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"THIS IS RARE FUN"

## TWO NECESSARY THINGS

A VERY happy New Year to you !

Since last I so greeted you, a year has run its course, including in its flight many varied changes and incidents of daily life.

Doubtless each of you will willingly agree to forget some of these, but I am sure a number of them will often be thankfully remembered ; and one very important change will ever remain in your memory. Can you guess to what I refer ?

Well, the passing of a year means that each of you has had a birthday, **but only the Lord Jesus Christ knows all who have also experienced the second or New Birth, without which no one can ever hope to enter heaven.** As was so clearly explained in the previous issue of " Our Children," it is absolutely necessary for everyone who desires to live with the Lord Jesus Christ in His home, to be born into the family of God.

Let me remind you of His words in John 3. 7. **"Ye must be born again."** Are you one of those in whom the vital change has not yet taken place ? You may ask how can it be brought about, so I will try and tell you as simply as possible.

The great apostle Paul when preaching at Ephesus, told his hearers that to be found pleasing to God, two things were necessary. They are **Repentance and Faith** (Acts 20. 21). Repentance may seem a hard word to you but its meaning is often in practice. You know that if on account of some misdeed mother and father are grieved, then to once again enjoy their unhindered love, you must, with sorrow confess the misdoing.

Now, whether you own it or not, God says **" all have sinned "** (Romans 3. 23). This is where **repentance** comes in. Have you then told God how sorry you are to have grieved Him for so long ? **Faith** is simply " trust," and is in exercise many, many times a day.

Let me give you an instance. I was visiting Edinburgh recently for a few days. On going along a busy street I passed a school, the scholars of which were coming out to go home for dinner. A policeman was standing near the gate when two little girls went up to him, caught hold of his hands as he guided them safely across the roadway. I don't suppose either of them knew the policeman's name or where he lived, but they had faith or trust that he would protect them from being knocked down or hurt by the passing vehicles. So he did, and as they reached the opposite pavement gave him a smile for his kindness.

Of course as you will know there are many policemen in our cities and towns, but there is only one Person in whom we have to put our trust to save us from the coming judgment. **His Name is JESUS as Matthew 1. 21 tells us, for He shall save His people from their sins.**

It didn't cost either the policeman or the little girls anything to safely cross the roadway, but in order to be our Saviour from the wrath to come, the Lord Jesus had to bear the judgment and wrath of God when He became our sinbearer on Calvary's Cross.

Will you not then "repent" and "trust" and so become a child of God with birthday rights of spending eternity in His eternal home?



*Editor*

## THE HINDU GIRL'S PRAYER

A LITTLE girl from a Hindu home attended for the first time a mission day school. In that school, whatever else the girls were taught, prominence was given to telling the good news of the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in coming to seek and save that which was lost.

The Gospel message was absolutely new to this little girl, and at the close of school that day she came to the missionary lady in charge of the school and said, "Memsahib, that was a beautiful story you told us this morning. I never heard it before. Would you please tell it to me again?" And the missionary lady, with her congregation of one, again briefly told of the love of God's Son in dying for sinners. The Hindu child was intensely interested and she said, "I am sure that no one at home has heard this story. I want to tell them as I go home now, and I want to be sure that I tell it right. Will you please tell it to me again?" And again the story was told.

Shortly after, the child, having even then reluctantly left the school, as the missionary lady passed through a room leading to the street she came upon this child kneeling by a bench (the children in school had been asked to kneel while prayer was offered at the beginning and close of school) and as the child heard footsteps, still kneeling she turned and saw that it was the lady who had told her the wonderful story, and she beckoned to her to come over, and she said, "Memsahib, I feel I would like to say something to Jesus, but I don't know if He would like to hear me say it."

And the missionary said, "Tell me what you have thought of saying, and I will tell you if I think the Lord Jesus would like to hear you say it." And the child said, "I thought of saying, **"Jesus, how could You do It? How could You do it? Was it just love? And if so, won't You make me love You?"**

And the lady encouraged the child so to pour out her heart to the Saviour, and she did, saying at the suggestion of the missionary, "Lord Jesus, how could You do it? How could You do it? Was it just love? And if so, won't You make me love You?"

And now may I ask my reader, "Is this Saviour who loves YOU, yours?"

## SAVED

**I**T was winter. Playing on the ice which covered the River Tees were two young girls, Bernadette, who lived only a hundred yards away, and her friend, Olive.

It was the type of morning they loved. The air was dry and crisp. Mother was out shopping and daddy was by the fireside. Both Bernadette and Olive had had a good breakfast and were in high spirits. But it was just when their joy was at its height that an accident occurred.

Agile Bernadette was skimming over the ice when it broke and she fell into the water. Olive could do nothing to help her friend, but instantly did the next best thing. She ran to call Bernadette's father. Immediately he knew his daughter's danger he ran with such haste as only a parent can. He sped along the side of the river, across the ice and then into the water. Quickly he reached his daughter, but there was not a moment to lose. With Bernadette upon his chest he swam beneath the ice to the bankside where the ice was thin. Then breaking the ice both he and Bernadette were able to drag themselves to safety. Throughout it all Bernadette never lost consciousness.

It was a pretty sight which mother saw when she returned home. Both were a little shaken and cold, but safe and warming themselves by the sitting-room fire.

You are in a position similar to Bernadette. Like Olive, the writer cannot save you, but he knows One who can. Like Bernadette **you cannot save yourself.** As she rested upon her father's chest and clung tenaciously to him, so too, **you must trust the Saviour as He seeks to bear you to safety and home.**

The danger which confronts you is from sin's penalty. Like Damocle's sword, judgment hangs over our heads for we must all give account before God of our deeds. This is a danger from which we cannot escape ourselves, but the Lord Jesus died on Calvary that we might be forgiven. **If you believe and take Him as Saviour He will keep you safe until you are safe in His eternal home.**

What a sight Bernadette's mother saw when she returned home that morning! Father and daughter both shaken, but happy. So if you rest in faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, the day will come when gathered together with all God's children, you will be able to look back on life's trials and join in the heavenly chorus singing praises to Him who loved you and saved you by His precious blood.

Have you trusted this Saviour? Is this assurance and hope yours? It can be—if you repent and believe.

JOSEPH GUY

# THE POWER OF PRAYER

(Psalm 50. 75)

I NEVER did believe in prayer  
 Like some good people do ;  
 Till I was on the " Altmark "  
 Among that ghastly crew.  
 Men were crowded in the hatches  
 We were crowded everywhere ;  
 There was nothing left to hope for  
 We were all in deep despair.

Death was facing us—we knew it  
 There was nothing we could do ;  
 With our hearts like lead within us  
 And our thoughts, God only knew !  
 We were almost suffocated  
 When I heard a sailor there,  
**Break the tense and awful silence**  
**With the offer of a prayer.**

When he saw our hopes had vanished  
 He implored us all to pray,  
 O ! it's wonderful, what danger  
 Makes an unbeliever say !  
 We were thinking of our loved ones  
 Those we'd never see again ;  
 O ! those moments were tremendous !  
 And I really can't explain.

For we bent our heads together  
 And from hearts that were sincere,  
 We appealed in desperation  
 And we hoped that God would hear.  
**While our hearts in prayer were bending**  
 We all heard an engine purr ;  
 And the next we heard was shouting,  
 " Hallo Chaps ! the Navy's here ! "

Then I thought I must be dreaming  
 As I breathed the precious air,  
**But what was most amazing**  
**Was the mighty power of prayer !**  
 We are told in Heaven there's music  
 Far too sweet for human ear ;  
 But I'll never ask for sweeter  
 Than " Thank God ! the Navy's here ! "

GLANMOR S. HUGHES

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER (1)

## LAMB

Dear Children,

As we enter upon another year I wish you all a very happy New Year ! The way, of course, to real joy is to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. You may have days of happiness but these go by without giving any sense of satisfaction. **The path of true joy—the joy which satisfies—is only to be found as we follow the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now, this year, we are going to think about some Bible animals in our Scripture Searching. The first animal we consider is the LAMB.

From the earliest years of this world's history we read of sheep. After Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden of Eden they had two children, Cain and Abel. Both these boys worked hard like their parents. Cain dug the ground and cultivated food. Abel was a keeper of sheep.

God had made it clear to Adam and Eve that the only way of approach to Him was by blood. I think that the parents must have talked to the boys about the Garden of Eden and their sin, and told them often that God required the death of a victim as the means of sacrifice.

Cain one day thought that he would like to make an offering to God so he brought of the fruit of the ground. No doubt, he brought the very best of his produce but God had no respect unto the sacrifice of Cain. Abel, however, offered a lamb and this pleased God. Why the difference? **In Cain's offering there was no blood-shedding as God required and this made all the difference.**

To-day many people are following in the way of Cain. They are offering the best they themselves can produce. They live as good as they can—they give money away—they do a great many good things, but with all this God is displeased.

Turn over to the New Testament and read in John's gospel, "**Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**" This quotation refers to Jesus. He is spoken of as the LAMB OF GOD because he was perfectly pure, harmless, undefiled. Under the law the sinner had to bring the sacrifice but the Lamb of God was provided by God Himself to be the sin-bearer. Jesus died as the Victim for sin, and now that He has offered Himself as a sacrifice, God has been fully pleased with that offering in that He has raised Him from the dead. It is now our privilege to come to Him and have our sins blotted out in virtue of His shed blood.

**"It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."** not prayers, nor tears, nor good works but the blood. The blood alone avails and the Lord Jesus *alone* is able to save.

Will you be amongst that company which one day will gather around the Lord Jesus Christ and join in the song, "Worthy is the LAMB that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour and glory, and blessing"? He is, indeed, worthy !

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

## LETTERS RECEIVED FROM GERMANY.

Wissenbach,  
U.S. Zone, Germany.

October 15th, 1947.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I was so glad to receive your kind letter and "Our Children." I have done the Searchings and I am enclosing the answers and texts on a separate sheet. Daddy has helped a little. My English is pretty poor yet because I started English lessons only a year ago.

I looked up the verses in daddy's English Bible. The Searchings have given me much pleasure. I love the Lord Jesus and know Him as my own personal Saviour.

I am very glad to have "Our Children" sent on to me regularly, many, many thanks. I give name and address of a school friend of mine as follows: Edith Weitzel, Wissenbach. We both go to Sunday School.

Daddy and mammy give their Christian love to you.

Affectionately in our Lord Jesus,

LIESELOTTE WEISS (aged 11).

Wissenbach,  
American Zone, Germany. 7.  
November 16th, 1947

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for your kind letter and "Our Children."

Since the 28th of January 1946 I am the own of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I am glad to read the Bible. I would like to get an English Bible, for I have only the New Testament in the English language. I am glad to take part in the Scripture Searchings and to answer the questions. In our Sunday School we have about 35 scholars.

And now I want to answer your question, how many sisters and brothers I have. I have two sisters. My oldest sister is 16 and my little sister is 4 years old. My brother is 14 years old. I myself am 11 years old.

I shall be glad to receive new questions.

Your,  
EDITH.

We welcome Lieselotte and Edith into the searchers' family, to each of whom an English Bible has been sent. Congratulations to them on their ability to write in such good English.—EDITOR.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

You all seem to have taken special care with the last set of questions, as so few of you are in second class.

As you will see, we are giving three more prizes than usual, as all have done so well. Bibles will be sent for the first prizes. All those who have been first class during the year will receive a text.

K. Allen, R. Aves, S. Grant, and J. MacLennan must write answers in full and give the references.

I was pleased with the greeting card from M. House.

I will post the magazine to C. Fairgrieve so that she gets it in time do to the searching.

Correct papers have come from G. Birss and A. Hallett. I am sending them a text.

Your loving friend,  
E. M. A.

### PRIZE LIST, DECEMBER, 1947

#### Age 14 years and over

1. Brenda Maddrell, 6, Fernlea Terrace, Wath-on-Dearne, Nr. Rotherham.
2. Hannah Owen, 36, Hutchinson St., Middlesbrough.
3. Margaret Abbey, 123, Bates Avenue, Darlington.
4. Myrtle Simpson, Riverview, Coolaney, Co. Sligo.
5. Norman Hancock, 41, Walliker St., Hull.

#### Age 11 up to 13 years

1. Shirley Gozzard, 16, Buslingthorpe Green, Meanwood Road, Leeds.
2. Maurice Lovett, 101, Dover Road, Ipswich.
3. Audrey Middlewood, 37, Gilmour St., Thornaby-on-Tees.
4. M. Lumley, 2, Wellington Row, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.
5. Phyllis Sturmeay, 2, Millbank Cottages, Piddletrenthorpe, Dorchester.

#### Age 10 years and under

1. Colin Bailey, 1, Swedish Houses, Cashes Green, Stroud, Glos.
2. J. G. Robinson, 131, High St., Yarm, Yorks.
3. Anthony Murray, Amerside Law, Chatton, Northumberland.
4. Alison Murray, Amerside Law, Chatton, Northumberland.
5. Douglas Lancaster, 21, Burnopfield Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1948.

Subject—LAMB

1. "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" What answer did Abraham give to this question? Genesis 22.
2. What did John say when he saw Jesus coming unto him? John 1.
3. Write out the verse which mentions "a lamb without blemish." Leviticus 23.
4. Write out the verse which mentions "a Lamb without blemish" in 1 Peter 1.
5. "He was oppressed." Write out the verse which begins with these words. Isaiah 53.
6. Write out the verse which mentions "Lamb" in Acts 8.
7. What shall dwell with the lamb? Isaiah 11.
8. Why had the city no need of the sun or of the moon? Revelation 21.

### NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SEARCHERS.

**1st Class.**—M. Abbey, J. Andrew, A. W. Berrill, J. Birch, B. Brettell, R. Brown, S. Bunce, E. Cole, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, E. Cottee, S. Croft, R. Davis, M. Fairbairn, N. Fitchett, N. Hancock, O. Hart, A. Herbert, P. Hey, S. Johnson, R. Love, B. Maddrell, K. Marshall, M. McInnes, J. Mackintosh, M. Monger, W. Murray, J. Nelson, J. Oliver, L. Ovington, H. Owen, E. Richardson, D. Sealey, S. Shaw, M. Simpson, L. Toenningsen, M. Vallenge, T. Weaver, M. Wiggans, J. Williams.

**2nd Class.**—None.

#### Age 11 up to 13 years

**1st Class.**—J. Allinson, M. Allinson, K. Allon, L. Anderson, M. Anderson, Mary Bailey, Marina Bailey, M. Baines, N. Beaumont, R. Boersma, K. Broadbent, A. Buchanan, J. Bunce, R. Bunce, B. Byers, C. Chisholm, J. Cockburn, G. Cole, M. Cornack, W. Davidson, C. Davis, G. Davison, M. Davison, W. Deans, B. Dennington, M. Dowens, J. Draper, P. Elmer, A. Elrick, V. Fairbairn, C. Fairgrieve, T. Gibson, S. Gozzard, R. Graham, S. Grant, P. Greiff, R. Griffiths, M. Harkess, M. Hart, M. House, P. Howells, M. Jones, M. Kirk, E. Love, M. Lovett, M. Lumley, M. Maidment, J. MacLennan, A. Middlewood, J. Miller, E. Monger, L. Oliver, W. Ovington, S. Perry, S. Portlock, M. Ratcliff, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, M. Simpson, D. Smith, M. Smith, B. Spencer, P. Sturney, E. Teltow, D. Tilling, C. Veitch, P. Wainwright, J. Walker, L. Weiss, E. Weitzel, J. Wylie, R. Wylie, D. Yule.

**2nd Class.**—P. Anderson, S. Archibald, J. Holliday, M. Hughes.

#### Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—M. Andrew, E. Archibald, O. Aves, R. Aves, C. Bailey, G. Barron, J. Bassett, C. Bell, G. Bell, D. Binnie, M. Birch, J. Boersma, R. Buchanan, J. Chapman, R. Davidson, M. Edmensen, B. Edwards, M. Eland, A. Elliott, B. Emmett, M. Graham, G. Harrison, C. Henderson, K. Henderson, D. Heron, L. Heron, C. Jones, D. Lancaster, E. Love, D. Malcolm, I. Morrison, Alison Murray, Anthony Murray, R. Nelson, J. Pattinson, K. Peary, D. Phillips, J. Portlock, M. Proctor, M. Reith, J. Ring, E. Rogers, M. Rogers, V. Russell, J. G. Robinson, A. Scott, L. Simpson, S. Simpson, A. Stevenson, D. Terry, A. Tetlow, G. Thomson, V. Turner, V. Westcott, M. Wharrier, L. Wilson, M. Wilson, A. Wylie, E. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—A. Sinclair, J. Turnbull.

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

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

**In addition, Searchers who are in 1st class throughout the current year will receive a Text. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.**

Short interesting articles containing the Gospel will be welcomed  
by the Editor:—

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# Our Children



A STORY FOR TWO ONLY !

## COBWEBS AND CHAINS

"SIN often begins in cobwebs and ends in chains." Does that need explaining? Nothing could be thinner or more easily broken than a spider's network. And few things are stronger or less easily broken than chains.

In the Middle Ages a smith was imprisoned for some crime, and was chained to prevent his escape. He anxiously examined the chains that bound him. But suddenly he found on them some marks which proved that they were his own making, and he had always had the reputation for making flawless, unbreakable chains. He at once gave up all hope of getting free. The chains of habit that we make ourselves are the most difficult to break. **"Be sure your sin will find you out."**

You know the saying :

"Sow a thought and reap an act.  
Sow an act and reap a habit.  
Sow a habit and reap a character.  
Sow a character and reap a destiny."

"The older I get," said Habit, "the longer I shall live." The great Duke of Wellington said, "Habit is ten times nature." He perhaps had in mind the habit of discipline in an army, but it is true that when a boy or girl keeps on practising a certain wrong thing, whatever it may be, the cobweb, as it were, grows stronger and stronger, until at last it becomes like a chain. Anyone in chains is certainly not free.

"Frank" means "free." But whatever your Christian name may be, you are not really free if your sins are unforgiven, and if you are the slave of any bad habit or practice. **And sin of whatever kind is an enemy that is too strong for us.** We cannot deliver ourselves. In spite of all we try to do, a real cure for sin cannot even begin in that way.

**But a cure for sin is possible. WE cannot forgive our sins, but Christ can. WE cannot cleanse our hearts and lives of sin's power, but Christ can. And He wants to come into our hearts, pardon us all our sins, give us a new life, and a new start. Do you want to be freed from sin enough to let Him come in, and take control?**

Then let your cry to Him be :—

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

## AFRAID TO DIE

"**I**'M afraid to die, sir," young Walter was saying as he approached the preacher one Sunday night after a gospel meeting in our hall : " so will you please show me how I can be saved ? "

Walter is a pleasant young lad of fourteen, and has come to Sunday School and Bible Class for some time now. But that night, after listening to a solemn message on DEATH, he felt he must decide the question there and then. He was in a very troubled state of soul as he was led into the inquiry room and kept on saying, "**I'm afraid to die. I'm afraid to die.**"

Tenderly and simply the preacher unfolded the truth of salvation to him from the Bible, and bit by bit he was able to grasp it. He saw how Jesus had taken his place on the cross, and that by simple acceptance into his heart of that wonderful Saviour he would have everlasting life. **And he was saved there and then.**

What a different Walter came out of the inquiry room ! His face was all aglow with joy, and, instead of saying " I'm afraid to die," he was saying, "**I'm NOT afraid to die now.**" He knew that he was safe from judgment because Jesus had borne all the wrath of God against his sins. **What a difference the Lord Jesus makes when He gets into your heart.**

Will you be like Walter ? Come to know the Saviour that saves from every fear. He will wash your sins away and one day take you to Heaven. But, remember, you cannot get into Heaven if your sins are not washed away in Jesus' precious blood. Are *you* afraid to die ?

WM. AITKEN



## "OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES "

**A** TRAVELLER calling upon a Christian grocer, expressed some doubt in the existence of God. A child who attended the Sunday School under the grocer's care, came forward to the counter as the words were spoken. Looking up into the traveller's face, the child said, " The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." A little child exposed his folly, and he was speechless.

When others fail to praise the Lord, little children tell His praise. " Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise " (Matthew 21: 16).

James was presented with a little barrow from his parents. How delighted he was, and what pleasure he took in it, but one day when wheeling the little barrow, James lost his balance and

was hurt inwardly on the kerb stone. That night he sat up in bed and sang what he had heard at the Sunday School :—

“ Oh, shall I be amongst that throng,  
All clothed in robes of white,  
And help to swell the glorious song  
Of rapture and delight ?

then James joined in the song of the redeemed in the better land :

I shall, for I have been redeemed  
With blood of worth untold,  
**The blood of Christ, the Lamb of God,  
More precious far than gold.”**

Are *you* redeemed with the precious blood of Christ ?

JAMES SNAW



## HOW A LITTLE MAID WAS USED OF GOD

**I**N the 2nd book of Kings, chapter 5 we read of Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria. A great man and honourable also a mighty man in valour. Many of us would enjoy meeting such a man, but when it comes to the question of eternity, all his good qualities do not help.

We read at the end of verse 1, *But he was a leper*. Now leprosy speaks of sin.

It says the Syrians had gone out by companies, and brought away captive out of the land of Israel, a little maid ; and she waited on Naaman's wife. This little maid said, “ Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria, for he would recover him of his leprosy.”

The king of Syria sent a letter to the king of Israel, and Naaman took with him silver, and gold, and raiment. The king of Israel, on receipt of the letter, rent his clothes and said, “ Am I God, to kill and to make alive . . . see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.”

When Elisha the man of God heard, he said let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came and stood at the door of Elisha. Elisha sent a messenger, saying, “ Go and wash in Jordan seven times, *and thou shalt be clean* ” Naaman was wroth and went away in a rage. His servants said, “ My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, would'st thou not have done it ? ”

Naaman went down and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, *and he was clean*. The little maid's prayer and faith were answered.

Here we see the grace of God working. We also see a little maid a prisoner in a foreign land, not thinking of herself, but seeking to serve God.

God used the little maid. Naaman received the blessing and the Name of God was magnified.

**If a believer in the Lord Jesus, are you, like the nameless maid, seeking to be a blessing to others ?**

W. L. COUPER



## A TREASURE TROVE

**E**VEN Sir Malcolm Campbell's name is connected with the story of the Cocos Island and the fabulous wealth which pirates are supposed to have buried there. He thinks that when a certain door is found, inside will be seen the skeleton of a man who perished in agony through lust for gold ! More than one buccaneer is said to have used it to hide a hoard of gold, and Sir Malcolm is listed amongst those who have made strenuous efforts to find it.

When Bolivar came with his armies against Lima, the authorities, their families and servants took caskets of priceless jewels and boarded a British ship to flee. Their first night on the ship was their last. This great treasure was too great a temptation for an "honest" sailor.

Unable to take the treasure to any of the larger towns these sailors buried it on Cocos Island. Years afterwards when all the sailors had been executed for the crime, the captain as he lay dying, passed on the secret of this treasure island to a friend.

This friend obtained the help of a ship's captain and together they sailed for Cocos. They found the secret door and the wealth, but in their greed endeavoured to transport it without informing the rest of their comrades on the ship.

Discovering the treachery of the two, the sailors attempted to force the secret from them, but they escaped, and hid until the ship and frustrated crew departed. Many years passed by before a whaler came out and found one ragged, starving maniac on the island. Where was the other ? Sir Malcolm Campbell says, "Behind the door with the caskets of gold and pearls.

Whereas that treasure was lost and has never been found again, there are some treasures that have. It was while repairing a temple a man named Hilkiah made a find. He showed it to a scholar who took it to the king. This find was a copy of the Scriptures. It showed what God requires of men. The psalmist declared it was worth thousands of gold and silver, because it "instructs the simple," (Psalm 119. 130) ; "enlightens the eyes" (Psalm 19. 8) ; "is more precious than gold," (Psalm 19. 10) ; "and is sweeter than honey," (Psalm 119. 103). **Cling to this Book, for here is the only source of pure joy.**

JOSEPH GUY.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER (2) SHEEP

Dear Boys and Girls,

There is a very interesting chapter in the Bible about sheep—Ezekiel 34. Read this chapter through very carefully.

In verse 6 you will read that these sheep, like all other sheep, wandered and the flock was

## SCATTERED

It seems strange that, although a sheep may have a good field of pasture it is certain to get into the next field if it can find a hole in the hedge. On and on it will wander and it seems to have no sense of home. **A lost sheep never finds its own way back to the flock, it must be sought for.**

We are *all* like lost sheep. It is recorded and it is very true that "all we like sheep have gone astray." We have *all* gone astray, from the youngest to the oldest. We have wandered away from God. David said, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep," and surely we all have to confess the same thing.

## SOUGHT

In Ezekiel 34 you will hear the Lord God saying, "Behold, I, even I, will both *search* my sheep, and *seek* them out" (verse 11).

If we have gone astray, if we have taken our own way, the question arises, "How are we going to get back to God?" We may try many ways but the sad thing is, that the more we try in our own way, the further we get away. We must listen to God's way. **He says, "I will seek that which was lost"** (verse 16). How does He do it?

"*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all.*" The great load of our sins was laid upon Him, who gave His life for the sheep.

## SAVED

Not only to seek but to *save* did Jesus come. "Therefore will I save My flock" (verse 22). **He is able to save you and He wants to save you now—will you let Him?**

Further, we read of the sheep being

## SUSTAINED.

Look at the number of times in this chapter the words occur, "I will feed." Sheep need to be fed and we have the promise that, "he that cometh to Me (Jesus) shall never hunger." (John 6. 35). He is mighty to save and able to keep. There is no fear dear boys and girls, that, if you trust Jesus, you will be fully satisfied. "I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down." (verse 15). This is satisfaction. Only sheep which are satisfied lie down.

The last thing is that the sheep are

## SHELTERED.

"They shall dwell safely." (verses 25 and 28). A poor sheep has no strength but the shepherd has, and **we are safe when we are in the keeping of the Lord Jesus Christ.** We are borne along upon the shoulders of Jesus. Are you afraid to trust Him? *Do not continue to wander but trust yourself to his outstretched arms of Jesus.*

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Many of you gave the wrong answer to question 3 last time. I must remind you again to read *right through* the chapter before writing down the answer. Then there are quite a number of new searchers who I am very pleased to welcome, but, they forget to give chapter and verse. Be sure to put this each time.

Correct papers for last year have come from H. D. Stephenson, M. Lighfoot, M. Pyle, A. Howe, I. and G. Grajetsky, G. Birss and A. Hallett.

Papers have come from Scunthorpe, Morpeth, Byker and Inverness without names.

Will K. Broadbent please send full address so that I can forward his (or her) text.

Will all of you please remember to put name in full, age and address.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

My dear Boys and Girls.

My post box has been pretty full lately, quite a lot of the letters coming from old and new readers of the magazine, to whom I send hearty thanks.

We welcome more German searchers into the "family," these being Helenore Weitzel, Theo Weiss, Ingrid and Gudrun Grajetzky, Helga Pfeiffer and Hannegreth Tommingsen.

Our German "cousins" set an excellent example to their British searchers by promptly posting the answers within a day or two of receiving the magazine.

That the Lord will bless you all is the prayer of

Your affectionate friend,

THE EDITOR.

Bielefeld, Germany.

19.1.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

We are very glad to receive "Our Children."

We like to answer the questions, only, if the answers stand in the Old Testament we must manage with the Old Testament in the German language, because we have only a New Testament in the English language.

We love the Lord Jesus and like to read "Our Children." Our parents give their Christian love to you.

Yours,

INGRID and GUDRUN GRAJETZKY (ages 11 and 14).

Haiger, Germany.

12.1.48.

My dear Mr. Rugg,

To-day I have received the Jan.-Feb. magazine for what I was already waiting anxiously.

I have hurried to finish the answers by using the English Bible you have sent to me.

I hope to have done it well and you will have it in time! Many thanks for your letter.

I like to read of the Lord Jesus, our Saviour, in your language. He loves me and I belong to Him. Love in the Lord

Affectionately in Him, THEO (age 12).

Darlington.

22.1.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I am writing to thank you for the very nice prize you sent me. I enjoy searching the Scriptures and have found a lot of things I did not know. Some of the stories in "Our Children" I tell to my Sunday School class and they enjoy them very much.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET ABBEY (age 15).

Lerwick, Shetland.

18.1.48.

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading "Our Children" and like to do the searchings. I hope to win a prize. I have no reference Bible, so I have to use an ordinary one.

I hope our two German "cousins" will do well with the searchings and win a prize.

Yours sincerely,

CAROL FAIRGRIEVE (age under 13).

Stroud.

23.1.48.

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the nice Bible you sent me for first prize for Bible Searching.

I am very pleased with it, and proud of it! It is such a handy size and nice print.

I have trusted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour, and enjoy doing the Searching, and read my Bible every day.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN BAILEY.

Leeds.

1.2.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the nice text card sent for Scripture Searching.

I was glad to see letters from German children. It is nice to know that some of them are doing the searching.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES RING (age under 10).

## QUESTIONS FOR MARCH-APRIL, 1948.

*Subject—SHEEP*

1. Why did the man call together his friends and neighbours to rejoice? Luke 15.
2. How many times is "sheep" mentioned in John 10?
3. Who is the Door of the sheep? John 10.
4. Write out the verse which mentions "sheep" in Isaiah 53.
5. What was Jesse's youngest son doing when Samuel sent for him? 1 Samuel 16.
6. "For He is our God." Write out the verse beginning with these words. Psalm 95.
7. Who is that Great Shepherd of the sheep? Hebrews 13.
8. What does it say about "sheep going astray" in 1 Peter 2.

### JANUARY-FEBRUARY SEARCHERS.

**Age 14 years and over**

- 1st Class**—M. E. Abbey, June Andrew, A. Berrill, K. Bardwell, B. Brettel, K. Brown, R. Brown, S. Bunce, O. Byass, N. Clark, S. Carr, E. Cole, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, R. Davis, M. Fairbairn, V. Fairbairn, N. Fitchett, D. Gibson, N. Hancock, O. Hart, A. Herbert, P. Héy, S. Johnson, M. Jones, M. Lowes, J. Mackintosh, K. Marshall, M. Monger, J. Nelson, H. Owen, J. Oliver, A. Paton, E. Richardson, D. Sealey, M. Simpson, L. Tonningsen, D. Tilling, N. Vanderveen, P. Ward, M. Watson, S. Watson, T. Weaver, H. Weitzel, J. Williams.
- 2nd Class**—B. Steblings, S. Shaw, K. Stephenson, J. Whitehead.

**Age 11 up to 13 years**

- 1st Class**—K. Allon, S. Archibald, P. Anderson, J. Allinson, M. Allinson, L. Anderson, M. Anderson, P. Aston, O. Aves, M. Bailey, M. Bagshaw, B. Byers, M. Bailey, G. Barron, N. Beaumont, E. Bell, R. Boersma, M. Boothby, K. Broadbent, J. Bunce, R. Bunce, C. Chisholm, J. Cartwright, M. Chapman, B. Clarkson, J. Cockburn, M. Cormack, I. Coutts, R. Cumming, D. Daintree, W. Davidson, C. Davis, G. Davison, M. Davison, A. Elrick, S. Elsey, F. Fairbairn, I. Frost, C. Fairgrieve, A. Grant, S. Grant, R. Griffiths, S. Gozzard, K. Goffin, T. Gibson, P. Greiff, F. Hutchinson, G. Hindmarch, T. Harrison, G. Harrison, M. Hart, R. Haydock, M. House, P. Howells, M. Hughes, J. Kilvington, M. Kirk, M. Lowes, M. Lovett, M. Lumley, C. MacRae, A. Murray, E. Moore, R. Mawson, A. Middelwood, J. Miller, E. Monger, S. Morgan, A. Murray, D. Needham, S. Portlock, D. Phillips, H. Pfeiffer, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, J. Ritchie, P. Ritchie, A. Robinson, M. Robinson, E. Rogers, V. Russell, M. Sandie, J. Sloan, N. Scott, N. Sharp, S. Simpson, D. Smith, M. Smith, B. Spencer, G. Stevenson, P. Sturmeay, H. Tonningsen, E. Tetlow, B. Thurm, D. Tilling, J. Wylie, B. Wicks, F. Walker, J. Walker, L. Weiss, T. Weiss, E. Weitzel, G. Wiseman, D. Yule.
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**Age 10 and under**

- 1st Class**—E. Archibald, E. Allinson, R. Aves, D. Binnie, Y. Bagshaw, C. Bailey, J. Boersma, R. Boothby, S. Collins, J. Chapman, Jean Clark, Jas. Clark, R. Davidson, M. Edmondson, A. Elliott, B. Emmett, N. Fairbairn, K. Fearnside, D. Green, C. Henderson, B. Hughes, J. Harland, D. Heron, K. Henderson, C. Jones, S. Lawson, D. Lancaster, M. Murray, J. Murray, D. McCarthy, B. Moore, D. Malcolm, M. Malcolm, E. Mawson, M. Middleton, D. Moffott, I. Morrison, A. Murray, I. Nicholson, R. Nelson, J. Portlock, J. Pattinson, M. Proctor, J. Paterson, M. Playfair, B. Pringle, J. Pringle, H. Ross, J. Ring, J. Robinson, M. Rogers, I. Snook, A. Scott, E. Sinclair, R. Sturmeay, V. Turner, D. Taylor, D. Terry, A. Tetlow, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, G. Thomson, L. Wilson, Derek Williams, David Williams, A. Walker, T. Winter, P. Ward, M. Wilkinson, A. Wiseman.
- 2nd Class**—M. Andrew, W. King, A. Stevenson, G. Shirran, L. Simpson, A. Woolas, A. Wylie.

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

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

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# Our Children



"WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US"?

## GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVE

WHEN out one day, I saw on the step of a house I was passing, a small boy, who, judging from his face and manner, was in great trouble. He looked up at me as if he wanted sympathy and, on my asking what was the matter, he told me he had "lost his mother!" He walked on with me, and before we had gone far he had told me all about it. His mother had gone that morning to the house where I had seen him, and had told him to meet her there at a certain time, and she would wait for him. Now, although he had gone punctually at the time arranged, the maid told him that she had left a little while before.

He had walked some distance, and had evidently looked forward to walking home with his mother; but the real sorrow of this little boy seemed to be that his mother had not kept her word. "She said she would wait," he repeated again and again, and I could only assure him that she must have had some very good reason for disappointing him, which he would hear when he got home.

I could not help thinking, after we had parted, that he must have a mother who did not lightly make or break a promise to her children, and I remembered how God said to His people Israel that, though it was possible for a mother to forget her child, yet He would not forget them. There is no human love so true and strong as a mother's for her dear child, yet God's love is infinitely more true and strong.

**The Psalmist said, "When my father and my mother forsake me then the Lord will take me up," so while we may have neither a father's nor a mother's love, we need not be without the wonderful love of God.**

The extent of God's love was shewn in sending His Son to die upon the cross for us. "Not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." There was nothing in us to call forth God's love, yet He did love us, and if His love has called forth our love, we can say with the apostle John, "We love Him because He first loved us."

May our desire be to love Him more and more for all His love to us. We can never love Him as He deserves to be loved, but it is in His love for us that we can make our boast, that everlasting love!

**We read in John 13. 1, "Having loved His own which were in the world He loved them unto the end."**

## MAKING A BLACK MAN WHITE

HAVE you ever read that wonderful book "Pilgrim's Progress"? It is a lovely story, isn't it? We see Christian leaving the City of Destruction with a sad heart because his wife and little boys refuse to come with him to the Celestial City. But how happily it all ends, for we find the wife follows Christian and the four boys become Christians too.

Do you remember the part of the story which tells how that on the way to the Celestial City, they pass by a place where two men, Fool and Want-Wit by name, are seen doing a very strange thing? A tub of water is before them and in the tub is a black man; black as coal! Now both Fool and Want-Wit are armed with soap and scrubbing brush and they are scrubbing the black man's skin as hard as they can, "with intention to make him white."

They washed and scrubbed, scrubbed and washed, but do you think they ever managed to make him white? No! of course not. The man had been born black, and all the soap in the world would never make him white—or any other colour! A miracle would have to happen before that could be. Or he would have to be born again; born a white boy.

But doesn't it seem silly that these two men didn't think of that? They went on scrubbing.

Yet boys and girls are doing the same thing with their souls to-day. They are trying to make them fit for heaven, by doing the best they can, attending Sunday School or reading the Bible every day. These things are all very nice but remember, you are a sinner (you have been born one), and all the "scrubbing" you try will not make you a Christian. You must come in faith to Jesus, confess your sins in repentance to God, and you are saved. Your soul is made pure and white in the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. **You will be in Heaven only by trusting—not trying!**

Have you come yet? Are your sins forgiven? Are you on your happy way to Heaven? Do make up your mind and be saved; and go with us, who know the Lord Jesus, to the Celestial City.

WM. AITKEN.



## "STOP, LOOK—AND LIVE"

I SAW those words on a notice board on a main road in a town in Essex. They were to do with a road safety campaign. And of course those who put them up were thinking of people stopping with their bodily movements, looking with their eyes, and avoiding being killed. And boys and girls do well to pause

instead of rushing out of the school or home gate on to the road, without stopping to see what is coming.

But, you see, there's another kind of stopping ; I mean not going on as you have been in the habit of doing, it may be for several years. **That reminds us of repentance. That may seem a rather dull or even gloomy word to you. It means a change of mind that leads to a change in the way we live. Your first duty is your duty TO GOD. You had better pull up, and think about that.**

When the Lord Jesus was on earth some foreigners came to one of His disciples and said, " We want to see Jesus." We are not told that they actually met Jesus. Perhaps the Lord knew that they were only curious, and to be just curious about Him and the things that matter most is not enough.

Of course, as a reader of this magazine, you have often looked at Jesus with the eyes of the mind. You have thought about Him as you have read the Gospels and have listened to your teachers telling you about Him. And that is good. But it is not enough. Have you ever thought out the difference between looking AT the Lord Jesus and looking TO Him? It is quite true, as the 3rd chapter of John's Gospel reminds us, that the Israelites who had been bitten by poisonous snakes in the desert got well and did not die if they looked at the serpent of brass on the pole ; but to get well in an even more awful sense, to have our sins forgiven, to begin the cure of sin, we must look TO the Lord Jesus, that is, we must TRUST Him. When a doctor in a hospital says to a boy with a broken leg, " I want you to look to me to put your leg right," the boy knows what is meant ; he is to commit or trust himself to that doctor for the cure of his broken leg. **And so we must trust the Great Physician for the cure of sin.**

And when we do that we begin to " live " in a way that we never lived before. For now that our sins are forgiven and we have received a new kind of life in our hearts, we begin to know the Lord Jesus, and to love Him, and to wish to please Him and serve Him. We don't do that naturally, even the most respectable of us. The needle of the mariner's compass has been brought into contact with magnetic force. Nobody saw the power pass into the piece of dead metal, but there is no doubt that something important has happened. The needle has been magnetised and always points to the pole. No one sees the power pass from the living Christ to the heart of the boy or girl who receives Him ; but His power is now at work in that heart and life, so that, by keeping in touch with Him, victory over temptation and sin is won.

Can you say, as a boy of 15, who afterwards became a very great preacher, was able to say, " I looked to Jesus in my sin." ?

E. ADAMS

## METHODS OF COUNTING

ONE strange thing scientists do is to count how many birds, animals, insects or other creatures there are in certain localities. They do not do this for fun. They do it because this knowledge is to them very important. How would you count, say, all the bees or flies where you live?

Scientists tackle these problems to-day and although they cannot count every single creature, they are nevertheless able to make some pretty good estimates.

Birds offer little difficulty for their nests can be counted. Mice are different. Perhaps you think that by catching them all in traps and then counting them you would find how many there are in the neighbourhood, but if so you are wrong. As you caught some others would be moving in from adjoining areas and taking their places. To do it they must be caught, marked and released.

It is much the same with butterflies. By this method, three scientists counted all the blue butterflies in a certain island in the Scillies. This counting also enables the scientist to estimate the average length of a butterfly's life, and also the possible range of ground it may cover while it lives.

Now supposing you were asked to count, not insects, but all the true Christians in your area, how would you begin? Elijah once tried but he made a bad job of it. He thought he was the last, whereas there were another seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal (1 Kings 19. 7-18).

If you tried to do this to-day, how would you tell the true from the false? To what tests would you subject those who profess to believe?

The Lord tells you how. Believers are known by their fruits. A few may not live up to the high standard of their calling but most do. Their works are seen and revered by all who know them as were the works of Dorcas. (Acts 9. 39).

Linked with the confession of the Lord Jesus, it is the courtesy, kindness, compassion, and the consideration they show towards others that makes the Christian known. They are kind, forbearing and forgiving towards each other (Galatians 5. 22-23). Now as you go about just take notice, and see how many of your friends are like this.

But it would be wrong if you applied this test to your friends and not yourself. Are you loving, kind, tenderhearted and forgiving? Do you always shine for the Lord Jesus yourself? (Matthew 5. 16).

JOSEPH GUY

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER (3) A S S

Dear young friends,

Quite recently I heard someone calling to a boy, "Why have you done this? You silly ass." "Not a very nice name," you say. No, I am sure that *you* would not like to be called an ass. But, I turn over the pages in my Bible and I find this passage written long, long ago. "Vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt." (Job 11, 12).

I don't suppose that you have seen wild asses in their natural state. You could not imagine any creatures more unmanageable. They love to go about in herds, roaming the wild and solitary places. We may learn quite a few things about the wild asses from Job 39. They like their liberty, they live in the wilderness and barren land, they despise their pursuers and they roam the mountains for food. They race along very quickly—no bridle—being under no control. They just go their own way and do their own will.

Yes, it is perfectly true that we are all by nature like wild asses. We are lawless and self-willed, for ever seeking our own way. I am sure that you will agree to this.

Then the ass is an unclean animal. It was unfit for the service of God until it was redeemed. You can read about this in Exodus 13. It was necessary for every firstling of an ass to be redeemed with a lamb. If the ass was not redeemed its neck had to be broken. The lesson here is very plain. **REDEMPTION or DESTRUCTION.**

The ass was condemned to die. No matter to whom it belonged, to the rich man or the poor man, God's law remained the same. But, it was redeemed by the blood of the lamb. The lamb was killed instead of the ass.

We, as sinners, are condemned. We deserve to die. Everyone is alike before God. We may think ourselves to be good and try to live good lives but "we are *all* as an unclean thing." How then can we be redeemed? In Ephesians 1. 7 we have these very precious words speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ, "**In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.**" Then in 1 Peter 1. 18 we read that we are redeemed "**with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**"

How good God is to provide a way of escape from judgment! We could never meet the demands of God ourselves. But what *we* could not do, Jesus, the Son of God, **HAS** done. **Yes, Jesus, the Holy Lamb of God, has died for our redemption : died that we may live.** There is no other way for salvation. We must either be redeemed or destroyed. This is very plain and simple language. There is one way and only one way for salvation. By faith in the Saviour, the Lamb of God, we may be set free from our sins. But, if we neglect this, the only alternative is God's judgment.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

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## THE ONLY WAY

How many children say,  
"I'd like to go to heaven!"  
Yet never think that they  
Must have their sins forgiven,  
Before they can in glory be,  
Or Jesus Christ in glory see.

**None can to glory go,  
Or dwell with God above,  
Save they who Jesus know  
And taste a Saviour's love;  
The holy words of truth declare  
No other grounds of entrance there.**

But now this "living way"  
To all is open free;  
And ruined sinners may  
Go in and happy be—  
May have their sins through Christ forgiven,  
The only way to enter heaven,

x.x.x.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Brunn, Germany.  
15.3.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

A lot of thanks for your letter and for the Bible. I am very pleased to read in it. I already sent the answers to you, but I do not know if they are right. If they are wrong, would you be so kind as to write me the right answers? . . .

We are refugees from Czecho-Slovakia - our nationality is German - formerly named Sudeten land. We are four sisters, but no brothers. Our whole family believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

With love in the Lord,

Yours,  
UTE (aged 15).

Wissenbach, Germany.  
16.3.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

For your glorious present this nice Bible I shall say Him many hearty thanks. I was many anxious to receive it. Now I shall be diligent to searching all questions. I thank also for the new "Our Children."

Yours sincerely,  
HELGA PFEIFFER (aged 13)

Brackwede, Germany.  
19.3.48

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I was very surprised when I got your kind letter and "Our Children." I will do the answers and I will write they on the other side of this sheet. I looked up the verses in L. Toenningsen's English Bible. The questions have given me much pleasure. I love the Lord Jesus very much and know Him as my own Saviour.

Father and mother send you their Christian love.

Affectionately in Him.

KLAUS-DIETER KROOS (aged 13)

Coolaney Co. Sligo.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I write to thank you for the very nice book you sent me.

I like answering the questions in "Our Children," and enjoy reading it.

Yours sincerely,  
MYRTLE SIMPSON (age over 14).

Greenford 2.2.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the text. My sister Margaret thanks you very much also.

I like having the questions in subjects, because I find it links Old Testament to New, having to search in both Testaments for the same subject.

I expect the children in Germany and Holland are very glad to receive the magazine, though they may find it a little hard to answer the questions in English. . . .

I nor my sister shall ever forget what a thrill we had when we received our Bibles for 1943 Searchings.

Your young friend,  
EILEEN MONGER (aged 13).

Chatton.

Dear Mr. Editor,

We are very pleased with the prizes you sent.

Both of us trusted the Lord Jesus in December, and like the Scripture Searchings very much. It helps to learn more about Him.

Love from  
ANTHONY and MARY MURRAY.

Dear Young Friends,

Very few are in second class this time, but there are still a number of searchers who do not give chapter and verse. Please give this as well as the answer or you may not get a prize.

I am pleased to see so many new searchers, especially those from abroad. The German papers are very neatly written. I hope I shall receive more papers from my older searchers at St. Andrew's Colony.

Some of you gave two verses in Isaiah for the 4th question last month. I have marked both correct. J. Oliver must answer 6 questions. Several papers have come in late but all will be given marks.

Do not write out the questions as well as the answers.

I hope you will read through all the chapters which you have to search this time. If you do this slowly and carefully I am sure you will find wonderful things given therein.

Your loving friend,  
E. M. A.

# QUESTIONS FOR MAY-JUNE, 1948.

Subject—Ass

1. "Abide ye here with the ass." Write out the verse where these words occur. Genesis 22.
2. Write out the verse which mentions the "firstling of an ass." Exodus 13.
3. Whom did the ass see standing in the way? Numbers 22.
4. Who opened the mouth of the ass? Numbers 22.
5. What did Samson with the jawbone of an ass? Judges 15.
6. Write out the verse which mentions "ass" twice in Matthew 21.
7. Write out the verse which mentions "ass" twice in Zechariah 9.
8. How did the dumb ass speak? 2 Peter 2.

## MARCH-APRIL SEARCHERS.

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# Our Children



"WHY ARE YOU ALL LOOKING AT ME" ?

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# SOMETHING FAR MORE WONDERFUL

IT WAS tete day at a big boarding school. It was arranged to have a large bonfire at night, so large that they informed the police to be prepared in case the ruddy reflection of the fire in the sky might make the authorities think there was a house on fire, and the fire engine be sent to put the fire out!

Evening and darkness came, and the huge bonfire was lit. How the boys cheered as the flames rose higher and higher. "Do not all boys like a fire?" I know I do.

The headmaster was seen to leave the fire, and hurry into the school. He returned with a big book in his hands. Holding it aloft, he said, "Boys, this is the record of the detentions and bad marks against your names during the past year—all your evil deeds are here recorded—but I am going to throw the book with its black record into the fire, and destroy it. We will leave it behind for ever and start afresh." Heaving the book backwards and forwards a few times, he flung the book right into the midst of the fire, whilst the boys cheered, as we would say, like mad.

Oh! how rejoiced the boys were to see the end of the black record, and well they might. We can picture the scene and imagine how the kind heart of the headmaster rejoiced when he flung the book into the flames, and how the boys thought he was no end of a brick, and were delighted beyond measure.

But the incident only reminds us of something far more wonderful. **Boys and girls, there is a black record against us in God's Book. We have sinned, and we should never rest till we know how that record can be destroyed. Not by throwing it into the fire, but by the Son of God, Jesus, the Saviour, going into the fire for us! In other words, He had to die the terrible death of the cross under the judgment of God against sin, so that we might be forgiven.**

"There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin,  
He *only* could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in."

**Is not that something far more wonderful?** Let that love enter your heart and change your life, and lead you to trust the Lord Jesus as your own precious Saviour. Then it shall be said of you, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 10, 17). Just as the school record was destroyed, so shall God no more remember your sins, all of which are forgiven, forgotten and gone for ever.

May you know this happiness.

A. J. POLLOCK

## THE STORY OF A BRAVE DOG

**M**ANY stories have been told of the bravery of St. Bernard dogs. These wise animals have saved many a precious life. Here is another story to add to the collection.

One day two children—a boy of ten and his eleven year old sister—set out for a walk with their large pet. As they walked along, they came to a lovely water pool. Oh! how lovely it was! There were nice flowers to pick by its brink, and they could see little minnows darting out and in among the thick pondweed. Of course, they just **HAD** to stop here for a little.

"What a fine place to sail a boat," thought the boy as he threw a piece of stick into the water, and watched it skim across to the other side. Both of the children ran round to the other side of the pool to catch their "boat," but in leaning over to grasp it, they both overbalanced and fell headlong into the deep water.

All the while the St. Bernard had been watching the play, but seeing the danger his young friends were in, he became greatly concerned for them. At first he started to bark but when this attracted no attention, he plunged into the water to rescue them. Seizing first the clothes of one with his teeth, he brought her to the shore and likewise with the boy.

Racing home as quickly as he could, the brave dog started to howl outside the door. Of course, the parents of the children knew there was something wrong, so they followed the St. Bernard to where the children lay beside the water—without any sign of life. But soon they came round, and when they did, the big dog began to lick their hands and faces, and prance about in delight.

The parents were so pleased about the rescue, that they awarded the brave dog with a new collar, and the date of the rescue engraved upon it.

Imagine somebody, perhaps years later, asking what the date meant. "Oh, that," the young folk would say happily, "that was the day our brave dog rescued us from drowning!" *The day they were saved from death.*

There are many boys and girls to day who can point back to a date when they, too, were rescued; but in a different and far greater way. **It was the day they learned they were sinners and needed a Saviour, the day they trusted the Lord Jesus, and entered into the joys of salvation.**

*Have you had such an experience, young friend? Remember, Jesus is going to descend from Heaven one day very soon, and if you are not ready to meet Him when He comes, then you will be left for judgment. Oh, do be ready when the Bridegroom comes! (Matthew 25, 1-13).*

## WRECKED IN A FOG

I WANT to tell you a true story of a sea captain who nearly lost his life through shipwreck. He was captain of a full-rigged sailing ship on her first voyage from Germany to China and back. The captain and all his crew of thirty-eight men were Germans. He had taken his vessel right over to China and had returned to this spot, a small island off the Cornish coast, when, crash ! she ran on to a sunken rock at midnight.

It was an intensely dark night and dense fog. The fog had been bad for three days, and the captain had not the slightest idea as to what coast he had struck. He sent up distress signals and fired rockets to try to attract help. The fishermen who lived on the island heard the guns and quickly leaving their warm beds ran to their boats and put off to try to find the doomed ship. After running grave risks to themselves in such treacherous seas, and after two hours' search in inky darkness and thick fog, they found the German ship.

"Oh !" you say, "I'm so glad they did find them." Ah ! but wait a moment ; what do you think the captain said when he found out just where he was ? *He just told those fishermen that he didn't want their help.* This was a brand new ship and he quite thought he could save both the ship and himself.

Now, I just want you to stop a moment and think about yourself. You are a young boy or girl. Such a fine healthy body you have, and not likely to die ! Oh, no ! only old folks die. Ah, but just think. Don't you remember someone just about your own age who died last year ? **It might have been you.** If it had been, were you ready to die ? Were you really saved ?

The German captain did not realize the danger he was in, but the fishermen did. They pleaded with him to leave the ship, and come into their boats and be safe. No, he would not. How like some of you ! Your parents or your Sunday School teacher have pleaded with you to let the Lord Jesus save you and you really don't think you are in danger. **Yes, but suppose your ship goes down tonight, where will you be ?**

Those brave fishermen risked their lives to offer safety to the German captain and his crew, **but Jesus DIED that you might be saved.** Do you say to Him to-day, "Please go away. I don't want to be saved" ? The German crew all wanted to leave the doomed ship, and, after two hours' waiting, they simply took their captian and pushed him overboard into the waiting boat. *They forced him to safety.* The boats pulled away from the wreck, and in less than ten moments after, the ship slid off into deep water and sank out of sight.

Now we cannot force you to be saved, but we can and do tell you that the Lord Jesus is waiting now to save you. Ask

yourself, "Am I in danger or am I not?" Your sins deserve *eternal death*, but He died that you might have *ETERNAL LIFE*, know it and enjoy it now.

G. K.

## A QUEEN'S PRAYER AND ITS ANSWER

**M**ANY years ago, there lived on the Osborne House Estate an old lady, one of the late Queen's pensioners, who had a niece in a business house at Cowes.

One early closing day this niece went to her aunt's cottage to tea, and during the afternoon Her Majesty Queen Victoria walked in, and remained some time, knitting and chatting with the old lady, and also had tea with them.

After tea Her Majesty said: "Now I will read a few verses from the 14th John," which she did. Then, looking very kindly at the young girl, she said: "I wonder whether you are a Christian, my dear?"

"Oh, yes your Majesty," replied the girl.

"How do you know you are?" asked the Queen.

The reply was: "Because I've been christened and confirmed."

The Queen made no answer, but gently said: "Now we will have a few words of prayer, so you kneel down. We old ladies will bow our heads, as our rheumatism will not allow us to kneel down."

Her Majesty then prayed, and in her prayer she said: **"Lord, open the eyes of this dear young girl, and shew her that, without change of heart she can never become a true Christian; and shew her that no outward observances can in any wise save her soul, and this I ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."**

When the girl related the above to me, she remarked: "Well I have many times sung 'God save the Queen,' but I never dreamt that I should hear the Queen pray to God to save me."

This prayer was abundantly answered about a year afterwards when this girl was truly converted, and was greatly used as a soul-winner. She is now with the Lord, and with Queen Victoria.

Our Lord's own words are: "If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it."

**"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1, 7).**

**"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3, 5).**

Reader, in which are you trusting, the blood of Jesus Christ, or your works of righteousness?

A. A. L.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER (4) LION

Dear Children,

I would like to tell you a dreadful story about a lion which happened quite a long time ago. A soldier, in company with some friends in Africa, was going through a forest when somehow he lost his friends and could not find them again. He toiled on hoping that he might find the road, until darkness came. Feeling utterly tired and exhausted, he crept into a cave and laid himself down to sleep. But there was no sleep for him that night.

In a few moments he heard a terrific roar and soon a second roar, which made him feel very nervous. Looking out of the cave, to his amazement, he saw in the moonlight a great lion coming towards him. Then he realised that he must be in a lion's den.

Whatever was he to do ! He was in a very tight corner. Quickly he decided—he must pretend to be asleep. So he lay perfectly still with his eyes closed. With a terrible roar, which seemed to make the very ground shake, the lion bounded into the cave. The soldier felt the hot breath of the lion on his face as it licked him all over, and he surely thought that he would be torn to pieces.

Pray ! Yes, he did. He cried to God to deliver him and he promised that, if he was spared, he would become a Christian and return to England as a preacher of the gospel.

God heard that cry. The lion, instead of devouring his victim, lay down by the side of the man and went off to sleep. But before doing so, he put one paw on the soldier's chest and gripped his shoulder with the other, as if to make sure that the man did not get a chance to run away.

What a time our friend had—what agony he endured ! He cried to God that He might be freed. At last, when the lion seemed to be well asleep, he managed to get one arm free and then he gently unlocked the claws from their terrible grip. His heart was beating very fast. If the lion awoke, he would be killed immediately. But no, the monster did not wake, and at last, he managed to lift the paw which was upon his chest and laid it on the ground. God enabled him to get up and leave the cave without disturbing the lion.

What the lion said in the morning we can only guess, and it is good that none of us were near when he got up and found his breakfast gone !

The soldier did not forget his promise. Soon after, he was sent home. At a little prayer meeting in his village he told the story and asked the people to pray for him.

How glad these folks were to respond. They told him that he was really under the paw of the lion of hell (1 Peter 5. 8), a more terrible monster by far than the sleeping one in the cave. They told him that Christ had come to destroy the works of the devil and would deliver him if he only yielded to Him. The man fell upon his knees and claimed the salvation which God offered. From that day he became a soldier of the cross, and laboured for the Lord Jesus Christ until he died at a good old age.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

My dear Searchers,

The following from Germany are welcomed into the "family":—Alfred Buhne, Eberhard Garburg, Jutta Karp, Ursula Kolb, Edelgard Kowalke, Andrea Mann, Berti Mann, Ute Schuster and Margitta Willert, also Elsa Shpidbaum, our first Polish searcher.

Congratulations to Carol Fairgrieve on enrolling three of her Shetland friends. Searchings are now being received from Belgian Congo, Eire, Germany, Great Britain, Holland and Portuguese West Africa. The Lord bless each of you and lead you to be a blessing to others,

Your affectionate

EDITOR,

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Lutzeln,  
Germany. 14.4.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for your kind letter and "Our Children."  
With eight years I have finded the Lord Jesus Christ. Also I will the questions answer.  
Your affectionate friend,

MARGITTA WILLEMT (aged 12).

Horinghausen,  
Germany. 17.4.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I was very much enjoyed to receive your kind letter and read "Our Children" with great interest, because it tells me of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is my Shepherd too and who loves me. I know He died for me.

I would be obliged to many thanks when it would be possible for you to send me the magazine, and an English Bible, that I can answer the questions and doing the searching.

In the love of our Lord Jesus Christ greet my parents, and your

EBERHARD GARBURG (aged 13).

Wissenbach,  
Germany. 19.4.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

A few days ago I received your kind letter and the little parcel. I thank you very much indeed for the wonderful New Testament, and for the booklet "Kraft fur den Tag." I like those two items very much indeed. I will read them daily.

I am looking forward to the next issue of "Our Children." My two pen friends are writing regularly. I found Vancouver on the map in British Columbia.

Now I must close. Thanks again for the New Testament. With hearty greetings.

Yours,

LIESELOTTE WEISS (aged 12).

Wissenbach,  
Germany. 4.5.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

After having done Scripture Searchings we want to write you a short letter.

How nice is it that we all have the same Lord Jesus, and we can be glad in Him. Edith and I are ever very glad of getting "Our Children" and we enjoy reading it. We both thank you very much therefore. And really reading the chapters we find wonderful things written therein.

Thanks heartily also for the nice New Testament, and for the little book "Kraft fur den Tag"

Yours,

HELENORE and EDITH (aged 17 and 12).

Scunthorpe.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I am very glad to receive "Our Children" and will try very hard to win a text. Perhaps I will try to write an article for "Our Children." Christian love from

MARGARET (aged 13).

Scunthorpe.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I enjoy reading the little articles in "Our Children." I will try very hard to earn a text. I go to Sunday School and all the meetings.

Yours,

GWENDOLINE (aged 13).

Bixter, Shetland.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you ever so much for the Bible you sent me. I have read the text that you marked on the front for me, and it is a nice text. My favourite text is John 3. 16. I learned to say it off by heart when I was five years old and I have never forgotten it.

In the summer we have Sunday School each Sunday. We cannot have it in the winter owing to the weather.

There are three of my chums who wish to get the magazine and do the Searchings. Their addresses are enclosed.

I will close now with love from

CAROL FAIRGRIEVE. (aged 12)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

What a nice lot of new searchers! I am pleased to welcome them and trust they will find the Scripture Searching a real help and blessing. Please put your age on your next papers and remember to state chapter and verse where the answers are found.

I hope Billy Hughes is now quite well. I have given him marks for April/March and also all other late papers which have come in.

A paper has come from a Searcher under 11 with no name.

I think the boys will specially like the subject this month, but both boys and girls are included in answers to numbers seven and eight. Could you be included?

Try and get more of your friends to do the Scripture Searching.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

## QUESTIONS FOR JULY-AUGUST, 1948.

Subject—LION

1. Who shut the lions' mouths? Daniel 6.
2. Who prevailed to open the Book? Revelation 5.
3. Who were stronger than lions? 2 Samuel 1.
4. What did Samson find in the carcase of the lion? Judges 11.
5. Who walks about as a "roaring lion"? 1 Peter 5.
6. Who delivered David out of the paw of the lion? 1 Samuel 17.
7. Who are bold as a lion? Proverbs 28.
8. Write out the verse beginning with "The young lions." Psalm 34.

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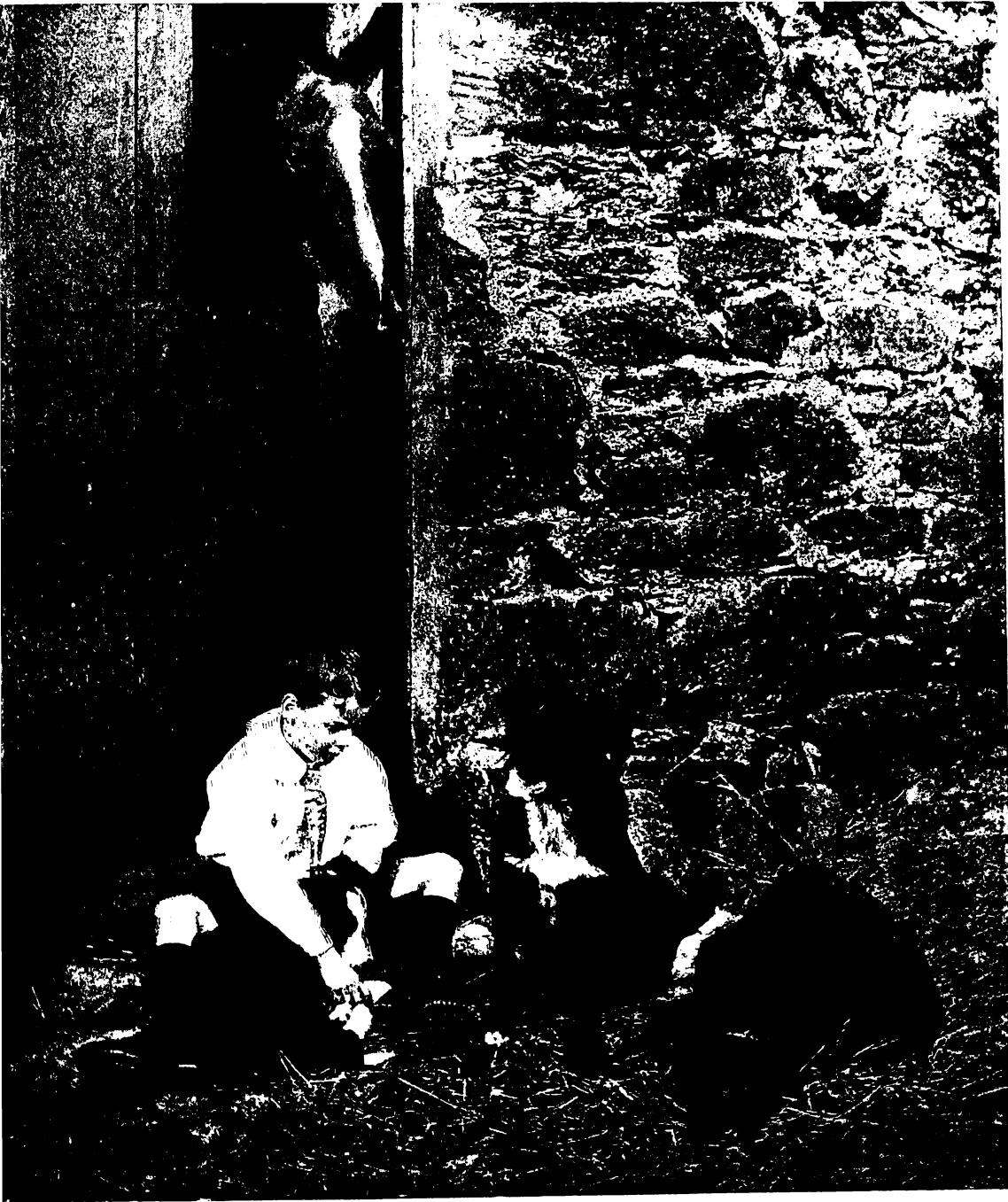
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FARMYARD PETS

# A BASKETFUL OF WATER

ARTHUR was only a little boy, but he used to ask some hard questions. One day he said to his mother, "What is the use of reading the Bible when I never remember what I read?" Possibly there are boys and girls who, like Arthur, think it not much use reading the Holy Scriptures when they forget what they have read.

Mrs. T—— called Arthur one day and asked him if he would get an old basket out of the coal cellar. Arthur got the basket and brought it to his mother. She then asked him to take it to the pump and get it filled with water, so away he went. Presently he came back, as you will expect, without the water, because as fast as the water went in the basket it ran out. Three times the little chap went to the pump, but with the same result. When he came to his mother the third time he was very sad because he knew it was no use.

His mother soon comforted him, and placing him on her knee said, "Now dear, look at the basket! What was it like when you first found it in the cellar?"

Arthur thought for a moment, and then began to smile, saying, "Oh! I see now mother; the basket was all dirty, and now it is quite clean."

Now, boys and girls, reading the Bible is just like the water washing the basket. In John 15. 3 it says, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Then in Ephesians 5. 26, "That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."

**So keep on reading your Bible, for it will cleanse your mind, your thoughts and words.**

J. R. JAMESON



## HOW MANY SINS?

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

Let me ask each of them three questions.

1. Do you think a wicked thought once a day?
2. Do you speak an evil word once a day?
3. Do you commit a sinful deed once a day?

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

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

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

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

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

When here on earth, He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10. 14).

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

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

Not one of your sins can enter heaven; for it is written, "There shall in no wise enter into it ANYTHING that defileth" (Revelation 21. 27). **But the Blood of Jesus can cleanse you, and make you whiter than snow.**

A. J. POLLOCK.



## JACK'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT

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

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

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

Jack did not answer, and his mother went on to talk to him about the Lord Jesus, and how He had died for Jack, just as if there had been no other person in the world. She told him about the love of God,

who "gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then softly she repeated the lines Jack knew so well, and had so often sung:—

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

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

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

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

M. S.



## NESTS

**B**IRDS build nests. Who tells them how, when, or where to build we do not know. Without serving an apprenticeship they build, some in burrows or bushes or trees; in holes, on ledges of rock or among reeds.

Some nests show clear evidence of ingenuity and hard work. The Australian bush turkey, for example, builds a mound of leaves. Mounds have been found which were four yards high and sixteen yards across.

Then the African hammerhead makes a nest which is six feet in diameter. This nest has three compartments. One where the eggs are laid and hatched. The next where the young birds live when old enough to be transferred, and the third a look-out post or watch-tower.

By way of contrast there is the Indian tailor bird. Using its beak as a needle it sews leaves together and makes its nest inside. Its nest is only two inches wide.

Edible nests are made by swifts in Borneo. Bower birds of Australia are unique in that they make bowers. These are not nests but places of courtship and are adorned with berries, shells, shiny stones and mosses.

Our British birds are equally interesting and efficient at home-building. The long-tailed tit builds a nest shaped like a sausage. It is composed of moss, wool and spiders' webs.

Turning to Bible lands we find some birds building high in the cedars, on cliffs, in holes or among ruins. In fact anywhere where safety may be found birds build.

Although birds seek safety in places like this, the Psalmist does better. **He seeks refuge in God. "Thou art my hiding place," he declares. He is hidden in the hollow of God's hand.** He could sing, "Thou blest Rock of Ages I'm hiding in Thee," and again, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me." Psalm 27. 1-5.

**Can you say you are hidden in God's hand? Are you safe where no harm shall ever befall you?**

JOSEPH GUY.



## THE SIMPLICITY OF FAITH

THE Saviour said that one must become as a little child in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (Matthew 18. 3.)

"What do you do without a mother to tell all your troubles to?" asked a child who had a mother of one who had not—her mother was dead. "Mother told me who to go to before she died," answered the little orphan. "I go to the Lord Jesus: He was mother's Friend and He's mine."

"Jesus Christ is up in the sky; He is away off, and has a great many things to attend to in Heaven. It is not likely He can stop to mind you."

"I do not know anything about that," said the orphan; "all I know is, **He says He will, and that's enough for me.**"

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5. 7).

Rowland P. Brown, (Belgium).

MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

A hearty welcome to all new searchers including Luise Wismeyer of Vienna, Austria, and the following from Germany: Adelheid Hoffmeister, Gisela Knüfken, and Marianne Pfeiffer. Will you each try to enrol another Searcher? What about your pen-friends overseas?

Your affectionate

EDITOR

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER (5)

## OXEN

Dear Boys and Girls,

As I was wondering just what to write to you on the subject of "Oxen," a few words written long ago by the psalmist came to my mind. They were these, and you will find them in Psalm 139. 3, "Thou compassed my path." I think I hear you saying, "Whatever has this to do with oxen?" Well, we will see. That word "compassed" is really "winnowed." Many of our readers, I know, live on or about farms and they will readily understand what "winnowed" means. It means to separate the wheat from the chaff—otherwise, the good from the bad. "Thou winnowed my path."

Harvest operations in the East are much simpler than in this country. Because the weather is usually good at harvest time, the work is done in the open air. When the wheat or corn is reaped, it is threshed on the spot. We read about threshing floors in Scripture—they are usually on high ground exposed to the wind. The sheaves are heaped on the ground in the form of a circle, and over them are driven heavy sledges of wood having the under surfaces covered with sharp pieces of hard material. Oxen are yoked to these sledges and they are driven round and round upon the sheaves until they are mashed to pieces, the straw being broken and crushed and the grains of wheat or corn separated from it.

This makes quite clear what the psalmist had in mind when he wrote "Thou compassed [or winnowed] my path." It refers to the oxen going round and round on the sheaves laid on the threshing floor in order to separate the corn from the chaff.

So we have a figure of God going round and round our path by His dealings with us in grace, in order to purify, to separate the good from the evil, the things that are precious and enduring, like the grain, from the things that are withered and dead, light and worthless, like the straw and chaff.

God values us as does the husbandman the corn. The oxen plod on patiently hour after hour, going their constant round until their task is done. So how patiently and unweariedly does God compass your path with His gracious dealings that He might win you for Himself, and prepare you that you might be found faultless in His presence.

There are many people who look upon God with terror as a tyrant and shrink from the thought of God in any way compassing their path. But it is far otherwise with those who know Him in Christ Jesus, who have proved Him as their watchful, tender and unfailing Friend and whose dealings with them are full of loving-kindness and tender mercy.

**I might write on but space forbids. Suffice it now to say that God's eye is upon you. He follows you day by day in the daily round. His great desire is to save your soul and fit you for His presence. Will you yield yourself to Him now?**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

If your name is amongst the following, you will know that you are not complying with the rules: R. Brown, T. Lathrope, B. Lathrope, K. Best, M. Kilkenny, F. Kilkenny, J. Harland, A. Walpole, M. Aldred, R. Walton.

I am sorry A. Stockdale's name was omitted last time. He was in First Class.

A paper has come from Sheffield with no name.

As we draw near to the end of our sets of questions for this year, I must remind you to take special care, as sometimes marks are lost right at the end.

I hope that all those who are on holiday and have forgotten their Scripture Searching will do it when they return. I hope *none* of you forget to read your Bibles when you go away, for we can *never* do without the Word of God.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Berlin,  
Germany, 25.5.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for "Our Children." The articles were like presents to me. They shewed me that there are more people who believe in God with their whole body: with all their thoughts and all their deeds.

I am aged nearly nineteen but among all those people I am acquainted with, I found only four young boys and girls who are real Christians.

I'll try to answer the eight questions, but I can only give chapter and verse because I am not able to translate the text into English. Please tell me, if the answers are right.

I remain in Christ Jesus,  
Jutta Karp.

Bledeln,  
Germany, 2.7.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the new "Our Children." Just have I read the articles and answered the questions.

I like very much to read the stories. I am pleased that all the articles are written in parables like our Lord Jesus. He liked to teach the people. I thank you that you are sending us often the little periodicals as "The Christian's Guide."

I was very glad to get the address of a Christian English girl. In our holidays I will write to her, so hope it will get a joy for both of us. Gursun joins me in sending our Christian love.

Your affectionate,  
Ingrid Grajetzky (aged 15).

Dörentrup,  
Germany, 3.7.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I was very surprised when I got your kind letter with the nice Bible and "The Christian's Guide." I say you many hearty thanks. I am very pleased to read in it.

The questions have given me much pleasure. I love the Lord Jesus very much, and know Him as my own Saviour from 18.10.45. We are from Essen (Ruhr). Now we live in Dörentrup. Our whole family believes on the Lord Jesus Christ.

My friend, Kristin Schlierholz, likes to search in "Our Children."

With love in the Lord,

Yours,  
EDELGARD KOWALKE (aged 14).

Eisern,  
Germany, 4.7.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Since some months I receive "Our Children" and I thank you very much for it. Although I am older than most readers of the magazine I like to read the nice stories which tell us about the great love of our Saviour Jesus Christ whose own I am too.

Are you able to send me the address of a young girl of my age (20 years) who should like to correspond with me. I should be obliged by your answer.

Yours,  
MARGRET JUNG.

Wissenbach,  
Germany, 7.7.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Before few days I have received "The Christian's Guide" and the booklet "Kraft für den Tag," and the magazine "Our Children."

For your kindness I thank you very much. For myself it is a great pleasure to reading in every time.

Your affectionate friend,  
HELGA PFEIFFER (aged 12).

Wissenbach,  
Germany, 7.7.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I should like part with the Scripture Searchers into the magazine "Our Children." The answers of the questions you will find into the envelope.

Yours sincerely,  
MARIANNE PFEIFFER (aged 10).

Hildesheim,  
Germany, 15.7.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

We thank you very much for your Bibles.

We have had a big joy because we had not an English Bible. We answer the questions with big interest always.

We will also send "Our Children" to our aunt for she has a big Christian children Sunday School. Many greetings also of our mother.

Yours,  
BERTE and ANDREA MANN (aged 13 and 12).

# QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1948

Subject—OXEN

1. Write out the verse which mentions "ox" in Psalm 69.
2. Write out the verse which mentions "stalled ox" in Proverbs 15.
3. Whom does the ox know? Isaiah 1.
4. Which ox must not be muzzled? Deuteronomy 25.
5. How many oxen did Solomon offer as a sacrifice unto the Lord? 1 Kings 8.
6. Who left the oxen and ran after Elijah? 1 Kings 19.
7. "Behold, I have prepared my dinner . . ." Write out the verse where these words are found. Matthew 22.
8. What excuse did one man make about oxen? Luke 14.

## JULY-AUGUST SEARCHERS

### Age 14 years and over

**1st Class.**—M. E. Abbey, A. W. Berrill, B. Brettell, R. Brown, S. Bunce, A. Buhne, M. Bailey, K. Broadbent, R. Bunce, J. Bunce, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, E. Cortee, L. Campbell, W. Deans, K. Diffin, S. Elsey, N. Fitchett, N. Grant, I. Grajetsky, K. Goflin, O. Hart, P. Hey, S. Hamilton, E. Henderson, M. Jones, J. Karp, K. King, G. Knufken, E. Kervalke, M. Monger, E. Monger, J. Nelson, E. Richardson, J. Reid, J. Renton, D. Sealey, U. Schuster, J. Soffley, M. Smith, L. Tonningsen, Doreen Tilling, Daphne Tilling, E. Tetlow, P. Ward, J. Williams, H. Weitzel, T. Young.

**2nd Class.**—J. Andrew, N. Hancock, A. Herbert, J. Oliver, T. Weaver.

### Age 11 up to 13 years

**1st Class.**—S. Archibald, P. Anderson, J. Allinson, M. Allinson, P. Aston, M. Bagshaw, B. Byers, M. Bailey, G. Barron, M. Boothby, C. Budd, J. Cockburn, J. Campbell, L. Coe, D. Daintree, C. Davis, G. Davison, M. Davison, A. Elrick, B. Emmett, B. Easton, M. Edmensen, E. Elliott, I. Frost, M. Feasey, R. Griffiths, T. Gibson, P. Greiff, G. Grajetsky, M. Grimmer, E. Garburg, J. Grant, G. Hindmarch, T. Harrison, G. Harrison, M. Hart, M. House, P. Howells, C. Holmes, D. Haughton, A. Hoffmeister, I. Johnston, C. Jones, J. Kilvington, M. Kirk, K. D. Kroos, U. Koll, J. Kilkenny, M. Lumley, Agnes Murray, Anthony Murray, E. Moore, R. Mawson, A. Middlewood, J. Miller, S. Morgan, J. Moffoot, B. Mann, A. Mann, E. Northey, A. Oxnard, D. Phillips, H. Pfeiffer, V. Penson, S. Proctor, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, E. Rogers, R. Reynoldson, M. Rutherford, R. Sandie, M. Sandie, N. Scott, N. Sharp, S. Simpson, A. Skinner, D. Smith, B. Spencer, P. Sturme, N. Skillen, H. Tonningsen, C. Veitch, B. Wicks, J. Walker, L. Weiss, T. Weiss, E. Weitzel, G. Wiseman, L. Wisemeyer.

**2nd Class.**—A. Walpole.

### Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—E. Archibald, E. Allinson, C. Bailey, J. Boersma, R. Boothby, M. Brettell, R. Brown, K. Best, C. Bircham, J. Chapman, Jean Clark, James Clark, J. Cubby, P. Cubby, J. Dodd, A. Elliott, M. Gaff, P. Gibson, B. Haughton, D. Holme, L. Haughton, K. Kilvington, D. Lancaster, B. Lathrope, T. Lathrope, M. Murray, J. Murray, B. Moore, D. Malcolm, E. Mawson, A. Murray, D. Mott, H. Mitchell, P. Mounsey, R. Nelson, H. Norman, R. Northey, J. Paterson, M. Pearson, M. Pfeiffer, J. Ring, J. Robinson, M. Rogers, R. Ring, Joan Reynoldson, Joyce Reynoldson, A. Scott, L. Simpson, R. Sturme, D. Simpson, A. Stockdale, G. Scott, D. Taylor, D. Terry, A. Tetlow, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, G. Thomson, A. Taylor, J. Turner, J. Turnbull, D. Thornthwaite, G. Taylor, A. Woolass, L. Wilson, Derek Williams, David Williams, A. Walker, T. Winter, P. Ward, M. Wilkinson, A. Wiseman, R. Walton.

**2nd Class.**—E. Fell, G. Goodall, B. Huges, J. Harland, M. Holliday, F. Kilkenny, M. Kilkenny, E. Marshall, S. Mackereth, M. Skillen, D. Shepherd.

## RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 4 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 6 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.

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

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

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

5. **Address Envelope—"Scripture Searching,"** Central Bible Truth Depot, 11, Little Britain, London, E.C.1. Mark in left-corner "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on 1d. stamp if not over 2-oz., and post to reach by end of September. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by letter post.

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

In addition, Searchers who are in 1st class throughout the current year will receive a Text. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

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# Our Children



A PROMISING ARTIST

## NEW THINGS

WE all like new things, don't we? A new toy or a new dress, or to go to a new place? When there is a new shop opened in the town where I live, I always want to go and see it at once, because it is new! Do you know that the Bible tells us ever so much about new things? Let us think of two.

Shall we begin with the most important?

### (1) A NEW HEART

In Ezekiel 36. 26, God says He will give us a new heart. Do you think we all need a new heart? Yes, because sin has so spoiled the one we had at first.

I will tell you how a little Indian boy got a new heart. His name was Palam, and he lived up among the Nilgiri Hills, in a little thatched house. One morning his mother said to him, "Palam, my son, your honourable father has a burning spirit of fever. Dost thou think thou couldst go to the Tiger Hills to thy great-uncle, who cures people with herbs?"

"In truth, I will gladly go, my mother," said Palam.

"Take a heart of good care," whispered his mother. "They do say, my son, that many tigers live in that part."

The next morning at dawn Palam started off to his great-uncle, the herb doctor. Arriving there, he bowed low as he delivered his message. While his uncle was preparing the herb mixture, Palam sat down and enjoyed a gourd of goat's milk and some bean curd-cakes, which his aunt gave him. Her face was so happy and peaceful, and she began to tell her little nephew the secret of her joy. "From my outside son [nephew] I heard of a wonderful Saviour-God—not any of our Indian exalted ones. He has given me a new heart, and one day I shall go to the Happy Land to live with Him."

Now Palam was very fond of his aunt, and he listened willingly to all she told him about her new Saviour-God, the Lord Jesus Christ. At last the medicine was ready, and Palam must start back home. "The good Lord go with thee and protect thee," his aunt whispered, as she bade him good-bye. **"If in danger or trouble, pray only to the Lord Jesus.** He loves thee, and will hear thy cry." Palam salaamed, and was soon out in the jungle. When he was about half-way home he heard a soft pad-pad behind him. He turned to look, and to his horror saw a fierce-looking tiger. He tried to run but the tiger sprang and was upon him in a flash, and began to carry him off to its lair, there to enjoy its feast. Suddenly his aunt's words came back to him, **"Lord Jesus, save me!"** cried Palam.

At the moment the tiger was dragging him through thick mud, and a bright idea struck Palam. Seizing a handful of the soft mud,

he smeared it across the animal's eyes. For a moment it was blinded, and dropped him. He rushed to the nearest tree and managed to climb a short way up on to a branch overhanging a swamp near by. The tiger made a spring at him, but the mud in his eyes made him miscalculate the distance, and, with a roar, he fell into the treacherous swamp. While the beast was floundering in the mud Palam made his escape. "Lord Jesus, I thank Thee. Henceforth I will worship Thee only!" cried the boy, as he ran home. When he arrived, his mother attended to his cuts and wounds while Palam told her of his wonderful deliverance from the tiger, and about his new Saviour-God. So that was how Palam got his new heart. When you have got a new heart, you will then have

## (2) A NEW SONG

In Psalm 40. 3, David says, "He hath put a new song in my mouth." Once Palam had got his new heart he had a new song, for he could not help telling everyone of his marvellous escape, and who it was that had saved him, both from the tiger and from sin. **To be a Christian is the happiest thing in the world; it's really only sin that makes us unhappy.** Do you know this chorus?—

"Happy is the boy [or girl] who believes in Him,  
Happy is the boy who is cleansed from sin;  
Never to a boy did the Lord say 'No,'  
Let us every one to the Saviour go."

There was once a little girl of twelve who had given her heart to the Lord Jesus, and she was so happy that she often sang for joy. It annoyed her mother, who forbade her to sing. One night, however, she heard her singing in bed in suppressed tones. This angered the mother so much that she said hard things to the little girl, whose only answer was, "I am sorry, mother, if I have vexed you, but somehow the song is in me, and it will come out."

May each of my readers not rest until they possess a new heart, and so able to sing the new song which will never die (Revelation 5. 8-10).

E. G. CLARKE.



## THE BIBLE

I WONDER if you have ever thought what a wonderful book the Bible is. Without it we should not know anything about God, or about heaven, and the way there; nor why the Lord Jesus came down here to be a man, and gave His life that He might be our Saviour. But in it God tells us everything we need to know about Himself and His Son, about the life to come, about the many mansions and how we may go to them, and how we may live now so as to please Him.

I want you to-day to ask yourself how much you have learnt from the Bible during the year now passing. Have you remembered, like Joshua, to read God's Book, to think about it, and to do what it says? (Joshua 1. 8.) Perhaps you have not done this as much as you might. But "the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him," and He gives you now another opportunity to start afresh.

**When you read the Bible, always remember that it is not just like any other book, but that in it God is speaking to you; and whenever you read it or hear it read, do not forget to "watch to see what He will say" (Habakkuk 2. 1).** Remember that every part of God's Word is meant to teach us something (Romans 15. 4), but it is only by His help that we can really understand what we read, and learn what He has to teach us; and do not forget King David's prayer, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119. 18).

The people of Berea were praised because they "searched the Scriptures *daily*." Are you like them? Everyone who does that, with prayer that the Lord will make His meaning plain, is quite sure of a blessing. The Lord Jesus tells us to do it. Let us remember how short our time is (Psalm 89. 47), and pray that other prayer in Psalm 90. 12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Let us come to the Lord Jesus as He tells us, and learn of Him (Matthew 11. 28, 29), that so we may follow His steps (1 Peter 2. 21), **remembering always that it is God's Word alone that is able to make us wise unto salvation** (2 Timothy 3, 15).

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## FORBID THEM NOT

O Lord, we have heard how 'tis writ in Thy Word,  
When children were brought unto Thee,  
To those Thou did'st say who rebuked them that day,  
Not so; let them come unto Me.

We oft have heard tell Thou did'st love them so well,  
That no one might drive them away,  
And still in Thy Name is the message the same,  
Thy heart is as loving to-day.

Still the children may come to Thy heavenly home,  
There is room for them all and to spare,  
In Thy great heart of love, in the mansions above,  
In the place Thou art gone to prepare.

**Come, children, come now, at His feet lowly bow,  
Who loves little children to-day;  
If our sins we confess He will pardon and bless,  
And He never will turn us away.**

K. I. B.

## A FIERY EYE

WE speak sometimes of fiery glances, but the glance of our most powerful modern dictator cannot be compared to that of an old British god called Balor.

It all happened like this. When Balor was young he was curious, so one day, he peeped into his father's secret chamber. There he saw magicians at work making a potion. 'This potion was so strong that when some poisonous smoke came out of the window and entered one of Balor's eyes it imparted to it power to kill.

Ever after Balor kept that eye shut, but during battle his attendants would raise the lid with a hook. Then Balor would look round upon his foes and they would wither before him.

It so happened one day, however, that Balor met another god called Lugh in battle. He called, and immediately his servants leaped forward with the hook to lift the lid and end the battle. But quick as they were, Lugh was quicker. In a trice, ere Balor's eye was fully open, Lugh flung a magic stone. The stone hit the god in the eye so hard it was knocked right through the back of his head, where it rolled upon the ground. One whole division of Balor's army was thus destroyed by that fiery glance, as the eye rolled amongst his followers.

Such a story is only legend and entirely unbelievable, even though our forefathers believed it. There is nothing like that in the Bible. Our Bible informs us God's eye is as a flame of fire. No one was ever burnt by that eye and never shall be. What the Scriptures mean to tell us by that is that God can see right into both our minds and hearts, reading our thoughts and desires.

In this connection God proclaims, "I know your works." **Whether we believe on the Lord Jesus or not, God reads our hearts. All things are naked and open before Him** (Hebrews 4. 13). When we think wicked thoughts or grind our teeth in rage, He knows all about it.

Now this gives us confidence. He knows all we have done. He knows the vilest deeds we have committed, and when Jesus died on Calvary He bore all our guilt.

If, then, you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and in repentance take Him as your Saviour, every sin is forgiven, and in a day to come you will be able to sing unto Him who loved you and washed you from sin in His own Blood.

JOSEPH GUY

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My Dear Searchers,

The "family" continues to grow, and to those members who have introduced new searchers, we give our thanks.

The following from Germany are welcomed: Lydia and Liesel Knüfken, Margrit Leithäuser, Ellen Weiss, and Brigitte Zuleeg.

Your affectionate,

EDITOR.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS CORNER (6)

## HORSES

Dear Young Friends,

Much is written in the Bible about horses. We read of red horses, black horses, white horses, speckled horses, pale horses, and so on. But I would like you to open your Bibles and read a verse in Proverbs 21. 31: "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety [or victory] is of the LORD."

In the days when this verse was written it was usual for horses to be in the forefront of a battle. They were set in array against the enemy. The strength of an army was not reckoned in the number of tanks and armoured cars, but in the number of horses in the field. King Solomon, who wrote this verse, possessed forty thousand stalls of horses, one thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horseman, which were all located in chariot cities throughout his dominion. But, during his lifetime, these were not used for war **because peace reigned over his kingdom.**

Solomon learned the fact that victory was not ensured by numbers, but only by having the God of Salvation as a Leader. David also spake in the same manner: "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the LORD our God" (Psalms 20. 7). Then Solomon followed this up by writing, "The Name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18. 10).

You want to live a life of victory! Everybody does. Happy are the boys and girls who have learned the secret. Be assured of this, you cannot meet all the difficulties and troubles of this life in your own human strength. You need the strength of Another. **The Other is the Lord Jesus Christ, and He is so ready to help you.**

How do you start on this life of victory? You read month by month the stories in our magazine which tell so simply how you may be saved. You must first come to Jesus owning your weakness and confessing your sinfulness. He has promised, if you do so, to cleanse all your sins away by His blood shed on Calvary. **He died to save you.** When your sins are washed away, He will come into your heart in the power of the Holy Spirit and make His abode there. With Christ living in you by faith, you will experience a great victorious life. A life worth living. A life being lived for the Saviour.

**Everything will be different.** Your home, your school, your games. A young boy, who recently gave himself to the Lord, said to me that Scripture at school used to be "just another lesson," but now the Bible had become a new book to him—the *best book*. What a change salvation makes!

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

We have now come to the last set of questions for this year, so do your best, and above all, think of what you read as you search for the answers. There is so much for each of us in the chapter for question 8. We see there what a lot of power is contained in a very little thing.

I still have to remind some that they can never hope to be prizewinners unless they give chapter and verse where the answers are found.

Ernest Love must answer all the questions now that he is fourteen.

It is nice to see so many papers from Germany. All the late papers will receive marks.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Scunthorpe.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thought I would write you a letter, and I hope I win a text.  
I enjoy reading "Our Children" magazine.

Yours,

Ann WOOLASS (aged 8).

Liege (Belgium),  
18.8.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you for your nice letter that I received this morning.

I am now staying in Belgium, at Liege, which is a large industrial city. Also I travel around the country quite a lot. There are only three things rationed in Belgium—sugar, bread, and coal; and really, to see all the shops full of lovely things that are rationed in England, makes one want to buy everything. However, not everything is rationed in England! God's love to us has never been, and never will be, restricted or rationed.

I have known the Lord Jesus as my own personal Saviour for some time now and rejoice in the fact that I am in His flock of lambs. Well, I must close now.

Yours in the cords that Calvary binds,

ROWLAND P. BROWN (aged 15).

Wuppertal (Germany),  
6.9.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Your letter and the copy of "Our Children" reached me some days ago. Both have given me much pleasure and I thank you heartily for them.

I tried to do the Scripture Searchings. You will find the answers to the questions on the enclosed paper and I hope they will be correct.

How glad I am to say that I found peace in the blood of our Lord and Saviour about four years ago. It is very nice that now I am able to read about Him also in the English language and I am sure I shall greatly enjoy the stories of "Our Children."

With Christian love in which my parents join,

Yours affectionately in Him,

MARGRIT LEITHHAÜSER (aged 15).

Wendlinghausen (Germany),  
15.9.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I have read the stories of "Our Children" and I thank you.

In former times I have liked to read "Der Freund der Kinder," which we got in our Sunday School.

I find it very well to answer the questions. The searching after the answers helps me better to know my Bible.

Many thanks for the English Bible. I am reading now each evening, first in German and then in the English translation. I like to read Psalm 23.

In Autumn, 1945, I have found the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. It is glorious to be a child of God, though I can't understand the Lord in His love to me.

Love in the Lord,

Yours,

LIESEL KNUFKEN (aged 16).

Brünn (Germany),  
16.9.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

From my friend Ute I have learned your address. I am also pleased to read the nice magazine "Our Children." I should like part with the Scripture Searchers in the magazine. As I have no English Bible I am obliged to lend me Ute's.

My father died 1941 in Kiev, Russia. I am enjoyed to hear the Word of the Bible. I hope the answers will be right.

With love in the Lord,

BRIGITTE ZULÉEG (aged 15).

Kilkeel, Co. Down,  
12.9.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I do enjoy searching the Scriptures for the answers in "Our Children."

I wonder would you be able to send me the address of a girl (13 years) who would like a pen friend?

I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus two years ago.

Yours,

NETTA SKILLEN (aged 13).

# QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1948

Subject—HORSE

1. "Sing ye to the Lord . . ." Write out the verse which mentions these words. Exodus 15.
2. What is a vain thing for safety? Psalm 33.
3. What kind of chariot and horses parted Elijah from Elisha? 2 Kings 2.
4. Write out the verse which mentions "horses" in Jeremiah 12.
5. What shall be upon the bells of the horses? Zechariah 14.
6. How many times are "horse" and "horseback" mentioned in Esther 6.
7. "He delighteth not . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. Psalm 147.
8. Why do we put bits in horses' mouths? James 3.

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SEARCHERS

Age 14 years and over

**1st Class.**—M. E. Abbey, A. Berrill, B. Brettell, R. Brown, S. Bunce, J. Bentley, A. Buhne, M. Bailey, K. Broadbent, R. Bunce, J. Bunce, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, W. Deans, K. Diffin, N. Fitchett, I. Grajetsky, S. Grant, T. Gibson, O. Hart, A. Herbert, P. Hey, S. Johnson, M. Jones, F. Jeffreys, G. Knufken, L. Knufken, E. Kervalke, J. Karp, R. Love, M. Lumley, M. Leithausen, M. Monger, E. Monger, S. H. Mack, J. Manson, J. Nelson, H. Owen, J. Oliver, E. Richardson, D. Sealey, U. Schuster, M. Smith, L. Tonningsen, Doreen Tilling, Daphne Tilling, E. Tetlow, P. Ward, T. Weaver, J. Williams, H. Weitzel, E. Weiss, P. Willis, B. Zuleeg.

**2nd Class.**—J. Mackintosh.

Age 11 up to 13 years

**1st Class.**—S. Archibald, P. Anderson, J. Allinson, M. Allinson, P. Aston, M. Bagshaw, B. Byers, G. Barron, M. Boothby, C. Budd, B. Clarkson, J. Cockburn, M. Cormack, M. Clarkson, G. Cone, M. Cooper, D. Daintree, C. Davis, A. Elrick, B. Emmett, M. Edmensen, E. Elliott, B. Easton, I. Frost, C. Fairgrieve, M. Feasey, R. Ferguson, R. Griffiths, P. Greiff, G. Grajetsky, M. Grimmer, E. Garburg, J. Grant, P. Grimmer, B. Gascoigne, M. Haney, G. Hindmarch, T. Harrison, G. Harrison, M. Hart, M. House, P. Howells, C. Holmes, K. Henderson, T. Hall, E. Hitchenes, C. Jones, J. Kilvington, K. Kroos, M. Kirk, L. Knufken, I. Lindsay, Agnes Murray, E. Moore, R. Mawson, A. Middlewood, Anthony Murray, B. Mann, A. Oxnard, D. Phillips, H. Pfeiffer, V. Penson, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, E. Rogers, M. Sandie, N. Scott, S. Simpson, A. Skinner, D. Smith, B. Spencer, P. Sturmeay, R. Sandie, N. Skillen, H. Tonningsen, A. Tetlow, D. Tyson, M. Urwin, C. Veitch, B. Wicks, J. Walker, L. Weiss, T. Weiss, E. Weitzel, G. Wiseman, A. Walpole, J. Woodhouse, J. Wragg, A. Wylie, M. Wilson.

**2nd Class.**—G. Davison, M. Davison, A. Elliott, S. Morgan, A. Varvill.

Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—E. Archibald, E. Allinson, C. Bailey, R. Boothby, B. Bradley, M. Brettell, R. Brown, Jean Clark, Jas. Clark, E. Cormack, P. Cubby, J. Dodd, M. Duguid, E. Fell, E. Ferguson, M. Gaff, R. Graham, W. Graham, B. Hughes, J. Harland, D. Heron, T. Hall, D. Holme, M. Holliday, J. Johnson, K. Kilvington, D. Lancaster, B. Lathrope, T. Lathrope, A. Livingstone, M. Murray, J. Murray, D. McCarthy, B. Moore, D. Malcolm, M. Malcolm, E. Mawson, M. Middleton, A. Murray, D. Mott, S. Mackereth, H. Mitchell, P. Mounsey, R. Mitchell, H. Moore, R. Nelson, H. Norman, M. Orrick, J. Pattinson, M. Pearson, M. Pfeiffer, J. Ring, J. G. Robinson, M. Rogers, R. Ring, J. Ritchie, Aileen Scott, L. Simpson, R. Sturmeay, D. Simpson, A. Sinclair, M. Skillen, A. Stockdale, G. Scott, M. Sleanor, D. Taylor, D. Terry, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, G. Thomson, A. Taylor, J. Turner, D. Thornthwaite, G. Taylor, A. Woollass, L. Wilson, Derek Williams, David Williams, A. Walker, T. Winter, P. Ward, M. Wilkinson, A. Wiseman.

**2nd Class.**—G. Goodall.

## RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

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

To all who have helped by prayer and distribution during the current year, we extend hearty thanks.

Abundant supplies of soul-destroying literature are available for youth, a fact which should stir all earnest people desiring the blessing of young folk to increased circulation of "Our Children."

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ALL SET FOR A RECORD SCORE.

# ARE YOU SERVING THE KING?

**A Happy New Year to you all!**

**H**OW quickly the years roll by, and this is often proved when we desire to recall some incident in our lives which we thought was of only a few years standing, to find that it was much further back than we had reckoned. And to those who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ it is well to consider how the time has been spent since we first trusted Him.

Why does the Lord Jesus leave us here after conversion, instead of taking us to be with Him where He is? **For the sole purpose that we may continue growing in grace and in the knowledge of Him** (2 Peter 3. 18) **and to be used of Him as channels of blessing to others** (Matthew 5. 16; Philippians 2. 15, 16).

Perhaps it is a new thought to some of you christian readers that the Lord Jesus has service that boys and girls can do for Him! but it is blessedly true. Samuel was only a child when the Lord called him to service, but we are told that he grew, the Lord being with him, whilst Samuel on his part did not let any of the Lord's words fall to the ground (1 Samuel 3). Then think how the Lord used the five loaves and two small fishes of a lad to feed a multitude (John 6. 5-13).

There are many ways in which you can serve the Lord and so be a blessing to others. Recently I read of a 10 year old Hungarian girl who had led twelve other girls to the Saviour. She also surprised her teacher of religion by asking him whether he was saved, a question he said no one had ever asked him before. Perhaps some of you have parents, brothers and sisters who are not converted. Have you ever invited them to attend the Gospel preaching service, praying the Lord Jesus would reach them for blessing?

I recall reading of a young Christian Sunday School girlie who had often asked her dad to attend the evening preaching and was at last rewarded for her persistency. With a thankful heart and her hand in his she led the way to the Gospel Hall and, giving her dad a push as they entered, she was heard to say, "There he is Lord, I've brought him, now You save him." And the Lord Jesus answered her little prayer.

You can serve the Lord by trying to lead your friends to attend Sunday School, or it may be the Bible Class. Another avenue of service is to pass on your copy of "Our Children" and try to enrol those you know to take up the Scripture Searching exercises—it being taken for granted you already do these yourself. During the past year it was a joy to welcome quite a number of "foreign" readers, especially German, who not only eagerly await each issue of this magazine, but have been very successful in enrolling their friends as Scripture Searchers, most of whom brightly confess the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Think, too, of the great privilege you have to serve the “King of kings and Lord of lords” and then you will ask Him more earnestly :—**

“ Make me a channel of blessing today,  
Make me a channel of blessing I pray ;  
My life possessing, my service blessing,  
Make me a channel of blessing today.”

If, however, the reader has not yet trusted the Saviour, it is high time you did. So here and now at the beginning of 1949 own to God your sinful condition (Romans 3. 23) and by faith accept the Lord Jesus as having by His death atoned for your sins, and you will have cause to thank God eternally for His great love (Romans 5. 8).

EDITOR.



## BRIDGES

**BOYS** especially are always interested in engineering feats, and bridges that are big and high never fail to fascinate. The writer has been told that the Royal Border Bridge at Berwick-on-Tweed has some of its pillars founded on wool, as this material is indestructible and forms a lasting foundation. It is marvellous to know that this great structure founded thus carries enormous weights like the ‘ Flying Scotsman ’, possibly weighing between six to seven hundred tons, on its iron way to London.

But some months ago a flood swept away a number of small bridges near this one we have been hearing of, and thus the great railway monsters were diverted to another route on their way from Scotland’s capital to the metropolis city. However, following day and night operations by workmen using steam cranes to rebuild the broken gaps in the railway lines caused by the flood, the magnificent expresses are again tooting their whistles to the signals as they cross the Border bridge.

In the beginning of Genesis, dear boys and girls, we read of a great gap being made between God and His creature man when he disobeyed in Eden. God had to put distance between Himself and the one He created because of *sin*. In order that this gap might be bridged, the Lord Jesus had to come into the world and die on Calvary’s cross for sinners—boys and girls and men and women.

It cost Him far more than all the bridges in the world—*He shed His precious blood* that we might be saved from sin’s consequences, through believing. **Boys and Girls, have you believed in Him ?** (John 3. 16).

H. KING



## CHRIST OR THE WORLD, WHICH ?

**R**UTH, 10 years old, and Olive, aged 12, are sisters. Recently, they spent a holiday at Ramsgate and much enjoyed climbing

the cliffs. Both girls have surrendered their hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, so daily enjoy climbing Zion's hill to glory.

The other day at school Ruth was asked—along with the class—to write an essay on the last film she saw. On telling the teacher that she had never entered a picture palace the teacher said, "What, never, why there must be something strange about your parents".

On reaching home Ruth told her story to her mother who reflected "Yes dear, God's word does speak of His people as being 'peculiar', (1 Peter 2. 9) and delights in their showing forth His praises who hath called them out of darkness into His marvellous light".

So, like our two young friends, true Christian boys and girls don't want worldly pleasures but find their joys in living for and serving the One who gave His life to save them.

Are you numbered amongst such, dear reader?

I. AVES



## "BIRD IN HAND"

AS you will guess, that is the name of an inn. The words speak of an advantage we hold here and now, of certainty and assurance.

Can you remember a Bible sentence that tells of the present gain or advantage of the Christian? Here is one: "**He that hath the Son hath Life.**" Of course every reader of this magazine has natural or ordinary life, and knows it, although the cleverest people have not been able to tell us exactly what life is. But you will notice that I have spelt LIFE in the verse with a capital L, because a special kind of life is meant, and one which only those who have received the Lord Jesus have got. Can you say, "*I've got it*"?

Here is an advertisement I noticed outside some works in Newhaven, Sussex:—

**"Boys and Girls Wanted  
Good Wages. Constant Employment  
Apply Within"**

"Good wages." That speaks of an advantage held as a present possession by the one who applies and is accepted by those in charge of the works.

Now, remember, the moment you receive the Lord Jesus He receives you, and gives you the very best advantage of all, **the forgiveness of your sins and also that new Life I have already mentioned.** And you can then say, "I know that I am a Christian and am on my way to heaven." That means a great gain here and now, and it will be better still later on. You surely are not among those foolish people who say in their hearts, "I don't want it"!

E. ADAMS

# STRANGE WEIGHTS

**M**OST things we buy in shops today—especially at the grocer's—are weighed; we must get the right value for our money. It wouldn't be right if we paid for  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of sugar and only got 7 oz., would it? And if we were given 12 oz. instead of 8 oz. it would only be right and honest to remind the grocer that he had given us too much, wouldn't it?

The system of using weights for buying and selling is a very ancient one. Do you know that, in days long, long ago, gold, silver and precious stones were weighed against grains of wheat?

Weights were used in Bible days, too. These were simply stones cut to represent a certain measure. If you read in Deuteronomy 25. 13, 14, you find God speaking to His children about using false weights. "Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers [all kinds] of weights". "Thou shalt not have in thy HOUSE divers measures". Note, the first is in their bag; the second in their house.

As we have said, the Jews used stones to weigh with and these they carried in a bag. But many of them were cute, for when they were **BUYING** goods they used a heavier one than what they sold with. So when they bought they got a **LOT**; when they sold they gave **LESS**! It was cheating, wasn't it?

God hates falsehood. That is why He told Israel they were not even to have false measures in their house, because He knew they would be tempted to use them. They had to "shun all appearance of evil". So today, boys and girls, God hates to see you try to fake things up; to cheat. Whether it is cheating at school or in play, God hates it.

But if you have the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, He will help you to keep straight. Think of some in the Bible whom God kept going the straight path; Abel, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, David, Esther, Timothy, etc.

When you take Jesus as your Saviour, He cleanses you from your sins and makes you right with God. Then at the end of life's journey, He will take you to Heaven. **Is He your Saviour? If not, then make Him yours today before it is TOO late!**

W. AITKEN

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## PRIZE LIST, DECEMBER, 1948

### AGE 14 YEARS AND OVER :—

1. EVELYN RICHARDSON, 80 Aln Street, Hebburn, Co. Durham.
2. OLWYN HART, 73 Hind Street, Stockton-on-Tees.
3. JAS. NELSON, 5 West View, Old Penshaw, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.
4. MARY BAILEY, 748 Harrow Road, Willesden, N.W.10.
5. PAMELA HEY, 4 Hawk's Nest Gardens, Alwoodley, Leeds.
6. KENNETH BROADBENT, 27 James Street, Thornaby-on-Tees.
7. MOLLY COLES, 4 Malthouse, Ashbury, Swindon, Wilts.
8. DAPHNE TILLING, 22 Idstone Road, Ashbury, Swindon, Wilts.

### AGE 11 UP TO 13 YEARS :—

1. MARION HART, 73 Hind Street, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.
2. DONALD RIGG, 6 Ellerburne Street, Thornaby-on-Tees.
3. COLIN VEITCH, 21 Scarborough Street, Thornaby-on-Tees.
4. DONALD DAINTREE, 118 Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
5. JEAN KILVINGTON, 143 Finkle Street, Cottingham, E. Yorks.
6. LIESELOTTE WEISS, Bahnhofstrasse 11, Wissenbach, Germany.
7. HELGA PFEIFFER, Kaiserhofstrasse 10, Frankfurt A.M, Germany.

### AGE 10 YEARS AND UNDER :—

1. AILEEN SCOTT, 48 Silverhill Drive, Denton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 5.
2. RUTH NELSON, 5 West View, Old Penshaw, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.
3. BILLY MOORE, 25 Ormonde Avenue, Denton Burn, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 5.
4. THEO WINTER, 43 Cochrane Park Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.
5. MARGARET WILKINSON, Glebeland House, Harrington, Cumberland.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

## CORNER (1)

### CHILDREN

Dear Boys and Girls,

This is an article on 'Children' specially for children. We may be very thankful that God cares for each one of us. You may be young in years but, when God wrote His word, He thought of *you*, dear little friends. If you read the word of God carefully, you will find much to guide you, to instruct you and to warn you. Serious times are coming over this world and, as you grow older, you will have to face many trials and difficulties. **It will be to your advantage to listen to God's voice now and to open your heart to heavenly wisdom. This would mean eternal Salvation for you.**

You remember that lovely incident recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke when the people brought the young children to Jesus that He might bless them? The disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased and said unto them, "**Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God. Jesus is still the friend of children today. He never casts any away who come to Him.**"

"Oh," you say, "if I had lived when Jesus was here He might have seen me and blessed me". But Jesus is just the same today although He is in heaven. He sees you and knows all about you. He understands your every desire. And the most wonderful thing is that **none of you is too young for Jesus to bless.**

Then the Lord Jesus Christ is no respecter of nationality. You may be British, American, German, or of any other nation, but if you have a desire to come to Him, He will welcome you all.

I have just heard interesting news from Czechoslovakia. God is working in the hearts of people there, *especially amongst the young people*. There were meetings for children almost every day in different places. The children were hungry to hear the word of God and responded in great numbers to receive Jesus as their personal Saviour. In these places there are children scattered in small towns and villages who have no one to tell them about the Saviour, but how they love to come and hear! They would not mind having a Bible Class every day and listening from morning to night to Bible Stories.

Many of these children, too, are very missionary minded. One girl named Mila brought six other children to Christ in a month, and later, when a gospel meeting for children was held in her home, her four brothers, aged from seven to fourteen years, accepted the Lord as their Saviour.

We give thanks to God for all this blessing, and would our Christian friends remember the children of Czechoslovakia in their prayers?

**The Lord Jesus Christ is waiting to bless YOU, wherever you may be. Open your heart to Him and receive Him as your Saviour.**

Your affectionate friend,  
C. S. ROSS.

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am pleased to see so many new searchers, especially at the end of the year. Usually the numbers fall off by this time, but instead of that there are many more than in January. This is very good, and I hope you will keep it up all through this year, D.V.

As you will see, there are more prizes being given this time. You have all tried so hard throughout the year and well deserve the prizes. In addition, there will be a text sent to all those who have been in First Class for five times. Bibles are being sent from two kind gentlemen to the three First Prize winners as before.

Your prizes and texts may not reach you until the end of January, so I trust you will all wait patiently until they arrive.

Please all of you remember to give chapter and verse where the answers are found. Some still forget this and, of course, lose their chance of a prize.

Do not be disappointed and give up if you do not see your name in the prize list. Remember, there is a greater prize offered to each one of us. I wonder if you know what this is? I will give a special booklet to any who have not gained a prize, but who can answer this question.

Your loving friend,  
E.M.A.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Bielefeld (Germany),  
11.10.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for "Our Children".  
Today I enclose the answers of Hannegreth and myself. I hope they will be alright. How beautiful it is to know dear people beyond the ocean who help us in a very kind way. But it is better to know a Saviour who helps us everywhere, and can also bless those people who are doing us much good.

A week ago one Monday morning I held a morning service to our whole school and her teachers.

My subject was 1 John 3. 1. and Gospel of John 1.11, 12. I also applied some little stories from "Our Children". It was much appreciated by almost all of them.

Hearty greetings from my parents,

Yours,

LISBETH (aged 17).

Scunthorpe (Lincs.),  
13.11.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I love "Our Children" and I belong to the Lord Jesus and soon I wish to be a Sunday School teacher.

I hope I win a text, and I hope the other Sunday School children will carry on with "Our Children". Now I must say, "Good night".

Yours sincerely,

RUTH BOOTHBY (aged 10),

Dörentrop (Germany),  
14.11.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the new "Our Children". For some days have I read the articles and answered the questions.

I like to read the nice stories which tell us about the great love of our Saviour Jesus Christ. For your kindness I thank you very much. In the love of our Lord Jesus Christ greet my parents, sisters and you,

EDELGARD KOWALKE (aged 14),

Wendlinghausen (Germany),  
19.11.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for "Our Children". I have liked to read the stories. They are very nice, especially the first story, "A new heart".

Now I have a great request to you, I want to have an English girl in my age as my pen friend. If it is possible please, will you be so kind as to search one for me?

Yours,

LYDIA KNÜFKEN (aged 13).

Wissenbach (Germany),  
3.11.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

With great pleasure we got yesterday the copy of "Our Children", and we thank you heartily for it. There is ever a great joy when the postman brings us a letter from England.

The Scripture Searching is wonderful and we should indeed read and consider much more the Bible.

We remain, Yours thankful

HELENORE and EDITH (ages 17 and 12).

Brunn (Germany),  
9.11.48.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

My sister Brigitte told me of your fine magazine "Our Children", and after your questioning me whether I am able to do the Searchings I wish to give an interest in it. My answers are enclosed. I hope they will be correct.

As you know by my sister my father died 1941 in Kiev, Russia. My confession is evangelical and I found Jesus as my Saviour two weeks ago when I went to Lord's Supper. I am enjoyed now to be a child of God. Now I must put a question to you. What is the melody of the new song which is written in "Our Children"? So I can not sing this fine song.

I am already stretched to see the next number of "Our Children".

With love in the Lord,

MANFRED ZULEEG (aged 13).

MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

The list of names is on the increase, but there is still room for many of your friends to be included.

Together with other new Searchers, a hearty welcome is extended to Leni Meyer, Kristin Schlierholz and Manfred Zuleeg, who live in Germany.

Your affectionate,

EDITOR,

# QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1949

*Subject—CHILDREN*

1. Write out the verse which mentions "thy children." Deuteronomy 30.
2. What is said about "these four children"? Daniel 1.
3. Write out the verse which mentions children in Psalm 34.
4. Whom will the Lord preserve? Jeremiah 40.
5. Write out the verse which mentions "thy children" twice. Isaiah 54.
6. What did Jesus say about "little children"? Mark 10.
7. Whose children are spoken of as blessed? Proverbs 20.
8. What is well pleasing unto the Lord? Colossians 3.

## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SEARCHERS

### Age 14 years and over

**1st Class.**—M. Abbey, J. Andrew, B. Brettell, R. Brown, S. Bunce, J. Bently, A. Buhne, M. Bailey, K. Broadbent, J. Bunce, R. Bunce, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, E. Cottee, W. Deans, K. Diffin, I. Grajetsky, T. Gibson, O. Hart, A. Herbert, P. Hey, J. Howe, S. Johnson, M. Jones, G. Knufken, L. Knufken, R. Love, M. Lumley, M. Monger, E. Monger, J. Manson, S. Mack, B. Mann, J. Nelson, H. Owen, J. Oliver, V. Penson, E. Richardson, D. Sealey, U. Schuster, M. Smith, A. Scott, L. Tonningsen, Daphne Tilling, E. Tetlow, P. Ward, T. Weaver, H. Weitzel, J. Williams, B. Zuleeg.

**2nd Class.**—A. Berrill, D. Houghton, E. Kowalke.

### Age 11 up to 13 years

**1st Class.**—S. Archibald, P. Anderson, J. Allinson, M. Allinson, P. Aston, M. Bagshaw, B. Byers, G. Barron, M. Boothby, M. Brettell, J. Cartwright, B. Clarkson, J. Cockburn, M. Clarkson, G. Cone, L. Chisholm, D. Daintree, W. Davidson, C. Davis, G. Davison, M. Davison, M. Drummond, A. Elrick, B. Emmett, B. Easton, A. Elliott, B. Esson, I. Frost, M. Feasey, R. Griffiths, P. Greiff, G. Grajetsky, M. Grimmer, E. Garburg, J. Grant, S. Gale, G. Hindmarch, G. Harrison, M. Hart, M. House, P. Howells, C. Holmes, M. Haney, K. Henderson, E. Hitchenes, E. Hay, T. Hodgetts, H. Hogg, G. Harvey, C. Jones, J. Kilvington, M. Kirk, K. Kroos, L. Knufken, E. Love, J. Legg, Agnes Murray, E. Moore, R. Mawson, A. Middlewood, J. Miller, S. Morgan, Anthony Murray, L. Meyer, P. Nicholson, A. Oxnard, J. Oldham, D. Phillips, H. Pfeiffer, J. Pattinson, M. Pfeiffer, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, E. Rogers, V. Russell, R. Reynoldson, J. Ridley, R. Sandie, M. Sandie, N. Scott, S. Simpson, D. Smith, B. Spencer, P. Sturme, N. Skillen, M. Scott, H. Tonningsen, A. Tetlow, D. Tyson, J. Turnbull, M. Urwin, B. Urwin, C. Veitch, B. Wicks, J. Walker, L. Weiss, T. Weiss, E. Weitzel, G. Wiseman, A. Walpole, M. Wilson, M. Willert, E. Weiss, M. Zuleeg.

**2nd Class.**—L. Houghton.

### Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—E. Archibald, E. Allinson, M. Andrew, C. Bailey, R. Boothby, B. Bradley, J. Chapman, Jean Clark, P. Cubby, J. Clark, D. Crooks, R. Davidson, J. Dodd, M. Duguid, E. Fell, M. Gaff, R. Graham, J. Glaister, B. Hughes, B. Houghton, D. Holme, L. Houghton, M. Holliday, M. Hall, J. Johnson, K. Kilvington, E. Kirk, D. Lancaster, L. Leslie, T. Lathrope, H. Leaning, J. Law, M. Moore, Marg. Murray, Jean Murray, B. Moore, D. Malcolm, M. Malcolm, E. Mawson, A. Murray, D. Mott, E. Marshall, S. Mackereth, H. Mitchell, P. Mounsey, R. Mitchell, H. Moore, R. Nelson, H. Norman, M. Orrick, M. Pearson, J. Ring, J. Robinson, M. Rogers, R. Ring, Joan Reynoldson, Joyce Reynoldson, M. Reill, Aileen Scott, L. Simpson, R. Sturme, D. Simpson, A. Sinclair, M. Skillen, D. Shepherd, A. Stockdale, G. Scott, D. Taylor, D. Terry, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, G. Thomson, A. Taylor, J. Turner, A. Thornthwaite, G. Taylor, A. Woolass, L. Wilson, Derek Williams, David Williams, A. Walker, T. Winter, P. Ward, M. Wilkinson, A. Wiseman, E. Wolf.

**2nd Class.**—R. Brown, E. Cormack, B. Craig, M. Day, W. Graham, M. Gaines, C. Mattinson.

## RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

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

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# Our Children



ALL ABOARD! AND READY FOR "OFF".

# MY CONVERSION

**BOYS** and girls, when I was about six years old, I thought about my sins which would keep me out of heaven, and I wanted to be saved.

I knelt down by my bed and told God all about it. I asked Him to forgive me and wash my sins away in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and God did it straight away.

Romans 5. 8 says, "**While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,**" and then in Acts 16. 31 we read, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.**"

Have *you* confessed your sinful state and believed on Him?

A. M. W.



## THE CHINA DOG

**A** MISSIONARY who laboured for the Lord in India was on holiday in England. One day in a shop he saw a china dog. Though made of china, it looked very lifelike with its tail curled over its back, its head on one side, and the mouth open, as if it was barking. He bought it and took it out to India. Whatever did he want it for?

He put it in his garden near the gate and put up a notice, "Beware of the dog," in the native language. The heathen people gathered in little knots to look at this dog.

"What was it for? What use was it?" they asked the missionary.

He replied: "It is there to guard my house."

They said: "But it cannot bark and let you know when the robbers are coming."

"Oh! yes," said the missionary, "it will guard my house, won't it?"

"No, sahib," said the heathen. "It won't bark, it can't bite. It can't guard your house."

Now we see why the missionary put a china dog in his garden.

He replied, "My china dog is as good as your wooden and brass idols; my dog cannot bark, your idols cannot speak. My dog cannot hear the robbers if they come; your idols cannot hear your prayers when you pray to them. My china dog is just as good as your idols made by hands. I will leave my china dog in my garden to remind you that your idols are just as useless."

Then the missionary went on to tell of **the living God and the loving Saviour**, and how their sins could be forgiven through that wonderful work done on Calvary's cross and by believing on the Lord.

We trust the lesson sank deep in the hearts of those heathen and perhaps some of my young readers may wish so too. **May we ask, Have you really trusted the Lord as your own Saviour?** Till you do, you are no better really than these poor heathen.

**"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."**  
(Acts 16. 31).

A. J. POLLOCK,

# BREAD FOR HUNGRY BOYS

[F a group of boys went through the streets of London or Edinburgh shouting, "Bread for the love of God," it would make people stare, would it not? and probably even though they were only beggar boys they would get as much bread as they could eat.

But that very cry used to be often heard in a city in Saxony more than 400 years ago, and the boys who made it were not lazy boys who would not work. They wanted to learn all they could in the schools of the city; but their parents were too poor to pay the fees that were asked and feed them at the same time and so this was the only way in which they could get enough to eat.

It was winter time, and that group of boys were both cold and hungry when they went out mixing the singing of Christmas carols with their cry for bread, when a man called to them in the darkness, "Eh, boys, where are you?" His voice was rather harsh though his heart was kind, but they did not know that, and his harsh voice frightened them so that they ran away as hard as they could. But he went after them and then they understood that he was not angry with them and had called them to feed them. What a feast they had in his warm house, and at his table, and one of them who lived to be the great Martin Luther never forgot it.

You may never have been hungry. I am sure you have enough bread in your house and some to spare, and you get plenty of education, perhaps too much for nothing, but have you never felt a hunger in your heart for **the bread of life**? What is that?

In the sixth chapter of John the Lord Jesus tells us that He is that bread and that He came down from heaven that we might eat of Him and live for ever!

A boy and girl, brother and sister, came to see me. They said they wanted the Saviour, and would I tell them about Him? They were hungry for **the living bread.**" I told them how glad the Lord was and they heard His voice calling them in the Gospel that I told them, and it was not a harsh voice like the kind man's in Saxony.

**If you will listen to the voice of Jesus you will hear a voice both sweet and gentle. He is calling the children because He loves them and wants to bless them; and if you listen and come to Him He will bless you.**

J. T. MAWSON.



## THE TWO WORLDS

MANY years ago I read in a newspaper about a famous American Airwoman called Amelia Earhardt. This fearless and adventurous woman made many pioneer flights of great endurance and skill, and had many thrilling experiences. One that impressed me greatly I will now relate to you.

In her diary she told how on one occasion she was flying over a great stretch of ocean where no ships were to be seen—you know that ships do not often leave their fixed routes or "shipping lanes"—

and there was nothing to be seen above but thick dark clouds, clouds, clouds, . . . and nothing below but water, water, water. . . .

It became so dark, too, that the dreary outlook in every direction damped and depressed her spirits, making her feel cold and miserable indeed. After flying for some time in this disheartening scene, the thought came suddenly to her to climb through the clouds and find out what the weather was like up above. The 'plane was put into a climb; soon the dark clouds were entered, but soon again they were left behind and lo, the 'plane burst into a heaven of brilliant warm sunshine which was a delight to the eye and a joy to the heart. It was as though a magic carpet had carried her in a few moments from a chilling world of darkness and despair into an entirely different world of light, warmth, joy and hope, which had all the time been but a little above her, but which she could never have imagined existed while passing through the cold, dark world below.

Ah, thought I, here is a picture of those who live their lives in this poor world of evil and sin; whatever way we look, sin has made the prospect dark indeed, and search as we may, we shall find nothing to bring lasting joy and gladness to the heart. There is plenty of water, indeed, as there was all around the Airwoman's machine, but none to *satisfy* the thirst; all the attractions this world offers cannot *satisfy* the longing of the heart, as the Lord Jesus said—"Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; But whosoever drinketh of the water **THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST**" (John 4. 13, 14). Why not climb above the clouds in faith, to where Jesus is, into that other world where all is bright and warm and gladdening to the heart, and so drink in the sunshine of His wondrous love? **Satisfaction is found alone in trusting in Jesus, and this is what He means when He says in John 4. 14—"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I SHALL GIVE him shall never thirst"**. He died upon the Cross to save you from your sinful, selfish life away from Him in this dark world, where no true happiness is to be found, and which ends in dark disaster, banished from the light and love of His presence for ever. "I am come that they [who trust Him] might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10, 10).

Remember the experience of the American Airwoman, and if you have not already told the Lord Jesus that you no longer want to remain away from Him, living in the cold dark world of those who do not know Him as their Saviour, tell Him so at once, and ask Him to lift you into His bright world of love and light and warmth and you will be just as surprised as Amelia Earhardt was. Her experience, however, like all else in this poor world, was very short-lived. Not long afterwards, while flying over the wide ocean again, her 'plane disappeared, the brave Airwoman perished and was seen no more. **The joy of the Christian is not short-lived, for the pure and holy joy of the bright upper world where Jesus is will be his endless satisfaction, for Jesus also said to those who loved Him—"I go and prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14. 3). His company will be the home of our hearts for evermore.**

H. HIRST

## “IT’S ME, JESUS”

A LITTLE girl, who attended a gospel meeting in the South of London, sent in a request to the preacher, “A little girl here to-night desires to be prayed for that she may be saved.”

After the preacher had earnestly and simply told out the way of life he read the little girl’s request in the hearing of those present. One who offered prayer for her, in asking God to save her, said, “We do not know who the little girl is, or where she is, **but Thou knowest.**”

At the close of the prayer a faint trembling voice was heard at the far end of the hall, saying, “It’s me, Jesus, and I’m here.”

In her simplicity she feared she might not be seen, or that she might be missed and so anxious was the dear child to be saved that she could not restrain her cry, “**It’s me, Jesus.**”

Many hearts were moved at the child’s earnest appeal, and willing helpers gathered round her to tell her of Jesus, the Lamb of God, the Saviour of girls and boys.

There are thousands who are missing this very blessing from opposite reasons. If you lovingly speak to them on the question of their sins and the importance of getting right with God, they immediately endeavour to lose themselves in a crowd so as to avoid the personal bearing of this very personal question. “Oh, yes, we are ALL sinners,” say they, with some sort of satisfaction. Do you not see? This is an endeavour to avoid *personal* dealing.

When it says in the Word of God, “**Every one of us shall give account of himself to God**” (Romans 14. 12), how all-embracing it is, and yet how it singles out! It is not “*all of us*,” but **every one** of us.

No one ever got God’s blessing by saying, “We have all sinned”—that is too many at a time. You may go in a crowd, but it must be for each individually to confess with repentance, “I have sinned.” The prodigal did not say, “We are all sinners down in that far country,” but, “**Father, I have sinned.**”

Next time you hear those lovely words, “Christ Jesus came into the world **to save sinners**,” just say from a repentant heart, “That’s me, Jesus, I’m here.” The hymn puts it in the same way:—

“Christ is the Saviour of sinners,  
Christ is the Saviour for me.”

The first line gives us the general, the second line the personal, aspect. So we read, “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6. 37).

**Young friend, are you hiding yourself in the crowd or are you taking up the matter individually and personally?**

A. CUTTING



My Dear Searchers,

A hearty welcome to all new Searchers, nine being from Germany.

May each member of the “family” find increasing delight in searching the Scriptures, and, like Jeremiah, be able to say, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart.”

It has given pleasure to fix up a large number of Christian pen-friends, and requests continue to come in. May the links so formed be to the spiritual help of each other.

I recall that one such link, made over 14 years ago, continues fresh and active.

Your affectionate,

EDITOR.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (2)

## SON

Dear Young Friends,

I would like to write about a boy who was a very good son. He had a Greek father of whom we read nothing. This boy lived with his mother, a Jewess, and his grandmother, at a place called Lystra. This town, Lystra, is almost in the centre of Asia Minor. How the family got there and what they did there, we are not told. A most wonderful thing is that, both the mother and the grandmother of this boy were most anxious that he should grow up to be a good man—**one who would make it his ambition to live for God.** There were very few Jews living at Lystra. Some of the rich ones sent their sons away to Jerusalem to be taught. But this was impossible for our young friend, because the two women could not afford it and Jerusalem was such a long way.

They had, however, something of very great value in their humble home. **This consisted of rolls of parchment on which was written the Word of God.** When the boy was quite a little child, either his mother or his grandmother would take one of these rolls and read out the words to him and then explain what had been read. So, from a very early age he became acquainted with the Old Testament Scriptures which were able to make wise unto salvation.

When this boy had grown quite big, a most wonderful thing happened in his town. He was walking along the street one day when he met a great crowd of people led by the priest of Jupiter. They had oxen and garlands for a sacrifice and they shouted, "the gods have come down to us!" 'This is very strange, he thought, because he had read that there was only one true God—Jehovah.

I think I see him turning to a friend with the question, "What could this mean?" "You remember the cripple beggar who sat at the gate?" "Yes." "Well he has been cured by two men who have just come to the town. See, there he is leaping for joy."

Timothy, for that was the name of the boy of whom we have been writing, followed the crowd. Presently he saw the two men who had cured the cripple and who were looked up to as gods and to whom the people wanted to do sacrifice.

He discovered that they were Jews like himself and they spoke strange things. They said that the Son of God had come down to earth as promised in the Holy Scriptures; that He had lived and died and been raised from the dead; and that they had been sent to preach forgiveness of sins in His name.

Timothy hurried home to tell his mother and grandmother. You may be sure that they were overjoyed. They found out where the two men, Paul and Barnabas, were staying and listened to their teaching eagerly.

To the great joy of the two women, Timothy became a great help to the Church at Lystra, and later, Paul thought so much of Timothy that they became like father and son.

**It is a good thing, dear boys and girls, to read the Scriptures when you are young, and you may be assured that this will result in blessing when you are older.**

Your affectionate friend, C. S. Ross.

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

There is rather a lot to write to you about this month, so I will try and make this letter as brief as possible.

First of all, it is good to see so many new searchers, especially those who have restarted the searching. Remember to give chapter and verse where answers are found.

Then I must remind some to read right through the chapter before putting down the answer. Several have made mistakes through not doing this. So often the answer is *nearly* right.

A paper has come from Pollard Crescent with no name. Also two other papers have come without names or addresses.

I am glad you liked your prizes and texts and I send many thanks to those who have written me. I was very pleased with Marion Hart's letter. May she go on to know the Lord.

If John Harland, John Chapman and Irene Frost will send their addresses I will forward their texts.

Some papers for November/December came too late from Morpeth, but one or two of these may receive texts later.

Try and do your answers in ink if possible.

Booklets are being sent to those who answered the extra question last time. I am glad those who sent in have all given the correct answer. May you each one go in for that *greatest* Prize—knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as your own Saviour.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Many thanks for your kind letter, the nice Bible, and the Scripture. The English Bible is a great help for me by the answer of the questions. I like to read the stories of "Our Children."

I am glad to be a sheep of Jesus Christ.

Warm love in the Lord,

Dörentrup, Germany.

Yours, LENI MEYER (aged 13).

Wendlinghausen (Germany).

13.1.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

"Our Children" reached us yesterday when we came out of school. I thank you very much for it. My sister Lydia snatched it first and began to read at once. We must remember her now to come to dinner.

I am very pleased with the story "Christ or the world, which?" It is quite an encouragement for me to know that also in England the believing children must answer, when asked, that they hadn't seen any film.

A few days before our Christmas holidays the same happened in our class. We were told to write something about our last film. But in the end we had to give a discussion about the Light and Shade sides of the cinema.

I have spoken to some girls of our school about "Our Children." They are also willed to give the answers.

With love in the Lord,

LIESEL KNÜFKEN (aged 16).

Chatton Alnwick.

13.1.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I notice in this week's "Our Children" there is a German girl wants a pen friend, her own age. I am 13 years old, and would like to correspond with her.

I enjoy reading "Our Children" and doing the Scripture Searchings very much.

Yours sincerely, AGNES MURRAY.

Wissenbach (Germany).

16.1.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for your kind postcard of December 20th telling me that I won the 6th prize for Scripture Searching. I was delighted to get such good news. Thanks for your congratulations.

There is something more I would like to thank you for—the new magazine "Our Children." I have done the Scripture Searching and am enclosing the answers. I hope I did them alright.

Yours most thankful, LIESELOTTE (aged 12).

Piddletrenthide, Dorchester.

17.1.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

As I was reading the last issue of "Our Children" I came across a letter from a German girl asking you to find her a pen-friend. If you have not already found her one I should like to correspond with her.

I enjoy reading everything in "Our Children" and always look forward to the Sunday when our teacher gives them to us.

Yours sincerely, PHYLLIS STURMEY (aged 13).

Barntrup (Germany).

20.1.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Some days past my school-friend Liesel Knuffken showed me "Our Children." I read it, and like the little stories and the questions very much.

With the help of Liesel's Bible I answered the questions and I hope they will be correct. I am already interesting to see the next "Our Children."

I am 16 years of age and of Protestant confession. I belong to a "Christian Club of Female Youth." Hoping to receive the next "Our Children" from you.

I remain in Christian unity,

Yours, URSULA NIEVE.

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### Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—V. Aird, E. Archibald, R. Aves, E. Anderson, M. Andrew, E. Allinson, E. Allen (Elizabeth), Eric Allan, R. Brank, R. Boothby, R. Brown, W. Bradley, J. Bassett, S. Cavanagh, Jas. Clark (Heaton), J. Croft, J. Clark (Keswick), E. Cormack, P. Cubby, W. Craig, G. Collingwood, Jean Clark (Heaton), J. Dodd, M. Duguid, M. Day, J. Day, G. Davis, R. Davidson, H. Davidson, E. Ferguson, E. Fenton, A. Fenton, M. Fraser, E. Fell, K. Falconer, D. Grant, W. Graham, J. Gale, R. Graham, J. Glaister, B. Gibson, J. Hurworth, D. Heron, B. Hughes, M. Hall, D. Holme, J. Harland, V. Kennedy, E. Kirk, K. Lillie, B. Lathrope, T. Lathrope, H. Leaning, D. Lancaster, P. Mounsey, W. Moore, H. Moore, D. Malcolm, M. Malcolm, C. Mattinson, E. Marshall, A. Murray, Jean Murray, Margaret Murray, R. Mitchell, H. Mitchell, S. Menzies, N. Metcalfe, M. McGregor, H. Norman, B. Phillips, J. Paterson, E. Phillips, K. Peary, M. Pearson, M. Ross, R. Ring, M. Rogers, J. Reynoldson (Joyce), Joan Reynoldson, D. Rogers, B. Rennison, R. Sturme, A. Scott, L. Simpson, D. Simpson, C. Smart, A. Stockdale, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, D. Thornthwaite, J. Turner, D. Taylor, D. Terry, G. Taylor, B. Taylor, S. Wylie, E. Wylie, S. Worrall, A. Wiseman, M. Wilkinson, J. Wilkinson, P. Ward, A. Walker, S. Watson, D. Wargenau.

**2nd Class.**—M. Holliday, B. Haughton, J. Johnson, J. Law, S. Mackereth.

**Too late for classification.** **1st Class.**—B. Easton, I. Heilmann, M. Moore, I. Nicholson, J. Stewart, I. Storek, M. Willert.

## QUESTIONS FOR MARCH-APRIL, 1949

Subject—SON

1. Who heareth his father's instruction? Proverbs 13.
2. Who is a grief to his father? Proverbs 17.
3. "Take now thy son . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. Genesis 22
4. Why did God give His only begotten Son? John 3.
5. "His only begotten son." Write out the verse where these words occur. Hebrews 11.
6. "Having therefore one son . . ." What are the next two words? Mark 12.
7. "But Whom say ye that I am?" What did Simon Peter answer to this question? Matthew 16.
8. What did the eunuch say he believed? Acts 8.

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY SEARCHERS

### Age 14 years and over

- 1st Class.**—M. E. Abbey, J. Bentley, A. Blackburn, K. Broadbent, A. Buhne, R. Bunce, J. Bunce, R. Brown, M. Bailey, B. Cowan, M. Cormack, Molly Coles, Meleta Coles, B. Clarkson, N. Clarke, W. Deans, K. Diffin, D. Davison, S. Elsey, N. Fitchett, T. Gibson, I. Grajetsky, P. Howells, M. Hill, P. Hey, O. Hart, D. Haughton, S. Johnson, M. Jones, K. Kroos, J. Karp, E. Kervalke, G. Knufken, Lydia Knufken, Lusee Knufken, M. Lumley, R. Love, U. Kolb, E. Love, M. Leithauser, A. Massie, J. McDermott, A. Middlewood, G. Murray, R. Mott, M. Monger, E. Monger, B. Mann, U. Nieve, J. Oliver, V. Penson, K. Patten, H. Owen, M. Owen, D. Smith, B. Spencer, A. E. Scott, U. Schuster, M. Smith, E. Smart, D. Sealey, L. Tonningsen, E. Tetlow, D. Tilling, D. Veitch, J. Wylie, J. Wragg, B. Williams, H. Weitzel, T. Weiss, J. Walker, B. Zuleeg.
- 2nd Class.**—A. Berrill, F. Grant, J. Rae, J. Williams, P. Ward.

### Age 11 up to 13 years

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# HUNGERING FOR GOD

WITH such good memories as my young readers have, they will not have forgotten the story in the last magazine of the boys who went about the streets of a city in Saxony crying, "Bread for the love of God."

One of these boys was very good at lessons and soon got ahead of all the other boys of his own age. When only 22 he was a Master of Arts and a Professor at a university. He loved music and singing and could play and sing very well. He had a lot of friends who loved and admired him, and though so very learned he was full of fun and laughter, which made him very popular.

Yet though successful and having lots of things that people would give a lot of money for, such as learning, honours, friends, he was not happy when alone. He felt that he was sinful, and no matter how much he tried he could not make himself better. What should he do? He felt that he ought to love God, but he knew that he loved himself more. He knew that he ought not to think evil thoughts and do evil things, but that did not help him to think right and do right. Many a time when all his friends had gone to their homes he could not sleep at night for thinking about these. **He was very miserable.**

Now where he lived there was no religion then but the Roman Catholic religion, and when he went to listen to what the priest said he did not hear the Gospel nor the Word of God. He was told that if he wanted salvation he must pay for it and work for it, and if he wanted to be holy and find God he must go into a monastery and become a monk, and this he made up his mind to do. He invited all his friends to a farewell supper. How astonished they were when he told them what he intended to do. They begged him not to; they did not want to lose him, and it seemed such a foolish thing to turn his back upon all his honours and usefulness and bury himself in a monastery.

But their talk did not turn him from his purpose, and that night he went to a monastery in the city, and knocking at the door he shouted, "Open in God's Name."

"What do you want?" asked the porter.

"I want to dedicate myself to God," he replied. The porter opened the door and Martin Luther, for it was none other than he, entered his new home.

He hoped there to find salvation and God, for he was really hungering for God, as once he hungered for bread, but the monastery door was the wrong door to knock at. How glad he would have been if one of his friends could have said to him, "Martin, the monastery door is not the door of salvation. **The Lord Jesus said, 'I am the door: by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture.'**"

But his friends knew no more about it than he did. They were all in the dark about it and no Bibles were given away at the Sunday schools. There were no Sunday schools for the boys and girls to go to.

Martin found out all about it afterwards, for he was hungering for what was right and God always satisfies the hungry, and though with his hand he knocked at the wrong door, his heart was truly seeking and knocking, and God knew and heard that. Luke 11. 9, 10 would surely be fulfilled for him as for everybody else that truly asks and seeks and knocks. But you shall read about that another day. Meanwhile be sure that you all go to the right door for salvation. **That door is Jesus.**

J. T. MAWSON.



## GOD CALLS

**T**HERE are not many harbourers to-day. In fact we rarely hear them mentioned even though they are skilful people. We never think of a doctor until we are ill, and the farmer never troubles the harbourer until he finds deer attacking his crops. When this happens he sends for the harbourer immediately.

The first thing for which the harbourer looks when he arrives on the scene is a break in the hedge where the deer entered the farmer's land. Once this is found he searches for the tracks left by the deer. By carefully examining the deer's tracks the skilled harbourer can learn many things. The hoof-marks tell him its age, its size, and whether it is a male or a female deer.

The harbourer must not be classed with a huntsman. The hunter seeks to find, to harry and to kill. The hunter will hunt any deer, but the harbourer seeks one particular deer whose age, size, and sex he has learnt from the hoof-marks. His object is not to kill but to save the deer, to bring it back from the farmer's land to its own ground again.

So when God seeks the lost He does not hunt to destroy. He is a God of grace, full of tender mercy. He knows everyone. He knows their troubles, their weaknesses, their errors and all that keeps them from salvation. Our Lord Jesus Christ declared, "I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine" (John 10. 14).

There was one occasion when God called in the stillness of the night for Samuel (1 Samuel 3. 4). There was another occasion when Elijah ran into the wilderness to escape danger. He hid in a cave. Then came a still small voice asking him what he was doing there (1 Kings 19. 12). Jonah was one who sought to flee from God by crossing the sea, but even there God's hand guided him (Jonah 1).

**So God knows you. He knows what lies ahead, the difficulties that beset your path and He calls you by your name. He desires to be your Saviour, to forgive your sins, to guide you through life and bring you safe into His eternal home. "A just God and a Saviour . . . Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 45. 21, 22).**

**What is your answer to this call from God? Will you resist like Pharaoh or respond like the children of Israel?**

JOSEPH GUY.

# “THE TRAVELLER’S FRIEND”

“**T**HAT is the name of an inn in the country,” you say, and you are right. But whether we live in the town or in the country, **we are all travellers.** We move along life’s road and one day we shall pass out into the unseen world. You have probably heard and read about Nathanael. He was willing to take the advice of his friend Philip and have a personal interview with the Lord Jesus. And so he made the greatest discovery of his life, and became our Lord’s apostle, for Bartholomew is his other name.

I once saw a notice outside a house with these words on it: “Travellers not interviewed.” That was not very encouraging, was it? What a happy thing it is that the Lord Jesus is always ready to be interviewed by us travellers. In fact, He wants us before everything to tell Him of our need of Him, and to have a personal interview with Him.

Nicodemus, too, sought a personal interview with Jesus and he made, you will remember, a most important discovery that night: although he was respectable and upright and even religious, **he needed a new start in life by getting a new life to start with.** Have you made that discovery?

The inn “The Traveller’s Friend” was a true friend if it provided food and accommodation for tired travellers, but we connect inns and public houses with strong drink, and strong drink has been and is one of the curses of this country, and is a false friend to thousands.

But everyone has true friends. First, there are our parents, who tell us of our faults for our own good, and to them, of course, especially if Christian, we owe more than to anyone else in the world. Then there are our Sunday school teachers, who tell us of the Lord Jesus, and He is the very best Friend of all.

**Christ’s friendship is real. It is firm and changeless. He always wants to do us good. He wants to separate us from all those things that pull the wrong way. And He is a friend “at hand”. He wants you to know Him as *your* Friend. Can you say:—**

“I’ve found a Friend, O such a Friend,  
He loved me ere I knew Him.”

E. ADAMS



## GIFTS AND WAGES

**W**E all like to receive gifts, or wages, when we have finished our work. In the Bible there were many wonderful gifts and wages given.

King Solomon received the great gift of wisdom, Samson had great strength, and these gifts were freely given without price from God. Judas received the wage of thirty pieces of silver for betraying Jesus. His price was death. The devil offers us sin and we all pay dearly. “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6. 23).

God offers us good gifts. He gave us His only Son that we might be saved. "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). Eternal life, the good gift that only God could give. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James 1. 17).

**Dear boys and girls, we have reached the cross-roads of life. The road of sin is tempting but leads to destruction. The way of God leads to eternal life. Which shall you choose?**

ROBERT SANDIE (aged 12).



## HOW TO BECOME ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN

**I**F we desire to possess anything this may be possible in three ways : we can either inherit it, earn it, or receive it as a free gift. Our family name we inherit from our parents ; but we can earn a title in addition, for instance, the title of a doctor.

But if we want to be called " God's children " then we can neither inherit nor earn that name, but only receive it as a free gift by grace. God's love and grace were so great that He sent His Son down upon earth, " that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." " Whosoever believeth in Him " ! that is the only but vital condition for receiving that name.

But the name of " God's children " is of value not only for young people. No, even aged people may yet become " children of God." **"He came unto His own and His own received him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His Name"** (John 1. 11, 12).

And we cannot say, " Well, I have time enough, sufficient time till I shall die." There are many who are called away in their youth. In the Bible we hear of a twelve-years-old girl who had died and had passed through the gates of death—the daughter of Jairus. Then the Lord Jesus went to her, laid His hands upon her and called her back to life. And so, we, always near to death, must accept God's gift of grace, to inherit life, eternal life !

Everybody who now turns to Him has not to fear death, for He says, " I have heard thee in a time accepted and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee : behold, now is the accepted time ; behold, now is the day of salvation " (2 Corinthians 6. 2).

LISBETH TOENNINGSSEN (aged 17)

(Abridged address, delivered in German, to a school class in Germany. English translation by the writer.)



MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

Thanks to all who have written appreciations for Texts ; and to those who have made known the fact of having trusted the Saviour. May each of you continue growing in grace daily, and to let your light shine in testimony for Him.

The " family " lists are extending, and to all new-comers we give a hearty welcome. Amongst these are Donald Bergner (American), Geertje Leendertse (Dutch), and eight Germans. I wonder how many British members can read Sigrid's letter on page 7.

Don't forget that neatness counts in marking ; and it would be helpful if answers were sent in **early** in the month.

Your affectionate,

EDITOR.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS'

## CORNER (3)

### DAUGHTER

Dear Children,

Long ago, probably through the sin of Israel, there was a famine in the land of Canaan. A man of Bethlehem, through sore distress, moved with his wife and two sons to the land of Moab. Now this man, Elimelech, may have been greatly pressed for food but he made a false step. God had forbidden His people to mix with their heathen neighbours—they were to dwell by themselves. The consequence was that Elimelech did not prosper in that strange land. **The fact is, he forsook Bethlehem to save his life but he lost it in Moab.**

More than this, he brought evil not only upon himself but upon his family. His two sons settled down and married two young women of that heathen country. For a time everything went well, but suddenly their joy was turned into mourning. Both the young men sickened and died and the mother and two daughters were left.

The lonely mother felt that she could not remain where she was. There was bread now in Canaan. She must return to her own people. So she set off with her two daughters. They seemed to have loved each other, these three women, but, on the journey, Naomi, the mother, did not think it right to bring the others away from their own land and people. So she thanked them for their kindness, kissed them and bade them "good-bye." They hesitated but Naomi urged them to go back. "Turn again, my daughters, go your way." It would perhaps be hard for them in Canaan amongst strangers and they had good prospects in their own country.

The two women pondered—they weighed up the matter—they considered. One, Orpah, decided to go back. She went back to her idols and all her heathen ways and we do not read anything more about her. Ruth, on the other hand, would not listen to the entreaties of Naomi to return but she answered in these beautiful words, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

This was a noble decision and, if you read the book of Ruth in your Bibles, you will find what a great blessing followed.

Decisions in life we all have to make but there never can be anything more important than a decision to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, or to turn our backs upon Him. **Blessings untold and life everlasting lie in the path of those who decide to trust the Saviour.** Many of us have proved the great joy of deciding for Christ in our early years, but we have also seen the destruction in many lives where decision has been delayed too late. **"Choose you this day whom you will serve."**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Before you do your searching this month will you all please read the rules on the back page. So many are breaking them! June Oldham must answer six questions. L. Knight must give answers in full.

I am pleased that E. Cottee does not feel too old to do the searching. May she be rewarded in her soul for looking into the Word of God in this way. Then too, a word of praise goes to our youngest searcher, R. Wylie, who is only 6 years of age.

I am sorry A. Hoffmeister has been so poorly and do trust she will soon be well again. If you have not sent in your January/February papers they may be sent in now and marks will be given. Several are missing.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

### QUESTIONS FOR MAY-JUNE, 1949

Subject—DAUGHTER

1. What did Jairus say about his little daughter? Mark 5.
2. "And He said unto her . . . be of good comfort." What is the missing word? Luke 8.
3. Who took care of Moses when he was cast out? Acts 7.
4. How many times is "my daughter" mentioned in Ruth 3?
5. "He that loveth . . . worthy of Me." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. Matthew 10.
6. "Rejoice greatly . . ." Write out the whole verse which begins with these two words. Zechariah 9.
7. Who was told to fear not? John 12.
8. Whose daughter is all glorious within? Psalm 45.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Leeds,  
6.2.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for your kind letter, and for your kindness in finding me a pen-friend. I think you would like to know that both Ruth and I are saved. I wrote to Klaus this evening. Thank you very much for the lovely text you sent me.

Christian love from JAMES RING (aged 11).

Newcastle-on-Tyne,  
5.2.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for the text card. I have enjoyed answering the questions, and I would like to continue.

They have been a great help, too, for it helps you to learn the Scripture.

Yours sincerely, ALMA WISEMAN (aged 10).

Frankfurt a/Main (Germany).

17.2.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the Bible. I love the Lord Jesus Christ and like to read the Bible. I had only a German Bible. I am very glad to have now an English Bible.

With the best greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your INGRID HEILMANN (aged 14).

Sudbury, Suffolk.

24.2.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I am writing to thank you for the nice text card you sent me. I hung it up in my bedroom. I trusted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour last year.

Yours sincerely, DOROTHY MOTT (aged 12).

Wermelskirchen (Germany).

26.2.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I have received from my Sunday School teacher, Tante Hanna, a fine Bible. I am very pleased with it, and I am thanking you very much for it.

We are refugees from East Prussia. My father has been killed in Russia, 1942. I am living in one room with my mother and my Oma. My mother is working in a factory where they are weaving. With much love.

Yours thankfully, DIETOR WARGENAU (aged 10).

Wilmington,

U.S. America.

2.3.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I received your letter and magazine on the 28th February. I enjoyed reading "Our Children," and would like very much to become a Searcher.

I liked the stories in Jan.-Feb. "Our Children" which tell us about the great love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

With love in the Lord, DONALD BERGNER (aged 11).

Wermelskirchen (Germany).

10.3.49.

Lieber Herr Rugg,

Ihre Bibel ist mir durch "Tante Hanna" überreicht worden. Ich danke ihnen herzlich dafür.

Das geschenk hat mir grosse freude bereitet. Auch das Suchen der Fragen hat mir sehr viel Spass gemacht. Ich freue mich schon auf die nächsten Fragen. Ich wohne in der nähe von Tante Hanna.

Seden Sonntag gehe ich zur Sonntagsschule. Dort lernen wir vom Wort Gottes.

Herzlichen gruss sendet ihnen, SIGRID HUMMELBECK (aged 11).

Frankfurt a/Main (Germany).

6.3.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Some days past the Bible reached me. Many thanks, and I'm very pleased to have now an English Bible. The Bible is a great help for me by the answers of the questions. "Our Children" reached me yesterday, when I came from the school. I thank you heartily for this too. I always look forward to the day when the fine magazine will reach me.

With love in the Lord.

Yours, IRENE STOREK (aged 14).

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**2nd Class.**—L. Hitchener, L. Tubbs, D. Yule.

**1st Class.**—M. Allinson, P. Anderson, M. Andrew, S. Archibald, O. Aves, M. Bagshaw, C. Bailey, R. Barker, G. Barron, D. Bergner, A. Birker, S. Brooke, J. Campbell, M. Carr, A. Carter, A. Chaplin, C. Chaplin, L. Chisholm, A. Clark, M. Clarkson, G. Cone, S. Connolly, W. Connolly, E. Coutts, R. Cumming, W. Davidson, G. Davison, M. Davison, H. Douglas, I. Draper, D. Duck, J. Dunlop, N. Dunn, M. Admensen, A. Elliott, E. Elliott, A. Elrick, B. Emmett, C. Fairgrieve, M. Feasey, R. Ferguson, H. Fischer, D. Fiske, P. Fletcher, A. Foundling, S. Foy, I. Frost, A. Fryer, E. Garburg, B. Gascoigne, S. Gibson, G. Grajetsky, J. Grant, D. Greenhow, P. Greiff, R. Griffiths, M. Hall, T. Hall, G. Harrison, M. Hart, A. Hastie, L. Haughton, N. Hawkins, C. Henderson, D. Heron, G. Hindmarch, E. Hitchenes, C. Holmes, M. House, O. Hughes, S. Hummelbeck, A. Hunter, J. Jackson, F. Jeffery, C. Jones, K. Kroos, D. Lee, G. Leendertse, A. Livingston, E. Love, A. Mann, E. Marriott, S. Marshall, J. Martin, L. Meyer, M. Middleton, J. Miller, J. Moffoot, E. Moore, S. Morgan, D. Mott, N. Mott, Agnes Murray, Anthony Murray, M. Murray, J. McClusky, I. McDermont, R. Nelson, M. Newton, J. Nichol, P. Nicholson, J. Oldham, M. Ormston, E. Orrick, W. Ovington, A. Oxnard, J. Pattinson, H. Pfeiffer, M. Pfeiffer, R. Phibbs, D. Phillips, G. Rennison, J. Reynoldson, R. Reynoldson, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, S. Riggs, J. A. Ring, I. Robinson, J. G. Robinson, E. Rogers, M. Rogers, K. Rontgen, M. Rotherforth, V. Russell, V. Saunders, D. Scott, J. Shaw, M. Simpson, S. Simpson, R. Snape, A. Spearman, I. Steinhaus, A. Stewart, A. Stonehouse, P. Sturmey, A. Taylor, E. Teague, A. Tetlow, G. Thomson, D. Tyson, B. Urwin, C. Veitch, F. Walker, A. Walpole, P. Ward, E. Weiss, L. Weiss, T. Weiss, E. Weitzel, J. Whitty, M. Willert, David Williams, Derek Williams, M. Willison, L. Wilson, M. Wilson, T. Winter, G. Wiseman, P. Worthy, A. Wylie, D. Wylie, R. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—M. Alexander, C. Courtney, J. Edwards, L. Knight, I. Morrison, M. Statham, B. Wicks.

#### Age 10 years and under

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**2nd Class.**—M. Duguid, C. Mattinson.

Correct papers for January/February have been received from G. Leendertse and S. Hamilton and for March/April from T. Hodgetts, B. Turk and J. Kilvington. These were too late for classification.

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# OUR CHILDREN

Oh, here's the postman with the books !  
Untie the parcel quickly, do !  
Right on the top I see is mine,  
Come read its stories, lessons true.  
How it has helped me read His Word !  
I do so want to know it more.  
Let me give heed while I am young,  
Down in my heart its precepts store.  
Remembering too the Searcher's page,  
Each answer I with care will write.  
Nor let me e'er forget 'tis but  
A means to lead my soul aright.

E. M. A.



## SEARCHING FOR THE BLESSING

IF you could have gone through the gates of the Erfurt Monastery with Martin Luther, you would have seen him looking happier than he had been for a long time, for he thought : " Now I am leaving sin and the world behind me, and in this place I can live at last a holy life." Poor man, he had many hard lessons to learn in that place, **and one was that, like us all, he carried sin in his own heart.**

He was a great scholar, a Master of Arts, and he dearly loved books, his one hope being that he would have plenty of time for reading, especially a Bible that he found chained to the wall of the library. It was a strange book to him, and when he did sometimes find time to look into it he was astonished at what he read, and it made him feel more than ever that he was a sinner ; **just as great a sinner in the monastery as ever he had been in the university.**

But his brother monks did not love books, and least of all the Bible, and when they saw him reading they would call him " Idler," and make him do the hardest and most menial tasks in the place. He did not get angry, for he thought that being a proud man, he needed these things to humble him. He tried all kinds of ways to make himself holy ; he would fast for days, and sometimes day after day would only eat a piece of bread and a herring for his meal until he became thin and weak. **He had not then learnt that he could not save himself and what he needed most of all was a Saviour.**

But one day there came to the monastery a man who had suffered just like Luther and had found the way of peace. His name was Staupitz. They talked together and Luther could only moan as they talked, " Oh, my sins, my sins."

Staupitz pointed out to him that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Saviour of great sinners who deserved utter condemnation, and gave him a Bible for his own use. This talk was very good for him, for

a time, for while he did not then see the way of salvation clearly it turned his thoughts away from himself to the Lord Jesus, who loved him and died to save him. Yet sometimes he was so full of fear of judgment to come, and so miserable about his sinfulness that he became quite ill, and it seemed once as though he would surely die, he was so ill. Did he need a doctor ? **Yes, but it was the Great Physician who could heal sin-sick souls.**

There was an old monk in that monastery who was not a learned man like Luther, but he knew what Luther longed to know : **he knew that his sins were forgiven.**

He went to see the poor, wretched man, in his cell, and said to him : " Don't you often repeat, ' I believe in the forgiveness of sins ? ' Whose sins ? David's, Peter's, John's, or whose ? " It was a simple question, but Luther saw it and said he had never known till then that forgiveness meant FORGIVENESS. He found in Christ what he had searched for for a long time and knew that his sins were forgiven for His Name's sake.

**Reader, do you know and enjoy the forgiveness of your sins through repentance and faith in the once crucified but now exalted Christ ?**

J. T. MAWSON.



## THE FEARLESS MOUSE

**D**O you keep white mice ? They are jolly little things, aren't they ? But, of course, you must look after them carefully, and keep them out of the way of cats, dogs, pigeons, etc. Once at the mercy of these enemies, your pets would have little chance.

Yet, if you went to a certain home in Aylesford, Kent, you would find a white mouse which fears none of these creatures. In fact, he often shares his food from the same plate as the dogs. The little pet can frisk about out-of-doors, with no fear of being attacked by cats or pigeons. He is absolutely dauntless.

The reason for his fearlessness, of course, is simply that his big companions have got to know him, and regard him as " one of the family." If he was removed to a different home, it would be a different story.

The Bible tells us, " There is no fear in love." And when we love God, knowing that He " first loved us," then we no longer fear Him. **So if you feel afraid of God, it is because your sins are unforgiven ; you are not ready to meet Him. But if you came to Him as a repentant sinner, and claimed Jesus as your Saviour, all your fears would go.** You would then love Him, and want to please Him always.

Come to Him now, and, like the little mouse, go through life without fear. God will care for you every day and hour.

WM. AITKEN.

# SATAN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

**H**ERE is one that Satan uses to blindfold people with—the PLEASURE of sin which hides the guilt of it.

Many years ago there lived a man in Egypt who had many advantages. He was strong and handsome, gifted, learned, and well-educated. He was prominent among the king's advisers, and himself stood a good chance of becoming king or prime minister of Egypt.

But when he was forty years old he made a very important choice; a very foolish one in the eyes of his worldly friends, but a very wise one in the eyes of God. **He decided that he would no longer "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season," and so he left the palace, with its honours and riches, and threw in his lot with God's people, the Israelites. And Moses, for that was his name, became the greatest man mentioned in the Old Testament (Hebrews 11, 24-26).**

The "pleasures of sin." Has sin any pleasure in it? Of course it has. And the pleasure that comes of the sin blinds people to the guilt and danger of it. Has that happened to you?

Satan has another handkerchief: the PROFIT to be had from sin, that hides from the eyes of the mind the terrible loss that is bound to come. Many years ago a man in Lincoln entered the town with only a shilling in his pocket. He afterwards boasted that he had made his own way from poverty to wealth. He heaped up the money but lost his soul. When dying he had a bag of golden sovereigns brought to him so that he might jingle them upon his bed. Poor, miserable man! Even if he made his money honestly—which is doubtful—he forgot God and his soul in the pursuit of the wealth that passes away. He was like the man in the story that God called a fool (Luke 12. 16-21).

Boys, be long-sighted; girls, look right ahead. Don't let Satan put his handkerchiefs over your eyes. If you look through the telescope of God's Word, you will see that the things on the other side of death are real. God calls some of these things "**pleasures for evermore,**" which will be enjoyed by every boy and girl who comes in repentance and faith to the Lord Jesus Christ.

E. ADAMS.



## AN OGRE DESTROYED

**O**NCE upon a time, so an eastern fairy story informs us, a woman was standing by a river when suddenly she heard a tinkling bell. Looking up the river she saw a pear floating towards her. When it came near she leaned forward and seized it.

It was a juicy pear so this woman, who was a Jap, took it home to share with her husband. Together they cut it in two and imagine their surprise when they found inside a little baby boy. The woman had no children of her own so instantly she fell in love with him and kept him. Soon he grew into a big, strong young man.

He was kindhearted and when he heard of an ogre who lived nearby and tormented the people, he determined to rid the world of

him. Thereupon he gathered some food and set out for the ogre's dwelling. As he journeyed he met four things in distress, and out of his good and tender heart he helped them. In return they offered to assist him in his venture. The four were a walnut, a wasp, a millstone, and a crab.

When at last they reached the ogre's home the lad was at a loss what to do. His four friends advised him to hide. They would enter the house and when the ogre returned deal with him. The four entered the house and hid. The walnut hid in the ashes beneath the grate, the crab in a dish of water, the wasp in a crevice, and the millstone upon the roof.

After a while the ogre returned. He was an exceedingly hideous and fearful creature. Being very hungry he went at once to tend his fire. As his hand stirred the ashes out jumped the walnut and burnt it. With a yell the ogre leaped up and plunged his burnt hand into the dish of water. Immediately the crab grasped his hands with her pincers.

Realizing enemies were in the house the ogre dashed for the door. There he met the wasp who stung him fiercely in the neck. He dashed back to avoid this fresh onslaught. Then with a terrific crash down came the millstone through the roof and that was the end.

Of all the ogres men have described there is none so fearful as man's greatest enemy, Satan. The Scriptures describe him as the strong man who kept his goods in peace. Scripture also speaks of him as the god of this world. The whole world lay in his grasp but then a stronger than he came. He was the meek and lowly Jesus.

Repeatedly Satan tried to bring about the ruin of our Saviour. He tried violence at His birth and craft when tempting Him in the wilderness. After it all Jesus could say, "the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me." The Devil tried every trick he knew but there was not the slightest response in the heart of our Lord to any of his evil suggestions.

It was this which made the Lord fit to be our Saviour. **"He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"** (Hebrews 4. 15). When He went to Calvary He "spoiled principalities and powers, and made show of them openly" (Colossians 2. 15). By dying on Calvary He destroyed "him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And delivered them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Hebrews 2. 14, 15).

Now the Lord Jesus is risen. He is in heaven on the right hand of God. He has a Name that is above every name and "is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God through Him."

**The question now is, Is He your Saviour? He cannot be this until you give your heart to Him and trust Him.**

JOSEPH GUY.

My Dear Searchers,

Thanks to all who sent in their May-June answers early.

**Will each of you state your age—years and months—at the top of the July-August paper?**

A hearty welcome to the many new Searchers.

Your affectionate  
EDITOR.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (4) STRANGER

Dear Boys and Girls,

"A stranger in a strange land." How would you like to have a name like this? Yes, it was the name of a boy. His father had had up to the time of the birth of the boy, a most thrilling history, and he was yet to have a more wonderful time. When a babe, he was saved in a most miraculous way from the clutches of a great king who sought to destroy his life. And a remarkable thing is that he actually lived for many years in the palace of this king.

One day this man, who was named Moses, got into a little difficulty and king Pharaoh was determined to slay him so he decided to run away from the palace. He fled into the land of Midian. As he sat down by a well, some women came to water their flock. He helped them to draw water and they invited him to their home where Moses stayed for a number of years.

It was here that his first son was born whom he named "Gershom," which means, "I am a stranger in a strange land." It was quite a different experience for Moses to live in that lonely place after being used to all the life of the King of Egypt's palace. **But in the solitude God had many things to say to him.**

One day, when Moses was taking the flock of his father-in-law into the wilderness, he saw a wonderful thing. A bush was in flames but the bush did not burn away. He was attracted to it, and from the midst of the bush he heard the voice of God.

In the land of Egypt the Israelites were living as strangers. They did not belong to Egypt; it was not their home. Further, they were under great affliction because the Egyptians oppressed them with very strenuous work. So great was their sorrow that they cried out. God heard their cry and said that he would deliver them and take them to a good land, a land flowing with milk and honey. "Come now, therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt." This is what God said to Moses from the bush.

It was a hard time that Moses had with Pharaoh but eventually the children of Israel were freed from the authority of the Egyptians. At the Red Sea the power of Pharaoh was broken and there, these people, who, for so many years had been strangers in Egypt, groaning under the oppression of the taskmasters, sang unto the Lord. They were free.

Although only a few days' journey from Canaan, the land of milk and honey, it took them forty years wandering in the wilderness to get there because of their sin and waywardness.

This deliverance of Israel is a picture of a greater deliverance proclaimed in the gospel. **Boys and girls under the power of sin and Satan may be liberated by the precious blood of Jesus. There is freedom for all who will trust the Saviour.**

Your affectionate friend,  
C. S. ROSS.

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

It is good to see so many new searchers this time. I hope they will continue and find the searching a help and a blessing. Several have yet to send in their papers. I hope these are on the way. M. Rotherforth and other new searchers must give chapter and verse where the answers are found. E. Love must answer six questions. He did one short.

I have a paper from Ruth Ferguson of Johnstone and Ruth Ferguson of Horwich. Is this the same searcher or is the address changed? Always let me know if you move. C. and J. Holdsworth must put their ages on next paper. A paper has come from East Dereham with no name.

We have a little searcher of five years old now! I hope he will soon be able to write out the answers himself. I am sorry to hear that Roy Sturmey is ill. He has done a splendid paper. I hope he will soon be better.

I wonder if you are noticing our subjects this year? Have you thought that *you* are a son or daughter of God or else a stranger to Him? Which position is yours? These three questions are for *you* to think over!

Your loving friend,  
E. M. A.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Neustadt/Aisch (Germany),  
20.4.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

With great joy I received your kind letter of the 13th April. Many thanks for it and the magazine, "Our Children." The little stories are really very nice. By means of Gerhard's Bible we answered the questions, and we hope that they will be correct. We have both found Jesus as our Saviour.

We should like to correspond with an English girl or boy and beg you to send an address.

Warm love in the Lord,

Yours,

LISELOTTE AND HELMÜT GUBITZ  
(aged 16 and 14).

Neustadt/Aisch (Germany),  
27.4.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Some days ago my school-friend, Liselotte Gubitz, has given me your address and showed me "Our Children." I read it and like the stories very much. Therefore I beg you for the fine magazine that I can also answer the questions.

My name is Elisabeth Lölmer. I am 15 years of age and of Protestant confession. Two years ago I went to Lord's Supper where I confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as my own Saviour. I am glad to be a sheep of Jesus Christ.

Warm love in the Lord,

ELISABETH LÖLMER.

Frankfurt a/Main (Germany),  
29.4.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Many thanks for your kind letter. There is ever a great joy when the postman brings us a letter from England. I am very glad to have a pen-friend. My hearty thank for it. I will write to Audrey to-day. I am already stretched to see the next number of "Our Children." Hearty greetings from my parents.

With love in the Lord,

INGEBORG BLUM (aged 14).

Wermelskirchen (Germany)  
29.4.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the fine Bible. I am learning English since about three-quarter year.

My mother died 5.4.44 when my little brother was born, and my sister about 3½ years old. My father was missed in the same year in Russia, and we have no news from him since.

After my mother's death, my father asked my aunt to take care of us. She does all she can for us, just like our own mother would have done.

It is wonderful that God gave His Son for us to die on the shameful cross because of our sins. The sea of love is unspeakable, is it not? As the Lord Jesus has forgiven the malefactor in the last hour He has forgiven me all my sins, for He said for me also, "It is finished" (John 19).

He bore it all because of my sins, as Isaiah says, chapter 53. 4, 5. But He is risen, and been taken up into heaven to be with God the Father. And we shall see Him there.

With much love in our Lord Jesus,

Yours,

HANS HERBERT FISCHER (aged 11).

Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A.  
18.5.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I received May-June, "Our Children" on the 16th May, and was very happy to get it.

I want to tell you that I received a fine Bible from Sunday School for having perfect attendance.

I read all the stories in the new "Our Children," and was also pleased to see my name in the 1st class.

Yours sincerely,

DONALD BERGNER (aged 11)

## QUESTIONS FOR JULY-AUGUST, 1949

Subject—STRANGER

1. Why were they to love the stranger? Deuteronomy 10.
2. Who was not to eat of the holy thing? Leviticus 22.
3. Write out the verse which mentions "stranger" in Proverbs 27.
4. Write out the verse which mentions "stranger" in Psalm 69.
5. "I was a stranger . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. Matthew 25.
6. Whom will the sheep not follow? John 10.
7. "This stranger". Write out the verse where these words occur. Luke 17.
8. "Only a Stranger . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. Luke 24.

## MAY-JUNE SEARCHERS

Age 14 years and over

**1st Class.**—M. E. Abbey, J. Allinson, M. Bailey, A. Berrill, O. Beuse, A. Blackburn, I. Blum, D. Bonnington, M. Boothby, K. Broadbent, R. Brown, R. Bunce, B. Clarkson, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, M. Davison, W. Deans, B. Easton, T. Gibson, I. Grajetsky, R. Griffiths, H. Gubitz, L. Gubitz, S. Hamilton, O. Hart, A. Hastie, D. Haughton, I. Heilmann, P. Hey, M. Hill, L. Hitchener, P. Howells, M. Jones, D. Kaye, J. Kilvington, G. Knufken, Lusel Knufken, Lydia Knufken, U. Kolb, M. Leithauser, E. Lölmer, E. Love, R. Love, M. Lumley, B. Mann, A. Massie, A. Middlewood, E. Monger, M. Monger, R. Mott, Agnes

Murray, G. Murray, N. Niere, J. Oliver, J. Overton, H. Owen, M. Owen, K. Patten, W. Pulfrich, G. Rennison, E. Richardson, R. Rutherford, H. Schroepfel, U. Schuster, D. Sealey, D. Smith, M. Smith, B. Spencer, G. Stocker, I. Storek, E. Tetlow, D. Tilling, B. Turk, J. Walker, P. Ward, A. Weitzel, H. Weitzel, I. Williams, G. Wiseman, J. Wulic, D. Yule, B. Zuleeg, M. Zuleeg.

#### Age 11 up to 13 years

**1st Class.**—M. Allison, J. Anderson, P. Anderson, M. Andrew, M. Bagshaw, C. Bailey, R. Barker, G. Barron, D. Bergner, P. Bonnington, M. Brettell, M. Capstaff, A. Clark, M. Clarkson, G. Cone, M. Conn, E. Coutts, R. Cumming, T. Curry, R. Davidson, W. Davidson, C. Davis, G. Davison, J. Dodd, M. Dodds, H. Douglas, I. Draper, F. Duck, J. Dunlop, D. Dunn, J. Edwards, A. Elliott, E. Elliott, A. Elrick, B. Emmett, S. Emmett, C. Fairgrieve, M. Feasey, E. Ferguson, F. McD. Ferguson, P. Fletcher, I. Frost, A. Fryer, G. Grajetsky, J. Grant, P. Grieff, M. Hall, T. Hall, G. Harrison, M. Hart, E. Hawdon, I. Haynes, D. Heron, G. Hindmarch, C. Holdsworth, J. Holdsworth, E. Hunke, A. Hunter, F. Jeffrey, C. Jones, G. Keld, M. Kirk, K. Kroos, B. Lasevy, D. Lee, G. Leendertse, D. Malcolm, A. Mann, S. Marshall, C. Mattinson, R. Mawson, J. Melville, M. Middleton, J. Moffoot, S. Morgan, D. Mott, Anthony Murray, M. Murray, I. McDermont, S. Neil, R. Nelson, M. Newton, J. Nichol, J. Nicholson, P. Nicholson, M. Ormston, A. Oxnard, E. Page, J. Pattinson, H. Pfeiffer, M. Pfeiffer, R. Phibbs, D. Phillips, B. Pringle, Joan Reynoldson, R. Reynoldson, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, S. Riggs, J. A. Ring, I. Robinson, J. Robinson, E. Rogers, M. Rogers, M. Rotherforth, V. Russell, S. Simpson, A. Spearman, A. Stewart, P. Sturmeay, A. Taylor, E. Teague, A. Tetlow, G. Thomson, J. Turnbull, D. Tyson, B. Urwin, C. Veitch, F. Walker, P. Ward, D. Watts, J. Watts, E. Weiss, L. Weiss, T. Weiss, E. Weitzel, B. Wicks, J. Wilkinson, M. Willert, David Williams, Derek Williams, T. Winter, A. Wylie, D. Wylie, R. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—C. Courtney, E. Love, A. Walpole.

#### Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—R. Airer, E. Allan, E. Allen, E. Allinson, D. Anderson, E. Archibald, M. Arthur, Garth Barstow, Graham Barstow, B. Bassett, B—Bassett, June Bassett, R. Boothby, W. Bradley, A. Chaplin, A. Chapman, J. Clark (Heaton), Jean Clark, G. Collingwood, J. Conway, C. Cox, W. Craig, J. Croft, P. Cubby, J. Dodd, B. Edwards, T. Evis, A. Featherstone, E. Fell, A. Fenton, E. Fenton, M. Geeling, B. Gibson, R. Graham, W. Graham, M. Hall, B. Haughton, D. Heron, L. Heron, M. Holliday, B. Hughes, M. James, M. Jefferson, T. Keady, V. Kennedy, E. Kirk, D. Lancaster, J. Lillie, K. Lillie, R. Little, J. Ludford, S. Mackereth, M. Malcolm, E. Marshall, S. Menzies, N. Metcalfe, J. Middlewood, R. Miller, H. Moore, M. Moore, A. Murray, J. Murray, H. McKinley, I. Nicholson, H. Norman, E. Oldham, M. Oliver, M. Orrick, D. Overton, J. Paterson, K. Peary, M. Pearson, J. Portlock, B. Rennison, J. Reynoldson, R. Ring, M. Robinson, M. Ross, B. Russon, J. Sandie, A. Scott, G. Scott, D. Simpson, E. Simpson, L. Simpson, A. Stanley, R. Stewart, A. Stockdale, R. Sturmeay, D. Taylor, T. Terry, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, A. Walker, M. Walker, J. Watson, M. Wilkinson, A. Wiseman, P. Worton, E. Wylie, R. Wylie S. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—R. Brown, J. Clark (Keswick), D. Holme, H. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, G. Taylor, D. Thornthwaite, J. Turner, S. Worrall.

Correct papers for January/February have come from:—

G. Meinhard, A. Weitzel, A. Stanley, B. Turk.

Correct papers for March/April have come from:—

B. Laseby, S. Menzies, A. Buhne, L. and H. Gubitz.

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# Our Children



THE OPEN AIR CLASS

# RAYS OF LIGHT

EDITH was inattentive at Sunday School, but her wandering thoughts were suddenly fixed on her teacher who was reading the text for the day.

The text was, "**Jesus receiveth sinners and eateth with them.**" only teacher did not read it like that. Teacher said, "Jesus receiveth sinners and **Edith** with them."

This unexpected sally brought Edith to her senses. The message remained implanted in her heart. That night she took Jesus to be her Saviour and even to-day she still thanks God because, "Jesus receiveth sinners and Edith with them."

**Have you put your name there?** Are you one of the happy host with whom Jesus sits and sups?

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Two naturalists were seeking wild flowers. Over a cliff on a ledge far below they could see some fine specimens. There was no means of reaching them except by rope so they asked a young boy who was nearby if he would allow himself to be lowered over the cliff. When he collected the specimens then they would draw him at once to safety.

The boy answered abruptly, "*I will, if you let Dad hold the rope.*"

No boy will trust a stranger, and Christ says of His sheep, "A stranger will they not follow." The more you know of our Father in heaven, the more you will love and trust Him. You will not entrust your welfare into the care of strangers, but will commit your all into His hands. He is a Father who loves and will never disappoint you.

But remember, you can only come to the Father by the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14. 6).

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When you pick up a hot poker and yell you ought to be pleased ! In Ohio, U.S.A., there is a girl who only cries if she is hungry or angry. After she was born and began to grow, her mother watched her bump her head on the floor, cut her hand with a knife or thrust a needle into her leg. These things she did deliberately and never cried. Doctors examined her and said she was incurable. This little girl had never felt pain and was not likely to do so.

Just imagine how dangerous it would be picking up a red-hot poker or watching your hand consume in flames and not knowing when to pluck it away. But it is worse if we are like some people who have hearts devoid of feeling. **They are so steeped in sin their hearts are never touched. They hear how Jesus died for them on account of their sin and are not concerned.**

What is the end of such people if they refuse to turn from their sin ? It is in outer darkness where there is "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25. 30).

But God is not willing that any should die. He "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).

JOSEPH GUY,

## HE STAYED, AND WAITED, AND WATCHED

A LITTLE boy was told by his father to wait on a corner by a department store while the father had a tyre changed on his motor-car. It turned out that the car required more attention than the man had anticipated, and it took over an hour. The father hurried back to get his little boy, and found him right where he had told him to stay. He said to his boy, "Did you think your daddy had forgotten about you?"

"Oh, no," was the reply, accompanied by a smile of perfect trust, "I knew you would come back just as soon as you could. I wasn't a bit worried. I stayed where you told me, and waited and watched for you."

There is so much in these days to cause worry, but when we belong to our Saviour God, we should not worry about anything. (Philippians 4. 6-7). Rather, we will be like that little boy, having a perfect trust in Him as we wait and watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus to take us to our eternal home (Mark 13. 34-37 ; 1 Thessalonians 4. 16, 17).

**Young reader, are you ready for His coming ?** (*adapted*).

(*Submitted by an aged German Christian.*)



## TREES THAT NEVER DIE

ARE you good at telling the names of trees? As you walk through woodland, one of the most interesting games is to see who can guess the most ; the oak, elm, ash, beech, birch, etc., all come within easy reach of most of us.

But can you tell the yew-tree at a glance? It is a most interesting one, though not very attractive. It is mostly found in churchyards or on estates, where it has plenty of room to spread its strong, spiky branches. Often, too, it bears a little red berry, which makes it a bit more attractive.

Most yew-trees are very old. If you could visit Norbury Park in Surrey, you would see some of these evergreens which are said to have been there in the time of the Druids (the people who acted as religious leaders, but in reality tricked the people into believing all they said) and that is a long time ago!

Then, in Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, you would see three yew-trees which are several hundred years old, for they were there when the founders of the Abbey sat down to council under their shade.

Even in winter, when all other trees are bare, the yew tree is the same ; it is always green and fresh. In fact it is held in many places as a symbol of immortality : i.e., anything which goes on and on for ever and never dies.

What lesson would that teach us to-day? **Yes ! surely that every boy and girl who has trusted Jesus as Saviour, is going to live for ever in Heaven with Him.** They will be like yew-trees

in the courts of the Lord—evergreen. Although they may have died on earth and been put in a grave, they will live for ever in glory. **Why? Because Jesus died for their sins, and He is alive; He can never die again** (Romans 6. 9, 10).

Dear wee friend, are you going to Heaven one day? You would like to walk the golden streets, wouldn't you? Well, just you come to-day, and tell Jesus that you believe you are a sinner, but He has died for sinners and you want Him to be YOUR Saviour! In that way you shall live and never die, in Heaven!

WM. AITKEN.



## “VERY DANGEROUS”

THERE is a school just behind a notice board bearing the above warning, on a road in the West of England, and so those who put it up probably had in mind the safety of the children rather than the safety of the motorist. Do you think that the car driver who paid heed to that notice was a coward, even if he thought of what might happen to him as well as to a child he knocked over?

On a famous hill leading down into Lynmouth, in North Devon, where the gradient is one in four-and-a-half, the driver of any car that is not reliable is advised to park it to the side of the road rather than risk that very dangerous descent. If he does so, is he a coward?

Are the road users, motorists and cyclists, who heed the warning, “Safety First” all cowards?

Those who heed the warnings of God's word when it tells them of the danger of losing their souls are not cowards. Bravado is not true courage. A young fellow once said, “Why, I've disobeyed God thousands of times and nothing has happened.” He was not brave, but taking a mean and foolish advantage of God's patience. **God takes pleasure, not in punishing us, but in saving and forgiving us.**

But that young fellow was quite wrong, for something *was* happening every time he turned down the Gospel, and every time he disobeyed God. He was making it harder and harder for himself to see what was right and even should he see it, to put it into practice. And so he was hastening along the downward road. And, in his heart, he knew it.

Those words that stand out so clearly on the notice board are a warning to you. It is never too soon to be safe, that is, saved. And that well-known message is addressed to you, as well as to the jailer of Philippi: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU shalt be SAVED”** (Acts 16. 31).

E. ADAMS.

# LOVE'S RESPONSE

WHAT shall I give to Jesus?  
 For I would like to bring  
 A loving little offering,  
 A gift to heaven's King.  
 I think He would be pleased to know  
**I love Him, for He loves me so.**

E. H.



## BOOKS

WE are all very fond of books, as we all admit. On our bookshelves we have different sizes of books, in many cases by different writers, and the books are of various colours, which adds a sparkle to our bookshelf.

I would draw your attention to **The Book**, which is **The Bible**. The story is told of one great man who, when he was dying, said to his son, "Bring me THE BOOK." Needless to say he meant **The Bible**.

In the Bible we read of different kinds of books. For instance, we read in Malachi 3. 16 about "a book of *REMEMBRANCE*." This is a very important book, as it reminds us that God is keeping a record of the names of all those who belong to Him through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and of all that they do for Him in their service here in this world.

When the prophet Malachi wrote his prophecy, some of the people of his day were saying: "It is vain to serve God" (chapter 3. 14), and there are plenty of people who are saying the very same words to-day. But we must remember that "NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS" (Matthew 6. 24), so, if we are not serving God, we must be giving ourselves to the service of Satan.

However, on the other hand, Malachi speaks of some "who feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name" (chapter 3. 16). How wonderful to think that the Lord says of them, "They shall be Mine in that day when I make up My jewels" (My special treasure).

So we sing in many of our Sunday Schools,  
 "When He cometh, when He cometh,  
 To make up His jewels,  
 All His jewels—precious jewels,  
 His loved and His own."

I wonder if the reader of these lines has given his or her heart to the Lord Jesus yet, so as to become one of His jewels in that day?

If not, do so now:—

**"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR, IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH"** (Ecclesiastes 12. 1).

E. C. BROWN.

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MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

Many thanks to all who have written during the past few weeks. Time does not permit to answer every letter, but it is always a pleasure to hear from you. The new members are heartily welcomed, and the continuance of the old ones gives pleasure.

Your affectionate EDITOR.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (5)

## FRIEND

Dear Young Friends,

Do you ever feel lonely? Loneliness is a very dreadful thing. There are thousands of people in our cities and towns who are extremely lonely. Homes have been opened and much has been done for lonely people. **The only cure for loneliness is to have a friend.**

Friendship is one of God's gifts. It is a very happy thing to have a friend—one upon whom you can rely—one to whom you can tell all your sorrows, one who is able to share your joys.

One of the greatest stories in the Bible of human friendship is probably that which existed between David and Jonathan. This was a friendship of no mean order. It was something very rare. There was a love there, seen when first they met, which deepened every day.

Jonathan was a very great and popular soldier but he lacked the courage to take a stand against the giant Goliath. Still, he had the largeness of heart to admire the youth who had removed the reproach of his people. It is said that from that hour the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David and David loved him as his own soul.

You may trace the history of these two from the day they first met in the camp of Saul until the last time they saw each other in the forest of Ziph, and you will see that their hearts were always true to each other and that their love grew more and more. At the first Jonathan took off his own armour and put it upon David, acknowledging him to be more worthy to be the champion of Israel. In later life when David was hiding from Saul at Ziph, Jonathan comforted his heart and strengthened his hand in the Lord. With embraces and tears they parted, little thinking that it would be the last time of meeting. During the years this matchless friendship flourished. These touching words were expressed by David when he heard of Jonathan's death: "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been to me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women."

There is, however, a love far surpassing the love of David and Jonathan and a friendship much greater than any which might be effected in this world. We read these words in the book of Proverbs: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." **This Friend referred to in the latter clause, of course, is Jesus. He made known His love and grace in this world wherever He went. He is a Friend so strong and true and tender, He gave up all, that you might be saved. He is the Friend of children. He took the children in His arms and blessed them. He wants to bless YOU. Is His blessing really for ME? you say. Yes, for YOU. He knows you personally and is ready to save you if you open your heart to Him. If you trust Him, you will find Him always faithful.**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.



DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am sorry so many of you were wrong in two of the answers last month. As they were a little difficult I have allowed marks in most cases.

Several papers are not in yet. If this is on account of holidays you may send them in later, but your names will not be printed. This reminds me to ask you to send your papers in *earlier*. Otherwise, I am afraid we shall not be able to include your names in the printed list.

I have filled in A. E. Scott's name for March/April. Will all new Searchers please give *chapter and verse* as well as the answer.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Dear Mr. Rugg,

"Our Children" reached me yesterday, when I came from the school. Many thanks, and I'm very glad to have now an English Bible. The Bible is a great help for me by the answers of the questions. I love to read the Bible.

With love in the Lord,

Niederdresselndorf (Germany).

WILHELM PÜLFICH (aged 14).

Burbach (Germany).

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I received "Our Children" yesterday when I came from school. The nice Bible is a great help to answer the questions. Many thanks for it. The answers are in this number very simple. I like it very much to answer the questions.

I always look forward when the fine magazine will reach me, because it tells us about the great love of our Lord.

Affectionately in Him,

BERTHOLD TURK (aged 14).

Lütte (Germany),

7.7.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you for the questions. Because I have not a Bible I went to Lydia, for she has one. I go to the Assembly with her. We have also a nice Sunday school.

I belong to the Lord Jesu, and I know Him as my own Saviour, therefore I am very glad. I am very glad that I have an English friend. Ruth writes me often.

With God's love

Your ELISABETH (aged 12).

Wissenbach (Germany).

13.7.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Many thanks for the magazine "Our Children" we received last Saturday.

The subject of the July-August questions is "Stranger". How nice is it to know that we are strangers in this world. Our Lord Jesus has prepared us a wonderful home into which we may move in after having made a pilgrimage through this world.

My parents give their Christian love to you. With love in our Lord Jesus.

Yours HELENORE (aged 18).

Weisswasser (Russian Zone, Germany).

8.7.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

It was a joyful day when I received "Our Children." I was delighted to read all the lovely stories. I thank you from my whole heart for your kindness.

I will close my letter with a little verse which I made myself one evening.

Before I sleep,  
I send my thoughts to Him  
Who is my Friend—  
To Jesus Christ.

With my best wishes to you and all our Christian friends.

I remain, yours gratefully,

RITA VOGT.

Sheffield.

23.7.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I received the "Our Children" magazine from my Sunday School teacher. I saw the letter asking for a pen-pal. I am aged 13 and would like a pen-friend. I am sorry to hear that Sheffield has dropped below the first six, but I am sure we will roll them in and come up again.

Yours, SHIRLEY EMMETT.

## QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1949

*Subject—FRIEND, FRIENDS.*

1. Who spoke unto Moses as a man speaketh unto his friend? Exodus 33.
2. "Friends . . . Friendly . . . Friend." Write out the verse where these three words occur. Proverbs 18.
3. What did Jesus say about "our friend Lazarus"? John 11.
4. Who was called the friend of God? James 2.
5. Who is the enemy of God? James 4.
6. What did the man have to go home and tell his friends? Mark 5.
7. "Greater . . . friends." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. John 15.
8. How many times is "friends" mentioned in John 15?

## JULY-AUGUST SEARCHERS

**Age 14 years and over**

**1st Class.**—M. Abbey, J. Allinson, M. Bailey, A. Berrill, O. Beuse, A. Blackburn, I. Blum, M. Boothby, K. Broadbent, A. Buhne, J. Bunce, R. Bunce, C. Chaplin, B. Clarkson, P. Coates, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, D. Davison, G. Davison, B. Easton, T. Gibson, I. Grajetsky, R. Griffiths, H. Gubitz, L. Gubitz, S. Hamilton, O. Hart, I. Heilmann, E. Herrmann, P. Hey, M. Hill, P. Howells, M. Jones, J. Karp, G. Knuffen, Liesel Knuffen, Lydia Knuffen, E. Kowalke, K. Kroos, M. Leithauser, E. Lohner, E. Love, R. Love, M. Lumley, A. Mann, B. Mann, E. Monger, M. Monger, R. Mott, J. Nelson, J. Oliver,

J. Overton, H. Owen, K. Patten, V. Penson, W. Pulfrich, E. Richardson, S. Riggs, H. Schroepel, A. E. Scott, D. Sealey, D. Smith, M. Smith, B. Spencer, K. Stephenson, I. Storek, E. Tetlow, D. Tilling, L. Tonningsen, B. Turk, P. Ward, A. Weitzel, H. Weitzel, H. Wichert, J. Williams, G. Wiseman, D. Yule, B. Zuleeg, M. Zuleeg.

#### Age 11 to 13 years

**1st Class.**—M. Alexander, M. Allinson, P. Anderson, M. Armstrong, C. Bailey, D. Bergner, P. Bonnington, M. Cappstaff, A. Clark, M. Clarkson, P. Clough, G. Cone, E. Coutts, R. Cummings, J. Dodd, J. Dunlop, E. Elliott, A. Elrick, S. Emmett, C. Fairgrieve, J. Falcus, M. Feasey, R. Ferguson, D. Fiske, P. Fletcher, I. Frost, A. Fryer, A. Gannie, G. Graham, G. Grajetsky, P. Greiff, T. Hall, G. Harrison, M. Hart, N. Hawkins, I. Haynes, D. Heron, G. Hindmarch, C. Holdsworth, J. Holdsworth, C. Holmes, J. Howard, E. Hunke, C. Hutchinson, D. Johnson, M. Johnson, C. Jones, M. Kirk, B. Laseby, G. Leendertse, E. Love, D. Malcolm, E. Marriott, S. Marshall, C. Mattinson, R. Mawson, L. Meyer, E. Moore, W. Moore, S. Morgan, S. Moseley, D. Mott, N. Mott, A. Murray, J. McClusky, I. McDermont, S. Neil, R. Nelson, M. Newton, M. Oldfield, J. Oldham, M. Ormston, A. Oxnard, E. Page, J. Pattinson, H. Pfeiffer, M. Pfeiffer, R. Phibbs, D. Phillips, J. Reynoldson, R. Reynoldson, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, J. A. Ring, J. G. Robinson, E. Rogers, M. Rogers, J. Shaw, S. Simpson, A. Stewart, P. Sturmeay, E. Teague, A. Tetlow, G. Thomson, D. Tyson, B. Urwin, C. Veitch, B. Walters, P. Ward, E. Weiss, L. Weiss, T. Weis, E. Weitzel, J. Wilkinson, David Williams, Derek Williams, L. Wilson, P. Worthy, A. Wylie, R. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—M. Aldred, E. Ferguson.

#### Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—E. Allan, E. Allen, E. Allinson, M. Arthur, G. Barstow, J. Bassett, R. Boothby, W. Bradley, R. Brown, A. Chapman, J. Clark (Heaton), J. Clark (Keswick), Jean Clark, G. Collingwood, I. Cooley, C. Cox, W. Craig, J. Croft, P. Cubby, N. Davison, J. Dodd, A. Featherstone, E. Fell, A. Fenton, E. Fenton, M. Geeling, J. Glaister, R. Graham, E. Hindmarch, M. Holliday, D. Holme, F. Holmes, B. Hughes, M. James, T. Keady, V. Kennedy, D. Lancaster, J. Law, J. Lillie, K. Lillie, J. Ludford, S. Mackereth, M. Malcolm, E. Marshall, E. Mawson, S. Menzies, N. Metcalfe, R. Miller, H. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, H. Moore, M. Moore, P. Mounsey, A. Murray, H. McKinley, E. H. Norman, M. Orrick, J. Paterson, K. Peary, M. Pearson, J. Portlock, J. Reynoldson, R. Ring, A. Robson, M. Ross, B. Russon, Michael Scott, D. Simpson, L. Simpson, B. Smith, A. Stanley, A. Stockdale, R. Sturmeay, D. Taylor, G. Taylor, D. Terry, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, D. Thornthwaite, J. Turner, A. Wiseman, M. Wilkinson, S. Worrall, E. Wylie, R. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—B. Clarke, W. Graham, D. Heron, E. Kirk.

Correct papers for May/June have come from : F. Andrews, J. Henrick, H. Andrews, R. Cooley, M. Cronin, T. Facer, B. Smith, M. Scott, J. West, K. Henderson, and L. Leslie.  
For January/February from : W. Pulfrich.

### RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

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

**In addition, Searchers who are in 1st Class throughout the current year will receive a Text. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.**

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# Our Children



## “FOR SINNERS SUCH AS I”

A LITTLE girl, whom I know, composed the following verses when in bed and saved them up for a Christmas present for her mummy. These are the verses :—

*“Jesus is a most wonderful name,  
It tells of a Saviour, Who willingly came,  
And died in this world on a cross of shame  
For sinners such as I.”*

*“The Lord Jesus was born in a cattle shed,  
He had not where to lay His head.  
And Jesus at Calvary willingly bled,  
For sinners such as I.”*

How pleased mummy must have been to receive such a happy Christmas present! She must have noticed the clever rhymes—“name, came, shame” and “shed, head, bled”—but, still better, she must have rejoiced over the last line in these verses—“For sinners *such as I*.”

Not only did Annie believe that the Lord Jesus died on the shameful cross for sinners, but she added “*Such as I*”; that is, she believed in the Lord as her *own* precious Saviour.

I wonder if you have believed in this way and can say, “For sinners *such as I*”? How happy if you could say this as a present not only to mummy and daddy, but to the Saviour Himself. **How glad He would be to receive such a present, and how happy you would be if you gave it!**

A. J. POLLOCK.



## THE KING

FEW would guess, when entering Carlisle, that it is one of the most romantic cities in Britain. It is, and many famous men have been there.

One was Bonny Prince Charlie. Even after he was defeated he left many loyal supporters in Carlisle. Among them was an old woman called Jean Gordon. She was very outspoken, and this brought her into trouble. She spoke in defence of Bonny Prince Charlie, and the people of Carlisle dragged her to be ducked.

Although old, Jean was strong and wiry. She kicked, screamed and struggled as they took her. All the while Bonny Prince Charlie's name was on her lips. “Long live Charlie,” she cried defiantly.

Whilst she was being ducked she repeated the cry. Each time her head came above the water she shouted, “Long live Charlie.” Gradually her voice became weaker, but even to the end she remained loyal. Then at last they laid her sodden corpse on the river bank.

Such a tale of loyalty reminds one of another story. 'The King of Judah had been slain. 'The news came to his mother. Immediately she took all the King's sons and slew them. Many of them were young, no older than many of our readers, but one escaped. 'The King's sister was married to the high priest and she stole the child from among those to be slain and hid him. (You can read this story in 2 Kings 11. 1-16.)

For six years the King's sister kept the child hidden from his grandmother, who reigned on the throne. But at last the day came when the King's son claimed his rightful place on his father's throne. At first he was shown to his faithful followers in secret. 'They swore to be loyal to him and make a covenant with him.

Finally he was shown to the whole nation. His loyal followers yelled "God save the King." His cruel grandmother was taken and all who aided her were destroyed.

This is a true story. It is given by God in His Book for our learning. It shows what will happen when Jesus comes again. Satan, like the cruel grandmother, usurps Christ's place. One day soon Jesus will come and be revealed to those who love His name, first. Afterwards He with them will come to earth and Jesus will claim His throne. Satan will be destroyed. All who serve Satan will have their portion with him. Those who serve the Lord Jesus will live and reign with Him for ever.

**I wonder what will be your place in that day? Will your portion be with Jesus or with the lost? If you wish to be with those who reign you must choose NOW whom you will serve. Is it to be Jesus or Satan?**

JOSEPH GUY.



## THE MESSAGE OF THE LOUDSPEAKER

SOME time ago, my small son came running excitedly in from the gate saying, "Mummy, mummy, come and hear what the loudspeaker is saying!" While he was dragging me out to the road, Sonny breathlessly explained that the loudspeaker was saying, "Jesus will never let you down."

Well, the loudspeaker in question proved to be a van touring the district to solicit votes for a certain parliamentary candidate. So the message was really, "X—— will never let you down," meaning the candidate, and my small boy had got the names mixed. Yet, how right he was! Jesus will never let you down. Hebrews 13, verse 8, says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." We often and often fail Him, but He never fails us. He never varies, not so much as by a shadow of turning.

"Earthly friends may fail and grieve us,  
One day soothe, the next day leave us;  
**But this Friend will ne'er deceive us,  
Oh! how He loves."**

Yet, how can He let you down if you have never let Him take you up? Once you yield yourself entirely to Him, once He has placed His loving arms around you, He will never let you go.

**He loved you enough to die for you, and now He is waiting with outstretched arms, saying, "Come." Will you not come while there is time and opportunity?**

F. L. G.



“NO UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY TO  
THESE WORKS IS PERMITTED.  
YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.”

I DON'T suppose that you have seen that particular notice-board with those words on it, because it appeared on the outskirts of a small town in Ireland. But of course those or similar words may be seen in some other places in the British Isles.

What does “unauthorized” mean? It means, without right of entry. Only those who had business would be admitted, and those would probably be able to show a permit or some kind of passport.

As a reader of this magazine you will be thinking of Christ's words to Nicodemus: **“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** That is to say, anyone who has not received a new life, because he has not received Christ as Saviour, is an “unauthorized” person; he cannot enter God's Kingdom; he is an outsider. **Are YOU like that?**

And unless we have received the Lord Jesus we do not belong to God's family. We are not His children. A man once said to me that, although he said his prayers, he never said the Lord's Prayer, because he could not call God his Father. **Are YOU like that?**

And unless we are Christians, that is, belong to Christ, we have no right to serve Him, we are “unauthorized” to work for Him; *and what a privilege we are missing!* **Are YOU like that?**

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

Why, even if they did get there they would be miserable; they would not know anyone there, and could not understand what went on there, and they would want to get away as quickly as possible. **Are YOU like that?**

**YOU have been warned.** If you really want to enter God's kingdom, to become one of His children, to be allowed to serve Him, and to go to heaven, then turn to verse 12 of chapter 1 of John's Gospel. You probably know the words already. But that is not enough. **YOU must receive the Lord Jesus. You must RECEIVE Him. You must receive HIM.**

E. ADAMS.

## THE BEST OF BOOKS

I HOPE that each young reader of this magazine is a frequent student of the Word of God. It is almost too sad to think of the many very undesirable books that are read by the young people of to-day. **But no matter how disregarded the Bible is, it is the very best book that has ever been given to mortals to read, for it is God's Book and is a message from God to man, fraught with divine blessing.**

Why is the Bible a book that stands alone amongst all other books? Ah! it is because it does not feed the tastes of man's sinful heart, nor yield in any sense to the sinful cravings of his nature, but it tells man his need as a sinner in God's sight, as well as the full and perfect remedy provided by its divine Author in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, His blessed Son.

**Dear young friend, have you believed the testimony of the Word of God? and have you accepted its messages as coming from God alone? Remember that it says, "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light."** My chief object is to urge my young christian readers to be constantly studying their Bibles, for both the Old and the New Testaments serve to unfold the wondrous beauty of God's beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The light literature of the present day will not, in any sense, feed or nourish your soul, but will, on the contrary, create a leanness and barrenness, that will rob you of any desire to serve the One who has served you in such a wondrous way. Let me beseech you to be a constant reader of that blessed book. Do not shrink from reading it before others, even when travelling by train, bus, or otherwise. Let it be your constant food, as also your continual source of comfort. Do not let any one lead you to distrust a single word, but cleave to it, as also to the Lord, with strong purpose of heart.

Never start the day without reading some portion of it, nor close your eyes in slumber at night without taking from its pages a hearty spiritual meal; and this will maintain your soul in a healthy condition, and make you a fit vessel for the Lord to use in blessing to others.

W. G.



My Dear Searchers,

This issue contains the last set of questions for this year. I am already wondering who will be the prize-winners, so take special care over this set.

**Will all overseas members please post their answers within 14 days after receiving "Our Children"?**

The new members are heartily welcomed.

Your affectionate Editor.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS'

## CORNER (6)

### SAVIOUR

Dear Children,

A few miles south of Jerusalem, high up amongst the hills, lies the little town of Bethlehem. These hills are very fertile—all terraced like a huge staircase—growing figs, olives and grapes. That town has been well named Bethlehem, which means “the house of bread.”

If those hills could speak, what tales they would have to tell! It was there that the great king David was born. As a boy he played in the streets of that town and roamed the hills and the countryside. It was amongst those hills that he fed his father's sheep, where he learnt to use the sling and stone so well, and where he killed a lion and a bear when the flock was threatened.

**But Bethlehem has to speak of something far greater than all this. For in Bethlehem was born the SAVIOUR, the true Bread of God. The Scriptures tell us how this came about.**

There lived in Nazareth, in the north of Palestine, a carpenter named Joseph. He travelled all the way to Bethlehem because the Roman Emperor had ordered a census of Palestine to be taken. He and his wife were lowly people, but they both were descended from David, the great king of Israel. This was the reason why they had to go to the city of David to be taxed.

These two travellers were neither rich nor famous and there was no one at Bethlehem to welcome them and give them shelter. Little did the people around think that all this stir and commotion in the Roman Empire had been specially ordered by God to bring these two people to Bethlehem at this time. Little did the inn-keeper think what majesty was seeking house room at his door and what honour was being pressed upon him! He missed his opportunity, however, as he would not set aside the claims of first-comers by the pleadings of this poor carpenter and his wife. No doubt sad at heart, but thankful for some place of shelter, they were accommodated in the stable.

Soon the day gave place to night. Darkness fell and all became quiet. But out on the hills the shepherds watched their flocks. Wild animals and thieves abounded as in David's day, and the shepherds were on the alert. All was quiet when suddenly, as a flash, the night became like day. An angel form appeared. They were filled with fear. But he spoke to them in tones of love and gave them a message of peace. **“Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a SAVIOUR, which is Christ the Lord.”** Then a great company of angels appeared and all heaven was filled with a song: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

The music ceased, the darkness descended, and all was as before. The shepherds at once went off to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Their hearts were filled with praise, as well they might be.

**When you think of Jesus as the SAVIOUR, is your heart moved in praise to Him who came to save you? Your only hope of salvation lies in the Lord Jesus Christ. He died to save you and He waits now to bless you.**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Although it is late in the year, I am glad to see some more new searchers from Bermondsey and other places.

All late papers have been marked, but it is not possible to print the names this time.

E. Todhunter must answer four questions. She only did three. J. Gibson, Y. Wiggins, and P. Carrick must give chapter and verse.

Take special care over this last set of questions for the year. Read through each chapter before putting down the answer.

I wonder if *you* can use that little word of two letters in our fourth question?

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Helbra (Russian Zone),  
Germany.

1.9.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for the fine magazine "Our Children." I could not write sooner because I was not at home. I have spent my holidays by my cousin in Berlin.

My mother died at 1st January, 1946. My father was ill in winter-time. We all are in the Helbra assembly.

Warm love in the Lord, MANFRED PRUSSAK (aged 15).

Lützel, (Germany).

5.9.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

"Our Children" reached me to-day, when I came from the school. I like it very much to answer the questions. I could not answer them in the holidays when by my aunt at the Rhein.

To-day I will send the answers for July-August and September-October. With love in the Lord from my mother and my brother.

Yours, MARGITTA (aged 13).

Frankfurt am Main, (Germany),

5.9.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Just this morning I received "Our Children," and therefore I'll you answer the questions. My heartiest thanks for the splendid English Bible which arrived yesterday.

With love in the Lord, Yours, ANNELIESE SAUERWEIN (aged 16).

Frankfurt am Main.

9.9.49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Many thanks for the magazine, "Our Children," I received last Monday. I thank you heartily that you have written to Anneliese and Manfred and sent them "Our Children."

They and I like the nice stories which tell us about the great love of our Lord Jesus Christ. How nice it is to know that Jesus loves me and died for my sins.

My parents give their Christian love to you.

I remain, Yours gratefully, IRENE (aged 15).

Newcastle on Tyne.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I go to Sunday School every Sunday, and get the magazine "Our Children". My two sisters go too. I have done the questions and hope they are right.

I should like you to get me a pen friend.

With love in the Lord Jesus, MURIEL ORMSTON (aged 12).

## QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1949

*Subject—SAVIOUR*

1. Why did the Father send the Son? 1 John 4.
2. Who was born in the City of David? Luke 2.
3. "The Saviour of the World." Write out the verse which ends with these words. John 4.
4. "God my Saviour." Write out the verse which ends with these words. Luke 1.
5. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of Whom? 1 Timothy 2.
6. Whom do we look for from Heaven? Philipians 3.
7. For Whose glorious appearing are we looking? Titus 2.
8. In what have we to grow? 2 Peter 3.

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SEARCHERS

**Age 14 years and over**

**1st Class.**—M. E. Abbey, J. Allinson, P. Anderson, M. Bailey, O. Beuse, A. Blackburn, I. Blum, M. Boothby, B. Brettell, K. Broadbent, R. Brown, A. Buhne, J. Bunce, R. Bunce, C. Chaplin, P. Coates, Meleta Coles, Molly Coles, D. Davison, M. Dixon, B. Easton, E. Garburg, I. Grajetsky, P. Greiff, R. Griffiths, H. Gubitz, L. Gubitz, S. Hamilton, M. Hart, I. Heilmann, P. Hey, M. Hill, P. Howells, M. Jones, J. Karp, G. Knufken, Liesel Knufken, Lydia Knufken, E. Kowalke, E. Lohner, E. Love, R. Love, M. Lumley, B. Mann, E. Monger, M. Monger, N. Mott, R. Mott, J. Nelson, H. Owen, M. Owen, K. Patten, V. Penson, M. Prussak, W. Pulfrich, G. Rennison, E. Richardson, M. Richardson, A. Sauerwein, H. Schroepel, U. Schuster, C. Swarz, A. Scott, D. Sealey, D. Smith, M. Smith, B. Spencer, G. Stocker, I. Storek, E. Tetlow, D. Tilling, L. Tonningsen, B. Turk, D. Tyson, C. Veitch, A. Weitzel, H. Weitzel, J. Williams, G. Wiseman, B. Zuleeg, M. Zuleeg.

**2nd Class.**—A. Berrill, G. Davison, M. Davison, S. Riggs.

- 1st Class.**—M. Alexander, M. Allinson, M. Armstrong, O. Aves, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, R. Barker, J. Bassett, P. Bell, D. Bergner, P. Bonnington, R. Boothby, P. Carrick, A. Clark, H. Connelly, R. Cummings, R. Davidson, W. Davidson, J. Dodd, M. Duguid, J. Dunlop, A. Elliott, E. Elliott, B. Emmett, C. Fairgrieve, M. Feasey, E. Fell, D. Fiske, I. Frost, A. Fryer, G. Grajetsky, J. Grant, S. Grounds, T. Hall, J. Hanson, G. Harrison, N. Hawkins, D. Hawthornthwaite, I. Haynes, K. Henderson, D. Heron, B. Hill, G. Hindmarch, D. Holme, J. Howard, E. Hunke, C. Hutchinson, F. Jeffery, C. Jones, M. Kirk, K. D. Kroos, G. Leenderse, E. Love, D. Malcolm, E. Mawson, R. Mawson, M. Middleton, B. Mitchell, J. Moffoot, E. Moore, D. Mott, A. Murray, M. Murray, J. McClusky, I. McDermont, R. Nelson, M. Newton, M. Nicholls, M. Noble, M. Ormston, A. Oxnard, S. Palmer, H. Pfeiffer, M. Pfeiffer, R. Phibbs, D. Phillips, J. Reynoldson, R. Reynoldson, D. Rigg, J. A. Ring, J. G. Robinson, E. Rogers, M. Rogers, S. Simpson, J. Smith, M. Smith (Byker), A. Spearman, P. Sturmev, E. Teague, A. Tetlow, G. Thomson, J. Turnbull, B. Urwin, P. Ward, E. Weiss, L. Weiss, E. Weitzel, J. White, Y. Wiggins, J. Wilkinson, M. Willert, D. Williams (Middlesbrough), Derek Williams (Newcastle), David Williams (Newcastle), L. Wilson, M. Wilson, A. Wylie, R. Wylie.
- 2nd Class.**—C. Alexander, M. Clarkson, P. Fletcher, J. Gibson, C. Holmes, E. Marriott, S. Morgan, S. Neil, D. Riggs.

### Age 10 years and under

- 1st Class.**—W. Adrian, J. Alexander, E. Allan, E. Allen, E. Allinson, Garth Barstow, B. Bassett, W. Bradley, A. Chaplin, A. Chapman, J. Clark (Heaton), J. Clark (Keswick), Joan Clark, R. Cleverley, G. Collingwood, W. Craig, J. Croft, P. Cubby, J. Dodd, B. Edwards, A. Featherstone, A. Fenton, E. Fenton, B. Gibson, J. Glaister, M. Glaister, A. Graves, P. Grimley, J. Henrick, D. Heron, E. Hindmarch, M. Holliday, B. Hughes, M. Jackson, M. James, M. Jefferson, T. Keady, V. Kennedy, E. Kirk, D. Lancaster, B. Lathrope, J. Lillie, K. Lillie, S. Mackereth, M. Malcolm, S. Mattinson, S. Menzies, N. Metcalfe, R. Miller, H. Mitchell, A. Moderate, M. Moore, A. Murray, D. Murray, H. McKinley, N. Neil, J. Newton, E. H. Norman, L. Ormston, P. Ormston, M. Orrick, J. Paterson, K. Peary, M. Pearson, M. Prendergast, J. Reynoldson, R. Ring, M. Ross, B. Russon, A. Scott, D. Simpson, L. Simpson, I. Stagg, A. Stanley, Alwin Stockdale, Annette Stockdale, D. Stoddart, R. Sturmev, D. Taylor, G. Taylor, D. Terry, D. Thomson, E. Thomson, D. Thornthwaite, B. Toothill, N. Turnbull, J. Turner, M. Wallace, J. Watson, A. Werner, M. Wilkinson, R. Winder, A. Wiseman, S. Worrall, P. Worton, E. Wylie, R. Wylie.
- 2nd Class.**—M. Clarke, M. Corrick, J. Graham, F. Holmes, R. James, V. Keld, A. Mattinson, Marjorie Moore, J. Murray, A. Robson, E. Todhunter, M. Traffarod.

## RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

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

**In addition, Searchers who are in 1st Class throughout the current year will receive a Text. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.**

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# Our Children



“ THIS IS SUCH FUN ! ”

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## *A GOOD START*

Begin the year with Jesus  
 For time is flying fast,  
 The days are quickly passing  
 And soon may come the last;  
 Eternity is nearing  
 And all its dreadful woe,  
 Death, all around is busy  
 And soon may lay you low.

Begin the year with Jesus  
 O, Christian, let it be  
 A time of closer waiting  
 On Him, who lovest thee;  
 Perchance ere long its closing  
 The Lord Himself, will come,  
 And then the blest forever  
 Safe in the heavenly home.



## *OUR DESIRE FOR YOU*

**T**o each of our readers goes the good old wish, “**A Happy New Year,**” linked with the prayer, “**The LORD bless thee, and keep thee**” (Numbers 6: 24), because one is conscious that real and lasting happiness only comes as the result of having a personal dealing with the Lord Jesus Christ in regard to our sins.

It was indeed the beginning of a truly happy year when we who are saved were able to say:—

“ Now none but Christ can satisfy,  
 None other name for me!  
**There’s love, and life and lasting joy,**  
**Lord Jesus, found in Thee ! ”**

During the past year many noble deeds of sacrifice and daring were carried out, but one that must have touched the hearts of many was that of the very great risk taken by a man to rescue a piteous sheep which had been marooned for a week on a ledge of a disused quarry. In order to do this, the rescuer was held by a rope and lowered 150 feet down the 300 feet quarry. The dangerous but successful operation was completed in three stages, and you will agree that the brave, kind rescuer fully deserved the praise and thanks given him.

This rescue calls to mind the still greater and all-important sacrifice made over 1900 years ago, by which Salvation, Peace and Joy have been brought to millions of the human race. Yes, I am referring to the sacrifice offered on Calvary’s Cross, when the Lord Jesus gave up His life so that His sheep might be eternally saved. His own words are, “**I am the Good Shepherd: the**

**Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand "** (John 10: 11-28).

The kind-hearted men in our story *only risked their lives* to rescue the poor sheep from certain death, but in order to save you and me from eternal death on account of our sins, the Lord Jesus **gave His life**, being made the Substitute for all who trust Him. During the hours of darkness when hanging on the Cross, He suffered " the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God " (1 Peter 3: 18).

In the light of that solemn statement, "**Neither is there salvation in any other "** (Acts 4: 12), will you not here and now let Him rescue you from coming judgment, by confessing you are a sinner, and trusting His precious atoning blood to cleanse away your many sins? And if already rescued as a sheep of His, will you not seek grace to live for, and serve more faithfully, the loving Saviour who gave His life so that you might live?

EDITOR.



## *BETWEEN OURSELVES*

**I** WOULD like to give all my friends of " OUR CHILDREN " a little testimony and message for the New Year. I am hoping that all who do the Searchings know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, but if not, do not delay any longer, because it might be too late. To those who do know Him, you may get to know Him better.

I trusted the Lord Jesus when six years old. It was through a dream of being in Heaven with Jesus. He carried me in His arms, showing all the lovely things He had prepared for those who loved Him. I knew Him as my Saviour and longed to confess Him openly, and three years later I did. After the Gospel preaching one Sunday night, I turned round and confessed Him before all present as my Saviour, knowing He had died for me.

My only desire is to follow Him, so each day I put myself into His hands and feel safe. Satan is always busy with evil thoughts and unChristlike actions, but if we keep our eyes upon Jesus (Hebrews 12: 1, 2) these things will not trouble us. We shall never be really like Him until we are in His presence, and that may be soon; then to enjoy all that He has prepared for us. Remember that Jesus wants **all** of us now, not **half** of us.

I pray for every Searcher that they may be blessed and used for the Lord Jesus. God bless each home reader, the dear ones in Germany and other places, the Editor, Mr. C. S. Ross and Miss E. M. Aves, who work so hard for " OUR CHILDREN." Also all who write the lovely stories.

JUNE PATTINSON,  
(Aged 12).

## HE IS WAITING !

**S**OME years ago, while I was living at Nairn, a picturesque little town on the Moray Firth, my message boy, Jack, and I, went to the beach one evening, to hire a boat. We had planned a fishing-trip if the weather was fine. I decided to row and leave Jack to do the steering. So, having found a suitable boat we deposited our gear in the bottom, took up our positions, and cast off.

The Moray Firth, which is an excellent fishing ground both for line and trawl fishermen, was quite calm on this occasion, and so we made good progress seaward. When we reached a point about three miles out, we baited our hooks and cast our lines overboard, hoping for the best. We were very lucky, for we had landed over a shoal of whiting, and soon there were about thirty fish lying in the bottom of the boat.

But suddenly, when we were busy with the fish and forgetful of everything else, a storm broke. The sky was black and the rain poured. To add to our plight an off-shore wind sprang up and the Firth was being chopped up into sizeable waves. We pulled up our anchor and headed for the shore which seemed now to be such a long way off. I rowed with all my might but to no avail, we were being driven out to sea! Our wee boat was being tossed about on the rising sea, but I still kept rowing towards the shore. It was useless, however, as we were being steadily, helplessly, driven out to sea. To make matters worse, Jack lay sick on the bottom of the boat. All seemed lost with the contrary wind, heavy sea, and my companion sick. It was growing dark now, and I was very doubtful if we could get back again.

I asked Jack if he was prepared to die, if he knew the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. "No," was his reply.

I pointed him to my Lord and Master, while he was lying there in the bottom of the boat, and myself rowing for all I was worth towards the shore. Jack believed the wonderful story of God's Love, and yielded his life to his Saviour there and then.

We prayed — prayed for a calm, and just as our Lord did on the lake, the wind dropped, and the sea was still. I kept on rowing, in spite of my now aching arms, and soon the lights of Nairn grew near, and at last the boat was beached.

It took that terrible experience to bring Jack to his Saviour, but you need not wait for such a happening. **You can take the Lord as your Saviour now. Will you ? HE IS WAITING.**

T.C.



## "SIX FEET OF HAPPINESS"

**I**N the busy streets of London a big girl collided with a tall gentleman. Rudely she reproached him, saying, "What are you doing, you six feet of misery?" Gently he took her to one side,

and said to her, " You called me six feet of misery. I know I am six feet high, but I am not six feet of misery, but six feet of happiness." He then explained to her what made him so happy.

This tall gentleman was the great Earl Shaftesbury, who spent many years in getting Acts of Parliament passed in order to make easier the sad conditions under which little children worked in the factories and mills in those days.

When he was quite young he had a very unhappy life. Fortunately, he had a good, kind Christian nurse, who told him what a Friend he would find in the Lord Jesus; that the Lord Jesus had died the shameful death on the Cross of Calvary, so that he might be saved and receive the forgiveness of his sins. This message he received into his young heart, and he found joy and happiness in the knowledge of such a loving Saviour.

And as he grew up he learned more and more to love the Saviour, and this made him six feet of happiness.

His old nurse gave him a silver watch, which he carried till his death, in memory of the old nurse who had been so kind to him when others were not; and who, above all, told him about the precious Saviour, making him so happy.

I don't know how tall you are, nor what your age is, but I would lovingly ask you, Are you **really** happy? I cannot understand any person being happy, who is not sure of going to heaven when they die.

Now no one is too young to die. Therefore, however young you are, I do beseech you to make sure of **true** happiness.

**" Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved "**  
(Acts 16: 31) **are the very words of Scripture.**

A. J. POLLOCK.



## PRIZE LIST, DECEMBER, 1949

### Age 14 years and over

1. Meleta Coles, West View, Ashbury. Near Swindon, Wilts.
2. Eileen Moncer, 76 Mansell Road, Greenford, Middlesex.
3. Pauline Howells, 4 Oulton Lane, Woodlesford, Leeds.
4. Irene Storek, 75 Geschwister-Schollstrasse, Frankfurt/Main, Germany.
5. Marv Hill, Denmark Street, Sunday School, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
6. Ingeborg Blum, Vogelsburgstr. 17, Frankfurt/Main, Germany.
7. Eberhard Garburg, Horinghausen, Germany.
8. Jutta Karp, Hobenfriedbergstr. 12H Schoneberg, Berlin.

### Age 11 up to 13 years

1. Evelyn Coutts, The Retreat, Bielside, Aberdeen.
2. Dorothy Mott, 1 Rowhedge Drive, Alpheton, Sudbury, Suffolk.
3. Gloria Hindmarch, 13 Bk. Wilfrid St. Byker, Newcastle/Tyne.
4. Derek Williams, 92 Bolam St. Byker, Newcastle/Tyne.
5. Donald Malcolm, 70 Teesdale Gardens, High Heaton, Newcastle/Tyne.
6. Joseph Wilkinson, Glebeland House, High Harrington, Cumberland.
7. J. G. Robinson, 131 High St. Yarm, Yorks.
8. Raymond Cumming, 168 Crown St., Aberdeen.
9. C. Jones, Grantchester, Hargreaves Road, Timperley, Cheshire.

### Age 10 years and under

1. Eric Allan, 13 Viewfield Gardens, Aberdeen.
2. Douglas Lancaster, 21 Burnopfield Gardens, Newcastle/Tyne.
3. Elizabeth Allen, 7 Nelson St., Middlesbrough, Yorks.
4. Billy Hughes, 16 Francis St., Thornaby-on-Tees.
5. Roy Sturmeay, 2 Millbank Cottages, Lackington, Piddletrenthide, Dorchester.
6. Norman Metcalfe, 25 Francis St., Thornaby-on-Tees.
7. W. Bradley, 16 South Burn Terrace, New Herrington, Co. Durham.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (I)

## JOHN'S GOSPEL (CHAPTER I.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

We have now entered upon a New Year and I take the opportunity of urging every one of you to continue diligently with your Scripture Searching. Read your Bibles regularly every day — not just a verse or two here and there at random, but read whole books. There are many things, of course, which you will not understand, but do not skip these over. The Bible is like no other book. **It is the Word of God — a direct message from God to man.** If you lay a good foundation in your hearts when you are young, you will know the advantage of this in adult life. The Holy Spirit will illuminate what you have read and give you to understand many things which seemed difficult before.

Timothy had a wise mother and grandmother. They saw that he was instructed in the Scriptures from his earliest days. Not only did this prove of benefit to him in later years, but prepared him to appreciate his own need of salvation and to understand God's way of providing it through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**We ought to thank God again and again for the Bible, and for the privilege of being able to possess a copy and to read it freely.** There was a day in this country when men and women were treated very cruelly and even put to death for reading the Bible. But times have changed.

**Now, not only has God given us the written word, but He also sent the Living Word — the Lord Jesus Christ.** The words which we say reveal what is in our hearts — what is passing through our minds. The Lord Jesus is called the "Word" because He came to declare all that was in the heart of God towards man. He came here to make known the love of God. He came full of grace and truth. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth." So wicked was the heart of man towards God, the Lord Jesus Christ might well have come to judge the world, but, no, He came in grace. His heart was full of love and kindness for those who did not deserve it. He always treats us in grace although we often treat Him shamefully. **When He came here, there was no response. We read that the people "received Him not."** Many still keep Him waiting — they will not receive Him into their hearts. But, in wonderful kindness, He waits for us to surrender to Him. **So great was His grace that He went to the cross and died there to save us.**

At the end of this chapter we read of five men being attracted to the Saviour. And what a welcome they received! Did the Lord ever turn away any who sought Him? No, not one. If you really seek the Saviour, you will find that He will treat you kindly and give you a great welcome.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

It is good to see so many new searchers at the end of the year. I hope they will continue. Papers have also come from some old friends at Morneth. They are over the age, but will receive small rewards if they send in correctly for one year.

If your name is not in the list, perhaps your paper was sent in without a name. There are several this month.

I was very pleased to hear that Joan Falcus has put her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. To hear this is just as if I had received a prize! But what must it be for the Saviour to have another lamb safely in His fold!

As you will see, there is a big prize list this time as there have been a greater number of searchers. Do not be discouraged if your name is not there. It may be another time (D.V.) if you try hard, and always look over your paper before sending it in, to make sure there are no mistakes.

I am sorry Laura Simpson is ill and I hope she will soon be better.

Your loving friend,

E.M.A.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Humfeld,  
Germany,  
7-11-49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

"Our Children" reached me today, when I came from the school. Many thanks for the splendid English Bible, and your kind letter. The Bible is a great help for me by the answer of the questions. I belong to the Lord Jesu and I know Him as my own Saviour. With love in our Lord Jesus,

Yours, Hildegard (aged 14).

Horinghausen,,  
Germany,  
10-11-49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

At Sunday I was by my friend, he gives me a little English magazine in the hand. "Now read the stories and questions," he said, as I can already do a lot of English.

I would be glad when you send me also the little magazine "Our Children." It is very interesting.

Your Wilfried Rogalla (aged 14).

Dusseldorf,  
Germany,  
16-11-49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the fine Bible I received some time ago. I am very pleased with it, and I am thanking you very much for your kindness.

We thank you once more for all your love and send you much Christian love from my mother and my brother.

Your Werner Adrian (aged 10).

Wugendorf,  
Germany,  
21-11-49.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I like that you send to me this magazine "Our Children" in the future. I thank you very much for this issue and for your kindness to me.

This I can say from me before two years I have been made a child of Jesus, my Saviour who is gone for the sinners in death. Therefore I am very happy that I am not in the darkness of the devil.

With warm love in the Lord,

Your Werner (aged 14).

## QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1950

### SEARCHING IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

#### CHAPTER 1

1. Write out the verse which mentions "Word" three times.
2. Write out the verse which mentions "world" three times.
3. What came by Jesus Christ?
4. What did John say when he saw Jesus coming unto him?
5. Who brought Simon to Jesus?
6. What new name did Jesus give Simon?
7. What two titles did Nathaniel give Jesus?
8. What does Cephas mean?

## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SEARCHERS

### Age 14 years and over

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**2nd Class.**—C. Chaplin, B. Turk, H. Wichert.

## Age 11 up to 13 years

**1st Class.**—M. Alexander, M. Allen, M. Allinson, M. Andrew, A. Archbold, M. Armstrong, O. Aves, R. Aves, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, R. Barker, J. Bassett, P. Bell, D. Bergner, M. Birch, A. Birker, S. Bolam, P. Bonnington, R. Boothby, A. Buchanan, L. Chishholm, A. Clark, M. Clarkson, G. Cone, E. Coutts, D. Crooks, R. Cumming, H. Donaldson, M. Duguid, J. Dunlip, A. Elliott, E. Elliott, B. Emmett, J. Falcus, M. Feasey, E. Fell, R. Ferguson, D. Fiske, S. Gibson, S. Gordon, M. Hall, T. Hall, G. Harrison, N. Hawkins, C. Henderson, K. Henderson, D. Heron, B. Hill, G. Hindmarch, A. Hoffmeister, D. Holme, J. Hope, B. Hudson, S. Hummelbeck, E. Hunke, A. Hunter, B. Jenkinson, C. Jones, J. Kennedy, G. Kolb, K. Kroos, G. Leendertse, E. Love, D. Malcolm, E. Marriott, E. Mawson, R. Mawson, J. Moffoot, E. Moore, W. Moore, S. Morgan, D. Mott, A. Murray, M. Murray, J. McClusky, I. McDermont, S. Neil, R. Nelson, M. Newton, J. Nichol, J. Nicholson, M. Noble, M. Ormston, H. Owen, A. Oxnard, J. Pattinson, H. Pfeiffer, M. Pfeiffer, D. Phillips, M. Playfair, S. Procter, J. Reynolds, R. Reynoldson, D. Rigg, J. A. Ring, J. Robinson, E. Rogers, M. Jones, K. Rontgen, S. Simpson, A. Sinclair, G. Smith, A. Spearman, I. Steinhaus, P. Sturme, E. Teague, A. Tetlow, J. Thompson, B. Unwin, P. Ward, E. Weiss, L. Weiss, E. Weitzel, Y. Wiggins, J. Wilkinson, M. Willert, David Williams, Derek Williams, L. Wilson, M. Wilson, A. Wylie, R. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—P. Carrick, R. Davidson, W. Davidson, J. Grant, M. Kirk, M. Middleton, B. Mitchell, J. Oldham, T. Winter.

## Age 10 years and under

**1st Class.**—W. Adrian, E. Allan, E. Allen, E. Allinson, G. Barstow, B. Bassett, Bruce Bassett, W. Bradley, A. Chaplin, Bernard A. Chapman, J. Clark (Heaton), M. Clarke, G. Collingwood, M. Corrick, C. Cox, W. Craig, J. Croft, P. Cubby, L. Cumming, N. Davison, J. Dodd, A. Duguid, A. Featherstone, A. Fenton, E. Fenton, M. Geeling, B. Gibson, J. Glaister, M. Glaister, D. Gordon, D. Heron, E. Hindmarch, J. Hodge, M. Holliday, F. Holmes, M. Hope, B. Hughes, M. James, R. James, M. Jefferson, T. Keady, P. Keld, V. Keld, V. Kennedy, E. Kirk, D. Lancaster, B. Lathrope, T. Lathrope, E. Leighton, L. Leslie, J. Lillie, K. Lillie, J. Ludford, S. Mackereth, M. Malcolm, E. Marshall, S. Menzies, N. Metcalfe, R. Miller, H. Mitchell, Marjorie Moore, May Moore, P. Mounsey, A. Murray, B. Murray, J. Murray, H. McKinley, L. Ormston, M. Orrick, K. Peary, M. Pearson, E. Phillips, J. Reynoldson, R. Ring, A. Robson, M. Ross, B. Russon, A. Scott, D. Simpson, M. Smith, S. Southall, M. Stagg, A. Stanley, Alwin Stockdale, Annette Stockdale, D. Stoddart, R. Sturme, D. Taylor, G. Taylor, D. Thornthwaite, E. Todhunter, M. Trafford, M. Turnbull, J. Turner, D. Wargenau, J. Watson, S. Watson, M. Wilkinson, J. Williams, A. Wiseman, S. Worrall, P. Worton, E. Wylie, R. Wylie.

**2nd Class.**—J. Clark (Keswick), I. Duncan, J. Graham, M. Jackson, J. Law, A. Mattinson, S. Mattinson, D. McCartney, H. Norman, J. Paterson, I. Stagg, R. Winder.

## RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

A fair number of 4th prizes will be given for each class at the end of the year, but a successful Searcher may only qualify for ONE such prize during any two years.

In addition, Searchers who are in 1st Class throughout the current year will receive a Text. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

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# Our Children°



TWO LITTLE MISCHIEFS

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E. S. Pugh.]

## ***“GINGER,” AND THE SNOWFLAKES***

**I** EXPECT you have all seen how a kitten will run after and play with almost anything that moves! We had a kitten whom we called “Ginger.” One very cold day he ran out into the garden, when something small and white came down in front of him. He jumped and tried to catch it as it fell, but it disappeared. Then another came, and another! and another!! and still more, until he was jumping all over the place after them. Suddenly, he seemed to take fright and came scampering in as fast as he could. Yes, it was snowing fast. Wise pussy to run away from it and come and sit by the warm fire!

I thought to myself how that is like sin. At first we almost play with it. Little sins (as **we** think) such as stealing an apple, a pencil, or telling a lie. But if we do not come to the Lord Jesus and ask Him to cleanse us in His precious Blood, we shall find that one sin will lead to another, and we shall be covered in sin. How awful! Sometimes a sheep strays away on the mountainside and gets lost and buried in the snow and dies.

But **JESUS** has come to save us from our sins. (Matthew 1: 21). Let us run away to Him, as “Ginger” ran from the snow, and we shall be safe. As the Psalmist says in Psalm 143 (find the verse), “I flee unto **THEE** to hide me.”

E.M.A.



## ***A DREAM, AND THE LESSON IT TAUGHT***

**D**EAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I guess every one of you loves to keep a pet — you know, a cat or dog, rabbits, or even tame mice — but I don’t suppose any of you ever tried keeping a lion! Neither did I, but I dreamed I did, and I will tell you what happened.

In the dream somebody gave me a lion as a pet, so I built a house and put him in, and everything was all right for the time. But very soon I found the lion was one too many for me, and I lived in constant danger, so I heard of a man who **could** manage lions, and I sent for him to look after mine. When he came, everything was easy. The lion was a lamb, and I thought in my dream, “Well, I am going to look after my lion myself,” and I sent the man away.

But, dear me, the lion was worse than before, I was terrified to take my eyes off him. At last, in despair, I again sent for the man and gave him the entire charge of the lion, and then I knew what peace was. Following this I awoke, and thanked God it was only a dream.

But what a lesson I had learned, for the Bible says, the Devil, or Satan, walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5: 8). We cannot manage Satan in our own

strength. We need a Saviour and Keeper, who is stronger than Satan, even Him of whom it is written that by His death He will destroy the Devil and deliver those who live in fear of death. (Hebrews 2: 14, 15).

As in my dream, I failed to master the lion, so, in our strength, we shall fail, and be utterly cast down, unless we rely on that wonderful Keeper, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you read Psalm 121: 1-8, you will see what I mean, and as well as being a Keeper, Jesus will be your Shepherd (Psalm 23), to lead, and guide, and protect you.

**Place yourself in His keeping; and do it today, while you have time and opportunity.**

F. L. GODDEN.



## ***STOP, LOOK, LISTEN***

**D**EAR YOUNG FRIENDS, — Will you just for a few moments close your eyes and try to think of all the various road signs there are to be seen on our highways and streets — Major Road Ahead, Halt, Low Bridge, School, etc., etc.? These signs act as warnings to all who use the roads so that we may not endanger our lives or the lives of others. There is one very striking sign which comes to my mind very forcibly —

### **Stop, Look, Listen,**

which stands at the entrance of a level-crossing. These very plain and simple words are a grave warning to all who pass that way.

**Have you ever thought that the Word of God contains many very plain and distinct warnings to all of us as we pass along the great highway of life? There is a time in each of our lives when we come to the great junction road. The one leading to life eternal with Christ, and the other to eternal damnation.**

It is then that we are called on to **Stop**, and think of the future, and to decide as to where we are to spend eternity. Moses commanded the Israelites to "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" (Exodus 14: 13).

Yes, dear young reader, Christ is our Salvation, and God would have us to stand still and **Look** to Him, as He hangs on that Cross bearing our sins. And, as we look, that we may realise that He has become sin for us, that we who are so full of sin and only worthy of eternal judgment may know the sweetness and blessedness of the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of eternal peace with God.

The moment the bitten Israelites looked at the Serpent of Brass they lived. It was the act of faith that saved them. **Have you looked yet to the Lord Jesus?**

Then we can **Listen** to the sweet voice of the Saviour as He proclaims such precious words as John 5: 24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him

that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

I earnestly ask you not to take another step forward on life's highway until you have hearkened unto the call of God to give your heart to Him, and take the road that will lead to joys never ending.

Remember! **Stop** and think of your precious, never dying soul.

**Look** unto Jesus, the One who is able to save to the uttermost, and

**Listen** to His fond entreaty, "Come unto Me."

W. BAXTER.



## BEAMS OF GRACE

**A** BOY in London said he was a member of a Sunday School. He went regularly — but he stole.

Why did he do it? London magistrates are wondering. They have instructed specialists to examine the boy's mind and are now awaiting their opinion. They have learned, however, the boy is twelve years old, but has never heard of the Bible. When asked what they did at Sunday School, he answered, "We just sing hymns."

It might be nice singing hymns, but to miss reading the Bible is to miss the greatest joy on earth. Every page tells of the Lord Jesus, and —

"He is not a disappointment,  
Jesus is far more to me  
Than in all my glowing day dreams,  
I had fancied He could be."

Jesus was "full of grace and truth." It is through this Book which tells of Jesus that these Beams of Grace now shine. If this "Word dwells in us richly" then these Beams are diffused everywhere. The Bible thus becomes a blessing to us — and we to others.

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**L**ITTLE Johnny had just commenced going to school. His first big trouble was finding his way to his classroom. There seemed to be doors everywhere. They were all alike, and often Johnny would find himself alone in the centre of a great hall, not knowing where to turn.

Those were miserable days, but all has changed now. Johnny is going to a modern school. Every door is painted a different colour, and at a glance he can tell just which is his classroom.

Our greatest professors are just learning that provision ought to be made for little minds, but God has known this right from the days of Adam. His Way of Salvation has always been simple, so all may be saved. When we hear the story of Jesus and His love and are led to repentance, and faith in Him, we can look up and thank our Father in heaven because His Grace has thrown its radiant Beams upon you and me.

J. GUY.

## *E.M.A.'s. Letter*

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Although it has meant a lot of work, it is very encouraging to see such a nice number of new Searchers. Also the papers from the "over-sixteens"! The "Monday Night" Searchers have done their papers well. What a grand batch from Denmark St. Sunday School! The welcome is just as hearty to those which come in ones and twos from various parts. Special mention must be made of the little girl from St. Lawrence who is only five years old!

**Will you all be sure to put your age, name and address on your next paper, and please write in ink if you can.**

J. Law and D. Walden must answer **six** questions. G. Tyson, who is only six years old, has answered one question. If she can send in the other three answers later, she will get her marks. Please try!

Be careful how you answer No. 5. It is the **first** "Verily, Verily" you find in these two chapters which will be the correct one.

One of the secrets of a happy Christian life will be found in the answer to our second question.

Your loving friend,

E.M.A.

## *Editor's Letter*

MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

First of all, I want to say "Thank You" to all who have written me since our last issue, whether in connection with the prizes or texts received, or on questions relative to the work of the magazine.

You will all have noticed how the "family" has been steadily increasing of late, and its number has now passed the 500 mark, a total not reached for many years. A hearty welcome is extended to the new members, with the hope that each will continue, along with the old, to be zealous and active in the Searchings.

It may be that in order to encourage you to search the Scriptures, some award is offered either by your Sunday School, Parents or Teacher, but always remember in your Searchings that the Bible is God's Word, and it alone is able to make wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3: 15). **The salvation of the soul is the greatest blessing we can receive because it lasts for time and eternity.**

I am sure you all will agree that the marking of so many papers cannot be done in a few hours, so in order to relieve pressure at the month end, will the German and other overseas Searchers try and post their answers within 14 days of receiving "Our Children?" Perhaps more of the British members will also speed up the posting of their papers!

Your Affectionate,

EDITOR.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Neustadt/Aisch,  
Germany,

28th December, 1949.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Many thanks for the magazine, "Our Children." Also thanks for your last letter. I'm sorry not to have replied at once and beg your pardon.

Your letter was a great help for me for of it I learned that it is really only our Saviour who can and will help us. Now it is the only desire I have in prayer I might understand clearly by the help of the Holy Spirit, and our Lord might keep me out of the districts of the devil.

In wishing you a Happy New Year I will conclude my letter,

With love in the Lord Jesus,

Yours,

Elisabeth Lohner (aged 16).

Yarm on Tees,

29th December, 1949.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you for the letter you sent me, and the prize I will be getting.

You will be very pleased to know that I accepted the Lord as my Saviour on Tuesday, December 20th, 1949.

I hope you are keeping well.

Your loving friend,

John Grant Robinson (aged 12).

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# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (2)

JOHN'S GOSPEL (Chapters 2 and 3)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Many young people, when exhorted to make a decision for Christ, have made answer by way of excuse, "Oh no! not yet, I will wait a little longer and see life a bit and then, when I am older will consider the matter." It is often thought that to become a Christian makes a person dull and solemn with no interest in life. **Certainly, the Christian has no interest in life as the world looks upon it — he has no desire for all the round of entertainment and pleasure which the worldly man pursues. He has a joy which is far deeper and lasting than any happiness found in the world.**

The Lord Jesus Christ, although we often think of Him as a Man of sorrows, yet He was a Man of joy. He entered into the joys of His friends just as He will enter into **your** joys if you invite Him.

You, no doubt, have already read the story of the marriage feast at Cana. Jesus was invited, and might very well have excused Himself, but He went. There was great consternation behind the scenes at one part of the feast because the wine had run out. Mary, the mother of Jesus, heard about this, and she did the very best thing possible — **she told Jesus.** She had great **trust** in Jesus and she knew that He could do something about it. Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots with water. In wholehearted **obedience** they filled them up to the brim. As much water as possible they got into those pots. "Bear unto the governor of the feast." The governor tasted from the pots and found the wine better than the first. He seemed to know nothing about what had been taking place. So the joy of the feast was restored.

Trust and obey — this is the lesson we have to learn from this incident and this is the way to true joy. If you would really be happy, the only way is to trust the Lord Jesus Christ and do what He tells you. You may be sure of this, He will never ask you to do anything which you are not able to do.

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

In chapter 3, we read how very simple is God's way of salvation. So simple that the youngest child may understand. Nicodemus, who was a ruler of the Jews, sought out Jesus one night to have a private talk about salvation. Nicodemus was a good, upright, honest, religious man, and he must have been surprised when Jesus said, "**Ye must be born again.**" In other words, "**Nicodemus, before you can be saved, there must be a change of heart.**" This change must be experienced by all who would be saved.

We are told in this chapter how the change has been made possible by God. You can probably repeat from memory the verse, "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." **The change takes place when we believe. To believe in Jesus is to receive Him. The moment we receive Him in our hearts we are saved.**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

## QUESTIONS FOR MARCH-APRIL, 1950

SEARCHING IN JOHN'S GOSPEL — Chapters 2 and 3

1. On what day was there a marriage in Cana of Galilee?
2. What did Jesus' mother say unto the servants?
3. How many waterpots of stone were there?
4. Where did Jesus begin to do His miracles?
5. Write out the first verse containing the words, "Verily, Verily."
6. Who is condemned already?
7. Write out the verse which ends with "everlasting life."
8. Who shall not see life?

Frankfurt-on-Main,  
Germany,

9th January, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you heartily for the magazine and your dear postcard, which reached me some weeks ago.

I was very pleased to see that my name is in the Prize List. Thank you! I like the little poem, "A Good Start," very much. It is true, if we not begin the year with Jesus, we can't be quiet and happy during the whole year.

We hope all that our Lord Jesus Christ will come soon, for in the heavenly home it is most beautiful; no evil thoughts and actions coming from the Satan are there, and we can see all that He prepared for us.

My parents and sisters greet you heartily.

With love in the Lord,

Yours,

Irene (aged 15).

Cheltenham,

15th January, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I very much enjoy reading the "Our Children" magazine. The articles are very interesting and the questions very helpful.

I have been saved since October of 1948, and found that the Christian pathway is no easy one. But I know that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

There seems to be an ever-increasing number of Searchers from Germany. That seems very encouraging as it shows that God is working even in the hearts of the parents as well, through this magazine.

My mother and father are both Christians.

Yours through Jesus' precious blood,  
Basil Spencer (aged 15).

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY BIBLE SEARCHERS

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- 1st Class.**—J. Aitken, R. Barker, M. Bell, A. Berrill, O. Beuse, I. Blum, D. Bonnington, M. Boothby, B. Brettell, K. Broadbent, C. Chaplin, L. Clarke, B. Clarkson, P. Coates, M. Davison, W. Deans, J. Dodd, I. Draper, E. Duck, J. Dunlop, B. Easton, H. Ehwaldt, E. Elliott, A. Elrick, C. Fairgrieve, E. Garburg, T. Gibson, F. Grant, N. Grant, R. Griffiths, A. Groom, H. Gubitz, L. Gubitz, M. Hart, O. Hart, D. Haughton, I. Heilmann, P. Hey, L. Hitchiner, M. Hope, P. Howells, S. Johnson, D. Jones, J. Karp, W. King, G. Knufken, L. Knufken, E. Kowalke, E. Lohner, E. Love, R. Love, M. Lumley, A. Mann, B. Mann, L. Meyer, S. Mill, E. Monger, M. Monger, N. Mott, R. Mott, A. Murray, G. Murray, J. Overton, H. Owen, M. Owen, S. Palmer, K. Patten, M. Prussak, W. Pulfrich, S. Reeve, J. Reid, G. Rennison, J. Renney, J. Renton, E. Richardson, M. Richardson, D. Rigg, W. Rogalla, L. Ryan, A. Sauerwein, H. Schroepel, D. Smith, B. Spencer, M. Statham, I. Storek, E. Teague, E. Tetlow, W. Textor, L. Tonningsen, D. Tyson, E. Tyson, C. Veitch, F. Walker, A. Weitzel, H. Weitzel, H. Wicheri, M. Willert, J. Williams, G. Wiseman, R. Wylie, D. Yule.
- 2nd Class.**—H. Bragg, C. Holmes, F. Tyson.

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H. Mitchell and B. Russon are in **second** group, and not in third as printed above.

## RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS

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

A fair number of prizes will be given for each class at the end of the year, but a successful Searcher may only qualify for **ONE** such prize during any two years.

In addition, Searchers who are in 1st Class throughout the current year will receive a Text. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

Short interesting articles containing the Gospel will be welcomed by the Editor:

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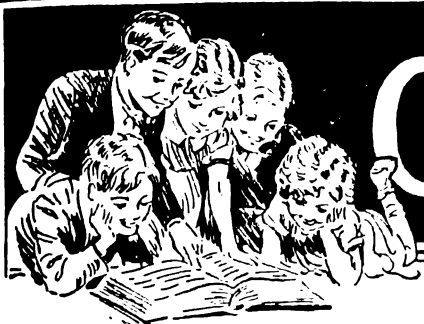
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# Our Children



Mother carries Brumas — three months old — into the sunshine.  
[Photo by courtesy of "Daily Mail," London.]

## THE MOUNTAIN VIEW

**S**EVERAL hours previously, we had left Braemar, a picturesque Aberdeenshire village, nestling 1,000 feet above sea level, among the Scottish mountains. After bumping over the rough road to Loch Callater in our car, we set off for the summit of Lochnagar. On our way, we climbed a shoulder of Cairn Taggart, and the White Mounth, where can often be seen the roaming deer and the golden eagle.

We climbed on, and were within 500 feet of the summit when, as often happens on the hills, we were enveloped in a dense mist. We decided to stand still until there was a break in the clouds, for there were precipices near, and a false step would have meant death. We heard the mocking laugh of the ptarmigan through the mist, but we stood still.

**If Sin like a cloud cover you, STAND STILL, for you are LOST, danger surrounds you. If you go on in the path of sin you will be lost forever. Nothing can clear away sin but the Blood of Jesus, which cleanseth us from all sin.**

The party, who were all Christians, turned to the Lord in prayer, asking that the clouds might be cleared away. Our prayer was answered, and we were able to carry on to the top. What a wonderful view we had of hill and dale, forest and moor, river and loch, and sunshine and shadow. Even as we looked we remembered the text: "Eye hath not seen . . . the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Reader, can you truly say that you love God ?

T.C.



## SAFETY AMIDST DANGER

**I**N our chicken yard we had a bantam hen, with her eight little chicks. One day, as they were being fed, a hawk flew overhead, and the mother hen made a warning sound, when every chick went under her wings much quicker than I can tell you about it.

What made them run under their mother's feathers? Because they trusted her, and for the God-given instinct of feeling safe under the protection of her wings.

David draws a similar picture, only in relation to the Lord and ourselves, in verse 4 of Psalm 91, where he says, "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust."

**Are you trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as your cover from the coming judgment ?**

Adapted by E. McCARTHY.

## **“WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT?”**

**“WHO** would have thought it?” What a strange name to give to a coal pit! We have heard of coal pits with strange names, but this is the queerest name of all. This pit was in Yorkshire. One day, when the miners were busy at their work of hewing the coal to supply us all with the warmth in the cold weather, a very sad accident happened. Underground water rushed into the pit, and all the miners were drowned by the flood of water, but two men, and these two men despaired that their lives would be saved. As the water rose higher and higher they managed to get on to some pieces of wood that made a rough raft, and on this they sat facing death as the water rose still higher, fearing nothing could save them being drowned.

But a wonderful thing happened. Little by little the water rose, and these two men rose with it on their little raft. At last, it is scarcely to be believed, they were lifted higher and higher on their raft, till they were able to scramble on to dry land, and were saved. This is a wonderful story, the like of which I never heard, save one — the most wonderful story that can be told, and we would like to tell it to you.

These two men at the bottom of the pit shaft when the onrushing waters threatened to drown them, remind us of our dreadful state as sinners in the sight of a holy God. **The youngest boy or girl reading these lines know that they are sinners, and that God must punish sin.** If we were left to ourselves there would be no help for us. The judgment of God rests upon us for our sins, like the onrushing water in the coal pit threatening death to all. But is there no way of escape? Is there no chance of our sins being put away, and our being made fit for Heaven?

**There is, thank God again and again. The Lord Jesus bore the judgment of sin at the shameful cross, and when we trust the Saviour as our very own Saviour, we are, like the two miners, lifted up above the onrushing waters of judgment, to safety and life.** So when we trust the loving Saviour we find ourselves in His safe keeping, and in a place of safety. Why not trust that Saviour just as you read these lines? The wisest of all men, King Solomon, wrote, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth” (Ecclesiastes 12: 1). What wise advice! Take it, dear youthful reader, and you will be for ever thankful to God. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”** (Acts 16: 31).

A. J. POLLOCK.



## **JUSTICE OR MERCY, WHICH?**

**A** RULER of a great European country had his photograph taken. He was supposed to be the ugliest ruler living. When he received the photographs he did not like them. The ruler at once sent a strongly worded letter telling the photographer the photo-

graphs did not do him justice.

But the photographer was not to be outdone. Back came the reply, "It was not justice the ruler needed but mercy."

Is not this true of us all? In Romans 3 we see a picture of our hearts. There the evil within us is exposed. If we got justice we would be judged with the lost.

We demand our rights. We do not like others to get that which is ours. **But Jesus got what was ours. Eternal wrath was poured out upon Him.** That ought to have been ours — if justice had been done to us. But God was merciful toward us and the Beams of His Grace have lightened the whole world.

Young reader, have those Beams shone into your dark, sinful heart and brought you to repentance and faith in Him?

J. GUY.



## *Jottings from the Notebook of "Constance," a former Scripture Searcher*

### THE BRIGHT SIDE TO SORROWS

Some people have a great many sorrows, and feel as if they cannot be comforted.

I think if we did not have any sorrows we should be selfish and unkind, and we should not be kind to other people when they were in trouble. It was sin that brought sorrow into the world.

**If we love the Lord Jesus, He will be with us in all our troubles.**

### THE ROCK AND THE SAND

When Jesus told the parable of the two houses, one built on sand and one built on rock, He meant that people build their hopes on pleasures of this world; but when sickness and troubles come, their hopes tumble down.

If we do not want our hopes to tumble down we must not build a house of hopes in this world. I once had my hopes on things in this world, but since then, I have been saved. That is five years ago now.

### CHRIST'S LOVE

What a great deal that word "Love" means! Human love lasts but for a time, but Christ's love lasts for ever. People in this world may say that they love us, and after a while grow tired of us. **Christ's love lasts for ever and ever. He never fails us. He loved us so much that He died for us, so that, if we believe in Him, He will wash away our sins and take us to heaven.** This is a bit of what Christ's love is like.

[“Constance” wrote the above notes between the ages of ten and eleven. Before reaching 11½ years, the Lord Jesus, whom she knew and loved so well, called her to heaven. — EDITOR].

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (3)

JOHN'S GOSPEL (Chapters 4 and 5)

DEAR CHILDREN,

One of the reasons why the Bible is so interesting is because it speaks of every kind of man, woman or child. In these two chapters we read about three people being brought into contact with Jesus and whose lives were very much changed. It is always a joy to see the sinner and the Saviour meet.

The Samaritan woman who went from her city of Sychar to draw water at Jacob's well was surprised to find there, a Jew, sitting on the well, and more surprised when He spoke to her and asked for a drink of water, for the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. This request opened up a most interesting conversation. They spoke together about many things but at this she was taken aback: He spoke of her character. He knew all about her, and the fact made a great impression upon her mind. **It is a good thing to remind ourselves that God knows all about each one of us.** He spoke also of God's character, but she seemed to understand so very little.

The Lord asked the woman for a drink, but this was just a picture of the water which He was anxious to give. This water which He offered was living, because it gave eternal life to all who drank of it: it was satisfying, for it quenched the spiritual thirst of the longing soul. The woman was attracted because this was what she needed. She was a poor, sinful woman with a very dissatisfied heart, and she immediately embraced the offer. She confessed her sin — she was cleansed and satisfied and made a great blessing to others.

Jesus Himself is the Living Water, and to "drink" of Him means to receive Him into our hearts and trust Him day by day. **Have you come to Jesus yet?**

The second case of healing here concerns a certain nobleman, who had a heavy load of trouble on his heart. He had a sick boy and was distracted to know what to do. It was at this point he heard about Jesus and that He had arrived in Cana. The nobleman was a man of wealth and importance, and it is very interesting to see him coming to beg a favour of the humble Jesus. **Everyone must come DOWN for blessing: we must all be prepared to take a low place.** The suffering child was down in Capernaum dying fast. Jesus listens to the broken-hearted appeal, "Sir, come down ere my child die." Jesus bid the man go home, and he had not gone far on his journey when his servants met him, bearing the joyful news that his boy was healed.

We have no space left to say anything about the man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus met him, He asked this question, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Of course this was what the man wanted. Two things were given to the invalid that day — the healing of his disease and the forgiveness of his sins. It was a happy day for him.

**I would just like to leave with you that question, "Wilt thou be made whole?" You have that awful disease of sin: do you really want to get rid of it? Then ask Jesus to heal you now, and help you all your days.**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

## QUESTIONS FOR MAY—JUNE, 1950

SEARCHING IN JOHN'S GOSPEL — Chapters 4 and 5

1. What was the first thing Jesus said unto the woman of Samaria?
2. "If thou knewest the Gift of God ———." Write out the whole verse where these words occur.
3. Who shall never thirst?
4. What did the woman say to the men of the city?
5. "We have heard Him ourselves ———." Write out the whole verse where these words occur.
6. What kind of people were waiting at the pool of Bethesda?
7. What did Jesus ask the man who had had an infirmity thirty-eight years?
8. Where did Jesus find the man whom He had made whole?

## *E.M.A.'s. Letter*

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

A hearty welcome to all new searchers and to old searchers who have restarted. I hope you will continue and find the Scripture Searching to be a help and a blessing.

M. Tomkinson, W. Graham and others must answer **six** questions. F. Wiggs, W. Keith and W. Angus must give chapter and verse. R. Graham must write out the answers. I was pleased to receive the other three answers from G. Tyson. A paper has come from The Hut, Piddlehinton. The searcher is aged ten, but there is no name.

Please do your Scripture Searching **early** so that you are sure of getting your name printed in the following issue of the Magazine.

I wonder if your name is written in **heaven** !

Your loving friend,

E.M.A.

## *Editor's Letter*

MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

In my last letter I asked that papers be sent in earlier, and I now say "Thank you" to all who helped in this way. Congratulations to Geertje Leendertse on her paper being the first to arrive from Germany.

You will all notice how the "family" is still receiving new members, to each of whom we extend a hearty welcome. Some of these live in places from which Searchings have not usually been received — Cockermouth, Doncaster, Duns, Holsworthy, Leicester, Liverpool, Northampton, Norwich, Southall, Wolverhampton and Wolverton. We hope the lists continue to expand.

The Lord Jesus make the searching of the Scriptures a real blessing to you all.

Your affectionate,

EDITOR.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Horinghausen,

Germany,

13th January, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Last week I visited my friend and I found him answering the questions of your interesting magazine. I was very glad when I read the little stories. Also the questions are very interesting, and I would be very glad to search the answers of the questions.

I would be very happy when you would send me your little magazine, "Our Children."

Warm love in the Lord,

Your,

Hermann R. Muller (aged 13).

Alpheton, Suffolk,

28th January, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for the book you sent me for a prize. I enjoy reading "Our Children" and doing the Scripture questions.

There are a lot more doing the questions now than when I first did them.

With love in the Lord,

Dorothy Mott (aged 13).

Cologne,

Germany,

10th March, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Your letter of March 3rd reached me three days ago and I think it is time now to answer all your questions.

But first of all I thank you heartily for the English Bible which came to hand this morning. I have much enjoyed it and I think it will stand me in good stead in Scripture Searching. I know the Lord Jesus as my Saviour for four years. Every Sunday my parents, my brother, my sisters and myself go to the Assembly.

Enclosed please find Scripture Searchings for March—April.

Yours affectionately in the Lord,

Helga (aged 15).

Helbra (Russian Zone),  
Germany,

16th March, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you heartily for the Magazine which I received last Monday. In particular I was pleased about the first story and the picture, because the cat is my pet, but I cannot keep a cat.

This week evangelistic meetings are being held in the Helbra Assembly. Already some souls have found the way to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is precious to be the property of the Lord Jesus.

My father and brother greet you heartily.

With love in the Lord, I remain, yours,

Manfred (aged 16).

## MARCH—APRIL BIBLE SEARCHERS

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

A fair number of prizes will be given for each class at the end of the year, but a successful Searcher may only qualify for ONE such prize during any two years.

In addition, Searchers who are in 1st Class throughout the current year will receive a Text. Prizes cease at the age of 16, but Searchers are welcome to continue with their searchings.

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# Our Children



THE BUBBLE BLOWER

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## *A GIFT — FOR WHOM ?*

**T**HE postman came to the door; he carried a parcel in his hand. For whom was it? The name and address on the parcel were so clearly written there could be no mistake.

The postman handed it in, and it was given to the rightful owner. Inside was a beautiful gift, a present which brought happiness, help and blessing with it for the dear boy to whom it was sent. It was a book which told of God's love and the Saviour's grace.

**The gift of God brings happiness, help and eternal blessing with it — for whom ?** The postman's parcel had but one name on it. Plainly and clearly in the Bible we are told, "**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). Not just for one single person, but for "**whosoever believeth**" ! Thank God for that golden word from the lips of Jesus Himself.

Again we read, "**The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**" (Romans 6: 23). People toil hard for wages. Sin is a hard master; and death claims its slaves — death of the body, and the second death too — existing for ever away from all that is holy and happy and glorious with our precious Saviour.

Receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we receive "**The Gift of God**" ! The best Book of all, the Bible, tells us that that wonderful gift is for whosoever believeth on God's beloved Son; and how great is the blessing, the help and the happiness it brings !

H. J. VINE.



## *"GOD SO LOVED"*

**T**HE story is told of a little girl, daughter of a printer, who was employed in printing in German, Luther's translation of the Bible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The wonderful words were read — "**God so loved the world that He gave.**"

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

Gretchen replied, "Oh, mother, I do not know what He gave, but if he **so** loved the world that He gave **anything**, I will not be afraid of Him anymore."

The sequel we do not know, but think, reader, of your privilege with an open Bible, and the blessed knowledge that what God gave (John 3: 16) was "**His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**"

Have you ever thanked Him for this great gift? If not, do so **today**. Remember the words of Scripture: "Behold, **NOW** is the accepted time; behold, **NOW** is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6: 2).

J. W. H. NICHOLS.



## *GOD'S GIFT*

**H**AGAR laid her child in the shade of a bush to die. She suffered an agony of mind few of us can understand. She knew the raving torments of one dying of thirst. It was a common thing in those eastern lands.

A British pioneer was seeking gold in a distant land. Perhaps he knew what it was like. Water was scarce. He described his experiences and said, "If I drank first I could not wash, so I washed first and drank the water afterwards."

Water is vital for life. Men have sought it at the risk of their lives. Sometimes they fought among themselves for it, and sometimes with wild animals. At one place one crocodile alone was known to have eaten twelve women who sought water. Water is so important that even primitive tribes have dug wells hundreds of feet deep through solid rock. In South America certain Indians had a curious way of obtaining it. They took closed jars and dived to the bottom of the sea. There pure water bubbled up from springs in the sea bed. They then opened the jars and filled them with pure water.

Seeing water is so important, so hard to find, and so hard to get even when found, we cannot wonder that eastern peoples

reverenced it. In Mesopotamia it was regarded as so sacred that men would not eat fish. They imagined fish were the sons of water. Their respect for water was so great that an Arab brigand would not refuse a drink to one whom he was determined to kill. Egyptians regarded it as a sin worthy of death to drink without giving thanks to God.

Nevertheless the impiety of men today is so great that we often see them eating and drinking year after year, and yet never giving thanks to God for one single drink or one morsel of food. Do you? **We ought always to thank God for His gifts, but especially for His "unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9: 15). This gift is called unspeakable because it is something the human tongue cannot describe.**

Paul was trained in the schools of the great rabbis but even he could not describe it fully. On the day of Pentecost Peter and the other apostles received the gift of tongues. With this gift they could speak in every language under the sun. But even so they could not depict the fulness of the grandeur of God's gift. "The half has not been told." Generations have come and gone since. Tens of thousands of words have been added to human languages but still words fail to express one half of the glory of this gift.

In Proverbs 30: 15 four things never say enough. You can add wood to a fire and add it forever but the fire will never say enough. But we look at Bethlehem and Calvary and cry, "Enough! It is more than our sins deserve. It is enough. **We know He loves us.**"

From Scripture we learn that men's gifts blind the eyes, but God's gift opens them. We had never known love if God had not sent His Son. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4: 10).

**By sending His Son God has shown that He not only loves, but more — He loves US. Can you say "the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me" ? (Galatians 2: 20).**

JOSEPH GUY.



## ***THE LORD'S YOKE***

**A** SUNDAY School Teacher asked her scholars, "Who can tell me what a yoke is?"

One of them answered, "It's something that is put on the neck of animals."

"Quite right," said the teacher, "but what do you think is the Lord's yoke?" All were silent, no one seeming to know the answer.

Then a little girl, four years old, raised her hand and said, "It is Jesus putting His arms round our neck."

If you read the words of the Lord Jesus (Matthew 11: 28-30), you will find that you must first come, and then take His yoke. **Have you done so ?**

E. MCCARTHY.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (4)

## JOHN 6 and 7

Dear Boys and Girls,

You have two long chapters to study this month. It is impossible to write upon them fully in the short space available, so we will think specially about one incident. **This incident is very important because it is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels.** If you read the story of the feeding of over five thousand people first in Matthew, then in Mark, then in Luke, when you come to John you will find something very charming. Someone is introduced into the narrative by John who is entirely omitted by the other evangelists.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, is always leading someone to Jesus. Whenever you read of him in Scripture, you will find that he is putting someone in touch with the Saviour. In our story, Andrew brought a boy to Jesus, and this fact is entirely left out in the other Gospels.

What a happy day for that boy! He set off in the morning from his home for a day among the hills with his little lunch, which his Mother had prepared for him. When he reached the country, he found a great crowd of people on the hillside listening to Jesus speaking to them. These people had walked a long way. Many of them were, no doubt, curious. They wanted to see some miracles performed by Jesus. But probably most were dissatisfied and longed for comfort and help. **Whatever the motive for following Jesus, He had compassion upon the people because they had been so long a time without food.** The question was, however, where to get sufficient bread. It would take a very great deal to feed all these people — about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Now, this is the part I love so well. Andrew came along and said, "There is a lad here." For this word, "lad," you might read, "little boy." What can a little boy do? Ah! he has never eaten his lunch: he has five barley loaves and two small fishes. "Make the men sit down," said Jesus. From another Gospel we learn that there was a lot of lovely green grass about that place — so soft and comfortable to sit on.

The men sat in orderly fashion, in groups of hundreds and fifties. Jesus took the five little loaves — more like big biscuits than what we call loaves — and the two little fishes and, **after giving thanks**, He commenced to break them into pieces: and, as He went on breaking, the loaves got no smaller. The disciples took the food to the people and, as they kept coming back for more, there was always more available. The whole thing was a wonderful miracle. The crowd got all they wanted — there was no lack. Further, twelve baskets were filled with the fragments that remained.

This was a great exhibition of the mighty power of God, and it is wonderful that He used a little boy to fulfil His plans. **I wonder if you would like to be used by the Lord Jesus Christ in some way like this!** If you trust Him first for your soul's salvation, there is no telling how you might do great things for Him.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

## QUESTIONS FOR JULY—AUGUST, 1950

### JOHN'S GOSPEL — CHAPTERS 6 and 7

1. Why did Jesus ask Philip whence He should buy bread?
2. What was the first thing Jesus did when He took the loaves?
3. How many baskets did they fill with the fragments?
4. Who shall never hunger?
5. How many times is "bread" mentioned in John 6?
6. What did the Jews say when Jesus went up into the temple and taught?
7. Why did no man lay hands on Jesus?
8. What did the officers answer when they were asked why they had not brought Jesus?

## *E.M.A's. Letter*

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Once again I have to remind a number of you to give chapter and verse, as well as the answer. Some of you are still forgetting this. J. Renny must answer eight questions. She has only done seven. W. Bradley also was one question short. J. Law gave answers from the Epistle of John instead of the Gospel of John. If he can do the correct paper he will still get his marks.

I am pleased to see the papers from the Sanderson Hospital and I trust they will enjoy doing the Scripture Searching. May they specially know what it is to enjoy the **comfort** of the Word of God.

If any of you have changed your address since you started Scripture Searching, will you please let me know on your next paper.

Your loving Friend, E.M.A.

## *Editor's Letter*

MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

As quite a number have not sent in their Searchings, the lists are smaller than those of the previous period. These may still be done, however, and marks will be recorded.

We heartily welcome the addition of all new members, including those from Avoch, Elswick Street S.S., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Germany, Nigeria (West Africa), Parkgate, Todmorden, Walsall and Wooler.

Special mention must be made of the nice number of Searchings received from the Sanderson Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and of the workers introducing this new service. We pray the Lord's blessing, in every way, upon the Searchers.

**In order to ensure prompt publication will every member please try to complete their answers as early as possible.**

Your affectionate EDITOR.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Wurgendorf,  
Germany,  
7th May, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

On Thursday I got your letter. At first I wrote down the answers from "Our Children," then read the nice stories. And at last, "Der Freund der Kinder," with the wonderful story, and its nice picture, "Weihnachtsabend."

I thank you very much for these two magazines.

Yours WERNER (aged 14 years).

Eremah,  
Nigeria (West Africa),  
20th May, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I shall be grateful if you will send me one of your Searchings for me to answer the questions in it and reply to you again. And when sending you should tell me whether I pass in it or not.

I am a boy of eleven years old, and I knew the Lord Jesus Christ in year 1945.

With greetings, I am, yours,

DAVID JOSHUA (aged 11 years).

Eremah,  
Nigeria (West Africa),

Sir,

Yours was received on 12th instant and contents were well understood.

I thank you very much for having given me an English Bible to help me in my Searchings.

My own age is 13 years, and I have known the Lord Jesus as my Saviour since 1947.

Yours thankfully,  
A. OGALUZO (aged 13 years).

Willmington,  
U.S.A.,  
19th May, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I received "Our Children" on the 12th May and I was very happy to get it. I enjoyed the stories very much and was glad to see my name in the first class.

I like to read "Selection of Letters," for I like to know how others enjoy reading "Our Children." Here are the answers.

Warm love in the Lord,  
DONALD (aged 12 years).

Hochst,  
Germany,  
20th May, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for the nice letter, and that you will send me an English Bible. My father is now three weeks at home after being in Russia six years. In the holidays I will go to see him. . . . Our house in Dusseldorf is broken, and we had to flee. Every Sunday I go to Church and am a helper for the little children in the Sunday School.

Much greetings,  
Yours HERBERT (aged 13 years).

## MAY—JUNE BIBLE SEARCHERS

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# Our Children



"MY WORD ! BUT YOU ARE THIRSTY, DEAR."

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## ACCEPT OR REJECT—WHICH ?

**T**HE writer many years ago was holding a cottage Gospel meeting in North Northumberland, and was very astonished to learn in what a historical neighbourhood the cottage was situated. There were four things which were remarkable :—

- (1) Opposite the cottage was a hill on the top of which were Druid remains.
- (2) Near by was a ruined cottage with very thick walls, which had been lived in by a Saxon king.
- (3) A village not far away was called Pallinsburn. This was a corruption of Paulinus's burn. Paulinus was a missionary, who came to this country over a thousand years ago, along with St. Augustine, who evangelised Kent, whilst St. Paulinus preached in Northumberland. The burn was where he baptised his converts, hence Pallinsburn.
- (4) Within sight of this cottage was the road over which the English Army marched on their way to fight the Scotch at the battle of Flodden Field.

Who were the Druids? They were the priests of the ancient Britons, who worshipped the sun, and who manufactured big baskets, in which were placed those they wished to destroy, by setting fire to them. What a contrast to this present time when we have the Bible and the true knowledge of God. These ancient Druids lived in heathen darkness. But no reader of **OUR CHILDREN** can have an excuse for not knowing the way of salvation in this land of Bibles. But you must believe the message it brings in **your heart** to get the blessing.

The ruined cottage of an ancient Saxon king reminds us how short life is, and how empty even the position of a king may be, and bids everyone of us, old and young, to make sure of our salvation. We leave this world one day, but where are we going to for eternity ?

The village of Pallinsburn reminds us of the preaching of the Gospel so long ago. We wonder how many then received the message, and how many refused it. And we wonder today how many of the readers of **OUR CHILDREN** accept the message, and how many reject it.

**What do YOU do, youthful reader ? You have sinned, you need a Saviour. God has provided the Saviour, and our Saviour declares, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."** (John 6: 37).

I read recently of a very rich young lady of noble family in North Northumberland, who got on her knees, and told the Lord she came to Him, and she received the assurance of the Saviour's own words that He would not cast her out, but would receive her for ever. How happy she was. May that happiness be yours.

The English and the Scotch fought a great battle at Flodden Field. **The greatest battle ever fought was between light and darkness, between good and evil, between God and Satan, and it was**

fought out when our Lord died on Calvary's cross and gained the victory there. Our Lord cried with a loud voice, "IT IS FINISHED" (John 19: 30).

His work was well done, and now, "grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 5: 21). When God saves the believing sinner, be he or she grown-up or a child, He does so **righteously**, for Jesus took the sinner's place, bore the judgment of sin, and now God offers freely, without money and without price, **now, at this moment**, as you read these lines, salvation and forgiveness of sins. Will you accept God's gracious offer? **You** must make the choice. No one can do it, but yourself.

A. J. POLLOCK.



## THE EYES OF THE LORD

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

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

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

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

In Psalm 11: 4, we read: "The Lord's throne is in heaven: His eyes behold . . . the children of men."

It would be very strange indeed if the Creator who made all things should not be able to see. "He that formed the eye, shall He not see?" asks the writer of Psalm 94. And in the first chapter of the Bible we read that, "God saw everything that He had made." This, of course, included the man and the woman He had put in the garden of Eden.

God did not shut His eyes after He had made man. More than a thousand years afterward, "He **saw** that the wickedness of man was great," and planned to destroy man from the face of the earth. "But," we read, "Noah found grace in **the eyes of the Lord**" (Genesis 6).

Noah was one among millions of men no doubt, and yet the wonderful eyes of the Lord did not miss seeing him among all the people that filled the earth with violence. "**The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good,**" so says Proverbs 15: 3.

Reader, as the eyes of the Lord look upon you now — yes, even into your heart — do they see one who truly loves Him because He first loved you, or one who is still an unforgiven sinner? If the latter, turn to Him now in true repentance, accepting Him as your Saviour, and He will receive and bless you.



## WHAT THE EYE SAW

ONE day I was walking round a large store in Portsmouth, and looking at the counters with all the variety of lovely things laid out for people to see. I watched the hundreds of people moving to and fro in the store, reminding me very much of an ant hill that had been upset. Then I thought to myself, what a temptation those counters were to people to steal, and how easy it would be for somebody to take something!

But I happened to glance up, and what do you think I saw? High up in the wall, was a tiny window, and looking out was a man. No doubt he was watching the people, and could quickly raise the alarm should he notice any wrongdoing. My mind travelled to another eye, One that is always watching both day and night. Do you know who I mean? Yes, it is God.

The man up there could only see over the store, **but God can see all over the world.** Yes, shut yourself in the darkest cellar, and still He can see you, **and more than that, He can see right into your heart.** He knows what you **intend to do**, and even think.

Do you know that little verse in Genesis 16: 13, "**Thou God seest Me**" ? Will you learn it and always remember when tempted to do wrong, "**Thou God seest Me**" ?

F. L. GODDEN.



## A HAPPY AND TIMELY DECISION

SOME years ago now, a bright-faced little maid used to attend a week-night meeting, where boys and girls learned about the love of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and sang hymns and choruses. Rhoda was her name, and she was eight years old. One evening the teacher closed the talk with a special appeal to any who wanted to have their sins forgiven, to decide for Christ without delay.

The following week Rhoda stayed behind after the others had gone home, and with such a smiling face, said to the teacher, "I did what you told us to do last week."

"What was that?" the teacher asked. The lovely reply was, "I **did** trust Jesus to be my Saviour."

It was well that Rhoda made that decision, for only a few days afterwards, she became very ill, and did not recover.

How glad her Mother and teachers were that Rhoda was saved, for now her soul is with her precious Saviour, because Jesus said, "**Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out**" (John 6: 37).

Will **you** come to Him **today**?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31).

M. W. ROBERTS.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (5)

JOHN'S GOSPEL (Chapters 8 and 9)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Can you imagine what the world would be like without light? Everything, of course, would die. Light is very necessary for our existence. God put the sun in the heavens to give light and this light maintains life.

Jesus said a most wonderful thing, "**I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.**" He came into the world to give light but so great was the darkness of men's hearts that the light could not be seen. The hearts of men could only produce deeds which were evil because men walked in darkness and could not see the light.

I have read of a man who walked into a shop in London where framed texts were on display. He chose a lovely text bearing the words, "God is Love." "Now," said he to the shopkeeper, "it would be nice to have one with the words, 'God is Light.''" "Oh," said the shopkeeper, "we never stock that one because there is no demand for it." **People do not like to be reminded that God is Light.**

Light does two things when it shines from God into our hearts. It shows what terribly black and wicked hearts we have and what sinners we are. But it also shows what a heart of love and compassion the Saviour has. The light reveals that Jesus, who truly said that He was the Light of the world, wants to fill your heart with that light. The darkness will then, of course, be dispelled and you will have the Light of Life.

There are two things you can do with the light. You can let it in or you can keep it out. Now I ask you, "Which have you done?" To let the light in means to let Jesus come in. When the Lord Jesus comes into a life which is dark from sin or trouble He always brings gladness because He is the Light.

The blind man about whom we read in our chapter had never seen the light — he was blind from his birth. What a terrible affliction! He just sat day by day begging from the passer-by. But Jesus came along and gave the man what he least expected. That day commenced with darkness for that poor man but ended with the light of Jesus filling his heart, and his eyes opened.

You probably have your natural eyesight, but, if you know not the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, the eyes of your soul are blinded, and this is very serious. You may think that you are all right and nothing much troubles you. Go into a dark room and you might have the impression that everything is nice and clean. But switch on the light and at once you see the dust — dust everywhere. Let the light of Jesus shine into your heart and you will discover that all is not so well. Now what are you going to do with the Light? Reject Him or receive Him? **Be well advised to receive Him, and you may be assured that He will gladden your heart and keep you in the Light of Life all your days.**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. Ross.

## QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER, 1950

JOHN'S GOSPEL, Chapters 8 and 9.

1. Who shall not walk in darkness ?
2. "Ye shall die in your sins." Write out the verse where these words occur **twice**.
3. What did Jesus say to those Jews which believed on Him ?
4. Who shall never see death ?
5. "I went ——— I received ———." Write out the whole verse where these words occur.
6. "His parents answered '—— We know ——'" Write out the whole verse where these words occur.
7. "He answered, 'One thing I know ——.'" Write out the whole verse where these words occur.
8. Who said, "Lord, I believe" ?

## *E.M.A's. Letter*

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

A great number of you gave wrong answers to Nos. 1 and 6 last time. They were not really difficult, but as so many were incorrect, I have allowed extra marks.

A. Sinclair was one answer short. D. Bounington, J. Foy and M. Spencer were two answers short. M. Turnbull must give chapter and verse. K. Kroos did not answer question 7. Always look at your paper again before you post it, to make quite sure that it is finished.

There are several papers not in yet. I hope they will be sent in, as it looks as if some of them will be prize-winners.

Please read the rules carefully this month as there are some new instructions for you to follow.

Your loving friend,

E.M.A.

## *Editor's Letter*

MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

I am sorry to see so many names missing from the July/August lists, but answers may still be sent in and marks will be recorded.

Thanks to those of you who posted your papers **within the first few days**, special mention being made of Helga Herhaus and J. G. Robinson.

The new Searchers from Carlisle, Fareham (Hants.), Longtown and Weston-super-Mare are warmly welcomed.

**Please note that all future Searchings should be posted to my address as stated on the back page.**

Your affectionate

EDITOR.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Neuendettelsau,  
Germany,

18th June, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Last week my father went to see my cousin and brought me your little magazine, "Our Children." And now the English Bible comes. Thank you heartily for it as I can answer your questions better.

Because I learn English only one year, you must excuse when I do not write in a good English. In this year I went to the table of the Lord.

Now I will write you the answers which I found. I should like to ask you that you send me your interesting magazine for July and August.

With love in the Lord,

Your, Reinhold Endress  
(Aged 14).

Ennepetal,  
Germany,  
23rd June, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I thank you very much for having sent me "Our Children." I enjoy it very much. Please find the Searchings of May/June, 1950, in enclosure.

I have two sisters, Ruth and Ingrid. We all go to the Assembly every Sunday. I know the Lord Jesus as my Saviour for four and a half years.

Now I'm 15 years old and I attend secondary school — fifth class. With warm love in the Lord,

Yours, Gisela.

Brunn,  
Germany,  
2nd July, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Have many thanks for the magazine. We have got it yesterday and enclosed send you the answers. We hope they will be right.

"A Gift — for Whom?" is a very fine story. We must always think if Jesus had not come on the world, we would be lost for the heaven. We must think that we are all sinners, and thank Jesus every day that He had come to us.

Now it is very hot in Germany. Today it thundered and rained very much and afterwards the sun shone as hot as before.

With many greetings in Him,

Yours, Brigitte with Manfred,  
(Aged 17 and 15 respectively).

Wermelskirchen,  
Germany,  
4th July, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

We have received the magazine "Our Children," and thank you very much for it. We love the nice stories. We have already read, "The Lord's Yoke."

We have a little dictionary to seek the words which we do not know. We have read together the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, and enjoyed seeking how many times the word "bread" is mentioned in it.

We send our warm greetings to you,

Yours affectionately, Ingrid and Sigrid  
(Both aged 12).

## JULY—AUGUST BIBLE SEARCHERS

### Age Fourteen Years and Over

**First Class.** — R. Barker, J. Bell, A. Berrill, I. Blum, B. Brettell, M. Chilvers, B. Clarkson, E. Coatsworth, L. Corby, G. Dodd, J. Dodd, J. Dunlop, B. Easton, E. Elliott, R. Endress, C. Fairgrieve, B. Garrick, N. Grant, M. Graves, J. Green, P. Greiff, R. Griffiths, M. Hart, O. Hart, D. Haughton, I. Haynes, I. Heilmann, H. Herhaus, E. Herrmann, P. Hey, C. Holmes, P. Howells, C. Johnson, D. Jones, M. Kirk, G. Leendertse, E. Lohner, E. Love, R. Love, E. Marriott, M. Melvton, E. Monger, M. Monger, S. Morgan, N. Mott, R. Mott, J. Overton, A. Pegram, H. Pfeiffer, S. Procter, M. Prussak, W. Pulirich, S. Reeve, J. Reid, G. Rennison, J. Renney, J. Renton, A. Roach, J. Rodgers, K. Schlierholz, E. Seymour, G. Sheppard, G. Sichelschmidt, D. Smith, M. Spark, B. Spencer, P. Sturme, E. Tetlow, D. Tyson, E. Tyson, F. Tyson, C. Veitch, L. Weiss, M. Willert, J. Williams, G. Wiseman, J. Wylie, R. Wylie, B. Zuleeg, M. Zuleeg. Received late:— P. Anderson, H. Gubitz, L. Gubitz, J. Karp, E. Weitzel.

**Second Class.** — E. Duck, S. Green, E. Hawdon, K. D. Kroos, M. Lumley, M. Simpson, M. Statham.

### Age Eleven up to Thirteen Years

**First Class.** — E. Allen, E. Amey, P. Amey, J. Armstrong, O. Aves, J. Ayres, R. Baker, G. Barstow, D. Bergner, G. Blackwell, S. Bolam, A. Bonnington, R. Boothby, W. Bradley, J. Bright, A. Calvert, A. Carter, M. Cavanagh, A. Clark, Jean Clark, A. Cockayne, E. Coutts, B. Doneathy, F. Duck, J. Edwards, B. Emmett, M. Endress, K. Fearnside, E. Fell, E. Fenton, S. Fishburn, J. Fletcher, B. Foy, J. Gardner, J. Gellender, Marjorie Hall, Moira Hall, T. Hall, C. Hamilton, G. Harrison, L. Haughton, N. Hawdon, O. Hawthorne, K. Henderson, D. Heron, H. Heron, G. Hindmarch, E. Hiscock, S. Hummelbeck, R. Humphrey, M. Jefferson, C. Jones, M. Jones, B. Kirkpatrick, L. Kirkpatrick, D. Lancaster, J. Law, K. Lohner, E. Love, D. Malcolm, M. Malcolm, E. Marshall, E. Mawson, R. Mawson, M. Middleton, C. Molineus, D. Morgan, K. Morris, D. Mott, Andrew Murray, Anthony Murray, J. McCutcheon, I. McDermont, T. Nanson, S. Neil, R. Nelson, J. Nichol, J. Oldham, A. Oxnard, J. Pattinson, M. Pfeiffer, D. Phillips, E. Phillips, M. Procter, D. Ranson, M. Redpath, C. Reeve, J. Reynoldson, R. Reynoldson, J. A. Ring, J. Ritchie, J. G. Robinson, J. Robinson, E. Rogers, M. Rogers, M. Ross, M. Simm, S. Simpson, A. Sinclair, Margaret Smith, Muriel Smith, I. Steinhaus, R. Sturme, A. Tetlow, G. Thomson, P. Thornes, J. Turner, M. Tweddell, B. Urwin, A. Vickers, D. Walden, P. Ward, S. Watson, T. Watson, A. Waugh, J. Wilkinson, M. Wilkinson, D. Williams (Middlesbro'), J. Willis, B. Wilson, L. Wilson, M. Wilson, V. Wilson, I. Winters, A. Wiseman, A. Wylie, E. Wylie.

**Second Class.** — W. Atkinson, R. Bell, J. Foy, M. Spencer, J. Stephenson, T. Swain, D. Williams (Heaton), Brian Wilson, S. Worrall, J. Young.

### Age Ten Years and Under

**First Class.** — E. Allan, R. Allan, D. Anderson, E. Archibald, S. Arnett, G. Arthur, M. Bagshaw, M. Barnes, L. Begg, A. Bell, M. Blake, B. Brook, J. Brook, K. Cannon, V. Carlisle, E. Cartmel, P. Chapple, A. Clamp, J. Clark (Heaton), J. Clark (Keswick), G. Collingwood, C. Cox, W. Craig, J. Croft, N. Davison, T. Dobbing, J. Dodd, N. Duck, G. Elliott, A. Featherstone, W. Fell, A. Fenton, K. Foy, B. Glossop, J. Graham, M. Graham (Wigton), A. Graves, B. Green, C. Griffiths, S. Gunn-Russell, A. Hall, R. Haran, D. Hart, V. Hawdon, Hazel Hawthorne, Heather Hawthorne, T. Hawthorne, D. Heron, M. Heron, E. Hindmarch, J. Holliday, M. Holliday, F. Holmes, P. Holmes, V. Hornsby, M. Huitson, K. Hunt, D. Jackson, M. James, J. Jenner, R. Johnson, V. Johnson, M. Johnston, K. Jones, M. Jones, V. Kennedy, B. Kenyon, E. Kidd, E. Kirk, I. Knox, E. Lattimer, B. Laws, J. Lillie, K. Lillie, J. Ludford, S. Mackereth, P. Mann, D. Marsay, A. Mattinson, S. Mattinson, J. May, T. Moisey, M. Moore (Keswick), P. Moore, S. Morris, G. Mott, David Murray, Dorothy Murray, H. McKinley, S. Nicholson, A. O'Grady, A. Papps, I. Parish, E. Park, M. Patience,

K. Peary, M. Pearson, E. Phillips, J. Portlock, M. Pouton, M. Prendergast, E. Rennie, J. Reynoldson, R. Ring, W. Roach, A. Robson, H. Ross, A. Scott, G. Scott, D. Simpson, L. Simpson, V. Smith, J. Spencer, I. Stagg, M. Stagg, A. Stanley, Alwin Stockdale, Annette Stockdale, D. Stoddart, R. Stone, D. Swann, W. Swindells, D. Talbot, J. Tate, H. Tatters, D. Taylor, G. Taylor, J. Thompson, D. Thornthwaite, E. Todhunter, M. Tomkinson, T. Trafford, Mary Turnbull, S. Tweddell, G. Tyson, E. Walker, L. Walton, C. Watson, B. Wild, P. Wilkinson, R. Williams, M. Willis, P. Willis, J. Wilson, R. Wilson, R. Winder, V. Woods, J. Worrall, M. Wren, R. Wylie.

**Second Class.** — M. Clark, M. Corrick, T. Spencer, M. Trafford.

**The following are also in first class for May/June:**— E. Okirie, E. Amey, P. Amey, W. Swindells, W. Davies, R. Johnson, H. Verkerk, G. Sichelschmidt, K. Oakley, J. Fletcher, J. Heal, M. Endress, J. Karp.

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## C. S. ROSS

**I**T is with deep regret I have to make known that no longer will the readers of "OUR CHILDREN," and, in particular, its Scripture Searchers, have new articles from his pen.

His long and devoted service for the Lord Jesus was ended on September 21st, when he was called into the presence of Him whom he loved and delighted to serve. For him all is well, because to be absent from the body means — for the believer — to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5: 8), but to his loved ones — and ourselves — a blank remains which only the Lord can fill.

It is now many years since the familiar initials "C.S.R." first appeared in "OUR CHILDREN," when in November, 1928, he dealt with the parable of "The Sower." It may be well to give the closing words of the article which are as equally applicable today as when written 22 years ago.

"The seed is still being scattered in the world today, and is still doing its gracious work.

You read and you hear at times of God's way of salvation. **Be true, be honest, open your heart wide, and let the Word find an entrance.** The Psalmist says, 'The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple.' (Psalm 119: 130).

The result of opening your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ will be fruit to His praise."

Mr. Ross thereafter regularly contributed to the pages of our Magazine until 1932, when he commenced writing on the subjects set for the Searchers, upon which the questions to be answered were based. In 1935 the now familiar page headed "Scripture Searchers' Corner" was introduced, and page 5 of this issue contains the last message to come from dear C. S. Ross. May its reading be a real blessing to both saved and unsaved.

For a number of years the top prizewinner in each of the three age groups has had the privilege of choosing a nicely bound copy of the Bible, and many successful Searchers have taken this course in preference to receiving an ordinary book. This generous offer, through the kindly thought of the late Mr. S. Boyes, started in January, 1935, and continued until December, 1940.

It can now be made known that thereafter the cost of these Bibles has been shared by Mr. C. S. Ross, evidence of his keen interest in encouraging young folk to search the Scriptures. In conclusion, may I refer you all to the words of the Apostle, "Remember them . . . who have spoken unto you the Word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. **Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.**" (Hebrews 13: 7, 8).

EDITOR.

## THE POLICEMAN'S STORY

**A** NUMBER of Christian policemen were giving their testimony as to how God had saved them. (It was at a Policemen's Mission in Belfast). The following story is what one of them told:—

"Coming in from my beat one evening, I met my wife and little daughter just going out shopping. 'Mummy,' said the little girl, 'may I stay with Daddy?' 'Very well, dear,' said her mother, and went off, leaving the child delighted to have an evening with Daddy all to herself.

She said, 'Let's play games — we'll play at school; you'll be the teacher, and ask me words to spell.' So we played like this for a while, and then she said, 'Now, we'll change, and I'll be the teacher, but I'm not going to ask you to spell words. I'm going to say some poetry, and you're to say it after me line by line.'

Then she began, 'Just as I am, without one plea'; I repeated 'Just as I am, without one plea'; 'But that Thy blood was shed for me'; and I repeated that too; and then the third line, 'And that Thou bidst me come to Thee.' But when she came to the last line — 'Oh, Lamb of God, I come' — I stopped, for I felt I could not say that truthfully. God had been speaking to me in a way that I had never felt before, as I repeated the other lines; but I was not ready to 'come.' '**Daddy,**' she said, **if you don't say it, you won't get full marks!**'

But I would not say it, though she tried me several times, repeating the last line over. Then to my relief, Mummy came in, and we had supper, and the little girl was put to bed, and presently Mummy went too. I sat on by the fire, feeling more and more miserable, for there was a great battle going on in my soul. 'I **can't** say it — if I do I shall have to tell all those fellows in the barracks tomorrow, and I **can't** do it.'

But still I could get no relief, nor go to bed. The Spirit of God was speaking to me. The hours passed on, till about 3 a.m., when I went down on the floor in an agony of soul; and then at last I said, 'Oh, Lamb of God, **I come,** if You will have me just as I am.' Great peace came into my heart, and a joy such as I had never before experienced.

I went upstairs, and leaning over the cot where my little girl was sleeping, whispered softly, **Darling, I've said it now, 'Oh, Lamb of God, I come.'** She half awoke, and a sleepy little voice said, 'You'll get full marks now, Daddy!'

Young reader, have you got full marks?

E. M. STEVEN.



## ESTHER'S EXAMINATION PAPER

**E**STHER was a bright, happy girl of thirteen when I first knew her. She and I were in the same form at school and we were very

fond of each other. Esther was a **real** Christian. I could tell that by her ways.

Nobody is **born** a Christian, we have to be born again in order to be so. One day, I asked Esther how this great change had come to her. This is what she told me. She had attended a Young People's Meeting where those present were told of their need of a Saviour, and were urged to come to Jesus that their sins might be forgiven. Esther realised that she was a sinner, but just **how** to come to the Saviour she could not quite understand. At the close of the meeting someone spoke to her about Jesus, and she told him how she felt.

"Well," he said, "supposing an examination paper were put before you with these words on it: 'The Lord is . . . . my heart,' which word would you put into the space, 'at' or 'in'?"

Esther thought for a moment, "If I put 'at' it will mean that the Lord Jesus is knocking at my door and I am keeping Him outside. No! I won't do that! I shall let Him in," and her answer was '**in.**'

At that moment Esther opened her heart to Jesus and He came in and filled her soul with peace and joy. You see, the latch was on the **inside** of the door, and she just lifted the latch and received the Lord Jesus as her own Saviour. The same Saviour is knocking at the door of your heart today. Won't you open the door to Him and say with all your heart: "Thou didst die for sinners, therefore it was for **me**"?

Look up this text in the New Testament, in the last book of the Bible, Revelation, chapter 3, verse 20: "**Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.**"

J. M. CAMPBELL.



## BIBLE SEARCHERS

Age Ten Years and Under  
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**Second Class.** — J. Armstrong, J. Balls, G. Collingwood, T. Nicholls, R. Stone, M. Walker.

**Correct Papers for July/August have also been received from:** — E. Moore, W. Moore, M. Moss, R. Davidson, M. Feasey, J. Murray, M. Murray, H. Muller, D. Williams, J. Nicholson, J. Smith, J. Heal, T. Winter, D. Joshua, E. O. Okirie, J. Forster, R. Meyer, J. Bassett, F. Jeffrey, A. Sanderson, E. Bailey, B. Bassett, D. Fiske, M. Jeffrey, A. Chaplin, T. Keady, A. Ogaluzo.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS' CORNER (6)

JOHN'S GOSPEL (Chapters 10 and 11).

DEAR CHILDREN,

The Lord Jesus Christ is often referred to in both the Old and New Testaments as a Shepherd. Here, in John 10, He is called the Good Shepherd and He says Himself that He is the door of the sheep. You may wonder why He should have these two titles! A traveller in Palestine tells how he stood on a hill one evening and watched the sheep going into their fold for the night. The fold was just a square enclosure with an open space for an entrance — there was no door. The shepherd stood at this opening counting the sheep to make sure that none were missing and attending to any who may have got injured. When all were settled, the shepherd laid himself down in the opening where the door should have been — he was himself the door! If any wild animals came about during the night, they would have had to pass over him before they could reach the sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the door of the sheep — first the door of entrance, then the door of safety. It is through Him that we get into God's flock. **We cannot become Christians except through the Lord Jesus Christ.** Then, in the flock, we are safe. Satan cannot harm us because he has first to deal with Jesus before he can get at us. We are wonderfully safe.

There are two things said of the Good Shepherd — first, He giveth His life for the sheep. A man who is just hired for wages would not be willing to do as much as that, because if he saw some wild beast coming, he would run to save his own life and leave the sheep to do the best they could. But, if the shepherd was the owner of the sheep, he would not act like that — he would love his sheep and, if necessary, give his life that the sheep might be spared. This is how the Lord Jesus has dealt with us — He need not have done it — He did it willingly. **On the cross the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life for us. We shall never be able to understand why He should have loved us so much.** Then He knows each sheep — He knows every name — He takes a personal interest in each one, and this is very beautiful.

The Good Shepherd speaks to us through His word. Do we know His voice? As you read the word of God, listen to the voice of Jesus and let your heart respond in obedience to Him!

In this country we always see the shepherd behind the sheep driving them along. But in the East, the shepherd goes before and the sheep follow. Jesus says to each of us — "Follow Me." You may be assured that He leads aright. He will lead to safety: He will lead by the quiet pastures and the still waters.

Jesus enfolds the sheep in His strong hand and no one is strong enough to pluck them out. Then they are enclosed in the almighty hand of God, the Father, so they are absolutely safe. **Dear boys and girls, if you belong to Jesus you are safe for ever.**

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. ROSS.

## QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER—DECEMBER, 1950

JOHN'S GOSPEL (CHAPTERS 10 and 11)

1. Who is the Door of the sheep?
2. Write out the verse which mentions "Good Shepherd" twice.
3. Who scattereth the sheep?
4. Write out the verse which mentions "never perish."
5. What did Jesus say about "this sickness"?
6. Who shall never die?
7. Write out the shortest verse in Chapter 11.
8. "Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God." Write out the whole verse where these words occur.

## *E.M.A's. Letter*

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The papers this month, on the whole, were very well done. Most of those who made slips went wrong over the 3rd question, and this was only because they needed to read a little further on in the chapter before deciding on the answer.

I. Milligan, E. Candlish, P. Greiff and P. Holmes did not do the full set of questions. Make sure you have not left one out this time. L. Corby must give chapter and verse. S. Hulme must write out the **answers**.

You will have read elsewhere in the magazine that this is the last time I shall be responsible for the Scripture Searching page. For several reasons I feel that the time has come to pass on this interesting service to another.

I must say how cheering it has been, from time to time, to meet those of you who once did the Scripture Searching and to know that you are still going on with the Lord. I would emphasize again to all of you — **read your Bibles**. Not only at Sunday School or for Scripture Searching, but **daily** and at those **odd** times when you want "something to read."

Your loving friend,

E.M.A.

## *Editor's Letter*

MY DEAR SEARCHERS,

Firstly, my letter to you this time contains the sad news of the loss we all feel in the "home" call of beloved C. S. Ross. Of this you will read more fully on page 5.

Secondly, I am very sorry to tell you that our dear friend, "E.M.A." (Miss E. M. Aves) feels that following on the great increase of Searchers, coupled with added duties at the Bible Depot and health reasons, the time has come for her to be relieved of the Scripture Searching work.

It was in January 1930 that Miss Aves took on the work of marking papers and keeping the necessary records. In addition, a cheery and helpful letter from her pen to the Searchers, appeared in each issue, and to which the increased interest in Scripture Searching is in no small measure due.

It may come as a surprise to you to know that in September 1929 the number of papers was 115, whereas the total for September 1950 was 454.

I am pleased to say that our dear friend will make up the Prize List at the end of December; also set the questions for 1951. That you will often think of her in your prayers for the Lord's blessing, I feel sure.

Thanks to those of you who sent in early papers. The first to arrive was Celia Jones, quickly followed by those of Brigitte and Manfred Zuleeg (Germany). Donald Bergner, too, who lives in the United States of America, deserves special mention. He received "Our Children" on September 14th and answered the questions the same day. Then straightway posting by air mail, his paper arrived on September 18th. By that date only a third of the Searchers had sent in their papers. So will you each try to let me have your answers sooner?

Quite a number of Searchers have joined the "family" during September, to each of whom we extend a warm welcome. They come from Aberdeen, Birmingham, Carlisle, Chatton, Glasgow, Harrington, Kilkeel, Keswick (1), Keswick (2), (Monday Night Class), London, Lowestoft, Middlesbrough, Manchester (Levenshulme), Newcastle-on-Tyne (Denmark St., Sanderson Hospital and St. Lawrence), Nigeria, Scunthorpe, Sheffield, Stockton-on-Tees, (Monday Night Class), Weston-Super-Mare, Wigton and Wolverhampton.

At present there are no members of the "family" in Australia, though we had some before the last war. I know that "Our Children" reaches hundreds of both Australian and Tasmanian readers, so here's a warm invitation to them to let us have their Searchings.

The Lord greatly bless each of you.

Your affectionate

EDITOR.

## SELECTION OF LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Munich,  
Germany.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

Thank you very much for your letter, "Our Children," and above all for the Bible. I have been pleased very much by it.

Please find enclosed my Searchings. May I ask how long I can do the questions? Through the Searchings I get more acquainted with the Bible. Formerly I never looked into it. I am a Roman Catholic, and in our district nearly all people are Protestants. Up to the age of 11 years I could not attend lessons of religion. With 16 years I came to a boarding school which was managed by Benedictine nuns. There I got the real religious education.

Now I begin slowly to realise what the aim of our life is and what an unworthy sinner I am.

With love in the Lord,

ELISABETH (aged 18).

Coolaney,  
Eire.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

I like doing the questions very much. My favourite text is Psalm 27, verse 1. Here is a little verse I made:

"He shed His blood on Calvary,  
He shed His blood for you and me.  
If we love Him, we are His lambs,  
And will be folded in His arms."

With love in the Lord,

LAURA SIMPSON  
(aged 10).

Glasgow,  
18th September, 1950.

Dear Editor,

I wish to become a Scripture Searcher and enclose my first paper.

Yours truly,

IAN G. HARTHILL  
(aged 9).

Neustadt-Aisch,  
Germany,  
27th September, 1950.

Dear Mr. Rugg,

At length I have time to thank you for the magazine "Our Children," and to answer the questions of September-October. I hope it will be not too late and I also hope they will be right.

And now my only wish is that God shall preserve us of a war, after the wounds of the last war hardly had cured.

Now I close my letter hoping to hear of you soon.

With love in the Lord,

Yours,

LISELOTTE GUBITZ  
(aged 17).

## SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER BIBLE SEARCHERS

### Age Fourteen Years and Over

**First Class.** — P. Anderson, J. Baines, R. Barker, J. Bell, I. Blum, D. Bonnington, P. Bonnington, B. Brettell, M. Chilvers, W. Davidson, M. Dixon, J. Dodd, J. Dunlop, E. Elliott, R. Endress, C. Fairgrieve, E. Garburg, B. Garrick, M. Gellatly, M. Graves, J. Gray, J. Green, R. Griffiths, H. Gubitz, L. Gubitz, M. Hart, D. Haughton, I. Haynes, I. Heilmann, H. Herhaus, E. Herrmann, P. Hey, M. Holden, C. Holmes, P. Howells, F. Jeffrey, D. Jones, M. Kind, S. Lamb, H. Lanninger, G. Leendertse, E. Lohner, E. Love, R. Love, M. Lowry, E. Marriott, R. Meyer, E. Monger, M. Monger, E. Moore, S. Morgan, N. Mott, R. Mott, J. Overton, S. Palmer, H. Pfeiffer, A. Pegram, S. Procter, M. Prussak, W. Pulfrich, S. Reeve, G. Rennison, J. Renney, M. Richardson, A. Roach, J. Rodgers, K. Schlierholz, N. Shanks, G. Sheppard, M. Simpson, D. Smith, B. Spencer, P. Sturme, E. Tetlow, J. Turner, D. Tyson, E. Tyson, F. Tyson, B. Urwin, C. Veitch, E. Weitzel, H. Weitzel, J. Williams, G. Wiseman, R. Wylie, B. Zuleeg, M. Zuleeg, M. Hall.

**Second Class.** — A. Berrill, M. Davison, P. Greiff.

### Age Eleven to Thirteen Years

**First Class.** — M. Alexander, E. Allen, E. Amey, J. Armstrong, W. Atkinson, R. Aves, J. Ayres, E. Bailey, G. Barstow, B. Bassett, J. Bassett, J. Bell, R. Bell, D. Bergner, M. Birch, G. Blackwell, D. Blowers, S. Bolam, A. Bonnington, R. Boothby, J. Bright, A. Calvert, A. Carter, M. Cavanagh, S. Cavanagh, A. Clark, J. Clark, L. Corby, E. Coutts, R. Davidson, J. Dodd, B. Doneathy, J. Eglon, J. Elliott, B. Emmett, M. Farrow, K. Fearnside, R. Fishburn, S. Fishburn, D. Fiske, J. Fletcher, C. French, A. Fryer, J. Gardner, B. Gibson, J. Gillender, E. Graham, S. Green, T. Hall, C. Hamilton, G. Harrison, J. Harrup, B. Haughton, L. Haughton, O. Hawthorne, J. Heal, D. Heron, H. Heron, G. Hindmarch, D. Holme, P. Holmes, S. Hummelbeck, A. Hunter, D. Hutchison, M. James, J. Jenner, D. Johnson, C. Jones, M. Jones, T. Keady, L. Kirkpatrick, L. Knight, D. Lancaster, M. Logan, D. Malcolm, M. Malcolm, E. Marshall, B. Martin, E. Mawson, R. Mawson, M. Middleton, I. Milligan, C. Molineux, L. Moore, W. Moore, D. Morgan, K. Morris, M. Moss, D. Mott, P. Mounsey, H. Muller, M. Murray, I. McDermont, T. McKee, T. Nanson, S. Neil, R. Nelson, J. Nichol, D. Nichols, P. Ormston, A. Oxnard, M. Pfeiffer, D. Phillips, J. Piddock, A. Playfair, M. Playfair, T. Porter, M. Procter, C. Reeve, B. Rennison, J. Reynoldson, R. Reynoldson, J. Ring, J. Ritchie, J. Robinson (Yarm), J. Robinson (Sanderson Hospital), E. Rogers, M. Rogers, M. Ross, A. Sanderson, M. Simm, S. Simpson, B. Smith, Margaret Smith, Muriel Smith, M. Spencer, T. Spencer, A. Stanley, I. Steinhause, R. Sturme, R. Swan, A. Tetlow, J. Thompson, P. Thornes, M. Tomes, J. Turner, M. Tweddell, H. Verkerk,

P. Wagner, D. Walden, E. Waller, P. Ward, E. Watson, M. Watson, S. Watson, T. Watson, A. Waugh, Y. Wiggins, H. Wilkinson, J. Wilkinson, M. Wilkinson, D. Williams (Middlesbro'), D. Williams (Newcastle), Derek Williams, J. Willis, Beatrice Wilson, L. Wilson, M. Wilson, V. Wilson, T. Winter, A. Wiseman, S. Worrall, P. Worton, A. Wylie, E. Wylie, B. Kirkpatrick, M. Hall.

**Second Class.** — M. Andrew, O. Aves, M. Crisp, S. Hulme, E. Love, K. Norton, J. Oldham, J. Pattinson, T. Swain, J. Tomlinson, B. Wesley, Sybil Green.

### Age Ten Years and Under

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