

OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



"NOW, DON'T DRINK IT ALL"

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TO OUR READERS

AS I write this I wonder how it will find the many readers of OUR CHILDREN, because such a lot has happened during the last few months and so many changes have taken place. I know that many of you have had to leave home and Sunday School and find yourselves in strange surroundings; and doubtless you are longing for the time to come when things will be normal.

At such a time, however, it is comforting to know that there is One who never changes—the Lord Jesus Christ, for the old Book declares, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever” (Hebrews xiii. 8). To those of you who know and love Him I would heartily direct your earnest attention, so that, kept bright and happy yourselves, you may be of service to others. How many sad hearts there are around us to-day, who need pointing to Christ as the only One who can truly heal the broken-hearted.

But what about our readers who, though their outward circumstances have changed, nothing has altered in regard to their thoughts of God and His great salvation? In other words, you are not yet saved and the question of your soul's welfare remains in abeyance. Solemn position! However, whether you are among the privileged to remain at home or have been evacuated, let nothing stop you from making sure of your eternal home being with the Lord Jesus Christ by taking sides with Him *now*. He still waits to bless all who turn to Him, and God's Word declares that “whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John iii. 16).

God bless, guide and keep each one of you is our prayerful desire as the year just entered upon pursues its course.

EDITOR.

THE BLACK-OUT

IN ancient Egypt long ago
When Pharaoh reigned supreme,
Dictator proud, and great was he
As e'er that day had seen.
God's people in his land did dwell,
But Pharaoh them did hate;
He made them work and paid them
nought,

From morn till evening late.
In their distress they cried to God,
Who always lends His ear
To those who call upon His Name,
If they are but sincere.
He sent His servant Moses then,
To put old Pharaoh right;
A black-out into force was put
And out went all the light.
Three days they sat in thickest gloom,
None dared to move about;
The light from heaven above had gone,
For God had turned it out.
And this because they Him defied
And used His people ill;
Remember, boys and girls, to-day
God is the same God still.

Now let me tell you something else
That's happened since that day;
Another black-out, Oh, so black!
Which happened in this way.

**God's only Son upon the cross
Was nailed for you and me,
To suffer, and to bleed and die,
To set His people free.**

The sun in darkness hid his face
For three long, weary hours;
And hell and Satan both rejoiced
With their malignant powers.
That black-out was the worst of all,
But best of all for me;
It blacked my sins clean out of sight,
My soul it has set free.
The light at last broke through again,
For from the silent grave
My blessed Lord did rise again,
Triumphant now to save.
From that dark night of endless woe

Sin's judgement, stern and grave;
A Saviour lives, dear boys and girls,
Each one of you to save.

O! trust Him now whilst yet there's
time,

Eternal black-out's nigh;
For Jesus only you can save.

O! on His love rely.

J. H. EVANS.

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ARE YOU READY?

SOME years ago there lived in the city of London a Christian doctor. Among the other servants who gathered together every morning for prayers, taken by the good doctor, was a little page-boy named Alfred. Alas, he seldom listened to his master's reading of God's Word, or to his explanations of the passages read. His thoughts were away out on the football field, or the cricket field, where he hoped to be as soon as his duties were over for the day. So although Alfred had often *heard* about the coming back of the Lord Jesus Christ, he *knew* nothing about it.

One day the doctor called Alfred into his study and began to talk to him about the Lord Jesus. He explained how the Saviour had come to die for ALL, and how each one might be saved by believing in Him, but that it must be a personal thing. Each one must be able to say: **"The Son of God . . . loved *me*, and gave Himself for *me* (Galatians ii. 20).**

Alfred listened, but he was very much surprised when his master presently said: "You know, Alfred, the Lord Jesus is coming back to take those who love Him to be with Him for ever—we do not know for certain when He is coming, but it may be very, very soon. When He comes, you may have my house, Alfred, and my motor-car, and also all my furniture."

"Thank you—thank you, sir," stammered Alfred, hardly knowing what to say.

"You see," went on the doctor, "I shall not need them any longer then. I shall be safe with the Lord Jesus, but you will be left here on earth to face all the terrible things which we are told in the Bible will come upon the earth after the Lord has taken away His own."

After a little more talk, the page-boy was dismissed for the night, and soon after went up to his bed in the little room at the top of the house. Alone in bed he began to think of the things which his master had been saying.

"If the master goes to be with the Lord Jesus, whatever will I do with this house, and his furniture, and his motor-car?" he wondered to himself. And then an awful thought struck him. "But what will happen to me when the Lord Jesus has taken away all His own people? Where will I be? I wish I was ready to go with the Lord Jesus, as master is! I would rather be safe with Him than have all these lovely things, and be left behind."

The thought of being left behind when his master was taken to be with the Saviour worried Alfred, and prevented him from getting to sleep. At last he could bear it no longer, and getting quickly out of bed, he crept down the stairs, and knocked gently at the study door. "Come in," said a voice, and Alfred entered the room, to see his master seated at his desk, writing. "What do you want?" he inquired, when he saw who it was.

"Oh, sir," cried Alfred, "please will you tell me how to be ready when the Lord Jesus comes, for I would rather go to be with Him than have your house, or your furniture, or your motor-car!"

His master very gladly called Alfred in, and, bidding him be seated, told him again the sweet story of Jesus and His



THE DOCTOR TALKING TO ALFRED

love. Then he asked him if he would not ask the Lord to save him then and there, and make him ready to meet Him when He comes.

Alfred was very glad to do so ; and from that night he, too, could say : " I am ready to meet Him when He comes."

Dear young reader, can *you* ?

E. G. CLARKE.

WHICH ARE YOU?

WE have all heard of the famous games which used to be played at Athens in olden days, called the Olympic games. The story is told of an old man who came one day to these games, but he was late in arriving, and every seat was taken.

Slowly the white-haired, feeble old man walked past the Athenians, searching for an empty seat while they looked at him and laughed. He then passed on to where the Spartans were sitting, and as one man they arose and offered him their seats. Seeing this, the Athenians at once rose up and cheered.

" Ah," said the old man, " the Athenians admire that which is good, but the Spartans practise it ! "

I wonder if *you* only admire what is good, or whether you practise it ? The Lord Jesus Christ says : " Be ye *doers* of the Word, and not hearers only." Hearers often admire the commandments of the Lord Jesus, but *doers* practise them. Which are you ?

E. G. CLARKE.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE BIBLE

THE Bible is the most wonderful Book in the world. No book is so loved and so hated. Millions of copies of the Bible, or portions of it, are printed and distributed every year; and it has been translated into hundreds of different languages. The Bible is a miracle. In a sense it is not one book at all, but a library of a number of different books written by different people at different times and in different styles. But although there are many writers, there is but one Author, and He is GOD.

For the Bible is the Word of God. It was not dictated by God, but written by men inspired by His Spirit to tell us His mind, His will, and His love. The Bible has always had the power to convince the best people in the world that it comes from God. And to-day it speaks to our hearts with the voice of God. As a native said to a missionary, "The One who wrote that Book made my heart."

The Lord Jesus, you may remember, often mentioned His Bible, that is our Old Testament. As a boy He had learnt many passages by heart, and He always referred to it as the Word of God.

And after He had returned to heaven He continued to teach His apostles by His Spirit from the unseen world, as He had promised He would do. And this further teaching we have in the Acts, the Epistles, and the Apocalypse.

Of course the Bible contains things hard to be understood, for it is GOD'S Book. And God could not make known

what He wanted people to learn about Himself, all at once. You would not teach a little child of five higher mathematics. And so God gave the teaching about His character and purposes, as people were able to understand.

Then, who has not been charmed by the beautiful stories of Joseph and Ruth, and thrilled by the exciting accounts of David and Daniel? The Book of the Acts is the travel book of the New Testament and is full of the adventures of the early Christians, especially of that Great-Heart the Apostle Paul.

But the most wonderful stories are the stories of Jesus found in the Gospels. There are no other stories like them anywhere, because there was never anyone like the One about whom they were written. Sit down with your New Testament with the idea of getting close to Jesus, observing His actions and listening to His words. And try to catch the meaning and lesson for our own day and for your own life.

For the great central subject of the Bible concerns YOU. It tells about God, and how to know Him, and how to get your sins forgiven, and how to live the victorious and useful life.

If you don't find the Bible a bit interesting, why is it? The reason is simply this: you haven't got the key to the Book. The key to the Book is Christ Himself, living by His Spirit in the heart. I have seen extracts from letters written by boys in which they said they got in real touch with their Bibles as soon as they got in real touch with Jesus. And Miss Havergal, who wrote many beautiful hymns, said, after she as a schoolgirl had yielded her heart to Christ: "For the first time my Bible was PRECIOUS to me." That's just it; those who love God love His Word. By receiving Jesus we find God to be our Father, and the Holy Spirit our Teacher. E. ADAMS.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

ADVANCE

(I)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

The Acts of the Apostles is really a continuation of the Gospel by Luke. In his Gospel, Luke gives us an account of the Lord's birth, His life here on earth, His death, His resurrection, and His ascension. Then in the Acts we have a history of events following the Lord's return to heaven.

In the first chapter, which you are reading this month, you will find two promises which are very important.

First, the Lord Jesus Christ promised power to His disciples by the gift of the Holy Ghost, and by this power they were to be witnesses unto the Lord in all the world.

Secondly, the angels promised that the Lord Jesus Christ would come back again just as He had gone away.

Now these promises are not entirely confined to the disciples but are good for all who trust the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. It is a fact, that, when our eyes are opened to our need as sinners, we may feel very weak and quite unable to take any definite stand for Christ in this world. This feeling causes many to hesitate and to delay taking the vital step. No doubt it is a work of Satan.

Dear boys and girls, if to-day you feel your need, if you fear the future, if you feel that you have no strength to hold on, let me tell you that, the moment you put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and confess Him as Lord, the Holy Spirit takes up His abode within you and gives you a new power so that you can stand for Christ and witness for Him who has saved you. This is a real and blessed experience which you may enjoy at once.

Then there is the promise of the Lord's return, and I would ask you to notice two things stated here. First, it is said that the

same Person will return—"this same Jesus." Then He will come in the *same manner*. Won't it be a glorious thing to see Jesus—to see Him just as He was when He went up from the earth—with the marks of Calvary upon Him? I wonder if *you* look forward to such an event! If you know Him as your Saviour, the Lord's coming would be the very best thing which could happen. The coming of the Lord has been the hope of Christians all down the ages. It is this hope which sustained them in the darkest days.

But what if you do not know Christ as your Saviour? What hope have you? None! No prospect—*nothing but the blackness of darkness for ever.*

Do not hesitate longer, young friends. Decide for Christ to-day. You will then get a power to carry you through this life, and the prospect of being with and like the Lord Jesus Christ for ever.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am sorry that several of my best Searchers went wrong over the sixth question for November. It was quite easy if you had read *through the chapter*, as I so often remind you. Remember this next time if you are in any doubt. P. Hart answered two questions twice, so was therefore one short. I have given marks this time. There are still a few of you who forget to put chapter and verse. I am pleased to have received papers from some who have been evanuated and I trust you will find the Scripture Searching interesting and helpful.

All those who have sent in late papers will receive marks in the usual way. I am glad you have been able to do them again.

By the time you receive this magazine, we shall have entered upon another year. May it be a very happy one *in the Lord*.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questions for January, 1940.

Subject :—Acts 1-2.

1. How many days was Jesus seen of them? (Acts 1.)

2. What hath the Father put in His own power? (Acts 1.)

3. "But ye shall receive power." Write out the next nine words only. (Acts 1.)

4. What happened when He had spoken these things? (Acts 1.)

5. What did the two men say? (Acts 1.)

6. In what did they continue? (Acts 1.)

7. What does the Lord know? (Acts 1.)

8. What did they hear them speak in their tongues? (Acts 2.)

9. Who shall be saved? (Acts 2.)

10. "Ye men of Israel." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (Acts 2.)

November Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—C. Anderson, E. Anderson, E. Baxter, W. Bewick, S. Bowe, G. Brooks, M. Crosby, B. Davis, I. Eddy, W. Fullerton, B. Graham, D. Green, A. Hodgins, W. Jackson, D. Johnson, H. Norrie, E. Pickering, E. Pill, J. Pringle, J. Reid, A. Robertson, D. Rogerson, J. D. Rugg, W. Snaith, J. Stirling, M. Tombs, V. Tones, M. Wakefield, R. Webster, M. Wheeler, M. Williams.

2nd Class.—A. Baugh, H. Baugh, I. Blythe, R. Hall, E. Hamlin, J. Hibbert, S. Oliver, J. Renton, N. Slater, I. Warner, T. Young.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

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2nd Class.—B. Beckett, P. Clacherty, B. Haughton, J. McIntosh, D. Pratt, A. Reade, R. Rogers, P. Wood.

Age 10 years and under.

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2nd Class.—M. Anderson, M. Bell, J. Leighton, E. Scott, A. Shields, R. Thurston, L. Woodhouse.

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LORD,
AND YE
SHALL LIVE.

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WINTER JOYS

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FAITH

THE late Dr. James Gray used often to speak of a company of lads who one day stood outside the entrance of a building during the great exhibition of the "Mechanics Charitable Association," all wanting to go in and none having the required amount to pay for entrance. A gentleman, seeing the boys and expecting that they were wishing to enter, said to them, "Boys, would you like to go in?" There was an immediate response, "Yes, sir."

He said, "Then run down to the centre door and just say, 'Mr. Jenkins, of the *New York Tribune*, and the marshal will let you in.'"

The boys laughed and said (with one exception), "Do you suppose we are so green as that?"

The exception was Dr. Gray's own son. He stepped out from the company, went to the door, and gave the name, and at once was admitted. Then the door closed, and immediately all the boys tried to follow, but it was **TOO LATE**, their unbelief was their undoing. The boy that went in had free entrance during the three months of the fair.

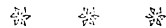
You may smile at the boys of our story, but perhaps this reflects your own position. There may be a desire in your heart to tread the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, to find your final place, where every tear is wiped away, where there is no more pain, no more sorrow, but you may not have learned the meaning of those words, "**None other Name, given under heaven among men, whereby we must be saved**" (Acts iv. 12). No other name avails, and you must remain for ever outside the region of bliss, if you refuse to come to God, in the value of Jesus' worth and work. It is not enough that you have a Christian father or mother, *their names will not avail you*, nor is it enough to have a

church name; religion without Christ is likened to "clouds without water." The Lord Jesus Himself said, "**No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.**"

"Precious Name, the Name of Jesus,
Son of God most high,
Who in love to guilty sinners,
Came to die.

"Precious, precious Name of Jesus,
Who can speak its worth,
Sweetest Name there is in heaven,
And on earth."

J. W. H. NICHOLS.



"INSTEAD OF ME"

JOHN sat sullenly in the corner of the room, a look of obstinacy clouding his usually bright face. Presently father arrived home from the office for lunch. Mother looked up from the chair in which she was sitting, and after he had kissed her as usual, she said quietly: "I have something sad to tell you. John has been disobedient again: he refuses to do as I tell him."

Father looked across at John, a sad expression on his face. How he hated punishments: why couldn't John do as he was told? He had told him that the next time he was disobedient he must be given three strokes with the cane. Slowly he walked to his desk, which stood in the window, and, unlocking it, took from inside a new cane.

"John, come here," he said, sternly.

John got up, and walked across the room, the sullen, obstinate expression still on his face. "John, will you do as Mother has told you?" asked his father, hoping against hope that John would be obedient even at this last moment. But John only shook his head, and made no reply.

"Well, John," said his father, sorrow-

fully, "you remember what I said? You have sinned again, and your sin must be punished. Hold out your hand."

Before John could move his mother was standing beside him. "Father," she said, her voice shaking a little with emotion, "I am going to take John's punishment instead of him. Please whip me instead," and so saying she held out her hand. Father hesitated; how could he hit his dear wife? And the next moment her outstretched hand was snatched away by both John's hands, and he was covering it with kisses, while the tears rained down his cheeks.

"Oh, mother, mother," he sobbed, "you must not take the punishment for me. I deserve it, but you don't!"

Unnoticed, the father turned and quietly put the cane away; there would be no whipping to-day. But mother's arms were round John's shoulders, while he was sobbing as if his heart would break.

"Ah, John," she whispered softly, "if only you would turn your heart to the Lord Jesus, you would no longer wish to be naughty and disobedient. I wanted to take your punishment instead of you to show you a little of what He has done. He didn't deserve the punishment of sin, but He took it instead of us, and we can each one say, 'Instead of me.' Will you not ask Him to come into your heart, and teach you to be obedient?"

And in his heart John whispered: "Lord Jesus, I thank YOU for taking the punishment of sin *instead of me*. Please come into my heart and wash it clean, and teach me to do right."

Did the Lord Jesus answer that request? Most certainly, because has He not said, "**Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out**" (John vi. 37). Have you come?

"COME IN—NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY"

A NOTICE board, with the words on which you see above, appeared outside a building in Harrow, near London. The public was invited to look at certain labour-saving appliances for the home.

If you attend Sunday School the words on the board will remind you of the man in the parable who made a great supper to which he invited certain people, who, however, did not want to come, and so made a number of excuses. And you remember that their places were taken by all sorts of other people, "outsiders" we might call them. What a pity it is that so many of the privileged boys and girls of Britain refuse to enter the Christian life, while many "outsiders," as it were, from the dark places of the earth accept the glad invitation to come to the Saviour.

It was only those who had entered the building referred to who could look round and see what it contained. And so it is only those who have come to Jesus and so have entered the Christian life who know really what the Christian life means. The others can only guess, and guessing will not do. That word, "come," has a warm, loving ring about it. It speaks of an invitation to a home. And those who have come to Jesus find it is just like coming home.

"**Now is your opportunity.**" These words will remind Sunday School scholars of those words in the Bible—"Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation." Opportunity is responsibility. Your reading this magazine is another opportunity, and so an added responsibility. Do you say, "I don't feel like accepting the Saviour's invitation just now." But "not now" really means "*not willing*." Are you unwilling

to have God's best, the forgiveness of
your sins, a new power working in
your life, and a certain hope of heaven
hereafter ?

E. ADAMS.

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THE PARABLE OF THE TWO HOUSES

A HOUSE was built upon the shore,
And proudly did it stand.
So tall, so strong it was and firm,
Though it was built on sand ;

And passers-by would ever stop
To gaze on it with pride,
For there it stood, in bold relief,
Defying storm and tide.

But one day came a hurricane :
And oh, how it did blow !
The largest trees along the shore
Were tossing to and fro.
The waves crept higher on the beach
With a terrific sound ;
They beat against the house so hard,
That it crashed to the ground.

A little house which stood near-by
Withstood the stormy shock,
Because its owner wisely built
This home upon a rock ;
And so the storm could not
prevail.
Its fury spent in vain.
This stone-founded house
still stood
After the hurricane.

There is a lesson to this tale,
And it, of course, is this—
That our life must be firmly built
Or we shall go amiss ;
We have a solid Rock in Christ.
A firm foundation He,
And all who on this Rock will
build,
Will find security.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

LEADING THEM HOME

A MOTHER was sorrowing bitterly over the death of her son, whom the Lord Jesus had taken home to be with Him. Seeing her great distress of mind, and desirous of comforting her, a servant of the Lord used a simple illustration, which showed her that she need not mourn for her boy as if he were lost, but that she could have hope of seeing him again in heaven. This was a comfort to her, and led to her conversion to God.

The illustration he used was this. When a shepherd wishes to lead a mother sheep into an enclosure or place of safety he does not seize hold of it roughly and compel it to go in; he simply catches its lamb into his arms and carries it in, and the mother sheep follows. The Lord Jesus often takes little ones to be with Him in heaven, so that they may always be safe with Him there. He also speaks to their sorrowing parents, through the death of their little ones, that they may be comforted and follow them there through faith in Him. Many parents have been led to trust the Lord Jesus as their Saviour in this way.

But, boys and girls, you can also speak to the other members of your family in *life*. You can let your light shine in the home, and your parents, as well as your brothers and sisters, will see it, and may be led to trust the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. What a joy it would be to the Lord Jesus in heaven and to you on earth if your light was used to lead others to Him! It says

in the Bible that Andrew led Peter to the Lord Jesus (John i. 40-42). So you can lead others to Him by letting your light shine. Our great concern for others, whether it be in our life or death, should be to lead them to the Lord Jesus, so that they may be saved, and have hope of eternal life.

J. HOUSTON.

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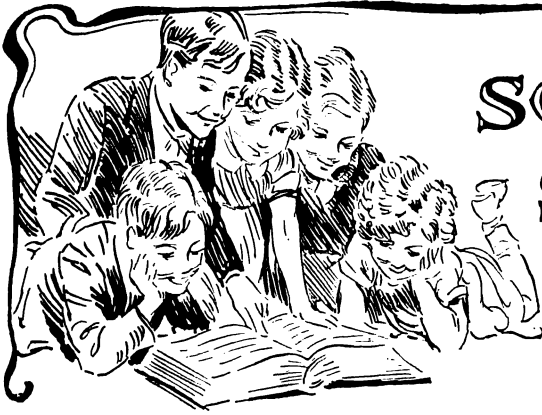
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SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

ADVANCE

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Last month we saw that the disciples in Acts received a promise that the Holy Ghost would come upon them so that they might have power to be witnesses unto the Lord. Now, in Acts ii, we read of this great event. The heavens received the Lord out of their sight at Bethany and the little company returned to Jerusalem full of joy and expectancy. There they waited together in one place, with one purpose. They looked for the outcome of the work which the Lord Jesus Christ had done upon the cross.

Then, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost came upon them and filled them. It must have been a wonderful time and the city of Jerusalem was deeply stirred. At that time great numbers of men out of every nation under heaven filled the city. They were all amazed at the happenings, because the Holy Ghost wrought in such power.

Peter seized that great opportunity and stood up to preach to the people this first gospel address after the descent of the Holy Ghost. It was a very remarkable address—bold and effective. Jesus of Nazareth, the One who had come into the world for the blessing of men, they had by wicked hands crucified and slain. Peter accused the people of the murder of their Messiah. But God raised Him from the dead and it was through His name that salvation was preached. “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” With what great power those words were told forth! The very murderers of the Son of God were exhorted to call upon the name of the Lord for salvation.

Whilst Peter preached, the word went home to the hearts of the hearers. They were convicted of their great sin and 3000 that day were converted.

This was a very real matter with these people, it was not just a passing fancy. They felt the weight of their sin and the terrible danger of neglect. There was deep repentance proved by the fact that they **continued** in the things which they professed. Their conversion was followed by **confession** in that they were baptized, thus acknowledging that a new life in union with the risen Lord had taken the place of their old life in sin under Satan’s power. Then they gathered themselves together and had **communion** one with the other and with the Lord, and they were marked by **consecration**, for, so deep was their love to the Lord and to His saints, that they sold all their possessions and had all things in common for the Lord’s sake.

Now, dear boys and girls, let me repeat those words, “**whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” This is a simple message for *you*. You are not asked to do great things for salvation. The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, has done everything for you. It is your part to call upon His Name and take the salvation which He so freely offers.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I felt rather sad when making out the prize list, as some who evidently were going to be prizewinners were evaded and so unable to finish sending in their papers. I pray that wherever they are God’s Word may be hidden in their hearts— and yours.

Our kind London friend again gives a Bible to the three First Prize winners. Some day it may come to *you*.

Some of you forgot to give chapter and verse again and some did not answer the right number of questions. Do not tarry over your papers. It does not matter if they are a bit late during these difficult times.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for February, 1940.

Subject :—Acts 2.

1. "Him . . . crucified and slain." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Acts 2.)

2. Whom hath God raised up? (Acts 2.)

3. At Whose right hand is Jesus exalted? (Acts 2.)

4. What were all the house of Israel to know? (Acts 2.)

5. "Then Peter said unto them." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 2.)

6. Unto Whom is the promise? (Acts 2.)

7. Who were baptized? (Acts 2.)

8. How many were added unto them the same day? (Acts 2.)

9. In what did they continue steadfastly? (Acts 2.)

10. Who were together and had all things common? (Acts 2.)

December Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—C. Anderson, A. Baugh, H. Baugh, E. Baxter, W. Bewick, V. Blair, G. Brooks, M. Crosby, B. Davis, I. Eddy, B. Graham, D. Green, A. Hodgins, J. A. Hodgins, D. Johnson, H. Norrie, J. Reid, A. Robertson, D. Rogerson, W. Snaith, J. Stirling, M. Tombs, V. Tones, R. Webster, M. Wheeler, J. Wheatley, E. White, A. Wilson.

2nd Class.—E. Anderson, I. Blythe, S. Howe, S. Henderson, J. Hibbert, C. Hillery, S. Oliver, E. Pill, J. D. Rugg.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1st Class.—K. Althorp, T. Baugh, H. Bennett, J. G. Binnie, W. Duguid, S. Green, C. Harvey, B. Haughton, I. Hill, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, C. Hodgins, J. Jobling, M. Johnston, M. McNeill, F. M. Messenger, G. Norrie, C. Ranson, A. Reade, D. Rice, J. Robertson, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, J. A. Scott, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, K. Tombs, D. Weightman, S. Welsh, N. White, J. R. Willis, P. Wood, O. Wright.

2nd Class.—B. Beckett, M. Brown, G. Cook, I. Douglas, D. Gray, D. Pratt, J. Smith (Powburn), J. Smith (Walworth), A. Snary, B. Stone.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—M. Anderson, F. Baugh, H. Baugh, M. Baugh, J. Bayliss, M. Bendall, J. D. Bennett, D. Boyes, B. Clugston, J. Clugston, G. Coutts, S. Hartley, J. Haughton, J. Hince, B. Hodgins, M. Johnson, D. Jolly, B. Maddrell, D. Manson, M. McConnachie, W. Moore, M. Oliver, R. Purvis, J. Reeves, A. Rice, B. Rogerson, K. Rugg, E. Scott, A. Shields, K. Shillito, S. Veale, G. Welsh, L. Willis, L. Woodhouse.

2nd Class.—J. Leighton, A. Norrie, J. Robertson, R. Thurston.

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Obadiah 15.

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THE PRICE OF LIVING

IN writing under this heading, "The price of living," our young readers must not think we have before our mind some question in relation to bread and butter. We have an altogether different thought, which we will explain.

Some time ago, two gentlemen returned home from a funeral. They walked slowly and silently. They were thinking about the departed one, whose body they had seen committed to the grave. Breaking the silence, one said, "This is the price of living." He referred to death, and meant that death was the result of living, since all must die. The other wisely answered, "No, this is not the *price of living*, it is the *price of sinning*." The latter was right. God tells us in His Word that the soul that sins, it shall die. He never says that the soul that lives, it shall die. He wants us to know that sin has brought death. Death is the wages of sin; and since all have sinned, all must die. This is how death has come to us.

But there is a way by which we can escape death, and it is by accepting Christ as our Saviour, who died for us. He was the Holy One, who knew no sin; and God made Him sin for us in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. That is to say He actually suffered death for sin, in order that we might be made righteous and fit for heaven.

Again, God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In Him we have life, through simple faith. He who believes in Him, as Saviour, has passed from death into life. In this way the *price of sinning* is paid; all death's claims are met. God is satisfied with the death of His Son. He who believes in Christ, the Son of God, has eternal life, and

shall never come into judgment, but is passed from death into life.

J. HOUSTON.



CANDLES

AS I was coming home in the train one day, I was reading a book, called *Sermons in Candles*, and it was so funny and wise. What the author did not know about candles was not worth knowing. I thought, as I read it, that it would be nice to write you a letter on candles (I will not call it a sermon). You have all seen candles many times, though we do not use them much nowadays. I was staying at a farm not long ago, where we all used them. Some are short, some are long, some are pretty colours, but all are made of the same thing, and for the same purpose—to give light. Now a candle is of no use until it is lighted, is it? and a candle cannot light itself, somebody else must do that for it.

"A candle that affords no light,

What profits it by day or night?"

A very wise man once said (in fact, he was the wisest man that ever lived), "The Spirit of man is the candle of the Lord" (Proverbs xx. 27). How wonderful! God made Adam, the first man, with his candle (Spirit) all alight; but Adam let sin come in and put it out, so he became all dark inside, and as he was our great-great-great-great (if I put any more greats the Editor will be very cross with me, so you must imagine hundreds more) grandfather, we are all born dark inside too. Now, how can we get our candles lit again? Well, David jubilantly tells us in Psalm xviii. 28, "Thou wilt light my candle; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."

The Lord Jesus Christ was sent by God the Father to be "a light to lighten

the Gentiles." That refers to us. Once a candle has been lighted, it cannot put itself out, and when we have been lighted by the Lord Jesus Christ no one can put us out. A candle may be put out by a breath of wind, or by some one blowing at it, but the light lighted in us by the Lord Jesus can never be put out. The devil may puff and puff at it, but it remains.

Now a candle is of no use unless it shines, and gives light; that is the purpose for which it is made. When the Lord Jesus has lighted us inside, the brightness of that light will be reflected in our faces, and we shall glow with happiness. A heathen man once asked a missionary what it was he put in the faces of the converts (those who had given themselves to the Lord Jesus) to make them shine, because they looked so happy. "Nothing," said the missionary, "it is the light inside shining out."

"Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light, Like a little candle burning in the night. He looks down from Heaven to see us shine, You in your small corner and I in mine."

Can I hear someone say, "I am a candle that has never been lighted?" Well, just come now, and let a ray of light from the Saviour light you. The Lord Jesus is inviting you to come. There was a little girl who had heard over and over again how the Lord Jesus had come to die for her and save her, and yet she was not saved. One day she suddenly saw the reason why she was not saved—she had believed the Lord Jesus had died for ALL, but she had never realized that He had died for HER and would be HER SAVIOUR

—that made all the difference. Do come NOW to the Lord Jesus Christ and take Him as your own Saviour, and be lighted inside.

E. G. CLARKE.

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LADDIE!

HERE in the forest near Mombasa, Belgian Congo, there are a great many leopards. They come around at night hunting, and will even come on the porch to get a dog. The children of Dr. Woodhams, a missionary, had a pet dog named "Laddie." Of course they did not want a leopard to get him, so they sent him every night with one of the native boys that he might sleep in his house. One night Laddie decided to sleep on their porch instead. When several nights passed safely we can imagine him thinking that fear for his safety was groundless, and besides it was much more pleasant to sleep on the mat, where there were so many interesting sights and sounds to while away a long



CHILDREN OF BELGIAN CONGO

lonely night, than to be shut in a stuffy house. But one night a leopard came and Laddie remembered the place of safety. With a cry of fear he fled, but, alas, it was too late! The leopard was close at his heels and the door was closed. Poor Laddie! The tracks in the soft earth told the tragic story all too plainly.

Dear children, many of you have mothers and fathers or teachers who have warned you time and again of your danger, and have told you of the safety found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not let the attractions of this world make you forget your danger. Oh, delay not! **"To-day if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart."** Flee to Him for safety before the day of grace is over and the door closed, and you find yourself outside for ever, to endure the wrath of a holy God.

ESTHER WILSON.

Since the above was written, the writer has gone to be with the Lord. If she could speak to you now she would give you no better advice. She would only repeat the last words of her article: **"Flee to Him for safety."** May all our young readers say, **"I flee unto Thee to hide me"** (Psalm cxliii. 9).

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THE EYES OF THE LORD

A STORY is told of a man who took a boy with him when he went to steal corn or potatoes or something from a neighbour's field. The man looked carefully to the right and to the left, in front of them and behind them. "Now," he said, "get busy, my boy: nobody's looking."

"But," said the boy, "there's one way you haven't looked."

"I've looked every way," said the man. "What do you mean?"

"You forgot to look up," answered the boy.

The Bible tells us in Psalm xi. 4, "The Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold . . . the children of men."

It would be very strange indeed if the Creator who made all things should not be able to see. "He that formed the eye, shall He not see?" asks the writer of the ninety-fourth Psalm. And in the first chapter of the Bible we read that "God saw every thing that He had made." This, of course, included the man and the woman He had put in the garden of Eden.

God did not shut His eyes after He had made man. More than a thousand years afterward "He saw that the wickedness of man was great," and He planned to "destroy man . . . from the face of the earth" (Genesis vi). "But," we read, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

Noah was one among millions of men no doubt, and yet the wonderful eyes of the Lord did not miss seeing him among all the people that filled the earth with violence. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Proverbs xv. 3).

God is willing not only to help in great things but in little things as well. First of all, He wants to save us from our sins, for He "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son" (John iii. 16) that we should have "everlasting life." Then He wants to show Himself strong—and how wonderfully strong He is!—to help us in regard to things of our present life. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis xviii. 14).

Only Christ can take your feet out of the horrible pit we read of in Psalm xl. Only the Saviour can put your feet upon the Rock. When you stand on redemption ground He will help you to walk and work for Him.

Will you not trust Him now and prove Him in all this? * * *

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

DO YOU THANK GOD?

AH, thinks someone, "Why of course I do—I always say my grace before meals." Well, that is good so far as it goes, I agree. But what about other things? The Psalmist said, "**It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord**" (Psalm xcii. 1), and there are so *many* things to thank God for if we only stop to think a moment.

The other evening I was listening to a Russian doctor who had been converted, and who had been put into a Russian prison just because he spoke to some of his fellow men about the Bible; where he had to stay for seven weeks. In that prison there was nothing to lie upon but bare boards, and the place was filled with vermin of every kind. The soup smelt so strong and so foul that, hungry as he was, he could scarcely swallow it. Yet this doctor did not grumble, but found ways of telling his fellow-prisoners the Gospel; *and thanked God* for the opportunity given to reach the souls of these poor men. I am afraid that some of us would have grumbled a lot.

Then we can thank God for the measure of health and strength we enjoy. We have so many things to thank God for, too, that those in other countries have not. Is that not so?

Just think what numberless accidents we are preserved from! One of my boys was walking along a street not so long ago, when down came a large piece of scaffolding a little in front of where he was walking; a few yards more and he might have been killed.

Some weeks back I was standing at

the corner of a country road, when a large lorry came by and a hot smut hit me in the face before I was aware of what had happened. Oh, how it smarted for a moment or two! It caught me just about a quarter of an inch below my left eye. If it had hit me slightly higher up it might have blinded me or have been very serious. I can tell you I thanked God there and then that my sight had not been damaged, as I realized what a narrow escape I had had.

Yes, I feel *quite sure* "**It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.**" You just try it a little more. It makes you so grateful for the many mercies received that you sometimes forget the little troubles, and it makes you *happy*, too. Did you ever know a thankful person miserable? I have not come across one yet, and I do not think you will.

Above all, do not forget to thank God daily for the best of all Gifts—THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, who came from heaven and died for you and me that our sins might be forgiven, then we shall one day meet one another in heaven. L. A. ANDERSON.

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GOODNESS and MERCY

(Psalm xxiii. 6).

"Goodness and mercy" hath followed thee

All through the length of thy days;
'Tis Jesus alone who can keep thee,
Still walking the Narrow Way.

"Goodness and mercy" shall follow thee,
E'en though thy path seemeth dark;
Jesus thy Shepherd will shield thee,
For He bears His own on His heart.

"Goodness and mercy" shall follow thee,
And, led by thy Saviour's hand,
Thy lips shall still tell of His glory,
Till thy feet tread the Promised Land.

R. SMELT.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR CHILDREN,

You remember the words in Peter's address at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost which we quoted last month, "**whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**" I hope that some of you did respond to this exhortation and so have found salvation through faith in His Name.

The theme of the third chapter of the Acts is **the Name of Jesus**, and we see what great power there is in this Name. Such power as to cause new strength to be given to the lame man lying at the Beautiful gate of the temple. He was born lame. So helpless was he that he was carried, so weak that he was laid down, so poor that he begged. What a picture of a sinner away from God! But through the power of the Name of Jesus, this man's condition was changed at once. "And he, leaping up, stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God."

What a wonderful name is the Name of Jesus! No name on earth can compare with this name. It was said, "**thou shalt call His Name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.**" God, the Saviour, came down to earth and took upon Himself the Name of Jesus. He came to the sinner's place that He might be the sinner's Saviour. Is He your Saviour? Just as the lame man was made strong through faith in His Name, so you may have your sins forgiven if you call upon the Name of the Lord.

There is power in the **Name of Jesus** because of the authority of the One who bears the Name. It is like a blank cheque on a bank. There is no value in a cheque until a name is signed upon it. Then it has the value of the resources of the person who has signed it. All the resources of heaven are available for you if

you will accept the cheque which the Lord Jesus Christ offers.

The Apostle Peter takes the opportunity of preaching to the people who had gathered, and I want you just to notice the various titles which he gave to the Lord. Verse 13, "**HIS SON JESUS**"; verse 14, "**THE HOLY ONE AND THE JUST**"; verse 15, "**THE PRINCE OF LIFE**"; verse 18, "**CHRIST**"; verse 19, "**THE LORD**"; verse 20, "**JESUS CHRIST**"; verse 22, "**A PROPHET.**" All these names belong to the Saviour. **He is indeed a wonderful Saviour! He is the Son of God, He is the Messiah** who had been promised all through the centuries; He is the Christ who had been foretold by prophets of old, He is the Prophet spoken of by Moses. Although His glory is so great, He came into the world as Saviour. He never ceased to be the Son of God, but He laid aside His sovereignty that He might be the Saviour. I ask you again, "**Is He your Saviour?**"

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

It is encouraging to see some old names again this month, and also so many new ones. Please will new Searchers remember to give Chapter and Verse to each answer.

B. Stone answered one question twice for January. A. Taylor and G. O. Brien must give Chapter and Verse. I am sorry some December papers were too late for qualification.

I hope to send texts later on to the regular Searchers of the Ponteland Homes and also the St. Andrew's Colony.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for March, 1940.

Subject :—Acts 3.—4.

1. Who went up into the temple at the hour of prayer ? (Acts 3.)

2. Where was the lame man laid daily ? (Acts 3.)

3. Write out the verse which mentions "silver" and "gold." (Acts 3.)

4. What was the man doing when he entered into the temple ? (Acts 3.)

5. What did all the people see ? (Acts 3.)

6. Write out the verse where "faith" and "name" are mentioned twice. (Acts 3.)

7. What were they to do to have their sins blotted out ? (Acts 3.)

8. "Unto you." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 3.)

9. Why were they grieved ? (Acts 4.)

10. "Howbeit many of them . . . believed." Write out the missing four words only. (Acts 4.)

January Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—F. Acheson, C. Anderson, E. Anderson, W. Bewick, I. Blythe, M. Crosby, B. Davis, I. Eddy, D. Etherington, B. Graham, D. Green, G. Greig, R. Hall (Aberdeen), A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, M. Jackson, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, W. Malcolm, G. Norrie, H. Norrie, E. Pill, N. Pugh, D. Purvis, J. Reid, A. Robertson, D. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, J. D. Rugg, E. Shell, M. Snaith, W. Snaith, E. Stephenson, R. Stirling, K. Tombs, M. Tombs, F. Watton, M. Waugh, R. Webster, D. Wheeler, M. Wheeler, E. White, M. Williams, E. Wray.

2nd Class.—A. Britton, H. Hall (Morpeeth), J. Renton, J. Wheatley.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

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2nd Class.—A. Brown, J. Lee, G. O'Brien.

Yea, let them
turn everyone
from his evil way.
And God saw
their works, that
they turned from
their evil way.

Jonah 3. 8, 10.

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GETTING A DRINK FROM THE PUMP

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THE SHELTER

ONE fine morning I was out for a walk and noticed a man very busy in his front garden fixing up an air-raid shelter. As I had not seen one before, I asked him if I could come in and inspect the shelter as it was fully erected.

"Oh, yes, come in," was his ready answer. I thanked him for the permission, and went to have a good look. Another passer-by, as curious as myself, joined us, and we had a nice chat about the value of the shelter, etc.

Not wishing to detain the man any longer I took my leave of him and went for a long walk on the sands, returning on the cliff tops and promenade. It was a beautiful sunny morning with a cool breeze, so, finding a seat in the sun and out of the wind, I sat down and read the first six chapters of Jeremiah.

On looking at my watch I saw it was time for dinner, so stepping out briskly, I returned by the same road and soon came in sight of the air-raid shelter man, who was still busy. By now he was arranging some large stones on top of the soil covering the roof to give it the appearance of a rockery.

"Well, sir, how are you getting on now?"

"Fairly well, thank you." So we chatted until I said, "You know, I have got an air-raid shelter, but it is not like yours."

"Oh!" he said, "what's it like?"

"Well, it's bomb-proof and shell-proof, but it's not made of corrugated iron, like yours."

"Well, what's it made of?"

"It's made of feathers."

You should have seen his face!

"Feathers!" he exclaimed in amazement, "Whatever sort of shelter would feathers make then?"

"Now let me explain. I am a Christian, therefore I belong to the Lord Jesus, and it says in GOD'S Word, 'He shall cover thee with His FEATHERS, and under His wings shalt thou trust' (Psalm xci. 4). Wings are made of FEATHERS."

To my glad surprise my friend answered, "Oh, sir, I've got a shelter like that. I had one in the last war."

"Are you a Christian?" I asked.

"Yes," he said, "I trusted the Saviour when I was a boy, and all my sins are washed away in the precious blood of Christ."

What a joy it was to speak with this Christian man! We had such a lot in common, both saved by Grace, and both trusting the Saviour. The believer in Christ knows God as Father and can trust Him to keep them.

And now, dear reader, how is it with you? Are you trusting your all on the finished work of CHRIST. It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul. If you take the sinner's place and accept the SAVIOUR, you, too, will be able to shelter under JEHOVAH'S WINGS.

David, the Psalmist, when he speaks of being under JEHOVAH'S WINGS and FEATHERS, has in mind being in the holy shrine. Inside this holy shrine the floor was the sand of the desert; the walls the golden covered boards; but the ceiling was a beautiful embroidered curtain in blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine white linen. The embroideries formed the wings of the cherubim. Thus whoever entered in was under the WINGS of JEHOVAH.

This is the safest of all hiding-places. "Except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Psalm cxxvii. 1).

"Trust in the Saviour, be not afraid ;
 He will protect you when there's a raid.
 When bombs are falling, danger is near ;
 HE will defend you, no need to fear.
 (Tune "Lilies.")

J. R. JAMESON.



TOMMY'S NEW HEART

TOMMY was a bright, sweet child of four years. One day, while he was being dressed, he said, "Mamma, I have asked Jesus to give me a new heart several times, and He has not done it. Perhaps He hasn't a new heart to give me."

His mother assured him that Jesus could give a new heart to Tommy, and she encouraged her child to ask again.

Not long after this, as Tommy's father and mother came home from a Gospel meeting, Tommy met them with a radiant face, and before they could ask what made him so happy, he exclaimed, "Oh, Mamma, I have a new heart now ; Jesus has given it to me."

The next morning Jeannie, Maggie, and Tommy came to their mother, who was in the habit of reading God's Word and praying with her three children. In her prayer she asked God to save all her three children, mentioning each of them by name, purposely. As soon as they arose from their knees Tommy came to his mother, his little face looking sad, and he said, "Mamma, I told you last night that Jesus had given me a new heart." It greatly rejoiced this good mother, for she saw that Tommy had really become a child of God, even though but a child of four years.

From that time it also became plain to all around that the Lord Jesus had a real place in Tommy's heart ; and he would often go to Him to ask, with a

child's simplicity, for what he wished or needed to have. Only a year after this the Lord Jesus took dear Tommy to Himself.

I have written this for you, little boys and girls, to show you how early children may come to Jesus and know Him as their own Saviour. He took children in His arms and blessed them, and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark x. 14, 16.)

H. C. S.



TRUE LOVE

ONE day one of the gigantic eagles of Scotland carried away an infant which was sleeping by the fireside of its mother's cottage. The whole village ran after it, but the eagle soon perched itself upon the loftiest cyrie, and every one despaired of the child being recovered. A sailor tried to climb the ascent, but his strong limbs trembled, and he was at last obliged to give up the attempt. A robust Highlander, accustomed to climb the hills, tried next, and even *his* limbs gave way, and, in fact, he was precipitated to the bottom. But at last a poor peasant woman came forward. She put her feet first on one shelf of the rock, then on a second, and then on a third, and in this manner, amid the trembling hearts of all who were looking on, she rose to the very top of the cliff, and at last, whilst the breasts of those below were heaving, she came down, step by step, until, amid the shouts of the villagers, she stood at the bottom of the rock with the child in her bosom.

Why did that woman succeed when the strong sailor and the practised Highlander had failed ? Why, between



AN EAGLE CARRYING IT'S PREY

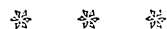
her and the babe there was a tie; that woman was the mother of the babe. Let there be love to Christ and to souls in the heart of anyone and they will accomplish wonders and overcome the greatest difficulties in seeking to save the lost and bring them to the flock of Christ.

But great as the natural tie is and the love attached thereto, it is not to be compared with the love and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. The dear mother in our incident *risked* her life to save her babe, but in order to save you and me from eternal judgment He *GAVE* His life. "For Christ also hath

once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter iii. 18).

Have you accepted the salvation He offers? If not do so now, then make a bright confession of Him to others.

ADAPTED.



CROWN

ABOUT the time that the Lord Jesus was on earth there was a boy called Crown. His parents were Jews, and like so many Jewish boys to-day, I think that Crown was born in a foreign country outside of Palestine. I sometimes wonder why they gave him this name; for I don't think they ever expected him to wear a crown like a king. Perhaps they said, "We shall never wear a crown, but we have a little boy who is a crown of rejoicing to us; we will call him 'Crown.'"

When Crown grew up he came to Jerusalem, and heard of Jesus, and became one of His followers. After a while the Jews hated him because he spoke of the Lord and told them of their sins. The time came when they could not bear his preaching any longer so they took Crown outside of Jerusalem and stoned him to death.

The boy who never had a crown on this earth will have one in glory, for the Bible says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Our English name Stephen is the same as the Greek word Crown. I wonder how many of the children who read about Stephen will wear a crown? I trust that when the Lord gives Stephen his crown, He will give us a crown too. He will if we trust Him as our Saviour, and live to His praise.

C. RICHARDSON.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE EXCELLENCIES OF THE BIBLE (I)

I HAVE sometimes thought that a nation must be truly *Blessed* if it were governed by no other laws than those of that Blessed Book (Deuteronomy iv. 5, 6). It is so complete a system that nothing can be added to it (Deuteronomy iv. 2), nor taken from it (Revelation xxii. 19).

It contains EVERYTHING needful to be known and done (Acts. xvi. 30, 31). It affords a copy for a king (Deuteronomy xvii. 18), and a rule for a subject (1 Peter ii. 13, 14). It gives instruction and counsel to a senate (Psalm cv. 22); authority and direction for a magistrate (Ezra vii. 25, 26). It contains a witness (Exodus xxiii. 1), requires an impartial verdict of a jury (Leviticus xix. 15), and furnishes the judge with his sentence (Deuteronomy xvi. 19, 20).

It defends the rights of ALL (Exodus xxii.), and reveals vengeance to every defrauder (1 Thessalonians iv. 6), over-reacher (Isaiah xlix. 26), or oppressor (Ecclesiastes v. 8). It prescribes and limits the sway of the sovereign (2 Samuel xxiii. 3), the rule of the ruler (Romans xiii. 3, 4), and the authority of the master (Ephesians vi. 9); commands the subject to honour (Romans xiii. 1), and the servant to obey (Colossians iii. 22), and promises the blessing and protection of its author to all who walk by its rules (Leviticus xxvi. 3-12; John xvi. 23).

It sets the husband as lord of the household (1 Peter iii. 5-7), and the wife as

mistress of the table (Proverbs xxxi. 15); tells *him* how to rule (Colossians iii. 19), and *her* how to manage (Proverbs xxxi.).

It entails honour to parents (Ephesians vi. 2), and enjoins obedience to children (Colossians iii. 20).

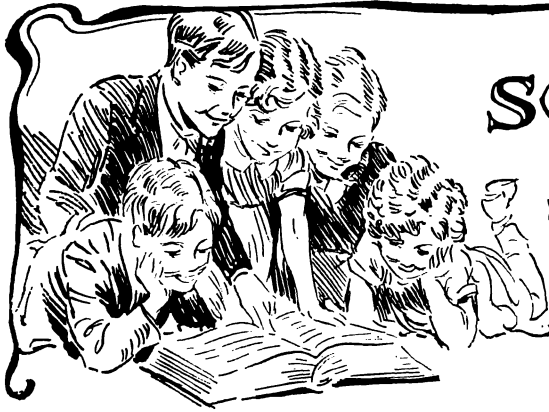
It gives directions for weddings (Luke xiv. 8); (John ii. 2), and for burials (Genesis xxiii. 8, 9); regulates *feasts* (Luke xiv. 10-15), and *fasts* (Isaiah lviii. 6, 7), mournings and rejoicings (Romans xii. 15); and orders labour for the day (Exodus xx. 9), and rest for the night (John ix. 4).

It promises food and raiment (Luke xii. 22), and limits the use of both (Romans xiii.; 1 Peter iii. 3). It points out a faithful and an eternal *Guardian* to the departing husband and father (Exodus xxii. 22-24); tells him with whom to leave his fatherless children (Psalm cxlvi. 9), and in whom his widow is to trust (Jeremiah xlix. 11), and promises a father to the former (Psalm lxviii. 5) and a husband to the latter (Isaiah liv. 5).

It teaches a man how to set his house in order (Isaiah xxxviii. 1), and how to make his will (Proverbs xiii. 22). It appoints a dowry for the wife (Genesis xxxiv. 12), entails the right of the firstborn (Genesis xlviii. 18), and shows how the younger branches shall be left (Genesis xlix. 13).

W. H.





SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

ADVANCE

(4)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

The fourth chapter of the Acts continues to speak of "**The Name.**" After the healing of the lame man and the preaching of Peter when 5000 people were converted, Peter and John were arrested and put into prison because they preached the resurrection of Jesus. The priests and Sadducees were bitter. Not the best of friends at any time, now they agree on one thing—hatred to the Name of Jesus. The priests had been amongst the chief accusers of the Lord Jesus Christ at His trial, and now His resurrection had condemned them as murderers of the innocent. The Sadducees taught that there was no resurrection, so now they were proved to be liars and false teachers. They arose, therefore, together to persecute the apostles.

That a mighty miracle had been performed, no one could deny. But, as the apostles stood upon their trial, the great question was, "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" Oh! I think these two men must have been glad to speak of a power which they had experienced and of a Name which they knew. They were ready to confess that He, who died in weakness, was living in mighty power and the despised Name was now honoured. "Be it known unto you all . . . that by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Many men and women have done noble deeds, and their names will be honoured as long as the world lasts, but these people are dead and not one of them can save us. The Lord Jesus Christ, however, lives. He died once upon

the cross, but He was raised and now He lives in heaven. It is through His Name alone that we must be saved.

Peter and John were released by the council, and we read at the close of our chapter of a prayer meeting which the Christians had together. They suffered persecution but they took refuge in God. The power of evil was against the Lord Jesus Christ and His followers, but these men were not going to yield. They cried to God for power to testify, and we read that, so great was the power that came upon them, that the place where they were assembled was shaken.

They received power not only for testimony to the world but to live together in unity and love. Selfishness was banished and love prevailed. They preached the Word with great power, and great grace was upon them all. What a happy company of Christians!

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

As there have been so many mistakes this time, I think perhaps the questions must have been rather difficult, so I have allowed marks for those who gave answers which appear to have been correct. Some of you have written out the questions as well as the answers. Please do not do this in future. Then there are some who write very faintly in pencil. If you cannot do the answers in ink, will you try and write more plainly. J. Kershaw, V. Bacon, and G. Harkess must give chapter and verse. D. Stirling and G. Hirst left out references. I have marked all those who sent in late for January.

I am pleased to see new names from the Ponteland Homes and also from several who have been evacuated. I pray that you may find the Scripture Searching very profitable, and above all, that you may, like the woman in John iv, find *Him*.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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

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

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

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Questions for April, 1940.

Subject :—Acts 4.

1. "Be it known unto you." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 4.)

2. What had the Stone become? (Acts 4.)

3. "Neither . . . saved." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Acts 4.)

4. With Whom had they been? (Acts 4.)

5. What did they command them not to speak? (Acts 4.)

6. "For we . . . heard." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Acts 4.)

7. What did they ask the Lord to grant unto them? (Acts 4.)

8. What happened when they had prayed? (Acts 4.)

9. What is said about the multitude of them that believed? (Acts 4.)

10. What two things are spoken of as "great"? (Acts 4.)

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Who is a God
like unto Thee,
that pardoneth
iniquity . . .
because
He delighteth
in mercy.

Micah 7. 18.

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THE TAME PIGEON

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THE EVACUEE

IT was a bright day in September, the sun was slowly sinking in the west, and all nature was bathed in its warmth and light.

Sitting beside a gate which opened into a field was a woman clasping in her arms a beautiful child, of which evidently she was the mother.

I looked upon her as I passed, for she was sobbing bitterly. I wondered what was the cause of her grief, as it seemed so out of place with her surroundings, so I stopped and inquired.

She told me she was an evacuee; she had been compelled to leave her husband and home, and was far from reconciled to her new conditions.

I tried to console her, and seized the opportunity of bringing to bear upon her conscience and heart the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

How far I succeeded, I do not know, but as I moved away I could not help thinking about that simple but pathetic story of Hagar and Ishmael as recorded in the twenty-first chapter of Genesis. Perhaps my young readers would like to look at it for themselves.

Hagar, in her day, was an evacuee; she had to leave her home, and make the best of strange surroundings, but God's eye was upon her, and He graciously met her need and encouraged her with a definite promise which was faithfully fulfilled.

Does it ever occur to you, young people, that you also are evacuees? Our first parents, from whom we have all descended, were evicted from their beautiful home in the Garden of Eden, and never again returned to it. This, however, was not a government measure for their protection, but was through their own sin and disobedience, the result being that we—their descendants—share in their homeless plight.

Do what we will we can never return to Paradise, but, oh, wonder of wonders, God has provided some "better thing for us!" He has opened to us a far better home—"eternal in the heavens." **Would you like to go to heaven?** It is a place where "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation xxi. 4).

If you would, kneel down at once before God. Tell Him, your heart's desire. Ask Him, for Christ's sake, to blot out your sins through His precious blood, which He shed for you upon the cross, and He will surely do so. Thus you will become fit for that bright home, and when you get there you will see Jesus for yourself. It is written: "And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads."

God bless you! and, from a poor, wandering evacuee, make you a permanent citizen of that beautiful city, "whose Builder and Maker is God."

J. H. EVANS.



THE ONLY WAY

SALVATION free, Salvation free,
The Saviour died for you and me;
Come, children, now and sing this song,
Confess your sins, to Him belong.

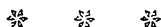
We all like sheep have gone astray,
But God has now a righteous way;
He gave us all that love could give,
His only Son, that we might live.

The Bible is God's Holy Word,
His promises are well assured;
No work that you or I can do
Will wash your sins as white as snow.

His love is more than tongue can tell,
He died your souls to save from hell ;
To-day, if you will hear His voice,
You'll sing of Jesus and rejoice.

So Jesus died and rose again,
'Twas all for you your love to gain ;
Accept Him *now*, make no delay
Because there is no other way.

P. OSBORNE.



A SCOTTISH HERO

DURING the stirring times of the Covenanters in Scotland a little lad was told by his mother to take some bannocks to a servant of God who was hiding from the king's men. As the lad was crossing the wild moor on his way to the cave he spied, riding towards him, three of these men. The little lad well knew the danger of being seen, so he turned to hide in some gorse bushes, but, alas ! he was too late as the men had seen him. The first soldier was the dreaded Claverhouse who persecuted the Christians with a fierce hatred.

Claverhouse was looking for the hiding place of the leader of these so-called Christians, and he guessed that he had stumbled across the very thing he wanted most to find out ; for he reasoned, why should a little lad be wandering on these lonely moors and trying to hide from him if he were not on the way to the very man he was hunting down ? He knew, too, that some cottager would try to get food sent to the hiding place, so riding quickly up to the boy he jumped down and siezed the lad, demanding to know the nature of his errand, but that was too evident as he held the food in his hand.

The boy knew what a danger he was in, and the danger of his friends if he betrayed the secret he was trusted with ; so instead of giving an answer he did not speak. The silence angered Claverhouse, and with a cruel smile he said he would make him speak. Close at hand were some cliffs leading into a rocky valley below. Claverhouse took hold of the lad and held him over the edge, threatening to drop him over if he would not tell his secret. But the lad had given himself to JESUS, and he knew that his Saviour would take care of him so he would not speak. Twice he went through the ordeal but stood firm. The third time Claverhouse let go his hold, and with a wicked laugh he watched the poor boy fall to the bottom ; but ere his broken body reached the bottom his soul was with the Lord he loved.

We may not be called upon to endure such an ordeal as our little hero ; but all believers have something to battle against, and the Apostle Peter tells us to "be sober, be vigilant ; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter v. 8). We can only get the strength needed to fight against sin if we accept the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, and then trust Him to keep us, "**For GOD so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life**" (John iii. 16).

Have *you* believed in Him then ?

"Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a purpose true,
Dare to make it known."

E. KIRKUP.





A GATHERING OF COVENANTERS

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE EXCELLENCES OF THE BIBLE (2)

IT is the Best book (Proverbs xxx. 5).

It contains the choicest Matter (Psalm xii. 6), gives the best Instruction (Psalm xix. 7-11), and affords the greatest Pleasure and Satisfaction that ever was revealed (Jeremiah xv. 16). It contains the best Laws (Psalm cxix. 72) and profoundest mysteries that ever were penned (Romans xi. 33).

It brings the best of Tidings (Luke ii. 10-15) and best of Comfort to the inquiring and disconsolate (1 Timothy i. 15). It tells of Death being abolished, Life and Immortality being brought to light (2 Timothy i. 10), and shows the way to Pleasures that are for evermore (Psalm xvi. 11). It is a brief recital of all that is Past (Acts vii.), and a certain Prediction of all that is to Come (Revelation i. 19).

It settles all matters in debate (Isaiah viii. 20), resolves all Doubts (Proverbs xxii. 21), and eases the mind and conscience of all their scruples (Isaiah lv. 1; Matthew xi. 28). It reveals the Only Living and True God (Exodus xxxiv 6, 7), and shows the way to Him (John xiv. 6); it sets aside *all other* gods (Acts iv. 12), and describes the Vanity of them (Isaiah xlv. 9-20; Psalm cxv. 4-8), and of all that trust in them (Psalm xevii. 7).

In short, it is the **Book of Law**, to show right (Psalm xix. 8; cxix. 128), and wrong (1 Corinthians i. 19-27).

The **Book of Wisdom**, that condemns all folly (Ecclesiastes vii. 25), and makes

the foolish wise (Psalm xix. 7; 1 Corinthians i. 27).

The **Book of Truth** (John xvii. 17), that detects all lies (1 John ii. 4, 22), and confutes all errors (Galatians i. 8).

And the **Book of Life** (Revelation xx. 12), that giveth life (John v. 24), and shows the Way from everlasting death (1 Thessalonians i. 10).

It is the most compendious book in all the world (Hebrews iv. 12), the most authentic (2 Peter i. 21), and the most entertaining history that ever was published (Psalm cv.). It contains the most ancient Antiquities (Genesis xi. 4), strange Events (Psalm lxxviii.), wonderful Occurrences (Acts v. 15; xix. 12), heroic Deeds (1 Samuel xvii. 49), and unparalleled Wars (Judges vii. 19, 20).

It describes the Celestial (Job xxxviii. 31-33), Terrestrial (Genesis i. 13), and Infernal Worlds (Revelation xix. 20); and the origin of Angelic myriads (Hebrews i. 7); Human tribes (Genesis xix. 19), and Devilish legions (2 Peter ii. 4; Jude vi.).

It will instruct the most accomplished Mechanic (1 Kings vi. 7), and exercise the nicest Critic (Matthew vii. 4). It is an unequalled Narrative (John xxi. 25); a book of Lives (Hebrews xi.); and a book of Voyages (Jonah i; Acts xxvii.).

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To understand it is to be wise indeed (Proverbs ii. 6, 7), to be ignorant of it is to be destitute of wisdom (1 Corinthians ii. 14).

W. H.





SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

ADVANCE

(5)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Wherever we see God working, we are sure that Satan will do his best to hinder the work. The happy fellowship of the Christians in Acts iv. is followed in our chapter this month by the word "but." Satan filled the heart of Ananias, so much so, that, with his wife, he committed this grave offence of lying to God. Judgment followed speedily as a warning to those who would link themselves to the company of Christians, not because of faith, but because of greed.

Lying is a very serious matter. God does not always make such outstanding examples of liars but His eyes see and He hears in heaven. God is longsuffering and gracious, and He would not have His children discouraged. On this account, however, may we Christians not treat sin, in any form, lightly. It is good to have a tender conscience and the heart fortified against the inroads of Satan.

The early Church was assailed by Satan not only from within, as in the case of Ananias, but also from without. And if God gave a great example of judgment so He followed this by wonderful cases of healing and deliverance. People came from the cities round about to Jerusalem bringing sick folks to the apostles and every one was healed. Men and women also were converted.

The influence of the Church extended, and the High Priest was displeased. He ordered the arrest of the apostles and they were put into the common prison. But that night a wonderful thing happened. The angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought the apostles out and bid them go into the Temple and preach the Word.

The next morning saw the High Priest and the council gathered together but no prisoners. Where were the prisoners? So quietly had they been slipped away that the guard stood

over an empty cell! Whilst the council was hearing the story of how the prison doors had been securely locked and the guard placed there but, upon re-opening the doors, no prisoners were to be seen, someone came and told that the apostles were in the Temple publicly speaking to the people. An escort was at once sent out and the apostles were brought in before the council.

The charge against them was: (1) You disobeyed our command; (2) You have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine; (3) You reckon us as murderers.

The apostles in their reply were fearless and very decided. "We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."

What a glorious Gospel! When the angry priests heard it, they were cut to the heart and they sought to slay the apostles. Doctor Gamaliel, however, intervened and procured their release. I wonder what effect this Gospel has upon *you*! Do *you* know the Lord Jesus Christ as *your* Saviour?

Your affectionate friend,
C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am glad to see some fresh names again this month. If you can send in January and February papers, you will all be given your marks. I will try and print the names of the searchers from abroad separately next month.

I am sorry George Welsh's name was not printed for January. He is first class for that month.

M. Cade and F. Liddle have done one question short. D. Stirling left out references.

All the late papers will be marked. I am glad you have been able to do these.

Now will you all take special note to send your papers in to our *new address*, 11, Little Britain, London, E.C.1, as most of you sent them to 5, Rose Street.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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Questions for May, 1940.

Subject :—Acts 5.

1. Unto Whom had Ananias lied ? (Acts 5.)
2. What came upon all them that heard these things ? (Acts 5.)
3. What were wrought by the hands of the apostles ? (Acts 5.)
4. Who were added to the Lord ? (Acts 5.)
5. Why were the sick brought into the streets ? (Acts 5.)
6. How many of the sick folks were healed ? (Acts 5.)
7. Who opened the prison doors ? (Acts 5.)
8. Whom did Peter say they ought to obey ? (Acts 5.)
9. "Him hath God exalted. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 5.)
10. To whom hath God given the Holy Ghost ? (Acts 5.)

March Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

- 1st Class.**—F. Acheson, E. Anderson, A. Baugh, W. Bewick, I. Blake, J. Blythe, M. Crosby, B. Davis, J. Eddy, D. Etherington, B. Graham, D. Green, G. Greig, Robert Hall, Raymond Hall, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, M. Jackson, J. Jobling, D. Johnson, M. McDonadd, G. Norrie, H. Norrie, E. Pill, N. Pugh, D. Purvis, A. Reade, J. Reid, D. A. Rugg, J. D. Rugg, E. Shell, N. Slater, M. Snaith, W. Snaith, E. Stephenson, J. Stirling, K. Tombs, M. Tombs, E. Varley, F. Watton, M. Waugh, R. Webster, J. Wheatley, M. Wheeler, B. White, A. Wilson, F. Wood, T. Young.
- 2nd Class.**—A. Halliday, J. Hibbert, H. Ingleside, S. Oliver, J. Renton, D. Rogerson.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

- 1st Class.**—J. Adams, K. Althorp, M. Baugh, T. Baugh, B. Beckett, H. B. Bennett, D. Bennett, D. Bray, J. Brooks, M. Brown, E. Cade, M. Cain, M. Carter, E. Coltee, R. Davison, D. Delamore, B. Dickson, M. Dodd, I. Douglas, W. Duguid, J. Eltringham, J. Fallon, D. Gray, S. Green, D. Hart, P. Hart, C. Harvey, G. Harvey, B. Haughton, P. Hepple, K. Heester, V. Hickman, O. Higgins, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, C. Hodgins, J. Horne, M. Johnston, D. Jolly, B. Jones, J. Kershaw, M. Lawford, J. Lee, B. Lister, M. McConnachie, L. McDermott, M. McIntosh, F. M. Messenger, N. Norval, M. Oyston, M. Pattison, E. Pugh, R. Purvis, D. Rice, J. Ridley, Jas. Robertson, Jean Robertson, E. Robinson, C. Rogers, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, K. Rugg, A. Shields, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, J. A. Smith, M. Spicer, B. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, D. Stirling, B. Stone, F. Walton, M. Walton, E. Ward, D. Weatherhead, G. Welsh, S. Welsh, D. Wheeler, P. Wheeler, J. R. Willis, Nancy Wilson, Nora Wilson, P. Wood, L. Woodhouse, O. Wright.
- 2nd Class.**—I. Curry, A. Hamer, D. McFarlane, B. Spence, A. Taryland.

Age 10 years and under.

- 1st Class.**—R. Ainsley, M. Anderson, A. Barker, F. Baugh, H. Baugh, J. Bayliss, M. Bell, M. Bendall, E. Butterwick, N. Byass, O. Cain, N. Carr, B. Clugston, G. Coutts, S. Dennington, J. Fisher, John Haughton, Jean Haughton, J. Hince, B. Hodgins, D. Hornal, M. Jenkin, M. Johnson, M. Johnston, P. Johnston, M. Last, J. Leighton, D. Manson, A. Norrie, A. Oliver, J. Oliver, J. Robertson, B. Rogerson, K. Shillitto, A. Simpson, J. Spicer, A. Stephenson, S. Thomson, M. Thorn, W. E. Tyson, S. Veale, B. Ward, M. Watton, L. Willis, R. Wright.
- 2nd Class.**—D. Birtle, R. Birtle, M. Cade, M. Kidd, D. Stirling.

The Lord is good,
a stronghold
in the day of
trouble ;
and He knoweth
them that trust
in Him.

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LEARNING TO READ THE SUNDIAL

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"GOD SO LOVED"

A STORY is told of a little girl, daughter of a printer, who was employed in printing in German, Luther's translation of the Bible.

She had been brought up strictly in the Romish doctrines, and only knew of God as One who would judge her for her sins in the last day. Religion to her meant repeating Ave Marias, doing good works, penance, and confession, hoping thus to ease her punishment.

She knew not a God of love, full of compassion and tender mercy, ready to pardon and bless.

One day, she picked up a bit of paper in the shop, on which she read, "**God so loved the world that He gave. . .**" Nothing more did she know, but even this changed her whole thought. She dwelt upon the few words, and the more she pondered them, the more her tender heart responded to the one who "*so loved*." The Holy Spirit enlightened her, and she felt a burden gone and joy filled her heart. The scrap of paper she hid in her bosom, and feasted upon the words constantly.

Her Mother noticed the change in the child, now so free and happy, often singing to herself, and at last she said:

"Why, Gretchen, what aileth thee, child? Thou hast grown wonderfully cheerful and happy. What has come to thee?"

The little girl took out the bit of paper from its hiding place and said, "This is what makes me happy, mother."

"And what in that bit of paper can make thee happy, child?" asked the mother.

"Oh, it is because of what it says out of God's Book."

"Read it to me; what does it say, child?" for she could not read.

The wonderful words were read—

"God so loved the world that He gave. . . ."

The mother could not understand it, and asked, "Gave what, child? I do not see why that makes thee happy."

The little girl replied, "Oh, mother, I do not know *what* He gave, but if He *so* loved the world that He gave *anything*, I will not be afraid of Him any more."

The sequel we do not know, but think, reader, of your privilege with an open Bible and the blessed knowledge that what God gave (John iii. 16) was "**His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**"

Have you ever thanked Him for this great gift? If not, do so *to-day*. Remember the words of Scripture: "Behold, **NOW** is the accepted time; behold, **NOW** is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians vi. 2).

J. W. H. NICHOLS.



NOTHING TOO SMALL FOR THE LORD

SHE sat in the schoolroom, with many children around her, busy at their lessons. Some looked in earnest, others were trifling; but our little girl's face wore a puzzled look—her sum would not come right. The large dark eyes glanced wistfully up at the window—no help was there; and yet was it that bright little sunbeam peeping in which sent the trustful look into Rosie's eyes? At what are the girls smiling? See! they are nodding and whispering together. Two small hands have covered her eyes, as the little girl murmurs.

"Please, Lord Jesus, help me to do my sum; I cannot do it alone. Amen."

She had forgotten she was in school—she had only thought of her difficulty and where she could get help, and, as her

"Casting all your care upon Him ;
for He careth for you" (1 Peter v. 7).

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A GIRL'S DYING WORDS

THIS young girl lived with her parents in Glasgow. She became very ill. By the advice of their physician she was taken to a hospital where, from skilful treatment, her health improved, and a day was fixed for her to leave the hospital.

In view of this, her mother invited a party of young folks to meet her. On reaching home she became suddenly ill and soon died, saying as her last words, "I am ready to meet my friends, but not prepared to meet God."

These words, it is to be feared, are true of many and perhaps of some of my readers.

The Word declares that "Every eye shall see Him," and "all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Revelation i. 7; Hebrews iv. 13).

We each have to meet God either in grace or in judgment and there is no use trying to put it off. If now in grace, you will be saved and thus prepared to meet Him; or if unsaved, you will meet Him at the Great White Throne and be appointed your place in the lake of fire (Revelation xx. 11-15.) There will be no hiding or escaping then. How solemn a truth that every idle word shall have to be accounted for, but the worst sin of all will be refusing to take Christ as your Saviour.

What do you think will be your answer when you are asked, "What did you do



"QUITE RIGHT ! YOU ARE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL"

willing hands again took up the pencil, a flush spread over her little face at the sight of her laughing companions.

"But I don't mind," thought she, "they don't know Jesus is near, or they would not do so."

The sun was easy then ; the trust was not in vain. As the teacher looked over the little maid's paper, she smiled and said,

"Quite right ; you are a good little girl." The child whispered, "Thank You, Lord Jesus."

unto Christ " ? What will you say when you hear Him say, " Depart from Me ? "

But it is not yet too late. Mercy's door is still open and all you have to do is to enter in. His Word is, "**I am the Door : by Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved**" (John x. 9). Then you will be ready to meet God at any moment, and some day you will join the ransomed host in glory to sing praise to Him.

J. GOODWIN ROBERTS.

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BIBLE DREAMS (I)

I WONDER how many of the boys and girls are interested in dreams ? I suppose all who read these lines have at some time or other had a dream. Usually we forget them very quickly as not being very important, but have you ever thought that God has said some very wonderful things to people in dreams ? Well, He has, and so we hope it will be of interest to you to look at some of these dreams. I think we shall see that God has something to say to us in them, as well as the men who first received them.

Jacob, Joseph, and Solomon, were some of the men we read about in the Bible who had dreams and knew that God had given them the dream because He had something to say to them. Yes, these men took notice of what God said to them ; but it often happens that God speaks to people in dreams and **THEY TAKE NO NOTICE**. We read of this in the Book of Job xxxiii. 14-15.

Now, I am going to assume that all who read **OUR CHILDREN** do listen to the voice of God. We may be sure, that if God speaks, and we listen and act upon what He says, we are certain to reap blessing for our souls. God Himself assures us of this for He says, "**HEAR, AND YOUR SOUL SHALL LIVE**" (Isaiah lv. 3).

If the Lord will, then, we will look at some of these dreams month by month and trust it might be for the blessing of all our souls.

The first dream we are going to look at is in Genesis xxviii. 10-22. This dream was given to Jacob and tells us for the first time, that God was going to have a House on earth where men would be able to come into His presence. You live in a house where there is family relationship, love, and freedom. Well, this is also true of the " House of God " on earth. It is the place where we are made aware of Divine relationship, Divine love, and liberty as sons of God. Would you not like to belong to God's House ? You certainly can have a place there. Let us explain.

If I asked you how you came to take a place in your house on earth, would you not say to me, " Why, it is my home. I was born there, my father and mother and family are all there." Of course, this is why you go there and feel you have a right to share in all the comforts. So it is, then, with the " House of God." Are you in the family of God ? If so, you have a place in His House. All the blessings of that House are yours. Scripture tells us that everyone who receives the Lord Jesus as Saviour is born of God (John i. 12). If born into the family of God, then you have a right to enjoy all the wonderful blessings of the " House of God."

Now, what those blessings are we will have to leave for another time. Let me just add in closing, be sure that you are in that House. **Take the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour**, then, like the younger son in Luke xv., you will be made fit by the Robe, the Ring, and the Shoes to enter the House of God and join in the music and dancing. No longer DEAD and LOST, but ALIVE and FOUND.

G. DAVISON.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE EXCELLENCES OF THE BIBLE (3)

IT is the King's best Copy (1 Kings ix. 4), the Magistrate's best Rule (Romans xiii. 1-8), the Housewife's best Guide (Proverbs xxxi.), the Servant's best Directory (Ephesians vi. 5-8), and the Young Man's best Companion (Psalm cxix. 9). It is the Schoolboy's Spelling Book (2 Timothy iii. 15), and the Learned Man's Masterpiece (1 Corinthians ii. 6, 7).

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It is Little Faith's choice Breast (Isaiah lxvi. 11; 1 Peter ii. 2), and the Strong Man's substantial Dish (Hebrews v. 14). It is the Lady's best Looking Glass (2 Corinthians iii. 18), in which she may see both her heart and her face (James i. 23-25), and the face and heart of everybody else (Psalm xiv. 2, 3; Romans iii. 12).

It is an exact Balance (Proverbs xvi. 11), in which a man may both weigh his spirit and his actions (Job xxxi. 6), and tell the exact weight of himself (1 Peter i. 24), and of all mankind (Psalm lxii. 9).

It reveals a world of which no Geographer could ever give a Map (Revelation xxi. 1-7), and a way to it which no

lion hath ever trod (Isaiah xxxv. 9), and which the Vulture's eye hath never seen (Job xxviii. 7). It promises Freedom indeed to all who embrace its truths (John viii. 32-36), freedom from the reign of sin (Romans vi. 14), of Satan (Acts xxvi. 18), and of death (Romans vi. 23); and except a man receive the *truth*, the real *truth* (John xvi. 13), and that in love of it (2 Thessalonians ii. 10), he never shall be able to govern himself (Proverbs xvi. 32), or to bridle his Temper (Colossians iii. 12, 13), his Passions (Romans vi. 11, 13), his Tongue (Psalm xxxix. 1; cxli., 3), or his Sin (Psalm cxix. 133).

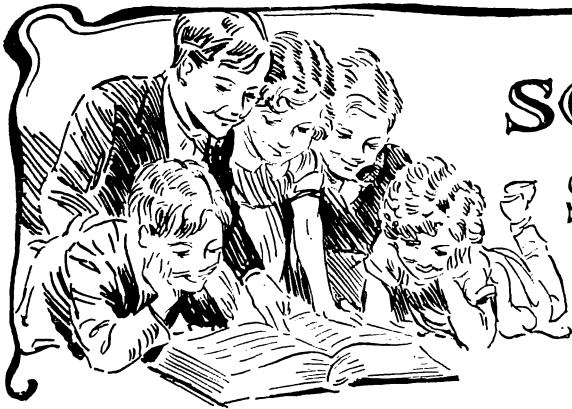
It encourages the Wise (Proverbs ii., xvi., 16), the Warrior (1 Timothy vi. 12), the Swift (Hebrews xii. 1, 2), and the Overcomer (Revelation iii. 5), and promises an excellent reward to the Faithful (Matthew xxv. 21), the Conqueror (2 Timothy iv. 7, 8), and the Winner (1 Corinthians ix. 24).

And that which crowns all is, that **THE AUTHOR** is without Partiality (Acts x. 34), and without Hypocrisy (James iii. 17); **In whom is no variableness** (Malachi iii. 6), **nor shadow of turning** (James i. 17).

May you read its pages more and more, and so be able to say with the prophet, "**Thy words were found and I did eat them, and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart**" (Jeremiah xv. 16).

II. S.





SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR CHILDREN,

We now arrive at the story of Stephen, a great man of God and a prominent leader in the Church. There is not a great deal written about Stephen, but sufficient to show that he was a mighty man, a man of character, ability, and courage, who stood valiantly for God in the midst of terrible opposition, and gave his life for God and all that he held to be according to the will of God. It is said of him that he was full of five things—the Holy Ghost, wisdom, faith, grace, and power. Such power was upon him that he did great wonders and miracles amongst the people.

This man was too much for Satan, who raised up certain people to try to catch him in his words and to get him to say something which was not true. But “they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake”; so they hired a set of liars who would say anything for a little gain. These men stirred up the people with their lies, saying that Stephen had spoken blasphemous words against Moses and against God.

So we find Stephen before the council with the charge that he said that Jesus of Nazareth would destroy the temple and change the customs of the people. This is a similar charge to that which the leaders laid against the Lord Jesus Christ Himself in Mark xiv. 58.

Stephen appeared to be in no way down-hearted. His face shone with a heavenly glory and all that sat in the council saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Gladly he spoke for himself. He recounted the history of the nation of Israel. He told of the promises of blessing made to Abraham. He spoke of Joseph and Moses, leaders of the people, of the way in which God wrought for Israel, and of the way the people treated the

messengers of God. The servants of God had been refused time and again. The people turned to idolatry and would not obey God. Such was the heart of man although surrounded with privileges and revelations.

Then the cutting and true application of the discourse, “As your fathers did, so do ye.” Outwardly they were respectable and very religious, but inwardly they were no better than the heathen. They rejected the law, they killed the prophets, they killed the Son of God, and they resisted the Holy Ghost.

At such condemnation they rose in fury and cast Stephen out of the city, stoning him to death. With a prayer upon his lips for his murderers, the faithful witness passed into his rest. This is the first recorded Christian death—the first of the mighty army of martyrs which still treads its way onward to the glory.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am glad that so many of you have been able to do the back papers, especially those who are too old to receive prizes. May you be rewarded with those things which are *eternal*—those things which are revealed to us through the prayerful reading of God's Word.

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2. What did God tell Abraham to do ? (Acts 7.)
3. Who was with Joseph ? (Acts 7.)
4. When did Pharaoh's daughter take Moses up ? (Acts 7.)
5. Who appeared to Moses in the wilderness ? (Acts 7.)
6. Write out the verse which mentions "shoes." (Acts 7.)
7. What had the Lord seen ? (Acts 7.)
8. What did God show in the land of Egypt ? (Acts 7.)
9. What happened when they heard these things ? (Acts 7.)
10. What did Stephen see as he looked up steadfastly into heaven ? (Acts 7.)

April Searchers.

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2nd Class.—Robert Hall, D. Lancaster, D. Purvis, N. Slater, E. Ward, P. Wood.

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Papers from Abroad.

Correct answers for January, February, and March have been received from F. B. and R. D. Grant, also for January and March from D. Dewar; no paper for February has come from him.

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Habakkuk 1. 13.

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"THIS IS RARE FUN"

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"THOU GOD SEEST ME"

THESE words appear on one of the walls of a house in Broadstairs, Kent, where Charles Dickens lived for some time.

You may remember that this sentence is found in the sixteenth chapter of the Book of Genesis, and was first spoken by Hagar after the angel of the Lord had appeared to her and given her God's message. She realized that God knew all about her needs and trouble, and she never forgot what God had said to her.

God knows that you need food, clothes, shelter, knowledge and education. But He knows, too, that your greatest need is the forgiveness of your sins, for, as we sing sometimes :

"How many children say,
'I'd like to go to heaven,'
Yet never think that they
Must have their sins forgiven."

God sees that chief need of yours. If you do not see it, ask Him to show it to you. Pray each day, "Lord, show me myself."

And God sees our troubles. It is a great comfort to know that, especially if we love the Lord. A poor idiot boy used to be jeered at and badly treated by boys and older persons, too, and, being quite unable to defend himself, he used to say, "Ah, God looked at that." And in this way he no doubt got strength to bear the insults he had to endure.

And God sees our sins, our thoughts and imaginations, our words and actions. We read in Hebrews iv. 12, 13: "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit . . . and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."

But although He hates our sins, He loves our souls—that is, our truest life—and He wants to give us the best of blessings, the forgiveness of our sins. Do YOU want to receive that best of blessings? If so, confess your sinfulness to Him and trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

E. ADAMS.



BIBLE DREAMS (2)

IN continuing with our subject in Genesis xxviii., we are going to look at some of the blessings of the "House of God" this month.

First, then, we find it is a place of REST.

Jacob lay down to sleep. Ah, here was a place where he could rest. Is this not the first thing that we need in this weary world? Surely it is. How often we have heard the words of our Lord Jesus saying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew xi. 28). If we can find no rest in this world God says, as it were, "I have a place where you can rest, in My House, and this rest is found in Jesus." Have you got it? If so you have the first blessing in the "House of God."

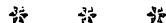
Then, secondly, as Jacob dreamed, he saw a ladder whose top reached to HEAVEN. AH, what a blessing this is in the "House of God." We are in touch with HEAVEN there. Read how the angels go UP, then come DOWN. Yes, and when we pray it goes up to HEAVEN and an answer comes down.

Do you ever pray, boys and girls? God has said that His house is a house of prayer for all nations. You can be sure that if you pray really from your heart, that that prayer reaches heaven, and will be answered in God's own way and time. Like the ladder whose top reached to heaven, so if you pray it will go up and an answer will come back. Be sure, then, and use the ladder; keep on praying.

Thirdly, Jacob hears the voice of God speaking to him. Do you ever hear God speaking to you? He has something to say to you all, but are you listening to Him? Do you ask, "How can I hear God speaking to me?" Get alone with God, as Jacob was, take up your Bible, ask God to speak to you, and He will. It is hard to explain in exact terms, but if you try what we have said you will find that God does speak in His own way; and though we cannot always explain, we are sure all the same that He has spoken to us.

Here, then, are three blessings of the "House of God." REST, PRAYER THAT REACHES HEAVEN, and GOD SPEAKING TO US. May we all hear His voice.

G. DAVISON.



"LEST WE FORGET"

IF I were to ask you what these three words bring to your minds, I do not think I would have to wait long for an answer. Now, every time I go to the Meeting Room I pass a place from which I can see the top of a monument. Perhaps, needless to say, I once went to see why it was there, and on it I found the three words, "Lest we forget." Is not that the very reason there are monuments and reminders?

I have passed the same monument a few

hundred times since I learned what the inscription was, but the other day when I passed again, it flashed into my mind that I know of another "reminder," the most unique of all I have ever seen, for, unlike others, this told me of One who lived and died, but also lives again. It tells me not only of the past, but of the present and future. I think you know to what I refer—the Bible!

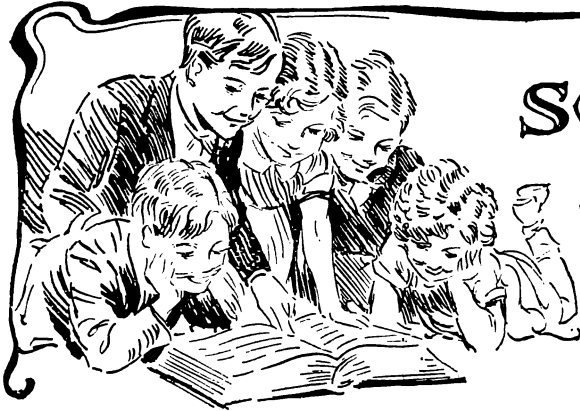
One of the most important things it tells, is that you and I are sinners in need of a Saviour, and that all others in the world are in a similar state until they believe in the One who lived and died and rose again, whose name is JESUS. I can say He died for me, because He loved me. He loves you, too, and died for you, and all you have to do for salvation is to *trust* Him.

If ever there was cause to write, "Lest we forget," we have it here:—

"Lest I forget Gethsemane;
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary!"

At school you get what is called "revision," in order that those who were absent may be taught the lesson, and *lest you forget* what you have already learned. Now I would like you to think of that when you go to Sunday School, or whenever you are reading the Bible, which is God's Word. If you are being told something you never knew before, listen with both your ears, for Jesus said when He was praying to God the Father, "Thy Word is *truth*" (John xvii. 17), therefore believe; and if you are being told something you have already learned, pay heed—*lest you forget*.

W. A. OLIVER.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

After the death of Stephen the persecution of the Christians became very acute. Saul of Tarsus was bitter against them and even went into their houses and took them off to prison. It must have been a terrible time. The Christian people were scattered abroad. They were driven from their homes and from their friends. But, wherever they went, they preached the Gospel. So, instead of the Gospel being stamped out, it prospered greatly. Satan always outwits himself.

The same story has continued through the ages. Christians have been persecuted, cruelly treated, put to death. Bibles have been burned, but in spite of all that Satan has done or can do, the preaching of the Gospel still continues, people are being saved, and the Bible increases in circulation and is being translated into more and more languages. Instances of this are provided by the recent returns from Poland, Hungary, and Germany, which show double the copies sold last year over those during 1938. Then as to translations, it is interesting to know that whilst in 1804 only seventy-one languages had any part of the Bible translated into them, to-day the languages number over a thousand.

At that time Philip, the evangelist, went down to Samaria to preach the Gospel. You will remember that, not very

long before, the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, passed through Samaria. He reached the heart of a woman of Samaria by Sychar's well who then brought others to the Saviour. After the Lord had stayed two days in the city, the people said to the woman, "We have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the *Christ*, the Saviour of the world." So we are told that "Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached *Christ* unto them." Little wonder that "There was great joy in that city."

What a different state existed in Samaria to the persecution in Jerusalem! "The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake" and "they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ."

The theme of the Gospel is *Christ*, and the result of receiving *Christ* is *joy*. It will be so with you as it was with the Samaritans. The first thing is a readiness to *hear*—"Faith cometh by hearing." Then you must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ—this is faith.

We are impressed in this chapter eight of the Acts of the necessity for *reality*. Simon was a professor, but he did not possess salvation. His heart was not right in the sight of God. It is said of him that he "believed" and was "baptized." His life, however, did not correspond with what he professed. He was a sham; an evil man. Simon gives us a solemn lesson that it is easy to pass before our friends as a Christian

yet still be unsaved. God, however, judges the heart; and the thoughts of the heart are known to Him. If you are still unsaved, you may be saved to-day. God is so gracious and ready to bless. Look to Him in faith and He will fill your heart with the joy of salvation.

Your affectionate friend,
C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The papers for May have been very nicely done. Only a few are in 2nd Class. J. Leighton answered one question short. D. Wheeler left out references. B. Holt and L. Gate must give chapter and verse.

Now we are starting on a fresh term and I hope you will try very hard for one of those nice Bibles which are still being offered. Above all, I trust that those of you who have not come to the Lord Jesus Christ may be led to do so through the reading of God's Word.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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Questions for July, 1940

Subject:—Acts 8.

1. What did the people do who were scattered abroad? (Acts 8.)
2. What did Philip do in Samaria? (Acts 8.)
3. "And the people . . . which he did." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Acts 8.)
4. What was there in that city? (Acts 8.)
5. What did Peter say about Simon's heart? (Acts 8.)
6. What did he tell him to do? (Acts 8.)
7. What was the man of Ethiopia reading in his chariot? (Acts 8.)
8. What did the Spirit say unto Philip? (Acts 8.)
9. What did Philip say when he ran thither to him? (Acts 8.)
10. What did the man of Ethiopia reply? (Acts 8.)

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EDITORIAL

Owing to the increasing shortage of paper supplies, we are regretfully obliged to reduce our pages to four.

Although a rearrangement of the type has been made, it has not been found possible to include the "Young Christians" columns, but apart from this and the text for colouring, our readers will see that all the old features are being retained.

We trust that, supported by the prayers of all interested in the Lord's work amongst the young, "Our Children" will continue to be owned of God in the blessing of boys and girls.

OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



"I LOVE AN OLD SHOE"

[Photo: J. H. Stone.]

“COME ON”

HOW many scores of times in a year do we use these words! They are almost as common as “All right.” But the words on the notice board held aloft by a man I saw in a road had a special meaning. They were to tell the users of the road that the way was now clear for them to proceed. The road ahead of the man was under repair and the traffic had to be regulated.

Every reader of this magazine is familiar with the invitation of the Saviour, “Come unto Me.” But do you realize that those words can be taken as a command as well as an invitation? The Lord Jesus knows how foolish, unwilling, and obstinate we are, and so He commands us to go to Him for forgiveness and eternal life. Every user of the road knows that the notice on the board must be attended to. **Do you know that the Gospel message must be obeyed if you are to reach heaven?**

And NOW is the time to trust Jesus. Every motorist knows that “Come on” means “COME ON NOW.” Have you ever thought that in the matter of your salvation, “not now” really means “not willing”? Are you really unwilling to have God’s gift? Are you really unwilling to obtain the forgiveness of your sins and eternal life? Oh, then, decide now, “Christ for me.”

And then the two words we have been looking at will bear another meaning to you. They will remind you that the Lord Jesus is now the Captain of your salvation, whose steps you are to follow.

Just before the battle of Waterloo the younger men in Wellington’s army were cheered by the veterans telling them that they were fighting under a commander who had never been defeated. Those who enter Christ’s army fight under a Commander who has never once been defeated. The Christian is on the winning side.

Are you a Christian? Then Christ is your Leader as well as your Saviour. May you constantly hear His voice saying to you, “COME ON.”

E. ADAMS.

BIBLE DREAMS (3)

WE must bring our consideration of Jacob’s dream to an end this time, with a few other blessings that are mentioned to him in Beth-el, which means the “House of God.”

In Genesis xxviii. 15, God tells Jacob that He will keep him in all places wherever he went and assured him that He would bring him to the blessing that He had spoken about. What

a comfort this is to us. Had it depended upon us to get safely through to the end, not one of us would ever reach the blessing that God has for us. However, it does not say that we are to keep ourselves, but that God will keep us and bring us safe home at last. **Do not be afraid to trust God, boys and girls. He will save you and will keep you as surely as He did Jacob. Trust Him with your soul, and He will take you safely through to the end.**

Now we must listen to what Jacob says as the result of having this wonderful dream given to him by God. We read then that when Jacob awakens up, he begins to tell us what he is going to do for God. He had heard in the dream how God was going to bless him, so he now tells us what he is going to do for God. Firstly, then, he sets up a pillar. This means that he was bearing witness for God. Notice that he is speaking to others about what he has seen. Do you ever speak to others about the God whom you trust? God has left you here to witness for Him. Do you ever try to get other people into the blessing by telling them of all that you enjoy in the “House of God”? Do not be afraid to bear witness and God may use you to bring others into the blessing.

Lastly, Jacob vows that he will give to God one-tenth of all that God gives to him. How much do you give to God? One-tenth of your time! One-tenth of your abilities! One-tenth of your income! Quite a lot, is it not? Try to be useful for God as you pass through this world, knowing that any little service rendered for Him will bring its own reward.

The main thoughts in this wonderful dream of the “House of God” seem to be inside the “House” for blessing, outside in service for God. May both things be true of us all.

G. DAVIDSON.



A CONTRAST

“*Evil pursueth sinners.*”—PROVERBS xiii. 21.

“*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me.*”—

PSALM xxiii. 6.

LISTEN, something is following each of us—either Evil or Good—and we do well to stop and think which is our portion. We read that “*Evil pursueth sinners,*” and “All have sinned” (Romans iii. 23). This means that the evil of our sins will pursue us and bring us into God’s judgment if we are not saved, for “The soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezekiel xviii. 4), and “after death the judgment” (Hebrews ix. 27).

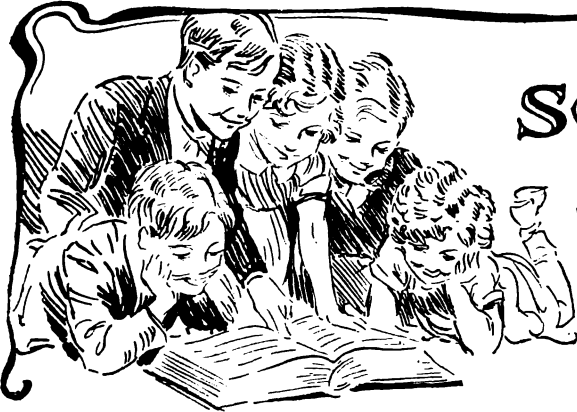
Is there no escape then from evil? Yes, thank God, for does not our second Scripture

say that, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the House of the Lord for ever."

But how has this been made possible? Because the Lord Jesus has died for *sinners, you and me*, and if you trust in His work on the cross, and so take shelter from the *evil* of your sins 'neath the cleansing power of His precious blood, you will be saved. His goodness and mercy shall then follow you, and you will dwell with Him for ever.

Before David could write the words of our second Scripture, or be able to say that he would fear no evil (verse 4), he had to be brought to confess, "The Lord is *my* Shepherd." And so, young reader, if you desire to be saved from coming judgment, and to have the presence of the Lord with you day by day, you must own Him as your own Saviour, then all is well for time and eternity.

Are you being *pursued*? or is goodness and mercy *following* you? E. BRITTON.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Verse 31 of Psalm lxxviii. reads "Princes shall come out of Egypt: Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." It would appear that the story which we read in the latter part of Acts viii. is a fulfilment of this statement. Ethiopia, or Abyssinia, as we now call it, was an important country at that time. This "man of Ethiopia" was evidently an exalted official under Queen Candace, for he was a man of great authority and had charge of the treasury. But his wealth and his power did not satisfy him—he craved for something more. How often we find this in the lives of men and women to-day! People aspire to great wealth, and they seek to attain a place of power, but they find after all that this is not the way to peace and happiness.

The Ethiopian made a journey to Jerusalem, which was then the great religious centre. Look at your atlas and see what a great amount of travelling this involved. He went to Jerusalem thinking that there he would surely find something to satisfy his heart, but he was disappointed. We do not know what happened at Jerusalem. He may there have heard of the Christians, and the effort to suppress them, which was a matter of general interest at that time. Perhaps he got into contact with some Christian people, and this may be how he came to possess a copy of the Scriptures.

With an empty heart, he took the journey towards his home. As he went along in his chariot, he opened the sacred roll. Here was a black Gentile reading the Word of God! How many black people since that time have read the Bible and have found joy and satisfaction in the Saviour! **The Word of God is not confined to any one class of people. It is for all nations and for all men. All people are invited to the Saviour and all nations will be represented in heaven.**

The portion of Scripture which the Ethiopian read was most wonderful. You may read the same portion to-day in Isaiah liii. There the Lord Jesus Christ is portrayed as

the suffering and sorrowing One. He suffered as none other because He suffered on account of sin. **He died that sinners might live.** The story thrilled the black man. There was treasure here—far more valuable than all the great treasures of Ethiopia. As he pondered over the story and wondered who the suffering One could be, he saw someone running towards him. Who was it? It was Philip the evangelist, sent by God into the desert to tell a black man the way to be saved.

Philip told out the message so dear to his heart. He told of Jesus, the Saviour. Little wonder that the heart of the Ethiopian was captivated. He believed the message and "went on his way rejoicing." There is no record of this joy ever ceasing. No, the joy was for ever. **So it will be with you, dear boys and girls, if you put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. He will save you and give you a joy which will never cease.**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

There were quite a lot of *small* mistakes in some of the papers this month. As perhaps some of you have had to work under difficulties, I have not taken off quite so many marks as usual. But I can tell that some have not read over their papers before posting. Try and remember to do this. Jas. Hodgins left out the last references. L. Thompson, L. Gate and J. Somerville must give chapter and verse.

I am pleased to see papers again from some Searchers in Glasgow who had dropped out.

You have not all gained prizes, but many of you will receive texts, two of which will mean that you receive a consolation prize.

These are days in which we need to search the Scriptures more than ever. I wonder if you can tell me where this scripture is: "Thy words were found, and I did *rat* them." It is near the sixteenth chapter of Jeremiah. If we do as this prophet did we too shall experience the joy of which he speaks.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

Questions for August, 1940

Subject:—Acts 8 and 9.

1. "He was led . . . His mouth." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Acts 8.)
2. What was taken from the earth? (Acts 8.)
3. Write out the verse ending with "Jesus." (Acts 8.)
4. What did the eunuch say when he came to the water? (Acts 8.)
5. What did the eunuch say he believed? (Acts 8.)
6. What shined round about Saul as he journeyed? (Acts 9.)
7. What did the Voice say unto him? (Acts 9.)
8. "I am Jesus." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Acts 9.)
9. Write out the verse which speaks about "a chosen vessel." (Acts 9.)
10. What was the Lord going to show Saul? (Acts 9.)

JUNE SEARCHERS

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THE LITTLE COTTAGE GIRL

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"THE LORD BLESS THEE"

(NUMBERS VI. 24.)

"**THE Lord bless thee,**" dear friend,
to-day.

What can I wish thee more?
For rich indeed are they endowed
From Heaven's bounteous store!

I would not wish thee earthly joy.
But that thou mightest be
Proving each day in all thy need
His all-sufficiency.

Nor would I ask that He remove
One trial from thy way,
For, walked with Him 'twill shine until
It leads to perfect day.

But I would ask, above all else,
Thou mightest know Him more,
And kept in resurrection power
Be conqueror o'er and o'er.

And that each day, each hour be lived
For Him and Him alone,
That blessed One who never tired
In service for His own.

May He thus bless thee, prove Himself
Thy never-failing Friend,
Until at Home with Him we dwell,
Where years shall know no end.

E. M. A.



QUITE HELPLESS

IT was a nice bright Sunday morning as I walked along with my Bible and hymn-book under my arm, when a lady, leaning over the gate of her front garden, asked me if I would be good enough to help her.

It appeared that her husband, who was rather a big man and elderly, had somehow suddenly lost the use of his legs and had fallen to the floor.

Of course, I went inside the house, and there I found him sitting on the floor and unable to raise himself. I could see the lady was not strong enough to move him, so I just got behind him and put my hands under his arms, and lifted him up into the chair, and he was ever so grateful.

Now, boys and girls, I want you to notice that the old man was quite helpless, and so he trusted to someone who was stronger than himself. I hope and expect your legs are strong and well able to support your body, but there is one way in which you are just as helpless as the old man. Do you know in what way I mean?

You are quite unable to move yourself one little step towards God and heaven because of your SINS. So the Bible tells us that "When we were yet *without strength*, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans v. 6). What you and I could not do, Jesus said, "I will do for you—I will die for you and take away *all* your sins, so that you can go in *My* strength and *My* power to that bright home above, if only you will trust to Me." *It is no use trusting to ourselves.*

No matter how we try, it is true of us as of some of old that "*in all your doings your sins do appear*" (Ezekiel xxi. 24). **Sin is such an awful thing in God's sight.** Will you not kneel down and thank God for sending His Son to die for you? He never refuses anyone who comes to Him pleading the Name and merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You will be interested to know the old man seemed better when I last called to see him, and to leave a little book telling him of God's great love.

L. A. ANDERSON.

BIBLE DREAMS (4)

OUR next set of dreams is in Genesis xxxvii., and concern Joseph. Here we have a very fine picture of our Lord Jesus Christ. We read about Joseph that he was hated by his brethren. How true this was of Jesus, the Son of God. We can expect, then, that the dreams of Joseph will tell us something of the Lord Jesus, of whom he is a picture.

So we read that Joseph dreamed two dreams. Both came true and both told that Joseph was going to be the lord of all. I am sure Joseph knew that the dreams were given of God and would come true. It would be because of this that he told them to his father and brothers.

In the first, he sees in the sheaves his sheaf standing up and the rest bowing down to him. This meant that all on earth would one day bow down to him. This caused his brethren to hate him the more, though all that Joseph did was to tell them what God had made known to him.

Then he dreamed once more, and this time all in the heavens bowed down to him. This

only caused them to increase their hatred of him. Well, the day came when all in Egypt, and then all his brethren, did fall down before him and thus his dreams came true. We read four times of Joseph that God was with him, and God took care to make the dreams come true that He had given him.

In all this we have a wonderful picture of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Beloved of the Father, and to Him all *must* bow. All in heaven and all on earth. Have you bowed to Him yet? I hope there is not one who hates Him amongst our readers. Well, then, will you bow to Him and give Him the place in your heart that He seeks? Soon all will have to bow, but if we do it to-day it will mean the everlasting blessing of our souls. If we wait till we are forced, like Joseph's brethren, it will mean judgment. Own Him as Lord now, for the Scripture says, "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 x. 9, 10).

G. DAVISON.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR CHILDREN,

Saul of Tarsus was the greatest persecutor of the Christians but he rose to be the most honoured of the Lord's saints. He was born just about the same time as the Lord Jesus Christ. We do not, however, hear anything about him until Stephen's martyrdom, when he shared in the guilt of that terrible murder.

Saul was very zealous against the Christians. So zealous was he that he obtained letters from the high priest giving him authority to put into prison any Christians that he found. Two months ago, we saw that the Christians were scattered abroad on account of the persecution in Jerusalem. Saul went in pursuit. To Damascus he would go, a distance of about 140 miles.

As he arrived near this city, "suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?' And he said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' and the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.'"

There was a change in a moment. Saul had blasphemed this Name. He had treated Jesus as a deceiver, as One who had been crucified rightly because of His false claims. Now all was changed. Jesus, who had died for sinners and who had been raised again, spoke from heaven, so the claims He made were true.

Saul surrendered immediately. He could not resist the call, and was converted. He previously thought that he was right, and doing the right thing by persecuting the Christians, but his vision of Jesus completely changed all his ideas. Now, he who had been so bitter against the Name of Jesus began

at once to preach "Christ that He is the Son of God," and proved that Jesus is "very Christ."

This is the foundation of our Christian faith. If Jesus is not the Son of God, our faith is vain. Saul had seen His glory and heard His voice, and he had not the slightest doubt that Jesus, who spoke to him, was the Son of God.

Saul proved what a blessing it is to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. You, too, dear boys and girls, may surrender yourselves to Jesus. He speaks to you to-day through His word. The Name of Jesus is hated by the world, but it is the only hope for man. **Jesus is the only Saviour, and, if men would only turn to Him, what a different world this would be.**

Saul of Tarsus, the chief of sinners, has been saved, and it was he who wrote, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Sinners, great and small, old and young, from every nation have come to the Lord Jesus Christ and found in Him a wonderful Saviour. You may come to-day and He will not turn you away.

Your affectionate friend,
C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am glad to see some new Searchers' names, and trust they will continue. Two of you answered one question short, hence you start off in second class!

A paper has come from Johnstone with no name. Mary Johnston is in first class for May.

I am sorry Ruby Simpson is ill, and trust she will soon be well enough to do her papers. These can be sent in late.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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Questions for September, 1940

Subject: Acts 9.

1. What did Saul preach in the synagogues? (Acts 9.)
2. How did the disciples help Saul to escape? (Acts 9.)
3. What did Barnabas declare unto the apostles? (Acts 9.)
4. In Whose name did Saul speak boldly? (Acts 9.)
5. How long had Eneas kept his bed? (Acts 9.)
7. "This woman was full of ——" Finish this sentence and write it out. (Acts 9.)
8. What did the widows show Peter? (Acts 9.)
9. What did Peter do before he told Tabitha to arise? (Acts 9.)
10. What happened when it was known throughout all Joppa? (Acts 9.)

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PLAYTIME ON THE LAKE

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THE PRINCE AND HIS DIAMOND

MANY years ago there was a great prince who lived in India, who was a man of handsome features and whose appearance was very attractive. He was also decked with many jewels of immense value, but there was one magnificent diamond he always wore. This diamond hung from his crown and rested upon the middle of his forehead. The people thought he wore it to add to the richness and splendour of his dress ; but that was not the real reason.

What was the reason ? you may ask.

I will tell you why he did this. With all his wealth and beauty, he was like Naaman of old, a leper, and the disease working in his body showed itself in one spot right in the middle of his forehead. Thus the reason he wore this beautiful diamond was to hide the leprosy from the eyes of his fellow men.

Now is not this what many are trying to do with sin ? How many there are to-day who, like this prince, are satisfied, if, by an outwardly clean life, they can hide their sin and thus deceive others. But mark this, there is One you cannot deceive and that One is God. Remember He not only sees from the outside but can pierce the inmost recesses of your heart and, seeing you thus, declares you to be a sinner.

"But, is there no way of cleansing ?" you may ask.

"Yes," I reply.

That cleansing is only found in one source and that is, "**the precious blood of Christ,**" for we read in 1 John i. 7, "**The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.**"

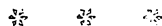
May I ask my readers, "To which class do you belong ?" Are you of those who are trying to cover up their

sin ? Let me remind you, this is of no use, and some day you will discover your awful mistake.

If you have been cleansed by that precious blood you can say and sing :—

No judgment now for me,
I sing because I'm free ;
Jesus died for my sins,
On Calvary's cruel tree.
The Judge's voice I hear,
Bidding me never fear ;
Judgment I have borne for thee,
And you go free.

J. GOODWIN ROBERTS.



IN THE WAY

LORD Jesus, I would learn the way
To live my life for Thee,
And gain a blessing from the truth,
Thy Word to clearly see.

Open mine ears that I may hear
What Thou hast got to say,
And with Thy mercy and Thy love
Encourage in the way.

If I leave all and follow Thee,
Eternal life is sure,
Because Thou Thy life a ransom gave
And judgment did'st endure.

The poor blind man was glad to see,
His faith had made him whole,
He cast his garment from himself,
Gained comfort to his soul.

So let Thy truth live in my heart,
To search me and to find
That God above is good to all,
And blesses all mankind.

P. OSBORNE.

BIBLE DREAMS.

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OUR next dreams are in Genesis 40, and though they were not Joseph's, yet he was the man who explained what they meant. So we will consider them.

Now, had we followed the history of Joseph from chapter 37 to this chapter, we would have seen that in all his ways he was a picture of the Lord Jesus. By the time we reach our present chapter he is in prison, and seen as a type of our Lord as rejected by this world and cast out. But it meant that in the prison, Joseph came into contact with the butler and the baker, and was able to tell them the meaning of their dreams. Yes, and if our Lord was crucified, it brought Him right to where we were, as He said in the parable of Luke 10. 30-37.

Of these two men in the prison, we read that one was hanged and the other restored. Did you ever think that because our Lord was hanged on a tree that you can now be restored? This is true. All our sins, all that we were, the Lord took upon Himself on the cross. Now,

as He died, bearing our judgment, we, believing, can come into the presence of God forgiven. Pharaoh forgave the one man and hanged the other. Again we say that the Lord was hanged on a tree, and we now, like the butler, can be forgiven.

In the three branches we have three days, and within three days both of the events in these dreams took place. Do you remember how the Lord said that He would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth? (Matthew xii. 40.) Yes, in those three days sinful man was ended under the judgment of God, and man can now stand before God, forgiven the sins he had committed.

The cup would speak of the New Covenant, and if you take the trouble to look up the New Covenant in Hebrews x. 17, you will read that *sins remembered no more* is the first great blessing it gives us. The way is now open for you to come into the presence of God with your sins forgiven, as the result of our Lord going into death. Make sure that you have this blessing. "Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13-38).

G. DAVISON.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

This month we read of a very notable gathering. It was in the house of Cornelius and consisted of Jews and Gentiles. This was the first time that Jews and Gentiles had met together in holy fellowship. Formerly they would have nothing to do with each other. But the death of the Lord Jesus Christ had made a wonderful difference. The partition which existed had been broken down, and God sent the Apostle Peter with a message of salvation to the Gentiles.

Cornelius was a great Roman general—a good man—one who prayed to God and gave money to the poor, but he was not saved. It was to the house of Cornelius that Peter went and, when he got there, he found Cornelius anxious to know the way of salvation. He was not only anxious for himself

but he had gathered his friends that all might share in the blessing.

Peter preached out of a full heart that day, for God had taught him a great lesson, that **the gospel is for all**. God's grace could not be limited to one nation nor to one class of people. "**God is no respecter of persons.**" Be a person red or yellow, black or white, high or low, rich or poor, Jew or Gentile, none is excluded from the grace of God. *All* are sinners but God loves *all*, and His heart of compassion goes out to all alike.

As you read Peter's sermon, you will notice that he spoke much of the Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed, we could have no gospel apart from Christ. All the prophets of old pointed to Him, and Peter pointed to Him as the only Saviour. It was a story which, no doubt, you have heard so often, how God sent His Son into the world with a message of peace,

He went about doing good but He was misunderstood, despised, rejected and utterly cast out. Although He came in grace, He was slain and hanged on a tree. This was sad indeed, but herein lies all our blessing. For, if we are to be saved, it is only because of that death. We cannot be saved by any means except through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But Jesus is not in death to-day. No, He is risen. Because He died and has been raised again, we have the glorious message that "through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."

What a blessed, simple message! Little wonder that all who heard the Word were saved. I would to God that every boy and girl who reads this magazine was saved too. The conversion of Cornelius and his friends happened many years ago and the gate was thus opened for salvation to flow out to the Gentiles. That gate will close one day—it will then be too late to find salvation. Then "they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me" (Proverbs i. 28). Enter now, dear children, before it is too late.

Your affectionate friend,
C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The questions have been answered very well this time. A. Rice gave some wrong references. P. Clackerty left out chapter and verse to one answer. A paper has come from Ponteland with no name.

I am so glad that in spite of the difficult times in which we live there are so many still doing the Scripture Searching. The Word of God is the only source of true comfort which we all so need at this time.

I would like to ask you ere you finish your papers to look at our tenth question again. Are you included in this "Whosoever"? You may be here and now, but do not put it off, as we know not what a day may bring forth.

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1. What kind of man was Cornelius? (Acts 10.)
2. What did he see about the ninth hour? (Acts 10.)
3. What did he say unto him about his prayers and alms? (Acts 10.)
4. What did Peter do about the sixth hour? (Acts 10.)
5. What was in the great sheet? (Acts 10.)
6. What did the Voice first say unto him? (Acts 10.)
7. What did the Voice say when it spoke the second time? (Acts 10.)
8. What did Peter say he perceived? (Acts 10.)
9. "For God was with him." Write out the verse which ends with these words? (Acts 10.)
10. Who shall receive remission of sins? (Acts 10.)

AUGUST SEARCHERS

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PLAYMATES.

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A ROYAL PRAYER AND ITS ANSWER

RECENTLY I read a story about Queen Victoria, the great-grand-mother of our present King, which I think will interest you.

One afternoon Her Majesty visited one of her pensioners, an old lady, and her niece.

Her Majesty sat knitting and chatting for some time, and also had tea with them.

After tea she said, "Now I will read a few verses from the fourteenth chapter of St. John," which she did. Then looking very kindly at the young girl, she said, "I wonder whether you are a Christian, my dear?" "Oh, yes, your Majesty," the girl replied. "How do you know you are?" asked the Queen. The reply was, "Because I've been christened and confirmed."

The Queen made no answer, but gently said, "Now we will have a few words of prayer, so you kneel down. We old ladies will bow our heads, as our rheumatism will not allow us to kneel down." Her Majesty then prayed, and in her prayer said, "Lord, open the eyes of this young girl and show her that without change of heart she can never become a true Christian, and show her that no outward observances can in any wise save her soul, and this I ask in the name of the Lord Jesus."

About a year afterwards the Queen's prayer was answered. The girl realized her condition as a sinner and believed that "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanses us from all sin," and she became truly converted.

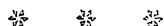
We pray that the Queen's prayer may be used to help some other young person who, too, may be trusting in outward observances.

E. M.

BAD BOOKS

A GENTLEMAN in India, while searching for a book, felt a slight pain in his finger, like the prick of a pin. He took no notice of it, but soon his arm began to swell, and in a short time he died. A small but deadly serpent was afterwards discovered among the books. So many receive in an evil book a wound, which, though it seems but slight, proves fatal to the soul. **Be careful what you read, and how you read.**

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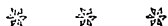
THE BOOK.

IN the Green Room at Dresden, where for centuries the Saxon princes collected their gems and treasures until they became worth over a million of money, there is a large silver egg. It was a present to one of the Saxon Queens. If you touch a spring, the egg flies open, and lo! inside, there is a golden yolk. Touch another spring, and the yolk flies open, and inside you find a chicken! Touch still another spring, and the wings of the chicken open out, and hidden underneath them you find a beautiful golden crown studded with jewels. But even that is not all! Touch still another spring, and hidden in the centre of the crown you find a magnificent ring!

What a picture of the Word of God, the Bible! It is a treasure, but inside it there are hidden many other treasures. The more we search in it the more riches we find. When Sir Walter Scott lay dying, he asked his friend Lockhart to read to him. "From what book shall I read?" he asked. The great author looked up and replied: "There is only one Book—the Bible."

"The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible;
If you read it every day, it will help you on your way.
Oh, the best book to read is the Bible."

M. STUBBS.



BIBLE DREAMS (6)

WE now come to the last dreams in Genesis xli., where we have the two dreams of Pharaoh, and again Joseph is brought in. Once more he is a type of our Lord.

In his own two dreams we have the testimony of the life of our Lord brought before us. In

the dreams of the butler and baker, we have the effects of the Lord's death. But now, in the two dreams of Pharaoh, we have the coming glory, when Christ will be Lord of all. Here we see fulfilled the dreams of Joseph. And as our Lord witnessed of His glory, so it will surely come to pass.

Pharaoh, in his dreams, is warned of God about a coming famine, and Joseph is the only man who can save the situation. He is brought from prison and proves that he knows what is meant by the dreams. He also can tell Pharaoh what to do. So Joseph becomes the "*saviour of the world*." This may be the meaning of the new name that is given him (verse 45).

So we have in these dreams a warning given by God that a famine is coming on the whole world. And there is to be a famine on this earth very shortly. It will lead to the Lord coming forth as Joseph came out of prison. The only Man who will be able to save the situation will be the Lord Jesus.

In Amos viii. 11, God says that a famine is coming, not of bread or water, "but of hearing the words of the Lord." What a day that will be! It will lead to the Lord coming forth in all His glory as we see pictured in Joseph with the gold chain about his neck. But many will die in the time of famine, before the glory comes. Listen, then, boys and girls, to the WORD OF GOD, for God is going to take His WORD away. Then, no more will the Gospel be preached. While you have time, come to the true Joseph. The One who will save the whole situation for God in a coming day will save you NOW. He is in truth "the Saviour of the World" (John iv. 42). Let Him save you NOW.

So much then for this brief look at these remarkable dreams. May their voice speak to us all. Do not make salvation a mere dream. It is a living reality. Trust the Saviour NOW, and you will share with Him in the coming glory.

G. DAVISON.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

(11)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Chapter xii of the Acts gives us a very thrilling account of God's protecting care and how He is able to deliver His children. We are not all likely to be shut up in prison, but, being a Christian does not mean that we shall not have trials and sometimes be found in difficult circumstances, and perhaps in danger. Troubles come to all alike—saved and unsaved. Sorrow, sickness, disappointment, temptation, and many other things fall across our pathway. **But the great thing to remember is that the Lord has all power, and no power here, chains nor bars, soldiers nor keepers, nor anything else can detain those whom the Lord sets at liberty.** There is nothing in the world that is not under His sway. If only we believed this, what peace it would bring into our lives!

During a recent air-raid in the north-east of England, a gentleman was seeking to reassure some people who were in a café, when a little girl of six or seven caught his sleeve and said with a smile, "I'm not a bit afraid, 'cos Jesus will take

care of me." He picked her up in his arms and asked her to repeat the brave words, and many people were cheered and comforted by the child's trust and courage.

The perils and difficulties may be very great, but the believer in Christ is able to repose in quietness and confidence because everything is under the control of Him who is our Lord and Redeemer. The soldiers in a camp sleep peacefully although hostile forces may be very near, because sentinels watch. God's angels are always near those who trust the Saviour. The angel of the Lord appeared to Peter, illuminating the dark prison and setting him free from his chains. Peter was escorted by the angel into the street, and he soon found his way to the prayer-meeting.

A special point in our chapter is the **great power of prayer**. We see that prayer opens prison gates and sets the prisoner free. We need prayer because not one of us can keep himself. It is a great comfort to know that someone is praying for us, and it is a great privilege to pray for others. But, when we pray, do we always believe that we shall get an answer? Of course, we may not get all we ask—it may not be good for us. What is *good*, the Lord will give.

Whilst prayer was made for Peter, the answer came. But when the answer did come they were surprised. They may have thought it useless to pray for Peter's deliverance from prison. He was bound to the guard with chains. Perhaps they prayed that he might be kept happy and set free some day. God gives much more than we ask and according to His own riches. The *prayer* meeting that day would be turned into a *praise* meeting, no doubt.

What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus! He is able to deliver you, if still enslaved, from the power of Satan. He would release you from the bondage of sin and set you free if you would only let Him do so. Are you willing for this?

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

When marking the papers this month I was noticing that some of you have been doing Scripture Searching regularly for seven years, and some even longer than that. I shall have to see if I can send a *special* little reward to you at the end of this year. Next year we may not be able to continue with the texts and consolation prizes.

I am sorry one question was not printed for September. This has not affected your marks.

Mary Bendall's paper was in time. I hope she is better.

R. Davison and F. Wood must do separate papers.

This month's questions contain much to encourage us during these days in which we live.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

Communications from E. Adams and J. H. Evans are acknowledged with thanks.

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1. What was going on while Peter was kept in prison? (Acts 12.)
2. How and where was Peter sleeping? (Acts 12.)
3. Who came upon him? (Acts 12.)
4. What did Peter say when he came to himself? (Acts 12.)
5. What were many people doing in the house of Mary? (Acts 12.)
6. What was the name of the damsel who came to the door? (Acts 12.)
7. What happened when she knew Peter's voice? (Acts 12.)
8. Whom did Peter say had brought him out of prison? (Acts 12.)
9. What happened as soon as it was day? (Acts 12.)
10. "And when Herod had sought for him and . . ." Write out the next three words only. (Acts 12.)

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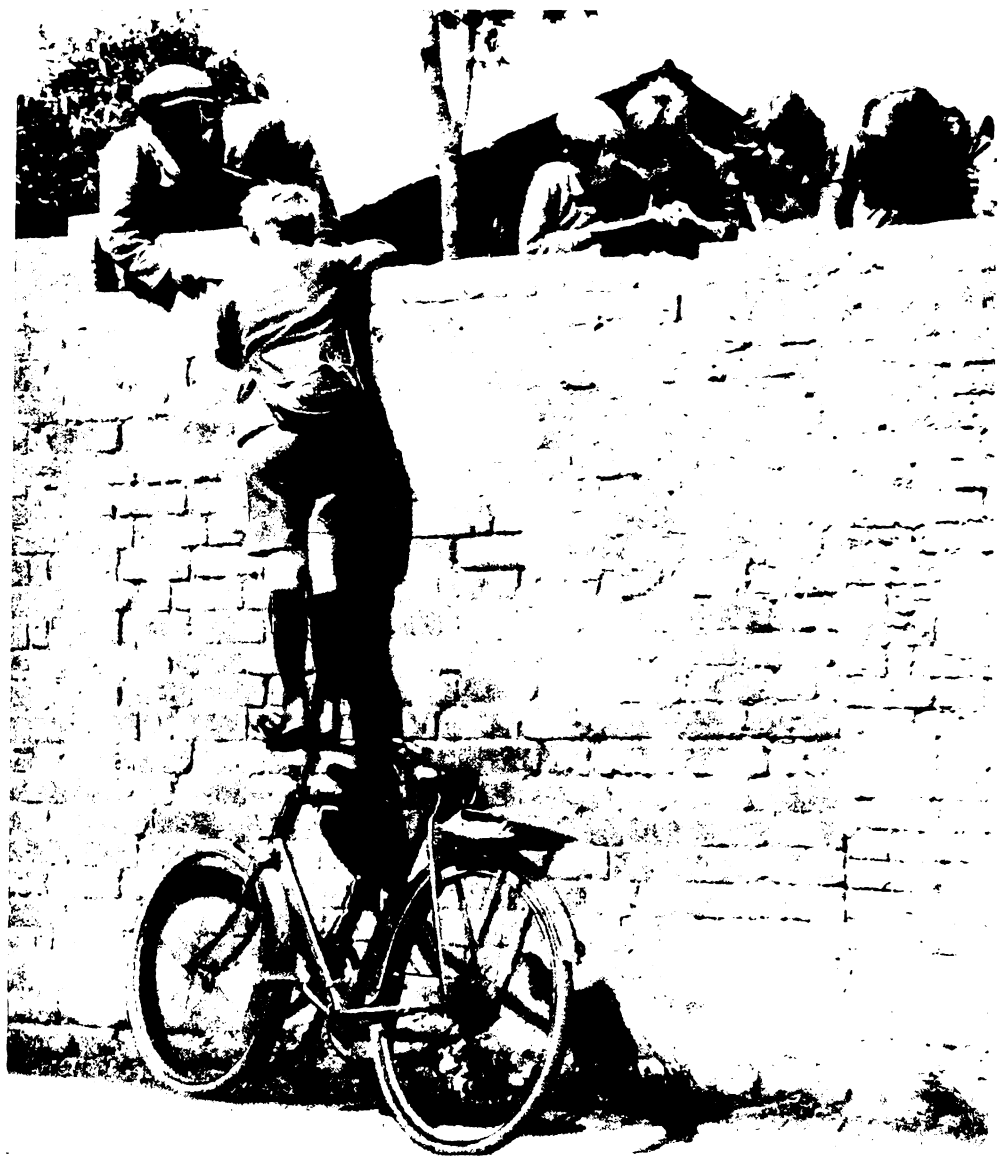
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READING UP THE LESSONS.

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TWO DREAMS AND THEIR RESULTS

WOULD you like to hear about Charlie's dream?

He was a big boy, between twelve and thirteen, and went one night to a meeting, bent on mischief and making fun of what he heard. He laughed and talked and disturbed the preacher so that he had to be reproved.

But one night he had a dream which disturbed him dreadfully. He thought that at the foot of his bed, on the wall, not in black letters, but in fiery words like gas jets, he saw the word

ETERNITY.

He woke in a great fright, trembling very much, and could not go to sleep again.

Surely it was God speaking to Charlie, and he felt what a wicked boy he was, and that if he died in that state he could not possibly spend eternity in heaven. He could not swallow any breakfast in the morning and had a most wretched time at school.

After school he ran home, went to his room, and on his knees, weeping, prayed God to save him for Christ's sake. That was the day of his salvation, and Charlie has been different ever since. He is grown up now and telling others of the Saviour.

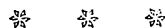
Now I will tell you about Tom, who also came to my meetings. One night he stopped behind and found Christ, but when he went home he did not run into the sitting-room and tell his dear mother, but went upstairs to bed in the dark.

About 11 o'clock, his mother said to his father, "I will just go and look at Tom to see if he is comfortable." She went in softly, not to disturb him, and he looked very happy in his sleep, but she noticed by the candlelight his lips

moving, and heard him whisper, "I am so glad that is settled"—then a pause—"Jesus has taken all my sins away"—another pause—"I am washed in the blood of the Lamb."

It would have been better, perhaps, if he had boldly confessed his Saviour to his dear parents at once, but anyway, he did not keep his secret for long. Evidently his very dreams were happy now that he was saved.

Can *you* say what Tom said? If not, why not get it settled now by receiving Christ? "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 x. 9). J. s.



FOOLS

WHEN the writer was a boy he used to like to chalk on walls and doors, as many boys and girls do; but it is far better not to do so. Sometimes he would write, "So-and-so is a fool," referring to some boy or girl he knew.

He never wrote, "I am a fool." It was always somebody else, although the fact and act of so doing proved his own foolishness; but he did not know it then.

There is a sense in which all boys and girls are fools, however clever they are or think they are. We learn that from God's Word, the Holy Bible, which speaks of two kinds of people, namely, "Fools for Christ's sake" (1 Corinthians iv. 10) and also "Satan's fools" (Psalm xiv. 1; liii. 1).

"The fool hath said in his heart, No God." What a fool a boy or girl or "grown-up" must be who says, "No God for me," for that is the real meaning of the text quoted above. How much better and wiser to say, I will be "a fool for Christ's sake,"

and have God for my Father, Jesus for my Saviour and coming King, and the Holy Spirit for my Comforter and Teacher.

Satan's fools are in bondage to him in this life, and get everlasting punishment afterwards.

Decide for Christ now, confessing Him as Saviour and Lord, then seek the company of those who are proud to be reckoned "fools for Christ's sake." Such are "saved by grace," and on their way to heaven because they have heard and heeded God's Word, which says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31).

W. S. HONEYBALL.



"JESUS UNDER THE SKIN"

THESE were the words of an Eskimo grandmother said to be 95 years old, who one day, during a visit paid by Dr. Sheldon Jackson to the Arctic, came tugging at his coat sleeve. When asked what she wanted, she replied through the interpreter as follows:—

"Long time ago pedlar came, said he been preacher. Trader asked him preach to us that night, so he did. After he talk about God's Book, OF WHICH WE NEVER HEARD BEFORE, he went to living quarters and got basin of water, then pour water on my head and say: 'Now you all Christians.' I replied, 'But, O Missionary, O Missionary, me want "Jesus under the skin."'" She was deeply interested, and it was not hard gently and tenderly to lead her to the Saviour of sinners. The change wrought in her was reflected in her happy face. When after prayer the doctor and his helpers arose from their knees, they found fourteen young couples kneeling in front of the school desks, all desirous of the same blessing. As a result three of the young husbands are now active in Christian work.

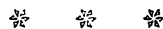
The expression of the Eskimo grandmother may be quaint, but her meaning is evident. She did not desire to be a mere nominal Christian, a *professor* and not a *possessor*. Job says: "If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; yet shalt Thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me" (Job ix. 30, 31).

You may be all that is good in your outward conduct, but remember, "Man looketh on the

outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel xvi. 7).

Have you, dear reader, just the "form of godliness," with no living link with the Lord Jesus Christ? If so, your *profession* can avail nothing with the God who tries the heart. Will you not say like the Psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm cxxxix. 23, 24).

Baptism cannot save your soul. **Jesus alone can meet your need.** May He be your trust, your Saviour, Lord, and Friend that, like the Eskimo woman, the change may be seen in your walk and ways. J. W. H. NICHOLS.



ABRAHAM AND LOT

WE want to talk about choosing to-day.

If I had a red balloon and a blue one, which would you choose? If you could have a picture book or a doll, which would you like best? Suppose I took you to a store where they had toy boats and engines, which would you pick out? Perhaps every day you choose something or other. It is not always a play-thing. Every day you choose right or wrong. Perhaps a playmate wants you to go off to the woods, but mother said that to-day you must stay near the house. You choose to do what the playmate wants or else you choose to obey mother.

There were once two men named Abraham and Lot. They were living together and both men knew God. But they had so many sheep they thought it best for each to live alone. So each chose a place to live in. Lot chose the plains and put up his tent near a city. This city was full of bad men. Soon we learn that Lot was living in the city. This made it hard for him to serve God. Because the city was so wicked God burned it with fire. Lot would have been burned too if God had not sent angels to get him out.

Abraham chose the hill where there were not many people. But Abraham loved God and served Him, so God blessed Abraham.

Which man made the best choice? Yes, Abraham, because he chose God.

Now when we choose our playmates let us choose those who will help us do the right instead of those who tease us to do wrong.

A verse in the Bible says, "Choose you this day whom you will serve. As for me I will serve the Lord."

Whom will you choose to-day?

The Children's Hour.

Questions for December, 1940

Subject: Acts 13.

1. What was Saul's other name? (Acts 13.)
2. What did they preach in the synagogues of the Jews? (Acts 13.)
3. What had God raised unto Israel? (Acts 13.)
4. What did John say as he fulfilled his course? (Acts 13.)
5. When did they take Jesus down from the tree? (Acts 13.)
6. Who raised Him from the dead? (Acts 13.)
7. What is written in the second Psalm? (Acts 13.)
8. "Be it known . . . forgiveness of sins." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Acts 13.)
9. Who are justified from all things? (Acts 13.)
10. What happened the next sabbath day? (Acts 13.)

THE SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am afraid that, through circumstances out of our control, we are only able to grant you a small corner in this number. Everything to-day is uncertain, and I am sure our friend Mr. C. S. Ross, who writes so faithfully to you month by month, will fully agree that the only *certainities* are linked with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you know Him? If so, you will be able to join us in saying to some who know Him not—

"I have a Friend, a powerful Friend,
Unfailing, kind and true;
The chief among ten thousand,
Oh! I wish you knew Him too!
To me He sends kind messages,
He waiteth but to bless;
Have you a saviour like to this,
In such true faithfulness?"

The Lord bless you!

EDITOR.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Many of you went wrong again in Question 5, through not reading a little further on before giving the answer. Always read the whole chapter first. Several left out chapter and verse.

F. Wood and R. Davison must not write on each others' papers. G. Harvey must do six questions.

I am sorry Constance Blackburn has been ill and trust she is now better.

We have now come to the last of our questions for the year. I hope you will all take special care over these.

Next year (D.V.) I shall not give you so many questions each month.

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