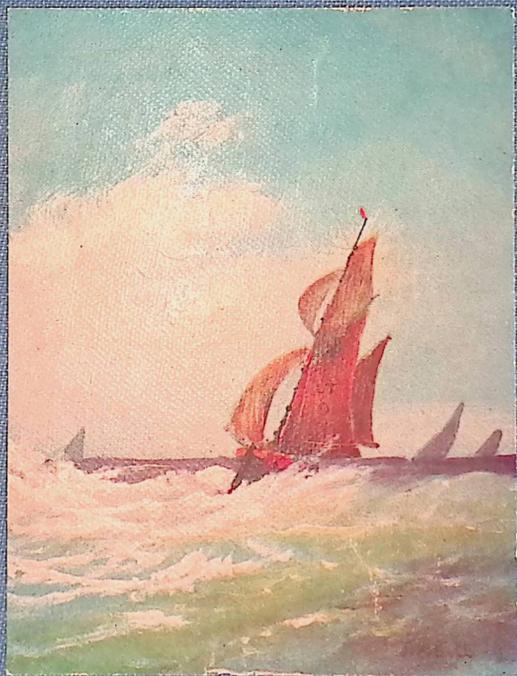


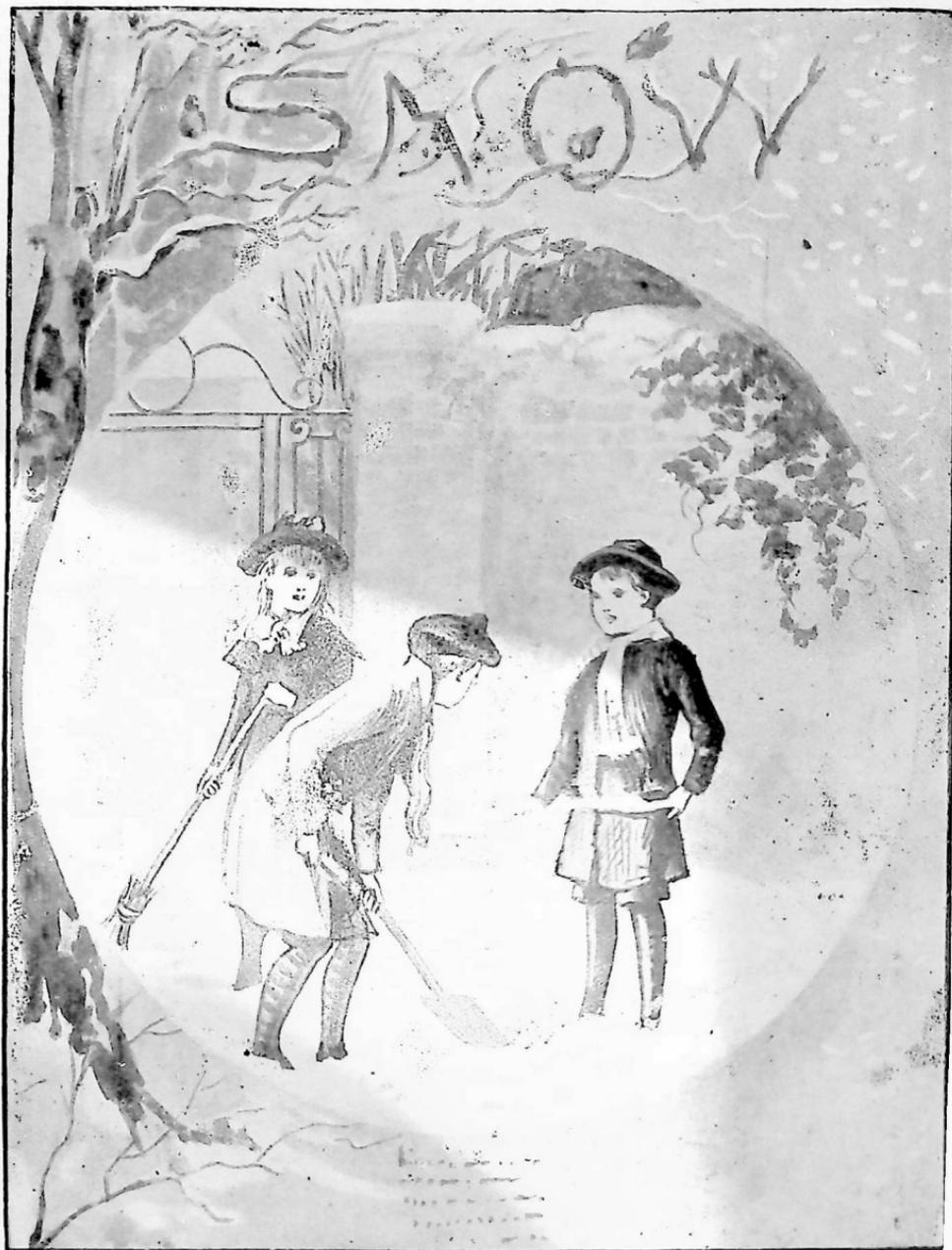
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To dear Jean

With love & best wishes from Mrs. Tucker.

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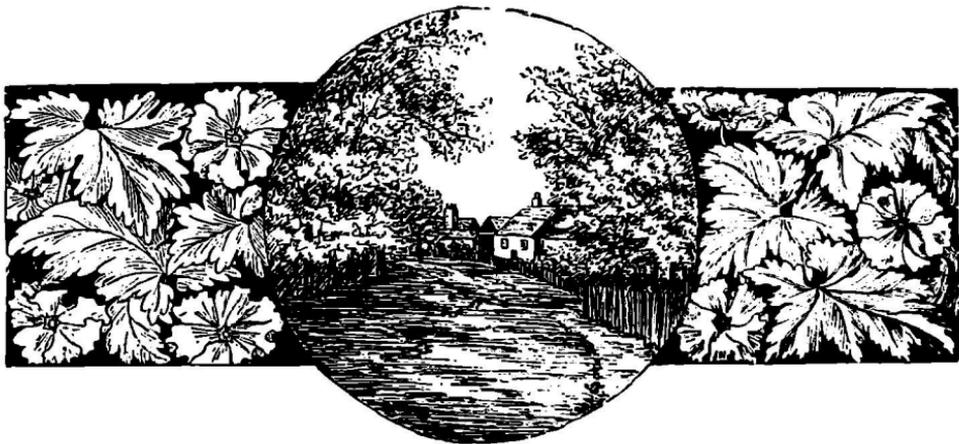
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## PREFACE.

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ON looking over the pages of the present volume of YOUTHFUL DAYS we call to mind with gratitude the great amount of loving energy so freely expended by those who send us their manuscripts for articles. Nor do we forget the labours of those who assist by setting the monthly questions and translating them into another language. Then

there is the skill shewn by the printers who set up the matter so carefully and neatly.

The results of these labours shew themselves in the pages which follow. Other labours are none the less valuable although not apparent to the eye. We are thinking now of the work involved in bringing the magazine to the readers scattered about in many parts of the world.

The thought of all these phases of work which combine so helpfully in the production and distribution of the magazine give us great

encouragement. But we feel that there is a greater service. Many of those who love and fear our Lord Jesus are praying for blessing on the magazine and its readers. Of all the services rendered this is, we feel, most effective and the most necessary.

The prime object of the magazine is that young readers may be led to believe in our Lord Jesus, who is the only-begotten Son of God, and who died for sinners upon the cross. This simple faith in a Risen Lord is followed by cleansing through His precious blood, and the assumption of power over the believer through the Holy Spirit.

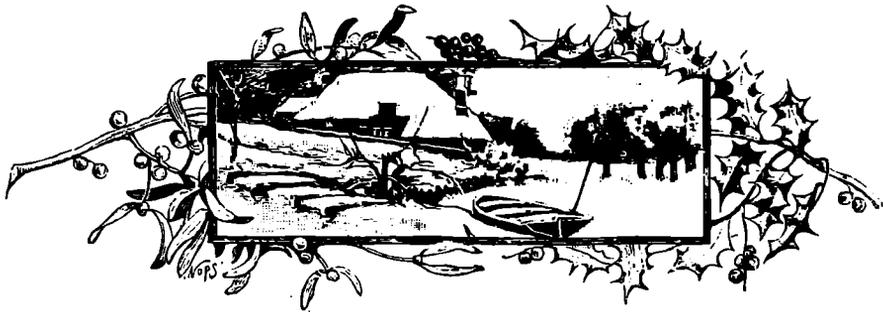
Those interested in this object seek that the work begun by God may be furthered by reference to His written word as seen in the Bible, and supplemented by examples of the workings of His grace in others. They desire that those who are subjects of His mercy may be encouraged to act in keeping with their faith and that the pages of the magazine may give to every reader a little scriptural instruction and a stimulus to read the word for themselves.

May the Lord be pleased to give His blessing to this work.

THE EDITOR.

COVENTRY.

*December, 1934.*



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# Youthful Days.



## As I Start Another Year.

TUNE : INNOCENTS. 7s.

Jesus, Saviour, Thou art mine,  
And I know that I am Thine.  
Thou for me dost always care,  
Every day, and everywhere.

As I start another year,  
Keep me to Thyself so near,  
That I may Thy word obey,  
Step by step, and all the way.

Jesus, Saviour, Thou art mine,  
And I know that I am Thine.  
Teach me so Thy love to know,  
That I may with praise o'erflow.  
*Harrogate.* W. LAWRENCE.

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## Adventured his Life.

MANY of those who responded to a call to go out with the gospel to a foreign land were amongst those who risked their lives. On arriving amongst savage and heathen tribes their presence generally raised suspicion. When this had been allayed, some of the people became genuinely interested in the gospel story as related by the missionary and were being attracted to the Lord.

The appearance of Christian faith amongst the missionary's hearers frequently roused the opposition and resentment of those who still held to the old customs and the worship of idols. Every mishap or misfortune such as illness and the loss of cattle by disease, was looked upon as an indication of the anger of their gods, whose worship was being given up by members of their own tribe.

Men filled with angry and hostile feelings would pour their complaints into the ear of a sympathetic chief. He would be stimulated into leading an armed expedition against the missionary and

his family, thinking that were these destroyed their many troubles would cease. The artist in our picture shews the warrior chief backed by his men and face to face with the missionary. It is an anxious moment, for doubtless at the chief's word of command a hundred spears would be flung with accurate aim on the apparently defenceless father and mother and child.

The power protecting this missionary is that which cannot be seen or measured. He has faith in his Lord and Master. He knew that peril of this sort was almost sure to come. Sustained by this power he knows how to act. Fearlessly he exposes his breast to the threatening chieftain, telling him that he can smite with his spear if he will. Should he smite, he will but add to the number of those who have already fallen in the service of Him who gave His life and shed His blood on the cross.

A change comes over the hostile crowd. The tense muscles prepared for action are relaxed and the men are turned from their violent intentions. Those who came to kill now desire to hear of the way of salvation.

Gideon and many others were those who adventured their lives far (Judg. ix. 17), but the Lord Jesus did much more, for, as you know, He gave Himself that you, a simple believer, might love Him and serve Him.

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## Three New Year's Days.

IT was New Year's Day and Winifred's birthday. She had letters and presents and many kind messages, and amongst them was a note from a friend, sending her best wishes and asking her a question.

"Can you tell me of three New Year's days mentioned in the Bible?"

In a few days she replied, "Yes, my brother and I have been searching, and have found the three New Year's Days.

They are mentioned in : Genesis viii.  
13 ; Exodus xl. 17 ; 2 Chronicles xxix. 17.”

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The first New Year's Day that we are told of was a very strange one indeed, for although the sun rose as usual, and shone on the same earth and on the same valleys and hills, yet it was on a *silent* world.

There was not a sound ! No humming of insects, nor lowing of cattle, nor singing of birds, and there was not a boy or girl to be seen ! It was a very strange New Year to an old man six hundred years old, who had not looked on the earth for many months. But this New Year's morning he went to the top of the three-storied house in which he had been living, and began to take off the roof.

He had been for months in a floating house with his wife and his three sons and their wives. When he removed the roof he looked down on a dry, clean, fresh earth ; a glad earth, swept of all the wicked people who had refused to be saved in the floating house—the ark. Noah, for that was his name, must have rejoiced, for he was a perfect and just man. Like Christ, he “loved righteousness, and hated iniquity.”

This was the first New Year's Day we are told about.

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The second New Year's Day is the most wonderful of all, for what could be more marvellous than for God to come down and dwell in a tent that Moses had built according to His directions ! It says :

“And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.” (Exo. xl. 17.)

Then, to the wonder of all the thousands of the Israelites who had watched Moses put up the tabernacle, a cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord so filled it that Moses was not able to go in. The cloud which was on this holy tent by day became a glowing fire by night.

But why did God come down and fill the house ?

One reason was because the tent was made *exactly as He had commanded Moses*, and filled with objects all designed by God Himself.

God will *only* come to a house designed and erected as He commands. It is a very important thing to remember that the first lesson to learn as a Christian girl or boy is obedience. Seven times in this chapter (Exo. xl.) we get the remark, “as the Lord commanded Moses”; and in the previous chapter the *people* were *obedient* too. They brought what *Moses* commanded and it says :—

“And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it *as the Lord had commanded*, even so had they done it : and Moses blessed them.” (Exo. xxxix. 43.)

The most wonderful part of the tent was the holy of holies ; the little room curtained off by the hand-worked veil of blue and purple and scarlet, where the ark of the covenant was put with the cherubim above. Here God dwelt, and here the high priest, Aaron, entered once a year. A little room, holy to God. God has a house now. “Whose house *are we*,” says the Apostle Paul, “if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.”

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On the third New Year's Day king Hezekiah started to cleanse the house of the Lord, for it says : “Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify.”

So we are told about three wonderful New Year's Days. The first tells us of a cleansed earth, ready to be peopled by a righteous man, Noah, and his family. The second tells us of a new, holy tabernacle with cleansed priests as God's servants, and the third of the cleansing of a house made fit for God again.

These were three days of new beginnings for God and man. And this is what we should all desire : to start this

New Year, 1934, with God and for God according to *His* thoughts and His commandments.

K. M. R.

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## All About Charlotte.

### CHAPTER I.

#### OUTSIDE THE DOOR.

WHEN Matthew wrote the gospel that bears his name he put on record that "Jesus called a little child unto him." (Matt. xviii. 2.) The story that I am going to tell you is about a little child whom Jesus called unto Him, not in the days when He went about doing good in Palestine, but whilst He has been sitting in heaven on the right hand of God.

Of the first five or six years of little Charlotte's life we know nothing at all, excepting that, while her earthly lot was one of hardship and misery, the angels who are "sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Heb. i. 4) watched over and cared for her the whole of the time, and at the end of it she was brought to the door of an orphan refuge in Calcutta.

This home for orphan girls was supported by kind people living in Scotland, and a lady named Miss Laing was in charge of it.

The old woman who held Charlotte by the hand as they stood outside the orphanage was not her mother, nor yet her grandmother; indeed, as she told Miss Laing, she was no relative at all. But that lady wanted to know whose little girl Charlotte really was, for she felt afraid that this old woman might have stolen her away from her parents; and when the woman refused to tell any more about her she said she could not take the child in, and turned away.

Poor little Charlotte! inside the orphanage she would have plenty of food to eat, nice clean clothes to wear, everything that a child needed for its tender

little body; but above all, love and joy and peace were to be found there through the knowledge of Jesus, while outside was want and misery, and the black darkness of heathendom.

Some hours later Miss Laing was told that the woman and child were still there, sitting on the steps of the lower verandah, and that the woman said that if little Charlotte was not received into the home she must die of starvation.

When Miss Laing heard this, she thought to herself of the love of God, who cares for the orphans and pities the poor and needy, and without hesitating longer she took little Charlotte inside, while the old woman hastened away, and was never seen by her again.

(To be continued.)

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## What Light Can Do.

I WAS one day wandering with a party of visitors through dark, winding caves, where are found the bones of men and animals, dead and gone hundreds of years ago. By the light of electric lamps could be seen the bare, rugged masses of rock which closed us in, so near at times as to leave only room to walk. Not a ray of daylight could creep into those dismal depths, so that when our guide switched off the electric current the darkness was so intense that my hand, held close to my face, was totally invisible!

Dismal indeed! The very shadow of death, of which the bones around reminded us still more forcibly.

But what do you think we saw in those dark depths, so bare and forbidding? On the rugged rock, immediately below the rays of each lamp, there grew a beautiful miniature garden of tiny green plants! For many years electric lamps have been hanging there, but never till now has been seen growth of one green thing. A short time ago gas-filled bulbs were put there in place of an older kind, and now life-feeding rays are drawing

from that seemingly bare rock, green fresh living things of beauty, in every way unlike all around them.

This surely is a little parable for us.

This world is a dark place of death, like the bone cavern.

The people in it do not naturally care whether God loves them or not; they are very like the hard cold rocks.

God sees no fresh life or beauty in such people; that is like the *bareness* of the rocks. But when they come under the shining of life-giving rays, what a change! Life, beauty and freshness appear, like those beautiful little green ferns and mosses—love to God and love to men; unselfishness, gentleness, truthfulness, meekness—all the lovely things that were in Jesus.

And the rays, what are they?

Have you never stepped from the chill into the sunshine? Have you ever moved from cold discomfort of soul into the shining of the love of God? That is a warm bright place and we have His own invitation to live there!

Let us then, when troubled and cold in this dark world of death, be quick to get into the light where the shining of love will warm and gladden us into life. Where is that? The love of God is shining in the face of Jesus. He **DIED** for us; love led Him there—the love of God; and as often as we turn to Him that love will shine in living rays into our hearts and we shall walk here as “children of light”—beautiful, green, living plants where all around is cold sorrow and grim hard death.

A. W. M. K.

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**Walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.** (Eph. v. 8-10).

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## Turning Over a New Leaf.

**A**T this time of the year you often hear people talk about turning over a new leaf. What do they mean? They mean that they are going to make new resolutions, and do better than they have done in the past. Those pages blotted with sin are a very bad record, so they are going to start on a clean sheet, and try to keep it clean.

But now what about the dirty pages in the book? There is a scripture in Ecclesiastes that says, “God requireth that which is past.” (Chap. iii. 15.) So even if people could keep the succeeding pages of their earthly record clean, what about those gone by? They must be pretty bad, or there would be no necessity to “turn over a new leaf.”

Now, dear children, where is the mistake? Can you tell me where it is? I think I hear someone say, “What the people want is a new book, not to turn over a new leaf in the old book.” Yes, that is quite right; God has provided a new book, but *you* do not keep it, God keeps it, and it is called the “Book of Life.”

Now what I want you all to do at the beginning of this year is to ask yourselves if your names are in the Book of Life. If you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour, your names will be written in that book, on whose pages there are no stains, for His precious blood has blotted out all your transgressions. But if you are still trying to do better, and turning over a new leaf in the old book, you will never get any further, for that solemn word is written over it, “God requireth that which is past.” Then let the Lord Jesus blot it all out, and give you a new life, writing your name in the book that is kept in heaven; then you will be safe and happy indeed, for it also says in Ecclesiastes iii. 14, “I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever.”

A. B.

## Memory Text for the Month.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs iii. 6.

### The Memory Text.

A SPECIAL text is given each month to encourage our readers to commit to memory, or "learn by heart," actual words from Holy Scripture.

To help them in this, we suggest that they should say the text over every night as they get into bed, and each morning while dressing, so that by the end of the month they will know it quite well, and those who write the text out from memory may send it direct to J. E. B., c/o The Gospel Book Depot, Boscombe, Hants, or they may enclose it with their answers to Bible Searching questions.

Boys and girls may not always understand fully what the text means while they are young, but if they should live to grow up and have in their early days stored their memories with passages from God's holy book, we feel sure that the words will come back to them in living power when they are men and women.

The Text for this first month of a new year is an *admonition* which king Solomon gave to his son; the chapter in which it comes begins with the words:

"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments."

In Proverbs iii. 5 king Solomon goes on to say:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine

heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

And then comes our special text:

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

"In all thy ways"—he does not say in a few of thy ways, or just *sometimes*, but in *all* thy ways acknowledge Him.

Yes, we must *acknowledge* God in all our ways, and the promise is:

"He shall direct thy paths."

How good it is to know that we have God—a Father in heaven, who is interested in all our ways—who is watching and loving us all the time! Let us remember to *acknowledge Him* in every step, for if He directs our paths we know that

"All must be well."

J. E. B.

**Saviour! lead me by Thy power  
Safe into the promised rest;  
Choose the path, the way whatever  
Seems to Thee, O Lord, the best:  
Be my Guide in every peril,  
Watch and keep me night and day,  
Else my foolish heart will wander  
From the straight and narrow way.**

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### Bible Searchings.

Under this heading questions will be set monthly, which are based on portions of Scripture. For the present year these will be taken from Ruth and 1 Samuel, two or three chapters being considered at a time. We trust that our older Searchers will persuade one or two of their younger friends to become Searchers for 1934. A few directions are given for the help of beginners.

1. Note which questions you are to answer according to your age, and carefully read them through.

2. Use ink and write neatly.

3. At the head of your paper put your name, age and address. Follow this with the month to which your questions belong and the name of the book of the Bible and the chapter on which the questions are set. Will these living abroad pay particular attention to this.

4. Answers only, with the above heading, can be sent by post or set in an open envelope, but those living abroad are advised to seal their envelopes and post them as letters.

5. Carefully read through the two or three chapters in Ruth or 1 Samuel following those from which the questions have been taken in order to be prepared for the next month's questions. We are anxious for all our Searchers to do this.

Please post your answers to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, not later than the 18th of the month. Those living abroad should post their answers not more than a fortnight after receiving the magazine.

If this is done regularly throughout the year, you will find your name in the list of "Diligent Searchers" which we insert in the February issue. The one to be published next month will give the names of those who searched in 1933.

If you are unable to write your answers through illness or some unavoidable cause, keep your copy of the magazine and make good the following month by sending in two sets. In this case please enclose a note to explain the cause of the delay.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 2 and 5.**

**RUTH I. AND II.**

1. The name of the woman who "was left of her two sons and her husband"?
2. She had two daughters-in-law. (a) What were their names, and (b) what did they do when she said, "Turn again . . . go your way"?
3. What was the name of their father-in-law?
4. What had this woman heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had done?
5. What did the young woman say who would not leave her mother-in-law?
6. Who said, "Let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her"?
7. (a) Who said, "The Lord be with you," and (b) What answer was given?
8. How long did Ruth glean?

**Searchers under 10 years of age.**

1. When Naomi and Ruth left Moab where did they go?
2. At what time of the year did they do this?
3. When was there a famine in the land?

*Note.*—Please read Ruth iii. and iv. in preparation for next month's questions.

**German Translation of the Questions.**

Unter diesem Titel werden jeden Monat Fragen in bezug auf die heilige Schrift vorgestellt werden.

Wir hoffen dass jeder älterer Teilnehmer wird mehrere jüngeren ermuntern Teilnehmer im Jahre 1934 zu werden.

Um den Anfängern zu helfen sagen wir:—

1. Bemerket welche Frage ihr beantworten sollt nach dem Alter und leset sie aufmerksam.
2. Brauchet Tinte und schreibt klar und deutlich.
3. Erstens schreibt: Namen: Alter und Adresse; nächstens den Monat welchem die Fragen gehören mit dem Namen des Buches der Bibel und den Kapitel in bezug auf die Fragen.
4. Bitte die Antworten an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, zu schicken—und nicht später als 14 Tage nach empfangen des Magazins. Wenn dieses regelmässig gethan wird so werdet ihr eure Namen unter die Fleissige Forscher in der Aufgabe des Monats Februar luden.

Die nächste Aufgabe wird die Namen geben derer die im Jahre 1933, Teilnehmer waren.

Nach ein Wort.  
Wenn ihr durch irgend eine Schwierigkeit eure Antworten eines Monats nicht schreiben könnt so den folgenden Monat schlecket die Antworten für zwei Monate—mit Erklärung der Verzögerung.

**Die 14 jährigen und älteren Teilnehmer beantworten allen 8 Fragen.**

**Die unter 14 jährigen lassen die zweite und die funfte aus.**

**RUTH I., II.**

1. Wie hies das Weib welches "Blieb allein übrig von ihren beiden Söhnen und von ihrem Manne."
2. Sie hatte zwei Schwiegertöchter, (a) Wie hiessen sie? (b) Was machten sie als die Schwiegermutter sagte, "Gehet, kehretum"?
3. Wie hies ihr Schwiegervater?
4. Was hatte dieses Weib im Gefilde Moabs gehört dass Jehovah gethan hatte?
5. Was sagte das junge Weib welches ihre Schwiegermutter nicht verlassen wollte?
6. Wer sagte: "Und auch sollt ihr selbst aus den Bündeln Ahren für sie heraus ziehen und sie liegen lassen"?
7. (a) Wer sagte, "Jehovah sel mit euch" (b) Wie wurde es beantwortet?

**8. Wie lange las Ruth auf?**

**Die unter 10 jährigen Teilnehmer.**

**RUTH I., II.**

1. Als Naomi und Ruth zog aus von dem Gefilde Moabs wohin gingen sie?
  2. Zu welcher Zeit des Jahres zogen sie aus?
  3. Wann war eine Hungersnot im Lande?
- Anmerkung* Bitte Kapitel III. und IV. Ruth acht-sam lesen um die nächsten Monats Fragen zu beantworten.

**Answers to November Searchings have been received from the following:**

**Searchers over 14 years of age.**

Kingsley Adams, Vera Bache, Stanley Bass, Margaret Baxter, Gwyneth Bloomfield, Olive Branch, Mary Brewis, Charles Brown, Florrie Bruce (2), Eunice Chambers, Helen Cook, Charles Crane, Winifred Crane, Bettie Davis, Kathleen Ephgrave, Faith Gilder, Gilbert Glass, Stephen Glover, Olive Grant, Colin Green, Constance Green, Margaret Hardingham, Eunice Hastie, J. B. Horberry, Jean Hughes, Phyllis Kemsley, Annie King, Ruth Knappett, Helena Lindberg, Joan Lloyd, John Lynes, Vera McAllister, Lucy McCormack, Minnie McCormick, Aubrey McGrath, George Manson, Mary Martyr, Malcolm May, Thomas O'Hara, Emily Palmer, Margaret Poultney, Trevor Rlee, S. Richardson, Connie Rimmer, H. Salthouse, Olwen Stubbs, Gwen Sibley, Eunice Smith, Maudie Smyth, Emma Tull, Sylvester Tull, Gladys Town, Margaret Ward, Fred Weeks, Edward Westcott, Constance and Edward and Mavis Worthington.

**Searchers 10 to 14 years of age.**

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## Gather up the Fragments.

WHAT shall we do with the texts from our calendars? As they are the words of scripture, we should like to make some use of them for the help of others.

Here is a suggestion. Get a clean, blank exercise book, or make one out of smooth, flat pieces of brown paper, neatly stitched together, with a pretty picture on the outside cover.

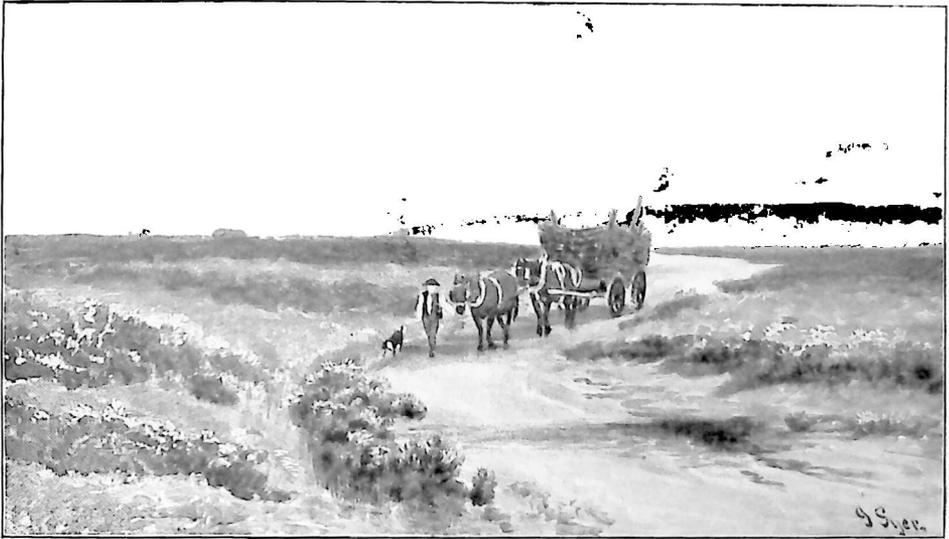
Then choose some of the texts—the ones, perhaps, that have struck you as you read them—and neatly paste them in. A small coloured scrap or picture put in among the texts would make the page look pretty. In this way the little messages could be passed on when the book is filled up, and would give pleasure to someone who is ill or lonely.

Take the sheet off carefully each morning and keep them in an envelope ready for the book. Perhaps once a month a few minutes could be spared to stick in the texts you have chosen. Cut off just below the date.

For those who are unable to make a book themselves there are some especially prepared for this purpose with coloured pages (price 7d. post free) called "Rays from the Lamp," for the smaller calendars, and larger books for calendar texts such as from the "Good News," etc., blocks, entitled "Gathered Fragments" (price 9d. post free), obtainable from The Gospel Book Depot, Boscombe East, Hants.

J. E. B.

# Youthful Days.



## Lost on the Wilds.

**A** MAN once had occasion to cross several miles of hill and moorland in order to reach a certain shepherd's house. It was a glorious summer's afternoon, and if all went well he had time to reach his destination by eight o'clock, an hour or more before sunset. At six o'clock he called at a shepherd's house to inquire if he was going right. The shepherd told him that a mist would soon come on and that he had better come in and stay the night. The man thought that the shepherd was foolish, such a glorious sun shining and no sign of mist. The shepherd must be mistaken, and he refused to stay.

The shepherd, who was a Christian, gave him plain yet valuable directions for a journey in a mist and the man went on. He crossed one valley, then

over a hill into another valley, when the mist came down, blotting out everything beyond a few yards distance. He came to a place where there were two streams. Had he taken the right hand stream, as he had been directed, he would have saved himself many an anxious hour. He took the left hand stream instead and was lost.

For several hours he did not believe this to be the case, as he was thinking that he could put himself right. His wanderings would take too long to relate. He crossed dangerous bogs, where a false step would have plunged him out of sight, and at one place he pulled himself up on the brink of a sixty-foot precipice.

At last he came to a certain valley, and he began to travel down it as he thought. At one place he had to cross the stream, and when doing so he put

his hand down to feel which way the water was running, for it was now dark. According to his calculations it was running uphill, which was impossible, and then he realised that *he was lost*.

This was his first step on the way to safety, for he calculated no more. He went up the stream and found a cart track crossing it. He kept to that and reached a shepherd's cottage, where he was taken in and cared for. In the morning he was taken to his destination, a weary, tattered man needing several days' rest.

Dear young readers, your time of life is like that sunny day, and the good Shepherd knows the mists will close around you by-and-by. He invites you to stay with Him. In John i. we read of two abiding with Him "that day," and how glad they were, no one is ever dull in the company of Jesus.

However, there is another aspect of our life, for we have to travel on, but the good Shepherd gives full directions for every step of the journey. The traveller on the moorland was told of two streams. The left hand stream which is to be avoided is to be found in Ecclesiastes xi. 9. The right-hand stream is in Ecclesiastes xii. 1; take that one, yes, take that one, and you will never regret it.

That man wished that he had paid more attention to his instructions, but it was too late. Like many more, they think that if they do certain things all will be well; they are not so far off but they can right themselves. The man was in down-right earnest to get to the right place in good time, sometimes running, but all on the wrong road. Only the mercy of God saved him from a sudden and unknown death. When he discovered he was lost he was not long in reaching a place of safety.

If you have not made this discovery, I trust you may soon do so, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." The man that discovered he was a sinner and said, "God be merciful to me," was not only saved but justified. Are you?

R. D.

## Then and Now.

IT was winter-time, and the king and his princes sat round a glowing fire.

They were talking seriously over a piece of news which had just been brought to them. It was this: Jeremiah the prophet had written a book, a parchment roll, and on the fast day which had just taken place, Baruch the scribe had read these words of the Lord in the ears of all the people, at the entry of the new gate in the house of the Lord.

This news had made Jehoiakim the king angry, very angry, for he hated Jeremiah and his message. It was strange that he should be angry, for God had told the words of the book to the prophet in order that the people might repent and turn to Him. God, in His gracious goodness, *then as now* wished to save the people from destruction, and so Jeremiah said to Baruch, his scribe:

"I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD: therefore go thou and read in the roll. . . . It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people." (Jer. xxxvi. 5-7.)

When the princes of the land heard of the reading of the roll they sent for Baruch to read it to them, and then they turned to him and said: "We must tell the king, but go and hide yourself and Jeremiah; do not let any one know where you are."

Then the princes told the king, and this news was what had made him so angry. When he heard what had been going on he sent for the roll, and commanded it to be read to him. As he heard the judgment of God, and the dreadful things that would happen to himself and his people, because they had disobeyed and forsaken Him, instead of being sad and repentant as Josiah his father had been when he heard God's message, he grew more and more angry,

and taking his penknife he slit the roll in several places.

Three of his princes, Elnathan, Delaiah and Gemariah, tried to stop him from doing any more damage to the roll, but blind and senseless with rage he would not hear them, and threw it into the fire on the hearth, where it was destroyed.

This was how Jehoiakim the king treated God's message. He was like many children, and indeed grown-ups, of the present day, who think they can treat messages from God and from His beloved Son, Jesus in heaven, as they please, and that nothing will happen to them, but they are greatly mistaken.

WHAT DID GOD SAY THEN ?

He told Jeremiah to write another roll. And as to Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, He said :

"He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David : and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity," because they would not *listen to Me*.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY NOW ?

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him : the *word that I have spoken*, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John xii. 48.)

God will not be trifled with ; there is the day of His wrath coming, and even *now* many are suffering because they despise His words.

The king's anger did not stop at burning the roll ; he said to Jerahmeel and two others of his princes : "Go and find Jeremiah and Baruch, and take them," meaning to do them harm. But did they take them ? No ; they could not, for the Bible says :

"But the LORD hid them." (Jer. xxxvi. 26.)

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But there *were* those in that sad land who, far from despising God's word, delighted in it. There were Jeremiah and Baruch and the black man, Ebed-

melech, and Ahikam, and many others, who listened attentively to the words of the Lord, and could say, as Jeremiah did : "*Thy words were found, and I did eat them* ; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." (Jer. xv. 16.)

King Jehoiakim and Jeremiah stand out as object lessons for every boy and girl reading this. How are you receiving the messages of God ? Are you despising them, like the king, or are you listening eagerly, taking them into your inmost soul, and delighting in them like Jeremiah ? If you delight in them, the Lord Jesus says to you :

"He that *heareth my word*, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto life." (John v. 24.)

Which are you doing ?

K. M. R.

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## All about Charlotte.

### CHAPTER II.

#### CHARLOTTE'S TREASURE.

WE might have thought from her name that Charlotte Green was a little English girl, but that she certainly was not. It was judged from her appearance that she was of Armenian descent, belonging to an ancient people whose home lay at the foot of Mount Ararat, where Noah's ark came to rest after the flood we read about in Genesis (chap. viii. 4) ; but the language she spoke was a form of Hindustani.

When Charlotte first came under Miss Laing's care she was a needy little girl in every way ; she needed to be washed and dressed and fed, and cared for altogether, and in all these things she was well provided for, so that after a time she was hardly to be known for the same little girl who had sat sobbing on the steps of the verandah.

But above and beyond all this Charlotte had a soul, a never-dying soul, and for the first time she learnt how wonderfully and bountifully God had provided for meeting the needs of her soul. For the first time, so far as she could remember, she heard the precious name of Jesus, and was told that He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

With a heart wide open to receive His love she came to Him, and as the Lord did to those other little ones when on earth, so He did to little Charlotte, He welcomed her and blessed her.

No one saw this take place, for since the Lord Jesus went back to heaven we cannot see what He does with these natural eyes of ours; but Charlotte's life soon shewed that in very deed and truth she had become a child of God.

Although she did not even know the alphabet when she came to the home, she gave her mind to the task, and soon learned to read and to speak English. And having learned to read, she loved the Bible above all other books.

Look at Psalm cxix., a very long psalm, with one hundred and seventy-six verses in it, and almost every one of them makes mention of either God's word, His law, His statutes, His commandments, precepts, judgments or ordinances. The eleventh verse of this psalm was very true of little Charlotte Green: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart." For she not only read it, but learnt verses and passages by heart, and spent much time in meditating, thinking quietly over what she had read and learnt. Being one of God's children she loved His word.

She loved it so much that she often said she wished she could have it with her always; but the Bible she read from was too big and heavy for her to carry about with her as she longed to do.

One day she found what was to her a very great treasure—she found a stray leaf from someone else's Bible. This leaf had on it the latter part of Psalm cxiv., the whole of Psalm cxv., and the beginning of Psalm cxvi., written in metre

or poetry. She folded it up with care and placed it within her dress by day, and at night beneath her pillow. The sacred words upon it were read and re-read, and this Bible leaf became one of little Charlotte's most treasured possessions. Great was her grief on one occasion when it was for a time lost, and great her joy on recovering it. We are told that the verses of Psalm cxvi. were those that affected her most.

*(To be continued.)*

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## The Coming Day.

TUNE: "THE CROWNING DAY."

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**Thou'rt coming soon, Lord Jesus,  
Soon coming for Thine own,  
Thy church, Thy blest companion,  
No more Thou'lt be alone,  
Thy heart's beloved treasure  
Whose ransom Thou didst pay;  
And we'll live with Thee for ever,  
Yes, for aye.**

**Yes, we'll live with Thee for ever  
In the Father's house on high,  
We will contemplate Thy glory  
Where none shall ever sigh;  
We will sing aloud Thy praises  
Through glorious endless day,  
And our toil will all be over,  
Yes, for aye.**

**Thou'rt coming soon, Lord Jesus,  
Thou'rt coming soon as King;  
Thou'lt cause the whole creation  
To cease its groan and sing;  
The restless warring nations  
In Thee will find repose,  
And the desert then will blossom  
Like the rose.**

**Oh, the desert then will blossom,  
The forests clap their hands,  
The seas will cast no wreckage  
On sandy sunlit strands.  
For Thy kingdom then and glory**

Will stretch from shore to shore ;  
Thou wilt be adored, Lord Jesus,  
Evermore.

Soon will that day of glory  
Dawn on a wondering world,  
With God's blest heavenly banner  
Of righteousness unfurled :  
Around that glorious standard  
Will myriad voices sing,  
And proclaim the Saviour Jesus  
Lord and King.

Enlist beneath that banner  
In this the day of grace,  
And then with joyous rapture  
You'll see His blessed face ;  
For the brightness of God's glory  
Doth there for ever shine,  
And you'll learn in His blest Person  
Love Divine. R. D.

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## Memory Text for the Month.

All things work together  
for good to them that love  
God.

Romans viii. 28.

## Looking Forward.

I.

FRED and Sam, Tom and Tommy,  
George, Frank, Gilbert and several  
others, stood in a row looking  
intently before them where, instead of  
floor space, there were

“ . . . wheels and gearings,  
. . . cranks and pulleys,  
beltings tight or slack—  
Some are whirling swiftly,  
Some are turning slowly,  
Some are thrusting forward,  
Some are pulling back . . . ”

and oh, such a noise !

These boys on cold and frosty winter

nights did not take long to jump into  
bed, so snug and warm it was with the  
clothes pulled up under the chin, but  
when they rolled themselves in the  
blankets they never gave a thought as  
to where those blankets came from, or  
how they were made, until they came to  
a boarding-school at Witney in Oxford-  
shire and Mr. Early gave the head  
master permission to take them over his  
mill.

Before we see them gazing so intently  
at the noisy spinning machines, they have  
been in the room where the loose wool is  
received in large sheets of canvas. It  
comes not only from English, Scotch  
and Welsh sheep, but from all over the  
world—from many countries where the  
overseas readers of YOUTHFUL DAYS  
live ; for Australia, New Zealand, India,  
the Cape and South America send wool  
to England.

If the boys had examined this loose  
wool they would have found seeds of  
plants, burrs, dead insects and many  
strange things among it, gathered by the  
sheep as they moved about the fields and  
among the bushes. All this has to be  
removed, and when clean the wool is  
blended as required—long wool, short  
wool, fine wool, strong wool, blended  
subtly and skilfully.

The wool must be *oiled* before it can  
be used in the spinning machines, and  
then *carded* by frames called “mules,”  
which run backwards and forwards,  
drawing and twisting the wool, and  
winding it on to the spindles. Now it  
is ready for weaving, and the boys see  
the looms, where strong yarn is used for  
the warp, or lengthways, of the blankets,  
and soft wool for the weft, or crossways ;  
each strand being pushed into place so  
that all lies closely side by side, making  
a firm foundation.

How impossible it all looks to those  
who watch and do not understand, yet  
there is perfect order, and with every  
movement there is only one and the  
same end in view—it is a great looking  
forward.

Massive rollers revolving slowly—whirling spindles, shuttles flying to and fro, a lifting and a depressing, a running and a pushing—in the midst of all this tumult let us turn aside a minute and quietly say our special Text :

“All things  
work together  
for good  
to them that love God.”

and now once again with that row of boys we watch the busy scene ; but we think not so much of the blankets as of our own lives. Even boys and girls, young as they are, meet with trials and sorrows and perplexing things. They cannot understand why God allows them, but He has a definite purpose in view for each one, and as we follow the various stages in blanket making we recall the words of someone who knew this month's Text :

“So all things are working  
for the Lord's beloved ;  
Some might seem to hinder ;  
Some might draw us backward ;  
But they **work together**,  
And they work **for good**.  
All the thwarted longings,  
All the stern denials,  
All the contradictions, hard to understand ;  
And the force that holds them,  
Speeds them and retards them  
—is our Father's hand.”

J. E. B.

(To be continued.)

## Bible Searchings.

Please send answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire. Please give the Bible references.

Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 1 and 2.

### RUTH III. AND IV. AND 1 SAMUEL I.

1. How was redeeming and changing confirmed in Israel ?
2. The Lord gave Ruth a son. (a) What was his name ? (b) What was his grandfather's name ? and (c) what was the name of his famous grandson ?
3. What was the name of the child born to Elkanah ?

4. How many measures of barley did Boaz give to Ruth ?
5. What did Hannah say that she would do with her boy if the Lord gave her one ? Quote her words.
6. What were the names of the three priests of the Lord at that time ?
7. When Hannah had weaned her child what did she do ? Quote the whole verse.
8. What did Boaz buy from Naomi ?

Searchers under 10 years of age.

### 1 SAMUEL I.

1. Why did Hannah call her boy Samuel ? Quote what she said.
2. Why did Elkanah go to Shiloh yearly ?
3. For how long did Hannah say she had lent Samuel to the Lord ?

Note.—In preparation for next month please read carefully 1 Samuel ii., iii. and iv. Through an oversight we omitted to mention that 1 Samuel i. was to be read with Ruth iii. and iv.

### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens am 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

Die 14 jährigen und älteren Teilnehmer beantworten allen 8 Fragen.

Die unter 14 jährigen lassen die erste und die zweite aus

### RUTH III. AND IV., 1 SAMUEL I.

1. Wie ward ein Lösung oder ein Tausch in Israel bestätigt.
2. Der Herr gab Ruth einen Sohn. (a) Wie hiess er ? (b) Was war der Name seines Grossvaters ? (c) Was war der Name seines berühmten Enkels ?
3. Was war der Name des Sohnes von Elkanah ?
4. Wieviel Mass Gerste gab Boaz zu Ruth.
5. Erwähnen die Worte der Verheissung Hannas in bezug auf ihren Sohn wenn Jehovah ihr einen Sohn geben würde.
6. Was waren die Namen der drei Priester Jehova's zu jener Zeit ?
7. Was machte Hannah als sie ihr Kind entwöhlt hatte ? Erwähnen den ganzen Vers.
8. Was kaufte Boaz aus der Hand Naomis ?

Fuer die unter 10 jährigen.

### 1 SAMUEL I.

1. Warum nannte Hanna seinen Sohn Samuel. Erwähnen ihre Worte.
  2. Zu welchem Zweck ging Elkana jedes Jahr nach Silo ?
  3. Bis wie lange sagte Hanna dass sie den Samuel dem Herrn geliehen hatte ?
- Anmerkung. Bitte 1 Samuel ii. iii., und iv. achtsam lesen um die Fragen des nächsten Monats beantworten zu können.

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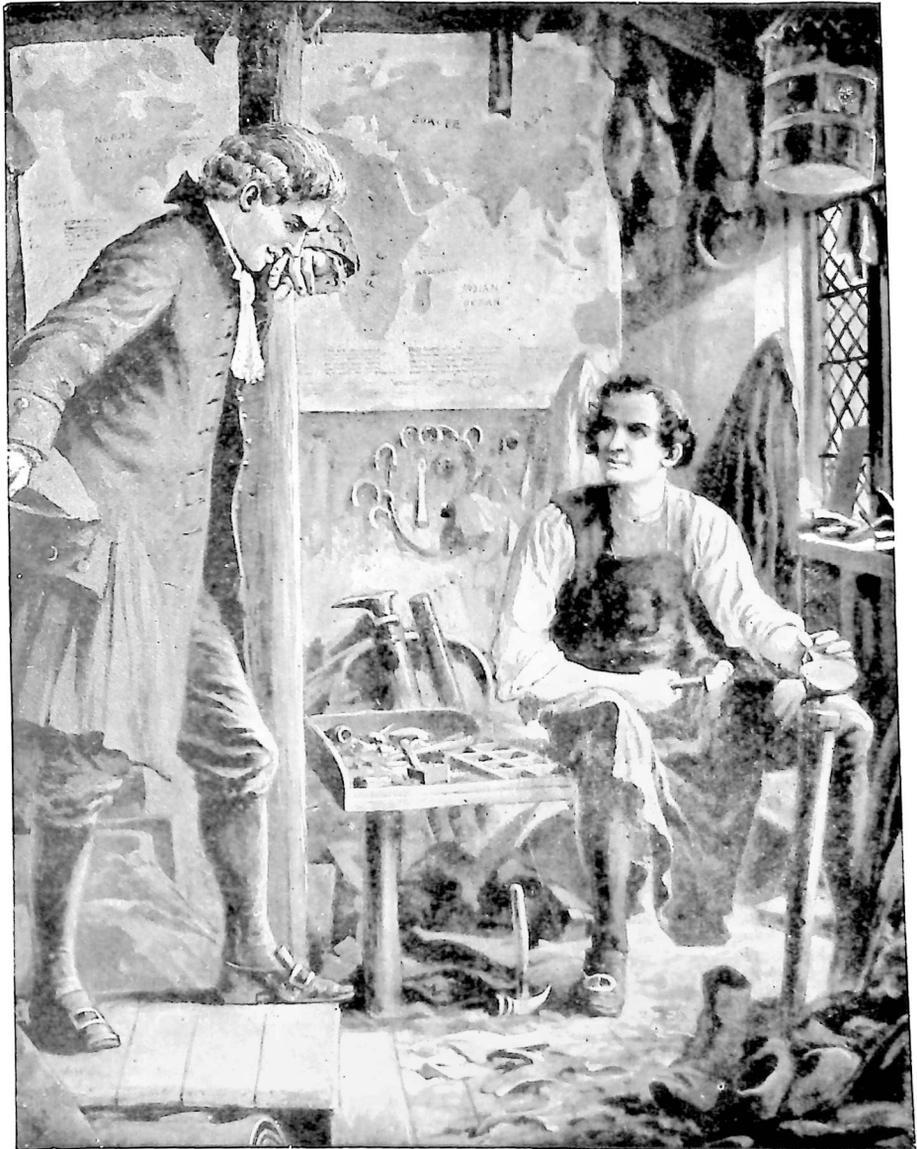
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## Two Friends.

HAVE a good look at the picture on the front page, what an interesting one it is! The dress of the young man standing tells us it is a scene of by-gone days, yet people were much the same then as now. When they were young they built "castles in the air," just the same as we did and all you young readers are doing—what wonderful things we are going to do. Most likely these two were boys together and planned adventures far away in the wide world and often gazed at the map now at the back of the cobbler's shop.

Had what the world calls misfortune come in and forced one of the young men to take up cobbling boots and shoes for a living? Well, it had been the means of bringing something better than he lost. Look at his face, bright and energetic. And if he has to be shut up, he gets a bit of song from the bird in the cage and rays of sunshine cheer him too. Best of all, He who is the Light of the world has flooded his soul.

His friend has called to tell him that he is going off to seek his fortune and hopes to come back with plenty of this world's wealth. The cobbler quotes to him what Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world [a world that is passing away], and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark viii. 36, 37.)

**Oh, friend, think not of adventure,  
For gold is but tinsel at most.  
What avails if you die and awaken  
In the horrible place of the lost?**

**Turn now at this moment to Jesus,  
Oh, spurn not His offer of love,  
Then riches untold will await you  
In yonder blest mansions above.**

**The wealth of this world can be valued,  
And won oft with labour and strife;  
But free are God's riches unreckoned,  
And a gift are the waters of life.**

The earnest words of exhortation to come to Jesus have touched the friend. He leans his face forward on his hand and considers. There is a trace of a smile on his lips. Is he thinking like Agrippa, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian"? Or perhaps it is the light of another world breaking in upon him, that world where there are pleasures for evermore through the One at God's right hand. Those were the pleasures that made this cobbler friend happy and far more than compensated him for any loss here. Though poor he was rich for eternity with the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Let us all go in for those riches that are to be found in Christ, and we shall have gained a world whose joys never pass away. The wealth of that world of which Jesus is Head will be yours if you open your heart's door and let Him in.

R. D.



## The Shelter of the Strong Tower.

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." (Prov. xviii. 10.)

ONCE long ago the people of a usurper king rebelled against him; this greatly enraged him, and he with his followers encamped against the chief city of the country. In order to make himself king this man had slain seventy persons—all his own relatives on one stone. The power to do this he had gained through money given to him out of the temple of a heathen god, for he had with this money hired light men to follow him. However, one of his half-brothers, named Jotham, escaped, and was not killed upon that *one stone*.

Now Jotham was the rightful king, and one day, after warning the people against following the usurper, he said as he closed his speech, "If ye have dealt truly and sincerely . . . then rejoice . . . but if

not," then he said, as it were, "let the usurper slay *you* and let *him* be slain."

That was not only a warning, but a prophecy too. God is good, and He warns of coming evil, for He is light and He is love. And very soon, as we shall see, all these things came true. The wicked usurper encamped against the city and conquered it; he slew and burnt all the people, who once had helped to make him king. Some of the people in this city of Shechem were in the strong tower, but alas! when the enemy came against them they left it, and took refuge in the hold of a heathen temple—the hold of the god Berith!

Oh, how unwise that was! Yes, and then to that very hold the evil usurper and his men made their way with piles of wood, boughs of trees cut from the mountain sides; these they brought on their shoulders and put them to the hold and set it on fire, so that all the people who had taken refuge there were burnt alive and died!—about a thousand *men and women*!

Do not, like these foolish people, in the day of trouble, take refuge in the false stronghold of Satan's building! To do so means sorrow, suffering, disappointment and death. How foolish to leave the shelter of the strong tower, which means the name of the Lord and His shielding care and protection, and to seek the hold of a *false* god—the unsafe and deceitful place where Satan pretends to watch over and protect you!

Do not leave the strong tower, as those unwise people of Shechem left it and were slain by the very man whom they had helped to usurp his throne! Having slain them, he and those who followed him went forward to another city and took it.

But in this city, called Thebez, there was a strong tower, which means that the Lord was with the people within that city. They were very wise, and instead of being too faint-hearted and running away, they all ran into the strong tower, shut the door, and went

up to the very top of it—men, women and *CHILDREN*!

Yes; even the little children—and the infants—found a refuge from the enemy in that strong tower; for we are told that the men and women and

#### *ALL THEM OF THE CITY*

went up to the top of the tower!

And when we remember that the tower of the righteous reaches to heaven, for Jesus is *there*, we are not surprised that this tower of Thebez, which is a picture of it, was a very great and high tower. Safely at the top, the people could look over the city, and watch the movements of their enemies.

What does that brave woman see who looks over the side of the tower? She sees that the usurper has come to the tower and is just below her, and that he is fighting against it, and he comes close to the door to burn it with fire!

Here is a trouble! But what does the wise woman do? Taking up a piece of stone she cast it down on to the usurper's head to break his skull! Hastily he called his armour-bearer, for he knew that he was dying. "Draw thy sword and slay me," he said, "that men say not of me, A woman slew him!"

One stone from above, and the enemy fell and died—and the fight was over! What do we read about this story of Abimelech the usurper in God's holy word? Listen! "Thus God [by one *stone*!] rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: and all the evil of the men of Shechem, did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham." (Judges ix. 56.)

You must see how we learn from this story that they who take refuge in the name of the Lord are safe. Yes; for with *one stone*, like David, they are able to overcome their enemies!

What is that "*one stone*"—that "*piece of a millstone*"? It is the mention of the name of the Lord and the power which is found in Him! How wonderful that is!

Of the wicked, those who turn away from the name of the Lord, we read that "*their mouth is an open sepulchre*"—they receive the things of death into their hearts, and their feet, led by their hearts, enter the way of transgressors.

A woman, very respectable and intelligent, and to a certain extent what is called "religious" too, was invited to go to some gospel meetings held on the Lord's day evening. But never was she seen in that simple meeting room; never sat there to listen to the "Old, old story of Jesus and His love."

Why was this? The reason was that her *heart* was not set on going there; her *heart* was set on refusing to go. Her feet were governed by her heart so that they were not found where the name of the Lord was confessed before men!

But when trouble comes upon those who despise the shelter which God offers them, they must beware lest they find themselves in the hold of Berith instead of the strong tower.

Safe within that strong tower their hearts will not, like that of the great and wise king Solomon when he was old, wax cold in love for the Lord; for, wise as he was, the enemy at last overcame him and he became covetous of those things which the Lord had denied him. When you are older you will understand better how far he wilfully wandered from the strong tower and how others suffered, even more than he did himself, through his sad straying away from the Lord.

If we leave the strong tower, if we refuse to enter it when attacked by the enemy, we shall bring trouble not only upon ourselves but upon others also. Then we shall not be happy until, confessing our sins, we turn to the Lord and prove that our safety is found in that strong tower alone—that place of rest, peace, and joy which is prepared for all who will run into it.

Thus, shewing by our words and ways that we love the Lord, the praise and

thanksgiving of our hearts will be to the everlasting glory of His name—and

*"THE NAME OF THE LORD  
IS A STRONG TOWER: THE  
RIGHTEOUS RUNNETH INTO  
IT, AND IS SAFE."*

E. R.—N.



## All About Charlotte.

### CHAPTER III.

#### CHARLOTTE'S GREAT HELPER.

**B**EFORE the Lord Jesus laid down His life for us. He made a promise; He said to His disciples, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth." (John xiv. 15, 17.)

In the second chapter of the Acts we read how the Holy Spirit came to abide for ever with those who love Jesus and keep His commandments. Little Charlotte Green was one of these, and God gave her His Holy Spirit.

No one saw the Lord Jesus put His hands in blessing upon her, and no one saw the Holy Spirit come to her, but the results of His coming were seen.

We have told how much Charlotte loved the word of God, and you will not be surprised to hear that she loved praying to God.

Morning and evening Miss Laing used to gather together the little flock of lambs that the Good Shepherd had entrusted to her care, to pray with them, and these were happy times to Charlotte; but besides this she used often to go away by herself where she could pray alone.

At this time of her life, too, Charlotte became uncommonly pleasant to live with; she loved truth and hated lying; if she made a promise she kept it; if she had opportunity to do a kindness she

did it. Perhaps it was all she had gone through as a little child that now made her intensely grateful to Miss Laing and her teachers, so that her influence with the other children was altogether for good.

Do not think, you who are reading this story, that Charlotte was a perfect child who never did wrong, for this would be a great mistake, a mistake that she herself did not make; for one day when Miss Laing spoke to her about sin, and asked her if she really felt herself to be a sinner, she answered, "Oh, I do feel that I am a great sinner, a great, great, great sinner"; and in proof of her words she wept. Then she continued "But I go to Christ, and He will pardon all my sins; I have prayed to Him, and I know that He will forgive me."

So you see little Charlotte found that she had by nature the same naughty heart that troubles all of us, and although her natural character might be amiable, it was not until she received the gift of the Holy Spirit that the fruits of the Spirit were seen in her life, those lovely fruits that Paul the apostle tells us about in the fifth chapter of his Epistle to the Galatians and the twenty-second and twenty-third verses.

*To be continued.*

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## What is your Ambition?

WHAT are you going to be when you grow up? How often have you been asked this question, dear boys and girls? Perhaps many of you have some definite answer in your minds, and others have not yet quite decided. Perhaps some have aspirations to be something great, as it is natural to some of us to like to be at the top of the tree.

Now would you like to be great on earth, or great in the sight of heaven? Oh, you say, Surely it is better to be great in the sight of heaven! Shall I tell you who is accounted greatest in heaven?

The one who is servant of all. That sounds strange, does it not? why should that be? I will tell you why.

It is because Jesus Himself was here in the form of a servant, as He said to His disciples, "I am among you as he that serveth." (Luke xxii. 27.) If you love the Lord Jesus Christ (and I hope you do) you will want to be like Him; so in all your aspirations do not forget that little acts of service done in His name give pleasure to heaven, because you are following in His footsteps, who was the perfect Servant. Whatever your career may be, you can always be in the attitude of "servant of all" for Jesus' sake.

A. B.

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## Memory Text for the Month.

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Hebrews xii. 11.

## Looking Forward.

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"OH, what a long Text for this month! How can we learn it perfectly enough to write it out?"

Yes, it is a long text, but try to learn it, boys and girls, even though some of the words are difficult to understand.

It is a great *looking forward* text, and

should you live to grow up there will be many a time when this text will be a comfort to you. Just now you are wondering perhaps whatever it can have to do with the story of blankets which we expected to continue from last month.

In our thoughts we were standing beside George, Sam, Fred and their schoolfellows, watching the busy scene of weaving "amid the tumult of the looms."

"Surely that isn't a blanket, I wouldn't like it to cover me when I'm in bed!" we seem to exclaim as the greasy looking fabric is taken off the machine, "it is more like sacking than blanket!"

And so it must pass through the hands of the fuller to make it firm and white. If the sun is shining the blankets are hung out—miles and miles of them, to dry in the fresh air; on dull days they have warm breezes to blow on them indoors.

Now let us look at a pile of beautiful, soft, fleecy blankets—here is the end we have been looking forward to all this long time. But before this has been reached, those blankets even after they were white and clean, had to be scraped by teasles, or passed over revolving leather strips from which fine wire teeth project.

It is only the outside surface which receives this rough treatment in order to make the blanket pleasant to feel, soft, fleecy and warm; the foundation has already been beaten with hammers to mat it firmly together and now it is undisturbed and unruffled.

Last of all the blankets are whipped, or bound, to keep the ends neat and secure, and then they are stored away quite ready, to await the time when they will be required for use, and as we turn from them we think again of our own selves. We see a great *looking forward* all through our lives and know that all things are working together for good to them that love God.

If we are to be used by Him we must first be made clean through the precious blood of Christ which cleanseth from all

sin, and then as we meet with rough places or smooth—difficulties, temptations or sorrows—we have the Comforter with us, God's wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, which is the precious oil that we read of in the scriptures.

If we yield ourselves to Him, through all the correcting, chastening and even scourging that we may receive, He will teach us what God would have us learn. And all along life's pathway we may rejoice in the sunshine of God's love with an unruffled and undisturbed peace in our hearts, for He will not allow the hammer to fall too heavily, the noise to be too loud, the scourging too severe, or the waiting too long. He knows that "no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." J. E. B.



#### NAMES OF THOSE FROM WHOM WE HAVE RECEIVED THE MEMORY TEXTS CORRECTLY WRITTEN DURING 1933.

**Kingsley Adams, 12; F. Bruce, 4; Winifred and Charles Crane, 12; Jeannie Cruickshank, 12; Bernard Cave, 2; Ronald Day, 11 (Nov. missed); Martin Davies, 12; Phoebe Davies, 8; Oliver Glass, 9; Gilbert Glass 11 (Dec. missed); Nancy and Lucy Glass, 12; Jean, Helen and Stuart Hughes, 12; Stephen and Mary Hawkins, 12; Kathleen and Betty Holman, 12; Olive Hedges, 5; George Harrison, 4; John Ireland, 8; Geoffrey Marshall, 2; Minnie McCormack, 8; Lucy McCormack, 7; Clifford Moyle, 11 (Dec. missed); Arthur Meek, 12; Norman Meek, 11 (July error); Martha, Marshall and Max Meek, 12; Brian Norris, 2; Muriel Philpott, 12; Betty Roper, 3; Olive Smaldon, 10; Kathleen Smaldon, 11 (April missed); Winifred Story, 6; Arthur Stock, 8; Jimmy Stock, 7; Gladys Town, 9; Evelyn Webber, 8; Barbara Wood, 8; Paul Ward, 11 (Dec. missed); Catherine Wood, 10; Kathleen Wells, 2.**

Others not more than once.

#### FROM OVERSEAS RECEIVED UP-TO-DATE.

Eleanor and Eileen Bishop, 6; John and Jubil Benjamin, 11; Albert Castle, 11 (Jan. missed); Rhoda Johnstone, 11; David and Mamie Langrell, 12; Sylvia Robertson, 11; Phoebe Foster, 2; Ruby Foster, 10; Wallace Kennerley, 9.

Names of those who have tried to write out all twelve texts from memory at the end of the year:—

**Kingsley Adams, Nelson Anderson, Florrie Bruce, Jim Conacher, Winifred and Charles Crane, Martin Davies, Jean, Stuart and Helen Hughes, Stephen and Mary Hawkins, Lucy McCormack, Arthur and Jimmy Stock** had all twelve correct. Ronald Day 11, Phoebe Davies 9, George Harrison 4, Brian Norris 7, Azubah Mair 9, Kathleen Smaldon 10, B. Scott 10.



## Bible Searchings.

Please send answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shadden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 7 and 8.**

### I SAMUEL, CHAPTERS II., III. AND IV.

1. Who said, "Speak: for thy servant heareth"?
2. To whom was it said, "For them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed"?
3. "The word of the Lord was precious in those days." Complete the verse.
4. Who said, "For the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed"?
5. The sons of Eli were sons of Belial. What else is said about them in the same verse?
6. "He will keep the feet of his saints." (Complete the verse.)
7. (1) Who said, "What is there done my son" ? and (2) what reply did he receive?
8. A woman said, "The glory is departed from Israel." What name did she give her child?

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

#### I SAMUEL II.

1. What did Samuel's mother make and take to him from year to year?
2. "The Lord shall judge the ends of the earth." (Complete the verse.)
3. Who said, "The pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them"?

*Note.*—In preparation for next month's questions please read I Samuel V., VI. and VII. In January, Question 8, it was asked, How long did Ruth glean? The answer as in Ruth ii. 17 is correct, but a better answer will be found in the last verse of the same chapter.

### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18. des Monats an F. Shadden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

**Die 14 Jahrigen und alteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle 8 Fragen.**

**Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die siebente und die achte Frage aus.**

#### I. SAMUEL II., III., IV.

1. Wer sagte, "Rede denn dein Knecht hört"?
2. Zu wem wurde es gesagt, "Denn die mich ehren werde ich ehren, und die mich verachten werden gering geachtet werden"?
3. "Das Wort des Herrn [Jehovas] war selten in jenen Tagen." den Vers vollenden.
4. Wer sagte, "Denn ein Gott des Wissens ist Jehovas und von ihm werden die Handlungen gewogen"?
5. "Die Söhne Elis waren Söhne Belials." Was ist auch von ihnen in demselben Vers gesagt.

0. "Die Füße seiner Frommen bewahrt er," den Vers vollenden.

7. (1) Wer sagte, "Wie stand die Sache, mein Sohn" ? (2) Was war die Antwort?

8. Ein Weib sagte, "Die Herrlichkeit ist von Israel gewichen." Wie nannte sie ihrem Knabe?

### Fuer die unter 10 Jahre alten Teilnehmer.

#### I SAMUEL II.

1. Was machte die Mutter Samuels und ihm von Jahr zu Jahr hinaubracht?

2. "Jehovas wird richten die Enden der Erde." den Vers vollenden.

3. Wer sagte, "Denn Jehovas sind die Säulen der Erde und auf sie hat er den Erdkreis gestellt."

*Anmerkung.*—Bitte Kapitel V., VI. u. VII. des 1. Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen, um die nächsten Monats-Fragen beantworten zu können.



## Answers to January Searchings have been received from the following:

### Searchers over 14 years of age.

Kingsley Adams, Nelson Anderson, Stanley Bass, Margaret Baxter, Barbara Beardsmore, Leah Beardsmore, Elizabeth Bell, Olive Branch, Mary Brewis, Charles Brown, Jessie Brown, E. J. Browning, Florrie Bruce, Mary Burr, John Chalmers, Eunice Chambers, Denis Clarke, B. Davis, H. Davis, Alex. Donaldson, Kathleen Ephgrave, Faith Gilder, Miriam Gillet, Gilbert Glass, Nancy Glass, Stephen Glover, Constance Green, Kathleen Guy, Margaret Guy, Grace Handy, Margaret Hardingham, Margaret Harkness, James Hogg, Margaret Hogg, J. B. Horberry, Margaret Knappett, Helena Lindberg, J. H. Lynes, Lucy McCormack, Margaret McCready, Aubrey McGrath, George Manson, James Manson, Mary Martyr, Malcolm May, Nellie Mepham, Eunice Newman, Billy Philippot, Sydney Richardson, Raymond Rowe, H. Salthouse, Oswald Scott, Gwen Sibley, Gilbert Smart, Eunice Smith, Olwen Stubbs, Hilda Styles, Jean Thomson, Emma Till, Sylvester Till, Gladys Town, Margaret Tucker, Margaret Ward, Fred Weeks, Edward Wescott, Anna Wilson, John Wood, Constance Worthington, Mavis Worthington.

### Searchers 10 to 14 years of age.

Isabel Anderson, Ruth Auger, Nellie Backmuser, Joan Baguley, Evelyn Barnett, Ronald Barfield, Cyril Barr, Ruth Barrow, Rose Batchelor, Edith Baxter, James Bell, Lois Bennett, Colin Bennie, Nora Bishop, Joan Bladen, Mary Bottonley, Jack Boyce, Rhoda Boyce, Mary Braddy, John Branch, Miriam Brandt, Joseph and Mary Brock, William Broom, Joan and Margaret Brown, Stephen Brown, Dorothy Buckle, Donald and Eric and Margaret Burr, Gladys Burtonshaw, Richard Bush, Charles Cameron, Olive Chalmers, Frances Chambers, Leslie and Mabel Chase, Winifred Chattell, Ruth Clear, Arthur Coles, Ellen Cotton, Ruby Curtis, Muriel Dadd, Margaret and Peter Davies, Ora Davis, Alan Daw, David Deayton, Barbara Dimond, Dorothy Dixon, David and Freda Doughty, May Doyle, Ruth Edwards, Kathleen English, Frieda and Marjorie Ephgrave, William Evans, Margaret and William Farron, Richard Fisher, Ruth Fleming, Margaret Flett, Ethel Foun, Esme Foote, Paul Foot, Betty and Jennifer and Mary Francis, Prudie Fraser, Sidney French, Alan Gardner, Beryl Gardner, Frank Gardner, Geraldine Gardner, Chris Garthwaite, Margaret Garwood, Winifred Gattrell, Elsie Gladson, Mary Gladwish, Lucy Glass, Margaret Glover, Trevor Godwin, Edwin and Joyce Green, Dorothy Hale, Samuel and William Hamilton, Louis and Wilfred Handy, Peter Hardingham, Dorothy Harding, John Hardingham, Leslie Harris, Lily Harris, Doris Harrison, Violet Haste, Stephen Hawkins, Eric and Kathleen Hazelton, Olive Hedger, Dennis Hodges, Mary Hodges, Eileen and Helen and Raymond Henry, Mary Hickman, Joan Hobbs, Raymond Holland, Betty Holman, Violet Horberry, John Howes, Leslie Hughes, Ronald Hughes, Stuart Hughes, Gordon Humeybell.

George Hutson, Alexander Ireland, Vera Jackson, Dolores Johnston, John Kirkpatrick, Marion Laird, Geoffrey Lutner, Geoffrey and Monica Lawrence, Joyce Lee, Ruby Lewis, Cecil Lindberg, Eunice Lodge, Donald and Malcolm Lynes, David Lyon, James and Jean and William McCready, Ethel Mackay, Chrissie Maclean, Jean Maclean, Herbert and Jessie McMullan, Nau McNeil, Jean McQueen, John and Muriel Main, Azubah and Pearson Mair, Leslie Mansfield, Alfred and Jean Markham, Dennis and Pat Markham, Paul Markham, Kenneth Marshall, Irene Mason, Nancy Mason, Muriel May, Arthur Meek, Martha Meek, Margaret Millett, Gwen Mitchell, Hew Mitchell, Barbara Mortimer, Brian Mortimer, Helen Mounter, Patricia Murphie, Ethel and Leonora Newby, Gladys Norton, Douglas and Leslie and Mary Oliver, D. L. Parish, Frank Parker, Mary Pearse, Mabel and Nellie Peart, Elizabeth Penn, Joyce Peters, Elaine Phillips, Harold and Muriel Philpott, Doris Pierce, John Phip, Cathlene Pirie, Isabella Pirie, John Pirie, Ruth Plunk, Joan Pratt, John Prior, Ruth Pugh, Ruth Rawlings, Stanley Rawlison, Audrey, David and Hilda Reeves, Edward and Philip Reeves, Jean Reeves, Linda Reeves, James Reid, Olive Richards, Doreen Riddle, Barbara Rogers, David Rowe, Dennis Sales, William Saltmarsh, Alan and Beatrice Scott, Marjorie Seaman, Barbara Shedden, Jack and Marguerite Smallridge, Bertie Smith, Hilda Smith, Olive Smith, Primrose Smith, Rowland Smith, John Stevenson, Arthur Stubbs, John and Mollie Swindell, Marjorie and Olive Talbot, Francis and Grace Teafey, Alan and John and Ruth Temple, George Terries, Eileen Thomas, Kenneth Thomas, Frank Thompson, Ruth Thomson, Beryl Thorpe, Harry Thorp, Maurice Tucker, Edith Uttley, Mary Varley, Sadie Varney, Joan Vockins, Maxwell Walker, Eleanor Ward, Paul Ward, Hilda and Ruth Watson, Margaret Watson, Helen Watts, Olive Webb, Ruth Weston, Dorothy, Wheatcroft, Martin Whitbourn, Grace Whitton, Elsie Williams, Keith Williams, Gladys Wilson, Mary Wilson, Alexander Wood, Catherine and James Wood, James George Wood, Eric Woodford, Barbara Wright, Olivia Wright.

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

Tom Anderson, Jane Anmit, Jean Barrow, Jeanie Bennie, Harry Bottomley, Elsie Bown, James Branch, Joyce Bridges, Grace Broom, Gilbert Brown, Hedley and Mary Caffyn, James Cameron, Betty and Olive Chattell, Mary Clarke, Margaret Clinch, Mary Courtiour, Eric Cox, Beryl and Crystal Curtis, Margaret Darton, Paddy and Sheelagh Davis, Eric Devenish, Paul Devenish, Clifford Eastwood, Malcolm Ellman, Alfred Evans, Ronald Evershed, Annie Falconer, Brenda Farley, Eileen and Jack Farren, Frank and John Fletcher, Leonard Fletcher, Olive Foot, Betty French, Joan Funnell, Betty Gardner, Isabel Gardiner, Monica George, Elsie Greenslade, Ruth Handy, Peter Hardingham, Paul Hardwick, Edith Iarris, John Harvey, Marjorie Hastie, John and Peter Houghton, Kathleen and Mary G. Hawkins, Mary Hawkins, Henry and John Hazell, Betty Heath, John Hedger, Brian Hedges, Mildred Hedges, Mary Hellen, Olive Hemmings, Freda Henry, Graham Holland, Kathleen Holman, Helen Hughes, Norman Hughes, Jean Hunter, David and Henry Hutson, Norman Hutson, Cyril Jones, Clive Juby, Brenda Kitehen, Ruth Lawrence, Joyce Leader, Dorothy Lodge, John Low, Elizabeth Lynes, Helen Lyons, Charles McCready, John Macdonald, Margaret McKay, Andrew and Samuel McQuiston, Margaret Maddox, Eileen Markham, Keith Markham, Ronald Martin, Fred Mason, Marshall Meek, Beryl Mickleby, Edwin Mitchell, Malcolm Mitchell, Stanley Mortimore, Elizabeth Mounter, Clifford Moyie, Ben Murphie, Donald and Mildred Nason, Clement Newman, Norman Paddock, Eric Patton, Edward Peter, Audrey Pierce, Alan Poole, Freddy Poole, Margaret Pratt, Arthur Pring, Alan Reeves, Violet Reid, Kenneth Richards, Lewis Riddle, Dorothy Rollo, Audrey Scott, Reggie Seaman, Kathleen Smaldon, Frederick and Robert Smallridge, Alec Sneller, Denis Smith, Gordon, Kathleen and Mary Spratt, Brenda Stickland, Nesta Stickland, Jean and William Stott, Vera Temple, Marjorie Thorp, Peter Urdige, Pauline Uttley, Joan Varney, Kenneth and Peggy Wakeford, Margaret Watt, John Webb, David White, Ruby White, Ruth Williams, Olive Wills, Helen Wilson, David and Jessie Wood, Willie Wood, Rodney Woodford, Bernard and Brenda Worrod, Phyllis Worthington, Jean Young.

### Searchers living Abroad.

*Australia.*—Jean and Ruth Browne, Betty Buchanan, Daisy and Olive Chesterfield, Diana and Norman Craig, Edward Shedden Davis, Joan Grange, Chrystal and Sylvia Hansen, Beryl Harris, Nancy Harris, Muriel Hatty, Bede and Brian and Cecil and Mary King, Ernest May (2), Jeanne Parish, Dilys Roach, Hilda (2) and Stanley and Wallace Silvester, Allan Simpson, Gwenda Williams, Heather Wood, Alison and Fred Young.

*Canada.*—Evelyn Bone, Joyce Downer, Mackay and Peggy Fielden, Kenneth Hynd, Annie Jones, David and Mamie Langrell, Edna Leslie, Joyce Morrison, Gertrude and Isabel Quennell, Fred Reid, Robert Robertson, Bill and Glen Snook, Earl (2) and John (2) and Joyce (2) and Mae Snook (2), Phyllis Wilson.

*Germany.*—Erwin Becker (3), Erhard Burk, Lydia Christochowitz, Ruth von St. Georg, Erich Graf, Liene Heydt, Christel and Werner Hoffman, Wolfgang Jos, Elisabeth and Christa and Elfriede and Johannes Köhler, Ludwig Nöh, Esther and Ruth Pavoso, Heinrich Pfeifer, Karl Pfeiffer, Alfred Rülckbrodt, Erich Schneider, Hans Schuster, Alice Spindler, Georg and Helmut Stockhaus, Walfraud Triesch, Eleonore and Erwin and Martin Trümplemann.

*Italy.*—Giovanna and Liliana Bacci, Angelina and Caterina and Ugo Berardi, Bernardino Berardi, Miris Gozzi, Milca Imperati, Angelina and Ermindo Lenzi, Daniele Marchignoni, Elia and Elisa and Elsa and Elvera, and Eugenia and Maria and Palmo and Pierino and Pietro Negri, Clara and Diana and Olga and Ugo Noseda, Lidda Salvadori, Fabio and Renata Silvestrino, Isaac and El. Ravina, Chiara and Giuseppina, Rina Lanzani, Di Somma Onofrio, Raffaele Infante, M. Motore, Giacomo Quagliotti, Giacomo Silvestrino, Vincenzo Vanacore.

*Jamaica.*—Betty Copp, Paul Grant (2), Henry and Stanley Moore, Sylvia Robertson, Beatrice Scott.

*New Zealand.*—Lois Anderson, Bernice and Hugh and Ray Beatham, Beryl (2), and Grace Blackman (2), Audrey (2) and Geoffrey and Jean (2) and Margaret Blackman (2), Denys Blampied, Mervyn Broomhall, Donald and Frances Church (2), Nan Donaldson, Phoebe (3) and Ruby Foster (2), Joseph Garton (2), Doreen (2) and Lorna Gower, Ken Hardie, Peter Hayman, Rhoda Johnstone (2), Keith (2) and Owen Judd (2), Douglas Kennerley (2) and Grace (2) and Wallace Kennerley (2), Frank Lawry (2), Dick and Enid Moore, Brian Robbins, Katie and Marjorie Simpkin, Joyce Stewart, Elsie, Gwen and Joyce Thomas, Joyce Walton, Clive and Noel Woodcock.

*South Africa.*—Esme Anderson, Ray Aunear, Bertie Brown, Dora and Helena and Marla and Myndert and Richard van Eyk, Blanche Gibbs, Ruth Gilmore, Griff and Cyril Griffiths, Mary Guerini, William Hunter, Albert and Frances and Muriel and Victor Mobey, Betty Nel, Albert and Elsa and Eric and Max Oettle, Margaret Paisley, Johann Rawlinson, Bertus and Martha and Susan Saunders, Theo Vermaak, Hendrick Wait.

*Sweden.*—Ake Gille.

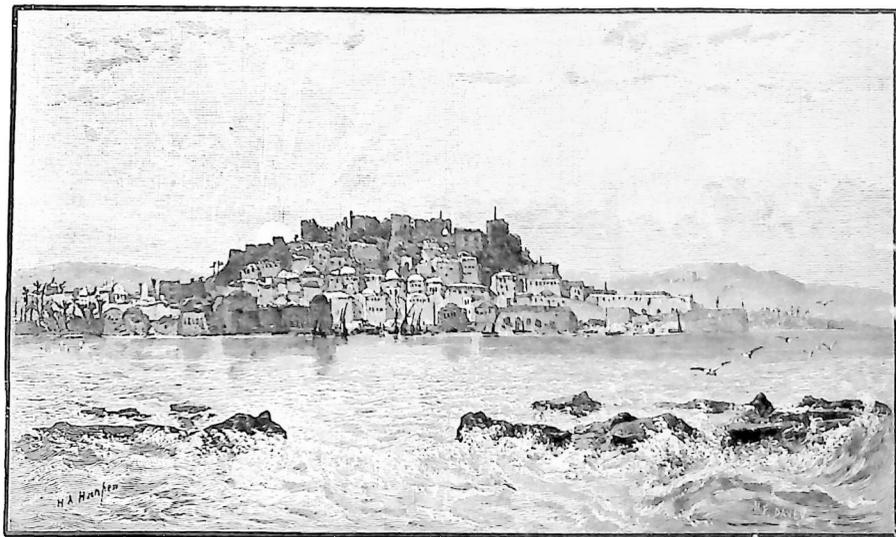
*Switzerland.*—Hermann and Susi Jacobsen, Rolf Relstabb, Theodor Zangger.

*Tasmania.*—Helen Woolton.

*U.S.A.*—Jean Brown, Ruth Hill, Clement (2) and Eloise Jensen (2), Linette (2) and Rhoda Kipping (2), Fred McNeice, Constance Petersen, Charles (2) and Ruth Trim (2), George and Mary Wardlaw, Catherine Watt, Arthur and Kathleen Wittfield.



# Youthful Days.



## “Fishers of men.”

**D**OWN on the Cornish coast there is a little fishing village formed by an inlet from the sea and reached by a very narrow pathway. There you come suddenly on a busy scene, men unloading fish, others coming in with boats laden, others mending nets and nets being hung out to dry. Then far out on the clear blue sea others with their boats, and nets let down for a haul. A scene lovely in its simplicity. Does it not remind you of the time when Jesus was here on earth?

One day He was by the Lake of Genesaret (Luke v. 1), and He sat in a fishing boat and taught the people on the shore. What wonderful words they were! Would you not like to have heard them? words of grace and truth that none but Jesus could speak.

You remember, too, He said to Peter, “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.” Peter said, “Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.” When they had done this, they caught a great many fish so that the net broke. He called to his partners, James and John, for help, and the fish filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

It made Peter realise in whose presence he was, One so great, so holy, that it made him feel what he was and cry, “Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” But Jesus said, “Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.” He was to be one of the Lord’s big fishermen.

We read of Peter again in Acts ii., where he stood up and boldly told the people round him what he knew of Jesus

and the wonderful miracles he had seen Him do, and what He had done for him, and then what those very people had done with Jesus; how they had taken Him by wicked hands and had crucified and slain Him. But God had raised Him from the dead.

The people to whom he spoke were pricked in their hearts and said, "What shall we do?" "Repent," Peter said, "and be baptised every one of you." There were about three thousand souls who turned to God that day. (Acts ii. 41-47.) A fisher of men indeed!

What possibilities for you if you gave your heart's affections to Jesus and took Him as your Saviour, leaving all to follow Him. What might He do with you!

You may say, How can I be a fisher? Do like Peter did, tell just what you know about Jesus in your home, to your school companions, in the office maybe, too. If only one listens and believes your report, well, there will be precious fruit for God, and you will be a little "fisher of men."

You may not have many more opportunities, seize them while you can. The reward day is soon coming, and every little "fisher of men" will be there. Would you not like to be there too? You may be!

L. E. P.



## The Beginning of the Gospel.

IMAGINE a town which for years has been badly off for a water supply.

The people have been depending on odd springs and pumps here and there. A wealthy man who knows the needs of the town decided that water shall be brought to every house. He has a reservoir made among the hills, and while this is being filled with water the pipes are laid in the roads and connections made to the houses. Then a day is appointed when the new supply will be started. A great nobleman or a royal prince is invited to the town. In the

presence of the people he is taken to the water-works, where he is shown a small hand-wheel. He is requested to turn this, and by so doing he opens the valve which allows the water to flow from the reservoir into the mains. Great rejoicings follow, because the new and abundant supply of good water has begun.

The gospel which we believe and which has brought such immense blessings, had a wonderful and definite beginning. There have been great celebrations in this world over many beginnings of all kinds, but the beginning of the gospel is far away the best and most important of all.

Shortly before this beginning God sent His messenger, John the Baptist, who baptised the people as they confessed their sins. He spoke of One who was about to come, and who was so mighty that John was not good enough to stoop down and unloose His shoes. (Mark i. 7.)

The mighty One came to John and was baptised by him. As He came out of the water he saw the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descending on Him like a dove. At the same time there was a voice from heaven which said, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." *This event was the beginning of the gospel.* At one supreme moment we have the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit acting together with a single purpose. The Son was being baptised in the river of Jordan, the Holy Spirit was descending, and the Father was speaking, all with the intention of saving, forgiving and blessing men.

Here is the beginning of the gospel as described by Mark (chap. i.). Nothing so glorious had happened to men since the day when the Lord appeared to Moses in the burning bush. Following on this great beginning we learn of several other beginnings.

Soon after the baptism the Lord began telling men to repent, "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. iv. 17.) As He spoke, the people flocked round to hear the message which shewed them

how they could be freed from sin and could come to God.

About the same time the Lord began to do miracles. The first one is specially noted by John. (Chap. ii. 11.) There was in Him a divine power which was new to men, and by these miracles He shewed forth His glory.

Later on in His pathway another beginning is noted. (Mark viii. 31.) The Pharisees and scribes had said evil things about our Lord which could not be overlooked. Hence we read that, "He began to teach them [His disciples] that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders . . . and be killed, and after three days rise again." A fresh word came into His teaching, which sounded hard and strange to the disciples; does it sound like that to you, young reader?

Further on in the same gospel, a deeper note is struck. "He began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy." (Chap. xiv. 33.) The account for man's sin and rebellion was about to be presented, and it could only be cleared by the death of God's Son on the cross and the shedding of His precious blood. There was no other way.

The sufferings which ended in death are over for ever. The Son has returned to the Father, but the Holy Spirit is here. He finds a dwelling-place in the hearts of those who believe and confess Jesus as Lord. For such, a new life has begun. Are you in that happy company?

## A Slum Story.

While walking down a street one day  
Of dull November hue;  
I spied a little group of bairns,  
Their faces pinched and blue.

Their clothes were tattered, scant and bare,  
And e'en a little foot  
Was seen to be protruding from  
A shabby little boot.

They sat upon a flight of steps,  
Beneath three golden balls,  
And too intent were they to heed  
Their little comrade's calls.

For as they sat there in the cold,  
They heeded not the rain,  
But sang in accents sweet and clear,  
A dear old gospel strain.

'Twas "Jesus loves me, this I know,"  
In harmony they sang;  
Above the noise of quarrelling men,  
Their music sweetly rang.

Oh! stop and listen, passer-by,  
To words so surely true;  
That Jesus loves you must be so,  
Because He died for you.

C. M. C.

## The Touch of Jesus.

*"And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them." (Matt. viii. 14, 15.)*

WHAT a difference it makes to everything when JESUS comes into one's house.

When He was come into Peter's house He found Peter's mother-in-law ill with a fever, which would make the poor woman very restless, and possibly irritable and hard to please, and it might be that at times she would not know what she was saying or doing. Her hands would be hot and her throat dry, and she would constantly be turning from side to side without getting any relief, and the little sleep she got would be broken and troubled. Peter and those with him would be doing all they could think of to help her and to soothe and calm and comfort her and get her better, but without success.

Well, it was just then that JESUS CAME into the house, and, oh, what an alteration that made at once. Notice what took place. The first thing mentioned is that He SAW her, and the next that He TOUCHED her hand—that burning, feverish, restless hand—and then that THE FEVER LEFT HER.

What a difference that would make in Peter's household, for we next read that his mother-in-law **AROSE**, and there and then began to **SERVE** others, and as Jesus Himself was with them, she would have the happiness and honour of serving Him too.

Now this was all brought about by what Jesus did.

He **CAME** ;

He **SAW** ;

He **TOUCHED**.

And what He did in Peter's house He will do in the house of anybody who needs Him, and who will let Him in.

Although Jesus is now in heaven He has His own way of coming into our houses, and if there is any trouble He at once sees what it is, and by His touch He will make such a change that one would not think it could possibly be the same place.

With **THE TOUCH OF JESUS** there is divine **LOVE**, divine **GRACE**, divine **SYMPATHY**, divine **POWER**, and when He touches us it so affects us that instead of our thinking about ourselves all the time, and living only for ourselves we find our greatest pleasure in living "unto him who died for us, and rose again," and in serving others.

*Harrogate.*

W. LAWRENCE.

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## Things to Remember.

**Remember that—**

**In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth.** (Gen. i. 1.)

**Remember that—**

**All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.** (1 Cor. xv. 39.)

W. L.

## Swallowed up.

**W**HEN some of the people of Israel sinned, the earth split open under their feet and they fell into the chasm and the earth closed over them in judgment. God in His judgment could thus sweep every sinner off the face of the earth, but in His long-suffering love He forbears and sends His glorious message of salvation.

On the 5th of May over fifty years ago, the sun was shining brightly when we children awoke, but everything was covered with snow. Oh, the hedges and trees and bushes were lovely in their pure mantle of snow, which soon disappeared under the sun's rays. It was not so on the hills ; out there an icy wind was blowing, and the snow lay all day.

A sale of sheep was to be held in a beautiful valley, and a gentleman set off to ride across the hills in order to attend it. With the snow covering the moorlands, he did not notice a dangerous bog until his horse was floundering in the mire. He struggled on for a long time, trying to get the horse out, but in vain. Feeling his strength giving way, he left his horse and went to a shepherd's cottage, which he reached exhausted and cold. When the shepherds went to the bog only the ears of the horse were visible, and these soon went out of sight, swallowed up in the bog, and there the horse remains.

Now, dear young readers, like we children on that snowy morning, you may be enjoying yourselves and thinking everything is going to be plain sailing with you in your life. You may have a good home, sheltered from the ills and storms of life by a loving father and mother. They may often tell you of the love of God made known to us by Jesus.

Happy are you if, like the blossoms that open in the sun's genial rays, you open your dear young hearts to the glorious Sun of Righteousness ; then the experience of that man on the hills will not be yours. But if you take your own

way and seek to find enjoyment in the things of this world, there will come a day when you will see all that carried you along sink down in spite of your efforts to hold it. Even then, it may not be too late to seek the Shepherd who will take you to His home.

Dear young friend, do not put off seeking the Shepherd till the time when death and a lost eternity come near. The Psalmist could speak of his feet being taken from the miry clay and set on a rock. (Psa. xl. 2.) Make sure now that your feet are on the Rock of Ages, "And that Rock was Christ." "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." (Prov. iv. 18.) No dangerous bogs are on that path—will you take it now? R. D.

## All About Charlotte.

### CHAPTER IV.

#### CHARLOTTE'S VISITORS.

ONCE every week Charlotte had a day of special, holy joy, and that day was the Lord's Day, the first day of the week.

When asked why she loved it best, her reply was, "Because it is the Lord's Day—the Lord's own day."

The account of little Charlotte's life, written more than sixty years ago, does not tell us how many of these happy holy days it was given her to enjoy; but it says of one of them that it was the last day of August, and that on it "she joined in all the hallowing exercises of the day of rest. It was her last sabbath on earth. Her next was spent in a happier world, amid more glorious companions." Yes, indeed! for before the week was over Charlotte had gone to be with Jesus in the bright home above.

For some time before that Lord's Day she had been very poorly, but her friends thought she was better, and even when

she was ill again on Monday and Tuesday they had no idea that she would so soon be leaving them. But Charlotte herself seems to have felt that her time was very short, for she asked to see first one and then another of those living in the orphanage, and more than once had all the children assembled round her bed.

One of the first to visit her on Tuesday morning was the matron of the home, whom the children used to call "Mamma," and to her Charlotte said, "Oh, Mamma, how sorry I am for you; you have taken much trouble for me; I have been praying to God for you, and others, nearly this whole night." And then Mamma must have been much surprised to hear her say soon afterwards, "I have no need of your dinner now; I am filled with the bread that cometh from above; I am ill, and I know that I will not live, neither do I wish to live."

Another visitor, later in the day, was a native woman who lived in the home. This friend asked Charlotte, "Are you afraid of dying?"

"Oh, no," she answered, "I am not afraid to die; I am going to God: for Jesus Christ's sake my sins are forgiven; all my sins are cleansed through His blood."

It was not grown-up people only who came to see Charlotte; Susan, one of the other girls, had a very nice talk with her that she would never forget. "Charlotte, do you believe in Jesus Christ?" she asked.

"Oh, yes," was the ready answer.

"If you die, where will you go?"

"I will go to heaven, where I shall see Jesus Christ, and all His holy people."

And so, with question and answer, the conversation went on, until presently Susan asked, "Charlotte, what did Jesus say to little children?"

And the answer was given, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

(To be continued.)

Memory Text for the Month.

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IF GOD BE

FOR US,

WHO CAN BE

AGAINST US?

ROMANS viii. 31.

## A Very Little Lamb.

A SWEET story comes from China. A little Chinese boy, at Amoy, in a Christian family, wanted to be baptised and to break bread. But his father thought he was too young. "But," said the little lad, "did you not say the other day, Father, that Jesus carries the lambs in His bosom? I am only a very little lamb, and so it is easier for Jesus to carry me than some who are bigger."

And Jesus did carry the very little lamb. And now, a lad no longer, I believe he is preaching the gospel.

S. J. B. CARTER.

## Bible Searchings.

Please post answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.

Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 5 and 8.

### 1 SAMUEL V., VI. AND VII.

1. To what place did the Philistines take the ark of God after capturing it from Israel?
2. Where was Samuel's house?
3. Give (a) the name of the stone, and (b) its meaning, and (c) the two places between which Samuel sat it?
4. For how long was the ark in the country of the Philistines?
5. (a) On what kind of a vehicle was the ark sent back to the land of Israel, and (b) by what was it drawn?
6. To what place did the kine take the ark?
7. At what place did the ark abide for twenty years?
8. Samuel told Israel that the Lord would deliver them out of the hand of the Philistines if—what? Quote his words.

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

#### 1 SAMUEL V. AND VI.

1. Give the name of the Philistine god who fell on his face before the ark of the Lord.
  2. What did the men of Ashdod say about the ark? (Twenty-four words.)
  3. Why did the Lord smite the men of Beth-shemesh? *Note.* In preparation for next month's questions please read 1 Samuel viii., ix., and x.
- A number of our friends commenced their Searchings this year with February. Will they please send answers for the January questions with those for April.
- Please put name, address, month and references to each set of answers.

### German Translation of the Questions.

Bible Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

Die 14 Jährigen und älteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle 8 Fragen.

Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die fünfte und die achte aus.

### 1 SAMUEL V., VI., VII.

1. Wohin nahmen die Philister die Lade Gottes als sie dieselbe von Israel gefangen hatten?
2. Wo war das Haus Samuels?
3. (a) Wo hieß der Stein den Samuel nahm? (b) Die Bedeutung des Namens. (c) Er setzte den Stein zwischen zwei Orten welchen?
4. Wie lange blieb die Lade im Lande der Philister?
5. (a) Auf welchem Fuhrwerk wurde die Lade zurück nach dem Lande Israels gesandt? (b) Wie getragen?
6. Nach welchem Orte nahmen die Kälbe die Lade?
7. Zu welchem Orte verbleibt die Lade zwanzig Jahre.
8. Samuel sagte zu den Kindern Israels dass Jehovah sie aus der Hand der Philister erretten würde wenn— Was? Seine Worte anführen.

### Fuer die unter 10 Jaehrigen.

#### 1 SAMUEL V., VI.

1. Wie hieß der Gott der Philister der nieder auf seinen Angesicht vor der Lade Jehovas fiel.
  2. Was sagten die Männer Ashod betrefls der Lade?
  3. Warum schlug Jehovah die Leute Beth-shemesh?
- Anmerkung.—Bitte Kapitel viii., ix. u. x. des Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen, um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

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## Answers to February Searchings have been received from the following:

### Searchers over 14 years of age.

Kingsley Adams, Nelson Anderson, Stanley Bass, Margaret Baxter, Gwyneth Bloomfield (2), Mary Brewis, Charles Brown, Jessie Brown, E. J. Browning, Florrie Bruce, Mary Burr, John Chalmers, Eunice Chambers, Denis Clarke, Helen Cook, H. Davis, Alex. Donaldson, Teresa Punnell (2), Gilbert Glass, Nancy Glass, Stephen Glover, Constance Green, Kathleen Guy, Grace Handy, Margaret Hardingham, J. B. Horberry, Margaret Knappett, Helene Lindberg, John Lynes, Margaret McCready, Aubrey McGrath, George Munson, James Munson, Mary Martyr, Malcolm May, Alice Mepham (2), Nellie Mepham, Thomas O'Hara (2), Catherine Pepper (2), S. Richardson, Trevor Rice, Douglas Rowe, Raymond Rowe, Gwen Sibley, Gilbert Smart, Emice Smith, Olive Smith, Owen Stubbs, Hilda Styles, Emma Tull, Sylvester Tull, Gladys Town, Margaret Tucker, Margaret Ward, Doris Ware (2), Ruth Watson, Edward Westcott, Martin Whilbourn, Ann Wilson, John Wood, Constance Worthington, Mavis Worthington.

### Searchers 10 to 14 years of age.

Desmond Allen, Isobel Anderson, John Angell (2), Ruth Auger, Joan Baguley, Evelyn Barnett, Ronald Barnfield, Ruth Barrow, Edith Baxter, Colin Bennie, Non Bishop, Joan Bladon, Jack Boyce, Mary Bottomley, Mary Brady, Miriam Brandt, Joseph Brock, Mary Brock, Joan Brown, Margaret Brown, Stephen Brown, Jessie Buchan, Dorothy Buckle, Donald Burr, Eric Burr, Margaret Burr, Gladys Burtenshaw, Richard Bush, Charles Cameron, Olive Chalmers, Leslie Chase, Mabel Chase, Winnie Chattell, Arthur Coles, Bunty Cook, Ellen Cotton, David Crocker (2), Beryl Curtis, Ruby Curtis, Muriel Dadd, Margaret Davies, Peter Davies, Ora Davis, Alan Daw, David Deayton, Barbara Dimond, Dorothy Dixon, D. L. Doughty, Freda Doughty, May Doyle, Ruth Edwards, Kathleen English, Margaret Farron, William Farron, Richard Fisher, Ruth Fleming, Margaret Flett, Ethel Foun, Esme Foote, P. Foot, Betty Francis, Jenner Francis, Mary Francis, Prudie Fraser, Sidney French, Alan Gardner, Kathleen Gardner, F. Gardner, Frank Gardner, Geraldine Gardner, Chris. Garthwaite, Margaret Garwood, Winifred Gattrell, Monica George, Elsie Gladson, Mary Gladwith, Lucy Glass, Margaret Glover, Edna Grant (2), Edwin Green, Joyce Green, Margaret Guy, Dorothy Hale, Samuel and W. Hamilton, Louis Handy, Wilfred Handy, John Hardingham, Peter Hardiman, Dorothy Harding, Leslie Harris, Lily Harris, Norah Harris, Willie Harris, Doris Harrison, Violet Hastie, Stephen Hawkins, Eric Hazelton,

Kathleen Hazelton, Olive Hedger, Dennis Hedges, Mary Hedges, Eileen Henry, Helen Henry, Hugh Henry, Mary Hickman, Joan Hobbs, Raymond Holland, Betty Holman, Violet Horberry, John Howes, Leslie Hughes, Richard Hughes, Ronald Hughes, Stuart Hughes, George Hutson, Dorothy Ingram, J. A. Ireland, Vera Jackson, Dolores Johnston, John Kirkpatrick, Margaret Knight (2), Nancy Knight (2), Marlon Laird, Geoffrey Latimer, Geoffrey Lawrence, Monica Lawrence, K. Leader, Joyce Lee, Ruby Lewis, Cecil Lindberg, Eunice Lodge, Donald Lynes, Malcolm Lynes, Jean McCreedy, Willie McCreedy, Chrissie McCreedy, Jean McCreedy, Alex. McLean (2), Jessie McLean (2), W. B. McMullen (2), Nan McNeil, Jean McQueen, John Main, Muriel Main, Azubah Mair, L. P. Mair, Leslie Mansfield, Alired Markham, Jean Markham, Dennis Markham, Pat Markham, Paul Markham, Kenneth Marshall, Irene Mason, Nancy Mason, Muriel May, Arthur Meek, Martha Meek, Margaret Millett, Gwen Mitchell, Hew Mitchell, Barbara Mortimer, Brian Mortimer, Helen Mounter, Patricia Murphie, Ethel Newby, Nora Newby, Gladys Norton, Douglas Oliver, Leslie Oliver, Mary Oliver, Donald Peart, Frank Parker, Mary Pearce, Eileen Pearson, Mabel Peart, Nellie Peart, Elizabeth Penn, Joyce Peters, Elaine Phillips, Doris Pierce, Catherine Pirie, Isabella Pirie, John Pirie, Ruth Plank, Joan Pratt, John Prior, Evangeline Pugh, Ruth Rawling, David Reeves, Audrey Reeves, Hilda Reeves, Edward Reeves, Phillip Reeves, Jean Reeves, Linda Reeves, James Reid, Doreen Riddle, David Rowe, Dennis Sales, Alan Scott, Beatrice Scott, Marjorie Seaman, Barbara Sheddin, Jack Smallridge, Marguerite Smallridge, Hilda Smith, Margaret Smith, Primrose Smith, John Stevenson, John Swindell, Mollie Swindell, Arthur Stubbs, Marjorie and Olive Talboy, Francis Teaffey, Grace Teaffey, Alan and John and Ruth Temple, Jean Temple, George Terries, Eileen Thomas, Kenneth Thomas, F. Thompson, Gladys Thompson (2), Beryl Thorne, Harry Thorp, Maurice Tucker, Edith Uttley, Margaret Varley, Sadie Varney, John Vockins, Maxwell Walker, Eleanor Ward, Paul Ward, Hilda Watson, Helen Watt, Mary Watt, Olive Webb, Ruth Weston, Dorothy Wheatcroft, Kenneth Whitley, Grace Whittin, Elsie Williams, Keith Williams, Gladys Wilson, Mary Wilson, Bernard Wisby (2), Alexander Wood, Catherine Wood, James Wood, James George Wood, Eric Woodford, Barbara Wright. One without name from Blackheath.

#### Searchers under 10 years of age.

Peter Allen, Tom Anderson, Jane Annutt, Cyril Barr, Jean Barrow, Jeanie Bennic, Kathleen Bishop, Harry Bottomley, Elsie Boyce, Joyce Bridges, Gilbert Brown, James Cameron, Bernard Cavé, Richard Caws (2), Betty and Olive Chattell, Mary Clarke, Margaret Clinch, Erica Cossham (2), Mary Courtlour, Eric Cox, Crystal Curtis, Margaret Darton, Paddy and Sheelagh Davis, Eric Devenish, Paul Devenish, Clifford Eastwood, Malcolm Elliman, Leslie Everitt, Annie Falconer, Brenda Farley, Eileen and Jack Farren, Frank and John Fletcher, Olive Foot, Betty French, Joan Funnell, Betty Gardner, Isabel Gardner, Elsie Greenslade, Ruth Handy, Peter Hardingham, Paul Hardwick, Edith Harris, John Harvey, Marjorie Hastie, John and Peter Haughton, Kathleen and Mary Gwendoline Hawkins, Mary Hawkins, Henry and John Hazell, Betty Heath, John Hedger, Brian and Mavis Hedges, Mildred Hedges, Mary Hellen, Olive Hemmings, Freda Henry, Graham Holland, Kathleen Holman, Helen Hughes, Norman Hughes, Jean Hunter, David and Henry Hutson, Norman Hutson, Margaret Ingram, Cyril Jones, Olive Jubly, Ruth Lawrence, Joyce Leader, Dorothy Lodge, John Low, Betty Lynes, Helen Lyons, Charles and James McCreedy, John Macdonald, Margaret Maddox, W. Mansfield, Eileen Markham, Keith Markham, Ronald Martin, Fred Mason, Marshall Meek, Beryl Mickle, Edwin Mitchell, Malcolm Mitchell, Rhona Morrish, Stanley Mortimore, Elisabeth Mounter, Clifford Moidie, Ben Murphie, Donald and Mildred Nason, Norman Paddock, Mary Palmer, Eric Patton, Audrey Pierce, Jean Pole, Alan Poole, Margaret Pratt, Arthur Pring, Alan Reeves, Violet Reid, Mavis Riddle, Dorothy Rollo, Audrey Scott, Marjorie Seaman, Frederick and Robert Smallridge, Betty Smith, Alec Sneller, Gordon and Kathleen and Mary Spratt, Nesta Stickleland, Jean and William Stott, Vera Temple, William Thompson (2), Marjorie Thorp, Pauline Uttley, Joan Varney, Margaret Watt, John Webb, David White, Ruby White, Dorothy

Whyte, Ruth Williams, Helen Wilson, Eric Wisby (2), David and Jessie Wood, Willie Wood, Rodney Woodford, Bernard and Brenda Worrod, Phyllis Worthington, Jean Young.

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*Australia.*—Jean and Ruth Browne, Betty Buchanan, Daisy and Olive Chesterfield, Douglas Cooper (2), June Flintoff, Joan Grange, Chrystal and Sylvia Hansen, Muriel Hatty, Gwenda Horne (2), Bede (2) and Brian and Cecil King, Leonard Rook, Hilda and Stanley and Wallace Sylvester, Gwenda Williams (2).

*Barbados.*—Hilda Stoute.

*Canada.*—Agnes Allan, Eileen and Eleanor Bishop, Evelyn Bone, Margaret Claydon, James Conacher (2), Dorothy and Norman Forbes, Hilary Gammage, Jim Gold, Douglas Grant, Annie and Lillie Jones, Joan and Kathleen Julian, Jack Ladyman (2), David (2) and Hazel (2) and Mamie Langrell (2), Edna Leslie, John and Mary and Philip Mitchell, Joyce Morrison, Gertrude and Isabel Quennell, Fred Reid, Fraser and Robert Robertson, Dorothy Swepson, John Taylor.

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*Jamaica.*—Avis Boothe (2), Betty Copp, Evelyn Dean (2), Henry and Stanley Moore, Sydney Scott.

*New Zealand.*—Beryl Blackman, Mervyn Broomhall, Minnie Goddin (2), Doreen and Lorna Gower, Dick and Enid Moore, Eric Porter, Douglas Rice (2), Katie and Marjorie Simpkin, Joyce Stewart, Noel Strickett, Elsie, Gwen and Joyce Thomas, Nina and Trevor Waite, Joyce Walton.

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*Sweden.* Ake Gille.

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God doth not need

Either man's work, or His own gifts: who best  
Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best: His  
state

Is kingly. Thousands at His bidding speed  
And post o'er land and ocean without rest.

They also serve who only stand and wait.

J. MILTON.

# Youthful Days.



## Dark Days.

**T**HERE never was a year with continual sunshine; there are stormy days and dull days as well as sunny ones. So it is in life, "Some days must be dark and dreary." When we were young and sheltered by the care of father and mother, we thought life was going to be sunny always. Here are a few lines from a poem where the writer is looking back on those days :

Silently I seemed to gaze  
On those far-off happy days,  
But what long, long years—Ah, me!—had  
rolled between.

Then the days were filled with song  
And they never seemed too long,  
While the skies ne'er lost their blue, nor fields  
their green.

Then how bloomed the flowers in spring,  
Gladsome did the birdies sing.  
And no thought had we of grief or any care,  
Sheltered by a mother's love,  
Gift to earth from heaven above.  
But now silent is her voice—the home is bare.

Yes! the dark days come, but the scriptures tell us to prepare for them by remembering God (our Creator) in the days of youth. The older woman in the picture has made that preparation, and now that the dark day has come to both, she is trying to comfort the younger woman. They both love the same person and are anxious about him. I think I can hear the young woman saying, "I wish I could have gone to the war instead of him."

The mother-in-law takes the opportunity to speak to her daughter-in-law of the love Jesus had for us when He went into a far greater conflict instead of us. For if we had to face the storm of God's judgment and the power of the foe, we should be hopelessly lost for ever. She is telling how Jesus not only bore the judgment due to us, but He has "borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows . . . the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa. liii. 4, 5.)

The young woman places her hand on

the side of the door and listens. May the story of Jesus and His love enter her soul, then she will have more than a silver lining to her clouds, she will have joy in her heart and be able to sing :

I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!  
He loved me ere I knew Him,  
He drew me with the cords of love,  
And thus He bound me to Him;  
And round my heart now closely twine  
Those ties that naught can sever,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
For ever and for ever.

I trust every reader has found that Friend who says, "Lo, I am with you always." (Matt. xxviii. 20.)

One word more, see how nicely the two women are dressed. The scriptures tell us to put on modest apparel, not to go half naked, as many do nowadays.

A young woman returned to a town where at one time she had gone occasionally to a room where a few of God's people used to meet. There they were accustomed to remember the Lord Jesus and to read God's word and also to preach the gospel.

On the Lord's Day after she had returned she went with a friend to the room she had used to visit, only to find that those who had once met there were now meeting in another place, but where she did not know. She shut her eyes and prayed to the Lord. When she opened her eyes she saw two women with modest apparel passing. She said to her friend, "We will follow those two," and to her delight found the place she sought for. You see, clothes can be a testimony to the Lord, can they not? R. D.

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**T**HE preacher was telling his audience how very important it was to give heed to the scripture which said :

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH." (Eccles. xii.)

And as he was speaking I thought of three of the reasons *why* it was important. But as I had gone to listen to the preacher I waited until I reached home before following up my own thoughts, and *now* I am putting them down for you, dear boys and girls, to share with me.

THE FIRST of the three reasons then is that we ALL

NEED A SAVIOUR,

and JESUS, by whom and for whom all things were created, is that Saviour.

He came into the world which He had created on purpose to *save sinners*, and the Holy Scriptures tell us that ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God, and that is why we all need a Saviour.

THE SECOND REASON is that JESUS is THE ONLY SAVIOUR.

No one has done for us what Jesus has done. He laid down His life for us ; He *died for our sins*.

But *why* should He do this ? Why should He *die for us* ? I wonder whether you can say what another once said :

O SAVIOUR, I have nought to plead,  
In earth beneath nor heaven above,  
But just my own exceeding need,  
And THY exceeding LOVE !

Yes, it was LOVE, wonderful, wonderful love, that caused Jesus to die for our sins. And, oh, *what* a death He died ! A death of cruelty and shame on mount Calvary, where He was crucified between two malefactors, and all that *for you and for me* !

THE THIRD REASON is that Jesus is WILLING TO SAVE.

The scripture says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," and JESUS, who is the LORD, said Himself, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

I love to think of this : Jesus *wants you* ! Perhaps no one else wants you, but Jesus does. We used to sing :

Jesus wants you, won't you trust Him ?  
He will save you NOW—TO-DAY.

Jesus is no longer on the cross. He is not in the grave. He is now crowned with glory and honour.

"Able, willing, waiting now to save." And He is soon coming to take all His own to be for ever with Himself.

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR  
IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH."

"NOW is the accepted time,"  
"NOW is the day of salvation."

(2 Cor. vi.)

Harrogate.

W. LAWRENCE.

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Remember thy Creator NOW,  
While in the days of youth.  
With contrite heart before Him bow,  
And seek the ways of truth.

Think much of what He did that you  
With Him might have your part,  
And pray, "Lord, keep me ever true  
To love that WON my heart.

And give me boldness day by day,  
Thy worthy name to OWN,  
That someone else may learn to say,  
"Lord, I am Thine alone."

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"Ask, and it shall be given."

SUSIE'S father was a painter and was usually in good work, but one winter a good many years ago he, with many others, found himself "out of a job." In his lifetime there was no dole, and things looked very serious for his family. His wife was hard-working and exceedingly clean. She scrubbed until there was no paint left on the doors, or pattern on the linoleum, so having to

stint with soap was a great trouble to her; and as the weeks went on she became still more troubled, for even the daily bread was scarce.

Susie went every Sunday to a class, where she learnt wonderful things, which comforted her heart and kept her singing for joy, when her parents were grumbling. She had learnt that higher than the stars and all she could see above her, there was another world called heaven, where there lived "the man, Christ Jesus."

Susie often looked up at the sky and thought of Him there, although she could not see Him, and remembered that He once left His heavenly home above and came to earth to do the will of God and save her soul by dying for her on the shameful cross. She knew that she could send messages up to heaven and get an answer back, and so although she had a hard life, having to run home directly after school and turn a heavy mangle or scrub and clean, she was helped and comforted in many ways. She knew that she was precious to the Lord Jesus, that He loved her, and each evening she would lie down to sleep with her head on the pillow of His love.

She liked to think that she had a Father in heaven who cared for her and would give her food and clothing.

One day all the food in the house was gone, and when dinner-time came there was just nothing at all, but she laid the cloth as usual.

"What are you doing, laying the cloth, child?" asked her mother. "Didn't I tell you that there was nothing for dinner?"

"God will send us some, Mother."

"Don't be so silly, Susie, we shall have to go without to-day."

But Susie went on laying the table. It was nearly time for their meal, but as Susie arranged the knives and forks, she was saying all the time, "Father in heaven, send us some dinner."

As she prayed she thought she heard footsteps, and went to the back door and

opened it, and on the step stood a large basket with their name, Pattenden, on a card tied to it.

Susie's delight was great. "Mother," she called, "come quickly."

Her mother came and gazed at the basket with amazement.

"I told you, Mother, that God would not forget us! He never will. He has told someone to bring us this food."

Then they unpacked the basket—there was meat and bread and many good and necessary things, enough for several meals. Susie's mother did her utmost to find out who had sent it, but none of her friends knew anything about it, and she never found out. Susie knew that God had sent it, that was enough for her.

Shortly after this her father got work again and Susie never missed a meal, and as she grew up she went to her Father in heaven and told Him all her needs; and although she had a crooked spine and could not work like others, she was loved and cared for all through her life, so that she learnt to trust God more and more and confide in Him and in His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust," said David, many years ago, and this was true of Susie. She was *blessed*, which means happy, because she knew how good God was and how He loves to be trusted.

K. M. R.

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## True Value.

"Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." (Mal. iii. 16, 17.)

**High at God's right hand is Jesus,  
Honoured, worshipped, glorified,  
By this world He is rejected,  
He who once for sinners died.**

**But upon this earth are living  
Those of value to their LORD,  
Those who, by the Holy Spirit,  
Hear, and bow unto His word.**

**Here, where JESUS knew deep sorrow,  
Suffered more than we can tell,  
We may live to give Him pleasure,  
We may live His praise to swell.**

**Then "in that day" O what gladness !  
As His jewels Christ will claim  
All who fear Him, and, in this day,  
Think upon His precious name !**

A. M.

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## All About Charlotte.

### CHAPTER V.

"SUCH PITY AS A FATHER HATH."

ONE of those little Charlotte specially desired to see on the Tuesday of her illness was her "darling Miss Laing." That lady at once came to her bedside, and Charlotte put out her arms and held her, while she said, "Oh, ma'am, I love you very much; you brought me to Jesus; now pray for me."

After prayer she asked for the one hundred and third Psalm to be read to her, and when Miss Laing remarked, "Jesus loves praying children," she answered by repeating the psalm which had just been read :

"Such pity as a father hath  
Unto his children dear;  
Like pity shews the Lord to such  
As worship Him in fear"—

and so right on to the end of the psalm. Some of the verses she said again and again because she found them so beautiful.

Indeed, the Holy Spirit brought passage after passage of the scriptures which Charlotte had loved and committed to memory, back to her as she lay on her bed. One of these passages was :

"Come, ye blessed of my Father,

inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. xxv. 34.)

Another which filled her with joy was :  
"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (1 Peter i. 8.)

Then the sweet thought of the Father's house with its many mansions was brought before her soul, and she repeated aloud :

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

And so right on through the fourteenth chapter of John, pausing now and then, but continuing and commenting as she went : "Oh, yes, Jesus is the way, the only way. He will come to receive me. He is the good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep. And He will come for His own; in His Father's house are many mansions, and there He has prepared a place for them."

(To be continued.)

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## Under the Sun.

I DARESAY most of us have at some time thought that if we had this or that particular thing we should be happy and content, but we only find that if we do get our longing granted, before long there arises another want in our hearts.

Now I want to tell you about a man who once lived on this earth, and he was in a position to gratify every wish that he had. Perhaps some of my readers know whom I mean. I refer to Solomon, who, as you have no doubt read, was endowed with wisdom from God more than anyone before him, and such were

his riches that he could get anything he wanted, as he says, "Whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them." So if happiness could be found in earthly possessions, surely Solomon would have found it. Listen to what he says, as the Preacher, King over Israel in Jerusalem, "I have seen *all* the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit," or, as the New Translation puts it, "pursuit of the wind." (Eccl. i. 14.) Now, if you saw anyone trying to catch the wind, you would laugh at them, because you know they would never succeed, however long they chased it. Such was the estimation of the great Preacher, Solomon, as to all that is done "under the sun." So if we hearken to his words we shall waste no more time looking for satisfaction in the pursuits of this life, whether of wisdom or of folly, for Solomon tried both, as you will see if you read the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Where then shall we find what we are longing for to make us happy? The same Preacher will tell us. "My son, give me thine heart." (Prov. xxiii. 26.) It is God who is speaking there. One is reminded of the story of the infidel who was endeavouring to overthrow the faith of a poor negro convert, asking him, among other questions, "How big is your God?" To which the negro replied, "He is so great that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him, and so small that He can dwell in my heart." The infidel confessed that this simple, yet profound answer, had done more than anything else to shake his views.

Give your heart to God now, in your youthful days, and ask Him to fill it; then you will indeed have a blessing that neither Solomon's riches could buy, nor his wisdom bestow.

A. B.

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Jesus! Thou art enough  
The mind and heart to fill.

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## Memory Text for the Month.

### Thou art with me.

Psalm xxiii. 4.

**W**HEN John's schooldays were over he became a ticket clerk at a busy railway station.

Saturday was an especially busy day for John; but no matter how late it was when at last his work was done and he was free, he always spent Sunday at home.

Home was seven miles from John's work, which meant a long, weary trudge all alone along a dark, dreary road; no small matter for a lad of sixteen years old, especially for one who was rather nervous.

It was no wonder that John felt uneasy, for he was tired after his day's work, and he had heard many a tale of robbers waylaying travellers in the dark.

One Saturday it was after midnight when John started his walk in what seemed to him "the valley of the shadow." The last two miles before reaching his own village it was darker than ever, there was a high wooded hill on either side and before him black darkness.

John was in such a hurry to get through this that his feet scarcely touched the ground as he sped along, when suddenly from a few paces ahead a loud voice called, "Is that you, Johnnie?"

Poor John was so frightened he scarcely remembered his own name, but great was his joy to find his father close beside him!

With father's hand on his shoulders, father's voice sounding in his ear, father's feet tramp, tramping along with him, the darkness seemed to become light.

Long years afterwards when John was preaching he told his hearers the story of that walk, and how the remembrance of the joy and peace of having his father beside him through that dark valley

reminded him of the fourth verse of the twenty-third Psalm :

"I will fear no evil : for  
thou art with me."

And those words are true to this day, not only for the last or darkest bit of the homeward road, but men, women and children as they hurry along through this world that is shadowed by death, all the way from start to finish if they will, may say :

"The Lord is my Shepherd ;  
I shall not want . . .  
I will fear no evil : for  
thou art with me."

J. E. B.



## Bible Searchings.

Please post answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.

Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 1 and 7.

### 1 SAMUEL VIII., IX. AND X.

1. (a) Where did Samuel tell Saul that he would find two men, and (b) what did he tell Saul they would say unto him ?
2. After Samuel had told the people the manner of king that should reign over them, what did they say ?
3. Give the names of Samuel's sons who were made judges over Israel.
4. Who said, How shall this man save us ?
5. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom was it said, Give us a king to judge us ?
6. When Samuel said to the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, what did the people do and say ?
7. (a) By whom, (b) to whom, and (c) of whom was it said, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of ?
8. What did Samuel say unto the cook ?

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

#### 1 SAMUEL VIII. AND IX.

1. A man who in Samuel's day was called a prophet was beforetime called—what ?
  2. When the people asked for a king what did Samuel first do ?
  3. Samuel's two sons walked not in his ways, but (complete the verse).
- Note.—In preparation for next month's questions please read 1 Samuel xl., xli and xlii.

### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

Die 14 Jaehrigen und aelteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle 8 Fragen.

Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die erste und die siebente aus.

#### 1 SAMUEL VIII. IX. UND X.

1. (a) Samuel sagte zu Saul dass er zwei Menschen finden würde—Wo ? (b) Und dass diese wurden ihm etwas erzählen—Was ?

2. Als Samuel dem Volk: erkläre auf welche Weis: ein König über sie herrschen würde was sagten sie ?

3. Nenne die Söhne Samuels die Richter über Israel waren

4. We sagte, Wie sollte dieser uns retten ?

5. Wer sagte—and zu welchem, Setze einen König über uns ?

6. Als Samuel zu dem Volke sagte, " Habt ihr gesehen den Jehovah erwählt hat," was machten sie und sprachen ?

7. " Siehe da den Mann, von dem ich zu dir geredet habe." (a) Wer sprach also ? (b) Zu wem ? (c) Von wem ?

8. Was sagte Samuel zu dem Koch ?

### Fuer die unter 10 Jaehrigen.

#### 1 SAMUEL VIII. UND IX.

1. Der am Tage Samuels Prophet hiess wurde vordem was genannt ?

2. Als das Volk zu Samuel sagte " Gib uns einen König "—was machte Samuel zuerst ?

3. Die zwei Söhne Samuels wandelten nicht in seinen Weg, und sie—len Vers vollenden.

Anmerkung.—Bitte Kapitel xl., xli, und xlii, des Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen um die nächste Monats Frage i beantworten zu können.



## Answers to March Searchings have been received from the following :

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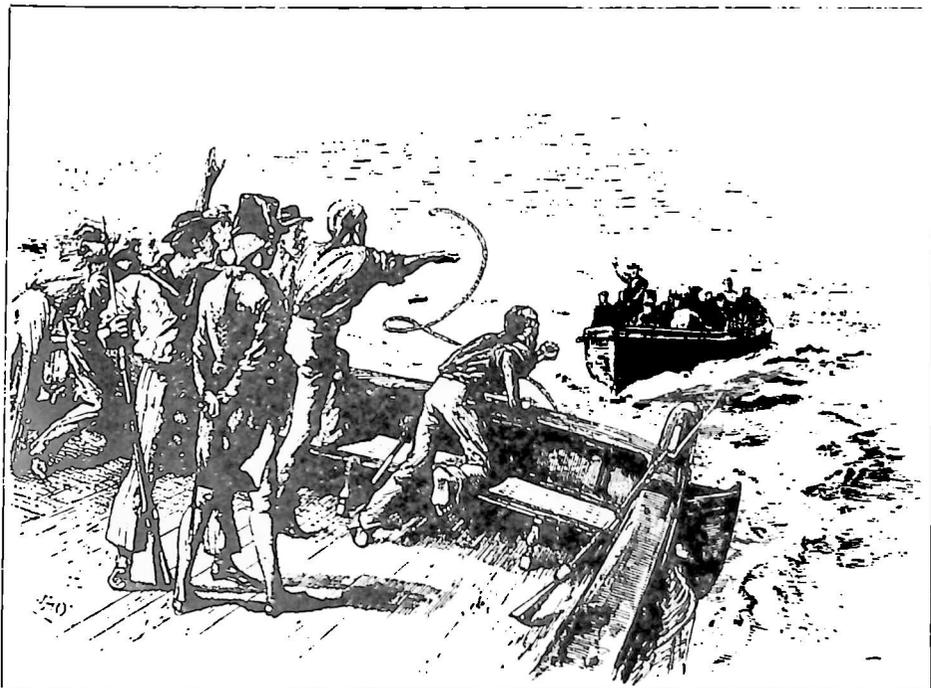
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Jesus, Du allein bist würdig,  
Dass Dir Lob und Dank geweiht,  
Deine Liebe, Gnade und Güte  
Alles Denken übersteigt.

# Youthful Days.



## Man's Effort and God's Grace.

### MAN'S EFFORT.

**I**N the year 1787, His Majesty's armed ship, the "Bounty," under Captain Bligh, was fitted out by the British government for the purpose of bringing bread-fruit plants from the South Pacific Islands and planting them in the West Indies as a source of food and revenue for the natives there.

After cruising for a year and calling at Otaheite in the Pacific, some of the crew formed the wicked resolution to mutiny, and forced the captain and eighteen men with him into one of the ship's boats, sending her adrift with some provisions.

Once in command of the "Bounty," the mutineers, numbering twenty-five, returned to Otaheite and persuaded some of the natives to come on board and go with them to an uninhabited island in the Pacific, afterwards named Pitcairn. Some remained on Otaheite, but nine seamen went with the "Bounty."

There they settled, building houses and using all the fittings and provisions in the "Bounty" to make themselves homes. When they had taken all they could use they burnt the hull of the vessel for fear of detection. This was *their effort* to be happy and prosperous without the fear of God or rule or authority of any kind.

They went on quietly for a month or

two, but once settled in their homes strife commenced, the natives forming plots to be rid of the white men, and the white men living in hatred and fear of one another; until in a comparatively short time all the seamen had been murdered or had died in some tragic manner, only one white man, John Adams, remaining.

Such was the result of *man's effort* for his own comfort and prosperity: hatred and strife during his lifetime and death at the end, and the judgment to follow.

### GOD'S GRACE.

Accordingly, in the year 1800, John Adams found himself in the extraordinary position of being the only white man on Pitcairn Island, with a native wife and the widows of the eight seamen and about twenty children. He was then thirty-six years old, and became suddenly serious-minded through two dreams he had of the judgment to come. God touched his heart, he felt his past sins and saw the folly of resisting authority and going his own way, and began to pray.

He remembered that there had been a Bible on the "Bounty," which after some trouble he found, and became a diligent reader. He owned to God his past wickedness, and sought the forgiveness of his sins.

Through reading the Bible, and by the work of God's Spirit in his heart, he learnt that Jesus, God's Son, had come into the world to save sinners, and had died for him. For this he thanked God and started at once to teach the native women and children the fear and the love of God. The children enjoyed his lessons and could not have enough.

An immense change came over the island. Instead of fighting and hating and killing one another, the love of God dwelt in their hearts and peace and joy and prosperity marked them all. Adams visited the sick, taught the children, and held services for all, and God blessed his efforts. He, who was the son of a London waterman, and had never been to school

and could hardly read and write, learnt to study the Bible and then taught the islanders what he had found.

We are told in God's word that:

**Evil men understand not judgment; but they that seek the Lord understand all things.** (Prov. xxviii. 5.)

This was very clearly seen on Pitcairn. Adams sought the Lord, and He taught him the meaning of much that so-called wise men do not understand, and his mouth became "a well of life." He lived to be sixty-five years old, and when he left his work to go to be for ever with the Lord, he had the joy of knowing that the rising generation would fear God and keep His commandments.

It is well to notice the change on the island when God's grace began to be known. Previously when the seamen tried to make themselves happy *in their own way*, terror, strife, and then death were upon them; but when the fear of God marked them and obedience and subjection to His word, peace, joy, and prosperity reigned.

It would be a good thing for each boy or girl who reads this to ask, Which am I doing? Seeking to make *myself* happy in my own way, or allowing *God* to make me happy in His way? It must be one way or the other, and the really happy boys and girls are those whom God blesses, and the happiness He gives goes on for ever and ever.

K. M. R.

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### Foxes and Birds.

(MATT. VIII. 20.)

**The weary foxes seek their homes,  
Holed out in bank and bush,  
And with their cubs soon fall asleep,  
Curled up in cosy brush.**

**The birds—each near its little nest,  
To one another sing,  
And then, tired out, they go to bed,  
With head tucked under wing.**

**But think, dear boys and girls, of this—  
That He who you has blest,  
And He who all things made could  
find  
No place in which to rest :**

**He who Himself, the Son of man,  
Though very God as well,  
Had nowhere He could lay His head :  
No home where He could dwell.**

**Now ponder this, and question why,  
WHY this could ever be,  
And ask yourself, What does it mean,  
What does it mean to ME ?  
Harrogate. W. LAWRENCE.**

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## All about Charlotte.

### CHAPTER VI.

"THERE WILL BE JESUS."

MISS LAING stayed with Charlotte for some time, and when she left her bedside gave her a hymn-book to read. But however beautiful the hymns might be, they did not give Charlotte the same pleasure she found in reading her Bible.

"I like the hymn-book very much," she said, "but I like the best book better, because it tells me more about Jesus."

Surely little Charlotte had given to the Lord the one thing He prizes more than everything, she had given Him her heart.

"We love him because he first loved us," and Charlotte loved Him so much that when she thought He was about to take her to be with Himself, she could say, "I long to be away—I long to go to heaven."

"Why do you?" someone asked.

"Because there will be Jesus, and it is a holy place—no sin there."

Charlotte's first thought of heaven was that Jesus is there. Heaven would have been an empty place to little Charlotte if Jesus were not there. She was right too in speaking of heaven as a holy

place. Some dear children, and grown-up people too, forget that heaven is a holy place and that sin can find no entrance there. Charlotte knew it well, but she knew also that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin, and she often repeated the words, "For His blood cleanseth from all sin," in a tone that shewed how much comfort she found in them.

"There is a city bright,  
Closed are its gates to sin ;  
Naught that defileth,  
Naught that defileth,  
Can ever enter in.

His precious blood was shed  
To wash away my sin ;  
Cleansed and forgiven,  
Cleansed and forgiven,  
Thus can I enter in.

Saviour, I come to Thee !  
O Lamb of God, I pray,  
Cleanse me and save me,  
Cleanse me and save me,  
Wash all my sins away."

(To be continued.)

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## Psalm Twenty-three.

TUNE : "O Love that will not let me go."

**O Thou great Shepherd of the sheep,  
Thy flock shall never hunger know ;  
Thou dost them feed and safely keep  
In pastures green 'neath mountains  
steep,  
Where quiet waters flow.**

**With honey\* sweet Thou dost restore  
My soul if it should sickly be ;  
In righteous paths Thou lead'st  
before,  
I follow, learning more and more,  
I must depend on Thee.**

**O Love, that lightens up the gloom  
Of death's dark vale with its bright  
ray,**

\* Refers to the practice of Eastern shepherds carrying honey, which they give to a sheep that may have eaten a poisonous plant and may look sick.

**Points where unending pleasures bloom,**

**In yon fair land beyond the tomb,  
Where shines a cloudless day.**

**And as I pass the shadowy glen,  
I fear no ill for Thou art near.  
Though Satan here may have his den**  
(Heb. ii.)

**And keep in bondage sons of men,  
Thy rod and staff will cheer.†**

**But keeping close to Thee I cling,  
Till through the valley's shades of  
night,**

**Then on the mountain I shall sing,  
And far triumphant notes will ring,  
When breaks the morning bright.**

**My foes behold Thou dost prepare  
Abundance—Lo ! the feast is spread,  
The outcome of Love's tender care.  
While boldly I may enter there,  
And those blest portals tread.**

**My head's anointed with the oil  
Of gladness as I sup with Thee,  
My cup runs o'er with joy erstwhile,  
Goodness and mercy in Love's toil  
Through life shall follow me.**

**But now no more a stranger guest,  
That halts a moment on his way,  
Nor yet a pilgrim seeking rest,  
But in Thy house at Love's behest,  
Here I may dwell for aye.**

† "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me," refers to the custom in some parts of the East for the shepherd to go before the sheep leaning on his staff, and carrying a rod with a heavy weight of lead or iron fixed on the end. With this he can strike a deadly blow at any reptile or animal trying to injure the sheep. The staff our Shepherd leaned on was the Word of God. Shall we say the rod was the will of God and the heavy weight at the end the death of the cross? "That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death . . . and deliver," would support this. (Heb. ii. 14.) How comforting to see our Shepherd leaning upon His staff and with the rod dealing that deadly blow that means deliverance to us. We sing:

"He has bruised the head of our mighty foes,  
For us was His victory."

Had God that rod in mind when He told the serpent, "He shall bruise thy head"?

R. D.



## God's Ways.

**He everywhere hath sway,  
And all things serve His might ;  
His every act pure blessing is,  
His path unsullied light.**

**T**HE Book of Jonah shews and amply confirms how "All things serve His might." God brings into request many things which we might call His servants, who carry out His will.

God's will was to use Jonah as a messenger to Nineveh to cry against it for their great wickedness, but he thought to flee from the presence of the Lord. (Jonah i. 3.) He went down to Joppa, paid his fare to Tarshish, and went on board a ship, which shortly afterwards set sail and got out to sea. It was then that the LORD used the first servant. He "sent out a

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into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken." (Chap. i. 4.)

There is no mistaking that the storm was for Jonah's sake, for he himself confessed it. The mariners and the ship master had learned that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. (Ver. 10.) So that the storm might cease, he told them to cast him into the sea. The men rowed hard to avoid doing this. Yet at last it is done, and we read that the LORD was going to use a second servant.

"Now the LORD had prepared a

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to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three

nights." (Ver. 17.) We are sure that this is right, for the Lord Jesus speaks of it. (Matt. xii. 40.) It was no accident, but belonged to the ways of God. We learn also from the gospels the control the Lord Jesus had over the fish in the sea. He filled the disciples' nets with them. And when a piece of silver was wanted, He could send Peter to catch a fish which had the money in its mouth.

How pleased we are to learn that at last Jonah went on the LORD's service, but not yet in sympathy with God and His ways.

"The people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them." (Jonah iii. 5.) Then we read further, "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way." What true repentance this was, they not only said they were sorry, but they proved it by their ways. They took sides with God against themselves.

But Jonah was very angry. (Chap. iv. 1.) He wanted his preaching to be carried into effect even if it did mean the overthrow of Nineveh. God would teach him the meaning of mercy, which he had not learned. Jonah in his anger went outside the city and made a booth from which he watched to see what God would do. Now a third servant is used. "The LORD God prepared a

### GOURD,

and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief." (Chap. iv. 6.) Such was the kindness and consideration of the God of mercy for him, and he was glad of the gourd.

Yet God prepared a fourth agent in His perfect ways, which was a

### WORM.

"When the morning rose the next day . . . it smote the gourd that it withered." (Chap. iv. 7.) We see in the ways of God how He can use the smallest and meanest thing for His own glory and our blessing.

Then God calls into request another clement. He "prepared a

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and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah." These two agents combine to bring him lower and lower, for God would shew him that there was mercy in His heart for all who truly repent.

The Ninevites were a great people, but ignorant as to God and His ways, "six score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand." This is not so with the readers of YOUTHFUL DAYS. We cannot plead ignorance when we have heard the gospel or have read it in these pages.

The object of this paper is that we may see how God is perfectly expressed in our Lord Jesus and that there is mercy for each of us in the heart of God when, like the Ninevites, we truly repent.

God may not be using the same means with us that He did with Jonah. Some time ago, a dear old Christian told us that God had to break both his legs to make him think of his drunken ways and turn him to Jesus as his own Saviour. A blind man used to tell us that God had to take away his eyesight to bring him to the Saviour and see the error of his ways. He may have used some such means to bring most of us to a saving knowledge of the truth. We can only thank Him for it from the depths of our hearts.

J. L.



### "Considering the End."

"LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is ; that I may know how frail I am." (Psa. xxxix. 4.)

THE psalm from which the above verse has been taken will interest anyone who will read it through. In it we have the record of a man's soul experience. Some may think that "soul-experience" is a matter in which they have no concern ; we would remind such

of the Lord's searching question, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The writer of the psalm found that he was sinning with his tongue. This troubled him, so he resolved to keep silence. Meanwhile his feelings stirred within him, while he was musing the fire burned, as he says, and at last he could be silent no longer. Then he cried to the LORD that he might know his end and the measure of his days.

If David, who wrote the psalm, could enquire thus about his end, what about ourselves? Have we ever considered what the end or outcome of our life will be. Some may reply that as the future course of life is hidden from us we had better go along, heedlessly taking whatever may come and then try to make the best of it.

But the Lord has not left us to drift in uncertainty as to the course of this life or as to what may happen when our life on earth has ended.

On the one hand, the lives of earnest Christian men and women are an example to us. Most of us have known someone of this character. Without perhaps having been definitely appointed, he has occupied the place of leader or ruler. To those in trouble he has been able to give a word that has strengthened or comforted. Others in doubt, wavering and halting between two opinions, have been set at rest by his counsel. His rebuke, too, has had its effect on wanderers and backsliders. Whether for comfort, counsel or rebuke, all he has said has been drawn only from the word of God. We are exhorted to follow the faith of such and consider the end or object of their lives. (See Heb. xiii. 7.) Did they not believe in a risen Lord, were they not devoted and untiring in His service?

Then, on the other hand, Paul tells us in the Epistle to the Romans (chap. vi. 21, 22) what lies ahead. He shews the end of a life which may have been spent either in the service of sin or in the service of God.

The life of the unbeliever who yields himself as a servant of sin is marked by shameful iniquity. What good, what fruit is there in such a course? the apostle asks. Then he adds a solemn warning, "For the *end* of those things is death."

The believer is in the happy position of liberty and freedom from the bondage of sin. He can yield himself to righteousness and holiness. He becomes a servant to God. What is the *end* of this course? As we read the words of the apostle doubts and fears are dispelled, for he says, "Ye have your fruit unto holiness and the *end everlasting life.*"

**Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the *end of your faith*, even the salvation of your souls.**

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## Memory Text for the Month.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING.

**To him that overcometh** will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. (Rev. ii. 7.)

**He that overcometh** shall not be hurt of the second death. (Rev. ii. 11.)

**To him that overcometh** will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. (Rev. ii. 17.)

**He that overcometh** and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father. And I will give him the morning star. (Rev. ii. 26-28.)

**He that overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. (Rev. iii. 5.)

**Him that overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God . . . and My new name. (Rev. iii. 12.)

**To him that overcometh** will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. (Rev. iii. 21.)

## Bible Searchings.

Please post answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedd, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.

*Note.*—In preparation for next month's questions please read 1 Samuel xiv., xv. and xvi.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 2 and 5.**

### 1 SAMUEL XI., XII. AND XIII.

1. What did Samuel say that he would teach the people?

2. What severe terms were imposed by a king as a condition to the making of a covenant? Quote his words.

3. Who said, and to whom—Thou hast done foolishly? Write out the verse in full.

4. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom—Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee?

5. What did Samuel say would happen to the people if they did not obey the voice of the Lord? Quote his words.

6. Who said, What aileth the people that they weep?

7. In the day of battle who, only, had sword and spear?

8. Where was Saul made king?

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

#### 1 SAMUEL XII.

1. What great thing happened on a day in wheat harvest?

2. Samuel was old and gray-headed. For how long did he say he had walked before all Israel?

3. Who said, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you?

### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedd, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

*Anmerkung.* Bitte Kapitel XIV., XV. und XVI. des Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

**Die 14 Jaehrigen und aelteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle 8 Fragen.**

**Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die zweite und die funfente aus.**

### 1 SAMUEL XI., XII. UND XIII.

1. Was sagte Samuel dass er das Volk lehren würde?

2. Auf welchen Bedingungen wollte der König Sabs der Ammoniter einen Bund mit den Männern von Jabes machen?

3. Wer sagte, und zu wem, "Du hast thöricht gehandelt?" Den ganzen Vers anschreiben.

4. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem, "Mache einen Bund mit uns, so wollen wir dir dienen?"

5. Anführen die Worte Samuels als er dem Volke sagte was ihnen geschehen würde wenn sie auf die Stimme Jehovahs nicht hören wollten.

6. Wer sagte, "Was ist dem Volke dass sie weinen?"

7. Wer allein Schwert und Speer am Tage des Streites hatten?

8. Wo wurde Saul zum König gemacht.

### Fuer die unter 10 Jaehrigen.

#### 1 SAMUEL XII.

1. Welche grosse That an einem Tage der Weizenernte ge schah?

2. Samuel war alt und grau geworden: wie lange Zeit sagte er dass er vor dem Volke gewandelt hatte?

3. Wer sagte, "Fern sei es von mir, gegen Jehovah zu sündigen, dass ich ablassen sollte, für euch zu bitten?"

### Answers to April Searchings have been received from the following.

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**SURELY I COME QUICKLY.**

# Youthful Days.

## Praise, Praise His Name!

(Music by W. A. OGDEN, from "Golden Bells.")



JESUS is our SAVIOUR dear,  
He to us is always near;  
Close to HIM what can we fear?  
Praise, praise HIS name!

Every tree and every flower,  
Owns HIS wisdom and HIS power,  
And HIS wonders fill each hour.  
Praise, praise HIS name!

GOD come down to earth was HE,  
Here to dwell with such as we,  
So that we our GOD might see.  
Praise, praise HIS name!

But HIS love is greater far  
Than HIS making of a star,  
Greater than HIS mercies are,  
Praise, praise HIS name!

All the stars by HIM were made,  
Sun and moon which never fade,  
Light and life HIS word obeyed.  
Praise, praise HIS name!

For to death HIS love would go,  
That its fulness we might know,  
And our hearts with joy o'erflow.  
Praise, praise HIS name!

Now we prove for us HIS care,  
Every day and everywhere;  
Soon HIS honours we shall share,  
Praise, praise HIS name!

## Freda's Snare.

FREDA, as we will call her, was very unhappy. She tried not to be, but it was of no use. She grew more and more miserable.

What was the matter?

Perhaps she had told a lie? No, she was a truthful child. Perhaps she had taken something that did not belong to her? No, she would have been horrified to do such a thing, for she had good parents, who had taught her God's law and the wickedness in His sight of lying and stealing. Had she been unkind to someone? No, it was not that either.

Let us peep into her bedroom and look at her! She has locked the door and is sitting reading, bent double almost over a book on her lap. The dinner-gong sounds, but she does not hear it, she is so absorbed in her book.

The moments fly, still she reads on and on. Presently there is a knock at her door: "Freda, the gong has sounded ten minutes ago, are you ill?"

"Oh, has it?" she answers, as she recognises her sister's voice; and putting the book hastily into the drawer, she hurries downstairs. Her mother looked very grave when she appeared.

"Where were you, Freda, when the gong sounded?"

"In my room, mother, and I am sorry to be late, but I never heard it."

"Another time look at your watch and be downstairs in time, there is no need to be dependent on the gong."

Freda was unhappy because she was beginning to realise that story-book reading was ruining her. She knew quite well that **the devil goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour**. She knew that he is seeking boys and girls and that he has many ways of getting them, and she felt that he was helping her to get away from following the Lord.

She knew that her sins were forgiven her, and she had had great joy in her heart in knowing that she belonged to the Lord

Jesus, that He loved her and had given Himself for her, but she had lost her joy, because she was preferring story-books to reading His word—the Bible. What was she to do? She grew very wretched and hated herself for her weakness and her inability to refuse the books.

"What am I coming to?" she said to herself. "When I think how precious Christ was to me, and how happy I was, and these story-books have put out the light of His love in my heart. I am no good to myself or to others, my school-work is poorer, and I have been living *to myself* instead of *unto Him* who died for me. I have grieved my best friend the Holy Spirit, who dwells in me, and my joy and delight in the Lord Jesus and His word have left me."

Freda sat thinking of her carelessness and indifference to God's word; and then she knelt down and told the Lord how weak she was, but that if He would forgive her and restore the sense of His love in her heart, and give her the strength to refuse, she would never borrow any more story-books from school friends.

She *really* wanted, like so many boys and girls, to be *true* to the Lord Jesus and to speak of Him to her school friends.

As a Christian child there was so much to *learn* in the sixty-six books which were given her to help her to know the law of the Lord, bound together and called the Holy Bible; and so much to *do* for the Lord Jesus too.

There was blind Miss White to read to (and some of Freda's happiest moments were spent with her), clothes to make or alter for the poor, just numberless things to do in her spare moments.

She remembered that *all* she was, and *all* she had, she had given to the Lord, for she had often said:

"Lord, take my tongue, my hands, my feet, my all,  
And let them live and give and go for Thee."

So she made a fresh start, feeling her weakness, but how much she had to help

her—a God and Father, and His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven, and the Holy Spirit on earth. She became what every Christian boy and girl may also become, an overcomer, and she had the joy of knowing that :

**“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”**

K. M. R.



## The Missed the Bridge.

**H**OW many people to all appearance are on the road to heaven, yet if you come to speak to them you will find they have left out the most important thing of the whole journey. We all know at the end of this earthly life is that river or “bourne from which no traveller ever returns.” It cannot be crossed by human power or means ; any attempt to cross it that way only ends in entire failure to reach the heavenly side. Some may go to places of worship, take the sacrament (as it is called), sing hymns, and even read their Bible. But if they do not make use of the Person who is the only bridge across that river, they will be lost.

Let me tell you a true story as an illustration of what I mean. A young lad who helped a shepherd in the border hills was given a holiday by his master in the winter-time. The weather being mild, there was less work. However, he had not been long among his friends when a snowstorm came on. The dear lad knew that his master would be hard put to in getting the sheep into shelter and feeding them. Instead of waiting till his holiday time was up, he started back at once.

Night would be on before he could reach his destination, but he knew the road and where the bridge was that he must cross and which was not far from the shepherd’s cottage.

But he never reached the cottage, nor could he be found till the snow had melted, and there his body lay by the side of the stream against the bridge. You must bear in mind that the roads he went along had no fences on each side like most of the roads you are used to. He had walked past the side of the bridge instead of on to it, had fallen heavily against a stone and was smothered in the snow. How sad ! Yes, very sad indeed. He went almost all the way, yet missed the bridge at the end of his journey.

How many do the same thing in a spiritual sense. The Lord Jesus tells us of five virgins who to all appearance were as much in earnest as the other five, yet to them their journey ended in a door closed against them.

The bridge I mean is Jesus ! He is the only One who can carry us over to the other side. We must make use of the bridge to cross the stream, or all the journey will be in vain. If Jesus is the Bridge in this sense, then everything has been done in order that we may arrive safely. There might be some who have had the lifelong knowledge that Jesus is the Saviour of sinners, and yet never able to say, “He is my Saviour.” Such persons called from time into eternity would have missed the bridge.

Get a living link with Jesus now. “Lord, save me,” said to Him in earnest would be enough. He would do to you what He did to the sinking Peter. You don’t want to miss the bridge, do you ? Well, see to it now.

**Now is the accepted time . . . Now is the day of salvation.** (2 Cor. vi. 2.)

R. D.



## Love’s Return.

**Y**OU may perhaps have picked up an acorn in your country rambles, with its little brown dress, so insignificant. Yet contained in that seed

## Heights and Depths.

is a life, when matured, of very great length. It has been said that it takes the oak tree hundreds of years to mature and to remain in its vigour hundreds more, and then there is the gradual and long decay. This may or may not be true, but it is very, very slow in growth. Strong and stately as this tree is, it does decay and passes away like everything else in this world.

There is something far greater than this wonderful tree. There are things that will not pass away, so let each one of us go in for them. Small things done in the name of the Lord Jesus and for Him, a consistent life in your home amongst your brothers and sisters and in the office, a little book given away! A kind word may be spoken, or even a smile given to a sad and weary heart, there are many such, and it is like a ray of warmth to them, which savours of heaven. Jesus sees it all and takes note of it as done to Him.

This little service is within the reach of everyone who loves the Lord Jesus, and knows that their sins have been washed away in His precious blood. Little acts! Yes! yet they are great and far-reaching, they outlive the great oak tree and pass on into eternity, and in the coming day will get their reward.

Would you not like to get the "Well done, good and faithful servant" said to you in that day? It is open to you. Youthful days are passing swiftly and opportunities with them. Remember, you cannot go back, so, dear reader, press on and take them up fearlessly as they lie in your pathway, and be a little worker for Jesus.

He has done great things for you. *"Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* (Heb. xii. 2.) Think of the joy it will be to Jesus to have us with Him in the glory. What will you do in return for such love in the little while till He comes.

L. E. P.

(To be continued.)

MOST children delight to climb, whether it be hills or mountains even, to say nothing of trees, ladders, fences and so on. Some do it out of sheer mischief, with frequent sorrowful (or maybe, pleasant) results, as you probably would own to having done so yourself. Others, more wisely, do so to discover things, or perhaps to obtain a much better view. What a wonderful sight to see a sunrise or sunset from the top of the Alps in Switzerland. How patient and enduring are the efforts made in the ascent by the mountaineers and their guides, without whom the climbers could not hope to succeed.

Just turn to the story of Zacchæus in Luke xix. It says he ran and climbed a sycamore tree. What was his reason? Certainly not mischief, for he was in real earnest. Besides, we are told that he was short in height. The reason was that he wanted to see Jesus, the most wonderful Person that ever walked on this earth.

We read of many remarkable changes in the lives of certain people mentioned in the Scriptures, and this is one of them. "Come down," says the Lord to Zacchæus, "for to day I must abide at thy house." Without hesitation he came down and received Him *joyfully*.

Have you, dear reader, understood the call and welcomed Jesus into your heart? What a guest to have, as He alone can bring you lasting joy.

It was said in scorn by those who saw the Lord going along with Zacchæus that "He was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner." Just so, for "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." So great was His love that He gave His life "a ransom for many," to redeem us as guilty in the sight of God, to God.

In accepting pardon from God we have wonderful blessings in store now as well as for ever. It is open to each one

of us setting out on our Christian pathway to live henceforth "not unto ourselves, but to him who died and rose again." What a difference there will be, "at home, at school, at play," enjoying the sunshine of divine love.

You remember the story of Joseph, how he was put in the pit and afterwards sold to the Ishmeelites, for he was "hated without a cause." Yet it was he who later brought joy to his father and brethren. He had everything, food, money, land, power! His love was their salvation. He went *down* that they might be blessed, and serve their God in worship in their promised land.

What heights and depths of love divine  
Will there through endless ages shine.

A. F.



## THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Remember that—In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. (Gen. i. 1-5.)

W. L.



## All about Charlotte.

### CHAPTER VII.

#### THROUGH THE VALLEY.

**T**HOUGH ill, Charlotte was not suffering any pain, and on Wednesday morning all the orphanage children gathered round her bed, and at

her request sang the twenty-third Psalm. She loved that psalm dearly, and had often been heard singing it sweetly to herself when she thought no one else was near. "Oh, how kind and good!" she remarked, "sweet, sweet Jesus! He is the good Shepherd, and He will be in the valley, why then should I fear?"

And now Charlotte asked to see a friend who lived outside the orphanage, a learned gentleman named Dr. Duff. It was he who afterwards wrote the story of her life, from which this short account is taken. Charlotte wanted him to come to "speak to her about Jesus, and pray for her."

And when she was asked why she wanted Dr. Duff rather than anyone else, she answered, "Because I understand him."

How happy it made that servant of the Lord Jesus to know that he had been enabled to give his Master's message so simply and plainly that even a little child had understood it; and how gladly he would have granted her wish and visited her. But when the message was brought to him, he was given to understand that there was no need to come at once. Because of this he stayed to finish what he was about to do, thinking that then he would be free to spend a nice long time with dear little Charlotte later in the day.

You may imagine how sad and disappointed he was to be told on his arrival that he was just too late.

Once more Charlotte had asked for her beloved twenty-third Psalm, and afterwards she joined in singing:

"Around the throne of God in heaven,  
Thousands of children stand,  
Children whose sins are all forgiven,  
A holy, happy band.  
Singing glory, glory, glory.

In flowing robes of spotless white  
See everyone arrayed,  
Dwelling in everlasting light,  
And joys that never fade,  
Singing glory, glory, glory.

Once they were little things like you,  
And lived on earth below ;  
And would not praise, as now they do,  
The Lord who loved them so,  
Singing glory, glory, glory.

What brought them to that world above,  
That heaven so bright and fair ?  
Where all is peace, and joy, and love—  
How came those children there ?  
Singing glory, glory, glory.

Because the Saviour shed His blood  
To wash away their sin :  
Bathed in that pure and precious flood,  
Behold them white and clean,  
Singing glory, glory, glory.

On earth they sought the Saviour's grace,  
On earth they loved His name ;  
So now they see His blessed face,  
And stand before the Lamb,  
Singing glory, glory, glory.

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Not many minutes afterwards little  
Charlotte softly fell asleep in Jesus.

(To be concluded.)

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## Memory Text for the Month.

They that were ready  
went in with him to the  
marriage: and the door  
was shut.

Matthew xxv. 10.

## Wise or Foolish?

A SCHOOL-GIRL was busy with her home-work. She was not quick at learning, so the French idioms she was preparing had to be repeated many times over before they were fastened in her memory.

Presently she laughed to herself as her eyes lighted on one of the sentences: "Arthur, vous êtes en retard!"

"Why, that is just what Arthur often

is," thought she, "late, en retard. The very next time he is late for breakfast I shall be able to tell him in real French that he is 'un mauvais sujet,' because 'vous êtes en retard'; he will be surprised!"

Her thoughts sometimes wandered away to the days when she and her brother were little children in far off India, and she seemed to hear her mother's voice calling. It was night, and she shook herself, saying, "No, I don't want to get up, it is so dark."

But mother called again: "Come, child, come, I wish to shew you something you may never again have an opportunity of seeing."

Mother took her from her bed to the window where her brother Arthur was standing blinking sleepy eyes as he gazed out into the night.

Nothing could be seen at first, but there were sounds of music and merriment. Suddenly from the distance came a loud cry, or call, and from the other way an answering shout—then the pattering of many feet running, while flaring torches and twinkling lamps lighted the roadway. In the midst of the throng of people a canopied litter was carried, gorgeously draped with coloured silks, and inside sat a bride dressed in gay clothing and jewels.

The next morning at breakfast time when the children were talking about what they had seen in the night, mother read to them the first thirteen verses of Matthew xxv.; she explained that the parable, so like the wedding they had seen, was told by the Lord Jesus as a warning to people to be ready.

Oh, children, don't be late for meals, late for school, late for bed, and most especially of all, don't be late in coming to Jesus.

Many boys and girls have come to Him, why not you too?

Those who are ready have the oil in their vessels with their lamps, they have the Holy Spirit within them, they are ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

The door is wide open now, but soon—we do not know how soon—it will be shut. On which side will you be?

The solemn answer to those who are late is,

“I know you not !”

Our schoolgirl could not remember the Hindustani words that were cried in that marriage night, but mother said, that in English they meant,

“The bridegroom comes !”

and the answering shout,

“I come, I come !”

It is night now for those who love Jesus, and already the cry has sounded,

“Behold, the Bridegroom cometh !”

and they hear the answer,

“Surely, I come quickly !”

“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”

Let us not sleep like those in the parable, but let us see that our lamps are trimmed and our lights shining, and that each one is ready responding with joy,

“Even so, come, Lord Jesus !”

J. E. B.



## Bible Searchings.

Please post answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.  
*Note.*—In preparation for next month's questions please read 1 Samuel xvii., xviii. and xix.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight.**

**Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 4 and 5.**

### 1 SAMUEL XIV., XV. AND XVI.

1. (a) Who was anointed king in place of Saul, and (b) what was said as to his appearance? Quote whole verse.
2. Quote whole verse in which the “strength of Israel” is mentioned.
3. Who said, “For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few”?
4. What were the names of (a) Saul's wife, (b) his sons, and (c) his daughters?
5. King Saul's son told his father what he had done which would have cost him his life but for the intervention of the people. Quote what he said he had done.
6. Among whose sons did the Lord say that he had provided a king in the place of Saul?
7. Two sharp rocks are mentioned. Give their names.
8. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams”?

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

#### 1 SAMUEL XVI.

1. David was cunning in playing, and—What else is said of him in the same verse?
2. “The Lord seeth not as man seeth.” Complete the verse.
3. Of whom did Samuel say, “Surely the Lord's anointed is before him”?

#### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, schicken.

*Anmerkung.*—Bitte Kapitel xvii., xviii. und xix. des 1e Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

**Die 14 Jaehrigen und aelteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle 8 Fragen.**

**Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die vierte und die funfte aus**

#### 1 SAMUEL XIV., XV. UND XVI.

1. (a) Wer wurde gesalbt als König anstatt Saul? (b) Was wurde gesagt betreffs seines Aussehens? Den ganzen Verse anführen.
2. Den ganzen Verse anführen wo es ist “von dem Vertrauen Israels” gesprochen.
3. Wer sagte “denn für Jehovah giebt es kein Hinderniss durch viele zu retten oder durch wenige.”
4. Wie hieß (a) das Weib von Saul, (b) seine Söhne, (c) seine Töchter.
5. Der Sohn des Königs Saul erzählte zu seinem Vater was er getan hatte. Seine Worte anführen.
6. Unter wessen Söhnen sagte Jehovah das Er einen König, anstatt Saul ersehen hatte.
7. Zwei Felszacken werden erwähnt wie heissen sie?
8. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem “Siehe, Gehörchen ist besser als Opfer, Aufmerken besser als das Fett der Widder.”

#### Für die unter 10 Jaehrigen.

#### 1 SAMUEL XVI.

1. David war “kundig des Spiellens,” was ist von ihm im selben Verse ferner gesagt?
2. “Denn Jehovah sieht nicht auf das worauf der Mensch sieht,—den Verse vollenden.
3. Von wem sagte Samuel—“Gewiss vor Jehovah ist sein Gesalbter”?



**Answers to May Searchings have been received from the following.**

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# Youthful Days.



## Bed-time Thoughts for the Little Ones.

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I thank Thee, Jesus, for Thy care,  
And all the blessings which I share,  
And pray that I may always be  
For all things thankful unto Thee.

I thank Thee for the friends so kind,  
And things of beauty that I find,  
In all of these I see Thy love,  
Who came to seek me from above.

I thank Thee for my little bed,  
Where I may rest my tired head,  
And in the morning fresh and bright,  
Awake to greet the morning light.

But oh, what depths of love I see,  
When Thou didst die instead of me,  
Oh, Saviour! keep me near Thy side,  
That I may in Thy love abide.

A. B.



### Love's Resource.

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THERE is another remarkable feature about this beautiful shady tree, the oak. It was not always big like that, it had a very small beginning. A single seed lying in the damp soil for some time bursts its skin and a tender shoot springs up. But many, many years after when it is grown into a fine tree it is said that if you took a spade and dug down exactly under the extreme end of the wide-spreading branches, you would find the corresponding root from the trunk under ground, giving nourishment and support to those branches above.

How like those who take Jesus as their Saviour and know that their sins are washed away and pardoned by believing in Jesus, who seek to do things that are right in His sight and please Him in their daily walk.

You cannot go one step along this pathway without Jesus. You need Him

every moment, and as the roots of the oak tree give nourishment and support to those branches above, so you, dear reader must find all your resource in the Lord Jesus in every trial, in every difficulty. "Take it to the Lord in prayer."

In keeping close to such a Friend, you will grow in grace and in the knowledge of Himself. And as your branches spread out, shall we say, in little acts and words, little deeds of kindness to others, there will be fruit for God, and you will get the gain and joy in your own soul. You will find all your resource in Jesus and He will never fail you.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. (Heb. xiii. 8.) The same on the cross in all that suffering love, the same on the throne in the glory to-day, and to-morrow the same Jesus is coming again into the air to call away from this world all who love Him. Will you be among that number?

L. E. P.



### The First Miracle.

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THE occasion of the first miracle performed by the Lord was a marriage to which He and His disciples had been invited. The celebration and the feasting had not been going on for long when trouble began to shew itself. Those in charge of the entertaining discovered that there was not enough wine to serve all the guests. This would be a calamity, for it would never do to give wine to a few and send the rest away without any. (John ii. 1-11.)

The mother of Jesus was there and when she learned what was the matter she told Him. Although His answer was abrupt, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come," she nevertheless said to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Standing in the house were six stone waterpots, and the Lord said briefly to the servants, "Fill them with water."

When they had obeyed, He spoke again, telling them to draw and carry what they had drawn to the master of the feast. What had once been water was now wine, and of such excellent quality that the master was surprised that it had not been brought out before.

We gather from the account of the miracle that the Lord used servants in His work. For we see how He kept in the background, and only one person spoke to Him, and that was His mother. When the servants were commanded they obeyed at once. They did not drink any of the wine themselves, but carried it to the master of the feast, who only took enough to taste.

After the Lord's return to heaven, He carried on His work by means of servants. Shortly before His ascension, He told the apostles to wait in Jerusalem till power from heaven came upon them. This word was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost and from that time they went out preaching the gospel everywhere. While the apostles were preaching the Lord was out of sight in heaven, where He still is. To-day His work is being carried on by other servants whom He has since raised up, and He is still willing to listen to those who pray to Him on account of the needs of others. Many a man has been converted owing to the prayers of his mother.

The servants in the house at Cana knew the secret of the water that had been turned into wine. In the same way the apostles on the day of Pentecost were in the secret of what had happened to the Lord Jesus. They had known Him in the days of His humility, they had witnessed the shame of His death on the cross. Now Peter standing up with the eleven could speak to the people of the risen Lord being exalted to heaven by the right hand of God, and could tell of the way in which the Holy Spirit was being shed abroad.

The master of the feast noticed that the wine which the servants brought was better than what they had had earlier

in the day. In the times of the Old Testament, God's people, the Israelites, had had many happy days, especially when they had brought their offerings to the tabernacle or temple. Now through the gift of the Holy Spirit those who believed the gospel were going to receive power, whether Jew or Gentile. In the old days the Jews were the favoured people who could draw near to God. Blessing now no longer comes to a man by natural birth; on the contrary it spreads among all nations. The best comes last.

When the water was changed to wine there was plenty. So to-day there is no limit to the gospel, it offers the best of blessings freely to all.

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## Things to Remember.

**And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.**

**And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.**

**And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. (Gen. i. 6-8.)**

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## How to go Right.

A CLOCK would not go right. Father tried every means, but it still went wrong.

He put on heavier weights—

He put on new hands—

He put on a new face, a new dial—

He shook it, tilted it, oiled it—

But all in vain.

At last his little son, standing by, said: "I think the poor clock *needs a new inside!*"

“Well said, Tommy,” said his father.

And so it is with us spiritually, dear children, we cannot go right till a new inside is formed in us, however much we may try. When Christ is formed in us as the result of savingly believing the gospel, we are “born of God,” and we “overcome the world.” (Read carefully 1 John v. 1-5.) Then the Holy Spirit is given to us and “the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts” (Rom. v. 5), and we prove that “the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” (Rom. i.)

If you have not the Holy Spirit you cannot go right! Then pray for this precious gift; for Jesus said: Your Father from heaven will “give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.” (Luke xi. 13, New Trans.) s. J. B. C.

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## All about Charlotte.

### CHAPTER VIII.

#### A JOYFUL ENDING.

**I**N the evening, as the shadows fell, Charlotte’s body was buried in the ground, but she herself was “absent from the body . . . present with the Lord.” (2 Cor. v.) When Jesus comes again Charlotte will come with Him, she will have a glorious body then.

Did you ever put a grain of corn into the ground and watch day by day until you saw a tiny green shoot appear, which grew and grew until an ear of corn ripened into beauty? The grain you planted had long ago disappeared, but this beautiful plant came up instead.

Little Charlotte’s body was like the grain of corn, it was buried in the earth, and when she rises again her body will be very different from the one she had before. God’s word tells us of the resurrection of the dead that, “It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural

body; it is raised a spiritual body.” (1 Cor. xv.)

And we who are still here when Jesus comes will have bodies of glory too, for “we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,” when the last trumpet sounds. (1 Cor. xv.)

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (1 Thess. iv.)

Little Charlotte’s story had a sad beginning, but it had a very joyful ending, which is not really an ending at all, but goes on for ever and ever. And all this unending joy and bliss was won for her and for us too “by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.” (1 Thess. v.) E. E. S.

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## Wings.

**M**Y desire is to write to you of “Wings” in the sense that our Lord Jesus would give when He said, “O Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings.” (Matt. xxiii. 37.)

Ruth came back to the land of Israel with her mother-in-law Naomi. She had already said, “Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God,” thus throwing in her lot with God’s people. Boaz knew this and welcomed her, desiring that a full reward might be given of “the Lord God of Israel, under whose

### WINGS

thou art come to trust.” (Ruth ii. 12.) What a lovely figure is used of her and of others as we shall see later.

Wings speak to us of protection and

comfort. This is what we get when we come to the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. We are not only relieved of the result of guilt, but to use our figure, we are taken under His wings. We are protected from the evil that is in the world and we have the great comfort of His love and the love of God.

David asks to be kept as the apple of God's eye (Psa. xvii. 8), and he adds, "Hide me under the SHADOW OF THY WINGS." He knew it was the only place of safety from all around. You have often noticed how the little chickens run when the mother hen clucks her note of warning. They run under her wings and are safe and warm on the coldest day.

Do you know that all the people of God, young and old, are under God's protection. They belong to the household of faith. We say with David again, "How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust

#### UNDER THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures." (Psa. xxxvi. 7, 8.) Under the shadow of His wings is not only the place of safety and comfort, but also of abundance and satisfaction. I cannot call your attention as young Christians to anything more desirable.

How the knowledge of all this keeps us from looking around and within. We come in holy confidence for rest of soul and to be fed with the fatness of God's house. There is no poverty or stint with God. He gives liberally and does not upbraid. (James i. 5.)

This does not mean that times of stress and trouble never come. To most of us they do. God may allow them, or we may cause them by our own will and ways. If we leave the place of safety, comfort, abundance, and satisfaction, we lay ourselves open to Satan's attacks. We may be like some foolish sheep I saw a short time ago. They were

feeding in a luscious meadow, when one of them found a hole in the hedge, and at once went through it into another field. Before many minutes had passed all the flock had gone through. When I looked over the hedge, I saw that they had gone into a bare ploughed field where they wandered aimlessly about, poor things.

In another place (Psa. lvii. 1) we learn the fact that the "Wings" are ever open to receive us. "My soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge." If we are tempted, or have moved away, how thankful we are for a refuge, "He shall send from heaven, and save me." (Ver. 3.) Let us remember that there is nothing impossible with God.

David does impress upon us that there is no need to leave our safe retreat. "For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the COVERT OF THY WINGS." (Psa. lxi. 3, 4.)

We may fail, God never. He would have us safe and happy in our safety. Our thoughts go out to God in the way that David reminds us, "When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice." (Psa. lxiii. 6, 7.) What cause there is for rejoicing when we meditate on the perfect ways of God. How loving and tender His care has been, not causing us a needless tear, and always ready to help before we ask Him.

One more beautiful psalm, where we read, "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and UNDER HIS WINGS SHALT THOU TRUST: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." (Psa. xci. 4.) There we are reminded of other things that His people are delivered from. The precious words remove our fear for the present and for the future. We are only safe and happy as we know that we are taken care of by God.

You will notice that in quoting the verse from Matthew xxiii. 37 we left out the last clause, "and ye would not." The blessed Lord Jesus had sent prophet after prophet that had told the people of wonderful promises and blessings. Instead of being glad to hear, they killed the prophets and stoned God's servants. Yet He Himself would have gathered them, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wing, "and ye would not."

We have been looking at those who did respond to the invitation, and desire that you and I may be found there unto the end. How touching to find the word "chickens" here. The entreaty is not only for us who are old in years, but for those who are young, or as our magazine puts it, in their "Youthful Days." It tells us the way to be saved, and brings comfort and cheer for us on our heavenly road.

J. L.




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## Memory Text for the Month.

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**He took them up in His arms.**

Mark x. 16.

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### Safe.

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**Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast,  
There by His love o'ershaded,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest.**

**A**RTHUR sang with his whole heart as he stood beside his sister, who was sitting at the little harmonium playing the tune.

They were both grown up now, and each morning after breakfast before he went off to work they sang a hymn together. Sometimes they chose :

" Safe in the arms of Jesus."

"Do you know," he said one day, "that hymn has often been a help to me—I seem to hear mother's voice singing to the babies, like she used to when we were young—

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast."

Oh, how safe are they who are upheld by those loving arms, so gentle yet so strong !

"The second verse," continued Arthur, "has especially been a comfort to me,

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe from corroding care,  
Safe from the world's temptations,  
Sin cannot harm me there."

He was only a young man still, about twenty-four years of age, but already he knew well enough what it was to have "care"; and among the other clerks with whom he worked he met many of the world's temptations; but he was *safe*—safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast. There by His love o'ershadowed he found rest, and could sing with a depth of feeling, "sweetly my soul *doth* rest."

It was well that brother Arthur had in the days of his youth learnt king David's little prayer,

**Hold Thou me up and I shall  
be safe;**

that he had learned to trust those everlasting arms, and to rest on the gentle breast of Jesus. It seemed as though he looked forward with intense longing as he sang the next lines of the hymn,

Free from the blight of sorrow,  
Free from my doubts and fears,  
Only a few more trials,  
Only a few more tears.

The brother and sister little knew how soon one of them would be altogether beyond all that troubles. The future was hidden from them; but it was so, that within a few months all was changed. Arthur became too ill to go to work or to stand beside the little harmonium to sing the morning hymn.

While weak in body, the great enemy

of souls harassed him with many doubts and fears; but he was *safe*—safe in the arms of Jesus. Truly for him there were only a few more trials, only a few more tears, and through all he could say:

“Jesus, my heart’s dear refuge,  
Jesus has died for me,  
Firm on the Rock of Ages  
Ever my trust shall be.”

Many a time when in health had he sung,

“Here let me wait in patience,  
Wait till the night is o’er,  
Wait till I see the morning  
Break on the golden shore,”

and now, more than ever was the need of patience while the days of suffering slowly passed, until the last day of all came when Arthur went to be with Jesus, then indeed was he for ever more *safe*.

J. E. B.



## Bible Searchings.

Please post answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.

Note.—May we ask all our friends to look through the books now to see if questions for each month have been answered; this will save much time at the end of the year. Bear in mind that the names come in the magazine two months after the questions have been set, thus:—Answers to April questions are acknowledged in June, and so on. Any who are not quite clear or who think their answers have been sent in without the names appearing in the magazine should communicate with the Editor.

In preparation for next month’s questions please read 1 Samuel xx., xxi. and xxii.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 7 and 8.**

### 1 SAMUEL XVII., XVIII. AND XIX.

- David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. Finish the verse.
- After David had slain Goliath what did Jonathan give to him? Quote the verse.
- (a) Between what places were the Philistines pitched for battle with Israel, and (b) where was Israel pitched?
- (a) Who said, and (b) of whom? For he did put his life in his hand . . . and the Lord wrought a great salvation?
- What was to be the reward of the man who should slay Goliath of Gath? Quote the words of scripture.
- When David fled from Saul where did he go to, and to whom?
- It says David behaved himself wisely in all his ways, and that the Lord was with him. What effect did this have on Saul?
- What were the final words of the Philistine champion in his challenge to the armies of Israel? Quote the full verse.

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

#### 1 SAMUEL XVII.

- What were the names of David’s three brothers who followed Saul to the battle?

- What did Jesse send by David to his brothers?
- (a) Who said, and (b) to whom—Go, and the Lord be with thee?

### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

Anmerkung.—Bitte Kapitel xx., xxi. und xxii. des 1e Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen, um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

**Die 14 jaehrigen und aelteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle acht Fragen.**

**Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die siebente und die achte aus.**

#### 1 SAMUEL XVII., XVIII. UND XIX.

- “Hatte David mehr Gelingen als alle Knechte Sauls.” Den Vers vollenden.
- Nachdem David Goliath getoetet hatte, was gab ihm Jonathan?
- (a) Wie heissen die zwei Oerter zwischen welchen die Philister sich zum streit gegen Israel lagerten? (b) Wo lagerte sich Israel?
- (a) Wer sagte, “Er hat sein Leben aufs Spiel gesetzt . . . und Jehova hat den ganzen Israel eine grosse Rettung geschafft”? (b) Hinsichtlich dessen wurden diese Woerter gesprochen?
- Eine Belohnung sollte dem Manne gegeben der Goliath erschlaegte. Die Woerter der heiligen Schrift anfuehren.
- Als David von Saul geflohen war, (a) wohin und (b) zu welchem gang er?
- Wir lesen, “Es gelang David auf allen seinen Wegen, und Jehova war mit ihm.” Was Eindruck machte dieses auf Saul?
- Gebe die endlichen Woerter des Zwischenkuempfers der Philister als er die Schlaechterhellen Israels verhoehnte.

### Fuer die unter 10 jaehrigen.

#### 1 SAMUEL XVII.

- Wie heissen die drei Brueder Davids die Saul nachgefolgt zum Streit waren?
- Was schlechte Isal mit David zu seinen Bruedern?
- “Gehe hin, und Jehova sei mit dir!” (a) Wer sagte diese Woerter? (b) Wem wurden dieselbe gesprochen?



## Answers to June Searchings have been received from the following:

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Kingsley Adams, Nelson Anderson, Stanley Bass, Gwyneth Bloomfield, John Branch, Olive Branch, Mary Brewis, Florrie Bruce, Mary Burr, John Chalmers, Eunice Chambers (2), Denis Clarke, Helen Cook, Betty and Harry Davis, Alex. Donaldson, Kathleen Ephgrave, William Farren, Teresa Funnell, Gilbert and Nancy Glass, Stephen Glover, Constance Green, Grace Handy, Margaret Hardingham, Margaret Harkness, J. B. Horberry, Vera Jackson, Margaret Knappett, Helena Lindberg, John Lanes, Margaret McCready, Aubrey McGrath, John Main, George Manson, James Manson, Mary Martyr, Malcolm May, Barbara Mortimer, Thomas O’Hara, Catherine Pepper, Elaine Phillips, Trevor Rice, S. Richardson (3), Douglas and Raymond Rowe, H. Salthouse, Gwen Sibley, Gilbert Smart, Eunice Smith, Hilda Styles, Joyce Talbot, Emma and Sylvester Till, Gladys Town, Margaret Tucker, Margaret Ward, Ruth Watson, Edward Wescott, Martin Whitbourn, Elsie Williams, Anna Wilson, John Wood.

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# Youthful Days.



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## The Royal Scot.

**L**ATELY I saw a very fine train. The carriage inside seats were all covered differently, some were like chairs, and there were small tables for reading, writing and so on. The engine was what attracted me most, and I think it was what the boys passing down the platform liked best, for they have a great respect for engines, especially railway engines. This one had a large head light, and a big silver bell, and when I looked into the cab where the driver and fireman stand, there were tubes, levers, and clockwork, a mystery to me, but all very necessary, for the normal running

rate of the engine is sixty miles an hour. Yet it were a piece of cold metal but for coal, water and oil, properly applied; and it all originated with God, who gave man the ingenuity or brains, first to find, and then to manufacture, the material that He has provided in the earth.

Yes, we have to go back to God, who made all things by the word of His power, and gave to all men life, breath and being. God is a great God; He also is a good God; not only to the good and holy, but also to the unthankful and unholy. He is a gracious God; so great His grace that He sent His only Son to take us out of our unholy and helpless condition. "For when we were

yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Do you believe it? If so, thank Him for it and be not among the unthankful, and unholy.

Yes, God is a great God ; a good God and a gracious God.

M. C.



## Paul before his Accusers.

(FOR THE OLDER READERS.)

**PAUL**, the forgiven sinner who had learned the love of Christ, knew the rights of the law better than his judge and his accusers. The appearance before judges which we have in mind (Acts xxv. 6) was the third which had taken place since Lysias the chief captain had rescued him by force from the angry and fierce crowds in Jerusalem.

We gather from the scriptures that he had insisted on visiting Jerusalem against the advice of his fellow Christians and against the warning of the Holy Spirit, which was most serious. When he arrived, he visited James and certain elders, to whom he related how God had worked amongst the Gentiles.

But certain reports had reached Jerusalem accusing Paul of having taught the Gentiles to forsake Moses and to give up the practice of circumcision. James and the elders feared that there would be trouble when it became known that Paul himself was in Jerusalem. To avoid any appearance of failing to respect the law, they advised him to attend to the customary temple rites in connection with four men who had a vow. One of the procedures involved visiting the temple with the men daily for seven days.

There were in Jerusalem at this time certain Jews from Asia who were bitter enemies of Paul because he had persuaded Jews and Gentiles to submit themselves together in faith to the Lord Jesus. They had seen him with Trophimus the Ephesian (Ephesus belonged to Asia, or Asia Minor, as we should speak of it now), and hastily concluded

that he had taken this man into the temple. Then they rushed about the city crying out that, amongst other things, Paul was polluting the holy places by means of Gentiles. To a Jew this was an unpardonable sin, deserving of death.

In the uproar that followed, Paul's life was in danger, and he had to be rescued by Lysias, who made him a prisoner. He was then brought before the high priest and the Jewish council, or Sanhedrim. This appearance led to a violent scene, and Paul had to be removed by force in order to protect him. Then forty Jews conspired to assassinate Paul, and on learning of this, Lysias sent him to Felix, the governor at Cæsarea, to be tried there.

When brought before Felix, he was formally accused by Tertullus on behalf of the high priest and elders from Jerusalem, and when they had concluded, he was allowed to defend himself. After hearing both sides, Felix remanded Paul in custody in order that further evidence might be brought against him. But the evidence was never produced, and Paul was imprisoned for two years. When Felix retired, in order to oblige the Jews, he left Paul bound.

His successor was Festus, who went up to Jerusalem very shortly after his appointment. Here he was urgently requested to have Paul brought to Jerusalem for trial, but the Jews making the request intended to kill Paul on his way. (Acts xxv. 3.)

In a few days Festus returned to Cæsarea, and Paul and his accusers were called before the judgment-seat. Many complaints and accusations were made which could not be proved, whilst Paul answered that he had offended no one.

Festus, like his predecessor, wished to please the Jews, and asked Paul if he would go to Jerusalem in order to be tried there. Listen to his answer :

**I stand at Cæsar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged : to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou**

very well knowest. For if I be an offender, or have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die : but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Cæsar.

As we have already said, he understood the law better than his accusers. No proof of his guilt had been given, and his judge was proposing to send him along a road where he was certain to be killed by people taking the law into their own hands. He knew that this was not just, but he would not shrink from dying if definitely proved guilty.

This is Paul before an earthly tribunal. Now, dear reader, do you recollect that before these events Paul had spoken of a day to come when the *whole world* would be judged in righteousness by one Man? He also knew that this Man was the Lord Jesus, his Saviour. May the readers of these pages be resting in simple faith on the same Saviour, and have in their hearts the assurance that God's righteous claims have been met, and that they are freed from all accusation.



## Janet's Discovery.

JANET, as we will call her, often made discoveries, not finds in the earth of Roman or Egyptian treasure, but of wonderful treasure above in heaven, where her Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, lived ; where there is no moth to ruin, nor rust to spoil, and where no thief, nor anything evil, has ever entered.

In the village where she lived was a widow with a family of children, in great need of money. She knew that her husband had hidden golden sovereigns somewhere in the house during his lifetime, and it seemed very hard to her that she and her children should be so poor, when she was certain she ought to be comfortably off. She spent hours

trying to find the gold, but all in vain ; she looked in all kinds of strange places, but there was no sign of the money anywhere.

At last, much against her will, she told a friend of her trouble, and he came in and helped in the search ; and after pulling the house about a good deal, the gold was found underneath one of the floors.

This was a great day for the widow and her children ! She was able to give them a splendid tea, and went out to buy clothing and many things they all needed, and to take a bag of gold to the bank to be kept safely until she wanted it.

The children were very excited and happy, and the widow was very thankful to God and to her friend for searching so thoroughly for her ; a great deal *more* thankful than if she and her children had never been in real need.

Now Janet was something like the widow, she was in trouble too ; for although her body was not actually cold or hungry, yet her heart and mind were very much so. She would often come in from school tired and cross, and speak hastily to her younger brothers and sisters, and she knew quite well that to be cross was not pleasing to the Lord Jesus, to whom she belonged. She was often ashamed of herself and wondered what to do. She felt like the widow, distressed and unhappy, and tried to find where she could get a supply of happiness, but it was some time before she found it.

It is a marvellous thing that nowadays a vessel in distress in a hurricane or on fire at sea, is able to send a wireless message for help to ships many miles away ; and in answer to its S.O.S., which means "Save our Souls," ships come in all directions hurrying to her help. Many lives and many vessels have been saved in this way.

Janet discovered that she, too, could get help from an *unseen* source, by sending out a cry of distress. She knew that her Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, lived in

heaven. She knew that He had forgiven her sins, for she had asked Him to do this. She knew, too, that they were forgiven, because the Holy Spirit, who dwelt within her, gave her the assurance of this; but now she began to find out that a message of distress sent up to the Lord Jesus in heaven brought an immediate answer.

When she felt cross, she would say from her heart, "Lord, help me," and immediately she would be helped. She discovered that the Lord Jesus was always *near* to help, whatever the difficulty.

Nor was this all. When she did not know what to do, if she asked for wisdom it was given her; if she did not understand what she was reading in the Bible, and wanted *knowledge*, this, too, was given her. (Eph. 1. 17.)

She found out that not only had the Lord Jesus died for her sins, but that He was a *living* Lord and Saviour; that He had power to save her from falling, and that His love and compassion are as real now as when He walked this earth and healed the sick and raised the dead. (Rom. v. 10.)

This was a wonderful discovery for Janet. She sent out many a cry for help to heaven, and how glad she was that she had discovered this before she was grown-up. Now she could spend happy, joyous days whilst still a school-girl, because she had One to help her in heaven, the Lord Jesus Himself, and One to help her on earth, the Holy Spirit. She often sang:

**Poor, feeble, failing, as I am,  
I now can glory in Thy name;  
Now cleansed by Thy most precious  
blood,  
And counted righteous by Thy God.**

**Thy fulness, Lord, is now for me,  
All my fresh springs are hid in Thee,  
In Thee I live; while I confess  
I nothing am, yet all possess.**

K. M. R.



## "Come in!"

A LITTLE boy was greatly affected by a gospel address to children, and said to his dear mother afterwards, "I hear Jesus knocking at the door of my heart—but I don't know how to let Him in."

His mother replied: "Bob, suppose you heard someone knocking at your bedroom door—what would you say?"

"I'd say, 'Come in!'"

"Then say to the Lord Jesus, 'Come in!'"

And Bob did, and Jesus came in—into his heart and life. S. J. B. C.



## Grandpa's Telegram.

WHAT news is there in the telegram that Grandpa holds in his hand?

Only five words and a half, and yet those five and a half words have filled him with such joy that he says, "Thank God" from the depth of his heart.

Five and a half words, but they carry such good news that we as well as Grandpa rejoice to hear them, for the words are these: "Bob's on the Rock, Hallelujah!"

In other words, the telegram tells that his young grandson, away yonder at school, has trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that, so trusting, his feet have been set upon a Rock, the Rock of ages. It tells, too, that the writer, another grandson, is so full of joy at the results of his efforts to bring his young cousin to Christ that he cannot keep the good news to himself, but has had to send a telegram that ends with Hallelujah—Praise the Lord!

And it is not long before Grandpa gets a letter from Bob himself that confirms the telegram, and tells his desire of serving the One who has won his heart.

Other Bobs, and Jacks and Harrys, too, will doubtless read this story. Are *your* feet on the Rock, you other Bob? And yours, Jack, are your feet on the

Rock? And you Harry, and Mary, and Dolly, what about you? Can you sing

“On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand?”

Oh! how true it is that those who are trusting in Jesus, those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are standing on solid Rock, the Rock that cannot be moved; but all other ground is shifting sand, there is no salvation, no safety apart from Christ.

Perhaps, even as you read, you are saying to yourself, “I wish I were on the Rock.”

Do not be content with wishing, for wishing will never put you in that blessed place of safety.

Kneel down, if you can, but even if you are where you cannot kneel, pray from your heart in words such as these:

Lord Jesus, I come to Thee, set Thou my feet upon the Rock. I have often sinned against God, for I am a weak and sinful child, but Thou hast died that my sins may all be forgiven. I come to Thee, make me Thine own, and teach me to please Thee, for Thy great Name's sake. Amen.

And for His great Name's sake He will receive you, and forgive you, and set your feet upon the Rock, for His Name is Jesus, Jehovah the Saviour. E. E. S.



## The Stone on the Moor.

MAKING up a North-country paper some while ago, I noticed an article about stones that had been erected to mark events, or record where some leader in the old Border feuds had fallen. On reading, I saw a few sentences that were of interest to me, and read like this:

“Then there is the stone about a quarter of a mile to the east of Quarry House, set up to mark the spot where a young man was killed by lightning in 1892.”

Let me tell you about it in a few words. The shepherd of the next moor had lost

some sheep and came to Quarry House to inquire about them. A young shepherd living there had seen them, and started off with the owner to shew him the way and to assist him in getting the stray sheep home. Seeing that the sky was getting black, the young man turned back for a waterproof coat. He had almost overtaken his companion when there was a flash of lightning that pitched the first man forward on the ground. When he got up to him, the young man was dead. What an illustration of our Lord's words, “One shall be taken, and the other left.” (Luke xvii. 35.)

I do not want to frighten you young readers by this, but as there are so many ways we can be cut off as suddenly as by lightning, I would commend you to follow the advice of scripture, “Be ye also ready: for in such an hour *as ye think not* the Son of man cometh.” (Matt. xxiv. 44.)

What makes the above of interest to me is that there is a hill about nine hundred feet high a mile or so to the west of the stone, and others with myself were on the top of the hill at the time that the young man was struck. When that dark cloud came close I saw that there was no time to waste and hurried the others on to reach an old ruined tower below the hill, where I knew we could shelter. The storm broke almost immediately, and before we reached the tower, the lightning was terrific. Thus, while we were far more exposed to the danger, we were mercifully preserved, when the lad on the lower moor was killed.

When as children we were afraid of violent thunderstorms, our mother used to tell us that God had control of all, and she would repeat a few nice lines. As fifty years and more have rolled past since then, all I can remember is:

“’Tis He directs the fiery ball,  
And bids it not on me to fall.”

How often have I turned to God when exposed to danger from storms, and He has caused me to leave certain places

more than once or twice that were struck shortly afterwards, shewing that He can protect.

Did you ever think how God preserves by His angels—ministering spirits—attending you in all your carelessness, all your waywardness, all your indifference? The love of God follows you day by day from your birth till at last it touches your heart and His love draws and melts you. If you have not yielded to the love of God in its greatest act on Calvary on your behalf, when the judgment fell upon Jesus the Son of God instead of you—if you have not yielded, do it now, and you will for ever thank God for His preserving care of you. R. D.

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## Memory Text for the Month.

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FOR this month choose one Text from those that are printed in heavier type.

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**E**LIZABETH was very young when she learnt the four words :

### **Thou God seest me.**

She didn't like this text, it seemed to her rather as though great and holy God was always watching, something like a policeman would, to find out the bad things people did, and she did not want Him to be looking at her.

Another little girl had that same short text to learn. She did not know Elizabeth and Elizabeth did not know her, but she felt much the same way about those four small words, and as she repeated them to her mother she trembled, for she knew that God could not only see the naughty things she did, but also that if He looked right into her heart as mother said He could, He must know about her naughty thoughts and feelings, and she was afraid He would write all down in His book.

There was another girl—a big girl this

time, who wanted a little text to carry about in her handbag. The lady whom she asked shewed her one printed on a card in the shape of a shield. It had a bright coloured background and the words were in silver letters and the cost was one halfpenny.

This big girl loved Jesus, she knew Him to be her Saviour and Friend, but when she saw the text on the shield she said, "Oh, not that one!"

Why do you think she did not want that special text?

Perhaps the reason was that sometimes she grieved God's Holy Spirit by doing things that are not pleasing in His sight, and the four words on the card,

"Thou God seest me,"

would make her feel uncomfortable every time she looked into her bag.

Now it so happened that the lady who offered the text shield to her was grown-up Elizabeth. During the years that had passed since she was young, Elizabeth had been learning how happy it was to feel God's holy eyes upon her, to know that He never slumbers nor sleeps. Night and day, week by week, month by month, year after year His watchful care had been over her, and she talked to the big girl about it.

She reminded her that it was Hagar—a servant who had run away from her mistress—who was the first to say, "Thou God seest me," and she said it with a glad heart, for God had seen the trouble she was in and He comforted her, telling her what to do. Although

**"His eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings,"**

yet "the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil *and the good*," and

**"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."**

Of course when Elizabeth was grown up, the other little girl—whom we will call

Nellie—was grown up too, and one day the big girl came to see her.

As they were talking, the big girl opened her handbag and took from it the little shield. Nellie saw the words shining out and she remembered how frightened they used to make her feel, but now she did not tremble at the thought of God seeing her, for she, too, knew Him as her Father and that His look is full of love.

She rejoiced now in knowing that :

**“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight : but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”** (Heb. iv. 13.)

It is a solemn thing to have to confess wrong-doings to God and to remember that He knows about them before we tell Him, but

**“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

To those who come to Him repentant, He says, “I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins,” because He sees “the blood of Jesus Christ his Son which cleanseth us from all sin.”

How happily they can say :

**“O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.”**

Let us each one pray as King David did :

**“Search me, O God, and know my heart : try me, and know my thoughts : and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”**

J. E. B.

## Bible Searchings.

Please post answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shelden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire. In preparation for next month's questions please read 1 Samuel xxiii., xxiv. and xxv.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 7 and 8.**

### 1 SAMUEL XX., XXI. AND XXII.

1. What two things did Ahimelech give to David ?
2. What happened to Ahimelech and his father's house because of this ?
3. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, There is but a step between me and death ?
4. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, With me thou shalt be in safeguard ?
5. Of whom was it said, Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty ?
6. Who gathered themselves unto David in the cave of Adullam ?
7. What did Jonathan say would be the sign to David that Saul intended to do him evil ? Quote the verse.
8. Who told Saul what Ahimelech did for David ?

### Searchers under 10 years of age.

#### 1 SAMUEL XX.

1. What was the name of the stone by which David was to remain ?
2. When David and Jonathan parted where did Jonathan go to ?
3. Who said, Come, and let us go out into the field ?

### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shelden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

*Anmerkung.*—Bitte Kapitel xxiii., xxiv. und xxv. des 1ten Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen, um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

**Die 14 Jaehrigen und aelteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle acht Fragen.**

**Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die siebente und die achte aus.**

### 1 SAMUEL XX., XXI. UND XXII.

1. Ahimelech gab David zwei Dinge—welche ?
2. Was geschah Ahimelech und dem Hause seines Vaters um dieses willen ?
3. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem, “Nur ein Schritt ist zwischen mir und dem Tode” ?
4. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem, “Denn bei mir bist du wohl bewahrt” ?
5. Von wem wurde gesagt, “Man wird dich vermissen, denn dein Sitz wird leer gefunden werden” ?
6. Was für Leute versammelte sich zu David in die Höhle Adullam ?
7. Was Zeichen sollte Jonathan zu David geben betreffs der Absicht seines Vaters gegen ihn ? Den Vers anführen.
8. Wer erzählte zu Saul was Ahimelech für David getan hatte ?

### Die unter 10 Jaehrigen Teilnehmer.

#### 1 SAMUEL XX.

1. Wie hieß der Stein, neben welchem David sollte bleiben ?
2. Wohin ging Jonathan als er sich von David trennte ?
3. Wer sagte, “Komm und lass uns aufs Feld hinausgehen” ?



**Answers to July Searchings have been received from the following :**

### Searchers over 14 years of age.

Kingsley Adams, Nelson Anderson, Stanley Bass, Gwyneth Bloomfield, John and Olive Branch, Mary Brewis, Jessie Brown (2), Florrie Bruce, Mary Burr, John Chalmers, Eunice Chambers, Denis Clarke, Helen Cook, Alec, Donaldson, Kathleen Ephgrave, William Farren, Teresa Funnell, Kathleen Gardner, Nancy Glass, Stephen Glover, Constance Green, Grace Haudy, Margaret Harkness, S. Hawkins, Leslie Hughes, Vera Jackson, Margaret Knappett, Helena Lindberg, John Lynes, John Main, George and James Manson, K. Marshall, Malcolm

May, Barbara Mortimer, Thomas O'Hara, Nellie Peart, Catherine Pepper, Elaine Phillips, Trevor Rice, Sydney Richardson, Edgar Robinson, Raymond Rowe, H. Salt-house, Gwen Sibley, Marguerite Smallridge, Gilbert Smart, Eunice Smith, Hilda Styles, Joyce Talbot, Jean Thomson, Margaret Tucker, Margaret Ward, Ruth Watson, Edward Wescott, Elsie Williams, Anna Wilson, John Wood, Constance Worthington (2), Mavis Worthington (2).

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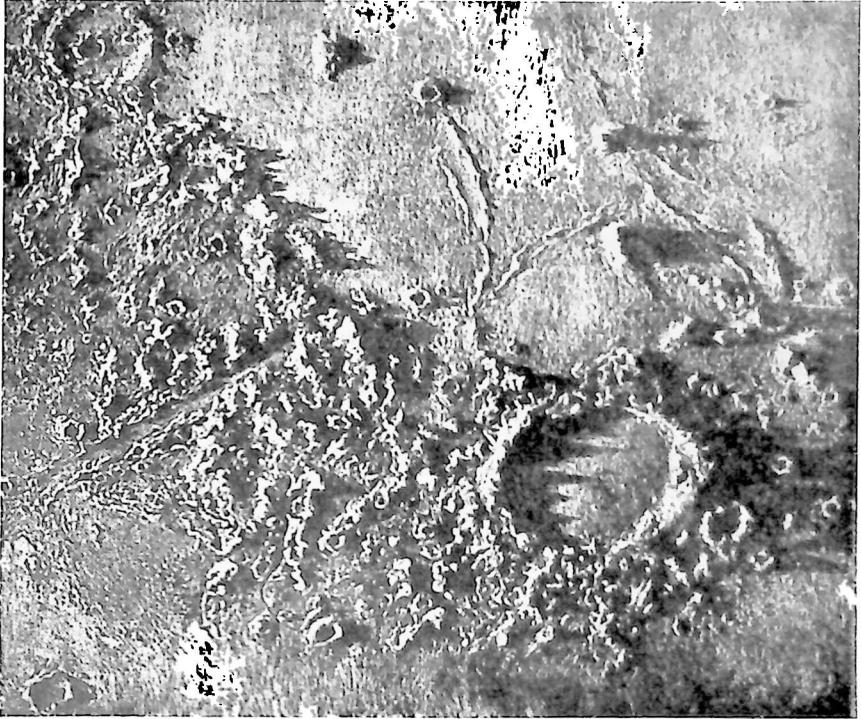
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# Youthful Days.



## The Moon . . . which Thou hast ordained.

ONE frosty winter's evening a party of boys and girls started off for a walk to a little village in Kent, a few miles from their homes, where a lecture was to be given on the moon. Such lectures were rare in the neighbourhood and very much welcomed.

The village hall soon filled with boys and girls, all eager to see and hear. The lecturer shewed them lantern slides of the mountains of the moon, like those in our illus-

tration, mountains with mighty volcanic craters, some of them measuring many miles across and quite unlike those of our earth. Amongst the many photos was one of Tycho, the great circular mountain, and the centre of a region in which lie hundreds of craters, one named Copernicus, having a diameter of fifty-six miles.

The lecturer told them how much smaller the moon was than our earth and that no human being could live there, because there was no atmosphere. The moon, he said, had two great things to do: to reflect the light of the sun and to control the tides.

It was all very interesting to one of the party, named Mary, for she remembered that the moon was one of the works of the Lord, the very "work of his fingers," and she wanted to know all she could about it.

She knew that David had said :

**When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.** (Psa. viii. 3.)

She found out from the lecture that the moon *in itself* was a dreary, desolate, unlovely place. "Very much like I am," thought Mary. There was no life of any kind on it, no sound, no trees, no flowers, no streams, no lakes, no seas, no rivers, no vegetation of any kind, nothing but a black-looking mountain rising out of a barren waste. *But when the sun shone on it* it became a thing of surpassing beauty, wonderful for shadows and lights of every shade and intensity, such as are never seen on our earth.

"Why!" thought Mary, "that is like a Christian with no goodness *in himself*, but beautiful when reflecting some of the glory of Christ, the Sun of righteousness, and becoming, with others, the very light of the world, for Jesus said when here :

**Ye are the light of the world.** (Matt. v. 14.)

The lecture was over all too soon, and as Mary and her friends walked home, they talked together of the wonders of the heavens, how God's glory covered them (Hab. iii. 3), and how the earth should be filled with His praise. Then their thoughts went up above the moon and the stars, right into heaven, where Jesus lives.

They thought how He had left this earth, and how His disciples watched Him go, until a cloud hid Him from their sight. He did not stay just behind the cloud, but entered into heaven itself, into the very presence of God.

This was the world into which Stephen the martyr had gazed. It opened for him, and as he died he said :

**Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.**

Mary often wondered how it was that Stephen was able to look into heaven. Then as she thought and read about him she found these words, "They chose Stephen, a man *full of faith and of the Holy Ghost*," and "Stephen, *full of faith and power*, did great wonders and miracles," and again, "He [Stephen], being *full of the Holy Ghost*, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus."

She felt sure after reading these verses that it was by faith and the Holy Spirit within him, that he was able to look right into heaven. It is, she felt sure, the "eyes of our heart" which look up in the power of an ungrieved Spirit within us, so that the distant land with its marvellous glory and light and the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ are brought near to us.

Mary used to look into this world, and any boy and girl whose sins are forgiven and who is pleasing to the Lord and does not grieve the Holy Spirit, will be able to do so too, and can pray, as Mary often did :

"Lord Jesus, make Thyself to me  
A living, bright reality.  
More precious to faith's vision keen  
Than any outward object seen ;  
More dear, more intimately nigh  
Than e'en the nearest earthly tie."

K. M. R.

## Beautiful Zion.

(FOR THE OLDER READERS.)

**A**T the time when the Psalms were written, the people of God had a deep and reverent admiration for Mount Zion and the buildings situated upon it. (See Psa. xlviii.) Although Zion is of greater interest to the Jews, or God's earthly people, and a day is coming when the Lord Jesus in person will reign over the earth from that place, yet Christians can learn much that is profitable by considering its history.

Indeed, as a figure, it is definitely applied to Christians. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews sought to lead his readers from the terrors of the law associated in figure with the fire and trumpet of Mount Sinai. Therefore he wrote, "But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God." (Heb. xii. 18, 19, 22.) We can say that it is the desire of the Holy Spirit that all believers should understand and enjoy practically something of the typical meaning of this city.

We would encourage young believers to enquire and search into the precious types that God has given us in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit has caused the scriptures to be written in such a wonderful way that the story of God's movings fixes itself in the minds of the very youngest when they hear it for the first time. Then as they grow up and believe in the Lord Jesus, they begin to discover the meaning of what they learned from the Bible.

Before explaining what Zion means we must first speak of the ark of the covenant. When the children of Israel were in the wilderness the LORD shewed Moses how the ark was to be made. It was like a box or chest which two men could carry, and was covered with gold. Inside were the two tables of stone on which the law of the LORD had been written. On the top was a group of two golden figures with wings, which formed the mercy seat. Moses was commanded to make a tent or tabernacle to protect the ark, and when it had been placed in the innermost chamber the LORD Himself came down to be there and have holy communion with His loved people. What a glorious place it must have been. (Exo. xxv. 22 ; xl. 34 ; Lev. i. 1.)

The ark remained among the people long after they had passed through the desert and had entered the promised land. But there they sinned against God and became worse and worse, till at last He allowed the ark to be taken

from them. This happened when Samuel was a child. The Israelites were at war with the Philistines and told their priests to bring the ark into the battle in order that they might gain the victory. But they were defeated and the ark was captured. On the same day a woman died of grief when she heard the news. As she was dying she named her newly-born child "Ichabod," for she understood that with the loss of the ark the glory had departed from Israel.

The Philistines only kept the ark about seven months, when they returned it. But it seemed to have no proper resting-place during the days of Samuel and Saul.

David had been anointed while Saul was still reigning, and when he had come to the throne and had established his kingdom he captured Zion, which was the stronghold or fortress of Jerusalem. (2 Sam. v. 7.) He came to live there, and after strengthening the place, he built a palace and Zion then became known as the city of David.

Whilst living in Zion he remembered the ark, and as he thought of what it meant to the Israelites, he felt that it should have a resting-place in the royal city instead of being in the country. When the ark was at last brought in, David danced before the LORD with all his might, for he was so happy. (2 Sam. vi. 14.) The glory which had departed in the days of Samuel had now returned, and a day of glorious blessing was opening out for the people.

When the Psalmist called Zion the city of the great King (Psa. xlviii. 2), he would no doubt remember how his people, the Israelites, had been under the power of their enemies till David came and delivered them. He would think of the happiness and joy that came when he reigned in Zion with the ark of the LORD close to his dwelling. So he says, "Mark ye well her bulwarks."

When we as Christians think of Zion we remember how we were once under the power of sin. Then we discovered

that the Lord Jesus gained a complete victory over both sin and death by His own death. Although the Lord has no city on the earth, He reigns in the hearts of the believers, and while waiting for His coming again they can "mark the bulwarks," or in other words, examine the divine foundations of their faith.

*"Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh."*



## The Vacant Chair.

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**T**HE question is often raised to-day, What is wrong with the world?

Rather, it ought to be, What is right with the world? In the material aspect there are earthquakes, storms, fires, shipwrecks, daily accidents, and untimely deaths. Politically all is uncertainty, unrest, fears and rumours of war. The moral standard has fallen, the social order is changing, not for the better thus far. Wealth and poverty are side by side.

God has provided plenty of food, yet at one place people are dying in need of it, while in another part it cannot be put into money and is burned for fuel. Liberty is only a name, trades unionism and other associations are all tending to bondage.

The great men cannot solve the world's problems. Only One can solve them, Jesus alone can put the world right. Do you long for Him to come and put it right? Let us come a little closer, Do you love Him for His own worth? do you miss Him here? do you feel His absence daily?

Many years ago when men were wanted for the army, a recruiting sergeant used to be sent round with a few soldiers, known as the Press Gang, to persuade young men to join the army. In many cases they kidnapped them and took them by force.

One young man left his home among the hills to go to the nearest town for provisions, but he did not return. No news could be heard of him, he had vanished, for the Press Gang had caught him. However, the parents had hope that he was alive and would return some day. Every time they sat down to their food they set up a chair at the table for the absent one.

Day after day, year after year, for nine long years this went on; then one day a stranger called at the house. He talked on awhile till the dinner was ready. The people on the hills are kind and always offer food to travellers. They asked him to have dinner with them, and seeing the empty chair at the table he went forward and sat down in it.

Here was a trial for the poor parents, for no one must sit in that chair but the right one. As best they could they asked him to take another chair, and told him why. Imagine their astonishment when with tears running down his cheeks he told them he was the right one. What a happy day that was in that little cottage on the hills. Its ruins are still to be seen and the shepherds still call it "The Vacant Chair."

Let us all ask ourselves, Do we miss Jesus like that? Is the world empty because He is not here? Day by day do we keep that vacant chair in our hearts and affections, waiting for the day when He will actually fill it with His presence?

Many of us believe that the Lord is coming, but do we hold it as a doctrine only, or are we waiting for Him like those dear folks on the hills waited for their absent one? If our hearts are right, we do not need the topsy-turvy world to remind us that He is not here; we shall feel His absence and will answer to His desire, "Remember me." Surely the moment draws nigh when "we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John iii. 2.) Will you be like Jesus when He comes?

R. D.



## Jesus is "Precious."

A MINISTER of the gospel had been preaching from the passage of scripture, "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious." (1 Peter ii. 7.) After the service he was invited home with a family to dinner. Later on, when all were seated round the fire the preacher asked a small boy named David if he remembered the text. The child answered readily, "Jesus is precious."

It was evident that he not only remembered the text but also understood it. Wishing to test him further, Mr. — said, "What do you mean by precious?" The little lad was silent for a moment, then hiding his face in his mother's lap, replied, "Mamma is precious, can't do without her."

"Well answered, my boy," said the man of God. "Jesus is precious, we cannot do without Him."

David's sister, writing of it many years afterwards, said she never forgot it. It was a simple, apt illustration of the preciousness of Jesus, and how precious He is to every blood-bought soul. Are you who are reading these lines among those to whom Christ is precious? You may live without Him, but how will you die without Him? You cannot go to glory without Him, for He is the way, and He is waiting to lead you in the way, the good way of salvation, the way of life, the way everlasting.

Do you know that Jesus shed His precious blood so that every man, woman or child who will follow Him in the way might go to His Father's house of many mansions? WILL YOU GO? M. C.

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### Love!

I WANT to ask my young readers a very simple question, "Why do you love your father and mother?" "Oh,"

you say, "because they love me." The answer is obvious. And why do you love your relations and friends? Oh, because they are good and kind to me.

But do you not love people who are not good and kind? No, you say, certainly not; why should I? I can tell you a very good reason why you should. Those of you who love the Lord Jesus Christ can probably remember a time when you did not love Him, or even if you cannot, the fact remains that we have nothing in us naturally to merit the love of God, and yet God LOVED us. Why? Because we were lovable? No, but because of His own blessed nature, which is love, and must find those on whom He can lavish that love, and who can love Him in return.

Well now, as His children, He bids us do the same toward our fellow creatures, those who are not lovable, even as we were not. He bids us act as He has done; how lovely to be like Him, to be true children of our Father which is in heaven.

And what will be the result of loving our enemies and doing good to them that hate us? Ah, we shall find that gradually they begin to soften, and in time may become our closest friends; for as the love of God brought us to repentance, so will that same love, however feebly expressed, melt the hearts of those we think are hard and unlovable. Try it, dear children, you are not too young to express the goodness of God, and thus be indeed "the children of your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. v. 45.)

A. B.

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## Memory Text for the Month.

Buy the truth, and  
sell it not.

Prov. xxiii. 23.

**A** BOY and girl were walking along the cliffs at Bournemouth on a beautiful evening during the summer holidays. As they ran down the hill toward the pier, they saw a caravan standing on the beach—a sort of caravan they had never seen before.

It was full of Bibles and books and gospel tracts, and hanging about on the sides were cards of texts; one of these, which was placed near the door, struck the boy and girl especially—indeed, they were not quite sure that it was a “text,” for neither had ever noticed it in the Bible.

“Do look,” said one of them, “did you ever see anything so ridiculous? They put up a notice, ‘Buy the truth, and sell it not,’ and yet they are selling Bibles, and tracts, and scripture verses. Why do they do what they tell others not to do?”

Now these two young people had been at school six or seven years, and they had learnt many things; but they had never learnt what “Buy the truth, and sell it not” means; and they lived a good many more years before they realised that it was they who were wrong in judging what they did not understand.

“Buy the truth”—yes, boys and girls, *buy* it—buy the truth. If you *buy* a thing you know *you* must *pay* for it.

There are many ways in which you may buy the truth; but make quite sure that it is the *truth* that you buy, because it will cost you something.

You may get laughed at for firmly holding fast to the scriptures—you hold fast to every bit of God’s holy word, even at the expense of being mocked at. Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ was not only mocked, but He was scourged and spit upon, and crowned with thorns, and He was Himself “the Truth.”

You can buy the truth by listening carefully to those who speak well of Him, and again, by studying the scriptures for yourself—perhaps at the cost of a little less playtime, or getting up earlier in the morning. Jesus said of the scrip-

tures, “they are they which testify of me.”

As to *selling* the truth, wise king Solomon says, “Sell it not.”

Don’t sell it at any price, boys and girls—not even at the price of a more comfortable or easier time in this life.

“The truth shall make you free.” If you sell the truth you will find yourself continually under bondage.

There have been many, some quite young people, who refused to sell the truth even though it meant being driven from their homes, thrown to the lions, torn asunder, tortured and burned; they would not give it up. It was to them a joyful and safe investment, for they looked forward beyond all the pains here to the eternal weight of glory reserved in store for them.

You will each one know best for yourselves in what various ways you may buy the truth, but oh, we warn you again, *sell it not!*

J. E. B.



## Bible Searchings.

Please post answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.

In preparation for next month’s questions please read 1 Samuel xxvi., xxvii. and xxviii.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 4 and 6.**

1 SAMUEL XXIII., XXIV. AND XXV.

1. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, “But the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God?”
2. When David was in hiding who came to him and said, “Fear not . . . thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee?”
3. Who said, “There be many servants now-a-days that break away every man from his master?”
4. Why did Saul return from pursuing after David in the wilderness of Maon? Quote the verse.
5. What ancient proverb did David quote to King Saul after he had spared Saul’s life?
6. What did Abigail say to the servants when they told her that David had sent them to take her to him to be his wife?
7. At what place did the Philistines rob the threshing floors?
8. (a) Who prayed, “O Lord God of Israel, I beseech thee tell thy servants,” and (b) what reply did he receive?

**Searchers under 10 years of age.**

1 SAMUEL XXIV.

1. (a) Who cried, and (b) to whom, “My lord the king?”

2. David said to Saul, "The Lord judge between me and thee." Complete the verse.
3. Saul said to David, "For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away." Complete the verse.

#### German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats au F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, England, schicken.

Anmerkung.—Bitte Kapitel xxvi, xxvii, und xxviii, des 1e Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen, um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

Die 14 jährigen und älteren Teilnehmer beantworten alle acht Fragen.

Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die vierte und die sechste aus.

#### 1 SAMUEL XXIII, XXIV. UND XXV.

1. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem, "Aber die Seele meines Herrn wird eingebunden sein in das Bündel der Lebendigen bei Jehova, deinem Gott"?

2. Als David verbarg sich, war zu ihm kam und sagte, "Fürchte dich nicht... du wirst König werden über Israel und ich werde der zweite nach dir sein"?

3. Wer sagte, "Heutzutage sind der Knechte viele, die sich davonlaufen, ein jeder von seinem Herrn"?

4. Warum kehrte Saul um von dem Nachjagen hinter David in der Wüste Maon? Den Vers anführen.

5. Welchen Spruch der Vorräte sprach David zu Saul aus nachdem er des Lebens des Königs gesehnt hatte?

6. Was sagte Abigail zu den Knechten die zu ihr sagten, "David hat uns dir gesandt um dich zu seinem Weibe zu nehmen"?

7. Wie hieß der Ort wo die Philister die Tennen plünderten?

8. Wer betete, (a) "Jehova Gott Israels thue es doch deinem Knechte kund" ? (b) Welche Antwort empfing er?

#### Die unter 10 jährigen Teilnehmer.

##### 1 SAMUEL XXIV.

1. (a) Wer rief und (b) zu wem, "Mein Herr, König"?

2. David sprach zu Saul, "So sei denn Jehova Richter und richte zwischen mir und dir." Den Vers vollenden.

3. Saul sagte zu David, "Denn wenn jemand seinen Feind findet, wird er ihn auf gutem Wege ziehen lassen." Den Vers vollenden.



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## Remember now thy Creator.

*"Thou shalt remember the LORD thy GOD."  
(Deut. viii. 18.)*

IN the days of your youth remember  
The Creator who gave you breath,  
And to God now your heart surrender,  
Ere you enter the gates of death ;  
Like a shadow your days are passing,  
And as swift as a bird in flight,  
Are the years of your life's brief journey ;  
Shall they pass to an endless night ?

For remember that your Creator,  
By whom heaven and earth were made,  
Has a throne where each thought and action,  
Shall in righteousness soon be weighed ;  
Even now is the day appointed,  
In the which He will judge all men,  
By the Christ who is God's anointed ;  
Will the Lord be your Saviour then ?

In the days of your youth remember  
The Creator who gave His Son,  
Who in love to the lost and dying,  
Sent His only Beloved One ;  
And, remember, this loving Saviour,  
Gave His life on the cross of shame,  
That through mercy not one should perish,  
Who believe on His peerless name.

So remember in youth the scriptures,  
Which are able to make you wise,  
As you seek to know God's salvation,  
May His Spirit anoint your eyes ;  
When the pathway through life you ponder,  
Then, remember, your only Guide  
Is the Shepherd who died to save you ;  
In His love may your heart abide.

When this world with its lust would draw you  
To a pathway that ends in death,  
Then remember its pride and glory  
Shall depart as the fleeting breath ;  
For the things that are seen are temporal,  
As a cloud they shall roll away ;  
May your soul find a rest eternal  
In the light of an endless day.

And remember the joy of serving  
Such a Master as Christ the Lord ;  
In the days of His reigning glory,  
Many crowns will the King award ;  
He who sits on the throne of David  
Will remember those youthful days,  
When your heart yielded faithful homage,  
And your tongue sounded forth His praise.

*"Now consider this, ye that forget GOD."  
(Psa. l. 22.)*

J. W. W.

# Youthful Days.



## William Tyndale.

**H**IGH up on one of the boldest of the Cotswold Hills in Gloucestershire, England, is to be seen a monument to the memory of William Tyndale. His picture hangs in Magdalen College, Oxford, and shews us the kind, good face of a thoughtful man, for whom

we cannot be sufficiently grateful, as he translated the New Testament, and part of the Old Testament too, into English as spoken in the sixteenth century. He then printed the Testament and distributed it far and wide.

Printing had only just been discovered, and Tyndale saw at once how it might be used for giving the English people God's word more cheaply, for Bibles in

his day were very expensive, always in Latin and written by hand, and very few of the people possessed copies.

In the reign of Richard II. the cost of a Bible in Latin was £41 13s. 4d., but after printing was used, the price in Henry VIII.'s reign was reduced to £7.

Tyndale had read the Bible in Latin, and whilst reading it he was brought to confess himself a sinner and to turn to the Lord Jesus for salvation. He realised that the Bible was "*the most valuable thing the world contains,*" and he longed that such a treasure might be in the hands of old and young, rich and poor.

"If God spare my life, ere many years, I will cause that every boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the scriptures than thou dost," he said to a monk who had no love for God's word.

This became Tyndale's absorbing thought. Here was a marvellous book, which was itself *living*, and shewed men how they too could *live*, and that for ever, in eternal happiness. A book which told the truth about God, about men, about life and death, about another world, about sin and how it was overcome, and how to get to God even now, the most wonderful book that any boy or girl could possess, a book whose words will never pass away, because it is the word of the eternal God.

**Heaven and earth, the Lord Jesus said, shall pass away, but My word shall NOT pass away.**

Tyndale went as a student to both the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and then became tutor to a family named Walsh. Whilst there he spoke the truth so plainly that he was obliged to flee to London, where he hoped that he would be helped with funds to print the New Testament. He met with nothing but discouragement, however, until he came to know a merchant named Humphrey Monmouth, who loved him for Christ's sake, and did all he could to help him in this great work.

In spite of his help, he found to his

sorrow that it was useless for him to continue his work in England; so gathering together his precious manuscripts he crossed the Channel and started work again at Hamburg. There he continued for a time, but was discovered and went on to Cologne; and the same thing happening there, he went to Worms, where he was able to finish the translation.

Then the printing began, a slow and serious process in those days, but it went through safely, and Tyndale was faced with the difficulty of getting the Testaments across to England, as they had to be hidden from the enemies of the truth. He managed to get them packed in sacks of corn, and put in with other goods, and in this way they reached London safely: and with the help of some godly merchants they were distributed in many English homes, where, as in the days of the Lord Jesus, the common people received the word gladly.

Tunstall, Bishop of London, was so angry at finding that so many of the people possessed printed Testaments in their own language that he bought up a large consignment and then burnt them publicly at St. Paul's Cross.

But in doing this he overstepped the mark, for it had the advantage of making people enquire what there was in the books that caused the Bishop to burn them, and buying them out of curiosity, and reading them, many were blessed. Besides this, the money given for the purchase enabled Tyndale to print more.

His history has what perhaps many would call a sad ending. Whilst he was working steadily with the printing at Antwerp he was betrayed to his enemies by a supposed friend and imprisoned in Vilvorde Castle. Whilst there in suffering and great discomfort the jailor and his daughter and other members of his family were converted.

This must have been a great joy to him in his loneliness! Some of the prisoners, too, were brought to know and believe in Jesus.

Tyndale expected death as man's reward for his efforts, but no doubt he knew the words he had translated and printed so many times :

**Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried ; and ye shall have tribulation ten days : be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.** (Rev. ii. 10.)

On the 6th October, 1536, he was taken from prison, strangled, and his body burnt to ashes. Tyndale's last words were : "Lord, open the King of England's eyes" ; and within a year after these words a Bible in English was placed in every church in this land by the king's orders.

His life was not lived in vain, but was taken from him whilst he was doing a glorious work ; and every boy and girl who reads this and values God's word can help too to make it known.

Testaments can be bought very cheaply, and there are many homes around us where the word of God cannot be found.

Would it not be a good thing for each one reading this to ask the question, "Is there anyone to whom I can give a Bible?" and so become one of those whom God calls His messengers.

K. M. R.

## Summer and Winter.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jcr. viii. 20.)

**The summer is ended,  
Her kingdom is o'er,  
Her beauty is faded,  
We see it no more.  
But autumn in splendour  
Ascends to the throne,  
Her court deck'd with colours  
Of beautiful tone.**

**The harvest is gathered  
From far and from near,**

**The birds say that winter  
Will shortly be here,  
With coldness and hunger  
And many a storm,  
When we in our houses  
Are cosy and warm.**

**O children, remember,  
'Tis God's summer now,  
To-day He would have you  
To Jesus to bow ;  
A tempest is nearing  
Which cannot be braved,  
The judgment is coming,  
Oh, haste and be saved.**

**Then you shall be gathered  
In safety to rest,  
With all who love Jesus,  
Eternally blest ;  
The winter of judgment  
You never will see,  
But glory for ever  
Your portion shall be.**

A. B.

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## A Boy's Conversion.

**I** WAS a very young child when I first began to think about God. My dear parents were godly people, who did their very best to bring up their children (thirteen in all) in the knowledge and fear of the Lord. They often gathered the family together to sing hymns and sacred songs. We all enjoyed this, especially the choruses. "When He cometh, when He cometh, to make up His jewels," I particularly enjoyed. The verse reading as follows was my favourite one :

"Little children, little children,  
Who love their Redeemer,  
Are His jewels, precious jewels,  
His loved and His own.  
Like the stars of the morning,  
His bright crown adorning,  
They shall shine in His beauty,  
Bright gems for His crown."

I longed that I might be one of those "precious jewels."

My beloved father was very fond of speaking to us about the rapture, which the Apostle Paul writes of in his first letter to the Thessalonians, chapter iv., verses 13-18. Here are verses 16 and 17, which affected me most :

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God : and the dead in Christ shall rise first ; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air : and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

I *hoped* that I should be found amongst those who would go up in that wonderful day, especially as I knew for certain that my dear parents would be there ; I dreaded the possibility of being left behind and never seeing them again and never being one His “precious jewels.”

When I went to school I was greatly interested in a large framed text hanging on the end wall of the school-room. I have remembered it more vividly to this day than all the rest of the pictures and maps. When I could read it I wanted to understand it. The words were, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.” (Eccles. xii. 1.) At last through little talks with my beloved father I discovered that it meant really, that while I was still a child I should turn to God ; believe that Jesus, His beloved Son, had died for my sins ; own the Lord Jesus as my own personal Saviour and Lord ; and desire to please God. If I really meant this, God would give me the help of the Holy Spirit to enable me to love Him and to please Him. Only in *this* way could I ever become one of His “precious jewels.”

I was now about ten years of age and began to think more seriously about my soul. Satan noticed this and began to tempt me by putting into my mind that if I became a Christian whilst I was young I should lose all the happiness I was getting by doing my own will and pleasing myself. I have proved this was one of his lies ; for we find true joy and

happiness *only* as we seek to please God. Jesus said of Satan, “He is a liar, and the father of it.” (John viii. 44.) He, Satan, advised me to wait until I became a man. I made up my mind I would do this and tried to stifle my conscience. The conscience is the voice of God, which is within every person, telling each one of us what is right and what is wrong, so that we are without excuse if we do wrong. My conscience told me that God’s advice, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth” was right and Satan’s temptation, “Wait until you are a man,” was wrong. I am sure that some of my young readers have had similar thoughts to these. If any still linger in their decision for Christ, I would say with all the love of my heart for your soul, “Do not delay another day ; Christ might come for His “precious jewels” *this moment*, as you read these lines.

In the midst of my lingering God had to speak to me in a very solemn way. Of course I was not at all happy as long as I refused to do the things I knew to be right. How could I be happy ? So God, in His mercy, brought me to my senses in the following way—a very sorrowful way.

I had a favourite sister near my own age. She was so sweet and gentle—a contrast to me. I was sure she was one of His “precious jewels” who would be “caught up into the air.” In one week she was taken ill, died the following day, and was buried at the end of the week !

As we sorrowfully followed the coffin to the churchyard, the Spirit of God spoke to me as though I heard a voice, “Now, Fred ! how do you know that you will live to be a man ? Your sister has not lived to become a woman !” That night I had no sleep or peace until I gave my young heart to Jesus. Since that night—fifty-six years ago—I have been preserved and kept happy in God’s love all manifest in Jesus.

F. H.



## “One of those bright ones.”

ON the 12th day of October, 19—, a dear person known intimately to me, addressed a letter to a Christian friend overseas. She referred to the sad despisings of the tender grace of God, made known in Christ Jesus our Lord, by many people to-day. She spoke most touchingly of His patience in sparing men, women, and children—indeed preserving them in life, giving “to all life, and breath, and all things” (Acts xvii. 25), thus waiting upon them peradventure His goodness should lead them to repentance (Rom. ii. 4), also meanwhile sending out His appeal of love in the gospel concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. i. 3.)

She drew attention to the various ways in which the blessed God sought often to awaken souls to the claims of His love, and the danger attendant upon forgetting Him (Psa. ix. 17), also stressing the immensity of the gain when a soul gives heed to His voice.

Appended are a few of the extracts from this letter.

. . . It is indeed a difficult day—very difficult ; things doubtless are drawing to a close, and how sad that so many go on in independence of God—despising His grace, refusing His tender overtures of love and ignoring the word in Hebrews x. 28, 29, “He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses : of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace ?” . . .

. . . And still that “still, small voice” is speaking . . . perhaps to some at this time in gentle appeal, whilst to others comes the “voice of thunder.” It is sweet to think that some do give heed, but, oh ! how terrible to think that some are still heedless and trifling. . . .

. . . Mr. — preached here on Lord’s

day ; he emphasised the thought of God finishing every work. He begins, instancing the beginning of God’s work with Saul of Tarsus on the way to Damascus and then sending Ananias to complete it. . . .

How precious to be available to the Lord in our own sphere and locality, and privileged thus to link up one after another in the chain of love. . . .

. . . Still there is nothing too hard for the Lord ; He knows each heart and can meet each need and desire. . . .

. . . It is “the excellent things” we want to get hold of and to ponder ; not missing any of them as they come within our reach, or allowing any of them to escape us.

. . . What a company there will be, and how precious to the heart of the Lord when He comes to “make up His jewels” —may I be one of those bright ones ! . . .

This letter was but scarcely received when the sender herself was “one of those bright ones.” Within one month the Lord took her home suddenly and without warning, but it was that she might

“Aye in the consciousness of love,

With Christ now share the realms above.”

Dear reader, old or young, have you a desire to be “one of those bright ones” ? If so, come to Jesus now. He is God’s appointed Saviour. “Neither is there salvation in any other : for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts iv. 12.) In a quickly coming day this divinely appointed Saviour will sit on the great white throne—the divinely-appointed Judge. Every God-neglecting person will be there, and none shall escape the terrible doom of eternal perdition. (Psa. ix. 17.)

Our dear young friend was one who had fled from the wrath to come. She was in very tender years a reader of *YOUTHFUL DAYS*, and like many other dear children she had come to Jesus and found in Him a “sure retreat,” and had learned to love Him and His people, and to serve most beautifully, and when

the call came it was but to enter into the joy of her Lord. Dear reader, would it be thus with you if called away to-day suddenly? Oh, think it over and decide for Jesus now.

To-day is thine alone,  
Hasten—seek a safe retreat,  
Ere rise the coming storm,  
Or "Justice" take her seat :  
For then no more shall waft to thee  
In strains of grace—Salvation free.

Without any knowledge of the aforementioned letter and at the burial of this our young friend, a servant of the Lord in giving a word to those of the large number present, spoke very impressively of the "secret place of thunder" (Psa. lxxxi. 7), and also referred to the "still small voice" (1 Kings xix. 12), and in terms almost identical with the contents of the letter.

This made such an impression that I feel the Lord would have me pass on this circumstance thus simply, trusting that He may be pleased to bring about thereby many another heartfelt desire to be "*one of those bright ones.*"

May He grant this for His glorious name's sake. ANON.

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## Memory Text for the Month.

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will ; be thou clean.

Mark i. 41.

**L**OOK, Mamma, do look at those poor men over there, some with only part of their arms ; others are crawling on the ground because they have no legs, and some seem to be groping

their way along as though they are blind !"

This was when Arthur and his sister lived in India ; they were out for their usual drive with mother in the cool of the evening, and on looking across the maidan—a large, open, grassy space—they spied these men in the far distance.

Poor men, indeed, for as mother explained, they were *lepers* ! When one of the men came running beside the carriage calling piteously for help, the children shrunk away to hide their eyes from the dreadful sight.

Mother's heart was full of pity, but she could not help him, all she could do was to throw a few pice (Indian coins) to him and tell the coachman to drive faster.

When they reached home, and for many days after, the children talked about these poor men who, mother said, would never be cured. She said too that the terrible disease of leprosy is like a picture of sin, and the law God gave to Moses about it was that :

"The leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean . . . he shall dwell alone ; without the camp shall his habitation be." (Lev. xiii. 45, 46.)

If this illness of the body is so dreadful how much more hateful in God's sight is sin, which defiles the soul ?

There are many boys and girls who are obedient, truthful, honest, diligent in their work—this is as it should be—but there is not a single one, or man or woman either, who can say that they have never sinned, and *one* sin

"Fast can close the door to heaven  
When we would enter in."

Just *one* spot of leprosy was sufficient to drive a man away from home, wife, parents, children, *all*, so *one* sin is sufficient to shut us away for ever from the presence of holy, holy, holy God.

Although Arthur and his mother and sister were sorry, oh, *so* sorry for those

poor lepers on the maidan in Calcutta, they had no power to help them and they turned from them; but when the Lord Jesus Christ heard the piteous cry of the leper who called to Him,

**He put forth His hand, and touched him.**

Oh, children, wasn't it wonderful—Jesus *touched* that poor, loathsome, leprous man! *He* did not hurry away, hiding His eyes from him. He had compassion—pity for him, and He had power to cure him. How quickly the poor man had his prayer answered—he said,

“Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean,”

and Jesus replied—

“I will; be thou clean.”

Just think, it happened *at once*, for *immediately* the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.”

As we read about this leprous man we see that he had *faith*, he knew that the Lord Jesus could heal him, he said:

“If thou wilt, thou canst.”

He did not doubt the power of the Lord to heal him, but he was not sure that He would be willing to do so.

We need not come to the Lord Jesus with that little word *if*, when we pray Him to cleanse us from sin, for we know certainly that He is both willing and able. He says:

“Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out,” so do not delay in coming to Him to be cleansed.

And then do not forget to thank Him like the nine lepers whom He cleansed at another time. There were ten of them altogether, and only *one* turned to give glory to God; let us be like that one.

J. E. B.



## Bible Searchings.

☛ Please post answers not later than the 15th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire.

Note.—In preparation for next month's questions please read 1 Samuel xxix., xxx. and xxxi.

**Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight. Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 7 and 8.**

1 SAMUEL XXVI., XXVII. AND XXVIII.

1. The Lord hath rent the kingdom—complete the verse.
2. What did David take from Saul whilst he slept?
3. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, Why hast thou disquieted me?
4. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, Ye are worthy to die because ye have not kept your master?
5. What was the name of the place given by the King of Gath to David?
6. Who said, I have played the fool?
7. Thou shalt both do great things, and—complete the sentence, and say (a) who said these words, and (b) to whom.
8. Of what did the King of Gath say he would make David the keeper? Quote the full sentence.

**Searchers under 10 years of age.**

1 SAMUEL XXVI.

1. David said, Behold the king's spear—complete the verse.
2. No man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked; for—complete the verse.
3. Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? Complete the verse.

**German Translation to the Questions.**

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, schicken.

Anmerkung.—Bitte Kapitel xxix., xxx. und xxxi. des 1ten Buches Samuel sorgfältig zu lesen, um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

**Die 14 Jaehrigen und aelteren Teilnehmer beantworten allen 8 Fragen.**

**Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die siebente und die achte aus.**

1 SAMUEL XXVI., XXVII. UND XXVIII.

1. "Jehova hat das Koenigtum gerissen." Den Vers vollenden.
2. Was nahm David von Saul als er schlief?
3. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem, "Warum hast du mich beunruhigt?"
4. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem, "Ihr seid Kinder des Todes, weil ihr nicht gewacht habt ueber euren Herrn?"
5. Wie hies der Ort den der Koenig von Gath zu David gab?
6. Wer sagte, "Ich habe tuerlich gehandelt"?
7. "Du wirst es sieher ausfuehren und"—Den Vers vollenden. (a) Wer sagte diese Worte und (b) zu wem.
8. Der Koenig von Gath sagte dass er David den Hueter seines . . . setzen wuerde. Den ganzen Vers anfuehren.

**Fuer die unter 10 Jaehrigen.**

1 SAMUEL XXVI.

1. David sprach, "Und nun sich nach, wo der Speer des Koenigs ist." Den Vers vollenden.
2. "Und niemand sah es, und niemand merkte es und niemand erwaechte." Den Vers vollenden.
3. "Warum doch verfolgst mein Herr seinen Knecht." Den Vers vollenden.



**Answers to September Searchings have been received from the following.**

**Searchers over 14 years of age**

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# Youthful Days.



## The Most Valuable Thing the World Contains.

**W**HEN James II. came to the throne of England, in the year 1685, the country was in a state of great distress on account of the persecution of all those who feared God and loved His word, the Bible. Charles II., his predecessor, had made things as difficult as ever he could for every true Christian, and now James was determined that England should come under the Pope's immediate influence and direction.

All those who wanted to keep their Bibles and read and pray together, had to take great precautions, and constantly changed their meeting places. They came together in small numbers very early in the morning or late at night. Some would come together in out-of-the-way places in the open air amongst the hills.

When Christians lived next door to one another, they would make windows or holes in the wall that the preacher's voice might be heard in two or three houses. Sometimes they had private passages from one house to another. The preacher used to dress as a farm-hand in

a smock-frock and stout boots, or disguise himself in some way in order to pass unnoticed. But with every precaution, spies and false brethren sometimes crept into the meetings, and many of those who followed Christ were fined heavily and imprisoned.

About this time, a boy named Newman, an apprentice, learnt to value the scriptures. The word of God became to him what it was to king David, who could say :

**The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.** (Psa. xix. 7.)

Newman was simple, he had not a college education, but he became wise, because he loved God's thoughts. David tells us that he had more understanding than all his *teachers*, and more, too, than the *ancients*, and that he was wiser than his *enemies*, because he valued, studied and meditated on God's commandments and teaching.

In days of persecution Bibles were hidden in all sorts of strange places, in large loaves of bread, in special drawers made in hidden places, in arm-chairs and other pieces of furniture, in holes in the wall, in boxes hidden in the earth, in mattresses and bolsters, in corners of the chimneys, indeed, almost every Christian had some secret place for their precious book.

Newman was alarmed when he saw that the persecution was increasing under King James, and feared that he might have his treasure, his Bible, taken from him. He knew that the king's soldiers might force their way in whilst the reading of the scriptures was going on and take his copy.

At last he thought of an excellent plan. He decided to sit up at night and *copy out* the whole Bible, and then should his printed book be taken, he would have his written one safely hidden. It meant close copying for many nights, in great secrecy. It must have taken a good deal of money, too, for paper and pen and ink were expensive in those days.

How pleasing it must have been to God to see a boy, an apprentice lad, so valuing His word that he gave up his spare time, part of his sleep and a good deal of his money to preserve it!

He did not lose his printed copy, however, for King James's rule soon became so distasteful to his people that he was obliged to flee from his kingdom; and his throne was given to his daughter Mary and her husband William. They at once gave full liberty of conscience to the people, and encouraged the printing and reading of the scriptures.

William and Mary were crowned on April 11th, 1689, in Westminster Abbey. When the coronation oath was taken by the king and queen, a Bible was presented to the sovereigns as

**The most valuable thing the world contains.**

Amongst the treasures in the royal library at the Hague is this very Bible, in which Queen Mary inscribed, in not very good English, the words: "This book was given to the king and I at our coronation." Marie, R." K. M. R.



## The Gift of God.

*"If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."* (John iv. 10.)

**T**HE Lord Jesus was sitting by the well of Sychar speaking to a woman who had come there to draw water, and in the verse quoted He is speaking of Himself. We may be sure that when the Lord speaks of Himself He has something especially good to tell, that which will bring much happiness to those who are ready to listen and take it in.

As you may know, John, in writing his gospel, does not mention so many miracles and incidents as the other three writers, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Although he

takes up comparatively few incidents, he treats them all very fully, giving a great many details. The writer uses simple words, which are generally easy to remember and keep in the mind, yet such deep and great truths are presented that no Christian can comprehend them in their fulness.

By faith we understand that when Jesus was here, God was here. (You will remember that before the Lord was born His name was to be *Emmanuel*, meaning "God with us.") But the manner of His coming to be amongst men was not the same as that which we read of in Genesis, "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou." When Adam heard the LORD speak on that day, he hid himself because he was afraid.

The woman who came to Sychar's well saw and heard the same Person whom Adam had spoken to in the garden of Eden, but she did not try to hide herself. John tells us that the Lord was resting because He was tired, and that He asked for a drink of water. The Person whom the woman looked upon was a Man, and there was nothing in His gracious and lowly appearance to cause her to be alarmed.

If the question rises as to what the Lord was like when He was here, we can read carefully the account of what happened at the well of Sychar and picture it in our minds.

How do we know that the Lord was a Man? The gospels, especially that of John, give us the answer. When we read that the Lord was weary and thirsty, we know that He was Man, and many more examples could be given to confirm this.

The woman naturally concluded that the Lord was a Jew, and was surprised to hear Him ask her for water. In His reply the Lord spoke most precious of Himself.

First of all He spoke of the gift of God in a way that implied that the woman could know something about it. Think of that, God's gift is to be known now. Then the Lord connected Himself with God,

meaning that if God's gift was known, He was to be known as having been given and sent by God. (See chap. iii. 16, 17.) Thus the second truth that comes out is that the One who was speaking was divine, God manifest in the flesh.

The third truth that is to be learned here is seen in the living water, which is the Holy Spirit of God. From this verse we see that the Spirit is to be given to men by the Lord Jesus.

In this one verse we are told about the three Divine Persons or the Trinity, and we are shewn, too, how the three Holy Persons are clearly distinguished from one another.

God is in heaven, He is the supreme Giver, who gives freely because He delights to do so. Where He dwells is far beyond our reach and sight, for "No man hath seen God at any time." Jesus, the Son of God, was here upon earth, speaking and listening to men. Although He is now in heaven, He still speaks and listens to men in the same way. Finally, the Holy Spirit is to be given to men in such a way as the Lord speaks, "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The Holy Spirit is now here. The Lord speaks to one and another of the children of men, shewing them how they appear in God's sight, so that they repent and receive forgiveness. Then the Lord cleanses them by His precious blood and gives them the Holy Spirit. These are the greatest of blessings and we would ask each young reader if they know anything of them.



### At 3 o'clock To-morrow.

THE death of a friend caused me to return to the old place where I had been brought up, in order to attend the funeral. Across the valley rose the old hills, which often take on a purple hue in the light of evening. There was

the house where childhood's days were spent; what to us was once home was now occupied by strangers. There was the corner where mother loved to stand at dusk on calm evenings and listen to the solemn yet melodious booming of the clock on L— towers, three miles across the vale. She said it always reminded her of that passage in Revelation which reads, "that there should be time no longer."

After the funeral I called on some of my old acquaintances who were still living, among them a Christian widow. In the course of conversation she told me that her eldest son, who was married and lived some miles away, was ill. She asked me to write to him about his soul, adding, "I know you wrote to him before, and it did not seem to have any effect, but he is ill now, and perhaps he will listen."

I had written at her request years before, but this time I waited on the Lord. About a fortnight afterwards I was much impressed one night to write to him. I looked to the Lord to guide me what to write, but I cannot tell you all that was sent, as a quarter of a century has rolled by since. I remember putting this: "Suppose a man is dying of an incurable disease and a friend comes along with a medicine. The friend tells how a great doctor has discovered this remedy, which has never been known to fail. What is equally good, it is free. But the sick man refuses to take it and eventually dies. Did he die of the disease, or because he refused the remedy?" Then I pointed out how Christ was God's remedy for sin.

A short time afterwards I noticed the intimation of the death of the widow's eldest son in the papers. Distance and lack of time prevented me from going to the funeral, so I had to wait for any news of him.

By-and-by came a letter from his widowed mother, which began, "I am writing to tell you the best half hour's work you did in your life was to write that letter to my boy." He had trusted

Jesus right away on reading that letter and it went wherever he went. When too weak to go about, his mother was sent for, and on her arrival he told his wife to shew her the letter. Wasn't the dear mother glad! the prayers for her boy had been answered.

One day he said to his wife and mother, "Jesus is coming for me at three o'clock to-morrow," and at that time the next day he was taken home to be with the Lord.

*O death, where is thy sting! Jesus, blessed Jesus, we may not know the exact hour Thou art coming for us, but may every reader of this paper get a living link with Thee, and know something of the power of Thy resurrection, like this dear young man, who could say, Jesus is coming for me.*

The pain and sting of death were entirely eliminated for him. He was absent from the body, present with the Lord. "I go to prepare a place for you. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John xiv.)

Dear reader, is that prospect yours? Jesus still invites you to come to Him. His word is still, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do not put off any longer, say, "Jesus, I come." R. D.

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## "The Fear of the Lord."

**E**ACH young Christian surely knows something of the fear of the Lord.

When we come to Him, it is because we know that He loves us and that His love was expressed in dying for us. There could not be greater love than the love of God and the love of Jesus. We are affected by the greatness of it.

Now that we belong to Jesus through faith in Him, we reverence His holy name. We have no wish to do wrong and thus grieve Him. You do not care to grieve your parents because you love them; your fear is lest you should cause them displeasure. So with God,

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Memory Text for the Month.

JESUS—  
A NAME  
WHICH IS  
ABOVE  
EVERY NAME

PHILIPPIANS ii. 9.

for if you turn to Hebrews xii. 28 you read of "godly fear."

Let us look at some of the thoughts connected with this "godly fear" which we find in the Book of Proverbs written for our sakes by king Solomon under God's direction.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. (i. 7.)

For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD. (i. 29.)

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil. (viii. 13.)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. (ix. 10.)

The fear of the LORD prolongeth days. (x. 27.)

In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence. (xiv. 26.)

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. (xiv. 27.)

By the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. (xvi. 6.)

The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied. (xix. 23.)

Be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long. (xxiii. 17.)

Read over the passages carefully and prayerfully, that you may not only know them, but may find the happiness that lies in obedience.

"To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (I Sam. xv. 22.)

J. L.



## Bible Searchings.

Please send answers not later than the 18th of the month to F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry; Warwickshire. Note.—Please make every effort to get your answers off in good time this month.

For next year we propose selecting chapters from the Books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel for the questions. Those for January will be set from Jeremiah i. and ii. and Ezekiel ii.

Searchers 14 years of age and over answer all the eight.

Searchers under 14 years of age omit Nos. 7 and 8.

1 SAMUEL XXIX., XXX. AND XXXI.

1. Give the names of Saul's sons slain by the Philistines.
2. "I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God—." Complete the verse.
3. In what mount did King Saul and his sons die?
4. "Behold, a present for you—." Complete the verse.

5. How many of David's men were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor?

6. "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be—." Complete the verse.

7. What three words relating to David are twice recorded in adjoining verses?

8. (a) Who took the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall of Beth-shan and burnt them, and (b) what did they do with their bones?

Searchers under 10 years of age.

1 SAMUEL XXIX.

1. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, "But what have I done?"

2. (a) Who said, and (b) to whom, "Thou hast been upright?"

3. (a) Of whom did the princes of the Philistines say, "Let him not go down with us to battle?" (b) Write out the verse following.

German Translation of the Questions.

Bitte Antworten spätestens bis zum 18 ten des Monats an F. Shedden, 3, Light Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire, schicken.

Anmerkung.—Bitte Jeremias i. und ii. und Hezekiel ii. sorgfältig zu lesen, um die nächste Monats Fragen beantworten zu können.

Die 14 Jaehrigen und aelteren Teilnehmer beantworten allen 8 Fragen.

Die unter 14 Jahre alten lassen die siebente und die achte aus.

1 SAMUEL XXIX., XXX. UND XXXI.

1. Wie nannten die Söhne Sauls die von den Philistern erschlagen wurden?

2. "Ich weiss es denn du bist wohlgefällig in meinen Augen wie ein Engel Gottes," den Vers vollenden.

3. Auf welchem Berge starben Saul und seine Söhne?

4. "Siehe da habt ihr ein Geschenk," den Vers vollenden.

5. Wie viel von den Männern Davids zu ermattet waren um über den Bach Besor zu gehen?

6. "Wie das Teil dessen der in den Streit hinabzieht, so soll auch das Teil dessen sein," den Vers vollenden.

7. Welche drei Vögel in bezug auf David sind zweimal in anliegenden Versen gesprochen?

8. (a) Wer nannten die Leichname Sauls und seiner Söhne von der Mauer von Beth-Schan weg und verbrannten sie, und (b) wie handelten sie mit ihren Gebelnen?

Fuer die unter 10 Jaehrigen.

1 SAMUEL XXIX.

1. (a) Wer sagte und (b) zu wem, "Aber was habe ich getan?"

2. (a) Wer sagte, und (b) zu wem, "Du bist redlich?"

3. (a) Von wem sagten die Fürsten der Philister, "Dass er nicht mit uns in die Streit hinabziehe." (b) Den folgenden Vers abschreiben.



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# JUST A STEP TO JESUS.

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Order my steps in Thy word. (Psa. cxix. 133.)

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord ; and He delighteth in his way. (Psa. xxxvii. 23.)

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, [that ye should follow His steps. (1 Peter ii. 21.)

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. (Psa. cxlv. 18.)

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Just a step to Jesus,  
He who loves you so ;  
As He calls you to Him,  
Will you tell Him no ?  
To the loving Saviour  
Come now while you may ;  
None who come to Jesus,  
Will He send away.

Just a step to Jesus,  
He who died for you ;  
Though your sins were many,  
Every one He knew ;  
Simply trust the Saviour,  
Just in faith now say,  
" Though I am a sinner,  
Save me, Lord, to-day."

Just a step to Jesus,  
He who is so near,  
Though you speak in whispers,  
Every word can hear ;  
He will always listen,  
If to Him you pray ;  
Jesus longs to save you,  
Ask Him now to-day.

Just a step to Jesus,  
He who now would bless,  
All who love Him truly,  
And His name confess ;  
Do not keep Him waiting,  
Come now while you may ;  
Will you take to Jesus  
Just a step to-day ?

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The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart ; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. (Psa. xxxiv. 18.)

The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart : that is, the word of faith, which we preach : that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead,

*THOU SHALT BE SAVED.*

(Rom. x. 8, 9.)

J. W. W.