxter, N. Bell, W. Bewick, I. Blake, I. Blythe, S. Bowe, G. Brooks, E. Clark, O. Creighton, D. Crosby, M. Crosby, B. Davis, I. Eddy, N. Elvidge, W. Fullerton, J. Gatenby, B. Graham, D. Green, R. Hall, N. Halliday, J. Hibbert, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, G. Houghton, C. Jackson, M. Jackson, W. Jackson, D. Johnson, M. Logan, N. Middleton, M. Nicolson, H. Norrie, S. Oliver, E. Pill, N. Pugh, J. Reid, J. Renton, D. Riee, J. Rigg, A. Robertson, D. Rogerson, J. D. Rugg, M. Rutherford, G. Scott, N. Slater, M. Snaith, W. Snaith, J. Stirling, M. Tombs, V. Tones, D. Walton, F. Watton, R. Webster, P. Welsh, E. White, F. Wilkinson, T. Young.
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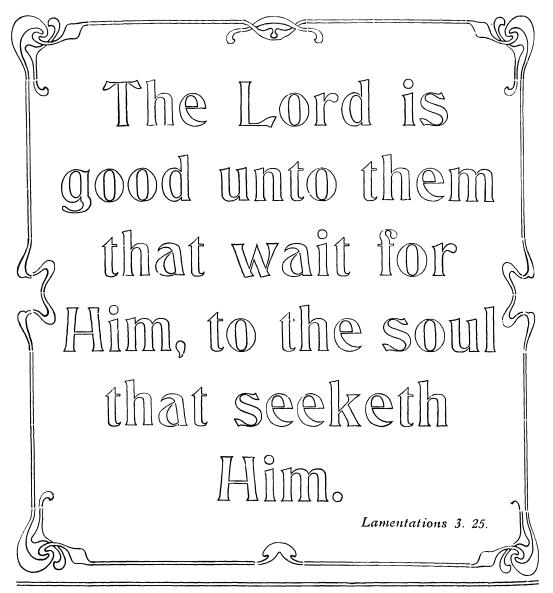
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- 2nd Class.—B. Barratt, J. Binnie, D. Dewar, B. Dickson, C. Graham, J. Green, M. Long, D. Sharpe, G. Smith, J. Smith, J. Smyth, J. Stephenson, N. Wilson.

Age 10 years and under.

- 1st Class.—F. Baugh, H. Baugh, M. Baugh, J. Bayliss, D. Bennett, A. Binnie, S. Binnie, V. Brew, J. Brown, B. Clugston, J. Clugston, G. Coutts, J. Fisher, R. Gidney, S. Green, S. Hartley, C. Harvey, M. Henderson, J. Hince, B. Hodgins, D. Hornal, A. Hudspeth, C. Jobson, D. Jolly, B. Laycock, B. Maddrell, D. Manson, M. McConnachie, L. McDermott, F. M. Messenger, A. Norrie, M. M. Oliver, D. Osman, R. Purvis, A. Rice, D. Robertson, J. Robertson, John Robertson, M. Robertson, B. Rogerson, E. Rohr, A. Row, K. Rugg, A. Shields, R. Simpson, J. Smith, G. Spence, A. Stephenson, E. Storrie, K. Storrie, R. Thurston, B. Turner, E. Tyson, S. Veale, N. Warrener, M. Watton, R. Webb, G. Welsh, N. J. White, D. Wilkinson, L. Willis, L. Woodhouse.
- 2nd Class.—M. Anderson, D. Boyes, E. Boyes, O. Greatorex, H. Green, C. Harris, H. Hook, M. Jenkin, M. Lee, D. Nunn, J. Reeves, E. M. Scott, I. Sewell, A. Snary, H. Waites.

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OFF TO THE FISHING GROUNDS.

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HOW READEST THOU?

I WONDER how many boys and girls read right to the end of each article in this magazine? Or do you read the interesting story part and then pass over the other because you know what is coming? That is what I used to do as a little girl, until the Holy Spirit began to work in my soul and showed me that the Holy Scriptures were able to make me wise unto salvation.

It reminds me of a little boy of whom I heard some time ago. One day, when mother served him with his plate of fruit pudding, he began carefully to sort out all the nice plums, currants, etc., and put them on one side of his plate. His idea was to enjoy the nicest part when he had finished the other. His mother, being grieved at his bad table manners, decided on a plan to correct him. So just as he was about to start on the little pile of fruit, the maid was ordered to remove his plate as finished with. Of course little Arthur was very sad for the rest of the meal-time, but he learnt his lesson.

Now that is just like some children who are putting off coming to Jesus. They have every good intention of being saved, but are forgetting that every day brings us nearer to that day when the Lord Jesus will come for those who are ready, and then it will be too late for those who intended to be saved. And mark this, it will be just when we least expect it (Matthew xxiv. 44).

I hope you will now read every word in this magazine this month, and having done so, if you are still unsaved, just ask the Lord Jesus to show you your need of Him, and let Him save you now.

E. M. AVES.

EDITH'S SACRIFICE AND THE RESULT

"Oh, Mother," cried Edith, "I do love the meetings we are having! Is not the preacher grand? Oh, I feel absolutely thrilled when I hear him speak! How glad I am I decided for Christ at our children's meeting two years ago! Mother, if I had not come then I am sure I should have come now. Oh, mother, I can never thank you enough," cried Edith, giving her mother a hug, "that you brought me up to go to Sunday School!"

"Edith," said her mother quietly, "I do wish you would invite Mary Turner;

I feel so sorry for that girl."

"Well, I don't, Mother," cried Edith; " she is a nasty, horrid, hateful, deceitful

girl."

"Oh, Edith, don't speak so harshly! That poor child has never had a chance. Her father forbade her mother to send her to Sunday School. He has taught her his own wicked principles so her hand is against every one. Could you not, dear, for Christ's sake, try and bring her along with you?"

"Oh, mother," said Edith, "she is so trying! You know how I did try before when you asked me, and how I got snubbed for all the trouble I took."

"Yes, dear, I do remember, but you must admit that you asked for trouble going in that patronizing way. Try, love, my dear, the love of Christ," added her mother. "I know you can't love her naturally, but, dear, begin praying for her to-night. Prayer is such a wonderful thing, and you know somehow you cannot go on disliking folks if you pray for them. I know it," said her mother, with a wise shake of her head.

Then, after kissing her mother, Edith went off to the meeting. She had not gone far when she noticed a crowd of people. There had been an accident. Someone told her a girl had been knocked down by a car. "She is Mary Turner," she heard someone say.

Mary Turner? Why, that was the very girl her mother had just been speaking to her about. Edith managed to edge her way through to where the girl lay. She was just recovering consciousness, and, seeing the familiar face of Edith in the crowd, she looked so piteously at her that Edith decided to go home with her in the ambulance. All thoughts of going to the meeting were swept aside.

What a home this girl was taken to. Her mother was one of the careless sort who were always out drinking. There was no one in when Edith and Mary arrived. Mary's injuries were not serious, and the doctor who attended by the roadside had bound up the bruised foot. What Mary needed most was to be put to bed, and her foot rested.

Poor Edith was appalled when she went into Mary's bedroom. It was in a hopeless muddle. Edith felt she must go for her mother to put things right. But here was Mary needing her care and requiring to be looked after. The doctor had carried her upstairs and laid her down on the bed, but had taken his departure almost at once. Edith never afterwards knew how she tidied up that room, and made up the bed with clean sheets. Mary hardly knew it was her room. Edith then asked Mary if she should read to her, and she soon read the poor girl to sleep.

Then Edith heard a sound downstairs, so crept down. To her horror and fright it was Mrs. Turner, returned the worse for drink. Edith tried to explain to the drunken woman what had happened, but the drink had made her so silly that she did not take it in.

"What can I do?" thought Edith.
"I must wait till the father comes in.

Oh, I do hope mother will not be worried!" for it was time she should have returned if she had gone to the meeting.

In about half an hour the father returned. How he cursed and swore at the drunken woman! Edith was terrified and hurriedly left. "Why, dear, wherever have you been?" cried her mother, as Edith ran into the room.

"Oh, mother, let me sit down at your knee, for I have had such an adventure." Edith then poured out her tale into her mother's ears.

"Poor, poor Mary! I do pity her so," said Mrs. Smith. "What can we do? Let us pray, and our Father will guide us. I am so glad you stopped with her," said her mother, giving her daughter one of her radiant smiles.

In the morning as soon as school was over, Edith ran in to see Mary. Now Edith's mother had been in early in the morning and had spoken to Mrs. Turner, and thought how lonely it would be for Mary to lie there in that little room upstairs. And as mother was a nurse she offered to come every morning and dress the wound, and her daughter Edith would come in to cheer up the invalid.

Edith's mother soon made the bedroom a different place. How Mary used to look out for her to arrive, and how she got to love her!

But we must go back to Edith. She went to no more of the meetings. All her spare time was spent in Mary's bedroom. Edith felt at first she could not give up the meetings, but the longing soon went when she saw how Mary needed her and how cheered she was to see her.

At first Edith said very little to Mary about the Saviour. She tried to *live* what she believed, before Mary, and gradually she found opportunities to speak. Before she left Mary at night, she would read to her from her little



New Testament. So day by day the two girls became firm friends.

One day, when Edith's mother was visiting her, she felt definitely that she should ask Mary if she knew the Saviour. What was her amazement to hear Mary say she was saved!

"Who led you to Christ?" she asked.

"No one," said Mary; "it was Edith's life that led me, and one night when she was reading her little Testament, after she left me I came to the Lord Jesus."

"Oh, do tell her you belong to her Saviour-nothing will give her greater

joy, Mary."

So that night the two girls had a heart-to-heart talk. Oh, how Edith thought it was all worth while to have given up her beloved meetings and everything in order to sit with the little

sick girl. Edith and Mary in later years both went to the mission field and both worked on the same mission station for many years, bringing black boys and girls to know their Saviour; and often when their day's work was finished they would sit and talk together of the time when Mary hurt her foot in that motor accident, and came to know the Lord Jesus through the unselfishness of the other girl.

E. G. CLARKE.

RAGS

CLEAN rags, soiled rags, filthy rags. All colours, all conditions. Some were wet, some dry. Some were pretty scraps of silk, while others were of wool or cotton. But all were rags.

The rag collector glanced at the motley pile before him, and stated his price. He did not reject those very dirty rags, or offer more for

the pretty silk pieces. He paid one price for all.

That assortment of rags reminded me of the folk who came to Jesus when He was here.

There was a man who had kept God's law better than most people, and he said, "What lack I yet?" He was a clean rag.

There was a man, a robber, who desired to be remembered when Jesus came into His kingdom. Surely he was a very dirty rag.

There was also a bad woman who had committed many sins. Her heart was very much soiled. Jesus said to her, "Thy sins are forgiven" (Luke vii).

There were lepers and blind people, Jews, Greeks, and Romans. and conditions of people.

Jesus did not send away those repulsive looking lepers, with their rotting limbs, nor reply to the robber that he certainly would have no place for a sinner like him in His kingdom. No. All were alike received. The Lord Jesus has paid one price for all, and that, nothing less than His own precious blood (1 Peter i. 18, 19). Now He says, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise east out" (John vi. 37). Have you come?

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THERE is something to account for your unhappiness. What is it? You may have been reading a novel, or attending a place of amusement, and thus your happy soul-intercourse with God has ceased. If you do things or go to places where He cannot go with you, little wonder you are unhappy. God and you have parted company for the time. How can two walk together unless they be agreed? You took a separate path. God, with His holy character, could not consistently go into the picture hall or concert room with you, so you suffer in your soul.

What is to be done? Confess the wrong to Him. It is only by confession that the joys of salvation can be restored. Salvation itself cannot be lost, but the

joy of it may for a season.

Young Christians especially should carefully distinguish between what God secures to one as the fruit of His grace, and the effect on the soul. Salvation cannot be lost, but its present effect on the soul may be. This latter is restored by confession.

W. SCOTT.

THE LOVE WHICH PASSETH KNOWLEDGE

OII, Jesus gave up all for me, He left His throne above; And came to this poor sinful world,

and came to this poor sintul w Led on by His great love.

He came and lived 'mongst sinful men, Though Jesus hated sin;

He suffered weariness and woe, And anguish from within.

And at the end (oh, wondrous love!)
His very life He gave;

He bore the judgment of my sins, That He my soul might save.

My Saviour hung on Calv'ry's cross, Forsaken e'en by God; (When it was really I deserved

God's wrath of judgment rod).

But now He's risen from the dead, And lives at God's right hand; And promises a home for me

In that bright glory land.

'Tis through His Name and through His work

That I shall enter there; Oh, there's no love like Jesus' love, Or can with it compare!

Oh, Christ, Thou hast done all for me. What would'st Thou have me do for Thee?

E. M. TURNBULL.

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A Juvenile Appreciation

DEAR MR. RUGG,

I received my Bible this morning and I am very proud of it; it is beautiful. Thank you very much. I like doing my Scripture searching and I shall continue to do them, and I hope the other children do as well. Mother and dad, and the teachers at the Sunday-school are all very pleased with me, and they think the Bible is lovely.

With love from, J. B.

[The above letter was received from one of the junior Searchers, and is inserted in the hope that others may be encouraged to "Search the Scriptures."—EDITOR.]



JOSHUA (9)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Joshua was a great captain—a mighty leader. After the death of Moses he led the children of Israel over the River Jordan and settled them in the land of Canaan, defeating all their enemies and dividing the land according to the inheritance of each tribe.

We notice in the life of Joshua that he was very definite in all that he did and said. He did not waver between two opinions, wondering which was right. He was also a student of God's Word, and it was this which made his way

prosperous.

The children of Israel had full directions for the conduct of their daily life. God arranged for every circumstance, their home life, their business, their food and clothing, their dealings one with another, their travels, etc. The trouble was that these people so soon forgot God's words and His promises, and they were for ever hankering after the gods of other nations.

The time came when Joshua was old and about to die, and he exhorted the people to cleave unto the Lord, reminding them that " not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof" (Joshua xxiii. 14). He recounted to the people all the goodness of God and appealed to them to choose between God and the idols of the heathen. "Choose you this day whom you will serve." He was very definite in his own answer, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." "And the people said unto Joshua, the Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey."

What a good decision! Happy indeed are those who make such a decision! I wonder if you have come to this point. You cannot serve

God and mammon. You cannot live two lives. Some people seem to think that they can serve God on Sunday and live to themselves all the rest of the week. But this will not do. For a happy, fruitful life, there must be heart reality. When the Saviour takes possession, there is a complete change. His love and grace fill the heart so that there is no desire for the world nor the things of the world.

I cannot impress upon you too carnestly to decide now for the Lord Jesus Christ. "NOW" is God's time and, as you sit reading this magazine, you may in simple faith, open your heart to Jesus. The moment you say, "Yes, Lord, I will believe," you will find that He is ready to receive you. Then, like Joshua of old, you may stand for God and fight the battles of the Lord.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

I miss a lot of names this month! Perhaps it is because some of you are on holiday and will be sending them in later. All the marks will be entered when they are sent in. I should just like to say how encouraging it has been to receive papers, for so many years, from those who have now entered into womanhood and manhood. May the Lord bless His own Word to your souls.

F. Acheson and K. Rugg left out references this month. D. Bray must give chapter and verse and also his address. A paper has come from Upper Eastville, Bristol, with no name.

I am sorry that Leonard Willis is ill and trust he will soon be better and able to do his back papers. They can be sent in any time.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for September, 1939.

Subject :- Joshua

- 1. Write out the verse where Joshua is mentioned twice and Moses three times. (Joshua 11.)
- 2. What was the first thing the Lord said to Joshua in Joshua 13?
- 3. "How long." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Joshua 18.)
- 4. What was the first thing the Lord said to Joshua in Joshua 20?
- 5. What were the cities of refuge for? (Joshua 20.)
- 6. What did Joshua say about the command-
- ment and the law? (Joshua 22.)
 7. What did Joshua say about the book of
- the law? (Joshua 23.)

 8. To whom were they to cleave? (Joshua
- 9. "As for me and my house." Write out the next five words only. (Joshua 24.)
- 10. "If ye forsake the Lord." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Joshua 24.)

July Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

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2nd Class.—F. Acheson, R. Chisholm, E. Clark, R. Hull, A. Lennox, R. Lewins, S. Oliver, G. Scott, N. Slater, V. Tones.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—K. Althorp, I. Baker, T. Baugh, B. Beckett, H. B. Bennett, M. Blair, G. Brayson, M. Brown, J. Butler, B. Cherrie, K. Clarke, D. Dewar, I. Douglas, W. Duguid, M. Edens, J. Edgar, J. Eltringham, A. Flitney, D. Hart, P. Hart, C. T. Harvey, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, C. Hodgins, H. Humphries, J. Jobling, M. Johnstone, J. Kelford, K. Kohler, C. McCallum, L. McDermott, M. McNeill, E. McTavish, G. Norrie, J. Pinkstone, B. Ponder, D. Porter, D. Pratt, E. Pugh, A. Reade, J. Redpath, D. Rice, J. Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, J. A. Scott, J. Sharpe, H. Simpson, G. Smith, J. Smith, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, R. Stirling, M. Stone, K. Tombs, M. Wakefield, I. Walker, F. Walton, M. Walton, S. Welsh, D. Wheeler, J. R. Willis, N. Wilson, P. Wood, O. Wright.

2nd Class.—J. G. Binnie, D. Bray, L. Chisholm, G. Cook, E. Davis, M. Griffiths, D. Parsons, D. Purvis, D. Russell, R. Russell, T. Scott, B. Stephenson, B. Stone, M. Thwaites, P. Wakefield.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—M. Anderson, F. Baugh, H. Baugh, M. Baugh, J. Bayliss, J. D. Bennet, A. Binnie, S. Binnie, B. Clugston, J. Clugston, G. Coutts, R. Gidney, S. Green, S. Hartley, M. Henderson, B. Hodgins, D. Hornal, A. Hudspeth, C. Jobson, M. Johnson, D. Jolly, B. Laycock, J. Leighton, B. Maddrell, D. Manson, M. McConnachie, F. M. Messenger, J. H. Mitchell, D. Nunn, D. Osman, R. Purvis, J. Reeves, A. Rice, D. Robertson, John Robertson, M. Robertson, B. Rogerson, E. Rohr, A. Row, E. Scott, M. Scott, A. Shields, K. Shillitto, R. Simpson, J. Smith, G. Spence, A. Stephenson, A. Thompson, B. Turner, W. E. Tyson, S. Veale, H. Waites, R. Webb, G. Welsh, N. J. White, L. Willis, L. Woodbouse.

2nd Class.—J. Archer, M. Bendall, D. Boyes, V. Brew, O. Greatorex, A. Norrie, M. M. Oliver, J. Robertson, I. Sewell,

A. Snary.

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Ezekiel 18, 23.

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THE FRIEND

HOW lovely it is to have a friend of our very own, to whom we can go and tell all our troubles, knowing that he or she will help us if possible; and with whom we can share all our joys! I wonder if you have a friend like that?

Our boy and girl friends sometimes fail us. They do not always quite understand when we are sad, or know how to comfort us; and sometimes they change, and do not want to be friends with us any longer. But I have a Friend who never changes or fails me! He is "the Same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever." He is called "The Friend of little children." Do you know Him?

This dear Friend loves you so much that He came down from His home in heaven and died on the cross in order to bear the punishment of your sins. If you have not done so, will you not ask Him now to forgive you for all the wrong things you have done, and to be your best Friend?

This wonderful Friend is living now, although we cannot see Him, and He loves little boys and girls just as much as He did when He was here upon earth. Although He has gone away to heaven, do you know what He is doing? In John xiv. 2, 3 He tells us that He has gone to prepare a place for those of us who love Him, and that one day He will come back to take us home to be with Him for ever. I like to call that land Happy Land, for all will be happy there.

Till He calls us to be with Him in that beautiful home, He tells us to carry on the work He began while He was here. In Mark xvi. 15 He says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." The word "Gospel" means "Good News," so He wants us to tell others the good news that He loves them, and died to save them from their sins.

How wonderful, boys and girls, that the Lord Jesus is trusting you and me to tell others about Him! Are we doing it?

E. G. CLARKE.

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"SOMETHING CAME OVER ME"

SHE was a senior scholar at the Bible class. Her teacher had spoken to her and pressed upon her the claims of Christ. This she strongly resented, and for years afterwards entertained the heartiest dislike for the zealous servant of Christ. She left the class and ceased attending the building where it was held.

When about twenty years of age, an evangelist visited the town and held some Gospel meetings. She attended, and heard again the same message which she so determinedly refused years before. Her soul came under exercise which gradually but surely deepened.

One day, at her place of business, she said, "Suddenly something came over me. I said to Miss —— (her employer, who was a Christian), 'I am going to trust and serve the Lord.'" There and then she consciously passed from death unto life and knew she was saved.

Should this truthful incident meet the eye of one who has entertained bitter feelings towards some faithful servant of the Lord because of his having spoken to him, or her, personally, friend! consider, what possible motive can such an one have, other than your very best interests? Why resent, with anger, the simple question, "Are you saved?" The greatest of all evangelists once had a personal talk with a woman, who, instead of resenting it and going away, Naaman-like, in a great rage, said to others, as the direct result of the interview, "Come, see a man which told me

all things that ever I did: Is not this the Christ?"

Please do not throw this magazine down or burn with anger because it is put into your hand, but turn at once to the Saviour of sinners—the Giver of living water—and drink. Then, like Bonar, you will be able to say:—

"I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream,
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him."

J. H. EVANS.

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"OBSTRUCTIONS AHEAD"

THE words of our title appeared on one of the roads near London. They serve to remind us, first of all, that there are obstacles in the way of those who are thinking of becoming Christians. IGNORANCE is one great obstacle, although it is hardly one that stands in the way of the readers of this magazine. An IDOL keeps many away from the Saviour: there is some ambition, pursuit, or even person, so filling the heart, that the supreme claim of Christ is put aside. In some cases the obstruction may take the form of some special SIN; something that seems to rise up before the mind when you pray, and acts as a barrier to the Lord Jesus. With many the hindrance is PRIDE; they are so satisfied with themselves, their character, and, perhaps, religious duties, that they are unwilling to yield to Christ. want to be their own Saviour. And then, again, the obstacle may be DELAY. "Not now" really means "not willing." Are YOU letting any of these obstructions stand in the way of your going to the Saviour?

But, in the second place, there are " Obstructions Ahead " for the Christian. You have, no doubt, read portions of the *Pilgrim's Progress*, and you will remember some of the obstacles which Christian and the other pilgrims had to encounter during their journey to the Heavenly City. There is, of course, the evil in our own hearts; there is the world outside, with its allurements and pleasures; and there is Satan, who tries to get us to doubt God and His Word. and to blur our sight of the Lord Jesus. Companions, too, may act as obstacles to our progress in the Christian life. In fact, the Christian has to fight his way along the road that leads to Heaven. But if there is no fighting there can be no victory, and meeting and overcoming the obstacles in our way will strengthen us and make us better able to help others who are travelling along the King's highway of holiness.

But first make quite sure that you are on the road; that is, that you have received the Saviour yourself. He waits to bless you NOW, if you will but confess Him as your Saviour and Lord.

E. ADAMS.

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"BLOTTED OUT"

but somehow he felt very grown up to-day, for it was his birthday, and he was seven. Seven years seemed a long, long time to have lived! Why, twice seven was fourteen, and that was as old as John, his big brother, who had left "St. Ives" last term, and gone to boarding school.

One of Humphrey's presents was a drawing-block, and he was sitting quietly in the dining-room, trying to draw the picture which hung up above his bed. It was a beautiful picture, and Humphrey



THE KINDLY SHEPHERD

loved it. It was of a shepherd stooping down to rescue a little lamb which had got itself into difficulties, and was caught among some briars.

Try as he would, Humphrey could not get his drawing anything like the picture, and he was about to give up in despair when the door opened, and Uncle Martin came in. Now, Uncle Martin was an artist, and when he looked over Humphrey's shoulder at his drawing, he saw in a moment what was wrong.

"Oh, Uncle Martin, do help me to get this picture right," begged Humphrey. His uncle took up the indiarubber, and in a minute the wrong lines were rubbed out. Then as the pencil was taken up, Humphrey suddenly cried, "I see it! I see how it is!"

Uncle Martin looked at him in surprise, and seeing his look of astonishment, Humphrey laughed and began to explain: "It's like this, Uncle. Yesterday at Sunday school Mr. Johnson was trying to explain a chorus to us. It goes like this:—

"God has blotted them out,
I'm happy and glad and free;
God has blotted them out,
I'll turn to Isaiah and see.
Chapter forty-four, twenty-two, and three,
He's blotted them out,
And now I can shout,

Well, I couldn't see what he meant, but I see now!"

For that means me."

"And what did he mean?" asked Uncle, drawing in a few skilful lines.

"Why he meant that God rubs out our sins as you rubbed out my wrong lines. Because the Lord Jesus died, God says, 'I will forgive the sins of all who ask Me to do so in His Name.' So when we ask Him to do it, they are blotted out, aren't they, Uncle?"

"I believe you're right, Humphrey," said Uncle Martin, thoughtfully. "Has God rubbed out your sins?"

"Oh, yes, Uncle, because I asked Him to do it, and so now the end part of that chorus is true of me, isn't it?"

"And now I can shout, For that means me!"

Are your sins blotted out, dear reader?

MABEL STUBBS.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

HOW TO BE A GOOD SOLDIER

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NOWADAYS, on every side, we hear of soldiers and their equipment, such as guns, tanks, etc., with which to fight the enemy. Now if you belong to Jesus, having accepted Him as your own personal Saviour, and been washed in His own most precious blood, you, like Timothy of old (see 2 Timothy ii. 3, 4), have been chosen by Him to be a soldier, and are called upon to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. From the very youngest Christian to the oldest, all are called upon to fight the good fight of faith.

One of the bravest soldiers I know in Christ's army is a little old lady of over seventy years of age. She is what we call a veteran, and has been serving as a soldier for Jesus since she was a very young girl. She is very small, but I am sure that the enemy fears her very much. She has had many rebuffs, but is still as bold as a lion witnessing for the Saviour.

Now we are not to enter the battle unarmed, for we are equipped with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. This means we must persevere with our Scripture Searchings and so store up God's holy Word in our hearts in readiness for the fray.

Our own blessed Lord was not free from the attacks of the enemy, being tempted three times by the devil after fasting forty days in the wilderness; and He replied on each occasion, "It is written," quoting a verse of Scripture in support.

Then we have to put on the whole armour of God, having on the breastplate

of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, but above all we must not forget the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation (Ephesians vi. 11-17).

We are to watch and pray too, as the enemy is very wily. You see how he sought to trip up our Lord, when He must have been very, very hungry and weak after not having food for forty days. It was then the tempter whispered, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread"; and so he comes to us in our weakest moments, and the only way to renew our strength is to wait upon the Lord. prophet says: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Are you ready to stand up for and prove yourself a good soldier of Jesus Christ?

A. EMPSON.

From the Editor's Post-box

DEAR EDITOR.

I received a book named "Teddy" for Scripture Searching, for which, many thanks. The story is interesting.

I am very fond of reading—particularly the Scriptures, and Scriptural stories.

You will be pleased to hear that I love Jesus, and have had my sins forgiven. Daddy, Mammy and I are just waiting for His coming and hope it will be soon.

I am looking forward to meeting you some day, but if Jesus comes soon, it will be in heaven.

With love in Him, M. M.

"I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that were I am, there ye may be also" (John 14. 3).

We are always pleased to receive letters from our readers, especially those making known the good news of personal trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to learn more of His love.



GIDEON (10)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

If you had seen Gideon one day long ago threshing a little wheat by his father's winepress, so that his family might have food whilst the Midianites devastated the land, you would never have guessed that this was a man whom God was preparing to effect a great victory for Israel. It was a time of misery and warfare. Because of Israel's sin, God had allowed the Midianites to wage war for seven years. It would appear that Israel had forgotten God altogether, because they endured this terrible situation so long without turning to God for help, and it was not until they had lost everything that they cried to God. Had God forgotten His people? No, for seven years He had been patiently watching their struggles, ready to help the moment a cry reached His ear.

At last, in despair, the people cried to God and God had His deliverer ready. Gideon was doing a little work in secret but he put his might into it. Behind the threshing of wheat was a soldier's heart, and behind the willingness to do a little thing was the power to do big things. It is very striking to see in Scripture how God called the busy ones. He has work for industrious hands no matter how humble or obscure. Here was a man whom God could trust, and, being faithful in secret things, he was just the right one for God's purpose. God revealed Himself to His servant and gave him fitness for the work.

We cannot go into all the details of Gideon's history at this time, but we read of him gathering three hundred brave men whom God chose to go out to battle with him. It was a strange battle. They did not take swords nor ordinary implements of war. But each man took in one hand a trumpet and in the other hand a lamp

covered with a pitcher. The three hundred were divided into three companies and off they went in the night in different directions towards the camp of the Midianites. At a signal from Gideon, every man broke his pitcher and the light shone out and all blew their trumpets together. There was consternation in the camp so that the men of Midian slew each other with their own swords and there was a great victory for Israel that day. The victory was complete and Midian was subdued before Israel.

There are great possibilities for each one of us, dear boys and girls, We might be very poor and isolated like Gideon. We might think that the battle is only for the strong. But God takes the *humble* ones, and the *lowly* ones and makes their very weakness an occasion for His glory.

If we are to be used by God in any way, we must first come face to face with Him and know what it is to have the Lord Jesus Christ dwelling in our hearts as the only power for true service.

Does He dwell in your heart?

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

What a lot may have transpired by the time you read these lines! Already I see several have not been able to do the Seripture Searching and thore may be quite a lot of names missing next month. Should you receive this magazine later than usual, as I understand some of you may receive your copies by post, just do your papers whenever you are able and send them in.

We have wonderful reminders in our subject this month of the mighty power of tool. Let us seek to be occupied with this and we shall be lifted above all that is going on around.

I was very pleased to get such an interesting letter from John Robertson. A warm welcome to M. and N. Lemke, who are in first class for July.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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Questions for October, 1939.

Subject :- Gideon, Samson.

1. What did the angel of the Lord say when he appeared unto Gideon? (Judges 6.)

2. What did Gideon say about his family? (Judges 6.)

- 3. Where was Gideon to build an altar? (Judges 6.)
 - 4. What came upon Gideon? (Judges 6.)
- 5. What two words describe the three hundred men? (Judges 8.)
- 6. What came mightily upon Samson? (Judges 14.)
- 7. Write out the verse where "meat" and "sweetness" are found. (Judges 14.)
- 8. With what did Samson slay a thousand men? (Judges 15.)
- 9. What did Samson call the place where God gave him water? (Judges 15.)

10. What was it Samson wist not? (Judges 16.)

August Searchers.

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1st Class. -- C. Anderson, E. Anderson, A. Baugh, H. Baugh, N. Bell, W. Bewick, L. Blake, L. Blythe, G. Brooks. M. Crosby, B. Davis, I. Eddy, N. Elvidge, W. Fullerton, J. Gatenby, B. Graham, J. Hibbert, C. Hillery, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, M. Jackson, W. Jackson, D. Johnson, F. Mohun, H. Norrie, S. Oliver, E. Pill, N. Pugh, J. Reid, J. Renton, D. Rogerson, J. D. Rugg, M. Snaith, W. Snaith, M. Tombs, V. Tones, R. Tweedy, J. Vasey, D. Walton, I. Warner, R. Webster, E. White, T. Young,

2nd Class .- S. Bowe, D. Green, M. Rutherford, N. Slater. M. Wheeler, F. Wilkinson, D. Williamson, A. Wilson.

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2nd Class .-- C. Jobson.

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Daniel 9, 14.

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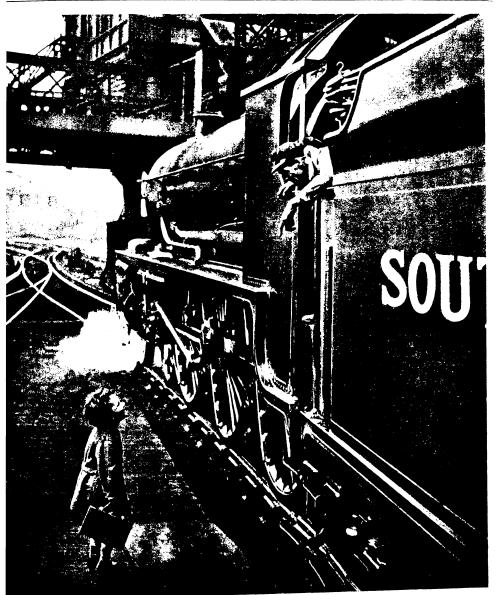
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THEY MISSED THE TRAIN

THE express to London was due out at 5.42 p.m., and, as usual, platform No. 1 had quite a number of passengers awaiting its arrival. Suddenly the porter shouted, "Platform No. 3 for the London express," and we all crossed the footbridge.

Presently, a party of persons with bags and suitcases, evidently wanting to catch the train, appeared on platform No. 1. As no one drew their attention to the fact that they were waiting on the wrong platform I called out to them, "This side for London." The only response I got, however, was a somewhat incredulous look from some of the party.

Then I tried again and again to becken them across but all to no real purpose. It is true they looked at one another, and it seemed as though they were going to ascend the steps and cross the bridge to platform No. 3; but no, they continued to hesitate, something appearing to hold them back, and ultimately the train came in. Then just as the train was about to start they decided to make a move in real earnest, but it was too late—they missed the train

How many, both young and old, act in the same way? They want to get to heaven, they fully intend to get to heaven, but they hesitate; something or somebody holds them back. They think that the invitations and warnings to come to Christ now are not meant for them. Satan puts hindrances of one kind and another in the way. What is it in your case, if still unconverted, I cannot say, but you know what it is that is keeping you from the Saviour.

Those folk who missed the train did not intend to do so; they just did not realize the risk they were running by delaying; and to-day, many do not realize the risk they are running by not believing the Gospel message. They do not realize their lost condition before God and consequently remain unsaved. If you are to be saved you must first know that you are lost. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy i. 15).

Do not, Oh! do not miss the train for heaven because you are too proud to own

that you are lost.

L. A. ANDERSON.

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THE LESSON OF THE BARS

SOME years ago there lived in America a farmer who had two sons, Joe, aged fourteen, and Tom, aged twelve. One of Tom's duties was to let down and put up again the bars between the barnyard and the pasture, as the cows came and went at milking time.

Being rather a careless sort of boy, Tom neglected to replace the bars sometimes, and the result was that the cows would get out and do a bit of damage. Then there would be trouble at home for Tom.

After this had happened a good many times, his father lost patience with Tom, and told him that the next time it occurred he would be given a sound whipping. The thought of the punishment made Tom careful for a few weeks, and then one evening he neglected his duty again, with the result that the cows got into a corn-field and did a great deal of damage.

Tom's father was very angry, but he said nothing that night. The next morning, very early, when he was out

in one of his fields, Joc came up behind him. No one was about, but Joe found it difficult to say what he wanted. At last his father turned towards him, and asked, "Well, Joe, what is it?"

Joe shuffled his feet, and then suddenly blurted out, "Father, I don't want

Tom whipped."

His father looked at him thoughtfully. Then he said, "But I must whip Tom; I told him I would the next time he was careless. He must learn to obey, and I must keep my word."

"But . . . father . . .," Joe looked uncomfortable, and wondered how to put what was in his mind, "father, did you not read at family prayers yesterday, 'He was wounded for our transgrescient'?"

sions '?"

The farmer looked up. "You have a good memory, Joe. What are you thinking about?"

Joe flushed a deep scarlet. "Well...

I will take half Tom's whipping."

"No, I cannot let you do that!" replied his father, "Tom has done the wrong, not you." Then looking keenly at his son, he said, "Did Tom send you to me with that suggestion?"

Joe shook his head vigorously. "No,

indeed, he has not!" he cried.

"Go and fetch Tom here to me," ordered the farmer.

When the boys appeared some minutes later the farmer was deep in thought. Tom's face bore a hard, sullen look. He knew he deserved the whipping, but he was "fighting-mad" about it. As he came up his father looked up and said gently, "Tom, do you remember at prayers yesterday I read, 'He was wounded for our transgressions'?"

Tom was unprepared for such talk, and was taken completely off his guard. He had expected bitter words from his father and an angry tone of voice. With a flush on his face, he stammered, "Y-yes, father."

"What does it mean?" went on his father, still very gently.

Tom thought for a moment, and then replied, "Well, I suppose it means that—

that—Christ died for us."

"Well, Tom, Joe says he will take half your whipping."

A sudden change came into Tom's face. The hard look vanished in a moment, and turning, he threw his arm round his brother's shoulders, saying, "No, Joe, you must not do that!" Then, turning to his father, he cried, "I know I have done wrong, father. I deserve the punishment, and I will take it now, please—but I can't let Joe suffer for me!"

The farmer's eyes were somewhat moist as he turned away, saying in a husky voice, "There will be no whipping to-day, boys. But, Tom," he added, "remember that the next time the bars are left down Joe's offer holds good."

Tom never left the bars down again, as the thought of Joe's love kept him true to his duties. And there was something else he never forgot—it was the words which his father quoted to him that never-to-be-forgotten morning—"HE was wounded for our trans-

"HE was wounded for our transgressions." Joe's love and Joe's offer to suffer a part of his justly deserved punishment made Tom realize as he had never done before what the Lord Jesus Christ had done for him. "HE was wounded for Tom's transgressions." HE had taken the punishment for his sins—of every single one—and had suffered in his stead. The thought kept coming back again and again into Tom's thoughts until one day he fell upon his knees by his bedside, and yielded his heart and

Reader, what about YOU?

life to that loving Saviour.

M. STUBBS.



LITTLE SAMUEL WITH HIS MOTHER, AND ELI, THE PRIEST

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

IN Genesis the world was made by God's creative hand;

In Exodus the Hebrews marched to gain the Promised Land;

Leviticus contains the Law, holy, and just, and good;

Numbers records the Tribes enrolled—all sons of Abraham's blood.

Moses, in Deuteronomy, records God's mighty deeds.

Brave Joshua into Canaan's land the host of Israel leads.

In Judges their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite.

But Ruth records the faith of one well pleasing in His sight.

In first and second Samuel of Jesse's son we read,

Ten tribes in first and second Kings revolted from his seed.

The first and second Chronicles see Judah captive made;

But Ezra leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.

The City walls of Zion Nehemiah builds again;

Whilst Esther saves her people from plots of wicked men.

In Job we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod,

And in the Psalms are precious songs to every child of God.

The Proverbs like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear.

Ecclesiastes teaches man how vain are all things here.

The mystic Song of Solomon exalts sweet Sharon's Rose;

Whilst Christ the Saviour and the King the "rapt Isaiah" shows.

The warning Jeremiah apostate Israel scorns;

His plaintive Lamentations their awful downfall mourns;

Ezekiel tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries;

Whilst kings and empires yet to come, Daniel in vision sees.

Of judgment and of mercy Hosea loves to tell.

Joel describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell.

Among Tekoa's herdsmen Amos received his call;

Whilst Obadiah prophesies of Edom's final fall.

Jonah enshrines a wondrous type of Christ our risen Lord.

Micah pronounces Judah lost—lost, but again restored.

Nahum declares on Nineveh just judgment shall be poured.

A view of Chaldea's coming doom Habakkuk's visions give;

Next Zephaniah warns the Jews to turn, repent, and live.

Haggai wrote to those who saw the temple built again.

And Zechariah prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.

Malachi was the last who touched the high prophetic chord;

Its final notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord.

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SAMUEL (11)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

It is a wonderful story—the story of Samuel! Which of us, at some time, has not imagined the little boy in his beautiful coat made by his mother, and girded with the linen ephod. making his way about the temple, probably attending to the lights, opening the doors in the morning and closing them at night, and, as we say, making himself generally useful?

Samuel lived in the temple at Shiloh with the old priest, Eli. He was given by his mother to God when just a baby. Once every year his mother travelled from her home to Shiloh to see her boy and to take him a coat made by her own hands. What talks they must have had on these occasions! His mother was a godly woman and, no doubt, taught him many things about God which prepared him for the life he was to live.

The days passed at Shiloh, and Samuel would have much to do. He would see many people who perhaps had travelled long distances to the temple to worship and pray. The daily round of services and offerings went on, but, one night when Samuel had lain him down to sleep, God spoke to the boy. We read, however, that he did not yet know the Lord. How sad! God spoke and Samuel thought that it was Eli calling.

I wonder if it can be said of you, my young reader, that you do not yet know the Lord! Perhaps God has spoken to you and you have misunderstood like Samuel of old. God speaks in many ways. He called Samuel, and Samuel distinctly heard the voice. But it is not always so. At Sunday school perhaps you have been impressed with something said, and you have felt that you ought to decide for Christ. This was the call of God and it has been slighted.

You do not yet know the Lord. How very serious! But you may get to know Him now. You may be very young, but you are not too young for Jesus. Samuel listened, and the voice came again and yet again. The little heart was lifted to God, and, in the quietness of the temple's courts, God gave His message to Samuel.

He was only a boy, but I think his heart must have been deeply stirred that night. How he would probably lie in his bed and think over God's voice. God had spoken to him. No doubt, that night was a turning point in Samuel's life. We read that "Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him." Again "the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men."

After that God often spoke to Samuel and the people saw that he was undoubtedly established a prophet of the Lord. What a life of blessing he lived! He was loved by all, so that when he died we read that all Israel lamented him.

I am sure that you all would, dear boys and girls, like to live a life of blessing; a happy life with blessings to others. I would ask the question, "Do you know the Lord?" That is the first and most important thing. To you the Saviour calls. He wants to free you from your sins so that you might enter upon this life of victory.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

There are still more names missing, but I am glad that some of you who have been evacuated have been able to do the Seurching.

Our subject this month is, I think, one of the best known amongst children. I wonder how many of you have heard the Lord's voice and downed. We are living in very uncertain days, and we do well to take head to the things which we have heard so often—those things which concern our souls' eternal welfare.

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.
- 8. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age 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 November, 1939.

Subject :—Samuel.

- 1. Why was his name called Samuel? (1 Samuel 1.)
- 2. How long was Samuel lent to the Lord? (1 Samuel 1.)
- 3. Unto whom did Samuel minister? (1 Samuel 3.)
 - 4. Who called Samuel? (1 Samuel 3.)
 - 5. What did Eli perceive? (1 Samuel 3.)
- 6. What did Samuel answer when the Lord called as at other times? (1 Samuel 3.)
- 7. "And Samuel grew." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (1 Samuel 3.)
- 8. What did Samuel name the stone, and what did it mean? (1 Samuel 7.)
- 9. What did Samuel do when the people asked for a king? (1 Samuel 8.)
- 10. Who had the people rejected? (1 Samuel 8.)

September Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class. C. Anderson, E. Anderson, O. Barnes, A. Baugh, H. Baugh, W. Bowick, I. Blythe, S. Bowe, G. Brooks, E. Clark, M. Crosby, B. Davis, I. Eddy, N. Elvidge, D. Etherington, W. Fullerton, J. Gatenby, B. Graham, J. Hibbert, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, M. Jackson, D. Johnson, H. Norrie, S. Oliver, E. Pickering, E. Pill, N. Pugh, J. Reid, D. Rice, A. Robertson, D. Rogerson, J. D. Rugg, M. Snaith, W. Snaith, J. Stirling, M. Tombs, M. Wakefield, R. Webster, E. White, M. Williams.

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Age 11 up to 13 years.

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2nd Class .- L. McDermott, M. Symons.

Age 10 years and under.

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2nd Class. -- M. Bell, C. Jobson.

The ways of the Lord are right. and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein. Hosea 14. 9.

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OUR CHILDREN WORDS OF WELCOME.



"WE ARE GREAT FRIENDS"

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THE DREAM AND ITS RESULT

"COMING to the young people's meeting, Victor?" cried one of his friends, as he paused for a minute before running on down the road.

"Aw! might as well, I s'pose," mumbled the bigger boy, lounging along behind him. "It's not much of a show, but it can be funny sometimes, and there's not much else to do on a cold night like this."

So Victor came into the brightly-lighted hall where the little band of workers held their weekly meeting. One or two of them groaned inwardly as they saw him take off his coat and sit down among the other boys. He was twelve years of age and should have been a help, but instead, Victor Williams was always a source of trouble. It was plain to all that this evening his mind was made up for mischief.

All through the meeting he laughed and talked to his neighbour, so much so that he had to be spoken to severely, and was almost turned out. When the children had left, the workers looked at each other in despair.

"I almost feel it would be better not to let Victor Williams in," said one. "He listens to nothing himself, and he prevents others from listening. He really is a perfect nuisance."

"Let's give him one more chance," pleaded another. "And let us all pray earnestly this week that Victor's heart should be changed. The Lord Jesus can save even such a naughty boy!" she added, with a smile. To this the others agreed, and many an earnest prayer went up for Victor that night.

Meanwhile the boys and girls who had attended the meeting had gone to their respective homes. It was true that Victor had not listened to anything that evening, and soon forgot all about the

meeting, but that night he had a dream that disturbed him dreadfully. He thought he saw the word ETERNITY written in what seemed to be letters of fire upon the wall at the foot of his bed.

With a cry of fear Victor woke up, trembling in every limb. The little room in which he slept alone was dark, and all was silent, and when he screwed up enough courage to peep over the edge of the bedclothes, the writing on the wall had disappeared. He turned over and tried hard to go to sleep again, but sleep would not come to him. From side to side he tossed and turned, while all the wrong things he had done came one by one into his mind. He began to feel what a wicked boy he was, and that if he died in that state he could not possibly spend Eternity with Christ in heaven.

At last morning came, and Victor was glad to get out of bed, and wash his face in cold water. for it was burning, and his head ached. He could scarcely swallow any breakfast, and seeing his white face, his mother was sure he was going to be ill. That day he had the most wretched time at school—nothing seemed to go right, and when his school teacher asked him to spell the word "eternity" in the spelling class, it was the last straw! Immediately school was over, Victor ran out without waiting for any of his friends. As fast as he could be rushed home, and running straight up to his room, he threw himself on his knees beside his bed, and asked God to have merey on him for Jesus Christ's sake, and to wash away his sins.

From that day Victor was a different boy. He gave up swearing, and teasing other people, and became the most helpful member of the little meeting he had once disliked. Now he is grown up, but still he looks back to the night when he dreamed that he saw the word "ETERNITY" written in letters of

fire on the wall of his room, and he knows that that was the time when God spoke to him, leading him to the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and Friend.

Have YOU trusted the Saviour?

E. G. CLARKE.

PUT IT IN WRITING

ONCE when Mr. Spurgeon was preaching, in the course of his sermon he suggested that every one of his hearers when they got home should write a truthful description of himself, in the fewest possible words, thus:

"Thomas Jones, lost," or, "Henry

Williams, saved."

"If you see it in writing, it may startle and impress you," he said.

A Christian woman, who was present, determined to act upon his advice.

When she and her family were seated around the table in their home, she had pen and ink and note-paper, and said: "I want to tell you what Mr. Spurgeon said in his sermon to-night."

The father, who was reading his Sunday newspaper, looked up for a little to watch the preparations, but when he heard Mr. Spurgeon's name mentioned, he went on reading.

"Mr. Spurgeon asked us all," continued his wife bravely, although with a beating heart, "to write our names on a sheet of paper, and to put saved or lost after them, and to be quite truthful about it."

Mr. Mitchell got hold of the poker and with a good deal of unnecessary noise, banged the coals about in the grate.

Meanwhile his wife was writing. She wrote at the top of the page,

"Sarah Mitchell, SAVED."

Then she handed the paper to her eldest daughter, who had been with her to hear Mr. Spurgeon.

She took the paper, and wrote under her mother's name,

"Lucy Mitchell, SAVED." It was now Harry's turn.

Mother was anxious about Harry. She longed that he might be a Christian, but she did not know whether he had taken the step. How her heart beat when he took up the pen!

When with a steady hand, and without a moment's hesitation, he wrote,

"Harry Mitchell, SAVED,"

her joy threatened to overcome her. The good woman wiped her eyes, and looked as only a mother can look at her eldest son, who had thus boldly taken his stand on the side of the Lord.

Baby, as they called the youngest, had learned to love Jesus at the Sunday school. She could make capital letters, and wanted to add her name. Some of the letters were large and some small, and she made a blot on the paper, but when it was handed to the mother, she read.

"ALICE MITCHELL, SAVEd."

That was the whole family, except father, who was reading his paper.

George Mitchell was at least an honest man, and a kind father. The children were not in the least afraid of him, even when he somewhat gruffly said,

"Pass me over the paper."

"Hand me the pen, Harry," he added, a moment later. "It's all trash, but I may as well join in the game."

So he wrote under the other names,

"George Mitchell, L---"

Before he could add another letter to that L, his wife seized his arm, and cried out.

"George! you shall never write that."

Then the children all joined in, shouting out, "No, no, dear father, you must not write that; you shall not write that!"

Father tried in a good-humoured way to shake himself free. He tried to laugh.

in a nervous, forced way, at the whole thing; but as they all stood and cried, and pleaded, he broke down and fell on his knees beside his wife and children, confessing his sins, and accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, and was able to write,

"George Mitchell, SAVED."

And wasn't that a happy family?—all loving the Saviour, and on the way to heaven!

"... These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name" (John xx. 31).

—Selected.

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"TURN RIGHT"

OUR readers will be familiar with the various fixed signs now used in connexion with the control of traffic; one such bearing the words, "Children cross here," as shown in our picture, and another, "Turn right; one way only." I came across a sign like the latter in a

rather narrow street in the town of Rugby, famous for its old school,

The words will remind some of my readers of a verse in the First Epistle to the Thessalonians. Paul had conducted a Gospel campaign in the town of Salonica, and not a few of the people of the town had "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." To "turn right," in the best and most important sense of the word, is to turn TO GOD.

Of course we are not idolaters to-day, in the sense in which many of the inhabitants of Salonica worshipped idols in the dark pagan world in which Paul lived. But you may well ask yourself, "Is there anything, or anybody that I am so devoted to, that they are hindering me from coming to Christ?" Think well before you answer; and if conscience says, "There is," ask God to make you willing to turn away from the hindrance to the Saviour.

You will notice that those Christians of Salonica had turned to God; not to Paul; nor just to a new religion; nor to attending a church; nor even to

living a better life.
No, they had
turned to God;
and any turning
short of that, leaves
us short of salvation.

If anyone asks.

"How am I to turn to God?" the second sentence on the sign—"one way only"—reminds us of the answer. You, of course, know who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John xiv. 6). Remember, too,



Peter's word, "There is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv. 12).

There are several ways in which we can travel nowadays; we can go on foot, or by cycle, motor car, bus, trolley-bus, tram or train. But there is one way only to pardon and peace with God, and eternal life and heaven. Have you taken that way? Looking at a signpost will not take us to our destination; nor will believing that the signpost is telling the truth. Being sure that the bridge will support you will not

enable you to get to the other side of the

river. And so your soul must move to

Christ, in your desires to have Him as

your own Saviour. Are you willing to

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do this and to do it Now?

TRUST

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Isaiah xxvi. 3).

"TASTE and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him" (Psalm xxxiv. 8).

"REST in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him" (Psalm xxxvii. 7).
"UNDERSTAND the loving-kindness

of the LORD " (Psalm evii. 43).
"SERVE the LORD with gladness"
(Psalm c. 2).

"Seek the LORD while He may be found" (Isaiah lv. 6).

"TRUST in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs iii. 5, 6).

"Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is ever-lasting strength" (Isaiah xxvi. 4).

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

NEW TESTAMENT.

Saints Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and John, the Holy Gospels wrote, Describing how the Saviour died—His

life and all He taught;

Acts prove how God, the apostles owned with signs in every place.

St. Paul in Romans teaches us how man

is saved by grace.
The apostle in Corinthians instructs

The apostle in Corinthians instructs, exhorts, reproves.

Galatians shows that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.

Ephesians and Philippians tell what Christians ought to be.

Colossians bids us live to God and for eternity.

In Thessalonians we are taught the Lord will come from heaven.

In Timothy and Titus a Bishop's rule is given.

Philemon marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know.

Hebrews reveals the Gospel prefigured by the Law.

St. James insists that without works faith is but vain and dead.

St. Peter points the narrow way in which the saints are led.

St. John in his Epistles on love delights to dwell.

St. Jude gives awful warning of judgment, wrath, and hell.

The Revelation prophesies of that tre-

mendous day
When Christ, and Christ alone, shall
be the trembling sinner's stay.



DAVID (XII)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

All boys and girls have their heroes-those whom they admire for doing great things. One of King Saul's servants seems to have looked upon David as a great hero. David was just a youth, but this boy in Saul's house had seen him, perhaps had lived near to him, and probably had heard about his bravery. The story of the lion and the bear which David slew when they tried to kill his sheep would perhaps have passed round the villages, and the boy had heard, so he looked upon David as a brave man. When someone was wanted to attend upon Saul in a special way, at once this servant thought about his hero. He said. "I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite. that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him."

So David was sent for, and the youth who looked after his father's sheep was brought into the king's palace, and it is said that Saul loved him greatly.

A time came when the Philistines waged war against Saul and the Israelites. Three of David's brothers went to help in the war and David returned home to attend to the sheep. We cannot think about David without remembering the giant Goliath and the encounter which David had with him. This was an outstanding event in David's life. David went to visit his brothers upon the battlefield, and Goliath came out to defy the armies of Israel just when David was there. You know the story well, I have no doubt. With five smooth stones, and a shepherd's sling, David went into the valley in the strength of God to meet the giant. One stone from the sling and the mighty Goliath was laid low!

What a victory for Israel that day! What was the secret of David's success? I think it was the truth of that expression which we read time and again in the chapters in Samuel which tell of these matters—"the Lord was with him."

If you want success and victory in this world, dear boys and girls, you must have the Lord with you. You cannot meet Satan and all his forces in your own power—that is impossible. What you need is faith. To lift high the standard with a firm hand and uphold it in the midst of stormy strife, you need faith. Men of faith always win! But your faith must be in the Lord Jesus Christ. He will be with you if you trust Him and will never leave you. The Lord Jesus Christ is your only hope for the future, but it is equally true that He is your only hope for to-day. Without Him life is hardly worth living, whilst with Him it is a constantly unceasing joy.

Your affectionate friend,

c. s. ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

You nearly all went wrong over the fifth question for October. The two words were "faint" and "pursuing." As this one was a little difficult, I have allowed you marks. One little searcher wrote me some time ago and said the questions were getting "harder and harder." If you think so, just write and tell me and I will try and make them easier.

Again we are reminded in our questions this month of the keeping power of God. It is only as we know Him as our Saviour that we are able to enjoy these truths. Do you know Him?

Your loving friend,

B. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

- 1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
- 2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
- 3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
- 4. Put your name and address and age 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 December, 1939.

Subject :- David.

- 1. What happened to David after Samuel anointed him? (1 Samuel 16.)
- 2. What humble duty did David do when he went and returned from Saul? (1 Samuel 17.)
- 3. What did David say about the armour? (1 Samuel 17.)
- 4. What did David choose from the brook?
- (1 Samuel 17.)
 5. In whose name did David go to the
- Phillistine? (1 Samuel 17.)
 6. How many stones did David use?
- (1 Samuel 17.)
- 7. How did David behave himself? (1 Samuel 18.)
- 8. Who gathered themselves to David? (1 Samuel 22.)
- 9. "Abide," "safeguard." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (1 Samuel 22.)
- 10. "In God." Write out the verse which ends with these two words. (1 Samuel 23.)

October Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

- 18T CLASS, F. Acheson, C. Anderson, E. Anderson, A. Baugh,
- H. Baugh, W. Bewick, I. Blythe, S. Bowe, G. Brooks,
 - E. Clark, J. Corbett, M. Crosby, B. Davis, I. Eddy,
 - N. Elvidge, E. Falconer, W. Fullerton, B. Graham,
 - D. Green, R. Hall, J. Hibbert, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins,
 - D. Johnson, H. Norrie, S. Oliver, E. Pill, N. Pugh, J. Reid,
 - J. Renton, D. Rice, D. Rogerson, J. D. Rugg, M. Snaith,
 - W. Snaith, M. Topibs, V. Tones, M. Wakefield, R. Webster,
 - M. Wheeler, E. White, G. Whitelaw, M. Williams,

2ND CLASS, - C. Hillery.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

- 1st Class. K. Althorp, B. Beckett, H. Bennett, J. G. Binnie,
 - M. Brown, R. Davison, W. Duguid, S. Green, C. T. Harvey,
 - B. Haughton, I. Hill, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, C. Hodgins,
 - J. Jobling, A. Lennox, L. McDermott, M. McNeill,
 - F. M. Messenger, G. Norrie, A. Reade, D. Rice,
 - J. Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Althorp, D. A. Rugg.
 - H. Simpson, R. Simpson, J. Smith, E. Stephenson,
 - J. Stephenson, K. Tombs, A. Turner, F. Walton, M. Walton,
 - 8. Welsh, D. Wheeler, N. White, J. Willis, F. Wood,
 - P. Wood, O. Wright.

2ND CLASS, G. Cook, D. Jenkin, B. Stone, H. Waites,

Age 10 years and under.

- 1st Class,-M. Anderson, F. Baugh, H. Baugh, M. Baugh,
 - J. Bayliss, M. Bell, M. Bendall, J. D. Bennett, A. Binnie, -
 - S. Binnie, B. Clugston, J. Clugston, G. Coutts, S. Hartley,
 - J. Hince, B. Hodgins, D. Hornal, M. Jenkin, C. Jobson,
 - M. Johnson, D. Jolly, J. Leighton, B. Maddrell, D. Manson,
 - M. McConnachie, A. Norrie, M. M. Oliver, A. Rice,
 - J. Robertson, B. Rogerson, K. Rugg, A. Shields,
 - K. Shillitto, A. Stephenson, R. Thurston, W. Tyson,
 - S. Veale, G. Welsh, L. Willis, L. Woodhouse.

2ND CLASS .-- A. SDATY.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the ORID shall be delivered.

Joel 2. 32.

We heartily thank our friends who have contributed to our pages during the present year, and also those who have distributed the magazine amongst young people. With so many children having had to leave home and Sunday School, the need for reaching them with the Gospel message is greater than ever, and it is hoped that "Our Children" will be in greater demand, to help meet the need.

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