

OUR CHILDREN

FORMERLY
WORDS OF WELCOME.



"PLEASE, MAY I COME WITH YOU?"

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THE SALVATION TRAIN

I WANT to-day to ask you a question.

It is this: Are you on the Salvation train, which is bound for the *Celestial City*? Many a boy or girl has missed the Salvation train by sitting in the waiting-room. Now don't you make that mistake, for the train to the Celestial City is not guaranteed to run to-morrow. Whatever you do, be in time. The early morning of life is the very best time to mount this train. More have been known to enter the train in the early morning than any other time. In fact, it is rather risky to leave it to the afternoon of life. *And let me tell you that few, very few indeed, catch the Salvation train in the evening of life.*

The train runs straight through. It is a non-stop train. You can only mount it at Calvary Station. Be sure you get into the right train, for there are many trains running, but there is only one Salvation train. The official time-table tells us when the train starts. It is recorded there that "NOW is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians vi. 2).

"I am on the Salvation train," sings Mr. Sederquist, *en route* for the Celestial City in Canaan's happy land. Can you, boy or girl, truly join in the song?

"I'm on the Gospel Railway,
En route for Canaan's land;
I've left the world behind me,
To join the pilgrim's band.
The way is safe, the rails are strong,
The train is going through,
And all who wear Christ's uniform
Will meet in grand review.

"No other train will follow,
The Calvary main line;
The Bible is the headlight
Which makes the engine shine;

The signal is the ringing bell,
Inviting all to come
To take the trip to Canaan's land,
The saints' Eternal home.

"The train is at the station,
And waiting now for thee;
King Jesus is Conductor;
He offers pardon free.
Then, sinner, get your ticket now
While open is the gate;
When the trumpet blows the gate will close
And then t'will be too late."

E. G. C.

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DREAMS

WOULD you like to hear about Charlie's dream? He was a big boy, between twelve and thirteen, and went one night to a meeting, bent on mischief and making fun of what he heard. He laughed and talked and disturbed the preacher, so that he had to be removed. But one night he had a dream which disturbed him dreadfully.

He thought that at the foot of his bed, on the wall, not in black letters, but in fiery words like gas jets, he saw the word

ETERNITY

He awoke in a great fright, trembling very much, and could not go to sleep again. Surely it was God speaking to him; and he felt what a wicked boy he was, and that if he died in that state he could not possibly spend eternity in heaven. He could not swallow any breakfast in the morning, and had a most wretched time at school.

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

He is grown up now and telling others of the Saviour.

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

About 11 o'clock the lady said to her husband, "I will just go and look at Tom, to see if he is comfortable." She went in softly so that she would not disturb him, and found he looked very happy in his sleep, but she noticed by the candlelight that his lips were moving, and heard him whisper:—

"*I am so glad that is settled*"—then a pause—"Jesus has taken all my sins away"—another pause—"I am washed in the blood of the Lamb."

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

Can you say what Tom said? If not why not get it settled NOW by receiving Christ. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans x. 9).

J. S.

A CHRISTIAN

"DEAR mother," said a little maid,
"Please whisper it to me—

Before I am a Christian,
How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, dear child,
Before you can love me?"

"I always loved you, mummie mine,
Since I was tiny wee.

"I love you now and always will,"
The little daughter said,
And on her mother's shoulder hid
Her golden curly head.

"How old, my girlie, must you be
Before you trust my care?"

"Oh, mother dear, I do, I do—
I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be my child,
To do the things I say?"
The little girl looked up and said,
"I can do that to-day."

"Then you can be a Christian, too,
Don't wait till you are grown,
Tell Jesus now you come to Him
To be His very own."

And so the little maid knelt down
And said, "Lord, if I may,
I'd like to be a Christian now"—
He answered, "Yes, to-day."

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Scriptures which, as the Apostle Paul told Timothy, "are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Ever remember, too, that "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD. . . . That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy iii. 16, 17).

Thank God, that you are under the care of godly parents (but should they

not be saved it is your privilege to pray that this might be so), and are able to attend a Sunday School where the teachers lovingly unfold to you the Word of God, and earnestly long for your spiritual growth. Then, being "strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus," do what you can to bring others, so that they, too, may confess His blessed Name.

J. H. R.

(4) THE HEAD

"And the Lord said . . . for I know."
(Exod. iii. 7-8)

WHAT does the head speak of? Intelligence! Yes, God has been pleased to give us ability to understand things, and so far as this world is concerned we may be reckoned very clever boys and girls, or men and women, but when it comes to the things of God, how different.

But let us turn to the Word of God for our instruction. In the Acts of the

Apostles, chapter 9, we read of Saul breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, and how he went to Damascus to put others into prison. We have brought before us this man, who though greatly learned, yet hated God's people. We see from verses 3-4 how a light above the brightness of the sun shone round about him and of his hearing a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?"

There we see the wonderful power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; power to pluck from the hand of Satan his chief worker, and grace in saving one who,

having stood by whilst Stephen was stoned (Acts vii. 58), continued his acts of persecution against the saints of God until arrested on the way to Damascus.

Then, in verses 16-18, we have God sending out Paul (the one-time Saul) to lead men and women, yes, boys and girls as well, to trust the Saviour so that they might receive forgiveness of sins. This great change was effected, not by his learning, but having been brought to take his place as a guilty sinner before God.

We appeal to you, dear reader, to do likewise. Then with Paul you will be able to say, "I KNOW whom I have believed" (2 Timothy i. 12).



A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU, BOYS AND GIRLS, and may you increasingly find in the Lord Jesus Christ One who ever delights to counsel and guide as the journey of life is continued.

That dangers and pitfalls are numerous for the young Christian no one can truly deny, but what a comfort to know you have *such* a FRIEND in JESUS, who is ever at hand to keep you walking in the ways that are pleasing to God.

The following true incident will help to illustrate what is on my heart to say to you. The parents of a baby girl had a terrifying experience recently whilst camping in an African jungle. They had pitched their tent for the night, and were peacefully sleeping, when a lioness entered and carried off their little darling.

The father awoke just as the lioness was disappearing through the tent flap; and though the alarm was raised, and the natives set up a terrific din to startle the beast, they saw it enter the jungle with the baby between its teeth. The father, armed with a rifle, and the natives with spears, gave chase immediately; and soon after they came across the lioness lying in a small clearing with the crying baby beside it.

Careful aim was taken, the shot rang out on the still air, and the wild animal fell dead. Very quickly did the father rush forward, and anxiously picked up his baby daughter, who, although terrified, was little the worse for her trying experience, and you can imagine the joy of the parents in having their loved one restored to them.

The reading of this touching incident brought to my mind something of the activities of Satan, who is spoken of in the Scriptures as going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter v. 8). That does not mean to say he has full power over the Christian, but in order to turn such aside from faithfulness and devotedness to Christ, Satan raises the storms of persecution and trouble as was largely witnessed in these lands hundreds of years ago, when men and women, boys and girls, were turned out of their peaceful homes, and put to terrible deaths, simply because they would not give up their faith in the Saviour. How thankful we ought to be that Satan is restrained from acting in such a manner, at least in our country, but in other parts of the world many dear children of God are being sorely tried on account of their faith. Many are being cast into prison, others sent into exile, whilst some even suffer death. *May we know how to pray for such.*

But Satan is never inactive, and we must not think that because the Christian life seems undisturbed, all is well. If you will turn up your Bibles to 2 Corinthians xi. you will see that he takes up another form; not a wild animal this time, but that of an angel of *light*. "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (verse 14). That is to say, he tries to make the Scriptures mean anything but what God intends us to understand by them, and so thousands of people have false ideas as to the love of God, the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the wonderful salvation that is the portion of all those who come to God in repentance and trust in the atoning blood once shed on the Cross of Calvary.

In view of this side of Satan's activities, you are well advised, dear young Christian, to continue the earnest prayerful searching and study of the Holy

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DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

The Editor has asked me to write again a short letter to you each month in connection with your Scripture Searching exercise. I gladly do this and hope that you will be helped. Our great desire is that you may not only search the Scriptures, important as this is, but that you may be saved. You do the exercises month by month and I trust that you learn a good deal—you probably have your studies at school to which you must also give attention—but the greatest thing of all is to know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. We want to see you growing up for Him. He, too, looks for your devotion—that your time, your energy, your whole body might be spent in His service. Surely He is worthy of this!

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world—a body was given Him. In that Body He glorified God and in that Body, we read, He bore our sins on the tree. God has given *you* a body, dear young friend. A question I would like to ask is, “What are you doing with that body?” Are you using it for God’s glory or for Satan?

The Lord Jesus Christ is appealing to you, and Satan is anxious to have your service. To which voice are you going to listen? If you turn to the

Lord Jesus Christ, as I hope you will, and definitely take sides with Him, you will find the great desire of your heart will be to spend your life—your body—for Him.

Read the sixth chapter of Matthew carefully. We get there some very important advice from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We read how He cares about the small things of our everyday life. He watches our habits and the thoughts and desires of our hearts. He sees us at all times, asleep or awake, by night or by day. He takes an interest in our food and our clothing and in everything. The great exhortation in this chapter is to put God first in all things. “**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,**” and the promised blessing is sure to follow.

Your affectionate friend, C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am glad to see several new Searchers, and trust they are going to continue. Always remember to give chapter and verse. Some of you have forgotten this, and so are in Second Class.

N. Bell and F. Connolly left out one reference.

P. Battersby and M. Holmes must now do six questions *by themselves*. Several of my large family are only six years old, and yet do their papers unaided!

A paper has come from 50, Milton Avenue, Sutton, with no name.

This year we are going to take for our subjects several different parts of our *Lodges* which are mentioned in Scripture. I am sure you will find it very, very helpful.

It is very encouraging still to receive papers from those of 20 years of age and older. I wonder how many of you have accepted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour? If you would like to tell me on your next paper I will send you a helpful little book. Wishing you all a happy New Year,

Your loving Friend, R. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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

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

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

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

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

Rewards will be given in each class at the end of each half-year. Only ONE prize will be given to any one successful Searcher in the current year.

A text will be given to any Searcher who is in the 1st Class for the half-year. Two texts gained consecutively will win a prize.

Questions for January, 1936.

Subject :—Body.

1. "Therefore . . . than raiment." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Matthew vi.)

2. What was Gehazi telling the king? (2 Kings 8.)

3. What did the woman feel in her body? (Mark 5.)

4. ". . . I see God." Write out the whole verse which ends with these words. (Job 19.)

5. "That it might be fashioned like unto . . ." Write out the *next three* words only. (Philippians 3.)

6. What was His body like? (Daniel 10.)

7. "And He took bread. . . ." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (Luke 22.)

8. What is said about the fruit of thy body? (Deuteronomy 28.)

9. "Who His own self. . . ." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (1 Peter 2.)

10. What hath the Lord sworn unto David? (Psalm 132.)

November Searchers.

Age 14 years and over.

1st Class.—J. Alexander, J. Atkinson, D. Blissett, M. Blissett, R. Brayshaw, D. Britton, M. Britton, May Britton, M. Brown, R. Cappy, J. Cherrie, E. Clough, M. Darby, S. Darby, R. Dryden, J. Fairfoul, E. Falconer, P. Fraser, J. Gatenby, G. Gilbert, D. Glendinning, B. Harwood, N. Henderson, P. Heslop, M. Hudspeth, C. Jackson, R. Lambert, N. Lowrie, H. Lyon, A. Mathie, W. McConnell, A. Murray, P. Nicklin, J. Pickering, A. Pratt, N. Price, J. Pring, I. Rigg, A. Robertson, J. D. Rugg, J. Russell, S. Scott, I. Slater, I. Smelt, M. Snaith, A. Spencer, J. Stirling, John Stirling, K. Swain, M. Thompson, E. White, C. Woodhouse.

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2nd Class.—F. Connolly, D. Hardman, E. McDonald, I. Morrison, G. Muirhead, R. Muirhead, E. Myers.

Age 10 years and under.

1st Class.—K. Althorp, E. Anderson, B. Arnett, E. Arnett, P. Battersby, H. Baugh, J. B. Gibb, J. Bowman, J. Brayshaw, A. Britton, M. Britton, J. Brown, K. Clarke, A. Collyer, G. Cook, D. Cumming, G. Curry, I. Curry, D. Dewar, J. Fletcher, J. Flett, R. Fotheringham, J. Gaddas, B. Govan, R. Hall, P. Harkess, J. Henderson, G. Hirst, P. Hirst, A. Hodgins, C. Hodgins, M. Holmes, T. Hopkinson, P. Horncastle, B. Houghton, G. Houghton, K. Houghton, F. Inman, E. Irvine, E. Jackson, W. Jackson, J. Jobling, L. Knowles, B. Lilley, E. Lilley, A. Londeborough, J. Mackie, R. McCartney, W. McCartney, A. McGough, G. McIntosh, J. McQueen, M. Messenger, I. Middleness, N. Milne, A. Morris, I. Nicklin, J. Nixon, H. Oliver, J. Pearson, N. Percy, I. Purvis, J. Redpath, D. Rice, R. Rogers, K. Rogerson, D. A. Rugg, G. Scott, J. Scott, T. Short, H. Simpson, E. Smith, W. Snaith, J. Thomson, M. Tomlinson, E. Topping, M. Ward, J. Wass, J. Williams, J. Willis.

2nd Class.—L. Biggs, D. Stuart, N. Stuart.

For by grace are
ye saved
through faith;
and that not of
yourselves:
it is the
gift of God.

Ephesians 11. 8.

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"THAT WAS A GOOD STORY."

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PASSPORTS, PLEASE!

ALL travellers to foreign lands are familiar with the above demand, and know how essential it is to have a passport to meet the requirements of the law; otherwise serious difficulties may be encountered at ports. If one desires to enter a country one must comply with the regulations in force in that country, or be refused admission.

Now some think they can enter heaven with an invalid passport, or none, disregarding God's conditions of entry. **The only passport God acknowledges is the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ:** and only those whose names are written in the "Lamb's book of life" are admitted into heaven. Is *your* name on the roll up yonder? The price of passports varies in different countries, but admission to God's heaven is "*without money and without price*" (Isaiah lv. 1). It is *priceless*, because the world's wealth could not purchase it, and the price was paid on Calvary.

A wise traveller sees that everything is ready before he leaves the homeland.

Young reader, traveller to eternity, are you ready to meet God? A passport is void after ten years, but there is no time limit to a passport into heaven which lasts for eternity. Here on earth is the place to get your sins forgiven (Luke vii. 48). Good works, education, etc., will not avail. There is **ONE** way; and **CHRIST** IS "**THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**" (John xiv. 6). He has paid **YOUR** passage to heaven and has signed **YOUR** passport in His blood shed at Calvary. Are you able to say from your heart:

"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed me white as snow."

If not, trust the Saviour now and so make heaven your eternal destiny.

W. S. H.

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CAVES

I AM sure you all love exploring caves—there is something so exciting about them, and one always wonders what strange stories they could tell us, were they able to talk. There are some wonderful caves at Hastings, in Sussex, which used to be used by smugglers in days gone by, it is said, and there are many other such in different parts of the country. These caves are of all shapes and sizes; some have pictures carved on the walls, others have wonderful formations called stalactites and stalagmites in them, formed by dripping water. Sometimes these look like a beautiful city in the distance, sometimes like mountain peaks. I have seen a stalagmite which looked like the head and shoulders of a funny old monkey!

There is a very wonderful cave near the Echo River in America, called the Mammoth Cave. An old guide leads you down through the entrance into pitch darkness. Suddenly he stops and sings four notes of music—"Doh, Me, So, Doh." One after another these notes float away into the darkness—just single lovely notes. Then they die away—yet they are not lost, for after a few moments they come back as an echo; but they are no longer alone, they return as a chord in perfect harmony.

In Rome there are some marvellous underground caves called the Catacombs. They were really burial places, but when the Romans were persecuting the early Christians, they were used by the poor hunted Christians as hiding places.

We read quite a lot about caves in the Bible. Did you know that Lot, the

nephew of Abraham, lived in one? After he left Sodom, and his wife had been turned into a pillar of salt because she disobeyed God, he and his two daughters lived in a cave. Then there is the exciting story of how five kings joined together to fight against Joshua and the children of Israel, which you can read about in Joshua x. There was a great battle, and when these kings were defeated, they ran away and hid themselves in a cave at a place called Makkedah. But Joshua found out about it, and commanded his men to pile stones at the mouth of the cave, so that they could not escape. There they were safely shut up until Joshua had finished conquering their armies. When he returned, they were brought before him and executed, and their bodies were buried in the same cave, outside of which Joshua placed great stones so that no one could ever get in again.

Then I am sure you all remember

about the cave of Adullam, where David hid from Saul, and where he formed his famous band of outlaws. There are several exciting stories in connection with that cave, but I will leave you to find and read them for yourselves. You will find them in 1 and 2 Samuel. There was also another big cave in which Obadiah, King Ahab's chief steward, hid fifty of God's prophets when the wicked Jezebel wanted to kill them. You will find that story in 1 Kings xviii.

There is yet another cave about which I especially want to write—but where it is I cannot tell you—called the Devil's Hole. You may enter without any charge, but there is not much to see when you look round it. The shock comes when you wish to come away, for no one may leave that cave without paying. When I heard of it, I thought how true to life it was. We can enter the Devil's service without paying anything, and although it looks very alluring,



INSIDE A CAVE

we soon find how unsatisfying it is ; but when we want to leave, we find how dearly it has cost us. In fact, many people prefer to stay in altogether, because Satan has such a hold upon them that their eyes have been blinded as to Christ and the lasting joys which accompany the salvation He freely offers.

In whose service are you, young reader ? The Lord Jesus alone can fill and satisfy your heart, and having suffered the judgment of sin when hanging on that shameful cross He surely is worthy of your trust.

Satan, on the other hand, only seeks your doom, so in the words of a faithful man of old, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Well will it be with your precious soul both for time and eternity if your choice is, "I will serve the Lord" (Joshua xxiv. 15).

E. G. C. (Abridged).

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(5) THE FOOT

"And the Lord said . . . And I am come down (Exodus iii. 7-8).

YES, the Lord Jesus came down, but

His coming was so different from what was expected. In Matthew i. 21, we read of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ : "And thou shalt call His name Jesus : for He shall save His people from their sins." In Luke ii. 7, we find the little Babe lying in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. *Think of it ! THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND YET NO ROOM FOR HIM IN THE INN !*

You are all familiar with the life of Jesus, and how Herod at His birth sought to destroy the Saviour. We watch Him as He grows up. In Luke ii. 46, we find Jesus in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them

and asking them questions. How different is this from Matthew xxvii. where we read of the crucifixion of our blessed Lord and Saviour—man's award to One who went about doing good. Here we see the power of Satan and the hatred of man.

But turn with me to Luke xxiv. 6. **CHRIST IS RISEN !** Again, in verses 15 and 31, also in John xx. 17, and finally in Acts vii. 55 ; there we see Jesus at God's right hand. How beautiful to think of that Holy One, God's well beloved Son, who came down from heaven and also went down even into death, but has gone up and is now seated at God's right hand, crowned with glory and honour. The One who died to save you, now lives to keep you, and His loving desire is to have you with Him throughout all eternity.

"By weakness and defeat,
He won the mead and crown ;
Trod all our foes beneath His feet,
By being trodden down."

Is He your Saviour and Keeper ?

LOVE
ONE
ANOTHER

John xiii. 34.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

GOD CARES

WE should not think of God as being far off and unconcerned about His children. Surely, if He gave His only begotten Son to die for us, He will not forget those who are His children by faith in Christ Jesus. Why! He numbers the hairs of our head and tells us we are of more value than many sparrows, so do not hesitate to take all your troubles to Him, and you may rest assured that He will give you what is best.

Some years ago, a Christian farmer put two bushels of rye into his wagon and started to the mill to get it ground. On his way he had to drive over a bridge which had no railings to protect it. When he reached it, his horse, which was usually a gentle creature, began to back and back, until the hinder wheels went over the edge. The bag of grain fell into the water—then the horse stood still.

Some men came to help the farmer. The wagon was lifted back and the bag of grain was fished up out of the water. Of course it could not go to the mill in that state, so the farmer had to take it home and dry it.

He had prayed that morning that God would protect and bless him through the day, and he was sorely puzzled to know why God had allowed this accident. He found out before long.

On spreading the grain to dry he noticed a great number of small pieces of glass mixed with it. If this had been

ground up with the flour, it would probably have made them all ill. But God was on the bridge. *He* made the gentle horse act so strangely. *He* made it back, and throw the grain into the water to save that family from the danger that threatened it.

God had indeed answered his prayer, and I expect he trusted God more than ever after that.

I wonder if you ask God to protect and bless you every day, and do you put your whole trust and confidence in Him? I trust so.

A. J. P.

PRIZE LIST, December, 1935.

Aged 14 years and over.

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Tests.

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Scripture Searchers' Corner

(II)

MY dear young friends—In looking up the first question in your exercise this month, I was very interested in reading the first chapter of Leviticus. We have in this chapter details of the Burnt Offering showing in type how a way was made for God to come out in blessing to the sinner. In the next three chapters we read about the Meat, Peace, and Sin Offering.

The Sin Offering, is very important, because it gives us the way of approach for a sinner to God. **The great barrier between God and man is SIN. Before a sinner can be brought near to God that barrier must be removed. How is it to be done? WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT GOD IS INFINITELY HOLY AND CANNOT LOOK UPON SIN.** Here it is that the sin offering availed.

When a person in Israel sinned the remedy as laid down by God was at hand, but these offerings were only temporary. Every time a person sinned the offering was to be repeated. This continual round of sacrifices looked on to the perfect Sacrifice, the Lord Jesus Christ, who came "*to put away sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF.*"

You will notice in reading these chapters that, under the law, the sinner had to bring the sacrifice, but now God, Himself, has provided the Lamb. The

sinner laid his hand upon the head of the victim and thus, in type, his sin passed from him to the sacrifice. **In the same way we see the Lord Jesus Christ as the Sin-offering.** He went to the cross to remove for ever that barrier of sin. There was no one else who could do this and there was no other way in which it could be done. Sin is a very real thing, and could not be passed over by a holy God. The Lord Jesus, however, has satisfied God in regard to the sin question, so that now we can put out the hand of faith and claim Him as our own.

Dear reader, are *your* sins forgiven? There is provision made for *your* guilt—full atonement for *your* soul. Claim it to-day and thank God for it.

Your affectionate friend,
C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

The papers for December have been done much better this time. Only one or two new Searchers forgot to give chapter and verse. Please remember to do this.

I am glad to see some new names amongst the prizewinners. One little boy who has had serious eye trouble has done splendidly. I hope it has not been too much strain.

O. Woodhouse was 1st Class for October. I am sorry her name was omitted.

Please be very careful in answering No. 2 this month, as you may give an answer which only *appears* correct.

The difference in the arrangement of the December questions was that we went backward instead of forward through the Bible.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend,
B. M. A.

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Questions for February, 1936.

Subject:—Head.

1. "And he shall put his hand. . . ." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (Leviticus 1.)

2. "Simon Peter saith unto Him. . . ." Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (John 13.)

3. Write out the verse which mentions "head" in Psalm 23.

4. What did the Lord Jesus say about His head? (Luke 7.)

5. What are upon the head of the just? (Proverbs 10.)

6. What is the head of every man? (1 Corinthians 11.)

7. What is said about His head? (Song of Solomon 5.)

8. Who is the Head of the Church? (Ephesians 5.)

9. What did he put upon his head? (Isaiah 59.)

10. What Scripture did the Lord remind them of? (Mark 12.)

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2nd Class.—W. Battersby, F. Connolly, M. Jackson, A. Leonard, F. Liddle, D. Lyon, D. Webster.

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Lord always :
and again
I say, Rejoice.

Philippians IV. 4.

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THE NEW ARRIVALS

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A KING'S LETTER

WOULD you not like to receive a letter from a king? I have received one, and it was, and still is, most wonderful to read. In fact, the reading of that letter changed all my life. It brought me joy and gladness and made my life worth while. What a wonderful letter it must have been to do such great things!

What was the name of the king who sent me my letter, do you ask? Was it King Edward? No, it was from a far greater King than King Edward. It was from One who is KING of kings. Do you know His Name? Yes, it was KING JESUS.

Let me tell you some of the wonderful things that are in this letter. First, it told me what I wanted to know—who made this beautiful world I was living in. Who caused the sun to shine? Who brought out the lovely stars at night—Who made *me*! It also explained why if I planted sweet-peas, cabbages did not come up, but sweet-peas. I learned from my letter how wonderfully God had ordered things and set laws down concerning them. Then I learned why the trees bud, and leave, and blossom, then die. Oh, it truly is a wonderful letter!

But, best of all, it told me about God, my Creator—how wise, good, loving, great and noble He is. It told me how sin came into the world, through the first man's disobedience, and showed me what an awful thing sin is; and it told me what sin's wages are. *Do you know what the wages of sin are?* Read the letter God has written and you will find out. Then, too, my letter told me how sin had altered people. When God made the first man and woman, they were lovely; *but sin made them afraid.* Fear is a dreadful thing, and makes beautiful faces become ugly.

Then my letter told me why we had thorns and thistles, and the earth brought forth weeds—*because it was under a curse.* It showed, also, the love of my God and Creator, when there was no other way by which man could be saved from the just penalty of his sin—the mighty Creator died for man, His creatures' sin. It told me of His deep, deep love for the creatures He had made. It showed me how I could be saved from the penalty of *my* sin and live happy in this world, and happy ever after in the next.

I expect by now you are all longing to know if I will let you see a copy of this wonderful letter. It is so wonderful, but *you* can read this letter, and, best of all, it was written to **YOU**, too! It was not only written to me, but to you, and to every boy and girl in the world. "Where can I find it?" do you ask? Well, it is called the Bible, so I expect you have a copy of it already. **OH, IF YOU HAVE NOT READ THIS WONDERFUL LETTER GOD HAS WRITTEN, DO BEGIN TO READ IT TO-DAY.**

Have you heard of a man named Spurgeon? He was a great preacher. One day he was visiting a house when he saw a Bible that had been eaten all through with worms. The lady of the house expected Mr. Spurgeon to say, "What careless servants you have!" But he didn't. He held the Bible in his hands, lifted up his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Lord, make me a worm like that." May we all have the desire to be worms like that, going right through the Bible, and hiding it inside our hearts.

Now, boys and girls, go through the Bible slowly for yourselves, and see all the wonderful things I have told you about, and above all, ask the Lord Jesus to open your eyes that you may be able to see the treasures He has hidden in it.

E. G. C.

(6) THE HAND

"And the Lord said, . . . I am come down to deliver them."—EXODUS iii. 7-8.

WE have now come to the end of our messages, but have nothing new to tell you. However, we give an earnest appeal to all our readers who are still strangers to the grace of God.

We have been trying to show you something of the greatness, power, and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Scriptures taken for our text, we see something of the interest and care God had for His beloved people, who lived thousands of years before Jesus was born into this world, and as we apply them to ourselves we see the love of God in sending His well beloved Son to die for us. You will all know that sweet 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" (John iii. 16). Further, in John x. 11, "I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." Then in Hebrews ii. 15, we read, "And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." **Yes, Jesus came that He might DELIVER you from your sins.** Have you accepted His invitation?

What does our text say? "And the Lord said, I have surely seen . . . and have heard, . . . for I know. . . . And I am come down to deliver them." Yes, and what then? "To bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey." God has nothing in His hand but blessing for *you*. His invitation is COME; receive the forgiveness of your sins and so be able to partake of the rich provision provided for you. The repentant and returning son in Luke xv. said, "Father, I have

sinned," to which the father said, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him . . . let us eat, and be merry. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry." The pleasures of this world soon pass but in God's presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand pleasures which last for eternity. You trust Christ and so begin to taste them now. * *

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THE GAIN OF IDOL BREAKING

IT is related that when Mahmoud, the conqueror of India, came to a celebrated temple, he was entreated by the priests to spare the idol that stood in front of the temple, and was offered a large sum of money to buy him off.

He paused a moment, and then replied that he would rather be remembered as the destroyer of idols than as the seller of them. He then lifted his mace, and dealt the image a blow. His example was followed by his retinue; and presently, under pressure of the blows rained upon it, the idol, which was hollow, burst open, and discharged a veritable stream of precious stones, far exceeding in value the amount of the ransom offered by the cunning priests.

For every idol the christian destroys he gains more than he loses. Some troubles would be avoided if self-denial were practised. Every idol destroyed means fresh strength for the inner life and a greater sense of God's approval.

Real success in the Christian life is sure, provided we are prepared to pay the price. Young Christians, always bear in mind the Word which says, "**Little children, keep yourselves from idols**" (1 John v. 21).

E. A.

THE BLIND ARAB BOY

I EXPECT you have heard of Babylon.

Many years ago it was the greatest city in the world, as London now is. All that remains of Babylon to-day is a heap of ruins. The Jews were driven into captivity there by the Medes and Persians, and when they got there they hung their harps on the willow trees and wept (Psalm cxxxvii. 2).

One very hot Sunday afternoon I sat where those forlorn Israelites sat, and ate my lunch under the shady willows on the bank of the River Euphrates. While there a little Arab boy came to me and said, "Ani ama sahib a'tini flus," meaning, "I am blind, sir, give

me money." He was screwing up his eyes and pretending to be blind, as so many Arab children really are, but I could see that he was feigning, and I told him that he was not blind.

Do you know that all boys and girls, and "grown-ups" too, are spiritually blind until their eyes are opened? The Word of God says, "The eyes of the blind shall see" (Isaiah xxix. 18). Only the Lord Jesus Christ can give sight and light, because He is the "Light of the world"; and those who follow Him have the Light of Life.

This Arab boy did not go to Sunday school, as probably you do. He was brought up a Mohammedan. **Is Jesus your Saviour?** I trust He is; if so will you not pray that your Saviour may be theirs? One need not go to Babylon or Bombay to find sinners. All who know not the Lord Jesus Christ are sinners in God's sight.

What about those unsaved schoolmates of yours? You can, if saved, tell them "How great things the Lord hath done for thee" (you) (Mark v. 19.) If you do not know Jesus as your Saviour you cannot, but He still says, "Suffer [let] the little children come unto Me." Come now, and the next step is to confess Him (Matthew x. 32). May you be able and glad to do so, for His blessed Name's sake.

W. S. II.



(By courtesy of B. & F.B.S.)

THE ARAB'S FAVOURITE MOUNT

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Saved—But ?

I AM saved ; but is *self* buried ?
Is my one and only aim
Just to honour Christ my Saviour,
Just to glorify His name ?

I am saved ; but is my *home life*
What the Lord would have it be ?
Is it seen in every action
That HE has control of me ?

I am saved ; but am I *doing*
Everything that I can do ?
That the dying souls around me
May be brought to Jesus too.

I am saved ; but could I *gladly*
Give up all and follow Thee ?
If Thou callest, can I answer,
“ Here am I, Send me, Send me.”

I am saved ; but am I *wholly*
Separated unto HIM ?
From the things that may be harmless,
“ Not of faith,” and therefore sin.

I am saved, but am I *looking*
For the Lord to come from heaven ?
Daily waiting and expecting
To receive the promise given.

“ And Enoch walked with
God ” (GENESIS v. 22).

“ ENOCH was translated that he should
not see death ; and was not found,
because God had translated him : for
before his translation he had this testi-
mony, that he pleased God ” (HEBREWS
ii. 5).

Walk with Jesus, Oh, how holy !
Is this walk of faith to be ;
Walk with Jesus, daily, hourly,
In His blessed company.

Sent by Jesus, Oh, the honour !
Here for Christ to testify ;
Sent by Jesus, now I've proved,
He, alone, can satisfy.

Talking of Thee, O Lord Jesus !
Whom our souls have learned to love,
Of Thy words and works of goodness,
Till we talk WITH Thee above.

Walking with Thee, O Lord Jesus !
In the world, which cast Thee out :
Apart from all its sin and pleasure,
Till we hear Thy welcome shout.

Live with Jesus, this the secret,
In the home, at work, at play ;
Live with Jesus, blessed secret,
While to heaven we pass our way.

Oh, Thou Gracious Lord and Saviour !
Lead our hearts to know Thee more,
Causing thus, that our behaviour
May reflect Thy likeness more.

J. R. J.



(III)

DEAR CHILDREN,

IT is a wonderful thing to be able to see. I felt this very much a short time ago when I was in company with a good many blind people. What these people must suffer through their infirmity we cannot tell. I am sure that if it was a question of choosing between sight and blindness, everyone would certainly choose sight.

Eyesight is a great blessing. But, do you know there are thousands of people walking our streets to-day who, whilst they can see perfectly well with their natural eyes, are spiritually blind? *They are blind in heart and soul—there is no feeling after God.*

As I write, there are two people come before my mind who prayed that they might have their eyes opened. The first one is the blind man who sat begging by the wayside outside the city of Jericho. You know the story, but it is well worth turning up in your Bibles and reading again, it is such a beautiful story (Luke xviii. 35-43). Jesus said to him, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" Here was One who had said in the hearing of the people that His mission was "to preach the Gospel to the poor; . . . and recovering of sight to the blind." This man was poor enough and blind too. What a fit subject for the mercy of God! He might have asked for money, or food

or clothes. But no, his reply was, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Immediately, his request was granted and his eyes were opened to see the Saviour.

In Psalm cxix., verse 18, we read of someone else who prayed, "Open Thou mine eyes." Now the Psalmist was not blind but he felt the need of having the eyes of his soul opened to understand the things of God.

I wonder, dear boys and girls, if you can see. I hope you can. **If not, get down upon your knees and ask God to open your eyes. HE WILL DO IT.**

"Thou who didst make the blind to see,
Open mine eyes to-night.
Show me myself, reveal to me
Sin in its real light;
Then with repentance deep and true,
Lord, may I see my Saviour too."

Yours affectionately,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

Some of you have done splendid papers this month, but have left out references or given wrong ones. Do not look at the top of the page of your Bible when putting down the chapter. As so many of you gave the wrong answer to the second question, I have allowed full marks. You must always see that the answer has something to do with the Subject.

I was glad to see R. Hutchinson's name again, and trust he has quite recovered from the accident.

D. Etherington gained a text. This has just been posted. She has not always been first class previously.

The kind gentleman who gave those good Bibles to 1st Prize winners last year is doing so again in June. I hope you will try hard for one.

I was glad to read all the little notes from those who know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and I will send booklets as promised, some time this month. *What about all the others?* Let us remember that it says, "Now is the day of salvation, behold now is the accepted time."

Your loving friend, R. M. A.

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1. . . . And she saw a well of water. Write out the *first five words only* of this verse. (Genesis 21.)

2. What happened when the Lord Jesus closed the book and sat down? (Luke 4.)

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

4. What did the Lord say privately unto His disciples? (Luke 10.)

5. What is said about the commandment of the Lord? (Psalm 19.)

6. How many times are "eyes" mentioned in John 9?

7. What is said about the eyes of the Lord? (Proverbs 15.)

8. "For mine eyes have seen. . . ." Write out the *next two words only*. (Luke 2.)

9. "Neither know we what to do. . . ." Write out the *next six words only*. (2 Chronicles 20.)

10. "To open their eyes. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Acts 26.)

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LIFE

IN London's famous Waxworks Exhibition are to be seen all kinds of models, figures of Kings and Queens, of Generals and great men and women—some, I am sorry to say, "great" only in wickedness. Some of them even move a hand or foot, or their head; and at quite a short distance away you think they are alive! Many people have spoken to the policeman at the door, he looks so "real," but it is all false. There is no real power of movement or thought in any of them. There is no *life* inside them.

You know the Lord Jesus told us such a lot about life. We all love to run about, and feel strong and well and "full of life," do we not? God wants us to be happy, and He wants us to accept His wonderful gift of Life which will go on and on for ever. It was bought for us at a very great price—the *laid-down life of the Lord Jesus Christ*. He, God's blessed SON, died that we might have eternal, or everlasting, Life. Do you know this little poem?

"A cruel Cross upon a hill!

On the Son of God Death had his will.

But strange, ah, strange, 'twas Death who died

That day, in Him the Crucified."

Now all those who have given their hearts to the Lord Jesus know that they have passed from *death* unto *life* (1 John iii. 14). "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life: these things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may *know* that ye have eternal life" (1 John v. 12, 13). You would not ask a blind man to show you the way anywhere, would you? God's Holy Book tells us that men "sit in darkness" (Luke i. 79), and that they "loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil" (John iii.

19). So it is only to God Himself that we can go to get eternal life. Go to Him now, confessing your sinfulness, and He will bless you in Christ. E. G. C.

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HIDE AND SEEK

DOUBTLESS all my readers have played "hide and seek." It is a game of which all children are fond. I suppose it is one of the oldest games extant, as it began almost with creation. The game requires at least two to play—one who hides and one who seeks, and, of course, there must be a hiding place. A garden makes a good hiding place, because there are usually trees that afford good cover from the eyes of the seeker.

Now in Genesis iii. 8 we get the account of a man and woman hiding from God. Do you know their names and the meaning of those names? God was, and still is, the Seeker. His first recorded question to man was, "Adam, where art thou?" Fancy hiding from God who is our best Friend. Adam and Eve hid because they had been disobedient, just as a defaulting or truant boy or girl might hide from parents or teacher.

In Psalm xxxii. we read of a man who had been hiding from God, but who was now found hiding **IN** God, which is far better. After confession and forgiveness (verse 5), he prays to God and says (verse 7), "Thou art my hiding-place." As a result, God promises to guide him with His eye; so he gets salvation and protection, and ends with joy (verse 11).

Now notice the difference: he started with "roaring," which means groaning (verse 3). David, like Adam, was miserable when hiding from God, but as soon as he hides in God he is happy. If they were here to-day they would probably

sing, "Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee."

In Isaiah xxxii. 2 we read, "And a Man shall be as an hiding-place." That Man is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the "Rock of Ages." How can He be a hiding-place? He hides us from the wrath to come because of His death on Calvary's tree. *Are you "hid with Christ in God"?* (Colossians iii. 3). You are either hiding *from* or *IN* God; and if from Him, I urge you to hide in Him where there is eternal security (John x. 28).

He is the Great Seeker who goes out after the hidden, lost sheep. I trust you can say with David, "Thou art my hiding-place and my shield."

W. S. H.



WHICH WAY SHALL WE GO?

PERCY WILDER and Alan Adair were spending the holidays with their uncle and aunt by the seaside. They were cousins, boarding at the same school, but as their parents were abroad, Percy's in India, and Alan's in Egypt, Aunt Meg and Uncle Harold opened their doors to them at holiday times, and so on this lovely summer day they came to be together. It was early and they had a long afternoon. "Let's explore that quaint little fishing village we saw the other day when Uncle Hal drove us to W—," suggested Percy.

"Oh, yes," agreed Alan, eagerly, "I'd love to see it and it will be jolly going by the cliff walk."

"No, not that way," said Percy quickly, "it's miles longer than by the seashore, and think how exciting to be clambering over the rocks!"

"But," Alan said hesitatingly, "Aunt Meg told us that way was really the

longest because of the rough walking over sand and slippery stones and—"

"Rubbish!" broke in Percy, "come along—do, we're wasting time."

"Oh, but Percy," persisted Alan, "I'm sure Aunt Meg and Uncle would not like us to go—they've told us it is not safe—the tide comes up so quickly."

"Look how far the tide is out—we've heaps of time to get there and back before it comes in."

Overruled by the elder boy's assurance, Alan, although unwilling, allowed himself to be led and reluctantly scrambled down the steep cliff path to the seashore.

The boys took off their shoes and stockings and Alan was enjoying, just as much as Percy, the delights of the firm warm sand, the jumping from boulder to boulder, the paddling through small streams or gazing into limpid pools full of seaweed and tiny shells. They loitered so long on the way exploring small caves in the rocks, wading and peering at the many interesting things, that they were amazed after scrambling over some specially high rocks at a bend in the cliff to find when they rounded the corner, that the sea there was dashing already up the cliff side and their path was cut off. Alan looked frightened while Percy gazed around. "Never mind," he said cheerfully, "it's all right, we can turn back."

They retraced their steps and for a time all went well, but the tide was coming in quickly, and even Percy began to look anxiously about. "We must hurry, Alan; here! give me your hand, you'll get on quicker," and they raced on together. But when they got to the last bend, which hid the bay of their town from view they saw the sea was dashing up the cliff and that they could neither go on nor back, as the sea now surrounded them. They clambered up the rocks as far as they could but the cliff itself towered sheer above them. There was nothing to do but wait, shouting at



CLAMBERING OVER THE ROCKS.

intervals and waving, hoping some deliverer would come to save them—they were powerless to help themselves.

The next hour was an agonizing one, but happily their plight was seen and they were rescued just in the nick of time.

Percy learnt his lesson—it needed no words from his uncle and aunt to show him the folly of his act—not only putting himself but also another in grave peril.

My young friends, it would have been sad had these two boys not found a deliverer, *but how much sadder is it to think that there are thousands who are*

going through life without knowing Christ as their Saviour from the wrath to come. He alone can deliver us from this, so you trust Him NOW.

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs xvi. 25).

Jesus said, “*I am the Way.*” He is the Saviour, so let us accept Him as such and ever follow Him. “*This is the way, walk ye in it*” (Isaiah xxx. 21)—the way of life everlasting—so shall we be safe for time and eternity.

A. M. W.

GODLY COUNSEL

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YOUNG CHRISTIANS

1. Make the Holy Scriptures sole authority for your justification, forgiveness, and hope of glory (Romans v. 1 ; 1 John ii. 12 ; Colossians i. 27).
2. Make the Bible your daily companion, and prayer—at least night and morning—your characteristic daily habit (2 Timothy iii. 15–17 ; 1 Thessalonians v. 17).
3. Confess Christ at all times, and under all circumstances, by word, behaviour, or by silence, it may be (Luke xii. 8, 9, 11 ; 2 Timothy ii. 12, 13 ; 1 Peter iii. 4).
4. Do not in public relate your experience—telling how good you are, how devoted, how holy (Exodus xxxiv. 29 ; Psalm lxvi. 16 ; Philippians iii. 13–17).
5. Never go to meetings or join in amusements where you would not like the Lord to find you, or where He could not accompany you (Psalm xvii. 4, 5 ; 1 Corinthians x. 31 ; Titus ii. 11–14).
6. Give up at once for Christ's sake all habits, ways, words unlike the Lord (1 Peter ii. 11 ; Ephesians v. 13–18 ; Ephesians iv. 22 ; v. 1–4).
7. Do not choose as companions any who are not distinctly on the Lord's side (Psalm i ; Acts iv. 23 ; Acts xv. 38, 40).
8. Never ridicule, or make sport or fun of the mistakes or foibles of any one, especially of Christians (Romans xiv. ; Ephesians iv. 2 ; 1 Corinthians xii. 21–26).
9. Avoid as you would the plague, all and every form of joking, jesting, and punning on the Word of God (Ephesians v. 4 ; Psalm cxix. 22, 63, 103, 133, etc.).
10. Make it a rule never to read books or periodicals, the writers of which do not regard the Bible as fully inspired (John v. 44–47 ; 1 Corinthians ii. 10–14 ; Revelation i. 3).
11. Meet with your companions as often as possible for prayer and conversation on the Lord's things (Jude 20 ; Malachi iii. 16 ; Hebrews x. 24, 25).
12. Watch and pray. Live only and wholly for Christ. Wait for God's Son from heaven (Matthew xxvi. 41 ; 2 Corinthians v. 15 ; Philippians i. 20, 21 ; iii. 7–15).

W. S.

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

THIS month we have as our subject "Ears." Did you ever consider what a wonderful thing it is to be able to hear? Our ears are so made that we can hear the faintest noises. Of course, there are many boys and girls who cannot hear at all—they are deaf. I often see a party of deaf boys walking out for exercise near my home.

Now, whether we can hear with our ears or not, it is certain that we are all capable of hearing the voice of God. Indeed, in Scripture we are exhorted to keep a ready ear for God's voice. The prophet Isaiah rings out a glorious note like this, "**Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live**" (Isaiah lv. 3).

It is one thing to hear the gospel—you perhaps hear this regularly—but *it is quite another thing to hear God's voice in the message.* The Lord, Himself, on one occasion after talking to the people said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." What did He mean? The people certainly heard His parable, but the question was, "Did they understand?" God was speaking—did they hear?

You perhaps remember the time when you were a tiny child learning the simple hymns, or hearing about Jesus and His

love when your mother laid you in your cot. This was the voice of God. At Sunday School you sing the hymns, learn your verses, listen to the lesson, and God is speaking to you in all this. Have you given an answer? Have you had moments when you felt impressed?

God speaks to arouse us and, if our ears are closed to the "still small voice," perhaps He may speak more loudly. You know the story of how He spoke to Pharaoh! *The voice was resisted and judgment came.*

In many ways God speaks. The great thing is to be ready to hear, like Samuel of old. God spoke to Samuel and, because the boy responded, he got the blessing.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am so glad to welcome new Searchers this month. All the January papers have been marked. There is still time for any others who would like to send in for January.

I hope O. Trotter will soon be well enough to do her papers. They can be sent in at any time and all marks will be entered. Some of you started with six questions and now do eight. Will you please do the *same* number you started with for the whole six months, whether your age brings you into the next division or not. You may change in July.

A. McKinnell and several new ones have forgotten chapter and verse. B. Hanson and C. and J. Park must give verse as well as chapter. G. Curry, I. Rigg, and P. Briggs all left out one reference, and C. Baxter only answered nine questions. Please look over your papers before sending them in.

I hope you liked the little booklets which were sent to those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

Your loving friend, B. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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

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

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

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A text will be given to any Searcher who is in the 1st Class for the half-year. Two texts gained consecutively will win a prize.

Questions for April, 1936.

Subject:—Ears.

1. What was Moses to tell in the ears of his son? (Exodus 10.)

2. "And when He had said these things He cried—" Write out *the next nine words only*. (Luke 8.)

3. "The eyes of the Lord—" Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (Psalm 34.)

4. "And He began to say unto them—" Write out *the next nine words only*. (Luke 4.)

5. To what have we to apply our ears? (Proverbs 23.)

6. From what shall they turn away their ears? (2 Timothy 4.)

7. "What shall thine ears hear?" (Isaiah 30.)

8. What is the last sentence in Luke 14?

9. "Moreover he said unto me . . . thine ears." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Ezekiel 3.)

10. "His ears are open unto their prayers." Whose prayers? (1 Peter 3.)

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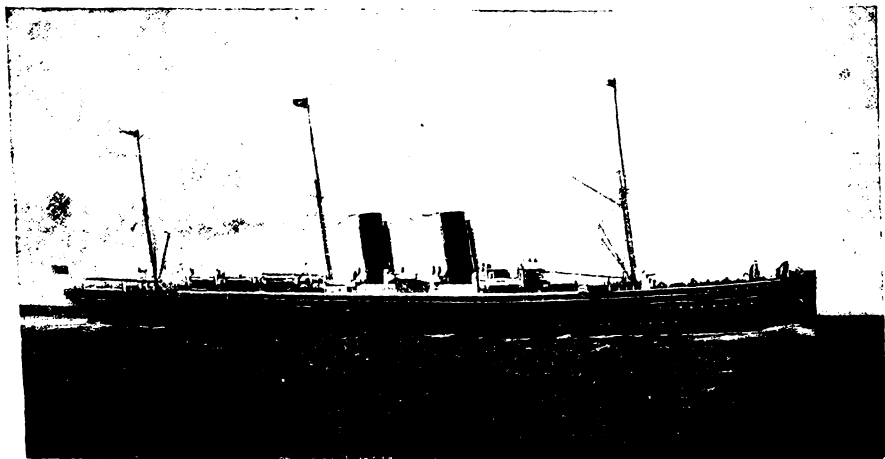
SOME time ago I was on a steamer taking a trip to the Menai Straits. The weather was fairly fine with a moderate breeze blowing, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

On the way out we had noticed quite a number of small racing yachts, and with their white sails they looked very pretty. When we returned rain began to fall, and so most of the passengers retired to the lounge or some sheltered spot.

get to the opposite side of the Strait without being delayed in any way. It was a foolish risk to take, but it was taken, and it nearly cost the lives of the occupants of the yacht, for it was practically filled with water which came from the swell of the steamer.

The captain of the steamer, seeing the danger, stopped his vessel and promptly gave orders for a boat to be lowered and go to the rescue.

One of the occupants of the yacht, a lady, pluckily hanging in the water on to the outside of the yacht, managed to



ON THE WAY

Presently, the steamer, for some reason which we could not make out, slowed down almost to a dead stop. What could be the matter? Then a sudden rush of the passengers to the front and side of the steamer, I amongst the number, of course.

We soon saw what was the cause of the excitement. In the water, almost touching the side of the steamer, was one of the small yachts. There was a race on, and it would appear this particular yacht was very anxious to cut across in front of the steamer so as to

keep it from heeling over and so save it from immediately sinking. The yacht sailed slowly away, every moment threatening to capsize in the gale owing to the quantity of water it had shipped. Then a small motor boat rushed out to the rescue and we journeyed on our way, the small yacht just managing with exceeding difficulty to reach the shore in safety. But it was a near shave and an unnecessary risk.

The incident reminded me of the risk that so many boys and girls run in the matter of their souls' salvation. Each

one of my readers has a soul which will live for ever in one of two places, heaven or hell; yet the awful risk that is run is totally unnecessary.

The Lord Jesus Christ wants to bless you, wants to save you from your sins and take you one day to heaven. *Sin can NEVER enter there.* Satan does not mind how much you sin and only wants to get you to dwell with him. Whom are you going to choose—the One who died on Calvary's cross to save you, or *Satan*?

Will you not trust Jesus and be safe for evermore? Do not think you can come to Jesus just when you like, at the last moments of your life, for you will be running the totally unnecessary risk of being lost. God's promise is "that those that seek Me *early shall find Me*" (Proverbs viii. 17); so you come to Him now.

L. A. A.

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WHAT ABOUT YOUR ANCHOR?

THERE used to be three of us, just lads in our 'teens, and we shared in teaching the dear boys and girls of our Primary Sunday School. One Sunday afternoon the oldest among us was telling the children the story of Jesus and His love for little boys and girls like them; the next Sunday, those same children, while waiting to be admitted to Sunday School, saw a long funeral coming down the road. With sad, wondering looks, they watched it pass slowly on its way, for it was whispered among them that their teacher, who just last week had taught them, had died, and his body was now being taken to the cemetery.

Yet with him it was well, because he was ready, having trusted Christ some years—but *what about you*? Do not think that because you are just young,

there is plenty of time, for the Word of God says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs xxvii. 1).

Two anchors of flowers were laid on my late companion's grave, and it made me think of the hymn I had often heard him sing at Sunday School:—

"We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love."

Thank God, his anchor was truly fastened to the Rock, but what about you, to what or whom have you fastened yours?

"Will *your* anchor hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?"

God grant that you, dear young reader, may put your trust in Jesus while you still have life before you, that you may anchor your little bark firmly to the ROCK OF AGES, so that should the storms of death come, you may remain safe and not be swept away to be eternally lost.

F. M.

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The Christian's Desire

KEEP, O Lord, Thy servant
From presumptuous sin,
That I may be upright,
Clean and pure within.

Let my words be ever
Spoken in Thy fear,
And be always pleasing
To Thy holy ear.

Guard Thou, too, my heart, Lord,
From all evil free,
May my meditation
Ever be of Thee.

Thou art my Redeemer,
My eternal Might;
Let my life be always
Pleasing in Thy sight.

W. A.

ARCHIE'S QUESTION

ARCHIE was just seven years old; but although he was only quite a little boy, he had a very big question in his mind! At last one day he decided to see if Grandma could answer it, so he waited until he found her alone in the garden, where she was sitting enjoying the lovely sunshine. Archie climbed on to her knee, and, putting his fat little arms round her neck, whispered into her ear, "Grandma, how can I be sure that I will go to heaven when I die?"

Grandma quickly sent up a little prayer to God to help her to make Archie understand, and then she said,

"Well, Archie, when you had your birthday, what did you do when father gave you your presents?"

Archie thought for a minute, and then a happy smile came over his face, "Why, I just took them, and then said 'thank you' to father!"

"Well," went on Grandma, "God is offering you a lovely present—the present of a Saviour who loved you so much that He died to take away all your sins. He is knocking at the door of your heart, and asking you to take Him as your own dear Saviour. Will you take Him, and then say 'thank you' to Him for what He has done for you?"

"Oh, I have!" cried Archie. "I have done so, Grandma. I did it the other morning."

"Then, Archie dear, you can be quite sure that you are going to heaven when you die, for everyone who takes the Lord Jesus as his own Saviour will go to live with Him for ever."

Archie gave a huge sigh of relief, and a few minutes after he slipped off Grandma's knee, and went on happily with his game.

Dear boy or girl reading this, do *you* know if you will go to heaven when you die? If you are not quite sure, will you not do as Archie did, and take the Lord Jesus as your own Saviour, because He died on the Cross *for you*, and then say "thank you" to Him?

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John i. 12).

M. C. K. S.



ARCHIE WITH HIS GRANDMA



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

"WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?"

(EXODUS iv. 2)

THIS question was asked by the Lord of Moses, one of the most wonderful servants that God has ever had. The Lord was going to use Moses to lead the children of Israel out of their slavery in Egypt, and bring them into the land of Canaan. But Moses thought he was not good enough!

I think a lot of us are like him in this respect. Some think they are too poor, whilst others are either too young, or too old. *But let us remember that if God asks us to serve Him, He wants us just as we are.* Now, Moses was a shepherd, and he had in his hand a rod. That was all; but by means of his shepherd's rod the Lord performed many miracles.

I can fancy some of my readers saying, "Yes, but Moses was a man, and I am only a child." Well, do you remember the story in the New Testament of the boy who had a basket in which there were only five loaves and two small fishes? He gave these to the Lord Jesus who, after He had blessed them, fed thousands of people; and what was left filled twelve baskets (John vi. 9-13).

You may say, "This boy had more than I have, because I have nothing at all that I can use for the Lord." To this statement of yours I reply, "If you have nothing in your hand you have a tongue in your head!"

In the twenty-third chapter of the

Acts you can read of a young man, whose name is not given, but whose uncle was the Apostle Paul. The apostle had been put in a castle out of the reach of some wicked men who vowed that they would neither eat nor drink until they had slain him. The young man heard this and told his uncle, Paul, what they intended to do. The young man was directed to inform the chief captain of the plot, who then arranged for several hundreds of soldiers to protect Paul on his journey between Jerusalem and Cæsarea. After this the apostle spent many years serving the Lord Jesus, and wrote six or seven more Epistles, which we have in the New Testament. This was the result of the young man whose tongue the Lord used.

I do not think it necessary to mention the little maid who told her mistress of the prophet in Samaria as being the only one who could cure Naaman of his leprosy, except to say that God used one sentence spoken by this little girl slave to bring a complete cure to a great man whose sickness is a picture of sin.

The great lesson we each have to learn is that if we wholly trust ourselves to God, He will equip us for any service He gives us the privilege of doing for Him. Are *you* prepared for this?

C. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

My little letter has to begin with a few complaints again! Several of you did one question short and others left out one or more references. This shows that you did not go over your papers before sending them in. Try and remember to do this each time.

I am glad to welcome new Searchers from Bristol and Newcastle, but am sorry that as some of these did not give chapter and verse their names appear in Second Class.

G. Brooks is in First Class for January. I am sorry her card got into the wrong section. Will E. Falconer let me know if her text arrived?

What a wealth of teaching we have in the answers to our questions this month. May the Lord write their meaning upon each one of our hearts.

Your loving friend,

H. M. A.



Scripture Searchers' Corner

(V)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

IN the third chapter of Romans we have a description of every person who is away from God. It is an awful picture, but very true indeed. We read there about several members of our bodies, and we find that naturally everything about us is opposed to God. In the fourteenth verse we have these words, "Whose *mouth* is full of cursing and bitterness." This is very serious. Perhaps you do not like to acknowledge it to be true. You perhaps do not, of course, go about cursing like the man of the world, but it shows—and we know it to be only too true—what is in the heart. Were it not for the grace of God keeping a check upon you, you would be just as bad as the blackest sinner.

Now, if you turn over to the tenth chapter of Romans, you will find something very much brighter about the "*mouth*." This Scripture confirms, too, that the mouth and the heart are closely allied. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. The ninth verse is a lovely text and has been the means of bringing joy and peace into many dark hearts. It is so well known that we are apt to read it over and over again without any real thought. Get your Bibles and turn it up—Romans x. 9. Study the words carefully, for they are so simple and sweet. "If thou shalt confess with thy **MOUTH** the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine **HEART** that God hath raised Him from the dead, **THOU SHALT BE SAVED.**"

The cursing and the bitterness are now turned to confession of the Lord Jesus, and the mouth that is filled with Christ will have no room for anything else.

It is easy to use our mouths and say a great deal in Satan's service, because he loves to hear people talk and gossip. But when we become Christians there are certain things we are to lay aside, and 1 Peter ii. 1 tells us that amongst these is "evil speakings." This is not only repeating evil reports, but speaking against another in any way. It is always wise to keep a strict control upon the words we say: "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth" (James iii. 5). The person who is always talking evil is certainly laying up trouble for himself.

"The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life—the mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom" (Proverbs x. 11 and 31). These are Scriptures which are worthy of great consideration. If we are saved and walking true to God, then the words of our mouths, which really reveal the feeling of our hearts, will go out in blessing and refreshment to others.

We have recorded in Psalm xix. 14 a very good prayer, "*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer.*"

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

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Questions for May, 1936.

Subject:—Mouth.

1. "Now therefore go. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Exodus 4.)

2. What did they wonder at? (Luke 4.)

3. "Anything . . . that shall I speak." Write out the *eight missing words only*. (Numbers 22.)

4. Man shall not live by bread alone. . . ." Write out the *next twelve words only*. (Matthew 4.)

5. What did Job esteem more than his necessary food? (Job 23.)

6. What is made with the mouth? (Romans 10.)

7. "He was oppressed. . . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Isaiah 53.)

8. "Who did no sin. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (1 Peter 2.)

9. What did the Psalmist say should continually be in his mouth? (Psalm 34.)

10. "My brethren." These words occur in the middle of a verse in James 3. Write out the whole of it.

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"THERE IS A LAD HERE"

(JOHN vi. 9)

POSSIBLY there were many little lads there, but one was marked out, and so it is now. I don't mind if it is a laddie or a lassie, I want you to feel that you are the very one of whom, and to whom, I am speaking just now. I wonder why the lad was found just where he was in John vi. A large crowd had followed the Lord Jesus, and this boy had evidently gone among them. Possibly his parents were there. I do not know.

It may be you read this magazine, and read the Scriptures, because your parents wish you to do so. It is right to be obedient, but I hope you will have a further reason, even love to God, and His precious truth. If you came to a meeting at which I was telling of the Lord Jesus, I might ask, "Is there a lad here only because his parents have come? I long that he may be present because his heart delights to hear of the Lord Jesus." So will you put it to yourself—a question—"Why am I, 'a lad here,' reading about God's love?" Happy is the boy, and happy is the girl who can say, "I love Him because He first loved me" (1 John iv. 19).

I am so thankful that God takes an interest in those who are young. We need not wait till grown up to be saved. If "there is a lad here" who feels himself a sinner, and who longs to know the Lord Jesus as his own Saviour, I can rejoice to say that my precious Saviour is waiting to welcome such. Some of us can delight to say that we were saved when young, and we wish to lead others to Christ in the days of boyhood and girlhood.

In John vi. the lad was noticed with his five barley loaves? Do not think of our large loaves, but rather "rolls," and the fish were only little ones. Possibly he had them for himself or for his brothers and sisters. I cannot tell, nor am I anxious to know. What I do know is that they were not worth much, and yet the Lord Jesus Christ was willing to use them. And I wonder if "there is a lad here" (or a girl), who has something that the Lord can use. All of us can obtain earthly bread, but we cannot have that which is spiritual unless we are first saved. And, therefore, our longing is that some who read these lines may feel the burden of sin, and rest on the finished work and poured-out blood of the Lord Jesus, and then be used by Him. A boy can serve God among boys at school, and a girl among girls. Young people can sometimes reach other young people, when older ones cannot. Do not say, "If I am saved, I cannot do anything for the Lord Jesus." It is a wonderful privilege to please Him, and He takes those who are little and weak, and can multiply the *little* that they have. And the girls will remember how God used the captive maid in 2 Kings v.

But it must be "bread." What I mean is that we must be saved, and seek to do God's will according to His Word. For His precious truth is likened to bread. *And a young Christian is to seek God's words, regularly, daily, constantly*—and how happily a child of God should welcome all that He has given. **Never let a day pass without reading the Scriptures. Ask God to speak to your heart thereby.**

It is important to see that all the five loaves, and the two fishes, were brought to Christ. If "there is a lad here" who has His so great salvation let him not keep back anything from the Lord. Love gives all to Him, and

is not proud of it. "Barley" seems to remind us of humility in Scripture; and pride is one of the greatest dangers. If anyone is saved, how can he be proud? For what did we deserve? Nothing. Ah, salvation is by grace! And if "there is a lad here," or a girl, at present unsaved who longs to be saved, I would tell such once more the precious news that the Lord Jesus has a full and warm welcome for any burdened sinner, young or old, so trust Him *now*.

P. H.

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HOW A BOY OF TWELVE WAS CONVERTED

WE all like to know how different boys and girls were saved; especially we who work among them. I think it is so interesting too. I always ask a boy or girl when I go for a walk with them or they come to tea, to tell me how they were saved, because it often proves helpful. Why, perhaps there is a boy reading this who longs to be saved and does not know how. Well, here is a story of how a boy of twelve was saved. He is grown up now and has had the joy of leading many many people to the Lord, for he became a great preacher. He shall tell you the story in his own way.

He says, "Well I remember my futile attempts to begin to be saved, for I was determined I would be a Christian. I made up my mind one Sunday morning to make myself a Christian. I thought I knew how. I must leave off this evil thing and that—for already evil things had a place in my life—and I must do this good thing and read my Bible more. Repent more, and pray more, and weep more, if possible. *That* evidently was

the proper way. So I began. On Sunday I prospered well, and on Monday and Tuesday I almost succeeded, but on Wednesday and Thursday I made some serious slips, and gave up in despair on Friday and Saturday.

"But I began again the next Sunday. In my self-confidence I thought I knew where I had gone wrong and would guard against the danger; so I read my Bible more diligently, and prayed with increasing devotion until sometimes I fell asleep on my knees beside the bed. I watched more carefully and imagined I repented more deeply. Often I wept and hid the tears.

"Then came the wonderful Sunday afternoon when the new minister was to give his first address to the Sunday School. He said many things no doubt, but I can only remember one sentence, and that was the living word to me. '**All you have to do to be saved is to take God's gift and say thank you.**' Here was a new and a great light. Hitherto I had been trying to get God to take my gift, and trying to make it great enough to be worthy of His acceptance, and lo, *it was I who was to take* AND FOR HIM TO GIVE. Simply and quietly that Sunday afternoon, my heart turned to God and I took the gift for which I have been trying to say thank you ever since."

Dear boy and girl reading this, may I ask you, "**ARE YOU SAVED?**" **HAVE YOU** taken God's gift? "**The gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE.**" Oh, take it and say thank you!

E. G. C.

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"I SAY, Ronald, isn't it a lark, the ice is holding? The pond is still frozen over, come along quickly."

"Righto, Roy," replied Ronald, snatching up his coat, cap, and muffler, "let's go and have a game," and the two chums raced off excitedly.

It was a lovely day, the sun shining from a clear, blue sky, and as they

reached the edge of the pond all looked glisteningly white.

Soon they were on the pond and having great sport, sliding and wheeling around. Suddenly, however, without any warning, there was a loud crack, and, as the ice gave, the boys, who were unable to keep a foothold, were plunged into the water.

Ronald seized Roy and helped him to catch hold of some overhanging branches, but he himself was dragged under the ice. The cries of the boys had been heard, and help came soon. Roy was quickly rescued by means of ladders, but Ronald had disappeared, and all efforts to save him failed.

When Roy returned home how grateful he and his family must have been to Ronald, and the meaning of sacrifice must have meant much to them, and become a very personal thing. Probably Ronald did not mean to give his life for Roy, but only to help him, but he was willing to risk it in the effort.

This leads me to think of the great sacrifice which the Lord Jesus made for you and me, dear reader, when he *deliberately* laid down His life on the cross so that we might be saved from the wrath to come.

He died so that we might live. The Lord laid down his life for *you*, dear reader. Can you say, "Who loved *me*, and gave Himself for *me*" (Galatians ii. 20).

"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."



IN GREAT DANGER OF DROWNING.

A. M. W.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

A Few Names and Titles of the Lord Jesus Christ for Quiet Meditation

A MAN OF SORROWS.
 THE LAMB OF GOD.
 THE REDEEMER.
 THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.
 THE RESURRECTION.
 THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.
 THE QUICKENING SPIRIT.
 THE DAY STAR.
 THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
 THE HOLY ONE OF GOD.
 THE SON OF MAN.
 THE WORD.
 THE BEGINNING.
 THE SON OF GOD.
 THE TRUE WITNESS.
 THE WISDOM OF GOD.
 THE POWER OF GOD.
 THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD.
 THE BRIGHTNESS OF GOD'S GLORY.
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I wonder how many of our readers
 can fill in the references! **EDITOR.**

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(VI)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I am sure that you all like to read stories; and for the best and brightest you need not go outside the Bible. The Bible is full of the most interesting stories, and those which fell from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ are specially appealing. Read the fifteenth chapter of Luke's Gospel. There you have three stories, and what tales of this world's literature can compare with these?

Some of my readers, I know, live in sheep farming districts, and the first story will appeal to them. A shepherd has one hundred sheep and he loses one. As soon as he discovers his loss, he puts the ninety and nine sheep in safety, and off he goes to look for the sheep which has gone astray. He seeks *until he finds*; and when he finds the sheep he layeth it upon his shoulders, rejoicing, and brings it safely home.

Now this is a picture of the way in which the Lord Jesus Christ seeks those who are lost. He seeks until He finds, and, if you take your place as a lost sinner, you will find yourself in the path of the seeking Saviour.

We are all like wandering sheep—we are very wayward—we go astray—we love to go our own way. But nothing

stops the Lord Jesus in His search. He came from heaven "to seek and to save that which was lost." He sought for Zacchæus and many others.

Dear young reader, the Saviour is seeking you to-day. Has He found you? *Your part is to take the place of a sinner and on this ground He will certainly find you.*

When the shepherd finds the sheep, he layeth it upon his shoulders, the place of strength, and carries it home. So the Saviour, when He saves us, does not leave us to our own resources. He gently carries each of us, and will safely bring us to that home which He has gone to prepare for us.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Now that we are at the end of the term, you must take special care with the answers and not make little slips which may lose you your chance of a prize. Do not write out all the verse when you are only asked to write a certain number of words. One or two of the best Searchers have perhaps forgotten to give the last reference or have made an alteration which has disqualified them. A. McKinnell, R. Rumley and T. Jones must give chapter and verse.

I hope you will not find the questions hard this month. Think carefully before answering number nine.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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Questions for June, 1936.

Subject:—Shoulder—s

1. What did Abraham put upon Hagar's shoulder? (Genesis 21.)

2. Rebekah came forth—. Write out the *next six words only*. (Genesis 24.)

3. What was Aaron to bear upon his two shoulders? (Exodus 28.)

4. And of Benjamin he said—. Write out the whole verse beginning with these words. (Deuteronomy 33.)

5. What did the children of the Levites bear upon their shoulders? (1 Chronicles 15.)

6. What was not to be a burden upon their shoulders? (2 Chronicles 35.)

7. What shall be upon His shoulder? (Isaiah 9.)

8. Write out the verse which mentions "shoulder" in Joshua 4.

9. What is said about the height of Saul? (1 Samuel 9.)

10. Write out the verse which mentions "shoulders" in Luke 15.

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A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE

MOST of us like having adventures, do we not? And even the very word makes us think of daring deeds! I am going to tell you the story of a wonderful adventure. A man called Abraham was told to go on a long and perilous journey right away from all his relations and friends, into a country where he had never been before! And who do you think called Abraham to this great adventure? It was his Maker, God. How thrilling, was it not?

This man called Abraham lived far away in a big city named UR. Ur was a fine city, with lovely houses, and parks, and many beautiful buildings. And God said to Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country." God called Abraham away from all that was pleasant and comfortable, and told him to go right away to the desert and live there in a tent, and He promised Abraham that if he obeyed Him, He would one day give him a new country all for his own.

Do you not feel excited when you are going to a new town? I do! How excited Abraham must have felt. What had God said to him? "I will bless thee, and make thy name great." Just think of it, boys and girls, what great adventures God calls us to! And Abraham went. He knew the mighty Creator of heaven and earth was able to do for him what He had promised, and he believed His Word. **To obey God is always the happiest thing in the world in the end.**

A father once told his daughter to throw her beads into the fire. It seemed a foolish thing to do, but she knew and loved her father, so she obeyed him. Then he took from his pocket a lovely

string of pearls, and gave them to her because she had obeyed him. Her beads were of no value, and her prompt obedience won for her something very valuable. Oh, it is always best to obey God, for He always gives us something better when He tells us to give up anything for His sake.

So Abraham went out, and he took his wife, Sarah, with him, and also his nephew, Lot. He had no children to take. How old do you think Abraham was when he started out on his great adventure? He was what we would call quite an old man, for he was seventy-eight; but men lived longer in those days.

Abraham, Sarah, and Lot travelled six hundred and sixty miles over desert and unknown lands, and all the way God guarded them, and kept them safe from every enemy. At last they reached a place called Shechem, and there they pitched their camp, and then God spoke once more to Abraham. How thrilled he must have been! What did God say to him? Well, you remember that when Abraham left his city of Ur, he had no children of his own; and now God told him that He had given the land in which Abraham had arrived to him *and to his children*. Yes, here in Shechem God promised him that he should have a son. How happy Abraham must have been. He built an altar at once, and worshipped God. I expect he was too happy to sleep that night! You know obedience always brings happiness. **Are you obedient to God?** He tells you to obey father and mother, and your teachers at school, and when boys and girls do this, they are obeying God.

God made Abraham a great man because of his obedience. Long, long years afterwards when God wrote about the great men who obeyed Him, Abraham's name appeared in the list.

Shall we read it ? We find it in Hebrews xi. 8, "By faith, Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed ; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

Oh, boys and girls, what a grand challenge to you and to me ! **Have you obeyed God's voice, and listened to His call to you ?** Oh, yes, God has called you over and over again, and He is calling you once more to-day. He calls you to believe His Word, the Bible, and to be saved. "*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved*" (Romans x. 9). **Will you obey Him to-day ?** He says to you and to me, "Come out . . . and be ye separate" (2 Cor. vi. 17). Separate from what ? What does that mean ? I hear a boy say. "Separate from sinners" (Heb. vii. 26), as the Lord Jesus Christ was.

Abraham had to go right away from everything that was wicked and sinful before God could bless him, and make him great, and so must you and I. God does not tell us to go away from our homes, but He does tell us to get away from sin, and not to make friends with those who do wrong, because they make us do wrong, too.

M. C. K. S.

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"TAKE ME AS I AM"

I wonder how many of you have ever said, "I'm going to be good" ? Perhaps, after being punished for something you have done wrong, you have asked mother or father to forgive you, with a promise that you will be good.

Well, these were the words which

Mary often used to say the first thing in the morning. There was a desire in her heart really to be good for the whole day, but, alas ! too often, and before she was aware of it, she had failed in her resolution. You see, Mary was unconverted, and, therefore, had no power to live as she desired. But still it was quite a right desire, and the Lord Jesus, the seeking Saviour, saw that she was a seeker after truth, and brought her to a knowledge of Himself in the following way.

One day, when she and her sister Frances were out for a walk, they passed a hall where there was a children's service going on. It was evidently nearly over, as the closing hymn was being sung, but they ventured in, and heard these beautiful words : "**My only plea, Christ died for me. Oh, take me as I am.**" Ah ! that was what Mary felt she needed—to come just as she was, *with all her sinfulness, with all those good resolutions*, and trust in the One who had died for her, and who is the only One who can give the power to live the new life.

After closing in prayer, the preacher asked if there were any who would come out to the front and kneel down and give their hearts to the Lord Jesus. Mary so much wanted to, but her courage failed, so with her sister she left the hall. On the way home she had sufficient courage to tell her sister, and to her great joy and surprise, she, too, had been having the same struggle to go out and confess. So they decided to turn back, and although everyone had gone, and the hall was empty, a kind servant of the Lord, hearing footsteps, came from a side door and asked the reason of their return. He gladly knelt down with them in that empty hall, and there and then those two little girls gave their hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, and have *never regretted it*.

Now, I wonder if there are any young people who have the desire but who have not yet come the right way. Come to the Saviour "*just as you are*," tell Him exactly how you feel, for He understands perfectly and is waiting and ready to pardon all your sins. Let me remind you that the longer you leave it, the harder it will be to come, and, solemn thought, you may leave it until it is *too late*.

"Remember, now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

E. M. A.

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TWO SMILING POLICEMEN.

ALL THE DIFFERENCE

TWO little boys met in the street one day, and one suggested a game to the other. Soon they were having great fun together when suddenly one of them saw a policeman coming down a side street. They were doing no harm, but this little lad was timid, and he called out to his companion. Ben was so engrossed in the game that he didn't understand for the moment.

"What's up, Ted?" he questioned.

"Th' cop's comin'—let's run," and Ted began to rush off.

Ben burst into a fit of laughter. "'Im—'e's me Dad—ain't a-goin' to run away from 'im—t'ain't loikly."

This incident shows us what a difference relationship makes. Some fear God, as Ted apparently feared the policeman, and want to run away. But if we have become a child of God, then, like Ben, we need have no fear, because we know God as our loving Father. We love, honour, and obey a father—or ought to—but "there is no fear in love,"—for as the Scripture goes on to say, "perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John iv. 18). "How is it possible to become a child of God?" do you say. **By faith in Christ Jesus** (Galatians iii. 26).

To those who receive the Lord Jesus He gives the right or privilege "to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John i. 12). (See margin.) Are you God's child?

A. M. W.



FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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 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 message 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 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, tram, 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. (Sel.)

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A NEW HYMN

(Tune, "LILIES")

BLESSED Redeemer! sent from
above,
Matchless Thy beauty, wondrous Thy
love,

Tender Thy mercies, faithful Thy Word,
Gladly I own Thee, Saviour and Lord.

Precious the moments when I retrace,
Thy path so lowly, Thy ways of grace,
Hearts that were broken, eyes that were
blind,

In Thy blest presence healing did find.

Tempted of Satan, yet did'st Thou go,
Forward in triumph o'er ev'ry foe,
Till in the darkness of Calv'ry's tree,
Thou did'st atone for sinners like me.

Past all Thy sorrow, now on the Throne,
Thou, without ceasing, lovest Thine own,
Constant and watchful Thy shepherd
care,

Till they together Thy glory share.

Come! precious Saviour, into my heart,
Bid ev'ry rival thence to depart,
Be Thou my Pilot safe to the shore,
With Thee to enter joys evermore.

R. B. W.



(VII)

DEAR CHILDREN,

I think it must have been a wonderful sight to see the Lord Jesus Christ taking the young children *in His arms* and blessing them. Do you think that they would ever forget it? I am sure that *you* sometimes feel like saying:

"I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,

That His arms had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look when
He said,

Let the little ones come unto Me."

But, dear children, although the Lord Jesus is not upon the earth to-day, I would like you to think that He is calling you from heaven. His love is just the same now as it was in those bygone days when He trod the roads of Judæa. His heart of compassion still yearns over the lost and the perishing.

This picture of the Lord Jesus with a child in His arms is very beautiful. There we see the tenderness of His love and protection. He nestles the child to His bosom, the place of affection, and what joy and peace must have filled the heart of the child. Then the encircling arms speak of safety, support and shelter.

SAFETY

If we trust Him we are safe from every foe—we will never be lost. The Lord Jesus Christ said, speaking of those who trust Him, "I give unto them

eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand" (John x. 28, 29).

SUPPORT

He lifted up a child and held it in His arms; so He carries His loved ones through the world. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." We cannot support ourselves, but we are assured of His power to carry us.

SHELTER

The storm of judgment, dear boys and girls, is going to break over this world soon. If you are in the arms of the Saviour you will be sheltered—you will be secure.

Oh, see to it without delay that you are thus saved and sheltered in the arms of Jesus.

Your affectionate friend, C. S. N.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am sorry that so many of you gave the wrong answer to No. 6 of May questions. If you had read through the whole chapter you would have found the correct answer. Now just continue reading through in future in case the answer is lower down in the chapter.

Several regular Searchers, possibly prizewinners, have not sent in their papers. I hope these are on the way.

J. Summerhayes and T. Hodgson must give chapter and verse.

I am very sorry to hear that Harold Higg has met with an accident, and trust he will soon be better. I will send him a text later.

I was very pleased to hear that John Bell has accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour.

Answer Numbers two and ten this month *very carefully*. They are not names of places.

The Lord bless you all. Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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Questions for July, 1936.

Subject:—Arms.

1. "The Eternal God." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Deuteronomy 33.)

2. Where were the children when Jesus put His hands upon them and blessed them? (Mark 10.)

3. "His . . . arm hath gotten Him the victory." Write out the missing word only. (Psalm 98.)

4. What hath He showed with His arm? (Luke 1.)

5. "By my great power and by my . . . arm." Write out the missing word only. (Jeremiah 27.)

6. "With an . . . arm brought He them out of it." Write out the missing word only. (Acts 13.)

7. What shall He gather with His arm? (Isaiah 40.)

8. "Then took he Him up in his arms. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur and also the next two verses. (Luke 2.)

9. "That led them by the right hand of Moses with His . . . arm." Write out the missing word only. (Isaiah 63.)

10. Where was the child when the Lord spoke the words in Mark 9. 37?

May Searchers.

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2 Timothy III. 15.

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HOLIDAY TIME IN THE COUNTRY.

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OUR ENEMIES, AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM

THE enemies we are going to speak about are not people who belong to a country with which Britain was at war.

Is it really necessary to say that *God* is not one of our enemies? Yet there are young people who think as if God wanted to catch them and make them dull, and wished them to do all sorts of unpleasant things. And so they don't like to think about Him, or have to do with Him, and they keep away from Him as if He would hurt them! No, God is our **FRIEND**, and He wants to help us to fight our real enemies.

Satan is a real and very terrible enemy of ours. Although we cannot see him he knows much about us, and is never so pleased as when he can get anyone to pay no attention to God's Word, and to disbelieve what God says. When boys and girls have been careless and disorderly in a class or meeting where the Gospel is being taught, we know that Satan has been busy and successful in shutting out God's truth from their minds and hearts. Mind *you*, don't play into the hands of your cunning and cruel enemy.

And now I will name quite a number of enemies of boys and girls. Here is one: **STEALING**. Have you never taken anything that did not belong to you? Have you never borrowed anything when you intended not to give it back? Can anyone say that he has never **CHEATED** at play or at work? Certainly none will have the face to say they have never been guilty of **LYING**. Some girls have a special enemy in a **SPITEFUL TONGUE**, and all must own that **Disobedience** to

parents has sometimes got the better of them. **PRETENDING TO BE A CHRISTIAN** has often defeated an otherwise nice girl; and some boys are constantly being overcome by the sin of **MAKING FUN OF HOLY THINGS**.

When a boy or girl begins to feel the power of these enemies I have mentioned, and perhaps longs to be delivered from them, there may be several enemies of another kind that have to be fought. These enemies are very cunning, and one of them whispers, "Don't trouble about the wrongs you have done! everybody is doing the same things." Another of these enemies will say slyly, "You need not seek God's forgiveness for that sin you have just done; it is such a little thing." And yet another will whisper right into the heart, "It will be all right; nobody will ever find it out." So it happens that boys and girls are daily being cheated out of the forgiveness of their sins by these crafty enemies—**EXCUSES**, foolish and wrong, as we all know them to be.

Sometimes, when people hope that you are now about to trust Jesus, another enemy blocks the road and prevents you from stepping over into the Kingdom of Christ. This enemy has ruined thousands upon thousands of souls. It is the sin of saying "**NOT NOW**" to Christ. You have sometimes felt that the very thing God wanted you to do was just to come to Jesus; you almost heard Jesus say, "Will you take Me as your Saviour and Friend?" But you answered in your heart, "No, not now." *And so Jesus, your best Friend, was grieved; Satan, your worst enemy, was made glad; and once more you cheated yourself out of God's great blessing. Your enemies had got the victory again.*

The fact is, **sin is our enemy**, and it is too strong for us. Who shall deliver us? There can be only one answer. **CHRIST ALONE CAN**

DELIVER US. We must first go to Him for the forgiveness of our sins, and then we can each day count upon His strength to enable us to overcome evil in life.

What a glorious privilege belongs to those who have enlisted in the army of the Lord Jesus Christ! They are fighting under a Commander who has never been defeated; they are certain of gaining the victory in the end; and day by day they may win battles against evil, wrong, and sin, which God thinks more of than He does of victories won by any army on a battlefield. Enlist now as a soldier of Christ; you will then please God, conquer the enemies of your soul, and win an eternal reward.

E. A.

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TRUSTING AND SATISFIED

(Being extract from a letter of over forty years ago.)

AS regards soul-winning, be patient, brother. The time will come for that.

"I went to see Anna Mary M—to-day, taking with me your message (which I copied for her). Also the poetry you enclosed. You won't mind: I showed it to M—and have copied it for her. I thought it would please Anna Mary to have something sent by you all the way from Africa, and guessed, too, the verses would suit her. She is now obliged to stay in bed. On Sunday last they all thought she was going. She is so calm and patient, a murmur never escaping her lips. Her cough is most distressing—she seemed nearly to choke when I was there.

"She told me she was *longing* to go, but smiled as she said, 'My mother always cries when I tell *her* so.' They all feel this sorrow very much. The father is especially affected. I trust it will be the means of his salvation. Anna Mary says she would gladly die if it might be of use to him in that way. I told her I thought of writing to you, and asked her what message I should send from her. She answered, '*Tell him I am trusting in Jesus,*' and after a little pause, '*Tell him—I AM SATISFIED.*' I thought it a lovely way of expressing what she meant and wanted to put into words. Dear little soul, racked with her cough and pain, just on the borderland, and *satisfied*. The answer nearly made me break down; and I was so anxious to keep up."

(E. M. W. to W. H. W., 1895.)

Young reader, are you trusting in Jesus, and can you say you are satisfied? **He is the only One who can fill and satisfy the heart.** Well it is with your soul if you can say with the writer of those lovely lines:—

"Jesus! Thou art enough

The mind and heart to fill;

Thy patient life—to calm the soul;

Thy love—its fear dispel."

* * *

THE 23rd PSALM

(as known by the Red Indians)

I EXPECT you have often played the game of pretending that you are a Red Indian? I did when I was a little girl, and my brothers—I had four!—would come chasing after me with sticks, pretending that they were arrows. It made me think of it all when I came across this Indian Version of the Twenty-third Psalm the other day. I expect you



AN INDIAN CHIEF IN HIS FEATHERS AND
WAR PAINT.

could all repeat the Twenty-third Psalm from memory as it is in the Authorized Version of our Bible. Well, here is the Red Indian Version of it.

“ The great Father above is a Shepherd Chief ;
I am His and with Him I want not ;
He throws out to me a rope,
And the name of the rope is Love ;

And He draws me to where the
grass is green,
And the water is good,
And I eat, and I lie down satisfied.
Sometimes my heart is weak,
Very weak, and falls down,
But He lifts it up again
And draws me into a good road ;
His Name is Wonderful.
Some time, it may be many moons,
It may be few moons,
He will draw me into a place between
mountains ;
It is dark there,
But I'll be afraid not,
I'll draw back not,
For it is there between these moun-
tains
That the Shepherd Chief will meet
me,
Or it may be a long, long time,
And the hunger that I have felt in
my heart
All through this life will be satisfied ;
Sometimes He makes the Love rope
into a whip,
But afterwards He gives me a staff
to lean on.
He spreads a table before me with
all kinds of food ;
He puts His hand on my head
And all the “ tired ” is gone,
My cup He fills till it runs over.
What I tell you is true, I lie not ;
These roads that are “ away ahead ”,
Will stay with me all through this
life,
And afterwards I will go to live in
the ‘ Big Teepee ’
And sit down with the Shepherd
Chief forever.”

Now, boys and girls, don't you like the Red Indian's Version of our sweet Psalm ? I should learn it by heart if I were you, then you will be able to say the Twenty-third Psalm in two versions !

E. G. C.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SYMPATHY AND SUCCOUR

A FATHER was sitting very busy in his study, when his little four-year-old son came running into the room. He was holding his finger, which he had pinched in the door. With a look of pain on his face, he said, "Look, Dada, how I hurt my finger." The father did not wish to be interrupted, so he said a little impatiently, "I can't help it, Sonny." The little fellow's eyes filled with tears, and as he turned to leave the room, he said in a low tone, "Yes, you could; you might have said, Oh!"

That was as good as a sermon. It would have been a great comfort to that little fellow if his father had taken time to say, "Oh! I'm sorry," and then had tenderly kissed the hurt finger.

Mothers know how to comfort their children better than fathers do, so when God wants to teach us how tenderly He can sympathize and succour, He says, "As one whom his *mother* comforteth, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah lxvi. 13). And in the New Testament we learn that the Lord Jesus is the believer's great High Priest, whose happy office it is to sympathize with us in all our griefs and succour us in all our trials.

We read, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest . . . let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews iv. 14-16).

So remember, if our nearest and dearest fail to comfort us we have One who is always willing and ready to do so. Besides which, there is all the difference between *earthly* sympathy, the fruit of *human* love—and very precious it is in its place—and *HEAVENLY* sympathy, the fruit of *DIVINE* love.

So if you are a young Christian, with many difficulties, it may be with your lessons, or with your school companions or playmates, or with yourself, don't hesitate to take your troubles and trials to the Lord Jesus.

A. J. P.

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(VIII)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

ONE thing that appeals to me very much about the Lord Jesus Christ is that He is not a "far away" Saviour. He is always close at hand. When we acknowledge our need, we find Him there to save. When we might be about to stumble, He is there immediately to help us up. Whatever be our circumstances, He is in everything to support, sustain, and sympathize.

You know very well that when you are tired, and the road seems long, it is a great comfort to meet a friend who will take you by the hand. When you are ill, how soothing to feel that touch of love.

If you read the gospels you will find again and again how the Lord Jesus delighted to enter into people's feelings. He knew not only what was on the surface, but He could read the heart, and thus He could give that touch which was just needed.

In the first chapter of Mark's Gospel we read that beautiful little incident about Peter's wife's mother. She lay sick of a fever, and they went and told Jesus about it. Jesus came to the house and

TOOK HER BY THE HAND

and lifted her up, and *immediately* she was cured. He might have spoken the word of power, and she would have been healed. What wondrous grace on the Saviour's part to take her by the hand! And what a touch that must have been! A life-giving touch.

In chapter five of the same Gospel we read about a girl only twelve years of age faced with death. A point we all have to come to if the Lord does not come. Young and old alike ought to face this matter and be prepared. The father came to Jesus with the sad tale, and, before Jesus got to the house, the maid died. What sorrow there was in that home! But Jesus stepped into the scene and we read that

HE TOOK THE DAMSEL BY THE HAND

and lifted her up. Death flew before Him, and the people were all astonished.

There are other persons in Mark's Gospel whom the Lord Jesus took by the hand—can you find them?

I wonder if you have felt this touch! There is no mistaking the hand of Jesus. His hand is outstretched in blessing towards *you*. He wants to lift you up and send you on your way rejoicing. Will you let Him—NOW?

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Some of the papers were very late coming in this month. Please do your questions as soon as you receive your magazines, if you can. In any case they must be sent in *before* the end of the month.

Will you remember, too, that one alteration may disqualify you for a prize. It is better to do the whole paper over again. Those who have won prizes have sent in papers with no alterations.

I hope those who have not been successful enough to obtain prizes will still continue. Time spent in searching the precious Word of God is sure to be rewarded.

K. Galway is in the first class for March. I am sorry her name was omitted.

Your loving friend, B. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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Questions for August, 1936.

Subject :—Hands.

1. "And Aaron . . . into the wilderness." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Leviticus 16.)

2. What did Jesus say unto them while they abode in Galilee? (Matthew 17.)

3. What did Jonathan do when he went to David into the wood? (1 Samuel 23.)

4. What are we to do to the hands which hang down? (Hebrews 12.)

5. What is said about he that hath clean hands? (Job 17.)

6. What had they heard Him say about the temple? (Mark 14.)

7. "And one shall say unto Him. . . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Zechariah 13.)

8. "Then saith He to Thomas . . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (John 20.)

9. "So He fed them." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Psalm 78.)

10. What were the last words spoken by the Lord Jesus on the cross? (Luke 23.)

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ANOINTED. God anointed His Son to be the Saviour. He came to the sinner's place that He might be the sinner's Saviour. He stooped in lowly grace to where we lay that He might raise us up to where He has gone.

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INVITING. Salvation's work is complete. Done as God required it to be done. The Saviour invites you to come to Him. "Come unto Me," says He, "and I will give you rest." Will you respond?

ONLY. None can save you but the Lord Jesus Christ. We sometimes sing, "There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; He *only* could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in."

UNIVERSAL. The work He did on Calvary's cross is sufficient to save *everybody*. His great desire is that all might be saved. You are included in the invitation. No one is too young for Jesus and no one is too old.

RICH. Oh, He is such a rich Saviour! Everything we need we find in Him. If you trust Him, you will not be disappointed, for He will take your sins away and supply all that you need for your journey home.

C. S. R.

THE APPLE IN THE BOTTLE

CHARLIE once found on his grandmother's mantelpiece a large ripe apple inside a bottle with a narrow neck, but he could not understand how the apple got there. One day while he was walking in the garden, he looked up into the apple tree and what do you think he saw? Another bottle, just like the one on the mantelpiece, hanging on a tree with a little apple growing inside. Oh! such a tiny apple it was, for it was only while it was small that it could be got into the bottle.

In after years when this little boy had grown up to be a man he became a famous preacher, and used to tell this story to show how wise it was for little children when they were young to turn to the Lord Jesus and then to grow up in His service. Yes, the best time to learn to love Jesus is when you are young, and always remember it is the little things that matter.

Last summer a party of young women were boating on the river Tyne. When Mary, one of the girls returned home, her father said teasingly, "Did you get past the bridges all right?" Mary looked up and said, "It was not the bridges that stopped us. It was the midges!"

How often it is the little sins that stop our progress on the river of life. Let us be careful, we who are saved, to watch the little things in our lives that they don't spoil us. And, unsaved boy or girl reading this, *be sure you don't allow so-called little things from preventing you to come to the Lord Jesus.* **REMEMBER** the little chorus:—

"I'M not too young to come to Jesus,
For He loves a little child,
And I need Him, and He needs me,
And, oh, how happy I shall be
IF I COME NOW."

E. G. C.

'HE CARETH FOR YOU'

ANN came tripping home from Sunday School feeling very pleased and excited. "Oh, Mother," she cried, as soon as she saw her, "just look what I have got!" She held out a pretty text card, on which just four words were written, "He Careth for You." It was a large card, with a pretty picture on it of a group of children playing in a field, in which there grew buttercups and daisies.

"How lovely, darling!" said Mother, when she had looked at the text card. "Where did you get it?"

"Teacher gave it to me at Sunday School to-day, because I have not been absent or late for three months! Oh, I do love it, Mother!" And Ann gave a happy little laugh.

"The picture reminds me of a scene near the old farm where I used to live when I was a little girl your age, Ann," said her mother. "Let us look up the text in your Bible. See, here it is—" "Casting all your care upon Him" [that is God] "for He careth for you." Shall we hang it up here where we shall all see it every day?"

So saying, Mother slipped the loop of red cord at the top of the text over a nail in the hall. "Oh, yes; that is a lovely place to have it, Mother," cried little Ann.

It was not very long after this that Ann's father was taken ill. The doctor came, and shook his head solemnly; it was a bad attack of pleurisy, he said. Night after night Ann's mother had to sit up beside her husband, doing all she could to help the poor sufferer. During the day-time, a kind neighbour came in to relieve her, so that she could get a little rest. It was a trying time for the poor woman, for she had three other children besides Ann, and while her husband was laid aside there was only

a little money coming in. Sometimes Ann's mother felt too weary and sad even to think, and wondered how it would all end. One day, when she was feeling especially tired and heartless, her eyes fell upon Ann's text hung up in the hall, "**HE CARETH FOR YOU.**" The words seemed to stand out in letters of fire, and it seemed to the poor, tired woman, that they had been spoken aloud. "**HE Careth For You.**" She felt the love of God creep into her soul, bringing the comfort and help which she so sorely needed just at that moment. The words seemed to lift her above all her troubles. Her God and Father cared, and He would give her all the strength she needed, and supply every need of her little family. "Thank You, Father," she exclaimed.

Three months' later Ann's father was able to return to his work. As he and his wife looked back on the days of sickness and trial, they realized how wonderfully God had cared for them, supplying their every need, and giving them strength for each day. They had both learned to love little Ann's text—"He Careth For You," for they had proved the truth of those words. One Sunday, when Ann came in from her beloved Sunday School, her mother took her on her knee, and told her what a comfort her text had been, and how she had learned to treasure it. Ann looked up with such a happy smile on her face, and threw her arms round her mother's neck. Oh, how glad she was that she had been able to earn that text!

Boys and girls, always count it a great privilege that you are enabled to attend Sunday School, and give your teacher the joy of knowing that, trusting the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, you desire to learn more of Him and so live for Him.

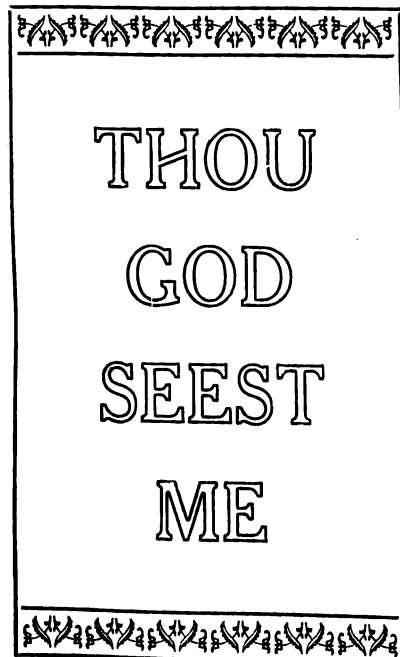
E. G. C.

THE EYE OF GOD

"NO one will see me," thought little Charlie to himself, as he slipped on to the table and made a dive at the sugar-basin, while his mother was getting some water for the teapot from the kettle that hummed on the hob.

But Charlie's mother had not thought her little boy too little to learn about God and the Saviour, and one thing which she had taught him was that **God sees us everywhere**, and this had fixed itself in Charlie's mind; and just when he had a lump of sugar in his fat fingers there came into his heart the thought of what his mother had told him. He felt that, though his mother's back was turned to him, yet there was an Eye looking on him—the Eye of God, so

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Charlie let go the lump of sugar and slipped back to his chair.

When his mother turned round he said, "Oh, mother, Charlie almost stole a lump of sugar while you were not looking!"

His mother did not at first understand her little boy, but when Charlie had fully explained what had taken place, told him how glad she was that he had remembered about God's Eye, and that she hoped he would always think of the verse, "Thou God seest me" (Genesis xvi. 13) whenever he was tempted to do what he knew was wrong. This surely was godly advice, and so we pass it on to you, dear young reader, to live *always* as under the eye of the Lord.

"When you think, when you speak, when you read, when you write,

When you sing, when you walk, when you seek for delight,

To be kept from all evil at home and abroad,
Live always as under the 'eye of the Lord.'
Whatever you think, both in joy and in woe,
Think nothing you would not like Jesus to know.

Whatever you say, in a whisper or clear,
Say nothing you would not like Jesus to hear.

Whatever you read, though the page may allure,
Read nothing of which you are perfectly sure

Consternation at once would be seen in your look

If God should say, solemnly, 'Show Me that book!'

Whatever you write, in haste with heed,
Write nothing you would not like Jesus to read.

Whatever you sing, in the midst of your glees,

Sing nothing that God's listening ear could displease.

Wherever you go, never go where you fear
God's question being asked you, 'What doest thou here?'

Whatever the pastime in which you engage,
For the cheering of youth, or the solace of age.

Turn away from each pleasure you'd shrink from pursuing,
Were God to look down and say 'What are you doing?'

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

"Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven."

—MATTHEW X. 32.

THIS text contains a condition and a promise, and on the fulfilling of the first depends the obtaining of the latter. I wonder if you, my reader, confess Jesus just where you are living now, not waiting, as some do, till they are older or in a different sphere of life.

Perhaps some of you say, "How can we confess Christ; what does it mean?" Let me tell you how I think of it. Have you an earthly friend of whom you are specially fond, and to whom your thoughts turn very frequently? Then tell me, do you not often speak of that friend to those around you? Is it brother Harry who is your favourite? Then depend upon it, Harry's virtues and kind brotherly deeds are well known by your companions, even although they have never seen him. You love him so much, and your heart is so full of him, that you cannot but speak of him. If Jesus holds such a place in your hearts, then speak of Him, confess Him just as you do your brother.

Oh, but you say, "I am afraid to do so because people do not generally speak of Jesus as they do of an earthly friend, and I would, perhaps, be laughed at if I did so." Very likely indeed, for Jesus Himself warned you that you would. He told the disciples to expect derision. They had called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more would they call those of His household so? But what of that? The Christian is told

that he must take up his cross daily and follow Christ.

Now mark the promise, that if you confess Jesus *now*, He will confess you before His father in heaven, making it known that though you were laughed at and counted a fool, you were not ashamed to confess that you loved Him and sought to do His will on earth.

"Maggie," said a gentleman to a little friend, "are you doing anything for Jesus at school?"

"I'm trying," she said, "and I've got three little girls about my own age to join with me in reading the Bible and praying together every day. Once some of the big girls came in and found us doing so, and I think some of them have begun to do the same." Now isn't Maggie's way a nice example of confessing Christ?

There are a great many ways in which young readers like yourself can confess Him, and if you now desire to do this, or to confess Him more than ever, just ask Jesus to open up the way and to supply the grace and courage. You will not ask in vain, I am sure. Having given His life for you, He is worthy to be spoken of to others, is He not?

"What! never a word to say, when Christ is the chosen theme;

Abundance of words besides, but never a word of Him;

Of Jesus! all heaven's delight; of Jesus, the sinner's Friend,

Speak morning, noon and night, that subject will never end."

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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

A few months ago we considered the "mouth," and we saw how the mouth and the heart were closely connected. "Out of the fulness of the heart, the mouth speaketh." This month we have as our subject the "feet," and there is also a definite link between the feet and the heart. Whatever may be the condition of your heart, and whatever your heart may be set upon, you may be assured that your feet will walk accordingly.

The book of Proverbs speaks a great deal about "feet," and when we read such a passage as this, "Ponder the path of thy feet," it means that we should exercise great concern about our ways.

The world is full of evil and, if your heart is set upon evil things, you will find your feet upon a very dangerous and slippery road. To trifle with evil is exceedingly serious, and people thus occupied just stumble along with no sure step.

But there is another path apart from evil—a safe path—a path which leads to glory. This is the path into which we would like to guide your feet. All who walk in this path find as David of old found when he broke out in that wonderful song in 2 Samuel xxii., "Thou hast enlarged my steps under

me; so that my feet did not slip"; and as Hannah experienced in 1 Samuel ii., "He will keep the feet of His saints." There is no stumbling in this path, for we read that it is as a shining light and the further we go, the brighter it becomes for the glory of God is at the end.

These two paths are before you. You have the power to choose between the two. The path of evil may appear to be very attractive, but it is a "path of darkness," and will end in darkness for ever.

Dear boys and girls, I would exhort you with all my heart to avoid the path of evil. See that your feet are set upon the right road by first making the Lord Jesus Christ your Saviour, and then look to Him for all you need to walk to His well-pleasing.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I had expected a number of new Searchers for July, but there are only a few. If any of you have been unable to do your papers owing to the holidays you may send them in now and marks will be given.

Please always read the monthly letter, as you will find it often helps in connection with the questions.

I trust those who have been on holiday have had a nice time and, above all, that you have sought to make the Lord Jesus Christ known amongst your friends. We get a reference to this in our 6th question this month. I was pleased to hear that I. Middlemiss has trusted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour.

Your loving friend,

B. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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

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

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

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

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Questions for September, 1936.

Subject :—Feet.

1. Why had Moses to put off his shoes from off his feet? (Exodus 3.)

2. Write out a verse similar to the above in Acts 7.

3. "He will keep. . . ." Write out the *next five words only*. (1 Samuel 2.)

4. "And she had a sister called Mary. . . ." Write out the *rest of this verse only*. (Luke 10.)

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

6. Where did they find the man out of whom the devils were departed? (Luke 8.)

7. What are we to ponder? (Proverbs 4.)

8. Whose feet are beautiful? (Romans 10.)

9. Whose feet are beautiful? (Isaiah 52.)

10. What are we to make for our feet? (Hebrews 12.)

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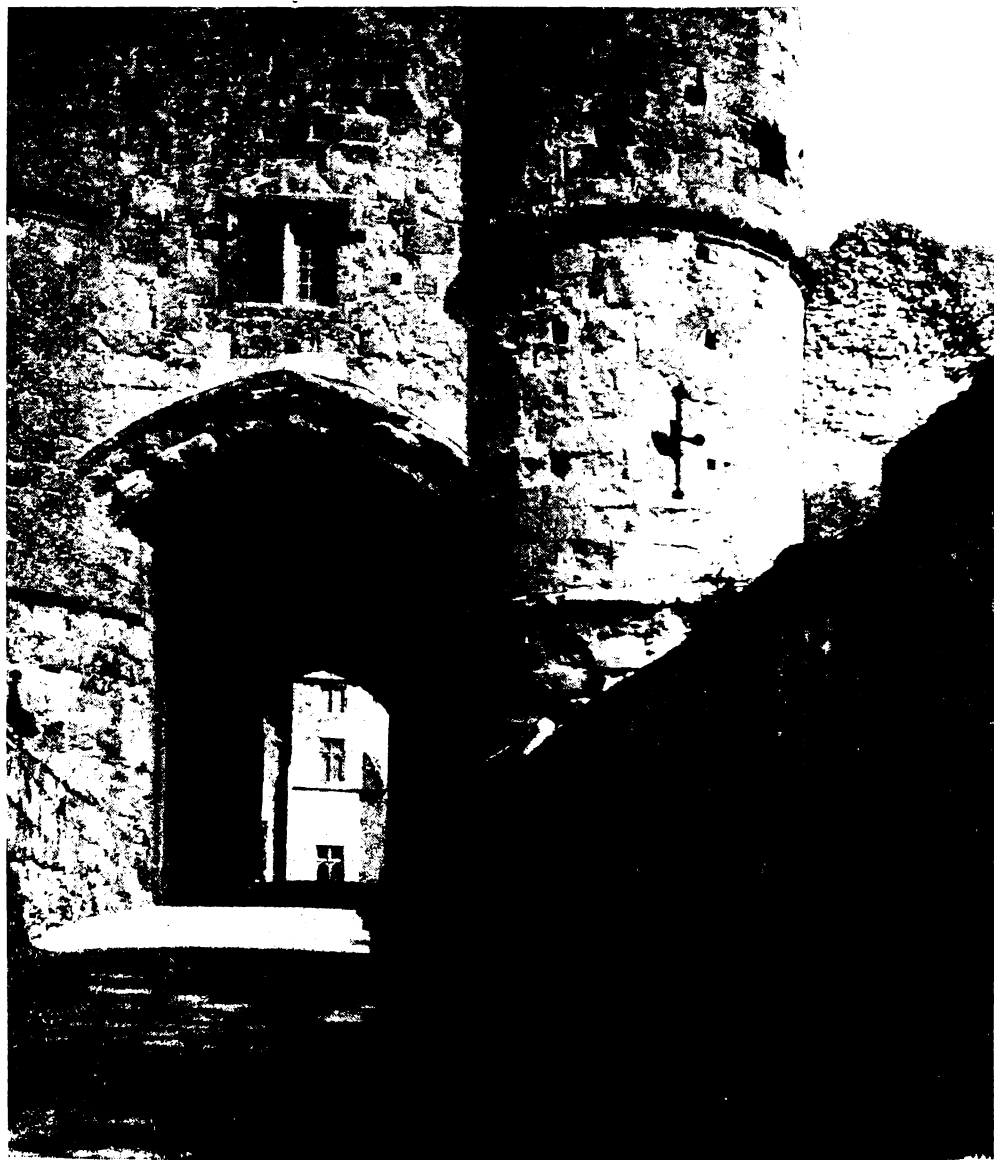
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HIS LIFE AND DEATH
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I WONDER if you ever feel what a great privilege it is to live in a country where the light of the Gospel freely shines! England is a wonderful country, and we ought to be thankful that we can read the Scriptures so very freely. But it was not always so. There have been dark days in the history of our land, but men were raised up by God to stand for the truth in the darkness, and it is fitting that we should recall how these men laboured and suffered to translate the Scriptures from the original tongues and pass on to us such a priceless treasure as we have in the Bible to-day.

If you are ever favoured enough to make a journey from Brussels to Antwerp, you will pass through a town called Vilvorde. Here, on the banks of the river Senne, stands a large prison built upon the site of the old castle, now demolished, where William Tyndale lived for sixteen months, and where he was eventually put to death 400 years ago for *the simple offence of giving to the people of this country the Scriptures in the English language.*

Very little is known of Tyndale's young days. He was born in Gloucestershire in the year 1484. At an early age he was sent to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he progressed quickly, and took high degrees. He there read the Scriptures, long mislaid, and God began to work in his heart. We are unable to trace much of his spiritual progress and conversion. **But one thing is certain, the seed, however and whenever sown, took deep root in his heart, and he was convicted that in the Scriptures lay God's revelation to man.** Young students were attracted to him, but a persecution arose against him, so he was

forced to leave Oxford and went to Cambridge.

He continued hard in his study of the Word of God, and acquired a deeper love for it and a riper knowledge of it. He was firmly convinced that his work was to be the translation of the Scriptures, so that rich and poor alike might be able to possess and read them. He received no encouragement in England, so he sailed for Hamburg, never again to set foot in his native country. He felt leaving England very much, but he had a great purpose before him. He was confident that God had called him to this great work of translation and giving to England the greatest blessing that could be bestowed upon it, and he did not allow difficulties to stand in his way.

The gospels of Matthew and Mark were first printed in Hamburg and circulated secretly in this country. Tyndale then removed to Cologne, and there he put the work of printing the Testaments into the hands of a well known printer. Spies were, however, at work. The press was discovered, and the printer was forbidden to go on with the work. But Tyndale was not cast down. He quickly collected as much as he could of what had been done at Cologne and went to Worms. Here the work proceeded, and in spite of all the opposition in England to the people having the Bible, in the year 1526 the Testaments crossed to this country by way of Antwerp and Rotterdam.

Great precautions were taken to prevent the landing of these books here, but, just when they were due, God, in a wonderful way, scattered those who were supposed to be watching. Five merchants in London collected the Testaments, concealed them in their warehouses, and in a short time they were distributed throughout the country.

In the year 1535, Tyndale, then living in Antwerp, was betrayed into the hands of officers, who conveyed him to the

castle at Vilvorde, and, after a trial, he was strangled and burnt at the stake on October 6th, 1536. So this month marks the fourth centenary of his death. He was one of England's greatest men, and we ought to thank God for such, and honour the Scriptures for which he fought so hard. C. S. R.



"A LITTLE MAID"

(2 Kings 5. 2.)

A LITTLE maiden had been taken prisoner, taken away from her home and friends. Possibly you say, "What a shame!" And it is sad, sadder even than you realize, that people should be willing to kill, or hurt others, and make the hearts of many sorrowful. But the ROOT of all the trouble is deep down in EVERY heart, including yours; **it is sin.** Wars are only one fruit of the tree, for this tree has many branches. And not only great men but little people SIN, and "the wages of sin is death."

The little girl had been taken far off, but I am glad to tell you that she was not unkindly treated. Some have been made slaves, and then have suffered much. How grateful you ought to be for a home, and for all the love your parents have shown to you. I have seen boys and girls who are ungrateful. Some seem to think "home" is only a place where they get food, clothing and shelter; they are so selfish that they never return loving thoughtfulness to those who love them. They grieve their dear parents' hearts, and are quite unconcerned about it. *Every boy and girl ought to be thankful to God for "home."*

If troubles came I wonder how you would meet them. If you were cruelly snatched away from your loved ones, would you fret and feel angry against

those who were unkind? It seems that this little maid knew to whom to turn in her trouble. She thought much of the power of God, and heart-knowledge of Him is the only real comfort. And so she had a concern for others. A boy or girl may say, "I am little; what can I do?" Ah, love finds out a way of blessing to others, and very beautifully this little girl was the means whereby her master was healed of leprosy—and this healing was a type, or picture, of SALVATION. It is still more precious if we can bring any to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. *But we must know Him ourselves first.* And this thought may well remind us all that there is a worse slavery than that of an Israelite maiden in Syria; **the worst slavery is sin, and the only freedom is by the death of the Lord Jesus.** When we come to Him in faith there is a real "liberty to the captives" (Isaiah lxi. 1); Satan remains no longer the master. Have you had this experience? Have you trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation? If not, what is the hindrance? You need Him, do you not? And need Him TO-DAY.

But to return. The little maiden was not angry with her captors; instead of this, she desired God's blessing for them. Her faith in God was very simple. No lepers had been healed in Israel just at this time (Luke iv. 27), but she was quite sure that if her master went to God's prophet he would be healed. And so she said to her mistress, "O that my master were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy" (2 Kings v. 3). Was not that an unselfish thought? Many would have almost said, "He deserves to have leprosy," or "O that I were back in Samaria."

Leprosy is a horrible picture of sin; it gradually eats away the body. Ah, boys and girls, you have no idea how ugly and dangerous sin really is. But



THE LITTLE CAPTIVE MAID.

Elisha (whose name means "GOD IS SAVIOUR") speaks to us of the gracious Saviour, who was God, and who became Man; and the washing in Jordan seven times reminds us that the Lord Jesus went under the waves of judgment that sinners might believe in Him and be saved, and then live with a new life to please Him. Can you say, "Christ is my Saviour," or must you say, "I do not know"?

If you are among those who are saved you, too, will desire that others also may be saved. It was not much that the little girl did, but her simple words were not forgotten by those who heard, and God has never forgotten them, and the story of Naaman's healing that has so often helped in preaching the Gospel, was brought about through God's use of "a little maid"—I must describe her in this way, for I do not know her name! But that does not matter, provided that our names are in the Lamb's Book of Life, and that He says, "I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine" (Isaiah xliii. 1).

I like the thought, too, that she WAITED on Naaman's wife. In the Hebrew language it is, "She was to the face of Naaman's wife," and we think of Psalm cxxiii. 2, and the way in which God's people, even little ones, can wait on Him with the eye of faith toward Him. He says, "I will guide thee with Mine eye" (Psalm xxxii. 8, 9). When we are saved by the precious blood of Christ, we delight to look to Him and His word for everything. A Christian has such a changed life, and so I would ask once more, Is this life yours? If you cannot truthfully say, "Yes," I am thankful to be able still to tell you that God's salvation is free to boys and girls, who feel their sins as a burden, and who hate these sins, and desire His deliverance, even to-day.

P. H.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE CAMEL

THE camel at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy
plain;

To have his burdens lifted off
And rest again.

My soul, thou, too, should'st to thy
knees,

When daylight draweth to a close;
And let the Master lift the load
And grant repose.

Else how could'st thou to-morrow
meet,

With all to-morrow's work to do;
If thou thy burden all the night
Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load;
Then rises up anew to take
The desert road.

So thou should'st kneel at morning's
dawn,

That God may give thee daily care;
Assured that He no load too great
Will make *thee* bear.



(X)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

IN doing your Scripture Searching this month, you will be thinking about the "heart." I want to refer to four conditions of the heart, and, as I write, a few scriptures—all in the Acts of the Apostles—come to my mind. The first one is in chapter viii. and verse 21, and we might call this a

CONDEMNED HEART.

"Thy heart is not right in the sight of God." By nature this is the condition of everybody's heart. None of us can boast of being right with God as we entered the world. We had no thoughts nor feelings after God until the Holy Spirit worked with some of us and made us feel that we were not right. Then it was that we began to be troubled, and we were like the people in Acts ii. 37—"They were pricked in their heart, and said . . . What shall we do?" This is a

CONVICTED HEART.

It is a good thing when a boy or girl or anybody reaches this point. It is the sure way to blessing—the *only way to blessing!* To feel that heartache—to feel those pricks of conscience—is a good thing. The result is a crying out, "What shall I do?" For a soul which has got so far the way is very plain. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." This is simple enough.

Then we get a

CONVERTED HEART.

"Whose heart the Lord opened" (Acts xvi. 14). There is something very sweet about this. Have you ever watched a rose bud opening to the rays of the sunshine? Very similar is the way to blessing. There is no effort to do anything—no personal merits to put forward. It is just simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The heart is opened and the Lord fills that heart. He never goes where He is not wanted, but, if the heart is opened to Him, He will immediately respond and fill that heart with Himself and His great love.

Lastly, we have a

CONSECRATED HEART.

"They, continuing . . . with gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts ii. 46). And, later, Barnabas exhorted the Christians at Antioch, "that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord" (Acts xi. 23). These scriptures suggest consecration, and this is rather more than conversion. Many people are saved and content to go on with the hope of reaching heaven at the end, but they make no spiritual progress here.

"My son, give me thine heart." So wrote Solomon; but a greater than Solomon, the Lord Jesus Christ, speaks out the same exhortation. It is a call to each of us. To acknowledge the Lord Jesus as your Saviour is a great matter, but, having done this, *it is a greater thing to allow Him to have complete control of your heart and to be living here devoted to Him.*

Your affectionate friend, C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I was pleased to receive so many late papers for July. These have all been marked and recorded.

A number of you have made slips this month. J. D. Rugg, J. Witton, O. Hardy, and H. Baugh, all did one question short: E. Pickering, G. Scott, D. Worthy, N. Speight, and Jas. Redpath, all left out one reference. A. McKinnell and J. Henderson must give chapter and verse.

A paper has come with six questions correctly answered but with no name or address. Incomplete papers have come from W. Murphy and K. Palmer.

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

I wonder how many have done us the Psalmist in our ninth question?

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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Questions for October, 1936.

Subject :—**Heart.**

1. "And thou shalt . . . all thy might." Write out the whole verse where these words occur (Deuteronomy 6.)
2. What is said about the pure in heart? (Matthew 5.)
3. Where does the Lord look? (1 Samuel 16.)
4. ". . . thou shalt be saved." Write out the verse which ends with these words (Romans 10.)
5. How is the heart described in Jeremiah 17?
6. What did Philip say to the eunuch when he asked to be baptized? (Acts 8.)
7. What is said about a merry heart? (Proverbs 17.)
8. What is said about the multitude of them that believed? (Acts 4.)
9. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart . . ." Write out the next seven words only (Psalm 119.)
10. What hath not entered into the heart of man? (1 Corinthians 2.)

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2nd Class.—F. Davidson, B. Graham, L. Mason, L. McGougan, M. Moore, E. Parkinson, J. Redpath, J. D. Rugg, N. Speight, M. Thompson.

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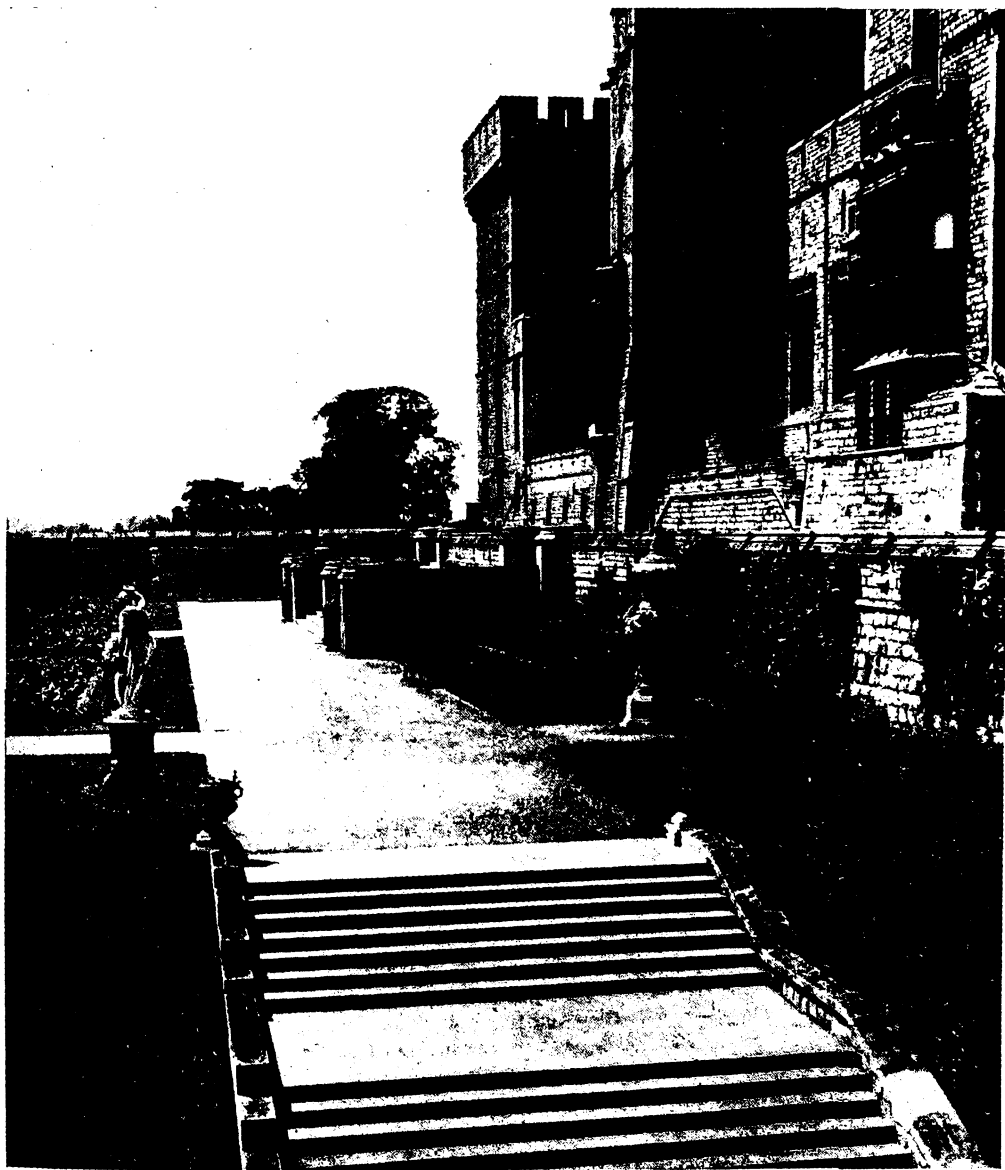
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A KING'S RADIO MESSAGE

WHEN King George of England celebrated his Silver Jubilee in 1935, he sent a radio message to all the boys and girls in his Empire. Would you like to know what he said? Yes, I can tell you, for I have it written down. Here is his message:—

"You are the heirs of a great past; but the future is yours, and is your high responsibility. Each of you must try to be a good citizen in a good city. To this end you must make the best of all your powers. Strive to grow in strength, in knowledge, *and in grace*. If you persist bravely in this endeavour you will work worthily for your family, your city, your country, and for mankind. So to live, in whatever sphere, must be noble and may be great. My confident trust is in you. George R.I."

This was the message from a great King-Emperor to the children of his Empire. But do you know, a greater King has sent a message to all the boys and girls of the world! It is King Jesus, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who lives in the heavenly Jerusalem, far above all; and His kingdom, we are told, "ruleth over all." How wonderful to have a message from such a great King! Where can we find His message, do you ask? Why, in the book He has written for us, of course—the Bible. In the Bible He tells us what is the message He has broadcast to the boys and girls of the world. Like King George of England He tells you that you are heirs—heirs of a great and wonderful redemption, which He won for you on the Cross of Calvary. But an heir cannot inherit anything without definite action; and so you cannot own that gift of redemption—which means to be saved from your sins—without coming

and taking it from the King. Have you come to Him, and asked Him to wash away your sins because "On the cross He shed His blood, from sin to set you free"? If you have not yet done so, then come to Him without delay, and receive from Him your redemption!

King George said: "The future is yours," and when we receive the gift of redemption from King Jesus, He also gives us the free gift of everlasting life—safety for the future! How generous and loving He is! It is, indeed, "a high responsibility." Paul, the great servant of King Jesus, warns us to "walk worthy" of such wonderful gifts from the King of kings. How can we "walk worthy" of such a King, and become "good citizens" of the heavenly city to which we will one day go if we have received the gift of redemption? By doing as King George told the boys and girls of his Empire to do—first, by "growing in strength."

To "grow in strength" we must eat strengthening food. Jeremiah told us that he found God's words, "and did eat them." That was the secret of his strength, and it will be the secret of our strength, too. The Lord Jesus told Satan, when he came to tempt him, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." We find the words of the Lord God in the Bible, and we need to read and re-read them, so that they become part of us, just as the food we eat becomes part of us. Good words have a great and lasting influence upon us, and where can we find better words than in the Word of God? Alas, bad words have a great influence upon us, too, and we should be careful not to listen to them, or we will not "grow in strength."

King Jesus tells us that if we read and obey His Word, He Himself will help us to "grow in strength." He

says, "Fear not, *I* will strengthen you." How wonderful to have the help of the King of kings!

King George told the boys and girls of his Empire to "grow in knowledge."

"Have you ever wished that knowledge grew
On bushes, as the berries do?
That we could plant our spelling seed,
And gather all the words we need?
And sums from off the old slates wipe,
And wait for figures to get ripe?
And go into the fields and pick
Whole bushels of arithmetic?
That grammar would in all the towns
Grow with verbs and proper nouns?
That in the gardens there would be
Great bunches of geography?"

I am quite sure I did when I was at school—especially the grammar! But the best time to learn is while we are young. Rowland Hill tells about a very aged man he once saw trying to learn to write. He held his pen in his hand stiff and hard, and then, turning the copybook aslant (you know how), he squared his elbows and put his head down close to the desk, and began. He tried so hard, but somehow the letters would *not* go right, and blots and smudges seemed to come everywhere. At last he looked up in despair and said with a sigh, "I suppose I'm too old to learn."

Yes, the best time to learn is while we are young, and the best teacher to have is the Lord Jesus, for He is the source of true knowledge, and He will teach us the most important thing of all to learn, and that is the way to heaven!

The third thing King George wanted the boys and girls of his Empire to grow in was "grace." And King Jesus wants His boys and girls to "grow in grace" too. There was once a little girl who was given a cup of tea by her mother. She took the teaspoon, and stirred and stirred, and then tasted, made a face, and said, "Mother, I have tried and tried, but it won't come sweet!" Then her mother remembered that she had

forgotten to put in the sugar. "No amount of stirring will make it come sweet till I have put the sugar in," she said. Then the mother put the sugar in, and the little girl stirred again, tasted it, and found that the tea had "come sweet." To "grow in grace" means that our lives "come sweet." But we cannot make our lives sweet and good ourselves—only the Lord Jesus Christ, living in our hearts, can do it for us. You and I cannot make ourselves different, but He can! We need to open our hearts, and give Him the best place there, and He will bring the sweetness of His grace into our lives. Let Him come right in, and sit on the throne of your heart, and see what He can and will do in your life! He will make it both noble and great in the sight of God.

A little black girl in South India was heard praying one day, "Lord Jesus, there is a little stool in my heart. Please come right in, and sit on it." Will you ask King Jesus to come into *your* heart, as that little black girl did, and then He will make you what you cannot make yourself; also showing you how to "grow in strength, in knowledge, and in grace."

E. G. C.

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A REAL PRAYER

INTO my heart, into my heart,

Come into *my* heart Lord Jesus;

Come in to-day, come in to stay,

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

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A THIEF

DEAR boys and girls, I am very sorry to tell you that since I last wrote you something very sad has happened in the place where I work.

A boy who had been employed with us for several years has been dismissed for dishonesty and lying. Now that these are very bad things, I am sure you will agree.

It all started in this way, and like nearly everything else, it had quite a small beginning. One day the boy helped himself to two or three stamps belonging to the firm; that does not seem much, does it? But, then, you see, it was stealing, and one of God's commandments to the children of Israel was, "Thou shalt *not* steal."

We all know how wrong it is to steal. Even if no one else sees us, God does, no matter what we may be doing. Oh, if

we only remembered those four words in the Bible, "**Thou, God, seest me,**" we should not so often do wrong.

Time went on, and instead of taking two or three stamps the boy began to take six or seven and make false entries in the book. Then, when caught, he told untruths in order to try to cover up his wrong doing. Do you remember that text in Proverbs which says, "He that covereth his sin shall not prosper"? Well, he was forgiven more than once.

Just recently, however, about four shillings in money was suddenly missing. Suspicion began to fall on several persons, and then it was discovered that this boy had kept a duplicate key of the safe in which the money was kept. At last he was again found out to be the thief; and, not only so, but was telling lies at business and at home to his mother, so he had to leave.

Thus you see one small sin leads to another, and each time you do something wrong, so it becomes *easier* to do wrong again and *harder* to do what is right.

Some of my older readers are, perhaps, thinking of leaving school and soon starting on life's journey. Take my advice and begin it with God. Ask Him to help you do what is right, and to turn away from temptation of all kinds; it is the only way you can escape. Read your Bible and pray *every* day, and you will one day realize what a great help these two things have been to you. God bless you all!

L. A. A.



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FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

THE BIBLE

THIS book of Holy Scriptures can be likened to one building of which the portico is Genesis. *All must enter through that portico, accepting it as the Word of God.* Many have sought to enter by some other means and have wrought havoc.

From the portico we pass into the art gallery in which we will see busts and full-length pictures of such men as Noah, Abraham, Isaac, David, Job, Daniel, and so on. The Psalms is the music room where the Holy Spirit is heard playing upon God's organ, making every reed and pipe reverberate in wondrous harmony until everything that hath breath praises the Lord. Then we pass to the business office of Proverbs, and thence to the lecture room of Ecclesiastes, where we receive instruction from the preacher.

In the conservatory of the Song of Songs the sweet fragrance of the lily of the valley and the rose of Sharon is smelt. Then we pass to the observatory of the prophets, where far-off events are foretold with unerring accuracy. Many observers are there, and with close observation it cannot but be noticed that all have their telescopes trained upon one central heavenly object of all-absorbing interest—**THE ONE WHOM WE NOW KNOW AS THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR.**

Coming to the New Testament we have in the Gospels the audience room of the King of kings. There we see Him receiving in lowly grace the humblest, and hear Him speak, of whom it was

said, "Never man spake like this [Man.]"

In the Acts we have the constructional room, where the apostles are seen busy with the building of the early church. Then we pass to the correspondence room, where we are privileged to examine the letters of Peter, Paul, John, Jude, and James, and finally to the throne room of Revelation, where the King of kings and Lord of lords is seen in all His majesty and glory.

But it is *one* building, *one* book, *one* whole, and while we are invited to explore it we cannot do so without a guide. We would get hopelessly lost in the wonderful building, so we are provided with a Guide in the person of the Holy Spirit. May you know more of His guidance, dear young reader.

J. L. D.



THE TWO "LETS"

THERE were two little sisters at the house whom nobody could see without loving, for they were always so happy together. They had the same books and the same playthings, but never a quarrel sprang up between them—no cross words, no pouts, no slaps, no running away in a pet.

"You never seem to quarrel," I said to them one day; "how is it you are always so happy together?"

They looked up, and the elder answered:

"Oh! you know, Addie LETS me, and I LET Addie."

I thought a moment. "Ah! that is it," I said, "She LETS YOU, and you LET HER; that's it."

Yes, that is it. The Bible says, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians v. 21); and His grace can enable even high-spirited boys and girls to do so. Don't forget the two LETS.

A. J. P.



(XI)

DEAR CHILDREN—

DURING the course of this year in your Scripture Searching exercises you have been considering the various members of your bodies, and I hope that you have learnt some good lessons. There is nothing more wonderful and complicated in the whole world than your body—the house in which you live. Well may the Psalmist say, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Your body ought to be treated with respect, and you should avoid anything which would injure or dishonour it, and also seek to protect the bodies of other people.

Now we think, not about your body, but about *you*, yourself, the person who dwells in the body. Behind all the actions of the members of your body works the “mind,” unseen and unheard. The “mind” is the thinking part of you, and that by which you are able to reason out things and form judgments.

It is important, then, that you occupy the mind with what is good. This is only possible as you think upon good things. “Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians iv. 8).

In Romans, chapter one, we read about some people who refused to acknowledge God. God had spoken to them in various ways, but they deliberately turned their backs upon Him and went on with their awful course of evil. So God gave them over to a

REPROBATE MIND.

They were left under the power of Satan with their minds so black that, instead of being ashamed with their evil ways, they had pleasure

in going on without God. It is a most serious thing to resist the overtures of grace and to refuse to listen to the voice of God.

Now, if you read Mark, chapter five, you will find a different story. There we have a man in his

RIGHT MIND.

Once he was under the power of Satan. Satan had complete control of his body, but Jesus came along one day and made all the difference in that man's life. When Jesus was afar off the man ran in his eagerness to acknowledge Him. The moment a person acknowledges the Lord Jesus Christ Satan must go. It was so with this man, and when the people came to see what was done, they saw him that was possessed with the devil now in his right mind.

In Ephesians iv. 23, we have an exhortation for the Christian to be renewed in the spirit of the mind.

RENEWED MIND.

This means that, if we have trusted Christ, we are not to allow our minds to dwell upon evil things or anything connected with the old life. We have got a new life, and our minds are to be set upon heavenly things.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Once again I have to remind several of you of your slips. F. Liddle's paper was unfinished. B. Roebuck and S. Curtis must give chapter and verse. H. Morrie did one question short. E. Hlook left out several references. L. Knowles left out one reference.

Jas. Jobling is in first class for July. I am sorry his name was omitted.

I was pleased to receive F. Cowle's letter and shall be glad if she will send me her private address.

Always read your answers through before sending in papers.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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Questions for November, 1936.

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1. "And Moses said . . . mine own mind." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Numbers 16.)
2. What did they find when they went out to see what was done? (Luke 8.)
3. Who shall be kept in perfect peace? (Isaiah 26.)
4. What did Peter call to mind? (Mark 14.)
5. "This I recall to my mind. . . ." Write out the next next four words only. (Lamentations 3.)
6. How did those of Berea receive the word? (Acts 17.)
7. "For God hath not given us. . . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (2 Timothy 1.)
8. How was Solomon to serve God? (1 Chronicles 28.)
9. What did the Lord know? (Ezekiel 11.)
10. Whose mind has to be in us? (Philippians 2.)

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"CUFF"

A True Story of a Negro Slave

CUFF was a negro slave who lived in America. He was a joyful Christian and a faithful servant. His master, however, was in need of money, and one day a young planter, who was an infidel, came to buy Cuff. The price was agreed upon, and the Christian slave was sold to the infidel. But in parting with him the master said, "You will find Cuff a good worker and you can trust him; he will suit you in every respect but one."

"And what is that?" said the master.

"He will pray, and you can't break him of it, but that is his only fault."

"I'll soon whip that out of him," remarked the infidel.

"I fear not," said the former master, "and would not advise you to try it; he would rather die than give it up."

Cuff proved faithful to the new master, the same as he had to the old. The master soon got word that Cuff had been praying, and, calling him, said, "Cuff, you must not pray any more; we can't have any praying around here; never let me hear any more about this nonsense."

Cuff replied, "O Massa, I has to pray to Jesus, and when I pray I loves you and Missus all the more, and can work all the harder for you."

But he was sternly forbidden to pray any more, under penalty of a severe flogging. That evening, when the day's work was done, he talked to his God, like Daniel of old, as he had aforesaid. Next morning he was summoned to appear before his master, who demanded of him why he had disobeyed him. "O Massa, I has to pray; I canna live without it," said Cuff. At this the master flew into a terrible rage and ordered Cuff to be tied to the whipping post, with his shirt off. He then applied the rawhide with all the force he possessed, until his young

wife ran out in tears and begged him to stop. The man was so infuriated that he threatened to punish her next if she did not leave him, then continued to apply the lash until his strength was exhausted. Then he ordered the bleeding back to be washed in salt water, his shirt replaced, and the poor slave to set about his work. Though in great pain, Cuff went away singing in a groaning voice:

"My suffering time will soon be o'er,
When I shall sigh and weep no more."

Cuff worked all that day, as the blood oozed from his back where the lash had made long, deep furrows. Meantime, God was working in his master. He saw his wickedness and cruelty to that poor soul, whose only fault had been his fidelity. Conviction seized upon him. In great distress of mind, he went to bed but could not sleep. Such was his agony at midnight that he awoke his wife and told her that he was dying.

"Shall I call in the doctor?" she said.

"No, no; I don't want a doctor. Is there anyone on the plantation that can pray for me? I am afraid that I am going to hell."

"I don't know of any one," said his wife, "except the slave you punished this morning."

"Do you think he would pray for me?" he anxiously inquired.

"Yes, I think he would," she replied.

"Well, send for him quickly."

On going after Cuff they found him on his knees in prayer, and when called he supposed it was to be punished again. On being taken to the master's room, he found him writhing in agony. The master, groaning, said, "O Cuff, can you pray for me?"

"Yes, bress de Lord, Massa, I'se been prayin' for you all de night," and at this he dropped on his knees, and like Jacob of old, wrestled in prayer. Before the break of day Cuff witnessed the conversion of both master and mistress. Master

and slave embraced. Race differences and past cruelty were swept away by the love of God, and tears of joy were mingled.

Cuff was immediately set free, and with his master went out to preach the Gospel.

Such is the power of the love of God in the soul where Christ dwells. How many of our readers know and enjoy this wonderful love which comes as a result of Christ's death, to the extent of enabling them to suffer for His Name's sake.

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WRITING WHICH CANNOT BE ERASED

"MOTHER, I do think the new girl is a nasty, s u c k - u p girl. I don't like her at all, and at playtime Edith went over and spoke to her, and she left me to go to her."

"But Mabel, I don't like to hear you speak like that. It is probably untrue and uncalled for. I think it was very kind of Edith to go over and speak to the new little girl, and I am sorry it was not my own little girl who did it. Let me tell you about your Uncle Walter. Once when he was a small boy he had taken mother's diamond ring and was writing with it on the windowpane. Father, seeing him, called out, 'Don't do that, Walter.' 'Why not, father?' 'Because you can't rub it out.' *Did it ever occur to you, my child, said her mother gently, that you Mabs, are writing each day that which you can't rub out?*"

"Me, mother?"

"Yes, you darling. You have just made an unkind speech about a little girl that you don't even know. I noticed yesterday how you made a cruel remark to your friend Edith, and I saw that it gave her loving little heart pain.

It is there now, and hurts her when she thinks of it, for you have never asked her pardon, or for her to forgive you. You can't rub those things out, Mabel. Then there is a book kept by God where all your thoughts, all your words, and all your acts are written. Be careful, dear. The record is lasting and *you* cannot rub them out."

"Oh, mother," said Mabel, bursting into tears, "I never thought about that. I will go straight away and ask Edith to forgive me."

"And don't forget, dear, to ask the good Shepherd to help you not to say them, and to keep the door of your lips. You know He alone is able to forgive us our sins and to lead us to think, and say, and act beautifully."

"I will ask Him right now, mother," said Mabel; and if unsaved, dear reader, you will do well to follow her example.

E. G. C.

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FAITH

AN English missionary was in Central Africa, preaching the Gospel to the black people there. He found it very hard to make them understand the meaning of faith. He said to them, "Listen now to what I am going to tell you." Pointing to some water, he said:

"You see that water?"

"Yes," they answered.

"Well, you never saw that get hard, did you?"

"Oh! no," they answered, looking at him with astonishment at such a thought, for in Central Africa the water never freezes.

"Now," he said, "if you believe me, in the country I come from the water sometimes gets so hard that I can stand on the top of it."

Upon hearing this, one whispered to another, "Massa's telling lies." The

missionary overheard this, and he remembered it.

After a time he returned to England, and one of those who listened to him went with him. When they reached England the winter came, and one clear, frosty morning, the missionary took Sambo out for a walk. The ponds and rivers were completely frozen over, and boys were sliding on the ice. Then the missionary took the opportunity of making good the words he had spoken when in Africa.

Turning to Sambo, he said, "Take my hand, and let us go on the hard water, and try it.

Sambo did not like to go, but the missionary took his hand, and led him on ; and then jumping hard upon the ice, said, "Now do you believe what I said in Africa about the ice ?

So Sambo gave in.

Being made to believe because he saw, was not faith on Sambo's part—it was sight. It would have been faith if he had believed the missionary when he was in Central Africa, where the water never freezes. Faith would have accepted as true what the missionary said, although it seemed impossible.

So, reader, God has spoken. Do you believe His word ? He has told you of your utterly lost and ruined condition through sin, and of your inability to do anything to merit His favour or to save yourself. But, thank God, He has told you to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and He declares that then you shall be saved. Will you trust your feelings, thoughts, hopes, or what some people may say ? or, will you believe God just because He says it ? **THIS IS FAITH.**

A. J. P.



A FAMILY GATHERING.

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

“THE KING’S DAUGHTER IS ALL GLORIOUS WITHIN”

(Psalm xlv. 13.)

ARE you, who read this page, a King’s daughter? Not merely a child of an earthly sovereign, but of the King of kings. And, if so, have you ever seriously considered the height of the standard, which, as regards holiness of life, is required of the King’s daughter? *She must be “all glorious WITHIN”*; mere outward profession is not sufficient for one who holds such a place of honour. True, her clothing must be of “wrought gold”; but what the King chiefly looks for, is the beauty within: the Christ-like spirit, the beauty of holiness, the doing of everything, not to obtain praise of men, but for the glory of God.

The King’s daughter has deep love and reverence for the King. She can say of Him, that “He is chief among ten thousand and altogether lovely.” And she is not content to share His love alone, she desires to bring others also into His presence, to obtain His favour. When clothed in the raiment of needlework, and the fine linen of the saints, she enters into the King’s presence, and the virgins, her companions, follow her.

She has told them so much of the love and beauty of the King, of the glories of His palace, and of the myrrh, aloes, and cassia, that they are fain to follow her and seek to become also daughters of such a King.

There is no mistaking a daughter of the great King, for love and joy are on her brow, and kindness is on her lips as she walks in the world, *but as one not of the world*. Every word and action tells of her heavenly birth and high calling.

Reader, does such a portrait resemble you? Remember, you profess to be a Christian, a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and as such have become, through faith in Him, a daughter of the great King. Oh, live as becometh such an one.

The actions of the daughter of even an earthly king are narrowly watched, her sayings commented on, and her example in all things often copied; how much more, then, is this the case as regards the daughter of the King of kings. Much is expected of you, many are watching your steps, some hoping to see you halt, and, Satan-like, seeking your destruction. Then seek by His grace to walk to His pleasure, and to bring honour on your high calling.

’Tis but for a little while that you can show forth the praises of the King upon earth; ere long, you and the companions who follow you, your work on earth over, shall with gladness and rejoicing be brought unto the King’s palace, and seeing Him in His beauty, shall dwell with Him for ever.

“They shall with gladness great,
And mirth on every side,
Into the palace of the King,
And there they shall abide.”

These words were sung in the chamber of a daughter of the King, who lay a-dying. At the close she whispered to her father, “Yon is the way I’ll go home. Jesus! Jesus! Oh, come and take me there, for I cannot live but in Thy presence.”

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Scripture Searchers' Corner

(XII)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

WE have now reached the end of another year, and our subject is the most important of all that we have considered. Think well over the questions and your answers this month. What is the soul? A little boy once said that it was the "breath of God." It is a fact that God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.

You have a body, but this is just like a house. Your house may be burnt to the ground and *you* saved. So your body may be destroyed, *but you, your real self, can never die.* Every boy and girl, as well as every man and woman, is going to exist for ever. This is very solemn, and you would do well just quietly to think the matter over for a few minutes. It is written, "all that a man hath will he give for his life" (Job ii. 4). A man will fight for his life to the very end. Why is this? Is he afraid of death? No, he is afraid of the portion after death.

In Mark, chapter eight, the Lord Jesus Christ raised the question, "**What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?**" There is nothing to be compared to the value of your soul, and, if you lose your soul, all the wealth of the world would be useless to you.

Time after time you have heard the Gospel. *Now this would be a good opportunity*

to make a decision. Said a speaker in an address to 2000 young university students at Edinburgh some time ago, "In your decision lies your destiny." You are given the power to accept or reject the salvation which God offers. Your destiny for eternity is fixed by your decision.

A blessing awaits you to-day, dear boys and girls, whoever you may be. Do you feel the burden of your sins? God provided a Sin-bearer long ago. The Lord Jesus Christ "bore your sins in His own body on the tree," if, by faith, you trust Him as your Saviour. **His precious blood has made atonement for the soul.** God is satisfied with the work which the Lord Jesus did on Calvary's cross. Take Him now by faith and be satisfied too.

Your affectionate friend,

C. S. R.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I was very pleased to receive some old and new Searchers' papers this month. All the late ones have been marked and entered.

O. Irving must give chapter and verse. M. Moore and S. Scott left out one reference. D. Wilkinson only did five questions.

We are now at the end of another term, so you must take special care in answering the last set of questions.

What a beautiful wish is expressed in our last answer this month. Those of you who are older, just think it out and ask yourselves how far you have prospered in your souls.

Next year, if the Lord will, I am hoping to set out the questions more simply, and I hope this will mean that we shall get quite a large number of *tries* to start searching. In the meantime will you encourage one another in this splendid way of getting to know your Bibles, and above all to know *Him* better through it?

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

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

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A text will be given to any Searcher who is in the 1st Class for the half-year. Two texts gained consecutively will win a prize.

Questions for December, 1936.

Subject :—Soul.

1. "And the Lord God . . . a living soul." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Genesis 2.)
2. What did God say to the rich man about his soul? (Luke 12.)
3. What maketh an atonement for the soul? (Leviticus 17.)
4. "For what shall it profit a man. . . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Mark 8.)
5. How were they to love the Lord their God? (Deuteronomy 6.)
6. "Behold my servant. . . ." Write out the verse beginning with these words. (Matthew 12.)
7. Who despiseth his own soul? (Proverbs 15.)
8. What did the Lord Jesus say about his soul? (Matthew 26.)
9. What soul does the Lord satisfy? (Psalm 107.)
10. "Beloved, I wish. . . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (3 John 1.)

October Searchers.

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escape,
if we neglect
so great
salvation ?

Hebrews II. 3.

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