

OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



GOING HOME IN THE SNOW

A MESSAGE FOR YOU

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIEND,

How true are the words of Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, we are being made to realize as the days roll by.

I am thinking of what he says in Proverbs xxvii. 1, "Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." We are living in a troubled world where the forces of Satan and his host are let loose. None of us can boast of certainty in regard to life here. Day by day, the lists of men and women, and even boys and girls, announcing death continue to swell. Countless others are being injured for life, whilst the normal habits of most of us have been greatly changed.

All this presents a dark picture, but to those who have eyes to see there is another side to it all. The terrible things that are taking place around us only prove how incurably wicked man is, if left to himself, but there stands still the glorious fact that **God is the same, and His love and mercy are unchangeable and boundless.**

Think of some of the many mercies you daily enjoy at His hand. Food, health, a good home, preservation from danger, and the many privileges that come as a result of living in a country the Government of which has at its head our God-fearing King, His Majesty King George VI. We are often inclined to receive these daily gifts, forgetting to say even "Thank you," and when God offers, as He still does, His greatest gift of all, the Lord Jesus Christ as our *personal* Saviour, how often we have refused and rejected Him! There is *such* love behind this great Gift and all His mercies, and we need the spirit of *gratitude*—the heart full of thanksgiving to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

In the light of all this and with our Scripture before us, surely we each need to be certain of *to-day*, and as we trust the Lord Jesus for salvation we can say with David, "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." This is true boasting in which God delights (Jeremiah ix. 23, 24).

The Lord bless and keep you day by day is the prayer of

Your affectionate
EDITOR.



PAUL'S LETTER

DO YOU LIKE to get letters? St. Paul once wrote a letter to some friends who lived in a place called Thessalonica. If you turn over the pages of the New Testament, you will find it in your Bible. These people had all believed what Paul had told them about God's Son. Who is God's Son? Yes, He is the Lord Jesus Christ. The people who lived in Thessalonica all worshipped idols, but when Paul went and told them about the Lord Jesus, many of them were converted.

"CONVERTED?" you say. "That is a very grown-up word." But even boys and girls must be converted, you know, or they can never go to Heaven! The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, "Except ye be converted . . . ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew xviii. 3). How, then, can we be converted? Let us look at Paul's letter to his friends in Thessalonica, and see! He says: "Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (1 Thessalonians i. 9, 10).

So we see "that being converted" means to believe that the Lord Jesus died for our sins, that He rose again, and that He is coming back one day. Oh, what a happy thing it is to be converted! *Are you converted?* Because Paul's friends were converted, they were filled with joy, and everybody saw how happy they were. Paul says they were "en-samples," or "patterns"! Are you a pattern of what a Christian boy or girl should be?

"Mother!" said a little girl who had trusted Christ, "I'm going to be a missionary *now*." "How can you be, dearie? You are only a little girl. Why,

you are only ten years old," replied her mother. "Little girls don't go out as missionaries, you know." "Can't you guess, mother?" said the little girl. "No, dearie, you must tell me." "I am going to give two pennies of my pocket money every week to a Society, and then I shall be a missionary," said Susan, and her eyes sparkled. "And, mother, dear," she added, "John and I are going to have a little prayer-meeting every week to ask God to bless my two pennies. I asked John if he could give two pennies, too, but you know his pencils cost such a lot and he needs so many. It was John who suggested the prayer, mother. You know daddy had been reading in morning prayer about the widow's oil, and John said, 'Don't you think that God can make your penny go a long way, Susan, like He did

the widow's oil?' So we thought we would spread out my two pennies before God and ask Him to *spread it out unto good*. We began last Monday and prayed together. So you see, mother, we have begun to be missionaries, John and I."

"Yes, darling," replied the mother, "I see now that I have two missionaries in my house."

PAUL SAID HE THANKED GOD for his Christian friends. Do people thank God for you, because you make them so happy? Remember, boys and girls, that

"Happy is the boy who is saved from sin,
Happy is the girl who believes in Him;
Never to a boy did the Lord say, 'No,'
Let us everyone to the Saviour go."

E. G. CLARKE.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

This year the theme of our Scripture Searching is going to take us round the clock. Number one comes first—no number stands before one—it is the beginning. If we want to make a success of anything, we must see that the beginning is right. The Apostle Paul speaks of a good beginning in 1 Corinthians 15. 3 where he gives us the Gospel in a nutshell. He delivered to the Corinthian people, first of all, the Gospel, and he commences the short description of the Gospel by the word "Christ." **We must begin with Christ.** He is supreme. Nothing will be right which does not start with Him. This is why men do not like the Gospel. Man likes to think of himself as the "great chief," and it is to be feared that the great "I" will shut many people for ever out of blessing.

It has often been said that **we must put the Lord Jesus Christ first**, other people in the second place and ourselves last. It would be a better and a happier world if everybody did this. But there is a sense in which one must single one's self out from all others. We often look at other people and think what great sinners they are. I ask you a question, however, "If there was not another person in the world apart from yourself, do you feel that *you* are a sinner?" God's word declares that you are a sinner, and we have the statement repeated again and again in the Bible "*there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*" The sinner cannot do good. On the contrary, King Solomon wrote, "one sinner destroyeth much good."

It is easy to go with the crowd and say, "Well, we are all sinners." But God would have you feel that you are a sinner. It would be an awful thing if everybody else was saved and you, alone, stood apart unsaved.

Questions for January, 1941

Subject: One.

Being sinners, we are subject to the wrath and judgment of God. Terrible would be our portion if we were left in our sins for ever. David said, "If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" But immediately these words were added, "there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared." This is the blessed Gospel—there is forgiveness. God has accepted a sacrifice, the *one* sacrifice, which He, Himself, gave, for He spared not His Son but gave Him up. This is how God can forgive because Jesus has borne the judgment. He is the *one* sacrifice for sins.

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over *one* sinner that repenteth." May you be that *one* sinner to-day, to cause joy in the very heart of God!

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

1. What hath not failed? (Joshua 23.)
2. Write out the verse beginning with "One thing." (Psalm 27.)
3. "I have laid help upon . . ." Finish this sentence and write it out. (Psalm 89.)
4. Who destroyeth much good? (Ecclesiastes 9.)
5. When shall there be joy in heaven? (Luke 15.)
6. Write out the verse which ends with "follow Me." (Luke 18.)
7. What did the blind man say about "one thing"? (John 9.)
8. "Brethren . . . before." Write out the verse where these words occur, and also the next verse. (Philippians 3.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

As you will see, there are very few in Second Class this time. This is very good, as I know that some of you have been working under difficulties. I hope the Ponteland papers will be coming along.

I am glad to see some new searchers, and trust they will continue. Now, if you each try to get *one* more Searcher, what a nice long list we should have. This year (D.V.) you will not have so many questions to answer, but I do want each one of you to read *carefully* the Scriptures while you are searching. You will find the reason why in 2 Timothy iii. 15.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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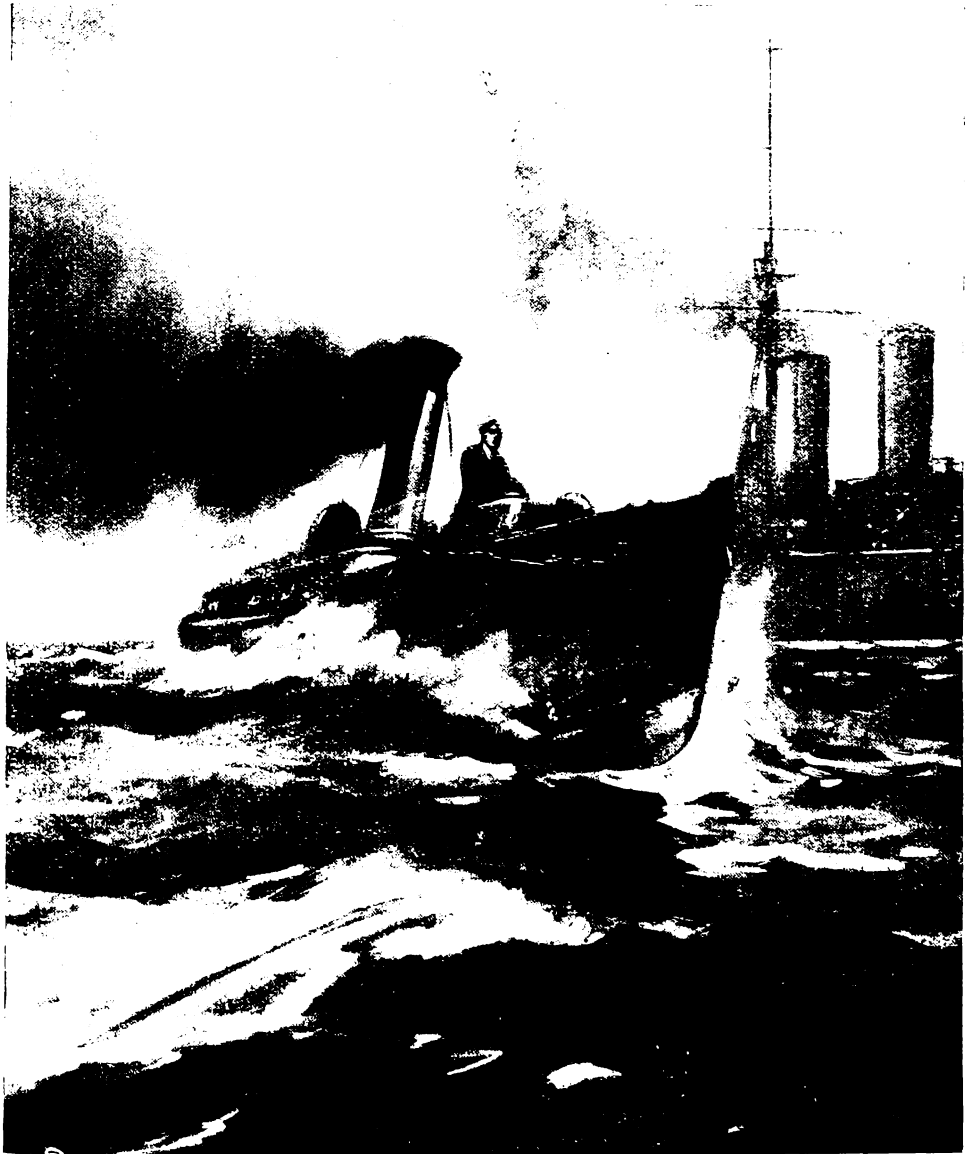
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A NAVAL MESSAGE

THE first company of soldiers (during the present war) from Canada was crossing the Atlantic when the vessel got lost in a fog. For a whole day destroyers searched for it. At last, towards evening, a wireless message came through: "Read Luke xv. 6." Decoded it read: "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

Quite a novel use of Scripture on the part of the Naval authorities, but what an illustration of the Gospel message it affords.

The vessel was lost in a fog. How like boys and girls who are sailing on life's ocean but are lost in a fog. Few things are worse than fogs at sea. Nothing can be seen. All is obscurity and uncertainty. Dangers abound, and none can help; and until the fog lifts this must continue. What fogs envelop boys and girls! How thick is the fog of unbelief, doubt, and uncertainty: they know not which way to turn. At any moment they may run on a sandbank or go ashore and become a total wreck. What shall they do for safety and certainty?

Two destroyers searched for and at last found the lost vessel. How this reminds us of Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost. Who has not read that matchless 15th of Luke? One sheep was lost. The ninety and nine left in the wilderness, the Shepherd going after it and not resting until he finds it. Placing it upon his shoulders, and rejoicing, he cometh home and calleth his friends and neighbours together saying, "Rejoice with me," etc.

Dear young people, would you cause joy in heaven? Then take your place as a lost sinner—a repentant sinner, judge yourselves. Own and confess your sin to God and you will find there is forgiveness with Him that He may be feared. Suffer the good Shepherd to take hold of you, and place you upon His strong shoulders and carry you home. He laid down His life to this end. Yield to Him now. He will save you from the fog of doubt and obscurity, and give you the solid sense of eternal security and certainty. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

J. H. EVANS.

THE FORGOTTEN
DIAMOND

YOU may have heard of that wonderful diamond called the Koh-i-noor, which means, "Mountains of Light," and which is now one of the chief ornaments in the British Crown. It was given in the charge of Lord John Laurence to bring to England. He carefully put it into a little box in his coat pocket, and then, having so much to do and think about, forgot all about the diamond. Some time later the Queen sent for the diamond. Lord Laurence hunted for it but could not find it. You can imagine how he felt. He sent for his servant and asked him if he had found a small package in one of his pockets. "Yes," said the servant, "I found a package and put it away, but there was only a piece of glass in it." And he went and fetched the precious stone.

Now GOD has placed in our keeping something far more precious than even diamonds. Can you guess what it is? It is the precious letters He has written called the Bible. Do we treasure them carefully and read them prayerfully? Or are we just careless about the Book? "I never forget to keep in close touch with the Word of God," said a soldier at the front. "I am sure the constant reading of it makes one trust and feel cool in the day of strife and battle. But I can't see how those men can get much good from the Bible who only read it and pray when danger threatens them. Several of us have formed a little company, pledged to read and study the Bible a bit each day if possible. That makes us feel better in heart and soul, as many have acknowledged."

Are you reading GOD'S Book every day, boy or girl?

A man once bought a Bible at an auction. He bought it not because of

what it was in itself, but for the sake of the rich silver clasps with which it was bound. When he took it home he tore off the clasps, and was on the point of throwing the Book itself away, when curiosity compelled him to open it and read it. The Bible had been for him, for many years, a lost Book. Never since he was a small boy and went to Sunday School had he read a word of it. But now the words he read came back to him with great power, bringing with them the sad, sweet memories of his old

home, and of the loving mother whose darling boy he had been. The tears rushed into his eyes: he could read no more. He knelt to pray GOD for CHRIST'S sake to forgive him his sins and make him a Christian. What a joyful discovery that Bible was to him!

"Oh, 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."

E. G. CLARKE



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The testimony of Scripture is that "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up" (Ecclesiastes iv. 9-10). It is always good to have a helper—a friend to whom you can turn in times of need and trouble—one who will be friendly in joy and sorrow. **The best and truest Friend to have is Jesus. He came from the glory of God down to Calvary's cross in order that He might befriend our souls.**

The second book in the Bible speaks expressly of redemption and salvation. It is in this book we read these words: "I am come down to deliver" (Exodus iii. 8). The Lord heard the cry of the Israelites, who were in bondage in Egypt, and He delivered them and led them through the wilderness to the promised land—the land of Canaan. "Thou in Thy mercy, hast led forth the people, which Thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation" (Exodus xv. 13).

Two is a pair, and we get many pairs in Scripture, for example, the two foundations (Matthew vii. 24-27). One house fell not, for it was founded upon a rock; the other house fell, and great was the fall of it because it was built upon the sand. The two masters (Matthew vi. 24)—you cannot serve God and mammon. The two commandments (Matthew xxii. 40).

The two debtors (Luke vii. 41). The two sons (Matthew xxi. 28). The two men (Luke xviii. 10) who went up into the temple to pray. These examples might be multiplied, but I want you to think for a few moments of "two ways," referred to in Scripture.

In Acts xviii. 26, we read of the "way of God," and in Jude 11 we find the expression "the way of Cain." Now these two ways spell the only two religions the world has ever seen. One way is true, and the other is false. One way is by faith, and the other is by works. No doubt both Cain and Abel had heard how man was to approach God. They came, however, in different ways. Abel approached God on the ground of sacrifice—blood-shedding. Cain came with the fruit of the ground, the ground which God had cursed.

It is the same story to-day. When God says "NOTHING is to be done for salvation"; man says, "we must do SOMETHING." Do, do, do, do the best you can—live nobly and uprightly—do alms—say prayers and so on. But this is man's way and not God's way.

"There is salvation for you, dear young friends, but you must accept the way appointed by God. That is by simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, resting alone upon what He has done and not claiming any merit by anything you can do."

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am sure you are anxiously waiting to see the prize list. Considering all things, your papers have been done very well this term. Quite a number of you have gained Consolation Prizes. In addition, I am giving a special prize to those who have been doing the Scripture Searching for the last seven years. No list of names will appear for these.

Will you all take special note that the "rules" are now slightly altered. There are only eight questions now. Ten years and under answer four, eleven up to thirteen years answer six, fourteen years and over answer eight questions. We are discontinuing the giving of texts, but Consolation Prizes will be given to those in first class for twelve months.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

PRIZE LIST, December, 1940.

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1. JOHN JOBLING, 34, Hucklow Road, Firth Park, Sheffield 5.
2. DAVID A. RUGG, 22, Shaftesbury Street, Stockton-on-Tees.
3. GEORGE NORRIE, Boddemond, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.
4. PHYLLIS HEPPLE, Vindolanda, Bardon Mill, Hexham, Northumberland.

Texts.

- F. Acheson, E. Anderson, A. Hodgins, J. Hodgins, H. Norrie, E. Pill, A. Reade, W. Smith, E. Stephenson, K. Tombs, M. Tombs, R. Webster, N. Wilson, P. Wood.

Age 11 up to 13 years.

1. F. M. MESSENGER, Ramsay West Road, Wigton, Cumberland.
2. DEREK RICE, 22, Cotteswold Road, Gloucester.
3. J. R. WILLIS, Snitter, Thropton, Morpeth Northumberland.
4. H. B. BENNETT, 672, Abbey Lane, Sheffield 11.

Texts.

- M. Baugh, T. Baugh, J. Bayliss, J. D. Bennett, S. Green, O. T. Harvey, J. Hince, C. Hodgins, D. Jolly, K. Newstead, A. Norrie, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, A. Shields, H. Simpson, J. A. Smith, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, B. Stone, D. Weatherhead, M. Wilson, L. Woodhouse, O. Wright.

Age 10 years and under.

1. MARY BENDALL, 16, Roker Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.
2. FANNY BAUGH, The Elms, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, Eire.
3. ALAN RICE, 22, Cotteswold Road, Gloucester.
4. OLWYN HART, 73, Hind Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Texts.

- M. Anderson, B. Baugh, H. Baugh, D. Birtle, C. Blackburn, G. Coutts, D. Greiff, B. Haggard, J. Haughton, B. Hodgins, D. Manson, M. M. Oliver, B. Rogerson, K. Shillito, B. Ward, L. Willis, R. Wright.

Questions for February, 1941

Subject: Two.

1. "Come up to Me." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Exodus 24.)
2. Who had written on the two tables of stone? (Exodus 31.)
3. What did Elijah say about "two opinions"? (1 Kings 18.)
4. What two evils had the people committed? (Jeremiah 2.)
5. What cannot no man serve? (Matthew 6.)
6. What did the poor woman put into the treasury? (Mark 12.)
7. Describe the two men who went up into the temple to pray. (Luke 18.)
8. What did the two men in white apparel say? (Write out the whole verse.) (Acts 1.)

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- 2nd Class.**—B. Beckett, M. Crosby, N. Slater.

Age 11 up to 13 years

- 1st Class.**—J. Akenhead, M. Baugh, T. Baugh, J. Bayliss, H. B. Bennett, J. D. Bennett, A. Boag, P. Clacherty, R. Davison, M. Dodd, S. Green, W. Haining, S. Hartley, C. T. Harvey, G. Harvey, J. Hince, O. Hodgins, D. Jolly, M. McIntosh, F. M. Messenger, K. Newstead, A. Norrie, J. Oliver, M. Pattison, E. Pugh, R. Purvis, D. Rice, J. Roberts, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, A. Shields, H. Simpson, R. Simpson, J. Smith, M. Somerville, B. Stephenson, J. Stevenson, B. Stone, M. Waugh, D. Weatherhead, J. Willis, N. Wilson, L. Woodhouse, O. Wright.

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ME-PHIB-O-SHETH

ONE of the many beautiful Bible stories is that of Me-*phib-o-sheth*, the grandson of King Saul, who reigned over Israel.

When he was just a little boy, his father Jonathan, and grandfather Saul, were both killed in battle on Mount Gilboa, and when this sad news came of their death, Mephibosheth's nurse took him up and fled, and in her haste she stumbled and dropped him, and he became lame on both of his feet.

God anointed David to be King over Israel in the place of Saul, and one day he was thinking of Jonathan, the son of the former King Saul, and, as he loved him very much, he said, "Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

There was a man named Ziba, who had been a servant of Saul, and David asked him, "Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him?" Then Ziba told him about the son of Jonathan, whose name was Mephibosheth. And the King said, "Where is he?" And he said, "Behold, he is in . . . Lo-debar."

When Mephibosheth was brought up to Jerusalem, and came before King David, he fell down before him, and, no doubt, was greatly afraid that the king would kill him because he was related to Saul. But instead of that the king said, "Fear not, for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy grandfather; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually." Then Mephibosheth bowed himself, and said, "What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?"

And this interesting chapter (2 Samuel ix.) ends: "So Mephibosheth dwelt in

Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet."

Mephibosheth, whose name means "breathing shame," is just a picture of you and me, dear young reader, as sinners before God, which we should indeed confess with our mouth to Him. He dwelt in Lo-debar, which means "not a word," or "without pasture." It is a picture of this world, which has nothing that will satisfy the hearts of poor sinners away from God.

Oh, if sinners only knew the heart of God, they would not stay away from Him any longer. Mephibosheth was afraid that David would kill him, because he did not know the heart of the king, which was only full of kindness and love. David loved Jonathan and had promised that he would not kill any of his descendants, but show kindness to them.

Like Mephibosheth, we too are lame, and cannot walk straight before God. We all have gone in crooked paths, and have done wrong. Isn't this true? If you look back over your little life, don't you recall many things you have done that were not right? Yes, we must confess with shame that we are sinners, and have been living away from God, in Lo-debar, a place where nothing can truly satisfy our hearts.

But, like David, God calls us to Himself by the Gospel, or good news. God wants to show kindness to us for the Lord Jesus' sake. Jesus died at Calvary for our sins, and made payment to God for them all, and forgiving us, and granting us eternal life, now God yearns to show kindness to us, in His presence for ever.

Jerusalem was the city of peace, where the King lived, and so we are called to a place of peace and joy, because Christ has "made peace through the blood of His cross" (Colossians i. 20), and by believing the Gospel "we have peace

with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans v. 1).

Like Mephibosheth, we too can eat at the King's table in peace and happiness, and the table never lacks food. Those who become "children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians iii. 26), are, so to speak, His sons and daughters, and have a right to be at the Father's table.

In closing let me ask you a question, dear reader: Are you living in Lo-debar or Jerusalem? A. J. ADOLFSON.

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"NO WAITING THIS SIDE TO-DAY"

EVERYONE in Brentwood, Essex, must have seen this notice in the main road of their town. You know, no doubt, for whose benefit

it is there; and you probably can tell what is the message which this short article is about. Yes, that's it, another reminder that delay is dangerous, and that NOW is the day of salvation. Will you act upon it, and so do what you know you ought to do, this time?

You know that *to-morrow* is all the while changing into *to-day*, and *to-day* is all the while slipping away into yesterday. The time will never come when you can say, "Now it is *to-morrow*." It is like trying to run upon your shadow that lies along the ground before you; it moves on just as fast as you move, and keeps just as far off. You can never overtake *to-morrow*. As soon as you come to it, it will be *TO-DAY*, and then what is now *to-day* will be yesterday.

The time to come to Jesus is just *now*. Let there be no waiting. While you are unsaved, you are on the wrong side—on the side of disobedience and danger. Now then do it.

E. ADAMS.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR CHILDREN,

King Solomon of old said "a threefold cord is not quickly broken." You cannot get a stool or table to stand steadily on one or two legs—there must be at least three legs or it will fall over. When a piece of furniture is made with three legs in the right places it will stand firmly—there is strength and stability.

Now, in a world of unrest, when everything around seems to be changing, it is good to have stability, which just means firmness or steadiness. If we allow ourselves to go with the current of the world, we will soon topple over. What can keep us firm amidst the storms of life to-day? I will give you a verse of scripture to help you. In this verse there are three legs and, if you have these three legs, you will never fall. "Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (1 Corinthians xiii. 13.)

FAITH is a matter of the first importance. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Faith is simply believing what God says. Your father tells you something and you believe it to be true because you trust your father. You

read the Bible—but do you believe that it is God's message to you? And do you believe the message to be true? God 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.*" This is simple indeed. God does not ask you to do great things for salvation. The gospel is published for the obedience of faith.

HOPE—what is your hope? What do you look forward to? Is it pleasure? Is it advancement in the world? Or does your hope lie beyond this world? There was a man—a great man of faith—who looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God. If you read the Epistle to the Thessalonians, you will read of a people who had a great hope. They "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven." Are you looking for the Saviour? This is the best and brightest hope of the Christian. If you trust Him, you will certainly look forward to seeing Him.

CHARITY. This is love and we cannot speak much about our love, but we can speak about the love of Christ. Such was His love that He gave Himself for us. The Apostle Paul said "the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for

me." Such was the love of God that He sent His Son into the world. "In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." (1 John iv. 9-11.)

Then see that you get hold of these things which will certainly give you steadiness in this world and, in the world to come, eternal life.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am glad to see some new names this month, and I trust they will continue. There are quite a number of regular Searchers' papers missing. Perhaps these will be coming along later.

B. Willis sent in an unfinished paper. If she sends in a completed one I will allow the marks.

Will M. Last please put chapter and verse at the end of the answers? G. Toll must give chapter and verse.

You are not having so many questions this year, but some of those given need a little thinking about before you answer them. In fact, we should be thinking about God's Word *always* and not merely whilst we are entering for a competition. The Psalmist could say, "Thy Word hath been my meditation day and night."

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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In addition Searchers who are in 1st class for twelve consecutive months will receive a Consolation prize. Prizes cease at the age of 18, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

Questions for March, 1941

Subject: Three.

1. Write out the verse that mentions "three cities," and also the next verse (Deuteronomy 4.)
2. Who brake through and brought water to David? (2 Samuel 23.)
3. What were the names of the three men who would not worship the golden image? (Daniel 3.)
4. What did Daniel do when he knew that the writing was signed? (Daniel 6.)
5. Find the verse which mentions "these three" but write out the *next* verse only (Luke 10.)
6. Write out the verse which mentions "these three" (1 Corinthians 13.)
7. How long was Moses hid of his parents? (Hebrews 11.)
8. What are the three that bear witness in earth? (1 John 5.)

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2nd Class.—E. Anderson, A. Berrill, B. Houghton, S. Oliver.

Age 11 up to 13 years

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2nd Class.—G. Toll.

Age 10 years and under

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2nd Class.—D. Birtle, G. Harvey.

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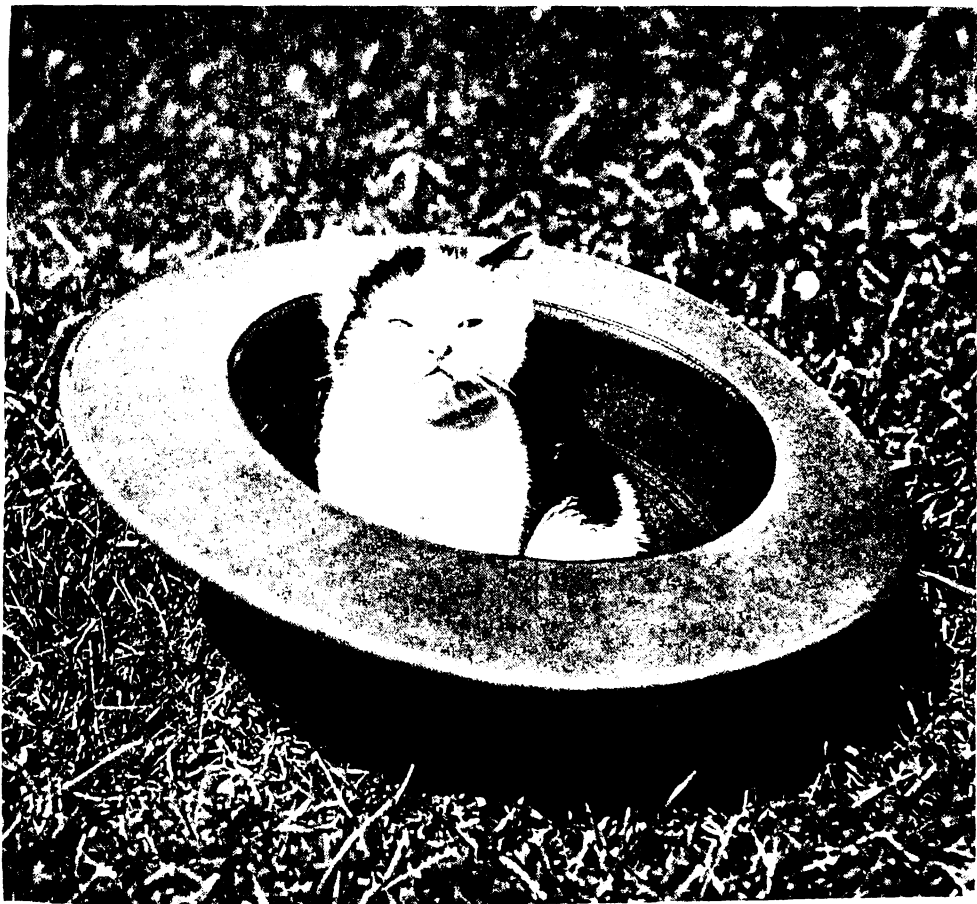
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"I THINK I AM OUT OF THE WAY HERE."

“SHOES SHINED, MISTER?”

THIS is a common everyday expression on the streets of our cities by boys who desire to earn a little money, or have to make a living.

Now there is a reason why bootblacks go up and down our main streets asking the question, “Shoes shined, mister?” It is because shoes of people become soiled, and dusty, or shabby-looking, and need cleaning and polishing. Of course, we might say these bootblacks want to earn money, and that is the reason they are along the streets. But we are not thinking of that just now. We are thinking of the need of shoes being cleaned and shined. Whose shoes have not become dusty and shabby-looking down here in this world? I am sure you must say, “I know mine have become bad looking many times, and needed cleaning and polishing.” And some boy or girl might say, “Yes, mother makes me polish my shoes every morning.” So we see there is the fact that shoes become dirty and dusty, and therefore they need to have some kind of cleaner or polisher applied to make them clean and bright.

There is something else now that you have, dear reader, which needs cleansing. It is your heart. As you and I go through this world, our hearts become defiled by sin and we become unclean. Who is there that has not sinned? Only One, and that One is Jesus, the Son of God. Of all others, the Bible says, “There is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good, and sinneth not” (Ecclesiastes vii. 20). Again, Jesus said, “There is none good but One, that is God” (Mark x. 18). And yet another Scripture says, “**There is none righteous, no, not one. . . . There is none that doeth good, no, not one. . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God**” (Romans iii. 10, 12, and 23).

How, then, can anyone expect to go heaven, for no sin can enter the presence of God? You and I can never have eternal glory without our hearts being cleansed from sin. How can our hearts be made clean? Some may say, “Pray much.” That shows we need cleansing, but does not cleanse. Some may say, “Give money to the church or to the poor.” No, “silver and gold” will not redeem our souls. So Peter says in his first Epistle, chapter i, verse 18. “Do works of righteousness,” others may say. But Paul says, “Not by works of righteousness” and “Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (See Titus iii. 5, and Ephesians ii. 9.)

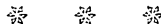
There is but one way that our hearts may be made clean from sin and defilement, and that is through the precious blood of Christ, which He poured out at Calvary’s cross,

where He suffered and died for us. Peter says we can only be redeemed with “the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter i. 19). Paul says, “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians ii. 13). John says, “The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John i. 7).

Could anything be plainer than these Scriptures? Sin has come into the world, and our hearts have become defiled by sin, and that is the reason why the Lord Jesus Christ had to come into the world, and suffer, and die, that through His blood-shedding we might be cleansed from sin and made fit for heaven.

If still unsaved, will you not trust in Jesus to-day, and be made clean?

A. J. ADOLFSON.



NOW!

WE are told in the Bible: Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. From the oldest to the youngest, every one of us must give account of ourselves to God one day. That is an appointment which we cannot escape. How important, then, to be sure that we are right with God before that day comes!

“Get right with God, and do it now.
Get right with God, He tells you how;
Oh, come to Christ, who shed His blood,
And at the Cross get right with God.”

One day a boy was lying on the grass beneath the tall Gothic towers of Beverley Minster. The great question which was occupying his mind was not *whether* he should accept Christ as His Saviour, and so “get right with God,” but *when* he should do so. He knew that if he were to give his whole life to Christ, certain things which he enjoyed must go, not altogether for his sake, but for the sake of others who might be stumbled by them.

“Put off deciding till to-morrow,” whispered the Tempter.

“To-morrow never comes,” whispered another Voice.

Presently, the boy’s eyes fell on the ancient sundial on the Minster wall, and he noticed that three words were inscribed on its face—**“NOW or WHEN?”**

“When shall I accept the Lord Jesus as my Saviour, and give my life to Him?” he murmured to himself. “Now?—or when?” And

then he saw that while he hesitated the shadow on the face of the sundial was creeping relentlessly on, and springing to his feet, he cried: "NOW!—to-morrow may be too late!"

Friend, "behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6. 2).

M. STUBBS.

A LESSON FROM THE BEE

GOD uses many things in His Word to instruct us in the knowledge of His ways, and also of His thoughts for us.

Look at the little creatures He speaks of in the Book of Proverbs (chapter xxx, verses 25 to 28). He draws our attention to the ants, a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.

The conies make their houses in the rocks. The locusts go in bands, having no king. The spider takes hold in kings' palaces. There is a wonderful lesson for each of us as we consider them.

Now the little busy bee, which we all know so well, teaches us wonderful lessons, too, and it will be good for us to take heed to them. In the Book of Judges (chapter xiv, verse 8) we read of a swarm of bees making their hive or house in the carcase of a dead lion. What lesson have we here, you may ask?

Well, a grand lesson for all, that is *to prepare for the future in the death of another*. We are told by Jesus Himself: "Come unto Me and I will give you rest"; so if we come to Him all will be well for time and eternity.

J. HAY.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

This month I want to write to you about four very important foundation facts. These are things every boy and every girl should know. If you want to make a success of anything, you must have a good foundation. You will never be able to read properly unless you first master the simple letters of the alphabet and learn easy words and sentences. You will never do great calculations unless you first get a good knowledge of simple figures and easy sums. A man will never build a good house unless he gets the foundation secure. When finished, the house may be very nice to look at and it may be beautifully furnished, but, if the foundation is wrong, the result will be something like what we read about in Luke vi. 49. This gives me my first fact.

RUIN.

We read that the house without the foundation fell when the storm came, and "the ruin of that house was great." Now, every one of us is born in sin. We are altogether like a ruin. You have seen a ruin, no doubt, perhaps a castle or an old house. It is all broken down, good for nothing. This is just a picture of each of us by nature. We are each a ruin.

REDEMPTION.

This means purchase to set free. In the old days slaves were bought and sold in the market. Sometimes a kind-hearted person bought a slave to set him free—to give him liberty. He redeemed the slave. We are likened to slaves to sin, and Satan, but we have recorded these words, "we have redemption through His (Jesus') blood" "The blood of Christ is the purchase price to set us free."

REPENTANCE.

Redemption is God's work—repentance is our side. The Lord Jesus said that He came to call "sinners to repentance." Again we read that the Lord "is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." This is a turning right round. We are all, by nature, on the wrong road. We have our backs to God. We need to turn right round. This will cause sorrow on account of our sins, but this sorrow will be turned to joy as we discover what redemption means.

REMISSION.

Remission is linked to repentance. It is another word for forgiveness or pardon. "Whosoever believeth on Him (Jesus) shall receive remission of sins." "Without shedding of blood is no remission." You may have all your sins taken away to-day if you only repent and put your trust in the Saviour who shed His blood that redemption might be yours. Your affectionate friend.

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I was pleased to receive so many back papers. The marks will all be entered. Will you all try, and send your answers in a little earlier? I know it is difficult sometimes, but see if you can send them in sooner.

D. Jolly left out references. M. Cameron must give chapter and verse.

I wonder if any older searchers can find out what the number four stands for in Scripture? Write it at the foot of your next paper.

Your loving friend,

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1. Who were at the entering in of the gate and what did they say? (2 Kings 7.)
2. What four things are exceeding wise? (Give the four things only, not the whole verses) (Proverbs 30.)
3. What did God give the four children? (Daniel 1.)
4. Write out the verse which ends with "Son of God." (Daniel 3.)
5. How many carried the man sick of the palsy? (Mark 2.)
6. How long had Lazarus been in the grave? (John 11.)
7. What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments? (John 19.)
8. Write out the verse which ends with "Alleluia." (Revelation 19.)

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READING THE SUNDIAL

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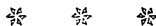
A LESSON FROM A SUNDIAL

WANDERING through a garden one sunny morning recently I came across an old sundial. On examining it, I found that the time registered by the dial was exactly one hour different from the clock. This puzzled me for a moment, then I realized that I was comparing the dial time with British Summer Time, and it seemed to me that the dial gave God's time, while the clock registered man's time.

Now this set me pondering on that verse in Scripture about "time" in 2 Corinthians vi. 2. "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation." God's time is NOW. Now you may *take* salvation, by simply trusting the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on Calvary's cross to procure salvation for us, and accepting Him as your own personal Saviour—then you will be saved for time and eternity.

Do not keep putting off, because time is short, but accept salvation NOW; then, when time shall cease to be you will dwell eternally with the blessed Lord in those bright scenes above, where there will be no more need of the sun, for we read in Revelation xxi. 23 that "the Lamb is the light thereof."

A. E. EMPSON.



HAVE YOU CLAIMED YOUR FREE PARDON?

DO you sometimes wonder why God allowed Paul to be sent to Rome as a prisoner? It was so that he could reach many with the Gospel message who would not otherwise have heard it. When Paul arrived at the great city, he was allowed to live in a house of his own, although he was a prisoner. He had a soldier to guard him, and for two years he lived like that.

One day some people came to see Paul at his house, and we can even know what he talked to them about, although it was so long ago! Isn't it wonderful! What do *you* think Paul would talk about? Yes, he spoke about the Lord Jesus Christ, and how He came to earth and lived as a man in order to save us, and how one day He took the punishment of our sin and died in our place. Then Paul would go on to tell how the Lord Jesus rose from the dead and went back to heaven, there to prepare a place for all who should believe on Him and accept the free pardon He had bought for them, the price of which was His own blood. How Paul loved to tell this glad story! He had been

telling it wherever he went ever since that wonderful day when he met with the Lord Jesus on the way to Damascus. Now in Rome he tells it again.

What was the result of Paul's talk with his visitors? God tells us—"Some believed . . . and some believed not" (Acts 28. 24). It is the same in every Sunday School, in every Bible Class, and even among those who read this magazine. All have heard the Good News about the Saviour. Some have believed and are saved; but some do not believe and are lost.

On the occasion of her Jubilee, when she had been reigning for fifty years, Queen Victoria offered a free pardon to every deserter from her army. Many owned up to their sin and were pardoned, but there was one man, a noted bad character, who kept putting off owning up to his sin. At last there came a day when he put in his claim for the Queen's pardon, but alas, it was too late! He was told that the time limit had expired and he must suffer punishment as a deserter.

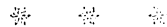
Boys and girls, the Lord Jesus shed His blood to procure *your* free pardon. Don't put off claiming it, or one day you will find *you* are too late!

God tells us: "ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3. 23). And He also says, "For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the gift of God is eternal life THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6. 23). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU SHALT BE SAVED." (Acts 16. 31).

Some Believed. Some Believed NOT.

ON WHICH SIDE ARE YOU?

M. STUBBS.



"COME AND SEE"

THESE words appeared on a notice-board in Hendon, near London. They were an invitation to inspect some new houses that had just been put up at that spot.

The reader of this magazine will probably remember some passages in the New Testament where such words occur. For example, the Samaritan woman whom the Lord Jesus had met at the well, said to the men of the city, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?" In the interview which she had had with Jesus He had made her see that He knew all about her stained past; and, although she was surprised and ashamed,

she did not go away in a temper and say all the spiteful things she could think of about the wonderful Stranger ; she continued the interview, and so received a great blessing. And God wants you to know that He sees you, knows all your past, and remembers every sin you have done. You cannot possibly hide from God. Instead of trying to hide from Him, or to forget about your sins, He wants you to acknowledge them, and to seek His forgiveness.

And then you may remember that in the first chapter of John's Gospel, after Philip had found Christ, he told his friend Nathanael the glad news. And when he raised an objection Philip said to him, "Come and see." And Nathanael went with his friend to where Jesus was standing and so obtained the greatest blessing of his life.

He, too, got to know Jesus as the Messiah of his people, and, better still, as the Saviour of his soul.

Both the Samaritans and Nathanael responded to the first invitation to come to Jesus and see and hear Him for themselves. I wonder how many times you have been invited to come to Him, and yet you have never obeyed the glad invitation. It is not just an invitation to you, to attend a place of worship, or a Sunday school, or to read the Bible ; it is an invitation to have A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH JESUS, the living, loving Saviour. Will you heed THIS invitation and come to-day ?

And then it will be your privilege to do as Philip did, and invite others to Jesus, and to say to them, "Come and see." E. ADAMS.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

(5)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The number five in Scripture speaks of grace. Grace means favour. We all have our favourites—those to whom we show favour. We like some people more than others, and we show favour by making some our friends. In the world, people with lots of money and hospitality are always favourites. But God's ways are not like the world's ways. He shows favour to the unworthy, to the outcast, to sinners, and this is GRACE.

If you turn to Romans iii. 24 you will read this statement, "Being justified freely by His grace." Now this word "freely" is translated in John xv. 25, "without a cause." "They hated Me without a cause." I think that this gives us the real meaning of grace. Was there any cause why the Lord Jesus Christ should be hated so ? He came here full of grace and truth. He dwelt amongst men, displaying the grace of God on every hand. He cured the sick, He gave sight to the blind, He raised the dead. Was there any reason why men should hate Him ? I think that you will agree with me when

I say, "No—there is no reason whatever." And there is no cause in us why God should justify us. We, everyone of us, deserved the judgment of God—we had sinned and gone our own way. But such is the heart of God that He would justify us without a cause by His grace. This is wonderful grace—favour to the unworthy.

How gloriously the grace of God shines out from the pages of Scripture. If you want salvation from your sins, it is only by grace. This is made clear in Ephesians ii. 8 : ("by grace ye are saved"); you cannot be saved by works—you cannot do anything to merit salvation. You must just accept by faith the salvation which God offers so freely.

It is by grace we are saved—it is by grace that we are brought into the family of God and made the sons of God. Then we learn other things about grace—how God is able to support, sustain, and supply our every need. All along the heavenward road we meet temptations, trials, difficulties, and many other adversities, but there is a spot where we may find "grace to help." "Let us, therefore, come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews iv. 16). Our strength and sufficiency are in God only.

There is a day coming when grace shall crown our every hope at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter i. 13). Are you living in expectation of that day? This hope should affect our lives here, drawing us away from the lusts of the world and making us more concerned about the fruits of the Spirit.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Some of you went wrong over the last question for March. Again, I must remind you to read all the chapter before giving what you think to be the answer.

J. Short and M. Cameron must give Chapter and verse. Will H. and L. Logan please put age and address on their papers. They too must give chapter and verse.

I received part of a paper from some one who had been ill. There was no name given. I have also another paper with no name.

I should like to remind the younger Searchers that they may do any four or six questions.

Some papers have been very late and I have been unable to include the names in the printed list. Will you try and do your papers as soon as you get your Magazine?

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for May, 1941

Subject: **Five.**

1. How many more years were there in which neither caring nor harvest? (Genesis 45.)
2. If a man steal an ox, how many had he to restore? (Exodus 22.)
3. How many shall chase an hundred? (Leviticus 26.)
4. What did David choose out of the brook? (1 Samuel 17.)
5. How many were wise and how many were foolish? (Matthew 25.)
6. What did Jesus say about "five sparrows"? (Luke 12.)
7. How many barley loaves had the lad? (John 6.)
8. Write out the verse which mentions "five words." (1 Corinthians 14.)

MARCH SEARCHERS

Age 14 years and over

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- 2nd Class.**—F. Acheson, R. Davison, H. Logan, L. Logan, K. Newstead, G. Norrie, B. Willis, F. Wood.

Age 11 up to 13 years

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- 2nd Class.**—R. Allison, J. Finch.

Age 10 years and under

- 1st Class.**—M. Abbey, R. Adams, S. J. Adams, M. Anderson, J. Anderson, A. Barker, B. Baugh, F. Baugh, C. Blackburn, N. Byass, B. Clarke, B. Clugston, J. Clugston, G. Coutts, L. Crawford, J. Dawson, B. Fitchett, L. Gate, Lois Gate, A. Goodwill, B. Greiff, D. Greiff, M. Grisdale, B. Haggard, R. Harbottle, M. Hains, O. Hart, J. Haughton, B. Hodgins, A. Hodgson, M. Johnson, M. Kidd, R. McConnachie, V. McIntosh, D. Manson, E. May, K. Parton, A. Raine, G. Renwick, A. Rice, M. Robertson, N. Rogers, H. Rogerson, K. Shillite, B. Simm, A. Simpson, A. Stephenson, M. Toll, F. Tyson, W. Tyson, B. Ward, L. Willis, F. Wilson.

- 2nd Class.**—J. Bason, L. Bell, M. Cameron, C. Graham, J. Short.

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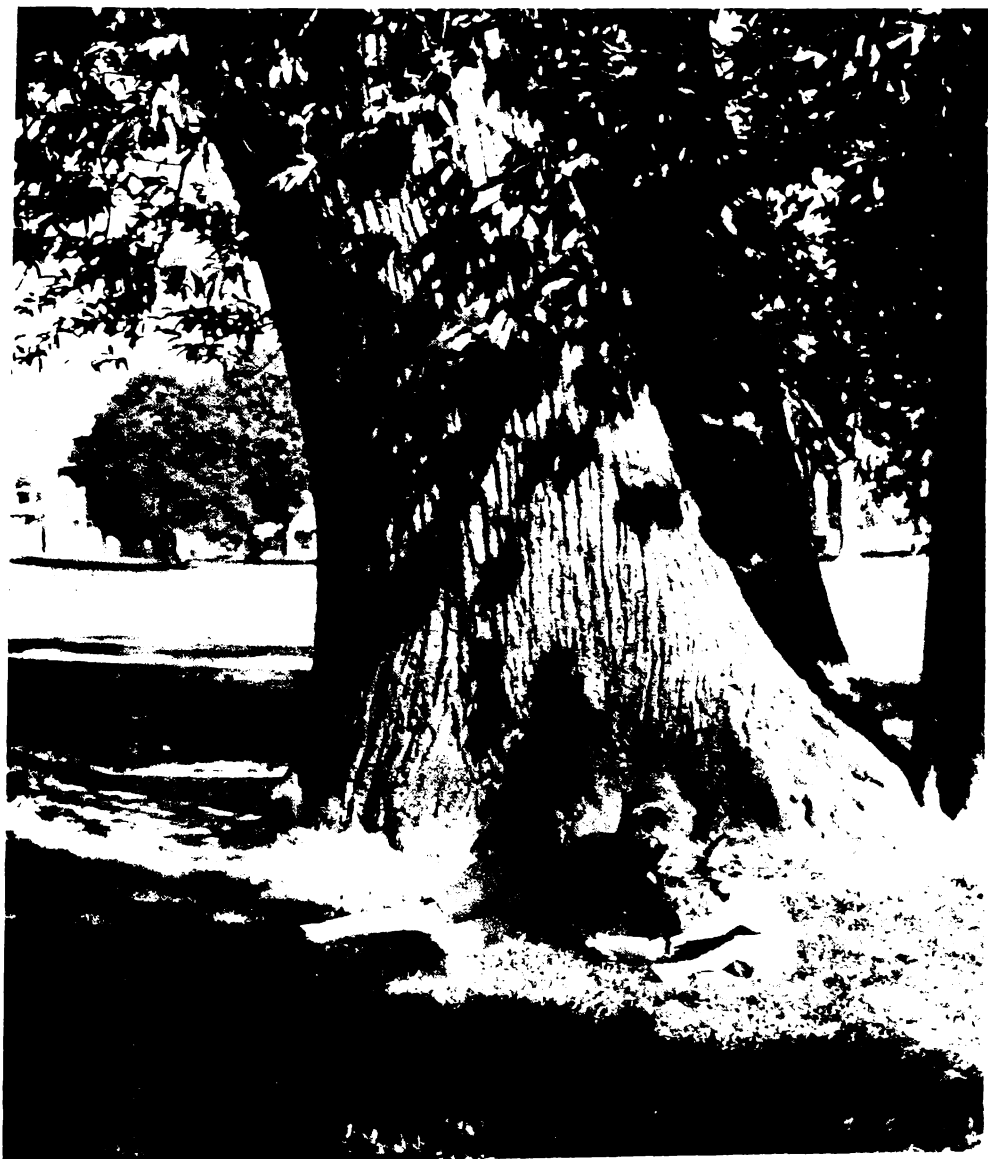
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THE PANTRY AND THE BEDROOM.

THE great day for Arthur's birthday party had come at last, and oh how he had looked forward to it. He was nine years old, and felt that he was a big boy now. He got a cricket bat and ball for a present, also a new Bible, whilst some of his little friends came to tea.

Arthur was a scamp, often in mischief and very wilful, and his parents were much concerned about him as there was no sign of him having trusted the Saviour. So they were praying for him each day, that God would speak to him.

At supper Arthur thought because it was his birthday, he should have as much cake as he liked, but his mother did not want him to be ill, so she said, "Now, Arthur, no more cake. It's time for bed, so you go off like a good boy, while I wash up and then talk to Uncle." Mother soon got the dishes done and went into the front room and closed the door.

At this point, Arthur came down stairs, went into the pantry and got a big slice of cake, then off upstairs like a mouse. Having got into bed he began to eat his cake, but being so tired, he only got about one-third eaten when he fell asleep with the cake still in his hand. The friends downstairs after having a long talk went off home, and father and mother prepared for bed. Mother looked into Arthur's room, just as she always did, to see if he was alright. She found him fast asleep with the cake still held fast in his hand. Oh, how grieved she was to think that her son should try to deceive her like this, so she slipped the cake out of his hand, took it downstairs, wrapped it in clean white paper, tied it with string, and wrote on the outside in big letters:

**"BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL
FIND YOU OUT"**

took it upstairs, and put in back into Arthur's hand.

Well, morning came, and Arthur woke up and was puzzled at the parcel with the words of Scripture on he knew so well. But what could it all mean? So he opened the parcel and there was his cake. Now he knew all about it, and his conscience began to work. He began to say to himself, "Oh, dear me; what shall I do?" And there on the wall was the text, "THOU GOD SEEST ME." Just then Arthur's father came in to see him.

"Good morning, Arthur," said he. "How are you this morning?"

But Arthur did not speak. Father could see

that the little fellow was troubled about something, so he asked him what it was all about. Then the little fellow began to cry, and said, "Oh, father, I've been naughty again."

"What have you done this time, my boy?"

"Well, father, I've taken some cake that mother told me not to."

Father got his Bible out and placed the little fellow near to him, then said, "Now we will see what God's Word says about this. You see, Arthur, yesterday you were nine, and still its the same naughty Arthur. This is a New Year but you are not a new boy. Now listen. '**Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**' Arthur, are you a sinner?"

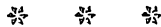
"Yes, I am, father."

Then they read that the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin (1 John i. 7).

"Now look, my lad. God knew that you and I were sinners by nature and He sent His Son, to suffer the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." The way of salvation was very simply told, showing how God in His love had provided Jesus as the Lamb of God to be the sinbearer and to suffer in our room and stead, and that if there was repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, then there was forgiveness. Both knelt down in the bedroom, and Arthur in his childlike way confessed his guilt and asked the Lord to accept him just as he was. He proved how willingly God accepts us when we come just as we are.

Are you, dear reader, willing to come as you are, in all your sins? God grant it!

J. R. JAMESON.



THE PASSWORD

DURING the time of the Civil War in America, a man on horseback suddenly found himself confronted by a soldier on sentry duty. The soldier pointed his gun at his breast, and said: "Halt! who goes there?"

"A friend," was the reply.

"Approach, friend, and give the password," said the soldier.

"Lincoln," said the man on horseback, confidently.

There was a dead silence—for it was the wrong password! At length, the soldier said slowly: "You have given me the wrong password. But that I know you, your life would already have paid the penalty for your mistake.

At the risk of my own life, I spare yours—go back, and get the right password."

The man on horseback thanked the sentry and rode away into the darkness, returning later with the right password, which was "Massachusetts."

"Pass on, all's well," was the immediate reply from the sentry.

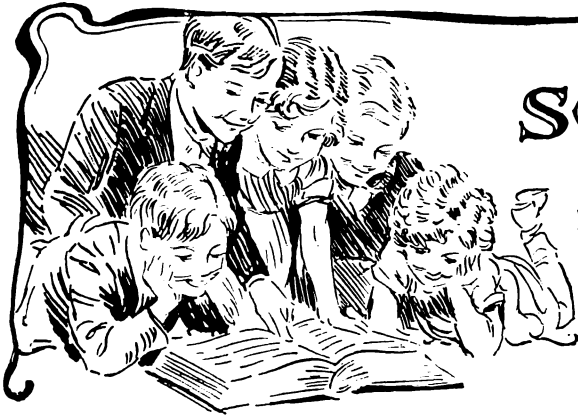
"I cannot pass on," said the rider, "till I

have given you a message. At the risk of your life you spared mine. May I ask you, have you the right password for Heaven?"

"Yes, sir," was the quick reply. "And I learnt it in your Sunday School Class when I was a boy—it is '**The Lord Jesus Christ**'."

Dear young reader, have YOU the right password for Heaven in your heart?

M. STUBBS.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR CHILDREN,

As I was wondering what I should write to you about number six, it occurred to me that you might be interested to know that there were six persons who bore testimony to the innocence of the Lord Jesus Christ at the time of His trial and crucifixion.

1. PILATE

(Luke xxiii. 14)

Pilate was governor of Judæa. Jesus was accused before him of setting Himself up as a King, and endeavouring to induce the people not to give tribute to Caesar. But the testimony of Pilate was, "I have found no fault in this Man."

2. HEROD.

(Luke xxiii. 15)

Pilate tried to pass the responsibility of examining Jesus and satisfying the people on to Herod, the governor of Galilee. Herod and his men of war mocked Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate, saying that He had done nothing worthy of death.

3. JUDAS

(Matthew xxvii. 4)

It was Judas, a disciple, who betrayed Jesus. Judas had followed the Lord Jesus Christ; he had seen His mighty acts and witnessed His loving sympathy and saving grace, but, alas, Satan had entered into him, and he got so low as to sell his master. What did he afterwards say? "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood."

4. PILATE'S WIFE.

(Matthew xxvii. 19)

The court was sitting. Jesus was being tried. Pilate was anxious to please the people who demanded the death of Jesus,

but he himself wished to set Jesus free. He lacked courage. He tried to make the people responsible. He offered to release one prisoner and he picked a very notable man to stand with Jesus in the election for freedom. Perhaps he thought that this man, Barabbas, being such a very bad character, would have no chance for freedom amongst the people. But the cry went out, "Release Barabbas and destroy Jesus." It was at this point that we read about Pilate's wife, who sent a message to Pilate in the court, saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that just Man."

5. THE DYING THIEF.

(Luke xxiii. 41)

He died for his misdeeds and he acknowledged his guilt. But, sinful as he had been, he went to heaven that day because he turned to the Lord in his need. In his dying breath he gave a wonderful testimony to the Saviour, "This Man hath done nothing amiss."

6. THE CENTURION

(Luke xxiii. 47)

He probably superintended the soldiers who crucified the Lord. He looked upon all that happened; he heard every word that was said. Then we hear words falling from his lips words of amazement, "Certainly this was a righteous Man."

We have considered the testimony of six people who spoke of the innocence of the Lord Jesus Christ. **What do YOU think about Him? Is he YOUR Saviour?** The world has not changed since it cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him; crucify Him, crucify Him." It is just the same to-day. What is your testimony? **Will you answer, "Christ for ME"?**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am glad to see some new Searchers and also some old ones who have restarted again. I hope you will be able to continue and that the Scripture Searching will prove a blessing to your souls.

J. Leitch and R. Volhard left out references. E. May and A. Powell must give chapter and verse.

Quote a number of you gave the correct meaning for **four** in Scripture. Perhaps you would also like to find out the meaning of the number **five**.

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Questions for June, 1941

Subject : Six.

1. For whom were the six cities to be a refuge? (Numbers 35.)
2. How many measures of barley did Boaz give Ruth? (Ruth 3.)

3. Write out the verse which mentions "six troubles" (Job 5.)

4. What are the six things which the Lord hates? (Proverbs 6.)

5. How long were the heavens shut up? (Luke 4.)

6. How many waterpots of stone were there? (John 2.)

7. How many brethren accompanied Peter? (Acts 11.)

8. Find a similar verse to question five in James 5, and write it out.

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THE FIRE WATCHERS

YOU have all heard about fire watchers. Those brave people who keep watch at night for any fire bombs which may be dropped by enemy planes, and set fire to our homes.

Well, I would like you all to be fire-watchers and so give timely warning of approaching danger. But the danger to which I allude is not material fire, but something infinitely more serious.

The Bible speaks about Divine wrath; the Lord's anger. This is how it is written. "And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you." (Jeremiah 15. 14).

These terrible words were spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, not long before their fulfilment. They referred to God's own peculiar people; the Jews. Through their wilful disobedience and refusal to repent and amend their ways, God at last gave them up to their enemies, and He allowed them to burn Jerusalem with fire; expressive of His righteous wrath as declared by the words of the prophet.

We read in Hebrews 12. 29 these solemn words: "**For our God is a consuming fire.**" What can be more terrible? God Himself; the God who is in His nature, love, and yet when sin is in question, is a "consuming fire."

Dear young people be warned yourselves, and then warn others. Wrath is revealed from heaven. It is coming upon the ungodly. The Lord Jesus Christ, in matchless love to your souls, once bared His devoted bosom to the fierce fire of God's wrath against sin, and extinguished the flame for all who will accept Him as their Substitute and Saviour.

Will you, before it is too late, flee from the wrath to come, to the arms of Jesus, once stretched out upon the cross?

He is the one and only Saviour. Refuse Him and there is no other Saviour. He then must be your Judge. "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh" (Hebrews 12. 25).

J. H. EVANS.

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"FINDING MY WAY TO HEAVEN"

"**YOU'RE** late home from the Sunday School," said a mother to her boy, "where have you been?"

"I've been finding my way to heaven," replied the lad to his mother.

Now it is a very good thing to attend diligently to the Sunday School, but that will not take any

boy or girl to Heaven. They may and should learn at the Sunday School the way to Heaven. We are not sure what was in the mind of this lad. Perhaps he thought by going to the Sunday School that that was the way to heaven. If so, he made a great mistake.

Now what is the way to Heaven? We ought to make sure of that, for life is very brief and eternity is very long, and there are only two places set before us in the Bible—Heaven and Hell, and to one of these we must arrive at when life is over.

Of all the questions that arise in this life by far the most important and pressing is, how to get to Heaven when we die.

What then is the way to Heaven? Perhaps it would be more correct to ask, "**WHO is the way to Heaven?**" The blessed Saviour said, "**I am the WAY, the Truth, and the Life**" (John 14. 6).

So now we know the way to Heaven is our Lord Jesus Christ. The WAY is not by our efforts, or tears, or good works, or by attendance to the Sunday School, but by the loving Jesus.

Why is He the WAY? Because He died on the cross of Calvary to bear the punishment our sins deserve. It is because such a wonderful Saviour died, and because His precious blood cleanses from all sin, that He is the Way.

There is a very nice illustration of this. In Palestine, if you asked the way to a place you were not quite sure of, and the person you asked, instead of telling you how you could find the way, said to you "I am the way," that would mean that he would take you all the way to your destination. You would not need to ask a single question as to the road and its twists and turns. All you would have to do to get to your destination would be to keep close to your guide or way.

So if you wish to go to Heaven, and I am sure you must wish that, all you have to do is to trust the Saviour and keep close to Him, and you will gain Heaven, and find out the grand truth of the words of Jesus, "I am the WAY."

May you find the Way to Heaven. Make sure of this beyond anything else.

A. J. POLLOCK.

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PSALM 63, I.

1. Early will I seek Thee.
2. I will seek Thee early.
3. Thee will I early seek.
4. Seek Thee early, will I?
5. Will I seek Thee early?
6. Thee early will I seek.
7. Seek Thee, will I early.

8. I will early seek Thee.
9. I early will seek Thee.
10. Early I will seek Thee.
11. Thee, I early will seek.
12. Thee will I seek early.
13. Seek Thee early, I will.
14. Thee early I will seek.
15. Thee I will early seek.
16. Thee I will seek early.
17. Seek Thee I will early.
18. Early seek Thee, I will.

19. Early, Thee I will seek.
 20. Will I early seek Thee ?

[Recently, a Sunday School was given the opportunity of re-setting the well known words of David, "Early will I seek Thee," in as many different forms as possible.

The above is the answer handed in by Margaret Hay, aged 11, and which is entirely her own effort.

Have you sought the Saviour yet ? If not, it is quite time you did.—[EDITOR.]



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

(7)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

This month I would like you to read Psalm 119. It is a very long Psalm—there are twenty-two sections, each with eight verses.

The writer of this Psalm must have been very fond of the Bible. In every verse he speaks of the Scriptures, though he uses different references, such as—the law, the testimony, the way, the precepts, the statutes, etc. He found great delight in reading the Scriptures and much blessing through the study of God's Word.

I want to enumerate seven things the Psalmist found in the Bible.

1.—A way to walk in (verse 1).

The first Psalm commences with these words: "Blessed (or happy) is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly (or wicked)." The writer of Psalm 119 had kept his feet from every evil way and he found what a happy thing it was to walk in the law of the Lord.

2.—A Guide (verse 105).

A lamp unto his feet, a light unto his path—a guide in all difficulties. You all know and have experienced that on a dark night what a great help it is to have a light. So is the Word of God to those who love it.

3.—A Safeguard against sin (verse 11).

The Scriptures when read and studied lead us to the Saviour, for the whole Bible speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the great subject from cover to cover. Those who walk in the ways of the Lord are kept from everything that is wrong and displeasing to God, and made obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ. **You will be better for reading the Bible, loving the Bible and understanding the Bible.**

4.—An instructing word (verse 130).

God's holy Word had made the writer wiser than old men. The simple are made to understand. Of course we must have our eyes opened. A blind man cannot take any pleasure in a picture. The colours may be very beautiful and the subject most interesting but the man cannot see. If the Spirit of God opens our eyes and teaches us we behold wonderful things in the Word of God.

5.—A life giving word (verse 50).

The Psalmist says that he would have perished if he had not delighted in the Word of God but, by the Word he was quickened and made to live. The Apostle Peter speaks about being born again by the Word of God.

6.—An unchanging word (verse 89).

"For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven." Men have tried to destroy the Bible. But the more they have sought to stamp it out, the more it has grown, until to-day there are more copies of the Bible sold than ever before. **The Word of God will endure for ever.**

7.—A very precious word (verse 97).

The Book, the writer says, is "better than thousands of gold and silver." Think of that, my dear children! There are not many people, I fancy, who if they had to choose between possessing a Bible and a fortune, would make the selection of the Psalmist. And then he tells us that the Word is sweet to his taste—sweeter than honey to his mouth. And he bursts out with the exclamation "O how I Love Thy Law: It is my meditation all the day."

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The papers for May seem to have been done better than usual. I am glad that so many of you are writing your answers in ink, but it is quite all right if you can only do them in pencil. Please put your references at the end of your answers and not at the beginning.

L. Watkinson, R. Hale and W. and J. Wilson must give chapter and verse.

I hope you will enjoy the searchings this month. Isn't the miracle wonderful that we read about in our sixth question? And the One who performed it is "just the same to-day."

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Questions for July, 1941

Subject: **Seven.**

1. What came after the seven years of great plenty? (Genesis 41.)

2. How many days were they to eat unleavened bread? (Exodus 12.)

3. Write out the verse which mentions "seven ways." (Deuteronomy 28.)

4. How many times were they to compass the city on the seventh day? (Joshua 6.)

5. How often are we to forgive our brother? (Matthew 18.)

6. How much did they take up of the broken meat? (Mark 8.)

7. What had the Lord done for Mary Magdalene? (Mark 16.)

8. Describe the seven men who were to serve tables (Acts 6.)

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THE SOUL, ITS WORTH AND SALVATION.

HAVE you ever held an icicle in your hand ? How quickly it melts in your warm grasp, and the tighter you hold it, the quicker you lose it ! Do you know, the Lord Jesus tells us that is just what happens to us ! The tighter " Self " holds my soul, which is the real little " I " inside me, the quicker the time comes when I will lose it ; but if I give it to the Lord Jesus Christ, He will keep it safe for ever.

Let us look at a great question which the Lord Jesus asks in St. Mark 8. 36, 37. When He asks a question we may be sure it is about something very important. Why, here He says our souls are of more value than the *whole world* ! "**What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul ? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ?**" The Lord Jesus says the world is passing away, but our souls will live for ever and ever. *This* world will not last for ever—only the new heavens and the new earth which the Lord will make when these are destroyed, will last for ever.

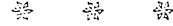
A little girl once asked her father : " Daddy, is your soul insured ? I heard Uncle Kenneth say you had everything else insured, but he was afraid you would lose your soul." Her question made the father think, and he did insure his soul. " How did he do it ? " do you ask ? Why, he said " Thank You " to the Lord Jesus for dying in his place, and asked Him to keep his soul safe for ever. **He accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, and so his soul was saved.**

Let us look at what Paul says in 2 Tim. 1. 12. " I KNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." Paul had put his soul into the Lord Jesus' keeping, and he knew it was safe for ever. By " that day " Paul meant the day when each of us must appear before God. **Only the soul which is sheltered by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus will be saved in that day. Every soul can be saved, but God does not force anyone. He leaves the choice with us.** Little reader, is *your* soul saved ? Have you asked the Lord Jesus to forgive you your sins

and to save you ? If not, then " choose you *this day* whom ye will serve." (Joshua 24. 15).

Then, when we have given our souls into the safe-keeping of the Lord Jesus, we must be loyal to Him, and confess Him before others.

M. STUBBS.



SHELTER.

EVERYWHERE we go in these days we are met with this word. In the street, or at the corner, we see the sign. What does it mean ? It is a word of instruction to all in danger of an air raid that there is a place of safety where they can find shelter till the danger is past.

But there is a great danger just ahead of all who have not come to Jesus to have their sins washed away in His precious blood, of being lost, *and that forever*. It will be a sad day for those who have not heeded His invitation, " Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest " (Matthew 11, v. 28).

Why come to Jesus ? What will I find in Him ? If you read Psalm 61. 3 you will find a great treasure. Here is what it says : "**For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.**"

Surely these are comforting words, and may we all say, " lead me to the rock that is higher than I " (Psalm 61. 2).

When I look at these signs here is what I say in my heart, and may it be yours to say it also.

Saviour and Shepherd, came seeking the lost (St. John 10. 11).

Helper of all who in Him will trust (Heb. 13. 6).

Emmanuel, " God with us," Oh wonderful thought (St. Matt. 1. 23).

Light amid darkness, but accepted not (St. John 8. 12).

Tower strong and sure, where for refuge to flee (Ps. 61. 3).

Exalted in heaven, let all bow the knee (Phil. 2. 9).

Redeemer and Shepherd, and Saviour is He. (Job 19. 25).

What a wonderful **SHELTER** is Jesus to me.

J. HAY.

A LESSON ON BLACK AND WHITE.

"I think a Christian can go *anywhere*."

"Certainly she can," rejoined her friend; but I am reminded of a little incident that happened some time ago. A party of friends went with me to explore a coal mine. One of the young women appeared dressed in a dainty white gown. When her friends remonstrated with her she appealed to the old miner who was to act as guide to the party.

"Can't I wear a white dress down into the mine?" she asked petulantly.

"Yes, 'm," replied the old man. "There's nothing to keep you from wearin' a white frock in going down, but there'll be much to keep you from wearin' one in coming back."

Yes, a Christian *can* go anywhere *but not without risk of defilement, a bad conscience, and in the end a fall.*

It is well for Young Christians to have constantly before them the counsel of the wisest man who ever lived, "**In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.**" (Proverbs 3. 6.)



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

(8)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I wonder if you all read Psalm 119 last month and found the seven things referred to which the Psalmist found in the Bible!

I want now to give you eight things which the writer of Psalm 119 did with the Word of God. Read the verses carefully and you will easily find all these things.

1. Hid it in his heart.
2. Delighted in it.
3. Derived comfort from it.
4. Trusted in it.
5. Loved it.
6. Meditated upon it continually.
7. Made it the guide of his life.
8. Took it as a heritage for ever.

The chief topic suggested in Psalm 119 is—The Best Book—the Bible. There is no end of books to-day, written by all sorts of people upon all sorts of subjects. There are good writers and bad writers; there are good subjects and there are bad subjects. But, in the Bible, we have the very best Writer and the very best subject.

Who was the Writer? You may say that a good many people wrote the Bible and this would be true in a way. But

these writers did not put their own thoughts on to paper—they wrote as they were led by the Spirit of God. God helped them to write or inspired them. **So the Book was really written by God Himself.**

What is the subject? The one great subject is the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. From Genesis to Revelation He is spoken of and everything points to Him. **The Bible is really all about Christ.**

Could there be a more lovely Subject? Just think of who He is! He is the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature and became man for our salvation. He went to the cross and bore the consequences of our sins so that we might be saved. He rose from the dead, and to-day He is in heaven caring for each one of His own and preparing a home above for all His loved ones. The Lord Jesus Christ is so good and true and tender—so deserving of your love and the devotion of your hearts. **He is really the very best Subject.**

Now I think why the Psalmist loved the Scriptures so much was because He accepted them as a message from God in heaven. If the Spirit of God has taught you that the Bible is a letter to *you*, I am sure that you will read it, not merely as a duty, but because you delight to do so. And you will be better for reading the Bible prayerfully, because the effect of it will be seen in your daily life.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

You will no doubt be eagerly watching for the Prize List. If your name is not there I hope you will not be disappointed but try harder and see if you can win one next time. Get your papers done in good time as it is usually when they are left to the last minute that mistakes are made, when perhaps, you might have been a prize-winner.

Through the kindness of another gentleman, we are still able to give a good Bible for the three first prizes.

Several of you will receive consolation prizes. No names are printed for these.

Yes, Number Five stands for human weakness.

I hope H. Norrie's hand is better.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

Questions for August, 1941

Subject: **Eight, Eighth.**

1. Write out the verse which mentions "eight boards" (Exodus 26).
2. How many sons had Jesse? (1 Samuel 17.)
3. How old was Josiah when he began to reign? (2 Kings 22.)
4. "Cast thy bread." Write out the verse where these words occur, and also the next. (Ecclesiastes 11.)
5. What happened after eight days? (John 20.)
6. How long had Æneas kept his bed? (Acts 9.)
7. How many souls were saved by water? (1 Peter 3.)
8. What precious stone was the eighth foundation? (Rev. 21.)

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3. Harold Norrie, Boddomend, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.
4. Alex. Hodgins, Park Villa, Castleknock, Dublin, Eire.

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THE BOY WHO COULD BE TRUSTED.

WE are going to talk about a boy who could be trusted, to-day, and his name was David. He was a shepherd boy and used to spend all his days among the hills with his sheep. He loved them very dearly, and often risked his life to save them from a lion or a bear, which came to eat up the lambs. One day he wrote a beautiful song, in which he likened himself to one of his sheep, and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." David wrote it down, so that we might make it our song, too! (Psalm 23).

Now, one day God told his servant Samuel to go and anoint someone to be King of Israel. He told Samuel to go to a man named Jesse, and to anoint one of his sons, but He did not tell Samuel which. When Samuel arrived, the sons came before him one by one. They were tall and handsome, and Samuel thought God must have chosen one of them, but God said, "No!"

"Look not on his countenance," said the Lord, "or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16. 7).

Samuel heard the voice of God speaking these words as each of the seven sons passed before him. Then Samuel turned to Jesse, and asked him if he had any more sons. "Well, there is David, the youngest," he replied. "He is keeping the sheep."

"And Samuel said . . . Send and fetch him . . . And he sent, and brought him in. . . And the Lord said, Arise, and anoint him: for this is he" (1 Samuel 16. 11-13).

Now what was David doing when God sent Samuel to specially call him to be king? He was just doing his everyday work and God sent him back to that work to be faithful just there among the sheep. Though he had been chosen to be a king, David did not get proud and boast about it, but went back to his duties humbly. God loves us to be humble, obedient, gentle, and trustworthy, you know. God looked into David's heart, and He saw that David could be trusted to do little things faithfully, and so He chose him to do a great big thing—to be king over His people Israel, when he was older. **It matters very much whether a boy or a girl can be trusted when no one is looking. It matters to God whether you can be trusted! Never forget that God is always looking, and no one can deceive Him.**

He has a Book in which all the bad things and all the good things each one of us do are written down. Once there was a long list of bad things under my name. I wonder if there are under yours? Shall I tell you what happened to my black list? Well, I heard one day that the Lord Jesus, God's Son, loved me so much that He came to take the punishment of my sins, and died instead of me, so that all my sins could be forgiven! Because the dear Lord Jesus had died instead of me, God said to me, "Come now, let us reason together . . . though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1. 18). So I asked Him to do it, and He said, "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins" (Isaiah 44. 22).

When the Lord Jesus died, He died for you, too, so if you ask God to do so, He will blot out your sins, for His Name's sake. Then, perhaps, when you are older, God will give you something special to do for Him.

MABEL STUBBS.



A LITTLE GIRL'S VERSION OF PSALM 23

MANY of you may have heard of the little girl who was asked to repeat the 23rd Psalm, but she didn't know it very well. Indeed she stumbled at the first verse and gave it like this: "The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want."

The Bible does not put it that way, but our little friend expressed a beautiful thought, didn't she? and after all, its a very true definition. If we know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Shepherd, He is all we want and need.

A Saviour who saves and cleanses us from sin, and a Shepherd who continually guides and keeps us. What more do we want? **Is He this to YOU?** He is waiting to be right here and now. Won't you accept Him as such?

A. W.



THE CASTLE ON THE SAND.

THE Lord Jesus said, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these

sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell: and great was the fall of it" (Matthew 7. 24-27).

How often you have built castles on the sand, and I am thinking of one particularly that I saw built. Several children and grownups had helped in its erection, and loud was the praise of all the onlookers when it was finished. It had taken hours to complete, and was really a work of art—its towers, battlements, and the moat all beautifully modelled. There it stood—a monument of time, labour, skill, and its builders surveyed it with pardonable pride.

But, alas! the tide which had been far out when they started, was rapidly encroaching upon their handiwork. It was only a few feet away now, and gaining upon it every moment. The workers themselves had to retrace their steps and, with sorrow, watch from afar the ruin of their building. The tide was upon it now—soon the

moat was flooded, and bit by bit of that which had been wrought with so much care and patience was swept away. Before very long the whole was demolished, the tide covered the place. Every vestige of it had disappeared.

What a picture of the life work of many a man, woman, and even a child. Some build up a life of fame, or popularity. *Some are zealous of good works—but if they are leaving Christ out of their lives, and not building upon the Rock, one day all that they have built up with such planning, study, and anxious thought, will fall, it cannot endure because it is only built on the sand.*

If, on the contrary, our feet are planted upon the Rock, which is Christ, and we are trusting in the Saviour, though our life-work may not seem so grand—though we never gain applause, fame, or popularity, yet the building of our lives which the Holy Spirit has enabled us to do, will stand for eternity.

Are you building on the sand, or the Rock Foundation?
A. W.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR CHILDREN,

Our number this month is "nine." I want you to consider two texts of Scripture each with nine words. The first you will find in 1 Timothy 1. 15—"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

This was a glorious event in the world's history. It surpassed all other events. The Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the worlds were made, came into this world, this God-hating, sin-doomed world. His heart was full of love and compassion for the lost and perishing. Man had sinned and fallen so very low, he needed a Saviour, One who could lift him up and save him. **There was no other could do this but the Lord Jesus Christ.**

So He came with one object—to save sinners. This meant that He should not only live a perfect, holy life—for the life of the Lord Jesus Christ could not save sinners—but it meant that He should go to the cross and give His life. This He did—such was His great heart of love.

He came to save sinners—sinners lying under the power of death, in hopeless gloom. The Lord Jesus, the holy

One, the just One, died to save sinners. So to-day, everyone who, in simple faith, trusts the Saviour, is freed from all their sins.

The second text is an invitation to everybody. **"Come unto Me, . . . and I will give you rest"** (Matthew 11. 28). These were the words of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. And mark, He does not say "Come" until He, Himself, had come. The crew of a lifeboat would not send out an invitation to the shipwrecked sailors to come to the lifeboat tossed about by the stormy sea. No, the lifeboat must go and make contact with the wreck. Then the sailors can be saved.

The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world—He removed all the distance between a sin-hating God and the sinner. Because of who He is and what He has done, He can now say, "Come unto Me." A simple word is "come" and the youngest child understands its meaning. Your father or your mother says "come" and their arms are put out to embrace you. So the Saviour welcomes all who come to Him.

"I will give you rest." What glorious rest and peace He gives! This world, now like an angry sea, needs rest. There is only One who can put the world right and He will do it one day. But that same Person, who is going to give creation rest, will give you rest now. If you come to Him, He will embrace you in His tender arms of love. He will save you from your sins and make you one of His own.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Several of you were wrong in the last answer for July. The seven men were described as "honest and of good report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." I will make allowances for this in December (D.V.) as perhaps it was a little hard for some of you. I wonder if you or I could be described thus?

I am pleased to see the new Searchers from Morpeth, and also that those from St. Andrew's Colony have started again.

Your loving Friend,

E. M. A.

Questions for September, 1941

Subject : Nine, Ninth.

1. What were they to offer on the fifth day? (Numbers 29.)
2. How long was Og's bedstead? (Deuteronomy 3.)
3. When was darkness over all the land? (Matthew 27.)
4. What did Jesus say at the ninth hour? (Write out the interpretation only.) (Mark 15.)
5. What did Jesus say when the Samaritan gave Him thanks? (Luke 17.)
6. What was the ninth hour? (Acts 3.)
7. What did Cornelius do at the ninth hour? (Acts 10.)
8. What precious stone was the ninth foundation? (Revelation 21.)

JULY SEARCHERS

Age 14 years and over

1st Class.—A. Berrill, W. Bewick, M. Cain, N. Charlton, D. Holmes, H. Ingledew, O. Irving, E. Mail, G. Norrie, H. Norrie, S. Oliver, E. Pill, E. Fugh, D. Purvis, A. Reade, J. Reid, J. Renton, D. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, J. D. Rugg, E. Stephenson, J. Stephenson, K. Tombs, M. Tombs, R. Webster, E. White, F. Wood,

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2nd Class.—I. Faldon, N. Hamilton, J. Hince, E. May, E. O'Brien, W. O'Brien, J. Pringle, B. Stone, O. Sumner, W. Wilson.

Age 10 years and under

1st Class.—M. Abbey, S. J. Adams, M. Anderson, A. Barker, B. Baugh, F. Baugh, L. Bell, M. Bendall, C. Blackburn, N. Byass, B. Cameron, B. Clarke, G. Courts, J. Dawson, D. Dunn, K. Fairbairn, B. Greiff, D. Greiff, M. Grisdale, P. Haggard, M. Harris, O. Hart, J. Haughton, D. Henderson, B. Hodgins, A. Hodgson, M. Huggett, J. Jackson, R. Jackson, M. Johnson, R. Little, D. Manson, M. Marsh, M. McCabe, R. McConnachie, J. O'Brien, R. Richardson, H. Rogerson, K. Shillito, J. Short, A. Stephenson, A. Thomas, L. Thompson, M. Tippa, L. Willis, J. Wilson.

2nd Class.—F. Pringle, A. Raine, B. Spencer.

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THE MORNING MEAL

IN THE DUG-OUT

A STRIKING PICTURE.

IN Isaiah 29. you will read these words :
 “And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.”

You all know what a dug-out is : a place in the earth where you can hide for safety from bombs. Perhaps you have one in your garden, and when danger is near you go into it and feel safer than being above ground.

In a day yet to come, terrible judgments will fall upon Jerusalem, and then the words of Isaiah will be fulfilled. They are very suggestive of people talking below ground—possibly in dug-outs, trying to get away from God’s judgments. Whether this be so or not, one thing is certain, *no dug-out, however deep, can hide us from God, nor afford us a place of refuge from the consequences of our sins.*

When the great day of judgment comes for all who will be living on the earth, in their sins, many people will try to hide themselves in the earth. This is what they will say to the mountains and rocks : “Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb : for the great day of His wrath is come ; and who shall be able to stand ?” (Revelation 6. 16). Previously it is said they “hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains.”

Dear young reader, let me warn you before it is too late. **God will punish sin. He will judge the world in righteousness.** If you are on the earth when it happens, where will you flee? The deepest dug-out cannot hide you from God. **Meet Him you must, then why not meet Him now? He sits upon a throne of grace—not judgment.** He longs to bless you and pardon your sins, and take you to His heart and embrace and love you for ever. **Will you not, here and now, fall down before Him and say in true penitence : “God be merciful to me a sinner” ? and for Christ’s sake, who stood for you, in the place of judgment, He will, righteously, blot out all your sins and make you fit for His presence in heaven.**

May He give you grace to do this before it is too late.

J. H. EVANS.

HOW A DEAD BOY CAME TO LIFE AGAIN.

ONCE there lived a very wonderful man, whose name was Elijah. He had given himself to God, and spent his life going about helping people and giving them God’s messages.

Now it happened that a terrible famine came upon the country where he lived, because the people would not turn from their sins and obey God. Do you think God let those who loved Him starve? Do you think He let Elijah who had always loved Him and served Him faithfully, starve? No! **“His compassions fail not” (Lamentations 3. 22). He always takes care of those who love and serve Him.** Elijah trusted God, and did what He told him. Now let us read from the Bible what Elijah did : “So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord : for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening ; and he drank of the brook. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land” (1 Kings 17. 5-7).

But God knew all about it and now He told Elijah to go to another place, and live with a poor widow woman. Now this woman had a little boy, and when Elijah came along she was getting a few sticks with which to light a fire in order to make a little cake for herself and her boy out of the last drop of oil in her bottle, and the last bit of flour left in the bottle. Elijah did not know this, and he asked her for a drink and something to eat. Now you remember God had told Elijah to go to this woman, and so he knew that God would provide for him and her, so he told her not to fear, but do as he said. The woman obeyed and though every day it looked as if she must finish the oil and the flour, there was always just enough left for once more ! **You see, God always keeps His promises, and He had promised Elijah that He would take care of him, and the widow, and her son.**

Now one day, while Elijah was there, the little boy got ill, and he grew worse and worse till he died. Oh, how terribly sad his mother was ! Do you know what she said to Elijah? She knew he belonged to God, and she thought perhaps he had come to punish her for her sins ! You know God says, “Be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32. 23). If our sins are not forgiven we will have to suffer for them one day, but the glorious part of it is that they may be forgiven to-day ! Have you asked Him to cleanse away your sins in the precious blood

of the Lord Jesus? If you have, then God says to you, "I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins" (Isaiah 44. 22).

You know, when we belong to God we may ask Him to do things for us, and He always hears and answers, though sometimes, of course, He has to say, "No," like mother does. Because Elijah belonged to God he went and asked Him to make the little boy who had died alive again, and God was pleased to do this. "And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and

delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth" (1 Kings 17. 20-23).

We can just imagine how happy the widow woman was! And I think Elijah must have been very glad, too. Do you know, all of us are like that little boy when he was dead, only we are "dead in sins." But if we ask Him to wash away our sins, the Lord Jesus will make us alive by putting His own life into 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 3. 16). Will you ask Him to make you alive with His life to-day?

M. STUBBS.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

ADVANCE

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

(10)

"I am persuaded, that neither

1. Death,

2. Nor life,

3. Nor angels,

4. Nor principalities,

5. Nor powers,

6. Nor things present,

7. Nor things to come,

8. Nor height,

9. Nor depth,

10. Nor any other creature,

shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The eighth chapter of Romans, where these words occur, commences with "no condemnation" and ends with "no separation." "There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." This is true of every Christian. Young and old—newly saved as well as long-time saved. The moment you are saved, instead of being "in your sins," you are "in Christ Jesus." It was a joyful day when you discovered that the Lord Jesus Christ had settled for ever the question of your sins by His death on the cross. It is very clear in the Word of God that the death of Christ is the only way by which we may be saved. He died once—He bore our sins in His own body on the tree. To-day

He is not upon the cross—He is not in the grave—no, He is in the glory." But where are our sins? The Saviour did not take them to Heaven. This would never do, for no sin can enter God's presence. Those sins are gone, and gone for ever. So the believer is free from the sins which once bound him, and free from the judgment which those sins deserved. The work which Jesus did upon the cross is sufficient to save us now and for ever from the wrath of God which will surely fall upon the Christ rejecters.

But, not only are we saved from our sins, we are brought into the family of God—made sons of God—and the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. I refer, of course, only to those who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and know their sins forgiven. What wonderful love is the love of God! We will never know its fulness. We now know only a little of the fringe. It has no limit, no bound, no end. Our text tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. What confidence this gives in a changing world! Things change here, and even people, our friends, may fail or leave us. But nothing can separate us from the love of God. When we see this, we will get rest and peace in our hearts, and this will produce satisfaction.

Read again the verse at the commencement of this article. Think over it, pray over it, and it will prove to be a blessing to your soul.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I want to remind some of you this month not to write out *too much* when answering the questions. Just the answer to the question is all that is necessary.

I am pleased that we have one Searcher who is only six years old.

G. Mattingly, P. Parker and E. Auld have forgotten to give chapter and verse.

A paper has come from Bristol with no name.

Little friend Stephenson's papers were in time. All late papers have been marked. "Better late than never"!

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

Questions for October, 1941

Subject: Ten.

1. Who went to buy corn in Egypt? (Genesis 42.)
2. What did the Lord write upon the two tables of stone? (Deuteronomy 4.)
3. What happened when Isaiah cried unto the Lord? (2 Kings 20.)
4. "Wisdom . . . city." Write out the whole verse where these words occur (Ecclesiastes 7.)
5. Unto what is the Kingdom of Heaven likened? (Matthew 25.)
6. How many pieces of silver had the woman? (Luke 15.)
7. Write out the verse where "ten" occurs twice (Luke 19.)
8. How many angels were round about the throne? (Revelation 5.)

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WHAT IT IS TO HAVE FAITH ?

I HAVE been wondering if all of you, even the youngest who reads this magazine, really understand what it is to have faith in Christ as your Saviour. The Word of God says that "without faith it is impossible to please Him" (Hebrews 11. 6), and I am sure we all want to please the Lord Jesus, after He has suffered and died for us on the cross, so that our sins might be washed away, and we might go to be with Him in heaven.

In the first verse of the same chapter we are told that faith is believing in something which we cannot see. But to try and make it more simple still I will tell you an interesting little story about a poor boy who showed his faith by what he did. Then, perhaps, you will understand it better.

This boy was a street arab in London, and one day was run over by a dray, which broke both his legs. He was laid in one of the beds at a hospital to die, and another lad of the same class was allowed to lie down by the side of the suffering little form. He lay close up to him and whispered "Did you never hear about Jesus ?"

"No, I never heard of Him," the boy replied.

So the other boy said, "I once went to a mission school, and they told us that Jesus would take you to heaven when you died, and you'd never hunger any more and have no more pain, if you axed Him."

"But I wouldn't ax such a big Gentleman. He wouldn't stop to speak to a boy like mc."

"Oh, yes, He would, if you axed Him."

"But I don't know where He lives, and how can I get there when both my legs is broke ?"

"Well, they told us at the mission as how Jesus passes by. How do you know but what He might come round this hospital to-night ? You'd know Him if you was to see Him."

"But I cant keep my eyes open, my legs hurt so awful bad. Doctor says I'll die."

"Well, I'll tell you what to do. You hold up your hand, and when He passes by He'll know what you want."

They got the hand up, but it dropped for the third time. Bursting into tears the little arab said, "I'll have to give it up."

The other boy then ran and fetched his own pillow and propped the weak hand up against it. When a nurse came round later on she found the poor little chap dead, his hand still held up

for Jesus to see ; and there is no doubt that He saw it and took the suffering boy home.

Have you trusted the Lord Jesus yet ? If not, do so *now* and He will receive and bless you.

M. M.



LOST OR SAVED !

"I CAN be saved when I like," is the language of many a sinner blinded by Satan, the God of this world. One thus blinded thought that a few minutes at the close of life would enable him to get ready for eternity. But he was taken away suddenly by the stroke of God, with no time to prepare. **God's time is NOW.**

Is the reader lost or saved ?

A Roman Catholic man who lived in the Western States of America, was taken suddenly very ill, and thinking he was going to die, became much troubled about his sins. One night he awoke and begged that his wife would pray for him. She said she had never prayed herself, and did not know how to pray.

"Oh ! what shall I do for my poor soul," cried the poor man.

"Perhaps," said his wife, "our little Mary can pray. She goes to Sunday School."

"Go, call her at once," he said.

"Mary, my child, can you pray ?"

"Oh, yes, father, I can ; I will pray for you."

So she knelt down and putting up her little hands, she said : "Our Father, which art in heaven," going through the Lord's prayer. Then she prayed in her own language, asking God to have mercy on her father, and to pardon all his sins, and make him well, for Jesu's sake. When she had finished, her father said, "Mary, will you read to me out of the Bible ?"

"Yes, I will, father." Then she got her Bible and began to read the third chapter of John's Gospel. When she came to these words, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up ; That whosoever believeth on Him should not perish—"

"Oh, Mary, is that there ?" said her father.

"Yes, father, it is ; and these are the very words of Jesus."

"Well, that is just what I want. It is for me, a poor sinner. I can believe, I do believe."

Is the reader lost or saved ?

THE DUTCHMAN WHO COPIED NOAH'S ARK.

ABOUT an hundred and fifty years ago, there lived a Dutchman, who was a builder of ships. He was a Christian man, and loved the Bible. One day he was reading about the wonderful ship which God told Noah to build. God gave Noah the measurements, and the plan of just how he was to build it; and we remember, do we not, how safe Noah and all who entered the Ark were when the Flood came.

This Dutchman thought to himself, "I will build a ship according to the measurements of Noah's Ark, and because it is God's design, it will surely be the finest ship in all the world!"

So he set to work, although his friends all laughed at him. Like Noah, he went on steadily building, and when the ship was finished, the people saw what a wonderful ship it was. The Dutchman had many orders for ships built after the same plan, and he became a very rich man.

Yes, the Bible is a great and wonderful Book, and contains many things which we would do well to copy. **Best of all, this wonderful Book tells us that the great God, who made this world, and the stars, and the birds and flowers, loves boys and girls, and wants to save them not only from the consequences of sin, but from sin itself. In the Bible He says, "Suffer little children to come unto Me" (Luke 18. 16). Have you obeyed His call? If not, do so NOW!** M. Stubbs.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Many years ago there lived at Philippi a man who was without God—a sinner—a very hardened sinner. He had probably been a soldier, and now was governor of the prison.

About this time three Jews visited Philippi and caused a great commotion. Crowds of people followed them up and down the streets. These Jews were the servants of God and preached the way of salvation. The envy and hatred of a certain section of the inhabitants was aroused. They caught Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the magistrates, complaining that these Jews troubled the city and taught unlawful customs. The excited mob also turned against them and such was the clamour that the rulers also were carried away by it, and they commanded that the two men be shut up in prison.

Perhaps the jailer was very glad to have an opportunity of showing his hatred. He had heard of them and their doings because they had been the talk of the town, and his sympathies were not with them. So we can imagine him choosing the darkest and filthiest dungeon in the prison, throwing them into it, making their feet fast in the stocks, locking the door and leaving them there for the night.

Soon he was off to bed himself, probably feeling quite happy in having got these two men safely in prison. But

at midnight he woke with a great start. A mighty earthquake shook the prison to its foundations, opened the doors of the dungeons, and loosed the bands of the prisoners. He saw the doors open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped, he took a sword and was about to kill himself, when Paul called from the darkness, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here."

When he heard that, he called for a light and, when he saw the faces of Paul and Silas, beaming with heavenly joy, his great frame began to tremble. A more wonderful earthquake shook his soul than that which had shaken the prison. He felt, indeed, that these men were the messengers of God and he felt, too, that he had need of the salvation which they preached. Casting himself at their feet, he cried, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul's answer was ready. It was short—just eleven glorious words—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." And he lay at the Apostle's feet, the jailer believed and at once his soul was saved.

You, too, dear boys and girls, may be saved in just the same, simple way. The work has been done, the way has been opened, the Saviour waits to welcome you. There is no limit to the grace of God. All may come. Young and old—little sinners and big sinners.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

We are getting near the end of the half-year, so take special care over the last two months' questions. Think first before you put down your answer as many of you still give a similar answer instead of the correct one.

There will be changes in our little magazine next year (D.V.), so you will have to read it through carefully to see if any notice appears regarding this.

M. Tait and I. Walker must give verse as well as chapter.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

Questions for November, 1941

Subject: Eleven

1. How many of Jacob's sons passed over with him? (Genesis 32.)
2. What was Joseph's second dream? (Genesis 37.)
3. What were to be all of one measure? (Exodus 26.)
4. Describe the distance between Horeb and Kadesh Barnea. (Deuteronomy 1.)
5. Where did the eleven disciples go? (Matthew 28.)
6. Why did the Lord Jesus upbraid the eleven? (Mark 16.)
7. What did they find when they returned to Jerusalem? (Luke 24.)
8. Who was numbered with the eleven apostles? (Acts 1.)

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- 2nd Class.**—B. Arnold, G. Harvey, J. Hince, J. Jackson, B. Stephenson, M. Tait, I. Walker.

Age 10 years and under

- 1st Class.**—M. Abbey, S. Adams, M. Anderson, A. Barker, B. Baugh, F. Baugh, L. Bell, M. Bendall, C. Blackburn, N. Byass, B. Cameron, B. Clarke, B. Clugston, J. Clugston, G. Coutts, D. Dunn, K. Fairbairn, V. Fairbairn, Laura Gate, Lois Gate, M. Greaves, B. Greiff, D. Grieff, H. Grisdale, M. Grisdale, P. Haggard, A. Harbottle, R. Harbottle, O. Hart, J. Haughton, B. Hodgins, A. Hodgson, M. Huggett, J. Jackson, R. Jackson, M. Johnson, D. Manson, E. May, A. Rice, R. Richardson, H. Rogerson, K. Shillito, J. Short, B. Simm, B. Spencer, A. Stephenson, R. Stephenson, L. Willis.
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OUR CHILDREN

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DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

ONE of the most wonderful things in all the world is to receive answers to our prayers. God ALWAYS answers prayer, although He does not always give us just what we ask Him for. Sometimes it is because He sees that it would not be good for us, and sometimes it is because it would not be good for someone else. Some people do not get the things for which they pray because they do not really believe that God will give them the things they ask for. You know, He says: "According to your faith, be it unto you."

Let me tell you how God answered the prayer of an old sea-sick woman. When the late Dr. F. B. Meyer was crossing the Atlantic some years ago, the captain of the ship asked him to conduct the Sunday morning service in the saloon. He preached about "Answered Prayer," and told many stories of how God had answered the prayers of those who belonged to Him. But at the service was a man who called himself an Agnostic—that is one who says that he does not know whether there is a God or not, because he has never seen Him. An Agnostic is like the man who said that because he couldn't see the voice of a nightingale, he didn't believe that it had one. Of course, all those of us who have *heard* the nightingale singing on a beautiful Summer's evening KNOW that it has a voice, do we not? Well, this Agnostic said he did not believe a word of what Dr. Meyer had been saying, but still he decided to go and listen to him again that afternoon, when he would be speaking to the steerage passengers.

When the afternoon came, the Agnostic put two oranges into his pocket, and set off for the steerage. As he picked his way in and out among the steerage passengers, he passed by an old woman with silvery hair, who was lying in a chair, with her eyes closed, and her hands on her lap, apparently fast asleep. A sudden impulse made the Agnostic gentleman pull his two oranges out of his pocket, and place them in the hands of the old woman. Then he passed on his way.

An hour later he came back the same way, and found the old woman enjoying one of his oranges. Stopping beside her chair, he remarked: "You seem to be enjoying that orange."

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "My Father is very good to me."

"Your Father," exclaimed the gentleman. "Why, he cannot still be living, surely?"

"Praise God," said the old woman, "my Heavenly Father is still very much alive."

"What do mean?" asked the Agnostic.

"I'll tell you, sir," was the reply. "I have been very sea-sick for some days, and I was asking my Heavenly Father to send me an orange somehow, when I must have fallen asleep. But when I awoke, my Father had sent me not only one orange, but two."

The Agnostic went on his way, but now he was no longer an Agnostic—a "don't know" man. He had himself been used to answer the prayer of a poor old sea-sick woman, and in his heart he at last believed that there was indeed a God in Heaven who not only heard, but answered prayer. Have you yet been brought to pray like the Publican, "God be merciful to me a sinner"? because He never fails to give a full answer to such a request.

MABEL STUBBS.



THE GENTLEMAN AND THE TRAMP.

ONE beautiful Sunday afternoon some boys were tempted to stay away from Sunday School. They were just playing about as they did every other day.

A man sitting on a seat nearby saw them playing and called them over to him and offered to tell them a story. So he began:—

"Now, boys, I am going to tell you a story about a gentleman and a tramp, and when I have finished I want you to tell me what you think of the gentleman and what you think of the tramp. Here is the story.

"A gentleman out for a walk saw a tramp sitting by the roadside looking very cold and miserable on that frosty morning. The gentleman went up and spoke to the tramp in a very kindly manner and found that he had had no breakfast and was absolutely friendless.

"The gentleman took his wallet from his pocket and said to the tramp, 'Now, look here, I've got seven pounds in this wallet. I will give you six pounds to help you on your way. You will be able to get food and warm clothes. And I will keep the one pound that is left for myself in case I need it.' The tramp took the six pounds that was so kindly given and then, lifting up his stick, demanded the other pound to be handed over. He grabbed the seventh pound and then made off.

"Now, boys, what do you think of the gentleman and what do you think of the tramp?"

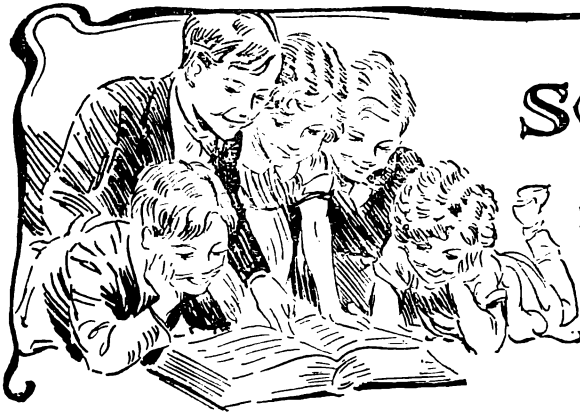
The boys agreed without any question that the gentleman was a very good man and that the tramp was very wicked and sinful. I am sure everyone who reads this will say the same.

The man, still sitting on the seat with the boys in front of him, said to them, "Do you know, boys, you are just like that tramp? God has given you six days for yourself and has kept one day for Himself and you are robbing Him of His day. You should have been at Sunday School and here you are playing about. God has given His Son to die in order that you might be saved, and you should go on the Lord's Day to hear the precious story, so that believing you, too, might know the joy of salvation."

I hope every boy and girl who reads this will never again absent themselves from Sunday School.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12. 1).

J. R. JAMESON.



SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I suppose you have all seen the "V" sign. We cannot go far these days without meeting it somewhere. It is painted or chalked upon walls; it is marked on all sorts of objects; it is even worn by many people. What does it mean? Ask the next person you see with a "V" why he wears it. He will tell you that it stands for "VICTORY" and that we must all be "victory-minded" and do all we possibly can to further the war effort to a victorious end. As we think of the terrible slaughter of human life and the great suffering abroad in the world, we all feel like this. God only can give victory and we must rely upon Him for success.

Forget for a moment the war and all that is going on around and think just of yourself. What is your ambition in life? Are you hoping that, as the years go by, you will have prosperity and plenty of this life? But, if you have all that the world values—youth, wealth, position, power—will these things give you victory here? No; we have to consider the question of SIN—the great power which stands as a barrier between God and man. Sin is the cause of all the selfishness and the sorrow in the world to-day.

Does the burden of sin weigh upon your heart? God provided a Sin-bearer, the Lord Jesus Christ, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2. 24). He paid the mighty debt. He died, and, by His dying and rising again, He conquered Satan and gained the victory. Now, by faith, you may receive

the forgiveness of your sins. This is God's gift and cannot be received by good works, prayers, or tears. The forgiveness of sins must be received as a gift through faith in the work of Christ.

Then, having taken this step, what a life of blessing and victory awaits you. God not only saves from the sins of the past, but provides salvation for this life and gives now power over sin, so that, as you abide in Christ, sin has no dominion over you.

"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory." How do we get it? By giving ourselves, our hearts, our minds, our wills, our ambitions, our all, to the Lord Jesus Christ without reserve. By giving Him complete control of our lives. By crowning Jesus Lord of all.

"This is the victory . . . even our faith." It is a matter of faith in Christ. The Lord will do for you what you trust Him to do. Every day brings its difficulties and trials, but, as you trust Him, these things will be straightened out and you will experience the blessing of VICTORY day by day.

"Victory, victory, in the name of Jesus,
Victory in His might.

When temptation comes the Saviour makes us
Conquerors in the fight."

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

Questions for December, 1941

Subject: Twelve

1. How many sons had Jacob? (Genesis 35.)
2. What were there at Elim? (Exodus 15)
3. What did they take up out of the midst of Jordan? (Joshua 4.)
4. What did Elijah do with the twelve stones? (1 Kings 18.)
5. How old was the damsel? (Mark 5.)
6. How old was Jesus when they found Him in the temple? (Luke 2.)
7. Which one of the twelve was not with them when Jesus came? (John 20.)
8. Who saw the Lord Jesus, after Cephas? (1 Corinthians 15.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am pleased to welcome some new searchers so late in the year, and I trust they will continue. Several have omitted to give chapter and verse. Always remember to put this, or you will lose marks.

Owing to alterations in our magazine next year (D.V.) you will have to wait till March for the prize list. I hope you will continue to read your Bibles during those months, when there will be no Scripture Searchings. We need the Word of God *always*.

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