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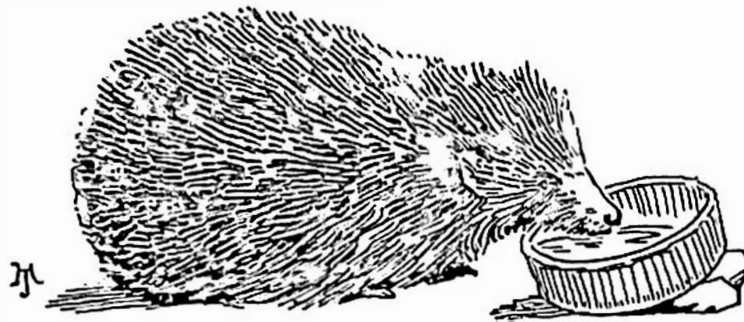




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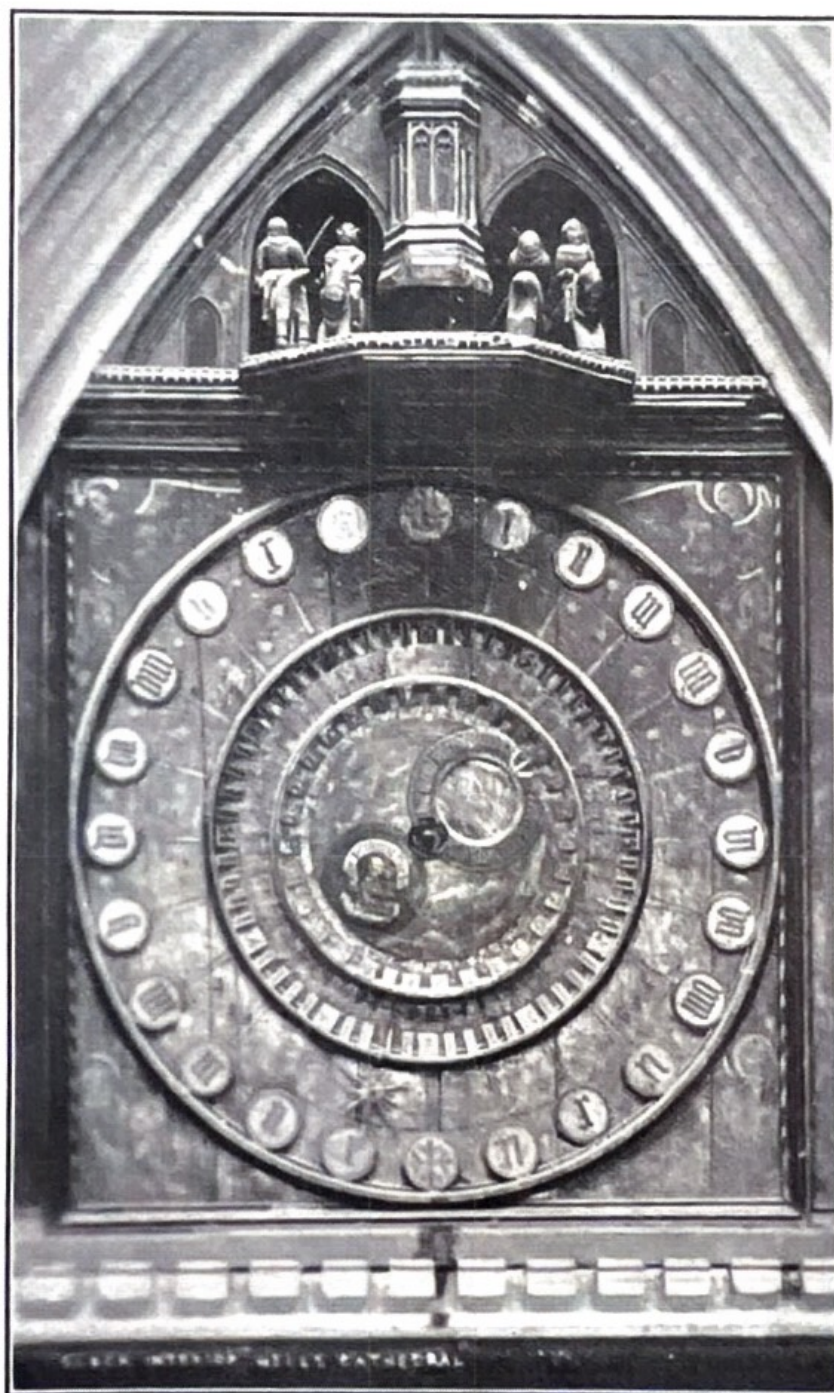
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A Wonderful Old Clock.



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A Wonderful Old Clock.

“**W**HAT are all the people looking at, Mummie?” “Hush! they are waiting for the big clock to strike and then all the figures begin to move.”

“Boom!” On the first stroke of twelve, knights in armour began moving, stars revolved, horses galloped around, and a fat old man in the corner kicked his heels against the bells.

On the face of this wonderful clock, which tells us many more things than the time, are two sets of figures which make up twenty-four hours; this you will see from our picture. And every day for nearly six hundred years this clock has been telling thousands of people that time is passing, never to be recalled.

It tells us that another year has gone, and not one moment of it can be brought back. It reminds us of neglected opportunities, of wasted hours, and its silent message for so long points to the hour which is soon approaching when there will be time no longer.

As the hands on this clock come together at the stroke of twelve, everything on the face of the clock is set in motion. So when the day of grace ends, everything will be put in motion by the Lord Jesus. He will close the day of salvation by taking all those who believe in Him to heaven to share those glories which are His, with Himself.

Are you going to be with Him then, or will that moment begin another day, the day, not of grace, but of judgment for you? This clock has two

sots of twelve in figures and it warns us of the time that is coming, but persuades us that Now, this minute, is the accepted time, Now is the day of salvation.

Listen now to the tick of your clock and remember each tick brings you and me nearer to the moment when we shall see the Lord Jesus. Do you dread that moment? Then you do not know Him. Just kneel down as you are and tell Him that you are a sinner and unfit for heaven, and that you want to meet Him as a Saviour.

He began this day of grace by dying for you. Do you believe it? He will end the day by coming for His own. For us who believe, who trust Him, when He comes will begin a day of joy and gladness, but for those who will not and do not believe, the time of grace will be over, the day of judgment begin.

Let me ask you, have you listened to the lesson of this old clock? Be wise, and begin the New Year by trusting the Lord Jesus and knowing Him as your own Saviour.

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.” Isaiah 55. 6.

Have you thanked Him?

GEORGE was an old, old man. He worked long years for his master but he was too old to work any longer. His wife was very ill and it was a great trial to him that he was not able to provide her with all she needed. And every day his miserable, grumbling voice could be

heard lamenting the fact that he could not do as he used to.

Day after day a friend visited the house and listened to poor George's grumbles. Then she would go upstairs to speak to the invalid of the One above all others. How the face of the dying woman would light up as her friend spoke of the Saviour. She had put her trust in Him not long before her illness. She knew Him as the One Who had died for her sins and as the One now in heaven ever living to make intercession for her, and He helped her to bear her pain and to be patient until He bid her come Home to Him.

But there was one great sorrow and that was her husband. He had

"Wrought for himself and thought for himself,
For himself and none beside,
Just as if Jesus had never lived
And as if He had never died."

But God heard the many prayers that came to Him from the christian friends of his poor wife. One day as they were paying their usual visit the door was opened by George, but not the grumbling George. This was a new George. His face was a strange mixture of shame and joy and with tears streaming down he said, "Oh to think that blessed One suffered all that for me and I've lived nearly eighty years and never thanked Him."

Alone downstairs the night before, while reading his Bible he realised what great things had been done for sinners by the Son of God, and he knew he was a sinner. His indifference changed into shame and he fell at the Saviour's feet and thanked Him for dying for him.

Have you realised that God is

waiting to hear what you have to say to Him about the Lord Jesus? If you give something to a friend you wait to hear what that friend has to say, do you not? You would feel very hurt if that one took no notice. God gave His Son. The Lord Jesus gave His life. How many years have you lived without thanking Him?

A Spoonful of Snow.

THE snow had fallen fast and thick. It covered trees and fences and lay in little drifts against the window panes. From her bed a christian mother looked out at the glistening sight.

She was very ill and her husband sat by her bedside. Suddenly a thought struck her and, turning to him, she said, "Will you open the window and get a spoonful of that newly fallen snow?" At once he opened the window, took a spoonful of the snow and brought it to her, wondering why she wanted it.

The mother then asked him to bring their three children to her. Turning to the eldest she asked her if she knew anything *whiter* than snow. "No, nothing *whiter* than snow," said the child, surprised at the question.

"Then let me tell you dear, that your own mother has been made even whiter than snow through the precious blood of Jesus."

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalms 51. 7.

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

Almost too Late.

THE vessel in which we were sailing had called at a port and most of the passengers had gone ashore in the morning. It was now five minutes to five. All had returned except *one*, and the boat was due to leave at five o'clock sharp.

There was great concern amongst those on board and everyone was anxiously watching for the return of this man. Just at the last minute he turned up, and no sooner had he put his foot on board than the gangway was pulled away and the ship left immediately amidst many cheers for the safe return of this one man who was almost too late.

This came home to me in a striking

way. I thought of how the Lord Himself will come and claim His own, and the waiting time of wondrous grace will be over for ever then. As soon as this man had boarded the ship, one of the passengers, who was a christian, called out to some friends on shore, "*Some guest will be the last !*"

This made us think seriously of the coming day when there will be *no more long-suffering grace*, but only judgment for those who have neglected God's great salvation.

" God's house is filling fast,
' Yet there is room ! '
Some guest will be the last ;
' Yet there is room ! '
Yes ! soon salvation's day
To you will pass away !
Then grace no more will say—
' Yet there is room ! ' "



"I do not feel as if I am saved."

QUITE a number of children had been brought to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, for God was working in a special way in the villages near where I live.

One day in November I received a letter from Hensting from a young girl named Rosie, who longed as perhaps you do, to really know that she was saved. I will give you an extract from her letter.

"How very nice to hear of those three children confessing the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour! If we think so much of it what must the dear Lord Jesus think of it? I do believe all that it says in the Bible about the Lord Jesus dying on the cross, and that He was raised again, and is now in heaven, and yet I do not feel as if I am saved."

As quickly as possible I went down to see her. When I arrived Rosie was in great distress and tears were falling quickly. She was longing to feel that she was saved. So we opened our Bibles, as I hope you will too, and read one verse only over and over again. It was John 6. 47. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life." You see there is not one word in the verse about *feeling*, but there is one word about *believing*, yes, believing on "ME."

Rosie was looking into her young heart to feel saved, instead of believing in Jesus Who died on the cross to save her, and Whose precious blood could wash all her sins away. So for some time we read the very words of

the Lord Jesus. "Verily, verily," which means "Truly, truly, I say unto you. He that believeth on Me" yes, the dear Lord Jesus Who came from that bright glory above to die for poor sinners. "He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life." Yes, "*hath*," the moment you really believe on Him it is yours.

God had been graciously speaking to Rosie in this verse. We then knelt together to speak to God. Rosie's aged grandpa who was also present prayed most earnestly to God that He would save his dear grandchild.

After a pause while silently lifting our hearts in prayer Rosie prayed in simple faith, "Oh Lord Jesus, I do thank Thee for dying on the cross for me." Her young heart was filled with joy. Rosie was saved!

I was able to visit her about a fortnight later and was thankful to find her rejoicing in the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, and longing to bring other girls to Him. She handed me six letters saying, "Will you give these six letters to six unconverted girls?"

The following Sunday I presented the letters at the Sunday School. Many hands were raised for them, but I said, "These are to be given to six unconverted girls, and if any of you know that you are unconverted and wish to be saved, please come into the classroom after school, when I will give you a letter, take your names and addresses and send them to Rosie who will pray for you."

At the close of the school I went into the classroom and to my joy seventeen girls came in. The six letters were distributed, the names and addresses

of all taken and each in time received a letter from Rosie.

During the next week I received the following letter from a girl named Joan. "I received the Lord Jesus Monday evening and asked Mother to tell you that I had let Him come into my heart. I am His for ever and ever. Edith has confessed the Lord this morning. I shall be able to walk in Him through His grace."

So Rosie's prayers were being answered and two more girls had been brought to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Now that Joan was saved she too longed to be used in blessing to others, and next month I shall tell you, God willing, what became of her testimony.

"I know He died for Me."

THE Saviour died that sinners
Might have their sins forgiven ;
His blood can cleanse and fit us
To dwell with Him in heaven.

But are you cleansed and fitted
To dwell in that bright home ?
Can you say you are ready
If Jesus were to come ?

One day a christian lady
Sat by a sick girl's bed ;
She spoke to her of Jesus
Who for our sins once bled.

" You know the gospel story
How Jesus suffered thus—
The blessed, holy Saviour—
You know He died for us."

" Oh yes," she answered quietly,
" He died upon the tree,
But I know something better,
I know He died for me."

Dear children, Jesus suffered
And died to set us free,
But can you say with gladness,
" I know it was for me."

Young Believers' Column.

ANOTHER year has passed and as we are about to enter January I would wish you all a very happy New Year. May it be crowned by a deepened sense of the Lord's love and grace and faithfulness.

You will remember the story of the man whom the Lord delivered from Satan's power (Mark 5.). The Lord's word to him when he desired to go with Him was "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee and hath had compassion on thee."

There is a special joy in telling what the Lord has done for us. I think the Psalmist knew something of it when he said, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul." Psalm 66. 16.

Now my reason for mentioning this is that I would like my young readers to write and tell me what the Lord has done for them, how they were brought to put their trust in Him. You will find that the writing of it will be a cause of joy to your heart, and it will also give you to be in dependence on the Lord as to how you should tell the story of His love and goodness to you.

Address your letters to—

The Editor, C.G.M.,
21, Woodbury Park Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

I shall be most pleased to hear from any of you and I shall then be able to rejoice with you over the Lord's salvation.



A Grateful Robin Redbreast.



YOU will see we have a new picture at the top of our "Little Ones' Page." I hope you will like it.

I have just read a true story of a robin which I am sure you will like to hear. A gentleman who lived in Scotland had a plant in the lobby of his house. Every evening one cold winter a little robin flew in when the front door was open and perched himself on this plant.

He did not seem to mind how many people passed in and out. He stayed all night on his perch. When the maid opened the door in the morning Robin Redbreast would fly out with a chirp, as if he was saying "Thank you" for the nice warm shelter and the good night's rest.

He did this every night and every morning all through the winter, and when the warm spring days came he said goodbye to his kind friends.

If the little robin chirped his thanks for the night's rest, little boys and girls certainly should not forget to thank God for all the good things He gives them.

Do you remember every night to kneel in prayer to thank Him for His care of you and to ask Him to look after you through the night? And in the morning before you start the day how important it is to ask the Lord's blessing, and to thank Him for all the good things He gives us.

But most important of all, do not forget to thank God for the greatest of all gifts, the Lord Jesus, the Friend of little children.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

As we begin a new year many of you are looking forward to answering the questions again. I expect some who have not tried before would like to start now and they too are welcome.

I would like it to be a happy and interesting task to you all and I trust it may be a blessing to every one of you. But you must ask the Lord to teach you so that you understand what you write.

Some may not understand what is required so I will explain what you should do. Begin by putting your name, address and age and also the month at the top of your paper.

ALWAYS ANSWER THE FIRST FIVE QUESTIONS IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE. Generally one verse answers the question but sometimes two are required, so read the question over a second time to make sure that you have found the correct answer. Write it out carefully and neatly and put the place where you find it at the end of each answer.

Rewards are given (D.V.) at the end of the year to those who answer well and regularly each month.

Loving greetings to all our searchers !

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for January.

Those under 14 to answer five questions ; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. What did the two men in white apparel say to the disciples? Chap. 1.

2. Write out the verse containing the words "both Lord and Christ." Chap. 2.

3. What did they (believers) continue steadfastly in? Chap. 2.

4. What did the lame man do when Peter had spoken to him? Chap. 3.

5. Why did God send His Son? Chap. 3.

6. Tell in your own words all about the lame man who was cured by Peter and John.

7. Tell in your own words all you can about how the Holy Ghost fell on the disciples.

Where had they been told to wait and for what? What prophet had foretold that He would come?

Write out any verse to show that the Lord Jesus had said the Holy Spirit would come. Give scripture for these answers.

Answers to be sent in by the 25th of the month, addressed to:—N. E., Bible & Tract Depot, 21, Woodbury Park Road, Tunbridge Wells, England. Those residing abroad are allowed an extension of time.

Answers to Questions for November.

1. Luke 2. 10-11.

4. Luke 9. 58.

2. Luke 3. 22.

5. Luke 10. 20.

3. Luke 6. 27 or 35.

6. Luke 8. 9-15.

7. Luke was the writer of the gospel which bears his name. He tells us that it was written in order that Theophilus, to whom he writes, might know that what he had been taught was true. Chap. 1. 4.

Luke also wrote the Acts. Acts 1. 1. Colossians 4. 14 tells us that he was a beloved doctor and the apostle Paul calls him his fellow labourer. Philemon 24. We know too from Acts that he was with Paul in many of his travels and 2 Tim. 4. 11 tells us that Luke was the only one who stood by the apostle when he was a prisoner before Nero.

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of Scripture.

Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

For your answers to come for a half-penny stamp you must leave the envelope open, and write top left corner of envelope: Education Exercise, Printed Paper Rate.

BE PREPARED.



Photo Sport & General.

Be Prepared.

WE were passengers on a large ship going to China. At the commencement of the voyage while sitting at breakfast in the dining saloon we all received instructions to put on our lifebelts and be prepared to assemble at our allotted lifeboat at a given warning by the ship's siren. This was for the lifeboat drill.

Not long after we had received the notice, the ship's siren was distinctly heard by all on board, and this meant prompt obedience although at the time everything seemed quiet and peaceful and the sea was quite calm. It was necessary to *be prepared* to man the lifeboat for a place of safety in time of distress and disaster.

The place of security and safety was provided for the passengers and if in time of danger any one neglected or refused this provision, they did so at their peril. My thoughts at this time turned to the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is God's provision for lost sinners.

God in His matchless love has provided *one* way of escape from the coming judgment in the person of His well beloved Son. His solemn word is "Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke : then a great ransom cannot deliver thee." Job. 36. 18.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation ; but is passed from death unto Life." John 5. 24.

May the reader of these lines accept the Lord Jesus, God's provision from the judgment to come.

What came of Joan's Testimony.

OUR young friends who read in last month's magazine of the blessing brought by Rosie's letters will now be looking for the outcome of Joan's testimony.

In Rosie's case God used the writing of letters and in Joan's it was the singing of a hymn, reminding us of Psalm 40. 3. "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God : many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

Singing is mentioned many times in the Bible. The first mention of people singing is in Exodus 15, and this is what they sang—"The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation. He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation ; my father's God, and I will exalt Him."

What a volume of sound rose that day from the banks of the Red Sea. Perhaps you have noticed how many times the little word "my" occurs in the song. Of course we should always think of the words that we sing, or we may sing that which is untrue. It may be that some of you say, "I wish I could truthfully sing such a song."

Well, let us just see what was the secret of their joy and confidence. This we find in Exodus 14. 31, "They saw that great work which the Lord did . . . and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord." In Hebrews 11. 20 we read, "By faith they passed through the Red Sea."

Now that great work which Israel saw was but a picture of that greater work that Jesus did, when He died for

our sins on the cross. And if you in simple faith look to Jesus Who died and rose again, believing in your heart that He died for *you*, that His precious blood was shed for *your* sins, then *you too* will sing with such joy of heart. You will be able to say, "He loved me and gave Himself for me," and join with all the redeemed "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." Rev. 1. 5.

It is now a few months ago that Joan, with a heart filled with the love of Jesus, was singing,

"O happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee my Saviour and my God."

Her friend joined in the singing until they reached the chorus,

"When Jesus washed my sins away."

At this point her friend suddenly stopped singing and turned so pale that Joan asked if she were ill. "No," replied the girl, "I will tell you later."

God had spoken to her heart. Oh that little word "my!" How she wished it was true, but at that moment she could not truthfully sing,

"My Saviour and my God."
"My sins are washed away."

Thank God later in the day Joan's friend had received the Lord Jesus as her own personal Saviour. How gladly she told Joan the good news, and now she can re-echo the tidings of God's salvation. Thus another golden link was formed in the chain of blessing.

Will you, as you read this true story, go down on your knees to the Lord Jesus, saying, "Lord Jesus, I thank Thee for dying on the cross for me"? Will you be another golden link in the chain?

"David's God ; Who is He ?"

A TRAVELLER in Palestine made a point of collecting photographs of all the various places he visited while in the Holy Land. On his return he displayed them describing the different views and giving historical events connected with them.

Amongst other scenes he shewed one of a shepherd lad caring for his sheep, and repeated the conversation which took place between them.

"I see" said the traveller, "that you are following the calling of your forefather David."

"Yes," said the lad, "and my name is David too."

"And is David's God your God?" asked the traveller.

"David's God," repeated the lad, "Who is He?"

What a question to come from one of God's chosen people, and living in his own land too, where Christ Himself walked, the land of the greatest privilege and the greatest sacrifice!

Our country to-day is a land of great privilege. The gospel is freely told out and the Bible a book open to all. The boys and girls of our land know who David's God is, but how terrible to think that many of them cannot truthfully say that David's God is their God.

David's God ; Who is He ?

The God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob ; the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died and gave Himself a ransom for all who believe in Him.

Make David's God your God by believing in the Lord Jesus Whom He sent here into this world to save sinners.

Guilty.

IN a prison dock stood two young men, little more than boys, both pleading guilty to a charge of house-breaking. One was obviously an "old hand" but the other, whom we will call Charlie, a respectable, well dressed, nice looking young fellow, it was difficult to associate with such a crime.

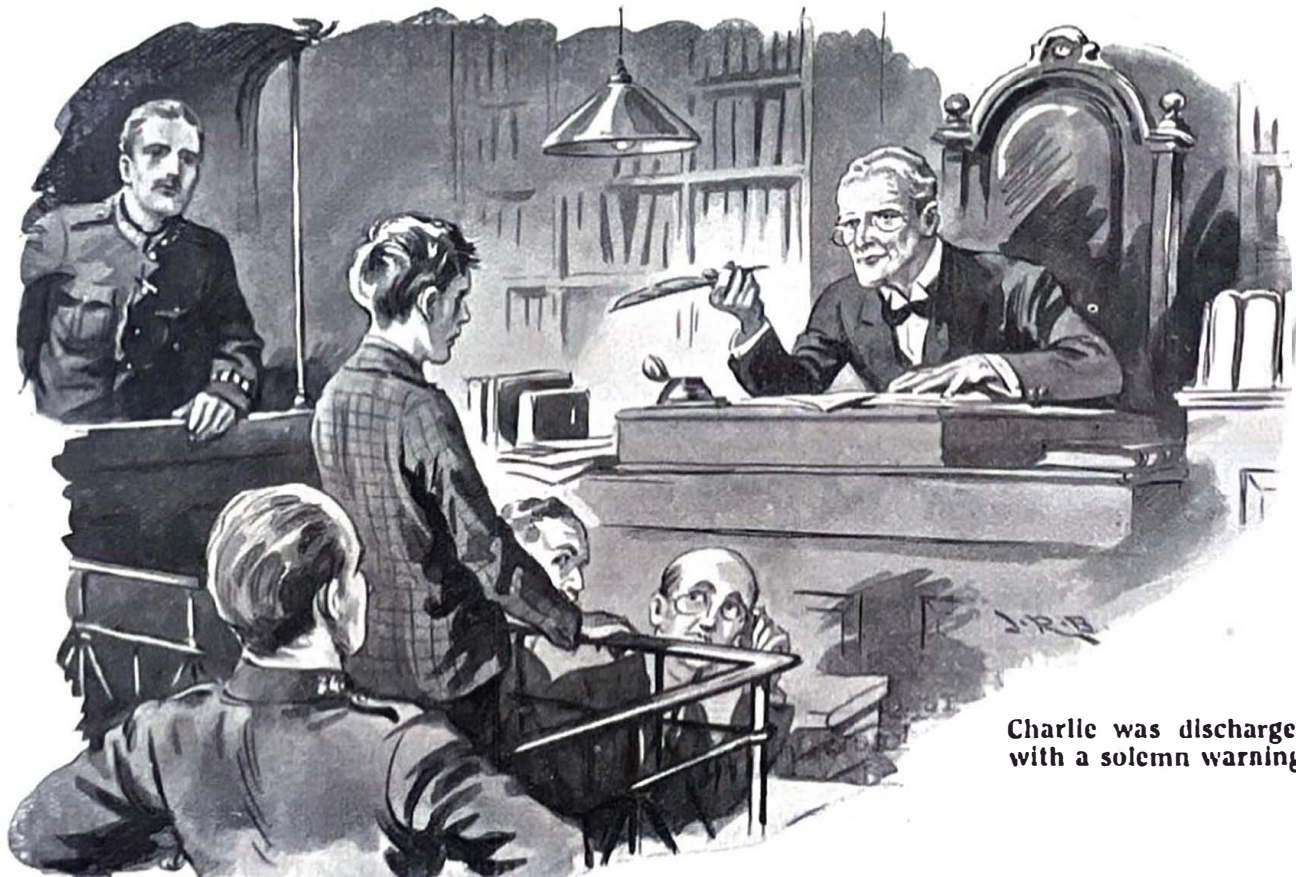
It was a pitiful story of a bad companionship. They had been school-fellows together, but had not met since until this fateful day. We can imagine a sudden meeting.

"Hullo, Charlie!"

"Why, it's old Rob!"

Now Rob began to think very fast. He had a big adventure planned for that particular evening (not the first of its kind) and it suddenly occurred to him that a second person might be useful, and if it was the old Charlie, he could easily be won over. So he gave a pressing invitation to his newly found old friend to join him for an evening's outing.

All unsuspecting, Charlie was only too willing. First they had some refreshment, of the strong sort, which Charlie was not used to, and then a walk. It was late and quiet and dark. Then came a very strange request from Rob—in fact Charlie thought it was a joke.



Charlie was discharged with a solemn warning.

"Look here, I want you to break that window and get into that house," said Rob, pointing to a particular one, "and then I'll tell you what to do."

It took some persuasion, but Charlie found himself in a "hole" and with promises to share in the gains and threats if he went back now, the wretched deed was done.

But something went wrong with the plans, perhaps they were both a little unsteady ! Instead of a good haul, the result was the prison dock. Both guilty—but Rob was sentenced to "three years" and Charlie was discharged with a solemn warning from a kindly magistrate.

I wish I could tell you how Charlie is using the liberty he hardly expected. But I do hope that his story may help some boy to say "No" to an evil suggestion from a companion who would lead him astray.

But there is a solemn truth to learn first. It is in God's Word, "ALL HAVE SINNED." (Rom. 3. 23.) "There is none righteous, no not one." (Rom. 3. 10.) "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in ONE point, he is guilty of all." (James 2. 10.)

So that unless Jesus Christ is your Saviour, *you* are as guilty in God's sight as those two young house-breakers. But there is pardon for you. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1. 9.) How ? Why ? Because He, the Lord Jesus, 'bare *our* sins in His own body on the tree.' (1 Peter 2. 24.)

Happy is the boy who begins life

with Christ as his Saviour. Dear reader, will you ?

"It is Well."

MANY years ago a mission was being hold in London. A well known preacher and a singer were holding meetings. A very old friend of mine decided to go and hear them, but he was not at all affected by the preaching or the singing.

Presently a hymn was given out ; the chorus of which is, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It was sung very heartily. My friend listened to it and suddenly he was arrested by a young girl singing near him. She sang the words with her whole heart. He felt sure she had something which he had not.

"My sins—oh ! the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sins—not in part, but the whole,
Were nailed to His cross ; and I bear them no more ;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul!"

Then came the refrain—

"It is well—with my soul !
It is well, it is well with my soul."

The words reached his heart, hitherto untouched, and he was soon at the feet of Jesus, able to sing

"It is well with my soul."

How is it with you who are reading this ? Can you say these words from your heart ?

I was in an old country churchyard. Everywhere was peace and quietness. As I wandered around I was drawn toward a grave which had a marble stone lying over it like a scroll. As I looked at it I saw these words, "Is

it well with the child ? ” Then underneath were the words, “ It is well.”

Somehow my heart was thrilled as I read it, feeling sure that the parents of the child who was buried there know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and were satisfied that their boy was saved also, and able to say “ It is well.” I learned afterward that this was true. I never forget the little grave and its inscription and I long that you children should know too that it is well with your souls.

This boy through his parent’s teaching and the old man taught by a young girl were brought to trust in the precious Saviour Who died on the cross, and are both now safe in that Home above.

He Who said when here “ Suffer little children to come unto Me ” wants you to come to Him, so that if asked the question, “ Is it well with the child ? ” the answer can truthfully be given—

“ IT IS WELL.”

Look to Jesus.

LOOK to Jesus; look and live;
Mercy at His hands receive;
He has died upon the tree,
And His words are, “ Look to Me.”

Come to Jesus; come and live;
He has endless life to give;
He from sin will set thee free,
For His words are, “ Come to Me.”

Trust in Jesus; trust and live;
Now upon His name believe;
He has blessings e’en for thee,
For His words are, “ Trust in Me.”

Rest in Jesus; there repose;
Shelter find from all thy foes;
Let His name be all thy plea,
For His words are, “ Rest in Me.”

Young Believers’ Column.

A LITTLE girl had learned to know the Lord Jesus as her Saviour and she longed to tell her father of the joy that filled her heart. But her father was a stern man who cared for none of these things, and who thought that all christians were hypocrites, and so she was afraid to speak to him on the subject.

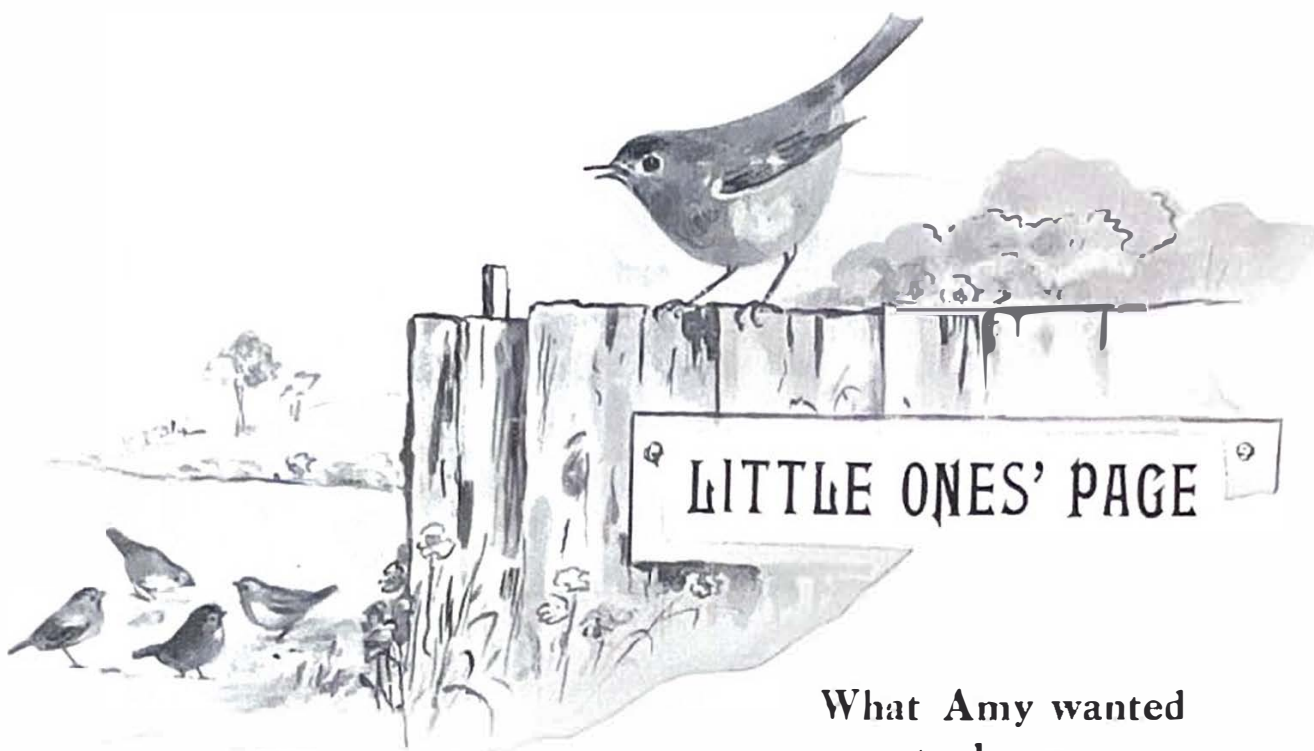
What should she do ? She knew if she began to ask him about coming to the special gospel meetings which were being held nearby, he would stop her before she had got out half a dozen words. So she thought out the following plan. She wrote him a letter, inviting him to come with her to the meeting and telling him what the Lord Jesus had done for her. Then getting a stamp from her mother, she posted the letter and awaited the result.

When the father received it, he looked curiously at it, then slitting open the envelope, he read it carefully through. The girl sat with her face flushed with excitement.

“ So you have got converted, have you ? ” said her father, “ and you want me to be the same ? Well, as you seem so much in earnest in your invitation, I’ll go with you to-night, just to please you.”

He went, and the grace of God won his heart and he passed from death to life. His little daughter’s Saviour had become his Saviour too.

Have you told your father and mother that you know the Lord ? If not, ask the Lord to enable you to do so now, for the Lord wants us to be His witnesses.



What Amy wanted
to know.



AM going to tell you this month about a little girl who lived a very long time ago. I am sure you will be surprised when I tell you that she had never heard those beautiful words in John 3. 16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

She had been told by her father and mother that God is holy and hates sin. But they had never told her that God is love, and although He hates the naughty things we do, yet He loves us. So little Amy was afraid of God.

But one day Amy picked up a little piece of paper in her father's office, with some words written on it. These were the words that she read, "God so loved the world that He gave"—here the paper was torn and Amy could read no more.

Those few words made Amy think. She knew now that God loved the world and that He gave something, and she longed to know what it was that God gave. She said to herself, "I must find out what He gave."

Now you little ones know the verse quite well, I am sure. You could have told Amy that it was God's own Son that He gave. But have you believed on Him, I wonder? Have you received everlasting life? This is a very important question and I hope you will stop and really think about it.

How much God must have loved us to give Jesus to die for us! Will you believe in Him now, and then kneel down and thank Him for His great love?

At last Amy found out the answer to her question. How glad she was to know that God loved even a little girl like her!

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you all read that beautiful story about the poor lame beggar in the beginning of Acts? Don't you think it is interesting? It was such a change for him, instead of sitting at the Temple gate begging, to be able to leap and walk and give praises to God. And yet he nearly missed the blessing, for he must have sat there while the Lord Jesus went in and out of the Temple. Perhaps he did not want to be healed then. I think he reminds us of some boys and girls who have heard the gospel ever so many times and yet they don't want to be saved. They might not have another chance, like the lame beggar, and it would be dreadful to be for ever lost. If you have not come to the Lord Jesus, come to Him now and He will not turn you away, for He wants to bless you.

The senior searchers are to write what they know about Stephen. That should not be difficult, for you have only to read carefully these chapters where we are searching. Please do not look up other books, for that is not allowed and I want you to search for yourselves out of the Bible.

You will find the sixth question quite easy, if only you take a little time and care to look out the verses. You will be surprised how often it speaks of the name of Jesus. That is a sweet word to those of us who know Him. I hope all of you will learn to know Him too.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for February.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in Acts.

1. By what power or name did Peter say they had done the miracle? Chap. 4.
2. Write out the verse containing the words "none other name." Chap. 4.
3. Why did the apostles rejoice? Chap. 5.
4. How has God exalted Jesus? Chap. 5.
5. Where is God's throne? Chap. 7.
6. Write out from chapters 3-5 all the verses you can find which speak of the name of Jesus, or "this name" or "His name."
7. Tell in your own words the story of Stephen.

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of Scripture.

Answers to Questions for December.

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| 1. Luke 11. 28. | 5. Luke 19. 9-10. |
| 2. Luke 12. 2. | 6. Luke 13. 34-35. |
| 3. Luke 16. 10. | Luke 19. 41-44. |
| 4. Luke 18. 16. | |
| 7. (a) Sadducees. Luke 20. 27. | |
| (b) Luke 20. 37-38. | |
| (c) John 5. 28-29. | |
| (d) 1 Cor. 15. 52. | |
| 1 Thess. 4. 16. | |

Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

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THE RIGHT LIGHT



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The Right Light.

IT was holiday time and a lady was taking a party of children to see a lighthouse on the south coast of England.

The children were very interested as the keeper of the lighthouse took them round. After explaining all the details of the working of the light, also its power and use, he said, "If you were compelled to take a long journey, what kind of light would you prefer to travel by?"

"By electric light," answered one of the children after a pause.

"By gas light," replied another.

Then the lady said, "By daylight."

"Yes," said the keeper, "that would be the best and safest light to travel by. But do you know that there is a much greater light even than this? The Light of the world."

And so indeed there is, for we read in the Bible these words spoken by the Lord Jesus Himself—

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." John 8. 12.

Our life in this world is like a journey, and what better light can we have to travel by than Jesus Himself?

But the world did not want the Light, and when He came here they cast Him out and nailed Him to the cross. And many do not want Him now, but to His own He is a bright and shining Light, gleaming across their pathway, showing them the way step by step.

Do not attempt to continue your journey without this Light to guide you. If you do, you are sure to

stumble and in the end miss your way altogether.

Take Jesus as your guiding Light now and then in the words of an old hymn you will be able to say—

"And in that Light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done."

How to be Safe and Happy.

AN old christian gentleman had been preaching the gospel. A man with a sunburnt face came up to him afterwards, and asked him if he remembered speaking to children in a Fifeshire village forty-two years before.

That was a very long time to go back and the preacher had to say that he could not remember it.

"I remember it well," said the stranger. "I was then a lad of sixteen, just about to start for India. In closing you said, 'I tell you, children, you can never be safe and you can never be happy, till you put your trust in the Saviour.'"

Then he went on to tell his newly found friend how that message had made a deep impression on him. "Those words," he said, "kept ringing in my ears in India. By God's grace I put my trust in the Saviour, and during those forty-two years I have proved that your words were true!"

What good news for the old preacher to hear! And how true his words were, spoken so long ago! They are as true today, and you will prove them true, dear children, if you will do as that Scottish lad did. Then you will know what it is to be safe and really happy.

The Doctors.

MOST of you have seen inside a hospital, or you have been to a doctor's surgery, or perhaps the doctor has come to see you. I expect you remember how clean everything was, tables and beds so spotless white, and the doctor so careful about washing his hands. And you know that the doctor has been to college and has studied for years, and knows about the different medicines and is very careful to find the right medicine that will suit the sick person.

Now in China there are a great many doctors too, but they are quite different. When a man wants to be a doctor he does not go to college, nor does he go to hospitals to see what other people are doing to cure sick folk. Not long ago people in China thought that all illness was caused by an evil spirit getting inside the sick person, so the doctor must make a hole to let the spirit out!

I have seen the chart that the doctors had to learn. It was a life-size figure of a man, and it was marked all over with red and black spots. Into the black spots the doctor could run his long needle without killing the patient, but if he ran it into the red spots, the patient would die. I think the patient must often have died anyway, for they do not do that any more, I am glad to say, not where I live. But the doctors still do a great many very queer and disagreeable things, and very often they do their patients more harm than good.

In South China I have a friend called Mrs. Lau. She has several

little boys, very nice little boys, but they are always being ill. Every few days one of them appears in my house, saying "Second brother has a bad cough. Mother wants you to give him some medicine." Or, "Fifth brother has a bad sore on his leg; Mother wants some ointment."

So off I go to Mrs. Lau's house with some pills or some ointment, and think he is settled. But next day when I go in to see how he is, I find Mrs. Lau busy boiling some horrible preparation of herbs. "Second brother is still coughing, so I got a few drugs from the medicine shop," she says. Next day when I go in she is rubbing his throat with a piece of money. "Second brother is still coughing, so grandmother next door said this was the best thing to do," she tells me.

Now what was the matter with Mrs. Lau? She could not *trust* her doctors. She loved her little boys, and she wanted to do the best for them, but she did not know where to find it. First she tried one thing and then another, and so her children were always ill. They never got the chance to get better.

One day my own little girl was very ill. We did all we could for her, but she grew worse and worse. Now outside the town there lived a good doctor who had been thoroughly trained in America. I knew that a great many people had gone to him and had been cured. So I sent for this doctor and he soon told me what was the matter with her and exactly what we must do.

Some of the things were not very pleasant, and some of the medicines were nasty to take. It was three weeks before the little girl was better, but at last she was well again, and how thankful I felt to the kind, clever doctor. Now during those three weeks do you think I kept wanting to call in someone else, or see what the old woman next door would do? It was sometimes hard to wait, but you see I could *trust* my doctor. Of course he was only a man, and I knew he might fail for the very best doctors cannot always cure their patients. But I knew I could *trust* him and in the end my *faith* was rewarded.

Now dear children, you know, that you have a terrible disease in your souls. I am not talking about your bodies now. I hope you all have strong, healthy bodies. We all have the disease of sin. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." So you see it does not matter how old you are, or how young, you all have this disease of sin.

What are you doing about it? Are you like my friend Mrs. Lau, always trying some fresh thing to make yourself better? You will only get worse if you do that. You must find a Doctor in Whom you can *trust*. There is only One Who ever could cure the disease of sin, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ.

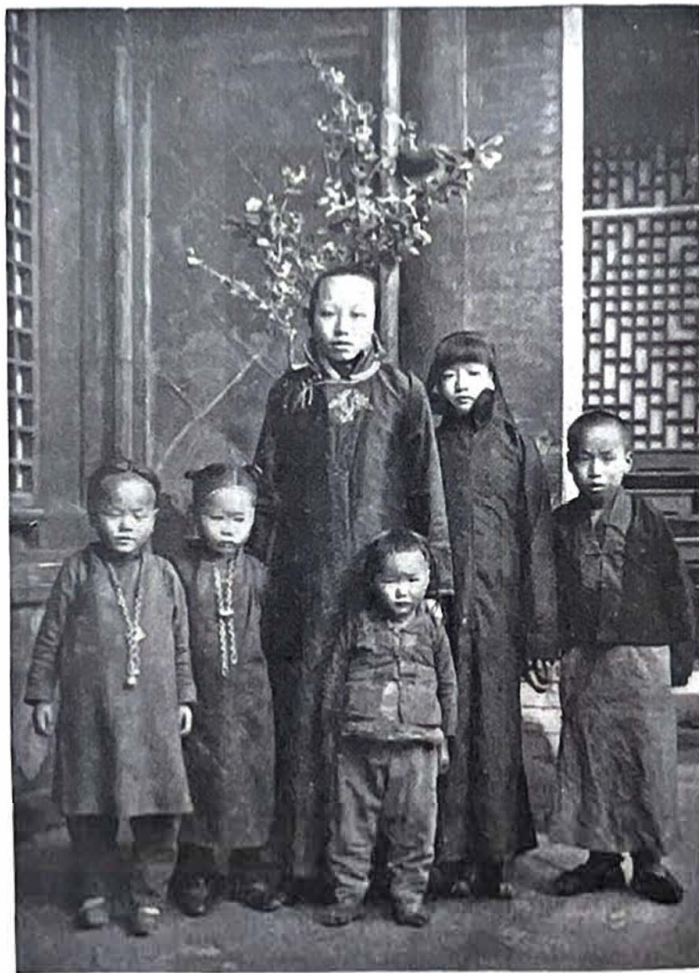
Why did I trust my doctor? Because I knew he was kind, and wanted to help my little girl. I knew he was clever and that he could help her, and I knew he had already helped others with the same trouble.

What about the Lord Jesus? Is He kind? Yes, you all know that. There never was any one so kind as He, never any one so full of love. "Heroin is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for

our sins." 1 John 4. 10.

Is He able to help? Yes, He is the only one Who can help. "He is able . . . to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Heb. 7. 25.

Has He saved others? Yes; no one



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A proud Chinese mother with her children.

ever was lost who came to Him for salvation. He says, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." John 10. 27.

Oh, do not try anything else. Do not turn to others for salvation. Do not try to save yourself, by your own good works. You cannot trust any one else. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4. 12.

A Tiny Preacher.

IT was a Children's Convalescent Home, and a party of gentlemen (very important personages—one even bore a title) were paying a visit of inspection. A dear little maiden of four years old was brought in, and after being duly inspected, she turned to the nurse and said, "May I sing?" "Yes, dear, if you like. Perhaps the gentlemen would like to hear you sing."

So the august visitors composed themselves to listen, and probably there was a slight twinkle of amusement in some eyes. And the sweet baby voice sang—

"A little talk with Jesus
Makes it right, all right.
A little talk with Jesus
Makes it right, all right.
In trials of ev'ry kind,
Praise God I always find
A little talk with Jesus
Makes it right, all right."

Every trace of amusement had vanished, and the nurse told a friend

afterwards that she saw tears in some of those big men's eyes. Tears! Why? I wondered if one was trying to remember the last "little talk with Jesus," he had had. It was a very long time ago—no time for that sort of thing now! So very much to do! Perhaps another was even thinking with regret that he had *never* really had a talk with Jesus. Dear young reader, have you?

"Oh, of course," I think I hear you say, "I always say my prayers." Lots of boys and girls say their prayers every night and morning, but as they do not know the Lord Jesus as their own Saviour, they do not really talk to Him. But perhaps some of you who know Him as a real Friend sometimes feel as if He is so far away, and you wonder if He is really listening when you pray.

Well, I think I can understand that, and I think I can tell you why. I daresay you have been out of doors on a lovely hot day, and felt the sun shining right through you; when suddenly it has turned quite chilly, and you make the rather silly remark, "The sun has gone in." You know quite well what has happened. A great cloud has come in front of the sun and hidden it from you.

Now that cloud is like sin. We have grieved the Lord Jesus by something we have said or done, and we need to have the cloud removed. If you turn to 1 John 1. 9 you will read these words, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

How wonderful that is, and how wonderfully true, as so many people could tell you. And when the cloud of sin has been removed you will be able to talk with Jesus—nothing between.

And if you are one of those children who up till now have never really had a "talk with Jesus" then tonight, instead of "saying prayers" have your first *real* talk with Him.

Saved !

SAVED through the blood of Jesus,
Saved from all guilt and shame,
Saved is the soul that trusts Him,
Trusts in His precious Name.
Safe in the Rock of Ages
Fearlessly he may hide,
Safe from the storms of judgment,
Safe from the swelling tide.

Chorus :—

*Saved through the blood of Jesus,
Perfect and only plea ;
Naught else avails for sinners,
Naught else avails for me.*

Saved through the blood of Jesus,
Saved from the wrath to come,
Saved too to dwell for ever,
Safe in the Father's home.
Joy is among the angels,
Joy in the heart of God,
When an unworthy sinner
Trusts in the precious blood.

Saved through the blood of Jesus,
Saved from eternal doom,
Saved too to share Christ's glory,
Saved until He shall come :
Saved from o'erwhelming sorrow,
Saved from distracting care,
Saved from a world of evil,
Saved from all doubt and fear.

Saved for the day of glory,
Then the redeemed will sing ;
Still of the blood of Jesus
Loudly their praise will ring.
Saved now to wait with patience,
Looking by faith afar,
Till just before the dawning
Rises the Morning Star.

Tune :—" Safe in the arms of Jesus."

Young Believers' Column.

THOSE who read the "Young Believers' Column" in January will remember that I said I should like to hear from any of my readers as to how the Lord had brought them to Himself. It has been a pleasure to receive some letters, and I would like to thank those of you who have written to me. May the Lord bless and encourage you all to serve and follow Him day by day.

In one of the letters our young friend tells me the exact date she was saved, and that her sister was saved the same night. As I read this, it reminded me of how the apostle Paul spoke when telling of his conversion. "At MIDDAY O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun . . . I heard a voice speaking unto me." (See Acts 26).

Do you think he would ever forget that moment? It was at midday ; it stood out in his memory and he remembered the brightness of the light that shone from his Saviour in glory. He would remember His voice and how it broke him down and won his heart. So each of us can rejoice that He has spoken in His own wonderful way to our hearts. It was a living word to our souls and we can now sing—

" Shall I tell you what induced me
For the better land to start ?
" 'Twas the Saviour's lovingkindness
Overcame and won my heart."

If you have not sent me a letter I shall still be pleased to hear. Address it to—The Editor, C.G.M.,
21, Woodbury Park Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.



Too Early.

THE day of the Sunday School prize-giving had come at last. The children were all full of excitement. Some of them had been to Sunday School every Sunday right through the year without missing once. They knew that they were sure to get a prize.

Six o'clock was the time they were to arrive at the Hall. But long before then, numbers of children were crowding round the door. They could not get in however until the door was opened. They were too early.

But, boys and girls, you can never be too early for Jesus. You may be too early for school ; you may be too early on Treat day, but you cannot be too early for Jesus.

In the Bible we read these words, " Those that seek Me early shall find Me." Prov. 8. 17. Have you come to Him yet ? He wants you in the early days of your lives, when you are quite young. None are too small for Jesus.

When He was down here on earth, He took the little ones in His arms, and said, " Suffer little children to come unto Me." The disciples thought that Jesus would not want to be bothered with them, and they would have sent them away. But that would not do for Jesus. He wanted them, every one, and He did not keep them waiting.

The boys and girls on that Treat day were let in at last, but some of them had to wait a long time. The Lord Jesus is waiting for you ; He died for you. Now He lives in heaven and He is just longing for you to trust Him.

" We are little children, very young indeed,
But the Saviour's promise each of us may plead;
If we seek Him early, if we come to-day,
We can be His little friends, He has said we may.

" Little friends of Jesus, what a happy thought !
What a precious promise in the Bible taught !
Little friends of Jesus, walking by His side,
With His arm around us, every step to guide."

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Shall I tell you a secret?

When I was young like you I did not like to read the letter in the Magazine. The printing was so small and it did not look interesting so I generally passed it over. I expect some of you feel just the same.

How would you like to write me a letter, then you might like those I write to you better?

I have been thinking about some letters in the Bible. Do you know there are many there? Some of them are called epistles. There are two from the apostle Peter and three from the beloved disciple John besides some from Paul. God caused these men to write these letters for our blessing and He has preserved them for us all these many years.

How many of you know about some important letters which were sent out by the command of a king? We read about them in the book of Esther. These letters were sent in a very different way from the letters which we get now. We are told that the "posts" went on horseback, mules, camels and young dromedaries. The postmen had to hurry for many lives were in danger and they had a great distance to go.

Read about it for yourselves and you will see how interesting it is.

I am glad to see some new names amongst our searchers and I hope you all will enjoy searching and writing out the answers from God's letter to us.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for March.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. What scripture was the eunuch reading? (2 verses) Chap. 8.
2. What did Ananias say to Saul? Chap. 9.
3. How did Saul leave Damascus? Chap. 9.
4. What did Barnabas tell the apostles at Jerusalem about Saul? Chap. 9.
5. What did Peter say to Aeneas? Chap. 9.
6. Write out five verses from Chapter 8, which tell what the disciples preached.
7. Tell the story of Saul's conversion and also what you know of him previously, in your own words.

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Answers to Questions for January.

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| 1. Acts 1. 11. | 4. Acts 3. 8. |
| 2. Acts 2. 36. | 5. Acts 3. 26. |
| 3. Acts 2. 42. | 6. Acts 3. |
| 7. Acts 2. 1-12. | |

The apostles had been told not to leave Jerusalem till the Holy Spirit had come. Acts 1. 4 and Luke 24. 49.

Joel foretold that He would come. Acts 2. 16-18. Joel 2. 28-29.

The Lord Jesus also told the disciples that He would send the Holy Ghost. John 15. 26. John 16. 7.

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A Lost Opportunity.



A Lost Opportunity.

SEVERAL months ago a very tragic accident took place. A trawler lay off the Dutch coast at anchor. As time went on the sea began to rise and the wind blew. Some men on the shore, watching the ship, and knowing she was going to have a rough time, ran for the lifeboat, which was soon on her way to the rescue.

On reaching the trawler, to the surprise of those on board the lifeboat, they were told, "We can manage all right." Their assistance was refused. So the lifeboat returned to shore.

But all the while the waves were rising higher and higher, and before long rockets were heard. Those on shore who were watching could see that they came from the trawler. So the lifeboat put out to sea once again.

But this time she could not reach the distressed ship. After trying for a considerable time to rescue the crew, all hopes were abandoned. All eyes were on the trawler. What was going to happen? Suddenly they could see a small boat being dropped over the side. When all were on board they pushed off, leaving the trawler to her doom. Soon after they had left the ship, a mountainous wave came, and all the crew were thrown into the mighty deep, and then perished.

Do you know, dear young reader, that multitudes are perishing from the same cause? What is that? *Sheer unbelief!* The crew on that ship had their opportunity to be rescued, but what did they do with it? They refused it. "The grace of God

that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." (Titus 2. 11.) How many are refusing God's grace to-day!

Satan is very busy telling men and women, boys and girls, "There's time enough. Wait until you get older." But God's precious Word says, "Behold *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6. 2.)

Just as the lifeboat went out to save the crew of the trawler, so salvation is offered to you. Everything has been done. The Lord Jesus went to Calvary's cross and shed His precious blood to save needy sinners. Let me ask, Are you putting off the question of your soul's welfare?

The men on the ship waited, but they were too late. The day of God's grace will not go on for ever. The cry has gone forth, "Behold the Bridegroom." Are you ready to meet Him? God has provided a way of escape, and a harbour of safety. May His love and grace reach you before the opportunity goes by.

"HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE
NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION?"

Heb. 2. 3.

"All Packed up and Ready to Go."

"I'M all packed up and ready to go!" The speaker, an old man over eighty, was lying in bed in a tiny room, blind and almost completely helpless. What could he mean?

To most of you boys and girls "packing up" conveys the thought of getting ready for return to school, or more pleasantly, when it comes to holidays, a trip away, to the seaside perhaps, or some other place of interest. But schooldays were long since past for this old man, and as for holidays it is doubtful if he had ever had any. What then could he mean?

Guess again! And this time I will give you a clue. Long ago, when a Roman army was about to move its camp, the men comprising it were given four *trumpet* signals. At the *first trumpet* they were to take down their tents; at the *second* to pack up; the *third* gave the signal to stand in readiness, and at the *fourth*, they marched.

Now let us find a verse in 1 Corinthians 15. 51, 52, speaking to those who belong to the Lord Jesus, and another in 1 Thessalonians 4. 16, 17, and you will have the clue. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

"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."

By this I am sure you will see what

the old man meant when he said he was "packed up" (trumpet 2), "ready to go" (trumpet 3), waiting only for the *last* trumpet, which should summon him together with all believers, to meet the Lord in the air, and so to be for ever with Him.

And do you not think there is a lesson for us in this homely way of putting it? Many of the boys and girls, and grown-ups too, who read this magazine, are christians, happy in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus as Saviour, but are we all "packed up" and "ready to go" or are our hopes and interests still centred and engrossed in earthly things?

Perhaps you will think it is all very well for an old man who is past doing anything, to talk like this. But whether old or young the Lord Jesus tells us that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," and this is *really* the secret of what we are talking of just now. How glad we are to look forward to, and prepare for meeting any of our loved ones after a time of absence, and shall our hearts be *less* glad, and *less* prepared to meet the One to whom we owe our all?

Yet if the Lord Jesus came to-day (and Scripture tells us we know not the day nor the hour) would He find us really waiting and watching for Him, as the old man put it—packed up and ready to go?

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Col. 3. 2.

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord." Luke 12. 35, 36.

A Clock Competition.

THIS month we are giving a Competition which we hope will interest our young readers. We want you to draw a clock something like the one you see below.

You will notice that each space indicating the hours, contains a text from the Bible with the word **TIME** in it, and each text has the same number of words as the hour shown.

You will need to choose a different word from "time" for your clock, and be sure to see that each text contains the word you have chosen, and has the right number of words in it. For instance, in the space for 3 o'clock, the text must have three words, at 4 o'clock four

words, and so on until you reach 12 o'clock, and then your text must have twelve words in it.

Be sure that the portions of the verses you choose make sense, and give the references where they are each found.

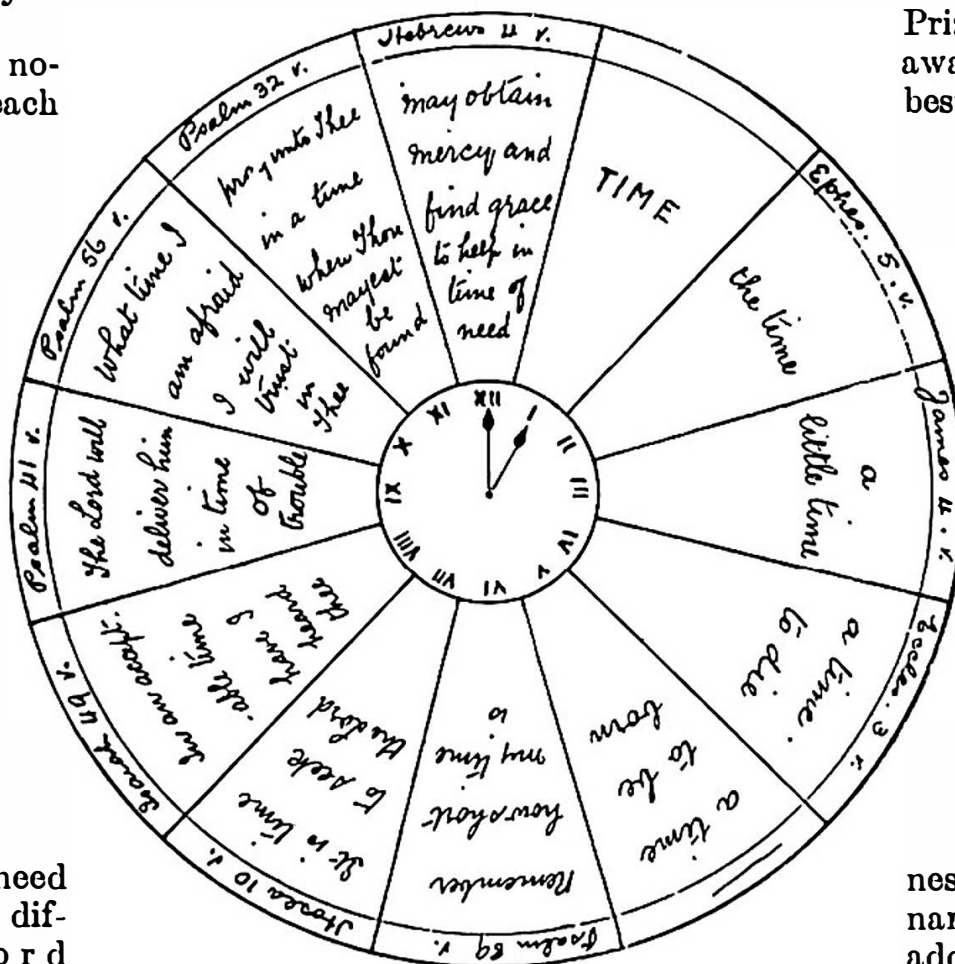
Prizes will be awarded for the best Scripture Clocks sent in. The Competition is open to any of our readers of sixteen years and under. In deciding the prizes, age will be taken into consideration also care and neat-

ness. Give your name, age and address and send in your

Scripture Clocks not later than the last day of the month to

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Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.



"NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION."

A Discovery.

ONE bright sunny afternoon in September, we were passing through the blue Mediterranean Sea. I had just been walking round the deck handing a few little gospel tracts to the passengers who were enjoying the beautiful sunshine and sea air, when an American gentleman came and sat down beside me and started a conversation.

He told me of a wonderful exhibition of very valuable antique furniture which had been recently held in America. He said that the exhibits were magnificent, but after an expert had examined a valuable table, he discovered that one of the legs was absolutely hollow.

The inside had apparently been eaten away by a very destructive, but tiny boring ant, and the table was consequently ruined. I remarked to this gentleman that this tiny ant reminded me very much of that terrible thing called "SIN" which is inside each one of us.

In this we are all alike, for God's Word says, "*All* have sinned." The naughty things we do come from the evil which is inside us.

You may look very nice outwardly, and people may think what nice boys and girls you are, just as many people may have admired that table. But the little ant was doing its deadly work just as sin is doing within you, seen only by the all-searching eye of God. He can see right into our hearts and He knows us through and through.

Does this make you feel afraid?

It need not. For although God knows every sin we have committed, yet He loves us and has made a way for us to get rid of our sins. Do you know what that is? Just turn to I John 1. 7, and you will read these words, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The precious blood of Jesus has been shed on Calvary's cross in order that you may be thoroughly cleansed from all your sins. Will you not trust that loving Saviour Who died for you? Then your sins will be washed away and you will be made fit to live with Him for ever. No sin can enter that Home above, and when we are in His presence we shall be perfectly free from sin.



The Happy Land.

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

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

Lord, make me from this hour,
Thy loving child to be,
Kept by Thy power,
Kept by Thy power,
From all that grieveth Thee.

Till in the snowy dress
Of the redeemed I stand;
Faultless and stainless,
Faultless and stainless,
Safe in that happy land!"

Little Joe's Bible.

IT was a day or two before Joe's birthday. He would be seven years old and he knew that among his presents there would be a Bible. His name would be written on the fly-leaf, and underneath, the text "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3. 6. He knew, too, that the Bible would be from his mother.

You will be wondering how he came to know all this. Well, all the children in that family had received a Bible on their seventh birthday from their mother, with their names and this verse written inside. And Joe knew his mother would do the same for him.

The day came and sure enough there was the little Bible with his name and the text written on the fly-leaf. Joe was delighted with his Bible, and after examining it he said to his mother, "Why do you write the same verse in all our Bibles, Mother?"

"Until now, Joe," she said, "you have been coming to me with your little troubles. But when you are older you may not be able to run to Mother for help. So I want my boys to know the Lord, Who is always near, ever watching over them. Yes, little Joe, I want you to learn to seek Him early. He will always be with you. You see now why Mother wrote the same text in all your Bibles."

We read in the Bible of a little boy named Timothy, whose grandmother and mother taught him the Scriptures. May you, too, dear children, read God's Word every day, for it is able to make you wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (See 2 Tim. 3. 15.)

Young Believers' Column.

"**C**AN you tell me," said an old christian man to a company of young people, "what becomes of the fishes during a storm?" His listeners were struck by his question, but none of them could give him an answer.

He then told them that however wild the storm may be, there is always an under-current of peaceful water (as it is only the surface which gets troubled) and the fishes go down into it and hide in the rocks beneath.

He then drew from this a beautiful picture of christians, who, however great their trials and difficulties, can always be at peace even amid the "storms," while trusting in the Lord Jesus, the Rock of Ages.

Do you know the secret of this, dear young christian? If you would keep calm amid the troubles and trials of your pathway homeward, just cast all your burdens on the One who cares for you.

Perhaps you have had some disappointment at school, or in your business; you have made certain plans and they have all been frustrated; or it may be some sorrow or trouble has come in your family. Just tell it all into the ear of your loving Saviour. Commit your way to Him. Tell Him everything, the small things as well as the great, and you will prove the truth of those lovely words in Isaiah 26. 3, 4,—“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is the Rock of Ages.”



A Little Girl's Prayer.



UCH a jolly day had been spent one Saturday by some little girls. There had been presents and lovely games and everyone had seemed to do their best to make them happy.

It was quite late before they started to go to bed. But they always prayed before they got into bed every night, and this evening although they were very tired, they knelt down as usual to ask the Lord Jesus to watch over them and to thank Him for His goodness to them.

One of the little girls, who was just six years old, prayed, "Lord Jesus, thank You for the lovely day we've had. It was You who gave it to us. To-morrow will be Your day. We have six days, but You have only one." This little prayer made me think of the many little boys and girls, and grown-up people too, who seem to forget that Sunday is the Lord's Day.

There are six days to play with our toys, go to the shops and spend our pennies, but on Sunday we should do differently. On that day we can go to Sunday School. We can learn our Scripture verses and we can sing hymns of praise.

Do you know what wonderful thing happened once on the first day of the week? It was on that day that the Lord Jesus rose from the dead. That is why we call it the Lord's Day, and wish to spend it for Him.

Will you try to remember this when you feel like doing things on Sunday that you know would not be pleasing to the Lord Jesus?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

... Most of you like treats and tea parties, don't you ?

Well, not long ago I was at a treat and it was different from any I had ever been at before. All the boys and girls who were invited there were "Searchers." It was nice to see so many and most of them had gained prizes.

Before the prizes were given away, the teacher held up two books, one a thick one, and the other a very thin one, and he asked why there was so much difference in the size of the two. It was easy to answer that question and a girl said "Because one has not worked all the time." Yes, that was the reason, the thick book was to be given to a searcher who had answered every month well, the thin one was for one who had not answered very often. Besides these two, there were books of various sizes according to the marks the boys and girls had gained. Then the teacher reminded them that they had to keep on if they wished to gain a nice prize.

In these months which have passed, quite a lot of new searchers began and I wonder how many are going to answer this month. How easy it is to get tired and not want to do the questions, but I hope that is not going to be the case with our searchers.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for April.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. Who shall receive remission of sins ? Chap. 10.
2. Where was Peter lodging ? Chap. 10.
3. What did Peter go on the housetop to do ? Chap. 10.
4. What did Barnabas exhort the at Antioch to do ? Chap. 11.
5. Write the verse containing the words "without ceasing." Chap. 12.
6. (a) Who was the first to preach the Gospel to a company of Gentiles ?
(b) In what town was the gospel first preached, by other of the disciples, to Gentiles (or Grecians) ?
(c) Who carried the gospel there ?
(d) What two disciples stayed there for a long time ?
(e) Where were the disciples first called "Christians" ?

Answers to all these questions will be found in Chapters 10 and 11.

7. Tell in your own words how Peter escaped from Herod. Chap. 12.
What other time was Peter imprisoned ?
Who put him in prison then ?

Answers to Questions for February.

1. Acts 4. 10.
2. Acts 4. 12.
3. Acts 5. 41.
4. Acts 5. 31.
5. Acts 7. 49.
6. Acts 3. 8 and 16.
Acts 4. 7. 10. 12. 17. 18. 30.
Acts 5. 28, 40 and 41.
7. Acts 6. 5 to end and Chap. 7.

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of Scripture.

Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

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CONFIDENCE.



Confidence.

WHILST staying in Cornwall last summer, I was asked if I would like to see a smugglers' cave. I was told it was rather a dangerous pathway leading down to it, but I should of course have a guide, and if I would do just what he told me, and trusted him entirely, I should be safe.

So I went to a pretty little village, and a sunburnt looking fisherman offered to be my guide down to the smugglers' cave. During that descent to the cave I learnt the meaning of the word CONFIDENCE. Do you know that it means—to *trust wholly—to have faith—to believe*? That is a beautiful meaning, is it not?

Before starting, my guide said, "I must ask you to leave your coat, camera and handbag up here on the cliff." I at once put down my coat and camera, but was rather reluctant to part with my handbag, for as I told the guide, it contained money.

I shall never forget the way he looked at me, as he said, "Lady, we are honest men here in Mousehole," and then, in a lower tone, "and we are *christians*!" It was enough for me to know that. I felt I could trust him and that all my things would be quite safe and remain untouched till I came back.

We started off down a very narrow path along the edge of the cliff. This soon changed to a scramble over large slippery rocks, all the time going down, and still further down. Once I looked over on my left, and I saw rough jagged rocks and great waves dashing over them, making a loud rushing and

roaring sound. I thought, "How cruel those rocks and that rough sea look—if I should slip . . .!" Ah! *if*—but I remembered I had been told, "If you trust to your guide you will be safe." So every time he said, "Put your right foot here and your left foot there, and give me your right hand," I did so.

At last we came to a part where instead of stepping down the rocks as we had been doing, it was a case of *jumping* down to the next rock if one wished to descend any further. Now all these steps were only about a foot wide, just room enough for one's foot and that was all! When we came to this extra steep step, down which my fisherman guide jumped easily enough, I began to feel rather frightened.

But he looked up, and holding out both his arms, said, "Give me both your hands and jump!" Reluctantly I held out *one* hand, putting the other behind me. He smiled and still holding out his arms, he said, "*Both* your hands and jump. You need not be frightened for these arms have *never* let anyone fall yet, lady!"

And somehow those last words gave me courage, and taught me the meaning of the word *confidence*—perfect trust—to trust wholly—to believe. I just trusted to my strong fisherman; I believed his words; I gave him *both* my hands and I jumped. Of course I landed safely on the narrow ledge beside him, and as I did so these words came to me, "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33. 27.

And I thought, How wonderful! It is just the way the Saviour is pleading, holding out both hands, as it were,

to us. "Give Me" He says (not only your hands but) "your heart." (Prov. 23. 26.)

Have *you* given your heart to Him? Have you said, "Yes, Lord, I come to Thee. I give myself to Thee"? If so, *you* know the meaning of that beautiful word "*confidence*"—to trust wholly—to believe. Yes, to believe in your heart that Jesus loved you so much He *died* for you.

If any should read this little story who have not put their trust in Him, I do most earnestly pray that they will not put it off any longer. He is *waiting*, standing with outstretched arms, pleading with you so lovingly, so patiently, "Come unto Me." May you be able to say before another day shall dawn—

"In Thy love confiding,
I will seek Thy face,
Worship and adore Thee
For Thy wondrous grace.
There is none in heaven
Or on earth like Thee!
Thou hast died for sinners—
Therefore Lord, *for me!*"

Precious Name !

"*Take the Name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe ;
It will joy and comfort give you ;
Take it then where'er you go.*"

I WANT you to imagine a cold, wet day in a large iron manufacturing town. I went into an office which was warm and comfortable, where a pleasant lady sat at a desk. After the usual greeting, she remarked, "What a miserable day!" I agreed that it was unpleasant getting about on days like this one.

A few minutes later I was in the street again. It was noon, and being near the central bus station the scene was a busy one, especially as the rain was increasing. As I hustled amongst buses and people, my eye caught sight of a little girl—typical of such surroundings—poorly clad and not too clean. But as she hopped along as children often do, she was singing to herself. I only caught two or three notes and only two words—

"LORD JESUS."

My heart instantly echoed a note of praise. Precious Name! And then I thought of the 8th Psalm which says, "Out of the mouth of babes . . . Thou hast perfected praise." With this thought I looked round to see the dear child who had really been a spiritual sunbeam on this dull day, but she was gone.

Then the contrast dawned upon me. The pleasant lady in comfort speaking of the miserable day, then the little girl, out in the cold, wet and dirt, singing from her heart, apparently quite unconscious of the outward circumstances! But she must have been happy.

This magazine could not contain all the verses which tell of the "sweetest Name on earth" but I think the first that came to my mind was—

"There is sunshine in my soul to-day,
More beautiful and bright
Than shines in any earthly sky,
For *Jesus* is my light."

If you trust in the Lord Jesus, you, like this little girl, will be able to sing and be happy even on miserable days.

"JESUS . . . A NAME . . . *above every name.*"

"If."

A LITTLE ship was moored in harbour. As she lay alongside the quay, with ropes from bow and stern to posts on the quay, you would have thought that no harm would come to that ship anyway. And she was quite safe IF her moorings could be trusted.

Ah, boys and girls, that little word "if," how many nice things it spoils. Perhaps Mother says, "I will bring you home something if you are good," and it is so hard to be good, isn't it?

Well, this vessel had been there a week or two and all seemed well. Tides had come in and gone out and she was all right. But a testing time came. A very rough gale sprang up and the sea outside the harbour was very rough indeed. Great waves with foaming crests rushed in to the land, and some came into the harbour, so that

even the boats there were tossed about and tugged at their moorings. And the ship of which we are talking was one of them.

And that's where that "IF" came in. Her moorings could *not* be trusted. Perhaps the ropes were old, or perhaps they were not strong enough, but whatever was the reason, they broke—and the ship drifted away.



Soon reaching the end of the quay the full force of the storm broke on the vessel, which was driven on to some rocks near by with resistless force. No one could do anything. It was far too rough for any boat to try and help, and in a few hours she became a total wreck. I am

glad to say there was no one on board when she went on the rocks, so no lives were lost. But it was very sad to see the ship broken up and know that no one could stop it.

Doesn't it remind us how important it is to be sure of what we trust in? These men may have trusted their ropes but they were unworthy to be trusted.

What are *you* trusting your soul to? Are you sure that when the storm comes (the judgment that awaits sinners—and "all have sinned") you will be safe and sheltered from it? You can be quite sure of this if you have put your trust in the Lord Jesus, Who has died on the cross for sinners.

It is said of those who believe (that just means "trust") in Him, they "shall *not* perish but have everlasting life." And God says in His Word, speaking of this hope or confidence in the Lord Jesus, that it is "an anchor of the soul, both *sure* and *stedfast*."

God has an "IF" too. He says, "How shall we escape *if* we neglect so great salvation?" When the storm of judgment comes, how dreadful to find that what you trusted in, if it was not in the Lord Jesus, is only like those faulty ropes, which cannot save. Oh, believe with your heart on the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Choir Boy's Conversion.

LATELY an old christian has departed to be with Christ, who for many years was a bright witness for his Saviour.

A new vicar had come to our parish church and soon afterwards called at our friend's house. Mrs. Clifford opened the door, and he told her that he was the new vicar and wished to make the acquaintance of his parishioners.

"My husband is at work, but I am sure he would like to have a talk with you, if you could visit him later in the day."

Sure enough, he called again in the evening and was invited into the parlour.

"Well, my friend, I have already told your wife that I want to introduce myself to my new neighbours."

"Oh, yes sir. As a boy I was interested in the church."

"Capital!"

"Having a good voice I gained a place in the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral."

"Excellent!"

"It was at the time when Dean Gregory was officiating there. Doubtless you knew him."

"Yes, how very interesting."

"After a time I had to resign my place in the choir."

"How was that?"

"Because I became conscious that I had been in the habit of singing, 'We praise Thee, O God, and acknowledge Thee to be the Lord,' and many other such expressions of praise and worship, in unreality. And if God had opened heaven and spoken to me He would have had to say, 'You liar! You sing for money, and not because you know Me, or love Me, or wish to give Me glory.' God wrought in my conscience and gave me to see what I was in His sight."

He then told the vicar that often after the service, when the singing had moved the congregation that some were in tears, he and other choir boys used to make fun of the words with each other.

God in His mercy led this boy, not only to see himself as a sinner in His sight, but also to believe in the Lord Jesus, Who came into the world to save sinners.

Have you owned that you are a sinner and cannot save yourself? "Christ died for the ungodly," God wants us to know that Jesus our Lord "was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification."

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

"Instead of Me."

"SHE died instead of me, me, helpless, blind, half dead, ugly leper!" was the cry of a poor old man, one of the survivors of a leper colony that had been swept away by a terrible typhoon near Osaka in Japan.

The chief nurse just managed to rescue the old blind man from a great wave that struck them both, but the brave nurse was carried away and seen no more.

Oh! as I read that story I thought of One Who died to save me, helpless, blind, dead in sin, with a soul as ugly as that poor leper's body! Dear young friend, are you amongst the many, young and old, who have never given a thought to Jesus Who died to save them?

"CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS."

1 Tim. 1. 15.

HE "GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME."

Gal. 2. 20.

Will you let Him save *you*?

Young Believers' Column.

IT seems difficult for us to realise that conversations can be held over the telephone with people in almost every part of the world. It is now a fact that you can speak on the telephone in England and your voice can be heard in Japan.

Conversations such as this are daily experiences at the International Exchange in London, and calls are put through to nearly every part of the world.

"Is your voice well known in heaven?" were the words I read the other day. They made me feel what a blessed privilege ours is! No need to wait for a call to be put through, but in the quiet of your home, in the busy street, at your work or play, you can get in touch with heaven. You can speak to Him Who never slumbers.

Many wonderful transactions have been enacted over the telephone, but nothing to be compared with what takes place in answer to our prayers. "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14. 14.

We who have no power can get strength from the Almighty. We who are so foolish can get guidance from the Allwise. Listen again to His Word, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4. 6, 7.

I repeat,

Is your voice well-known in heaven?



Are You Ready ?



ORA was the youngest in the family. Her father and mother knew and loved the Lord Jesus, and they often spoke to their children about Him. They wanted each one of them to know the Saviour too.

Dora often thought about what they told her, but she could not really say that she was saved. She knew that Jesus would come again and that He would take all those who belong to Him to be with Him for ever.

One night, when Dora was about six years old, she had been in bed for some time and suddenly awoke. It was all dark and there was not a sound to be heard. Oh ! she thought, I wonder if Jesus has come and I am left behind !

How frightened she felt as she sat up in bed ! She slept in a little bed by the side of her father and mother. So she stretched out her little hand to feel if they were there. To her horror the bed was empty !

Quick as thought she jumped out of bed and ran to the top of the stairs. There she stood in her little nightdress, straining her ears to hear the slightest sound. It seemed a long time to her, but at last she heard the dining-room door open and the voices of her father and mother and the older children.

She ran back quickly, for she did not want to be seen. She did not think how glad her father and mother would have been to tell her of the loving Saviour Who died to make her ready to meet Him.

It was not until some time after this that Dora really knew that her sins were forgiven. Now she is not afraid that Jesus will come and leave her behind. She knows that He has made her fit and has washed her sins away in His precious blood. Dear little readers, are each one of you ready for Jesus to come ?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever read the story of a man who walked hundreds of miles to reach a certain place? He thought if he got there he would find out what he had to do to get to heaven.

In the chapters where our questions are, we read about the journeys of the Apostle Paul. He travelled ever so many miles both by land and sea. It was not to try to get salvation but because he was saved and he wanted to tell the good news to others.

Most of the boys and girls who read this Magazine know that they do not need to work for salvation, for the Lord Jesus did it all when He died on the cross. But how many have really put their trust in Him, and taken this salvation which He so freely offers to all who will take it?

Some little searchers send in very neatly written answers. I am glad that you write so carefully and I hope you will learn to know the Lord Jesus while you are young.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for May.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. Write out the verse containing the words: "Be it known unto you." Chap. 13.
2. What did John say about the Lord Jesus? Chap. 13.
3. To whom is the Word of this salvation sent? Chap. 13.
4. What did Paul say they preached to the people? (1 verse). Chap. 14.
5. How did God not leave Himself without witness? Chap. 14.
6. For what reasons and how did Paul and Barnabas leave (a) Antioch, (b) Iconium, (c) Lystra? Did they return to these places again? Write out a verse or verses for each answer.
7. Tell in your own words why Paul and Barnabas went up to Jerusalem and what was decided then. Chap. 15.

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Answers to Questions for March.

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| 1. Acts 8. 32-33. | 4. Acts 9. 27. |
| 2. Acts 9. 17. | 5. Acts 9. 34. |
| 3. Acts 9. 25. | |
| 6. Acts 8. 4 preaching the Word. | |
| Acts 8. 5 preached Christ. | |
| Acts 8. 12 things concerning the kingdom of God. | |
| Acts 8. 25 preached the Gospel. | |
| Acts 8. 35 preached Jesus. | |
| 7. Saul was a Benjamite, born in the city of Tarsus in Cilicia, but educated in Jerusalem. He was a Pharisee, brought up strictly in the Jewish religion. He persecuted all who were followers of the Lord Jesus. His conversion is told three different times in the Acts. | |

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What can the Express teach us?



By courtesy]

[of G.W.R.

What can the Express teach us ?

HARK ! Here it comes ! the Cheltenham Spa Express, rushing along at eighty miles an hour. Why is all that water rushing over the rear of the tender ? Let me tell you. The locomotive is picking up water from a trough as the train speeds along. The stoker lets down a pipe into the water trough and the speed of the train forces it up into the tender. Look ! the stoker has now turned it off.

Have any of you children seen this ? You know the locomotive would be useless without water, because the water is needed to make steam. So you see it has to rely on something outside of itself for its "life." How like ourselves. We all want life, both spiritually and naturally, don't we ? Well now, God gives us our natural life because He is our Creator, but He also gives us everlasting life, that is spiritual, if we will only take it from Himself.

We can do nothing ourselves to merit it, for as the Apostle says, "In me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." Rom. 7. 18, and "There is none righteous, no, not one." Rom. 3. 10. But God says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." John 3. 36. Yes, Jesus is our Life, boys and girls. He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." John 14. 6. He laid down His life that He might take it again, so that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

So then, as the engine needs water for its "life," so you need Jesus, children. The engine's "life" is for a few years, yours for eternity. How solemn ! You can have no hope of "everlasting life" without Jesus. All will be darkness without Him. Put your trust in Him while you may, and as you become more occupied with Him so you will overflow to those around, telling them of the *life* that is yours through believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then just as the engine goes on its way refreshed, as it were, so you can draw on Him each day for grace to carry you along. For temptation and trial come our way but Jesus is enough. He says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." So look to Jesus now and live.

The Unknown Treasure.

I WONDER if you have a treasure in your house that you do not know anything about. I expect you have all read stories of hidden treasure and pirates' gold. Perhaps, like some little boys I once knew, you have dug pits in your garden to see if you could not find a pot of gold. But I believe that right in your house, perhaps in your own room, is a collection of fine gold. I wish you would hunt for it.

In Canada I knew of a family who rented a house where robbers had been living. These robbers had concealed thousands of bank-notes in the hot air pipes in the attic. But the family did not know anything about it. They went on working just as hard, and were just as poor as though they had not a penny in the house.

Then one day one of the little boys dropped a marble down the pipes, and in hunting for it, he and his brother found the money. You can guess how excited everybody was! Do you think they put the money back into the pipes, and said, "We have not time to see about this now"?

No, indeed! It was taken out at once and used. Of course, the money had to be given back to the people to whom it belonged. But the little boy who found it received a big reward. And if you find the great treasure of which I am speaking you will receive a great reward.

I daresay some of you have guessed what that treasure is. It is the Bible, the Word of God. King David was a very, very rich king. Besides the great riches of his kingdom, he was able out of his own private means to give three thousand talents of gold and seven thousand talents of silver to the making of the Temple. And that would be worth about ten million pounds in our money. So David knew about gold and silver, but he said, "The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." And again, in speaking of the Scriptures, David said, "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold." Psalm 19. 10.

Most of the people in the world do not know about this treasure. In China alone I suppose there are three million people who have never heard of the Bible. And how many millions are there in India and Africa and the islands of the sea! But everyone of the readers of this paper knows that

God has spoken to us in the Bible. But if you leave your Bible in the bookcase, or on the parlour table, it is no more use to you than that money was in the hot air pipes. Take it out and *use it*.

What is the reward that you will receive if you believe God's Word and accept the Saviour of Whom it speaks? You will receive eternal life, for "the holy Scriptures . . . are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3. 15.

THE Bible! the Bible! more precious
than gold

The hopes and the glories its pages unfold;
It speaks of a Saviour, and tells of His love;
It shows us the way to the mansions
above.

The Bible! the Bible! we hail it with
joy;
Its truths and its glories our tongues shall
employ!
We'll sing of its triumphs, we'll tell of its
worth,
And send its glad tidings afar o'er the
earth.



Our Clock Competition.

A splendid number of answers has been received to our Clock Competition. Some of the attempts have been very good, especially among the younger competitors. We hope to print the names of the Prize-winners next month. We trust that the searching of God's Word for the verses has been a blessing to you all.

The Prisoners' Letter.

YOU will wonder what this Chinese writing and these funny looking marks mean. Let me tell you.

This is a copy of part of a letter sent from a prison in Taichow, China, a few months ago. It was signed by a great number of prisoners, and each one had sealed it with his thumb print against his signature. Some of these marks and signatures you can see in the picture.

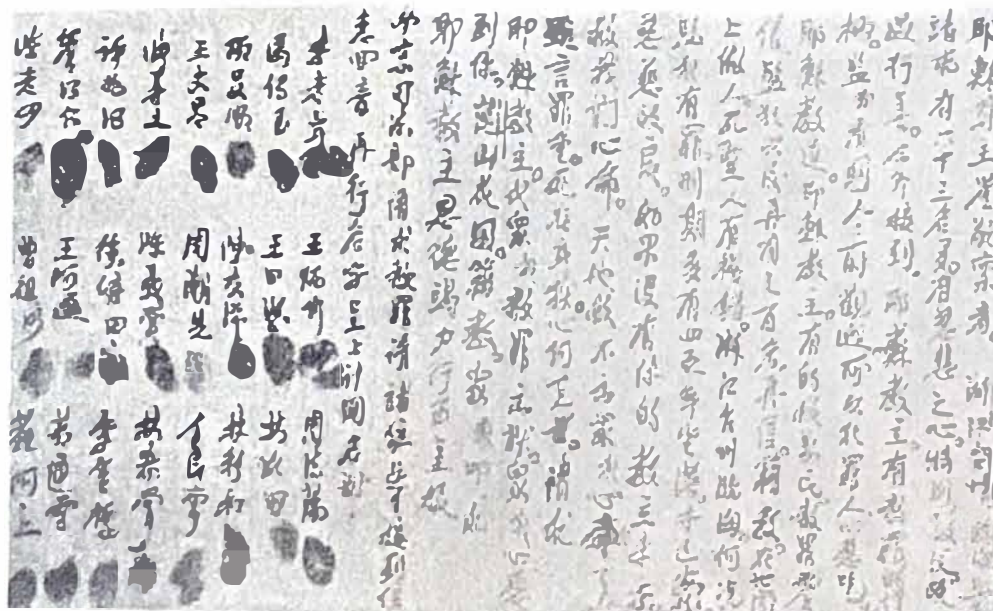
The letter was addressed to :—
 "The Honourable Lord Jesus,"
 Christian Book Room,
 Shanghai.

lived at the Christian Book Room, where the little books had come from, that told them of His love.

They therefore wrote this letter, saying that they had heard that Jesus could forgive sins, and they desired Him to go to them and forgive their sins, which were many, and for which they had been imprisoned.

Of course they did not know that all the sins they had committed were directly against God, but they were very anxious to have their sins forgiven in order to be released from prison, and the severe punishment which would surely follow their wicked deeds.

The workers at the Book Room lost



It was doubly registered in order to make sure that it should arrive safely.

These prisoners had received tracts from the Christian Book Room, telling of the Lord Jesus and His power and willingness to save sinners. They had never read the Bible as you children have done, so they did not know that the Lord Jesus is now in heaven, and they thought He

no time in sending them gospel tracts and books telling them God's way of salvation through trusting in the Lord Jesus and His finished work on the cross of Calvary, and at the same time praying earnestly that the Lord would use them in blessing.

Now I would like to ask those boys and girls who know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and have

proved His power to save, to pray too that these prisoners may be brought to trust in the Lord Jesus and have their sins forgiven.

And just a few words to you who cannot say that all your sins are forgiven. You know the way of salvation quite well, I am sure. You may have heard the gospel many, many times. But knowing about the Saviour will not save you. You must know Him for yourself. Do face the all-important question of your soul's salvation now. Do not put it off, for you may not have another opportunity. The Lord's coming is very near. Then those who have heard the gospel and refused it will not have a chance to be saved. Do own yourself a lost sinner and take the Lord Jesus as your Saviour now.

"By-paths."

"BY-PATH meadow? Why, that's in the Pilgrim's Progress," I can hear someone say. "Christian and Hopeful thought it was a pleasant and short cut to the Celestial City—but it didn't lead there at all, it only led to Doubting Castle and all sorts of trouble. They had better have kept to the straight road."

You are quite right. I remember once going for a long country ride in my cousin's motor cycle side-car. He had not very long returned from a wild part of Persia, where there were no roads, and he said he was used to riding about anywhere.

So when we came to an opening that led into a field, through we went, thinking it would prove a pleasant short cut. Alas! in the middle was

something like a bog, and our back wheel stuck fast, and was soon immovable! Not a house near or apparently a person!

But after much fruitless effort we were thankful to see a car coming along the road and a kind-hearted chauffeur, seeing our predicament, produced a rope, which he attached to our machine and the back of his car, and we were hauled, most ignominiously, out of that bog looking very foolish indeed! Of course, we laughed over the incident, but we wasted a lot of time and carried home much mud! We had far better have kept along the straight road.

I am going to make a parable out of my story. There is a road that David calls "the path of life." (Psa. 16. 11.) Reader, have you started on it? Jesus said "I am the way" (John 14. 6), and He also said "I am the door" (John 10. 9) or the starting point. So it is:

"Jesus first, and Jesus last
And Jesus all the way."

And there is no better companion than the Lord Jesus. But you must come to Him first and take Him as your Saviour before you can enjoy His company. He invites you to come and says, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." (John 6. 37).

If you know Him as your Saviour and Friend then you have started on that road, "the path of life." But all along the way Satan has placed many pleasant looking "by-paths" which he whispers to you are "quite safe," "just a little fun" and "no harm." For instance what about the suggestion to go for a walk next Sunday afternoon instead of going to your Bible Class or

Sunday School? "Just for once!" You are not quite sure about the answer? Better say "No" straight away, for you know it will not help you on in your christian pathway. One step in the wrong direction may be difficult to retrace. Far, far better to keep to the straight road—

"LOOKING UNTO JESUS."

Saved and Sure.

MANY years ago an old lady was dying. She was a christian, and had known the Lord Jesus as her Saviour for the greater part of her life.

Just before she passed away from this world into the presence of the Lord someone said to her, "How do you feel about going; are you sure you are all right?"

In a very feeble voice, but with no hesitation, the old lady replied,

"Clean every whit, Thou saidst it, Lord;
Shall one suspicion lurk?
Thine surely is a faithful word,
And Thine a finished work."

A few minutes after, and she was with Him, saved through His finished work.

Have you yet realised that the work done on Calvary's cross was for you? Could you speak as this old lady did? If not, God offers pardon fully and freely to you. He offers it to all who come to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Heb. 7. 25.

Young Believers' Column.

HAVE you ever thought of the little maid who waited upon Naaman's wife as being *the only one* in that household who could bear witness to the Lord? Perhaps some of you are like her in this way. You are Christ's *only* witness in your home, or in your office or at school.

I wonder if you have realised what an honour the Lord has put upon you. Oh! may you feel your weakness and prove His strength to enable you to be really true to Him.

Miss Havergal tells of her experience; how that soon after she had confessed Christ she went to a girls' school at Dusseldorf. Her heart was warm with love for her Saviour and she was eager to be a witness for Him.

To her amazement, however, she soon heard that among the hundred girls in the school, she was the *only* christian. Her first thought was one of dismay. How could she confess Christ in that great company of worldly companions! Her sensitive nature shrank from a duty so hard. Her second thought, however, was that she could not refrain from confessing Christ. She was *the only one* there, and she must be faithful.

"This was very bracing," she writes. "I felt I must try to walk worthy of my calling for Christ's sake. It brought a new and strong desire to bear witness for my Master. It made me more watchful than ever before, for I knew that any slip in word or deed would bring discredit on my Master."

She realised that the Lord had sent her to that school as His witness, *His only witness*, so she must not fail Him.



“I’d be out at the Gate.”



LAST month I was telling you about a little girl who was afraid that Jesus had come and she was left behind. Jack was just about the same age as that little girl. But he liked to think about the Lord Jesus coming again to take those who trust Him to live with Him in heaven.

His Sunday School teacher was telling the little boys and girls in her class one afternoon about Jesus coming again. She told them how He will descend into the air, and all those who are washed in His precious blood will be caught up in a moment to meet Him.

“Jesus wants those of us who are ready for His coming to be watching for Him,” she said. “If your Daddy went away and you knew he was coming back soon, but you did not know just when he was coming, you would be at the window watching for him, wouldn’t you?” she asked.

“I’d be out at the gate,” said Jack, looking up intently into his teacher’s face. Then she told them that Jesus wants us to be just as anxious to see Him as they would be to see Daddy. And He may come any day so we want to be watching when He comes.

But if our sins are not washed away we shall not be ready to meet Him, and the thought of His coming will make us afraid.

Those children who know Him as their own Saviour are looking forward to seeing Him. Jack said to his teacher one day, “I want to go to heaven because I want to see Jesus.”

Can you say this, too, dear little reader?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

This is Jubilee year ! Our King and Queen have reigned for twenty-five years. I expect most of you will long remember this event and how you celebrated it.

The Bible tells us about a jubilee year. It was a wonderful time for the children of Israel. Those who had got into debt and had sold their lands, had them back then. Some of them, too, who were poor and miserable had sold themselves to be servants and God said that they must get their liberty from that time and go back to their homes free.

Don't you think these poor sad people would be glad when the jubilee came ? Silver trumpets were to herald the beginning of that wonderful year, and I'm sure many would be longing and earnestly listening for their sound. What joy it would mean to the captives !

When the Lord Jesus was on this earth He read from the Old Testament and showed how He had come to preach the gospel to the poor and give deliverance to the captives. Many of those who heard Him speak turned away and would not have the freedom and pardon He offered. To-day it is just the same. Many refuse and turn away from the good news, but God is waiting to bless all those who will come and take the gift which He offers through our Lord Jesus Christ. What are you going to do ?

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for June.

Those under 14 to answer five questions ; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. What did Paul and Silas do at midnight ? Chap. 16.
2. How did Paul and Silas answer the jailer's question ? Chap. 16.
3. What did Paul reason out of the Scriptures ? Chap. 17.
4. In what way were the Bereans more noble than those in Thessalonica ? Chap. 17.
5. Write the verse containing the words "appointed a day." Chap. 17.
6. (a) How long did Paul and Silas stay at Thessalonica ?
(b) How did the Thessalonians receive what Paul preached to them ?
(c) Give two verses from the Epistles to the Thessalonians which speak of their faith and love.
7. Tell in your own words all you can about Paul's visit to Philippi.

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of Scripture.

Answers to Questions for April.

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| 1. Acts 10. 43. | 4. Acts 11. 23. |
| 2. Acts 10. 6. | 5. Acts 12. 5. |
| 3. Acts 10. 9. | |
| 6. (a) Peter, Acts 10. | |
| (b) Antioch, Acts 11. 20. | |
| (c) Men of Cyprus and Cyrene ; disciples who were scattered abroad. | |
| (d) Saul and Barnabas, Acts 11. 26. | |
| (e) Antioch, Acts 11. 26. | |
| 7. (a) Acts 12. 1-19. | |
| (b) Acts 4. After they had healed the lame man. | |
| (c) The priests, the ruler of the temple and the Sadducees. | |

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Do you use your Chart ?



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Do you use your Chart ?

SOME months ago, when the fine new liner, "Queen Mary," was launched, the newspapers told us all sorts of wonderful things about this great ship.

We learned how long she would reach if set down in London, how many miles of electric cable would be used, and about her funnels, big enough to allow a motor bus to pass through. We were told what tremendously powerful boilers and engines would be put into the ship and all kinds of things.

But one very important part of this ship (and indeed any ship) I don't remember reading of—and that is the chart-room, where the navigating officers keep and refer to their charts.

You know, of course, what a chart is. It is a special kind of map very carefully prepared to show not only the coastline near a port, but also what is under the sea, the hidden rocks, sand-banks and other dangers that would wreck even the "Queen Mary."

Imagine yourself captain of a ship coming to a port you had never seen before. You can see the surrounding hills, the large buildings, the other shipping, but how do you know what dangers are hidden under the water? How do you know the SAFE WAY to reach that harbour? You know it only from your CHART.

Long before, clever men with great care and long painstaking labour had marked out the clear passage—noted down the rocks and made the chart ready for you to use.

What would you think of a captain who took no notice of his chart? Or,

if you were captain what would you say, if you caught a man trying to alter it or pretend it wasn't true? I expect you would very sternly order him out of the chart-room at once, and see he never went inside again. Charts are far too precious to be meddled with. Without a true guide all the horse-power a ship has, will only drive her the faster to destruction.

We are all on a journey and I do not doubt each boy and girl wants to reach at last God's bright heaven above. And so God in His great love to us has given us a chart, in His precious Word, the Bible. He has preserved it to us all these many centuries, in spite of all the attacks of wicked men, and to-day we may still read in it of God's matchless love and His way of salvation, and we can read it nowhere else.

My message to you is to value above all else that wonderful Word of God. We read it is "able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." No other book can do this. Some will make you wise about geography or algebra, some perhaps about medicine and some about law. But the knowledge of salvation that God offers through the Bible is by far the most important thing you can ever learn. May you read it, study it, and obey it from your hearts.

Pay no attention to anyone who tries to make out it is not true. Such a one must be an enemy of God and of your soul, and to listen to him will mean your losing all.

"Cling to the Bible,
Our Lamp and our Guide."

One word more. You must act on it. A captain does not get to port by reading his chart. He must sail the way the chart says. And while it is only in the Bible we learn God's way of salvation, to be saved we must accept the Saviour we read of there.

My Business.

AT a place called Furneux Pelham, in Hertfordshire, there is an old church clock, with this motto attached to it, half above and half below the clock.

TIME FLIES MIND YOUR BUSINESS.

A gentleman who took a photo of it, recently, thought the words were of a later date than the clock, and we naturally wonder who added them and why. The motto sets us thinking. Now what exactly is "my business"?

We have heard people say to the over-curious (perhaps it has been said to us) "Mind your own business!" and we have thought it rather a rude remark, but that depends upon the way it is said. When Peter (John 21) was curious to know what was going to happen to his friend John when his Master had gone away to heaven, he received a gentle rebuke from the Lord Jesus, something like this, "You must mind your own business, Peter, *your* business is to follow Me."

There we get an answer to our question. Our business is to follow Jesus.

"Seek ye *first* the Kingdom of God, and *His righteousness*." (Matt. 6. 33). We have none of our own and are really no good for anything, until the Lord takes away our sin and clothes us in His righteousness. How can you get this clothing? By coming to the Lord Jesus and owning that you are a sinner, lost and helpless and trusting in Him alone. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1. 15), so you can claim Him as your Saviour.

And the Bible tells us that no time must be lost over it. "*Now* is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6. 2). "*To-day*," not to-morrow or next week. The Lord Jesus wants us to enrol in His service at once. It is only Satan who says there is "no hurry," that is *his* business!

One beautiful day last summer, I was sitting out of doors, when suddenly there flashed across the blue sky a lovely thing—it looked to me like a long silver trumpet, but it was gone in a moment. I heard afterwards that it was a meteor. Time flies like that meteor. One day the Lord Jesus is coming just as suddenly, like a flash, "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15. 52). Will He find us "minding our business"?

*"Christ the Lord is coming,
Coming very soon,
Suddenly some morning,
Eve, or night, or noon.*

*Quickly in a moment
Saints shall quit the earth;
See Him in His beauty,
Glory, grace and worth.*

*Then with Him in glory
Brightly they shall shine;
Know His love more fully—
Love so true, divine."*

Our Clock Competition.

OUR young readers will be interested to know the result of the Competition. Such a good number of Scripture Clocks were sent in, and some of them show much care and trouble.

Three prizes have been awarded to Senior Competitors of twelve years

Juniors :

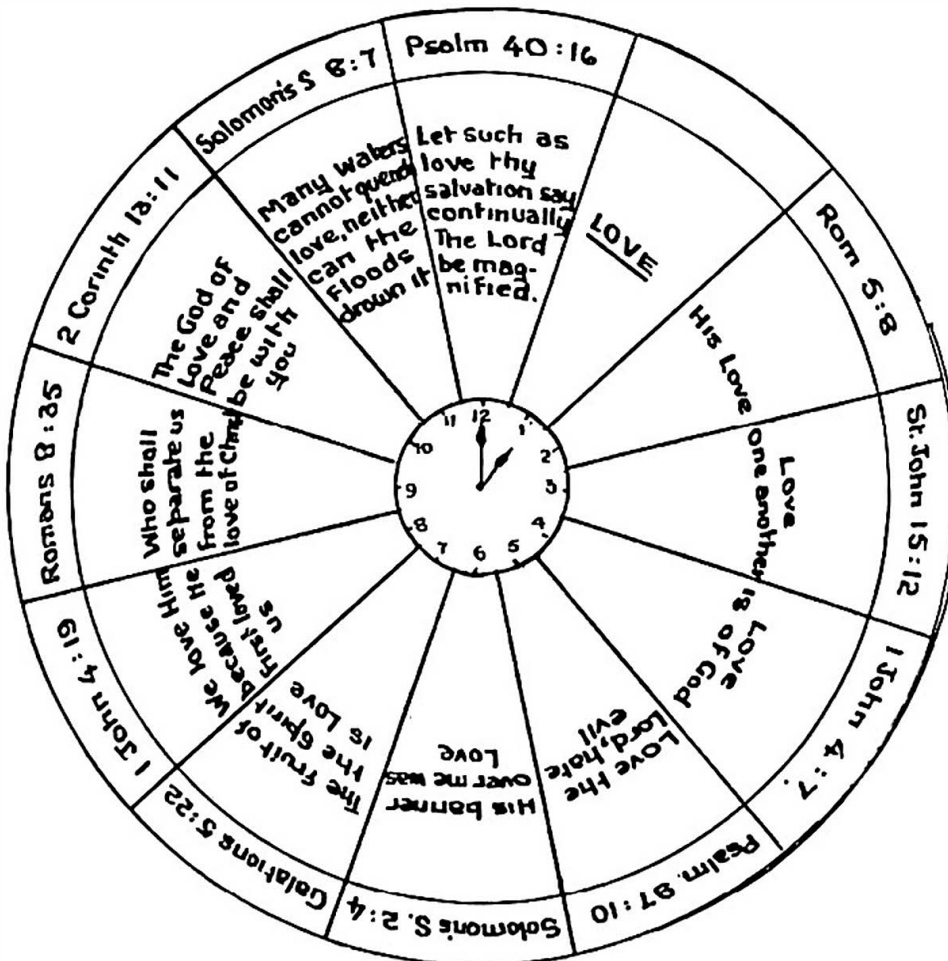
1st—Olive Ruth Harle. Age 9.

2nd—Dorothy Line. Age 10.

3rd—John Felts. Age 10.

A number of Consolation Prizes have also been given. Below you will see a reproduction of the Clock which has been considered the best. It has

SCRIPTURE CLOCK COMPETITION



and over, and *three* to those under twelve years of age.

The prizewinners are :—

Seniors :

1st—Wm. Kenneth Cocking. Age 14.

2nd—Frances Gower. Age 13.

3rd—Joyce Hyland. Age 12.

been reduced in size for the sake of printing.

Some children sent in very neatly and carefully drawn Clocks but had mistakes in copying the verses or had given the wrong references and so have not gained prizes.

Jubilee Day.

HOW thankful we all were to God for sending us such lovely sunshine on Jubilee Day. "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good." Matt. 5. 45.

How thankful we are too for God's great goodness to the King and the royal family and to us all for the innumerable comforts, blessings and liberties that we enjoy under their reign.

Many of you may have read in the special Jubilee edition of the New Testament, that His gracious Majesty King George reads a chapter of the Bible each day. Let us one and all follow this good example.

On the 6th of May thousands were celebrating the noble reign of twenty-five years, and the sound of many voices was heard singing "*God save the King.*"

Whilst travelling by train just before the great event, a sailor engaged on one of His Majesty's warships informed me that a wonderful searchlight display would take place at Portsmouth from 10 to 10.30 p.m.

Seeing that I was interested the young sailor explained a little about the wonderful beam of light thrown up into the sky. He told me that the bright light given off by the carbon points coming into contact is first thrown back upon a mirror and then forward to a distance of from twenty to thirty miles; the beam of light being from four to six feet in diameter.

After hearing these and other interesting details I put the following question, "Haven't you heard of a much

more powerful searchlight than this that you speak of?" "No," said he. So I suggested that he thought for a few moments, thinking that probably he had heard of one, but had forgotten about it.

However, after a while, he said he could not think of a stronger searchlight, and so I asked him if he knew the 139th Psalm. "No," he replied, but he readily listened as I read the first twelve verses to him.

God's searchlight from heaven reflected from God's Word shews all that is in our hearts, and although God has to say, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17. 9), yet He has manifested His great love toward us in giving Jesus to die upon the cross for our sins, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Saul of Tarsus was brought under God's searchlight in Acts 9, and he rehearses it in Acts 26, and the glory of that light never left him. It was always a Jubilee to him.

The young sailor owned that God's searchlight was much greater, and promised to read Psalm 139. May each of you have the same desire as the Psalmist expresses in verses 23 and 24.

"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."

Flee to His loving arms of mercy and you too will know the true meaning of Jubilee and rejoice to say, "God Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts." 2 Cor. 4. 6.

A Nurse's Experience.

A NURSE was busily engaged attending to her duties in a small ward where there was only one patient. She was humming softly to herself the tune of a hymn.

The patient looked up at her and said, "What are the words to the tune you are humming?" "Face to face with Christ my Saviour," was the reply, and she repeated the first verse.

"Oh! are you saved?" asked the patient. "Yes, I am," she replied. They were soon in conversation about the One of Whom they could speak as "*my Saviour.*"

The patient was waiting to undergo a slight operation, and had to have entire rest beforehand.

On the morning of the operation, the patient saw the nurse pass her doorway and beckoning to her, she asked if she could spare a few minutes alone with her before she left the ward. The nurse obtained permission and together they sang,

"Face to face with Christ my Saviour,
Face to face—what will it be,
When with rapture I behold Him,
Jesus Christ Who died for me?"

Then the patient turned to the nurse and said, "I have a desire as I have never had before to see Jesus; oh, if only I could see His face to-day! I am longing to see Him!" The nurse kissed her and said, "I wonder which of us will see Him first."

When the patient was placed on the operating table and the doctor bent to test her heart, to his amazement he found she had already passed into eternity. Her desire was realised and she was now *face to face with Christ her Saviour.*

Young Believers' Column.

"*Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.*" Gen. 6. 22.

"*Thus did all the children of Israel as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.*" Exod. 12. 50.

"*Thus did Moses: according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he.*" Exod. 40. 16.

ALL these verses speak of action, in obedience to the command of the Lord. And the life of the believer in the Lord Jesus has to be lived in the same way, in obedience.

Noah built the ark as God told him; the children of Israel sprinkled the blood of the slain lamb and ate the passover as the Lord had commanded, and Moses set up the Tabernacle with all its vessels according to the word of the Lord. In these actions they were examples to us, who need to listen to that word in John 2. 5, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, *do it,*" and again the Lord's word in John 13. 17, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye *do them.*"

For salvation we did no work. All was done for us, and with what joy we rested by faith on the Saviour Who finished the work, having borne the judgment of our sins. But now we are saved, there is much we can do to please the Lord and He values obedience to His word.

Write out any verses you can find which tell us what believers can do for the Lord. You will be surprised what a long list you can make. You may send in your answers to the Editor: C.G.M., 21, Woodbury Park Road, Tunbridge Wells.



God's Gifts.



LITTLE girl in China, who was the youngest of several girls, used to wear the clothes outgrown by her bigger sisters. One night as she was preparing for bed, she said solemnly to her mother, "God must love me very much that He takes away the other girls' clothes and gives them to me."

Perhaps you will laugh at what this little girl said. But it showed that she had learned of the love of God and that He was the Giver of every good gift. And so she was sure that it was God Who provided her so freely with clothes.

When your Mother brings you a present how she likes to see you grateful and to hear you say, "Thank you." In the same way God delights to hear us giving Him thanks for all His great love to us, and the many good gifts He has given to us.

In the Bible we are told that we should give thanks "always for all things unto God . . . in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." How wonderful it is to think that the Lord Jesus, Who was Himself God's greatest gift to us, has given us an example. Several times we read that He Who was the Creator of all things "took bread and gave thanks."

"EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE AND COMETH DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS."

"THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some of you saw a big bonfire lit in honour of the King's Jubilee, but in our chapters this month we read about a very strange bonfire. What was it for? It was made of books and they had cost a great deal of money! But the books were bad, and those to whom they belonged had been saved and so they did not want them any more. Don't you think they would be glad to see them being burnt up? I do, and I think the Lord was glad too. It would be good for us, too, if all bad books and papers were burnt, for they only do harm to those who read them. How important it is for us to read only that which is good and pure.

Perhaps some of you will notice that the words of the Lord Jesus which Paul tells us, were not told us in any of the Gospels. God has allowed Paul to be the one to tell us of them; but they are lovely words and words we all need to remember.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for July.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. What did the Lord say to Paul in a vision? Chap. 18.
2. What did those who had used "curious arts" do? Chap. 19.
3. What did Paul testify to both Jews and Greeks? Chap. 20.
4. What words of the Lord Jesus did Paul tell them to remember? Chap. 20.
5. Write out the verse containing the words, "I commend you to God." Chap. 20.
6. Tell in your own words what you know of Priscilla and Aquila from these chapters.
7. (a) For whom was Paul waiting at Troas?
(b) What were the disciples gathered together to do?
(c) Tell in your own words what happened on that occasion.

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| 1. Acts 13. 38. | 4. Acts 14. 15. |
| 2. Acts 13. 25. | 5. Acts 14. 17. |
| 3. Acts 13. 26. | |
| 6. (a) Persecuted and expelled from the city. Acts 13. 50. | |
| (b) Stoned and used spitefully. They fled to Lystra. Acts 14. 5. | |
| (c) Paul stoned and drawn out of the city almost dead. Acts 14. 19-20. | |
| (d) Returned to encourage those who had believed. Acts 14. 21. | |

7. Some men who came to visit those who had believed amongst the Gentiles, told them that they must keep the law of Moses or they could not be saved. Paul and Barnabas did not agree with this, for they knew that it is by faith in the Lord Jesus that we are saved. So after much discussion Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to talk about it with the apostles and elders there. When they had considered the matter carefully they agreed with Paul and Barnabas. They wrote a letter and sent also Judas and Silas to encourage the Gentile believers, telling them that it was not needful to keep the law, but that they should not eat things offered to idols, nor things which had been strangled, nor blood.

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THE FIRE.



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The Fire.

ON my way home the other evening, my friend and I saw flames coming out of the roof of a house. The house was the second from the end of a long row of houses all connected together.

Two policemen were there, blowing their whistles to try and alarm the people inside. The flames were getting bigger all the time and nearly the whole roof was burning by the time we reached the house.

I did not stop to knock, but walked right inside the house, and found the owner quietly walking downstairs. I said to him, "Do you know your house is on fire?"

"They tell me it is on fire; but I don't believe it is mine. I have been upstairs and I can't see any fire. I think it must be next door."

"No, it is your house, and the whole roof is burning. Shall I help you get this furniture out?" I asked.

"No, it is quite unnecessary. There is no danger. I do not think my house is on fire," he replied.

Just then somebody outside who heard him say this, shouted at him, "It is your house. If you don't believe it, come out and have a look!"

This only made him angry, and he got rude. Some people thought he must be drunk, and some said he was crazy. But at last he came out and saw, and believed that it was his house that was burning. Fortunately for him, the firemen arrived in time to save his house and the other houses from being completely destroyed.

As we walked home, my friend said to me, "Isn't it just like people today? The fire of the wrath of God burning just over their heads, and they don't believe it, and don't care."

Do you remember the verse he was thinking about? "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him." John 3. 36.

If you have not come under the shelter of the blood of Jesus, God's wrath is hanging over your head. I would warn you just as I warned this man. Do not treat the warning as he did. Fly at once to the loving arms of the Saviour Who is waiting to receive you. Listen to His own words:—

"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 5. 24.

"THOU GOD SEEST ME."

Gen. 16. 13.

A Never-to-be-forgotten Night.

ANNA and her friend were walking down a street one evening when they noticed several people going into a house. As they passed the door they asked a lady who was entering what was happening.

The lady replied "There is a meeting going to be held in here. Will you come in too?" Anna asked her what kind of meeting it was and the lady told her it was a gospel meeting.

Anna did not understand what the word "gospel" meant. Her parents were Roman Catholics and she had been educated at a convent school. In fact at that very time she was seriously thinking of becoming a nun herself: She longed to lead a holy life, and she thought that entering a convent would help her and fit her for heaven.

She with other girls had been given nine days in which to pray for guidance, and then their decision was to be made. The ninth day had come, and the other girls had made their decisions, but Anna felt that no answer had been given her.

She hesitated about accepting the invitation to the meeting, but the lady pressed the two girls to go, and at last they consented and entered with the lady.

A hymn was given out and sung, and then a prayer was offered. It was all very strange to Anna. She was used to prayers being read from a book, but this preacher prayed from his heart, and desired that souls might be saved.

Then he read 1 Peter 1. 16, "Be ye holy; for I am holy," and 1 John 1. 7, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." He spoke of heaven and how nothing soiled can enter there, and then told how the blood of Jesus can cleanse us and make us fit to dwell in that holy place.

Anna had never heard anything like it before. She was trying so hard to be holy, by repeating prayers and conforming to the rules of the church. She began to feel greatly troubled. God was working by His Spirit in her young heart and she felt the burden of her sins.

The speaker continued and showed how God in His wondrous love sent His only Son to die on the cross, so that all who believe in Him may be cleansed from their sins. He repeated that well-known verse in John 3. 16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Anna listened attentively, for it was all new to her, and she was sure that the Lord Himself had led her into that meeting and was answering her prayer. That night Anna was saved, and she confessed the Lord to her parents and relations. For many years she had to endure persecution, but the Lord blessed her in a wonderful way. Her prayers have been answered for now both her father and her mother have also trusted in the Lord.

A Welcome Letter.

WE all like having letters, especially when they contain good news. I want to tell you about a letter I received one day last January. It was from Douglas, the boy whose picture you see here.

He was in my class at Sunday School for some years when he was quite a little fellow. Then he moved away to another town. This was not the first letter I had received from Douglas. I have often had letters from him, but this one gave me more pleasure than any that he had written before. I wonder if you can guess why.

It contained the news that he had trusted in the Lord Jesus. He certainly could not have sent me better news! In his letter he said, "At last I have pleasure in telling you that yours and many other friends' prayers concerning my soul have been answered, as I know the Lord Jesus as my Saviour." Then he told me how happy he had been since he had trusted in the Lord.

There is indeed no happiness like that which the Lord Jesus gives, for it is lasting, but the joys and pleasures

of this world are only for a little while and cannot give any real satisfaction.

As soon as Douglas was saved, he confessed the Lord Jesus and tried to lead others to the Saviour. He asked me to send him two copies of "The Travelers' Guide" so that he could give them to his chums.

I wonder if you have trusted in the Lord Jesus. Perhaps you too have friends who have been praying for you for years. If so they are just longing to hear the news that you are saved. Do not delay, but trust the Saviour now while you have health and strength. It was a good thing for Douglas that he answered the Lord's call when he did, for only a few months after his conversion his short life was ended, and he is now with the Saviour whose precious blood has given him a title to that Home above.

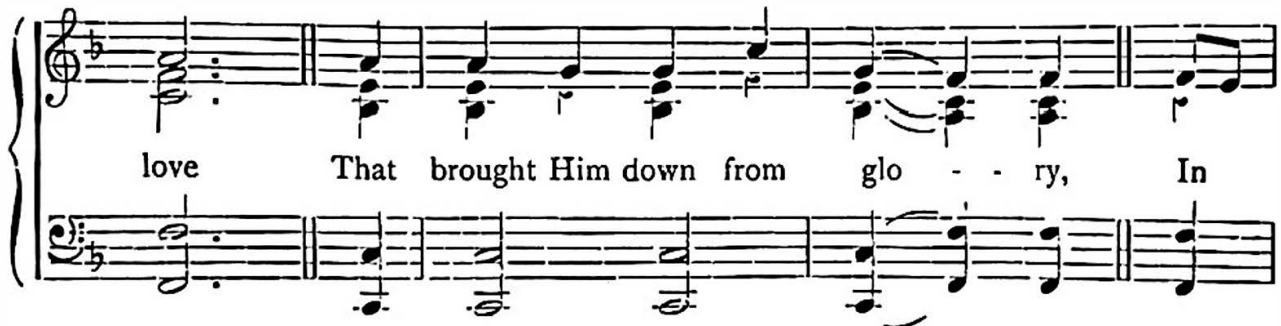
May each of my young readers accept the Lord Jesus for themselves now, and then try to lead others to Him too. Do not wait, but while you have health and strength get this all-important matter settled, and you will never regret it.



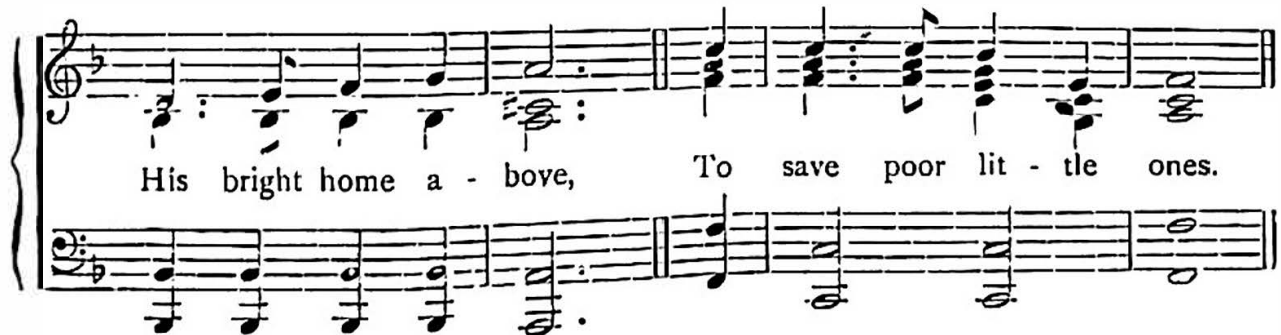
Jesus loves the little Ones.



Je - sus loves the lit - tle ones ; Won - drous was the



love That brought Him down from glo - - ry, In



His bright home a - bove, To save poor lit - tle ones.

Jesus seeks the little ones,
Wand'ring far in sin.
They little know the patient love
That seeks their souls to win,
And save lost little ones.

Jesus died for little ones,
On that dreadful tree ;
And then what bitter pain He bore,
And untold agony,
To save poor little ones.

Jesus lives for little ones
In the heav'n above,
And ne'er forgets the precious lambs,
Who've trusted in His love,
And are His little ones.

Jesus thinks of little ones
All the night and day,—
And all the time they're sleeping,
And while they are at play,—
And guards His little ones.

Soon He'll take His little ones
To live in His home,
So safe with Him forever,
And never more to roam ;—
Ah ! happy little ones !

An Offer.

A FILE of business letters lay before me. Amongst them was a letter from a firm offering one of their articles at a greatly reduced figure. I read the particulars and turning over the page I saw these words—

This offer is for two weeks only.

As I sat in that office I thought of another offer, but it differs from this one, for it is *entirely free of charge*. The Lord Jesus is making this offer of eternal life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins through His wonderful sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, to all who believe in Him.

God's Word says, "The wages of sin is death; but *the gift of God is eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6. 23. And in Acts 10. 43 we read, "Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission (forgiveness) of sins."

The offer of which I was reading was for *two weeks only*. The offer of the Lord Jesus *may* be open for *two days*, perhaps only for *two hours* longer. We do not know when the opportunity will be over.

Dear young reader, accept this offer now while you may, and live in the full assurance of sins forgiven.

"Would you like to have salvation?

God now offers it to you,
Life eternal and forgiveness,
There is nothing left to do—

But to take it, but to take it,
Then to God your voice you'll raise,
And you'll thank Him, and you'll thank Him,
Worship Him with grateful praise."

Young Believers' Column.

I WONDER how many of you are sending me lists of verses telling what we can do to please the Lord. As I have been thinking about it I have jotted down quite a number. As you read them you will notice that they all have to do with our conduct one towards another. How important this is! May we each take heed to these exhortations!

We are told in quite ten different verses to "love one another." This is very mutual. We are to "*love one another*" and one is not to be dependent on the other. If my fellow-christian doesn't love me, that is no excuse for my not loving him.

Here is a list of things we are told to do—

Bear one another's burdens. Gal. 6. 2.
Be kind one to another. Eph. 4. 32.
Forbear one another in love. Eph. 4. 2.
Forgive one another. Col. 3. 13.
Pray for one another. James 5. 16.
Serve one another by love. Gal. 5. 13.
Speak not evil one of another. James 4. 11.
Grudge not one against another. James 5. 9.
Esteem others better than ourselves. Phil. 2. 3.
Consider one another. Heb. 10. 24.
Confess our faults one to another. James 5. 16.
Comfort one another. 1 Thess. 4. 18.

What a lot of different ways the Lord has told us in which we can please Him! All these verses have to do with our actions towards others, and it is well to remember those words of the Lord Jesus, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25. 40.



“Tell me a Story.”



DAVID had just turned five. Though so young, he was in hospital for an operation on his eyes. He was such a happy little fellow, and his name David, which means “beloved” just suited him.

As I lay in a bed in the same ward, he would say, “Tell me a story.” And I told him of Joseph, David, the Hebrew children, Daniel and the story of Jesus. He was never tired of hearing these Bible stories.

There were several other patients in the ward, and through little David, they heard the gospel story too. Soon after his operation his little voice was heard with the same request, “Tell me a story.” Do you love the stories of Jesus too?

Even when his mother had to leave him alone in the hospital he was comforted as I spoke to him of Jesus, and his tears were soon dried.

Dear children, Jesus is everywhere. And wherever we have to go, even if it is to hospital, He will be with us and His love can cheer and comfort us. He wants you to know Him and trust Him. Then some day you may be able to tell out the story of His love to others.

His word is as true today as ever, “Suffer little children to come unto Me.” Little David could not understand much, but He loved to hear of Jesus. Do you? May you learn to seek Him early and we know if you do, you will find Him, for He is waiting for you.

“Those that seek Me early shall find Me.” Prov. 8. 17.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

What shall I write to you this month?

Perhaps most of you are on holiday and do not feel like spending time on reading the magazine. I hope you will spare a little, and that you will also take time to write out the answers.

How would you like to write and tell me how you spend your holidays and what was the happiest day? I expect there will be lots of happy days but you must choose the one you think the best. Sometimes we sing "O happy day that fixed my choice on Thee my Saviour and my God." I would be very glad if some of you could write and tell me that you had taken Jesus as your Saviour. That would be a happy day for you.

But there are many amongst our searchers who already know the Lord Jesus and they shall have happy days too, I hope. I shall be interested to hear of some day you have specially enjoyed. Wouldn't it be nice if on your holiday you had the joy of bringing another to the Saviour you have found? I'm sure you would be very glad then too.

It might be that you are able to do something which you know meets the Lord's approval, even if others around do not understand. I trust you will know something of this joy.

To one and all I wish you a very happy holiday and I hope none of you will forget to thank the Giver of all these good things for His loving care over you.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for August.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. Where did they kneel down to pray? Chap. 21.
2. What did the Lord answer Paul when he asked "Who art Thou?" Chap. 22.
3. What did the Lord say to Paul in the night? Chap. 23.
4. Write out the verse containing the words "it is written." Chap. 23.
5. What did Paul reason before Felix? Chap. 24.
6. Write out from Acts five different verses to show that the apostles preached "the resurrection from the dead."
7. In Acts we read of three different men called Ananias. Tell in your own words all you can about each of them.

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of Scripture.

Answers to Questions for June.

1. Acts 16. 25.
2. Acts 16. 31.
3. Acts 17. 3.
6. (a) Three weeks. Acts 17. 2.
(b) A great number of the Greeks or Gentiles (Acts 17. 4) but the Jews would not listen. Acts 17. 11 and 13.
(c) 1 Thess. 1. 3.
2 Thess. 1. 3.
7. Acts 16. 12-40.
4. Acts 17. 11.
5. Acts 17. 31.

Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

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“Is it Really True?”



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“Is it Really True ?”

A LITTLE old woman sat under the shadow of a latticed gate, watching the rice sunning on the threshing floor. So small was she, so thin and shrunken, she seemed scarcely bigger than a child. But the face was marked with many years of toil and suffering, and her limbs were too weak to enable her to frighten away the chickens who were revelling in a feast of the new rice.

The only thing alert about her was her bright black eyes. They quickly spied two strangers walking slowly through her village. The visitors had almost missed her. She seemed so one with the ground on which she was sitting. But when they caught sight of her, they were glad enough to sit down beside her.

It was late November, but when the sun shines, South China is always hot, and the missionaries were ready enough to sit down at the end of a day wandering from village to village, standing in the doorways telling over and over again the good news that sins have been atoned for, and the way to heaven made open.

“What are your wares ?” asked the little old lady, taking for granted that the strangers were pedlars.

“We don’t need your pence to buy our wares,” was the reply. And soon she was listening for the first time to the story of a free salvation.

“We must all die some day, Grandmother, and if we know the true God, then He will give us true blessing.”

“I have often prayed for death, but death does not come. I am so miserable.” And the tears came and

were wiped away with a corner of her blue coat, as she told of the crooked back, and the aching limbs which gave her no rest, the pain and the weariness and the poverty.

And they could tell her of a home prepared in heaven, of a God Who would wipe away all tears, of the redeemed, who hunger no more, neither thirst any more.”

“What good fortune,” she kept murmuring. “What good fortune ! But it could not be for an unlucky creature like me. It is too good to be true. And then I am so poor. I have no money to give, not even a bowl of rice-water to offer.”

And then they told her of a poor robber, nailed hand and foot to a cross, who received a place in Paradise because the Saviour Who hung at his side had suffered in his stead. They told of his last words, “Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom,” and the answer, “Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.”

Yes, she knew all about robbers. Was not half her village lying in ruins from their recent raids ? If a *robber* could have a place in heaven, perhaps she could. She fixed her searching eyes on the speaker, “Sister,” she said, “You are not telling me a lie ? Is it really true ?”

It is little wonder that she should think it too good to believe. How glad they were to read it to her from God’s own Word. “I go to prepare a place for you” and “I will come again and receive you unto Myself.”

It is really true. God has said it Himself. You have known it all your life. But have you ever believed it ?

Two Ships.

FOG, fog everywhere and dangerous icebergs ! A home-bound vessel, returning from New York and running too close to the shore, through a mistake of the Captain's, struck a rock, off the coast of Newfoundland. The bottom was torn out, and in less than fifteen minutes all the passengers were hurried into the lifeboats ; the beautiful floating palace they had just left, rapidly sinking.

But all lives were saved. Temporary lodgings being found for the passengers, they were obliged to make the best of it, until the next boat that called at St. John's took them the rest of their journey home.

The lady who related her dreadful experience, was one who believed in God, and trusted Him to take care of them, but she said it was sad to see the distress of some of her fellow-passengers. Perhaps they were not all ready to meet God, if they had gone down with the ship. But in the mercy of God He gave them another chance.

I am thinking of another ship. No big palatial liner, this ; only a common sailing vessel, and we can imagine there was an odour of fish about it, indicating its general use. There were several men on board, but their

"Captain" was lying fast asleep, taking a well-earned rest.

Quite suddenly a storm came on, terrible wind, rain and darkness, and great waves leaping overboard, threatened to sink the little vessel. Afraid of their lives, the men awoke the One Who lay so calmly sleeping. He rose up at once, and no sooner had *He* taken command than all was peace and quiet ! The storm had ceased, the darkness lifted, and they went on their way in safety !

I am sure you know that story—you will find it in Matthew 8. You will know that the One Who brought them safely through was the Lord Jesus, called the "Captain" of our salvation. Heb. 2. 10. This Captain makes no mistakes ! Have you given Him the command of your life, dear reader ?

When the disciples came to Him for help, they cried, "Lord, save us !" because they knew they were in danger. But so many people do not think they need saving ; they never realise the terrible danger of sin—until they come face to face with death, and then they know that they are not fit to meet a holy God.

But your opportunity is NOW. God saves you from a hundred dangers, day by day, that you are not aware of—and why ? Because He wants your *heart* and your *life* !

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.”

Prov. 3. 5.

Warnings.

IT was a lovely day when we visited Bedruthan Steps, St. Eval, in Cornwall. What a climb down we had from the cliff above ! Steps ! steps ! we shall not forget them in a hurry. But at last we were down on the beautiful sands and climbing over the rocks. Some of these rocks were immense ; some had been washed by the tide so as to form a sort of cave ; two of which we found we could go through until we found ourselves on the sand beyond.

The tide was coming in while we were there and huge breakers showed us how angry the sea might be. We were fond of bathing, but the warning that bathing was dangerous was heeded and we did not go in. Our time to

leave came all too quickly, and we ascended by another lot of steps, not so steep as those we came down, but there were more of them. These you can see in the picture. When we were nearly to the top we came upon this inscription cut in stone on the cliff :—

In memory of
Alex. C. Laurie of Derby,
who was drowned in this bay
Aug. 12th, 1903.

This tablet
is placed here by his friends
(whose lives were mercifully spared)
as a warning to visitors of the danger
of bathing from these sands.

We stopped and read it and could only think what a silent warning that tablet was. It reminded us of how God gives us warnings in His Word, and how many have been blessed by heeding them !



Bedruthan Steps, St. Eval, Cornwall.

We think of Esau who lost his blessing through a morsel of pottage, and in the Bible his story is told that it might be a warning to us not to lose heaven for some earthly gain. Then again we read of King Agrippa who put off being a christian, being only "almost persuaded." We read of him in the Acts, and how it should speak to any who are still undecided, telling them to be *altogether persuaded* to come to the Saviour and trust in Him, and not to put it off and be lost for ever.

While we were there we saw some people actually bathing in spite of the warnings, running the risk of being drowned, for there were lots of strong currents. And don't we see many today running a greater risk, by putting off the question of their soul's blessing? What about *you*, my young reader? *Are you heeding God's warnings?*

Twins.

I WANT to tell you of two boys who were twins and whose names we will call Charlie and Jack. It was difficult to distinguish the one from the other as they were so much alike.

These two boys lived in an Orphanage, and one day Charlie was disobedient to his Superintendent, which meant him walking round the Quadrangle for one hour during games time.

Well the time came and the Superintendent saw Jack whom he thought was Charlie and he ordered him to commence his walk.

"But, Sir——" he began.

"No words now."

"But, Sir——."

"No words now; you may speak to me afterwards, Charlie."

So the boy commenced his walk, and when half an hour had gone by the Superintendent told him that he might stop and say what he had to.

"Well, Sir," said the boy, "I'm not Charlie, I'm Jack. But need Charlie be punished now, seeing I have done it for him?" So Charlie went free because Jack had been punished instead of him.

Dear children, there was One Who willingly took our place and died in our stead. The Lord Jesus laid down His life for us. We have all been disobedient; "We have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53. 6.

So you see He took our place on the cross of Calvary and bore our sins, and now if we believe on Him there is no condemnation for us. (See Romans 8. 1.) What love He has shown towards us! Can you say, "*He loved me and gave Himself for me*"?

"Christ's love is wonderful!

Oh, yes! He loved me:

He came from glory bright

To die upon the tree.

Oh, can it be that He loved me

And gave Himself for me?

He died that I might live;

He gave Himself for me:

'Tis in the cross of Christ

His boundless love we see.

Oh, can it be that He loved me

And gave Himself for me?

A Strange Advertisement.

WANTED adopted, healthy baby boy from birth to six months; born Christian. Address (confidential) Box

SO reads an advertisement in an English newspaper in China. How were you born? If you had been born in a heathen land like China, would you be a heathen or a christian?

Did you ever read about the man who was born in England, who was asked if he was a christian? He replied, "Do you think I'm a heathen? Of course I'm a christian. I was born in a christian land." His friend replied, "If you had been born in a stable that would not make you a horse."

No, you are not a christian because you were born in a christian land. Nor does it make this child a heathen because he was born in China.

The Bible tells us that we are born in sin and shapen in iniquity. Not one of you in any country in the world is born a christian. Your father and mother may both be christians, and also your grandparents, but that does not make you a christian. Remember that you are *born in sin*. The Bible says that you go astray as soon as you are born. It says again, "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way." Every boy and girl is lost, and there is only one way to be saved.

What is that way? You must be **BORN AGAIN**. In the same place where the Lord Jesus tells us that we must be born again, He also tells us how we can get eternal life. He says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3. 16.

Young Believers' Column.

IT was Sunday evening and a sister in the Lord was in the habit of visiting the hospital. A special preacher was speaking at the Hall, and a great desire to hear him came over her. It would be so much more restful, and then how profitable too! What should she do?

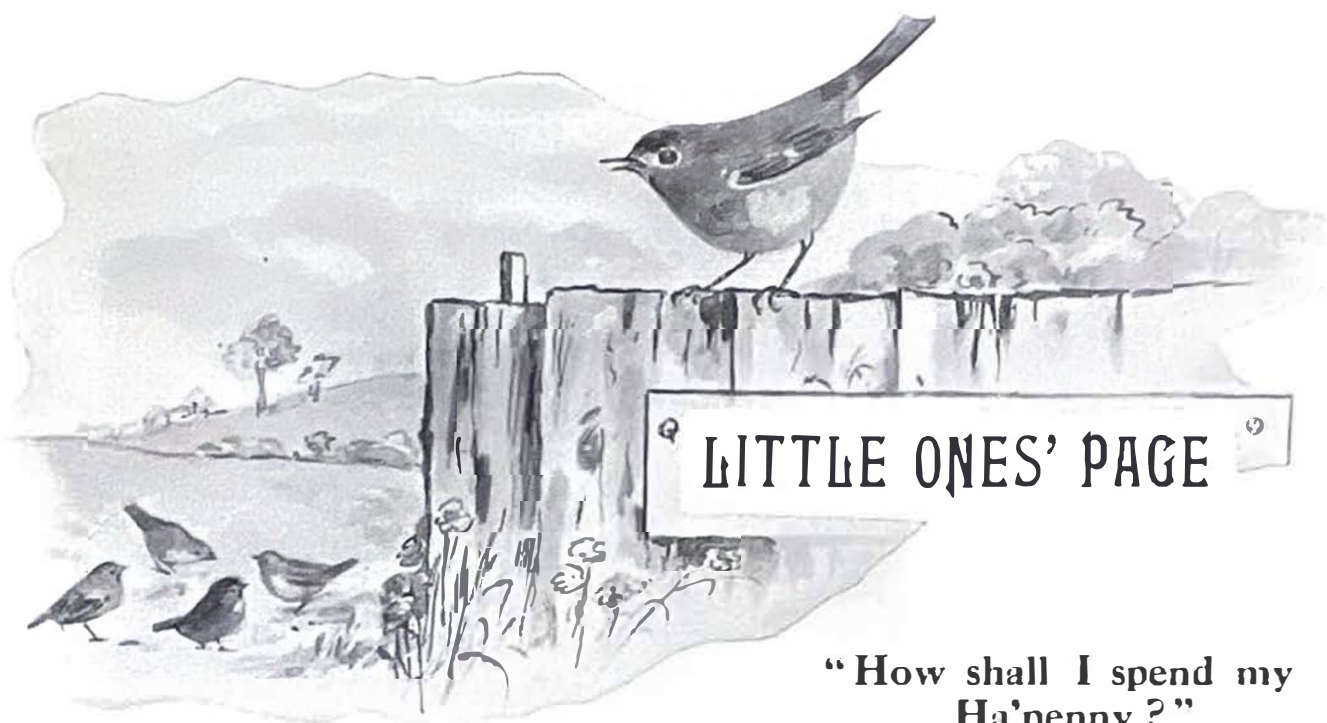
How often questions like this arise in our pathway, and we are bewildered, and our only resource is to turn to Him Whom we seek to follow, and ask for grace to be able to say "Not my will but *Thine* be done." Our sister knew the reality of turning thus to Him, and He brought these lines to her memory—

"The value of one soul, oh Lord,
Teach me to see!"

This settled the matter and she gladly went to the hospital. In one of the wards there was a dear girl dying, with no one to speak to her of Jesus. Oh! how lovingly and tenderly did she point her to the Saviour of sinners. The poor girl listened attentively and seemed to drink in every word. Turning to her visitor she said, "Thank you so much for coming to talk to me about Christ."

As our sister left her, she could not but thank the Lord for giving her the opportunity of speaking for Him, and she realised the joy of doing the Lord's will and not following her own desire. She heard afterwards that the girl had been led to trust in the Lord Jesus, and she left a bright testimony before she passed away.

How often we miss opportunities when the Lord would use us if we but surrendered ourselves entirely to Him.



“How shall I spend my
Ha’penny?”



LOOKING uncertainly round a shop with many bright things before his eyes, a small boy held out a half-penny. The shopkeeper asked him if he would like a little book to read, and showed him a portion of the Word of God, one of the Gospels which he could buy for a half-penny.

“Yes, please,” said the little fellow, and he carried off his purchase with great pleasure.

He came again and bought another, and the third time he came bringing three other boys with him.

What should he buy this time? One of his little companions suggested the Gospel of John.

The shopkeeper asked him if he knew anything in the Gospel of John. After thinking a minute he said, “Yes, the tenth chapter is about the Good Shepherd.” Then he was asked to read some of it. When he had read about ten verses he was given the little book free.

What wonderful words to read! Whose words? The words of the One Who had come from God, sent by God, to open the **WAY** to heaven. Did not the small boy read in the ninth verse, “**I AM THE DOOR**”? Yes! the entrance, **THE WAY** to heaven, to God.

Jesus Himself said “**I AM THE DOOR.**” We all know a door is the means of entrance. He said, “By **Me** if any . . . enter in he shall be saved.”

For only a half-penny these boys could buy a book which told them the **WAY** of salvation. Think, dear children, though this good news cost so little to read, it cost Jesus the Saviour His precious life’s blood to open this **NEW AND LIVING WAY** for us!

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you remembered what I asked you in my last letter? If you have, what a lovely lot of letters I should receive!

I am going to tell you something I learnt when I was on holiday. It was from a lighthouse. You all know what a lighthouse is for, don't you? But did you know that the sailors need ears as well as eyes to learn all they need from it? They do, for not only does it shine out in the darkness but it has also to send out rockets which make a loud noise when the fog is too thick for the light to be seen. Does it not remind us that we need the light of God's Word to guide us in this dark world? But we also need to listen to what His Word says to us.

In one of our chapters this month we read about those whose ears are dull of hearing and whose eyes are closed and who will not come to the Lord Jesus to be saved. I hope you will listen to His voice and be guided by His Word and you will be blest.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for September.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in the Acts.

1. Write out the verse containing the words "forgiveness of sins." Chap. 26.
2. What did Paul say he witnessed to small and great? Chap. 26.
3. What did Paul do when he took bread? Chap. 27.
4. What did he expound to those who came to him? Chap. 28.
5. What did he preach when he dwelt in his own hired house? Chap. 28.
6. What three times did the Lord appear to Paul in the night? What did the Lord say to him each of these times?
7. (a) Write out from Acts or any of Paul's epistles, five verses to show that Paul was sent to preach to the Gentiles.
(b) Write out two verses (from Acts) to show that Paul was warned not to go up to Jerusalem.
(c) For about how long was Paul in Jerusalem at this time?

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of Scripture.

Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

Answers to Questions for July.

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| 1. Acts 18. 9-10. | 4. Acts 20. 35. |
| 2. Acts 19. 19. | 5. Acts 20. 32. |
| 3. Acts 20. 21. | |

6. Aquila and Priscilla were Jews living in Italy, but because of the Emperor's commandment they left there and went to live in Athens. They were tentmakers, as was also the Apostle Paul, so they lived and worked together. When Paul left Corinth they went with him as far as to Ephesus. They took Apollos to their home and taught him more fully about the Lord Jesus.

7. (a) Luke, the writer of the Acts, was evidently Paul's companion at this time. Seven other men were also with him (Acts 20. 2) and they went on before to Troas and waited there for Paul and Luke.
- (b) The disciples were gathered together to break bread in remembrance of the Lord Jesus.
- (c) Eutychus, heavy with sleep, fell from the third storey and was killed, but Paul restored him to life again. Acts 20. 7-12.

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"JOY IN HEAVEN."



"Joy in Heaven."

NANCY and Billy were almost inseparable. They lived in the country and worked and played together, summer and winter. They loved to wander about among the haunts of the wild birds and creatures whose homes were in the woods and meadows round their own. They knew where to find the first violets and primroses, where the cowslips and orchis grew, and where the woodpecker built his nest year by year.

There was a stream which ran through the woods, and a pool, deep at one end and shallow at the other, which they passed on their way to and from school each day. And there were tadpoles at the shallow end in spring, while in the summer they could lie in the long grass and watch the dragon-fly grubs come out of the deep end and hatch into great dragon-flies with every colour in their gauzy wings.

They both learnt to know God Who had made everything that was so beautiful, and of His care for all His creatures, but they knew more than this. They knew that they belonged to Him themselves, and were of much more value to Him than any of His birds or flowers, for they had learnt that they were sinners and that the Lord Jesus had died to put away their sins, so that they should live with Him for ever, and so they were truly happy—

" Happy because He loves me,
Happy because He lives,
Bright with the deepest gladness
Which only Jesus gives."

The days went by fast enough until one spring day when Billy was taken ill, and then after a few weeks God took him to live in heaven with Him, and Nancy was left behind.

To the little girl everything seemed very lonely and dark, and she did not want to go anywhere or do anything. Nothing seemed very much use without Billy, and going to school alone was such a long, dull walk by herself.

One July day she set out as usual, but as she passed the pool she turned aside and threw herself down in the long grass and sobbed, for there was no one in sight.

Presently she looked down into the pool, and there, just as they often had watched them together, were two dragon-fly grubs, and one was crawling up a fern leaf which was half in and half out of the water. Up, up, up it came, until it was quite out of the water, then it stopped. After a few moments there was a tiny crack; its skin had burst and now slowly out of the old case came the lovely dragon-fly.

Nancy watched breathless as it dried its new wings in the sun close beside her, and then flew up circling round the pond it had left behind.

She looked at the perfect, but now quite empty case on the leaf beside her, and then down into the water where the other grub was swimming about by itself. "Poor little thing, how lonely it must be," she thought, "and yet it will soon join its brother. It wouldn't be sorry if it only could see how beautiful the other one is now. It must be like that, only much more wonderful for Billy."

She wished she could know what heaven was like, and what was happening there, and she thought she would ask her mother at bed-time where in the Bible she could find most about it.

Then she realised it was much too late to go to school, so picking the leaf with the empty case on it, she went home.

Before they went to sleep her mother always read to the children a chapter from the Bible, and that night it was the fifteenth of Luke. When she came to the seventh verse Nancy stopped her and asked her to read it again saying softly to herself, "Joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Then that is what is happening in heaven ! They are being glad when people here learn that they are sinners, but that Jesus is their Saviour, she thought. She wondered about the boys and girls at school, and if there had been joy in heaven over them, and she made up her mind to ask some of them. Then they prayed and Nancy went to sleep happier than she had been for a long time.

She went to school next day with a deep, new joy she had never known before, the joy of heaven in her heart. It was no longer far away. The door was open, and the light and love of the joy there shone on all here for her now. Do you know it too ?

" There is joy in heaven
When a child believes,
When the blessed Saviour
He by faith receives,
There is joy and triumph,
Untold joy is known
In the angels' presence,
Round about the throne."

The Heavenly Home.

" 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." John 14. 2, 3.

THE Saviour, Jesus, is gone to prepare,
Such a beautiful Home in the sky,
And He says He will come,
And take to that Home,
Everyone that is born from on high.

How sweetly their voices shall praise Him
then,
For the blessings His hand has bestowed,
They shall shine there bright,
In their robes of white,
For they have all been washed in His
blood.

And crowns they shall wear of the purest
gold,
And a wonderful song they shall sing,
And each shall cast down
His glittering crown
At the feet of the heavenly King.

And happy, amid this bright joyous throng,
Shall many a little one sing.
May I join them and raise
My voice to the praise
Of the Giver of every good thing ?

I'd like to go to that heaven so bright,
For joy beams, in that world, on each
face,
But if there I would go
On earth I must know
As my Saviour, the Lord of that place.

The Unrecognised Treasure.

IN a village not very far from Canton lived a young Chinese girl. Not many months before she had been brought there as a bride. Her husband was a young Chinese who had been working in Australia. She was rather afraid of him, for he wore foreign clothes, and he had learned to eat queer things over there in the foreign country. But he was very kind, and when he had to return to his work in Australia he left her a little store of money, and promised to send her more.

After a few months a letter came. In the letter was a piece of stiff paper carefully folded up. She thought it was very pretty, with a man's head one end and a big building in the middle and queer writing all round it. She pasted the picture carefully on the wall and took the letter over to her neighbour's husband to be read to her. A few months later another letter arrived. Again there was a picture inside which she pasted up beside the first one.

"It is very kind of him to send me the picture," said the little wife, "but I wish he would send me some money."

She had been very economical, but the little store of money her husband had left with her was now all used up.

She pawned her best coat and a pair of bracelets, thinking that the next letter would be sure to bring money. Again a letter came, and again there was nothing in it but a picture, just like the first two.

"It is no use trusting to him," said the poor little wife. So she set to work to earn her own living. Sometimes she went up on the hills and cut grass all day to sell for fuel. Sometimes she worked all day in the fields in the blazing sun, and sometimes she carried loads of earth and stones. And every few months a letter came from the far-away husband, and every time there

was the same stiff paper picture. The picture was sometimes dirty and old, sometimes clean and fresh, but always she pasted it carefully upon the wall beside the others.

At last the time came for her hus-



band to pay another visit to his home.

"Why did you never send me any money?" asked his wife. "I have had to work so hard."

"I sent you money in every letter," said the husband. "You did not need to do any work at all. I provided for everything."

"There was never anything in the letters but a picture," said his wife. "There they all are on the wall."

Sure enough, there they all were, rows of banknotes, plenty of money to have kept his wife comfortable and happy all the time he was away, and she never knew!

This story makes me think of the treasure that we all may have. The Bible says, "The gift of God is eternal life." Rom. 6. 23. But many people think that they cannot trust God. They think that they must work hard themselves to earn this treasure. And all the time the free gift of God is waiting for them, if only they will accept it.

What did the wife need to do? Nothing at all! Those pieces of paper were enough for all her needs. What do we need to do? Nothing at all! The Lord Jesus has done all the work. He has provided for everything. On the cross He said, "It is finished." You do not need to work to save your soul. The gift of salvation is waiting for you.

Nothing either great or small

Nothing, sinner, no;

Jesus did it, did it all,

Long, long ago.

"IT IS FINISHED!" Yes, indeed,

Finished, every jot:

Sinner, this is all you need:

Tell me, is it not?

Answers to Prayer.

"BUT does God really answer prayer?" The tone of the speaker sounds a little doubtful.

Why, of course He does. He says, "While they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isa. 65. 24.) And God always keeps His promise.

I will tell you something that happened to me some years ago. I was trying to open a lead-frame window in my Bible Class room. The cord refused to work properly, but on touching the window itself, it came down right enough—with a rush, and caught my finger! Well, I came away minus the tip of my finger and half a nail!

That finger seemed as if it would never heal. Week after week it went on. At last one week-end the doctor said, "If it is no better on Monday you must have the bone taken away."

On Sunday I met a very dear friend, and I said, "Esther, perhaps they will have to take part of my finger away." She was very distressed and said, "Maggie and I will pray about it." Maggie was her sister.

So I went through the day knowing those two dear people were praying about me. When the doctor examined it the next day, he said, with surprise, "Why it is beginning to heal!" And I have still got my finger! A casual observer would not even notice anything wrong with it.

"But I have prayed for things, and got no answer at all," says the doubting voice again.

I wonder what you asked for. I read the other day that story of the Israelites in the wilderness (in Numbers

11) who were asking for meat to eat, instead of the food that God had specially prepared for them—the wonderful Manna. God answered their prayer, and sent quails in abundance, but they began to be very ill and many died. God meant them to be ill because He wanted them to learn to trust Him more, and to realise that He always knew what was best for them. That is often the reason why He does not give us just the thing we ask for.

But there is one prayer that we can be certain will be answered. It is a prayer of David's in Psalm 51. "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow." The Lord will, and indeed must answer that, because He never breaks a promise, and He has said, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isa. 1. 18. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1. 9.

Questions for You.

What does YOUR heart say?

"When Thou saidst, Seek ye my face; *my heart* said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Psal. 27. 8.

What do YOUR lips do?

"Because Thy loving kindness is better than life, *my lips* shall praise thee." Psal. 63. 3.

What do YOUR eyes behold?

"Open thou *mine eyes*, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." Psal. 119. 18.

Young Believers' Column.

"Have ye never read what David did?"
Mark 2. 25.

"Have ye not read the Scriptures?" *Mark* 12. 10.

"Have ye not read in the book of Moses?"
Mark 12. 26.

THESE questions asked by the Lord Jesus of His hearers when He was in this world, may well be answered by each one of us. It is interesting and profitable to notice the constant reference to Old Testament Scriptures throughout the Gospels, showing how the One Who had come was the One Whom the Scriptures declared should come.

What part of God's Word do you read? Have you read it through? If not you have missed verses which might have been the greatest help and encouragement to you in your daily path. Make a start now if you have not done so before, and I believe you will find it to be a real blessing to you.

As you read of God's dealings with His people of old, His patience with them notwithstanding their waywardness, His care and love, you will learn lessons that you will never forget.

It will not be long before we are at home in glory, when we shall meet face to face those whom the Spirit of God used to write these wonderful oracles. Just to think we shall be able to talk to Moses, Amos and Malachi! One can almost imagine them making reference to their own prophecies and saying, "Did you not read my Book?"

May the Lord encourage each of my young readers to give attention to reading, and above all else to reading the Book of books.



Why Betty was glad.

*" I am so glad that our Father in heaven
Tells of His love in the Book He has given ;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see ;
This is the dearest that Jesus loves me.*

*I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me !
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me ! "*

DO you know this hymn? Betty was singing it over and over again as she was playing about one day.

Her mother was busy in the kitchen, and presently she heard her little girl stop singing and call out, " Do you know, Mummie, why I keep singing that? It is because I AM glad that Jesus loves me."

Very often little boys and girls, and big ones too, sing hymns but they do not think anything about the words they are singing. But Betty was singing from her little heart, and really meant the words.

I wonder if YOU can sing these words, " I am so glad that Jesus loves me," and mean them too. Does it make you happy to think that Jesus loves you and that He died for you? He said, " It is not the will of My Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." Matt. 18. 14.

He wants you to trust Him and to believe He died for you so that you may live with Him for ever in His happy Home above.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

You will notice that our searching this month is from quite a different part of the Bible from what we have had before. Genesis tells us how God made the world and all the things which are in it. Men try to tell us how they think it all came into existence but God tells us here very simply and all we have to do is to believe His Word. I hope you will be interested, and so do your best to answer the questions for these last few months of this year.

As we are already drawing near the end of the year, it is nearly time to think about prizes. I know you all like to hear that, and as some of you have answered very well, you will be looking forward to getting one. If you would like to receive a Bible or a Testament for your prize, will you write the word Bible or Testament at the end of your answers? Do not write anything if you want a book, for I shall understand.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for October.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in Genesis.

1. How did God see everything that He had made? Chap. 1.
2. What day did God bless and sanctify? Chap. 2.
3. How did God form man? Chap. 2.
4. What did the Lord God command the man? Chap. 2.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "brought them unto Adam." Chap. 2.
6. Write out shortly what was the work of each of the six days.
7. (a) What two trees are spoken of in the 2nd chapter of Genesis?
(b) What are we told about them there?
(c) Write out all the verses you can find, referring to one of them in the book of Revelation.

Answers to be sent in by the 25th of the month addressed to:—N. E., Bible & Tract Depot, 21, Woodbury Park Road, Tunbridge Wells, England. Those residing abroad are allowed an extension of time.

Answers to Questions for August.

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| 1. Acts 21. 5. | 6. (a) Acts 4. 33. |
| 2. Acts 22. 8. | (b) Acts 10. 40. |
| 3. Acts 23. 11. | (c) Acts 23. 6. |
| 4. Acts 23. 5. | (d) Acts 21. 15. |
| 5. Acts 24. 25. | (e) Acts 26. 23. |
| 7. (a) Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold their land, but lied to the Apostles about the price they received. Acts 5. 1-10. | |
| (b) Ananias, a disciple of Damascus, who was sent by the Lord to speak to Saul and restore his sight. Acts 9. 10-19. | |
| (c) Ananias, the high priest before whom Paul was brought at Jerusalem. Afterwards he went to Caesarea with an orator to speak against Paul. He, with others, tried to get him sent back to Jerusalem so that they could lie in wait on the way to kill him. Acts 23. 2, 24. 1, 25. 2. | |

A reference Bible may be used in finding the answers, but no other help is allowed. The first five questions must be answered in the words of scripture.

Write your name, age and address in full, and the name of the month at the top of your paper.

For your answers to come for a half-penny stamp, you must leave the envelope open, and write top left corner of envelope: Education Exercise, Printed Paper Rate.

“The Door was Shut”



Sport & General Photos.

"The Door was Shut."

THE station was crowded with people, for it was holiday time. Winnie with her cousin Reggie, had come to meet her sister who was returning from a holiday, and they were watching the people as they passed through the barrier to a waiting train.

The time for the departure of the train arrived; the porter shut the gate and just as he did so four young people rushed up, only to be refused admission. They were just too late! The green flag was being waved and the train was moving off.

"Whatever shall we do?" they exclaimed. They were all very agitated when they found out they had missed the train. One of them burst into tears and as they moved away Reggie and Winnie could hear them blaming each other for being too late.

Winnie's mother who was with them, thought at once of the time when the door of heaven will be closed. And turning to the two children she said, "Shut out! Supposing it was the door of heaven!"

God tells us that when once that door is shut there will be no opportunity to enter. Many will find then that they are too late. Boys and girls, let me plead with you not to put off trusting the Saviour, or you may find yourselves outside that door. People will be in earnest then, but it will be too late!

Listen to the words of the Lord Jesus Himself in Luke 13. 24 and 25, "*Many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When*

once the Master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are."

But someone may be asking, How can I know that I am ready for Jesus to come? How can I be quite sure that I shall not be left outside?

No one can enter heaven without a passport. You must have a title to be there. We all know that heaven is a holy place so unless your sins are put away you cannot enter in. If you have a title then you need have no fear.

God in His great love has provided the passport. He sent His own Son here to die in our stead. And on the cross of Calvary the Lord Jesus took our place and suffered there for us. He shed His precious blood to wash our sins away and the one who simply believes in Him owning that he is a sinner and cannot save himself, is saved and made fit for heaven.

His blood is our title to be there. The moment you take Christ as your Saviour you are saved and ready for His coming. You can be quite sure about it for you have His own Word to rest on. "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1. 7. And even now we who are saved can join in the song of heaven, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood . . . to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Rev. 1. 5, 6.

Does God Answer Prayer ?

SOME people refuse to believe that God really answers prayer. They will not believe that He is even interested in the affairs of such unimportant little things as we are. But there are many people—even boys and girls—who have proved over and over again that God does answer prayer !

In Mark 11. 24 we read, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Only the Son of God, the Creator of all things, could have said such words as these. Only He could make such a wonderful promise. A little earlier He had said, "Have faith in God." What we might obtain from God if only we had faith !

There was once a boy in one of the schools in Edinburgh, who had a wonderful answer to prayer. He had become a Christian, and longed that his sister should become one, too. One day he said to his Sunday School teacher, "I do wish my sister could be got to read the Bible. She never reads it, and I am sure that if she began to read it, she would be converted and be saved."

The teacher conducted a prayer-meeting every week, and he promised the boy that at the next prayer-meeting, he would ask the people to

pray that Rose should begin to read her Bible. So when the time came, he gave out that a boy was very anxious that prayer should be offered that his sister might begin to read the Bible.

As soon as the announcement was made, John (for that was the boy's name) was seen to get up and leave the prayer-meeting. The teacher thought it was very rude of him to disturb the meeting by leaving in the middle, so the next time he saw him, he said : "John, I thought it was very rude of you to go out in the middle of the prayer-meeting."

What do you think John's reply was ? "Oh, I am so sorry, Sir ; I did not mean to be rude. But I did so want to see my sister reading her Bible for the first time, and so I slipped out and went home, *and she was reading it* when I got there !"

Oh, it is such a wonderful thing to have answers to our prayers. Do let us make a habit of praying and of telling all our troubles and longings to God. We can lift up our heart to Him at any time—even as we walk along in the streets. But especially let us have a quiet time alone with Him every morning and evening.

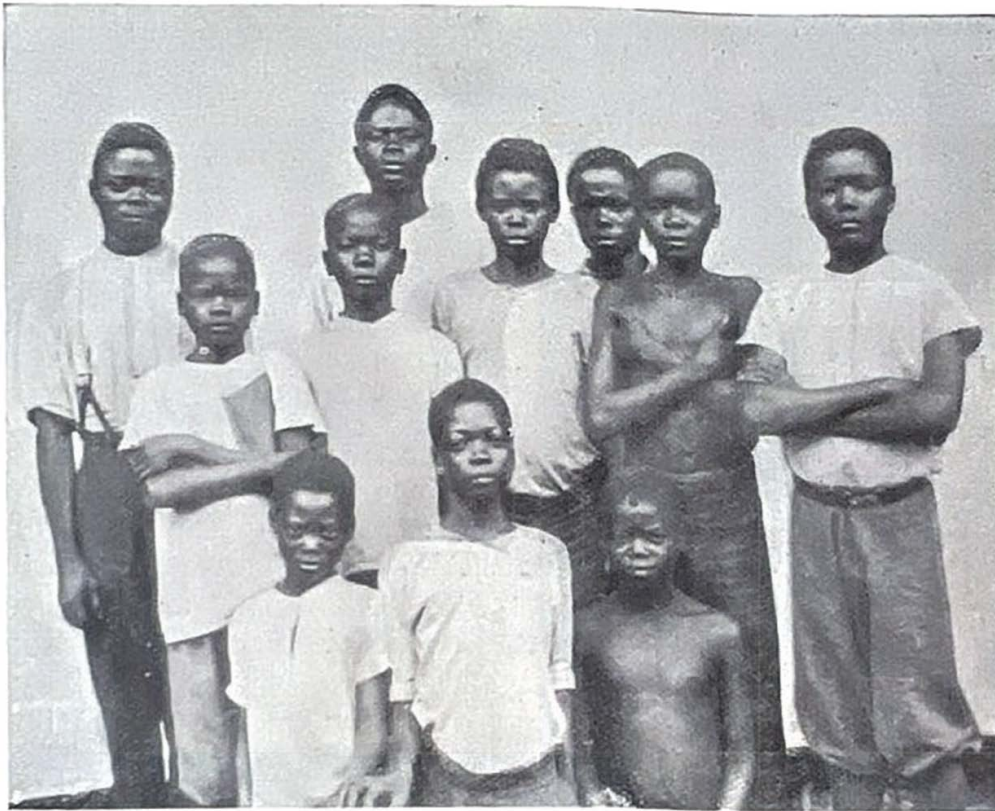
"Let not the robe of prayer be hung aside,
A needless robe, until the eventide,
But put it on ; accounting prayer
A warm-lined garment made for daily wear.
And when day shall lengthen into space,
Still praise and thank Him for His grace."

"Let your requests be made known unto God."

Phil. 4. 6.

Wanted—a Leader.

THERE were bees all over the place! They were buzzing all round the room; they were crawling all over the floor and out on the door-step. They had swarmed in the kitchen chimney! We were awfully glad it was not *our* kitchen, but were very sorry for our neighbour.



AFRICAN BOYS.

have lost their leader, the queen-bee, as they did not seem to know what they were doing.

We did not know if that was what had happened, but if the queen was with them, she had led them into a most unfortunate place! The next morning they looked like a solid black ball stuck on to the chimney-

pot. After a time they gradually dispersed, but many of them got killed and never arrived home.

We did not easily forget that afternoon and the "little winged people" (as they are sometimes called) that seemed lost. They are very wonderful little creatures and so faithful to their leader. Then I thought of another crowd — this time of men, women and children, and some of them were tired

Fortunately he knew where they had come from. They belonged to a farm not far away. We could see the hives in a valley at the bottom of our gardens, and all through the summer the bees were flitting amongst the flowers.

So they sent for the owner. But when he came all he could do was to smoke them out of the chimney. He said that he thought they must

and suffering, but they had all gathered together to see a great Preacher and Healer—the Lord Jesus. You can read about it in Matthew 9. 36. When He saw them He said, "They are like sheep without a shepherd," and He longed to be their Shepherd, so He told them all about the love of God and the Kingdom of Heaven, and healed all those who were sick. But He must have felt sad because He know

(By courtesy of Bible Society.)

that many of them did not really want to follow Him, and would go away and soon forget all He had said.

To-day the Lord Jesus has countless faithful followers all over the world, in the most out-of-the-way places, and amongst people who have very little to help them. Yet I think He must often feel sad when He sees so many boys and girls who have heard over and over again how He died to save them from sin and to open the way to Heaven, and yet still go on in their own way and pay no heed to His loving call, "Follow Me." (Matt. 9. 9.)

Dear reader, are *you* one of them? I was reading the other day about six African boys who stood up before a room full of their friends to announce their intention of following the Lord Jesus. Are you willing to be left behind while these little black boys follow Jesus?

"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME, AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE." John 10. 27.

How Grace was Saved.

GRACE was employed in a work-room with other girls, some of whom were christians. She and another girl were not saved but they were both anxious to be. Some years before Grace had attended her grandmother's funeral, and God had spoken to her then, and this question had come forcibly before her, "Where would *your* soul be if you were to die now?" Since that time she had longed to know that she was saved.

Her fellow-worker told her one day

that a gentleman named Mr. Stickley was going to hold four Gospel Meetings on Wednesday evenings. Her friend said that she intended to go and asked Grace if she would go with her.

The four weeks went by and somehow Grace had not been to any of the meetings. It was no doubt Satan who hindered her, for he does not want our blessing. However Mr. Stickley felt encouraged and announced three more addresses, but it was not until the last one that Grace went.

That night the words of the Lord Jesus in John 5. 24 came with power to her soul. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." She felt very unhappy and longed to know that her sins were forgiven and that she had everlasting life.

On the next Sunday evening she prayed very earnestly that the word "HATH" might be made good to her. She was so troubled that she could not sleep, and very early on the Monday morning she went downstairs to the kitchen still crying to God. Then the light shone into her soul and in simple faith she took God at His word, and knew that she was saved and that everlasting life was hers.

Joy filled her young heart, and she could not help singing for very gladness. In happy tones the words rang out, "*I am so glad that Jesus loves me, even me.*"

The singing awakened her father, who came down to know what she meant by disturbing every one in the

house so early in the morning. Then Grace told him that she knew that she was saved and that was why she was singing. Her heart was just bubbling over with joy.

That same morning her friend in the workroom said to her, "I wish I knew I was saved." Then to her astonishment Grace answered "I *know* I am," and she went on to tell her what had happened.

When Mr. Stickley heard the good news he invited Grace and others who had been saved to meet together to read God's Word and thus learn more of what He has done for those who belong to Him. One day he was speaking to these young believers about telling others of the Saviour, and he said, "We cannot all be preachers or teachers, but we can give away a gospel tract."

On the way home a puff of wind brought a piece of paper to Grace's feet. She picked it up and found it was a tract and she noticed that at the foot was printed where they could be obtained. The next day she found the place in her dinner hour and purchased some tracts. These she gave away and invited those to whom she gave them to come and listen to the gospel story.

Grace was not content to keep the good news to herself, but as soon as she was saved, she confessed the Lord and then sought to bring others to know her Saviour too. Have *you* everlasting life? If so, have you confessed the Lord in your home and among your school-fellows or those with whom you work? Are you like Grace, seeking to lead others to your Saviour?

Young Believers' Column.

A MOTHERLESS boy had been brought to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and he felt he must seek to serve Him. He would get his little sister and brothers to kneel down beside him and he taught them simple prayers, especially asking for God's blessing on their father who showed no interest in the Lord's things.

One evening the two little boys were praying before getting into bed when their father came in, and when he saw his little sons at prayer he said, "God bless you, my little boys. Who taught you to pray?"

"We learnt of Jesus, Father," said the oldest boy, "and we thought it was right to pray to Him."

"God bless you," he said again. "Will you pray for your poor father?"

"But Father," said the lad, "won't you pray yourself? Won't you seek Jesus?"

"Since your mother died I have been all wrong," he replied. "But keep on praying for me."

Shortly after this the father was taken ill and died. He was too ill to talk to them, so they never heard from his lips that he had trusted in the Lord. But the oldest boy was so thankful he had spoken to him of Jesus.

As the lad grew up he was able to tell forth the story of Jesus and has been used to spread the glad tidings in many places. Do you, young readers, shew your colours? Do not shrink from it. The Lord will help you. Here is a beautiful word in Hebrews 13. 6, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."



Kitty's Thimble.

KITTY was delighted when her mother told her she was to spend a few days with her grandmother. Kitty's granny was nearly blind, so before she went her mother told her to be a useful little girl and help her grandmother all she could.

On the day after she arrived she asked Granny if there was anything she could do to help her, and she told her that she was very fond of sewing.

"I *am* glad," said Granny. "I cannot see to sew at all now, so perhaps you could hem some towels for me."

Kitty was very pleased and sat sewing for what seemed to her a very long time.

"I think I will go in the garden for a change now," she said to herself, and in a moment she was under the cherry tree.

Presently she thought she would go back to her sewing, but sad to say when she settled to her work again her thimble was nowhere to be found.

She ran out into the garden and looked under the cherry tree, but the thimble seemed to have disappeared altogether. What should she do? Kitty felt very troubled.

Then suddenly she remembered that God knew where her thimble was, and the text came to her mind, "Ask and ye shall receive." So she ran quickly to her little bedroom and shut the door. Then kneeling down she prayed earnestly that God would help her to find her thimble.

She rose from her knees and ran back to the garden, and the first thing she saw under the cherry tree was her thimble ! She picked it up and with her heart full of thankfulness went back to her work.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

There are only two more months in this year and I hope you will all do your best to send in your answers well done.

You will notice that all the first five questions are from the same chapter. That makes it very easy for you to find the answers, but it is an important chapter and there are so many verses in it that I want you to read. Will you think about the answers as you write them out?

It is so sad to read of how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and had to be shut out of the beautiful garden because of their sin. God provided coats of skin for them which tells us that blood had to be shed, pointing forward to the time when the Lord Jesus would come here to die for our sins. We, too, have sinned but the Lord Jesus has died in our stead and if we trust Him, we shall be saved and made fit to dwell with Him in His beautiful home where no sin can ever come.

I wonder how many of our searchers can say truly "Jesus died for me."

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for November.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in Genesis.

1. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden? Chap. 3.
2. What did God do to keep the way of the tree of life? Chap. 3.
3. Write out the verse containing the words, "bruise thy head." Chap. 3.
4. Why did the Lord God send Adam out of the garden of Eden? Chap. 3.
5. How did God clothe Adam and Eve? Chap. 3.
6. Tell in your own words the story of Cain and Abel, and explain why the Lord did not accept Cain's offering.
7. From chapter 6 answer the following:—
 - (a) What man lived longest?
 - (b) Who died before his father?
 - (c) Which man did not die? Tell from other parts of the Bible all you can about this man.

Answers to Questions for September.

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| 1. Acts 26. 18. | 4. Acts 28. 23. |
| 2. Acts 26. 23. | 5. Acts 28. 31. |
| 3. Acts 27. 35. | |
| 6. In Corinth. Acts 18. 9 and 10. | |
| In Jerusalem. Acts 23. 11. | |
| On the ship during the storm. Acts 27. 23-24. | |
| 7. (a) Acts 9. 15. | (b) Acts 20. 22 and 23. |
| Rom. 11. 13. | Acts 21. 11 and 12. |
| Eph. 3. 8. | (c) About one week. |
| 1 Tim. 2. 7. | Acts 24. 1 and 11. |
| 2 Tim. 1. 11. | |

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THE LOST LETTER.



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The Lost Letter.

THE children in our picture are obtaining a stamp from a machine attached to the pillar box, to put on their letter. Sometimes letters get lost in the post, but this does not often happen. I want to tell you about a letter that was lost in a very strange way.

A lady was anxiously waiting for the postman, and at last he came along bringing the looked-for letter. He dropped it through the letter box and she saw it fall and went to pick it up but no letter was to be seen. She wondered what had become of it. She looked outside and under the mat but no letter was there. Then to her dismay she saw there was a small crack in the floor and her precious letter had fallen through.

She tried in vain to get it out, so all she could do was to wait till her husband came home. She had not long to wait and she told him at once about the letter.

First of all he started poking about and tried to hitch the letter up through the crack but without avail. At last he got a small saw and made an opening in the floor and there lay the wanted letter.

But what else do you think he found? Lying beside his wife's letter were other letters, all dusty and dirty. He picked them up and found some were addressed to people who had left the house years before.

One of these letters had lain there six years and was addressed to a young lady who lived in some rooms above. So he called to her and told her of his discovery. She took the letter from

him and quickly opened it wondering who it could be from. The letter was from a former girl friend containing an invitation to a party sent to her while they were at school together.

I know of a wonderful "letter" which also contains an invitation. Perhaps this "letter" is lying in your home unheeded by you. Do you know what I am thinking of? The Bible, God's Word, is His message or we might say "letter" inviting us to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.

In this "letter" He tells us how He wants to have us in that beautiful place, but no sin or defilement can enter there (read John 3-16 and Rev. 21. 27.) So in His great love He sent His only Son to die and bear the punishment of sin. He tells us too how Jesus rose from the dead and is now in Heaven, and from His Father's throne is sending down this invitation for us to trust Him and start on the journey to that Home above.

How are you treating this invitation? This girl did not accept the invitation to her friend's party because she never received it. But this cannot be the case with you, for you have often been asked to come to the Saviour. Do not put off trusting Him any longer. Come to Him just as you are and He will save you and fill your heart with gladness.

As the lady read the letter her eyes filled with tears. She remembered so well the circumstances and how she had treated her friend unkindly because she thought she had not been invited to her party. Then her friend had acted strangely to her and the breach between them had grown bigger till

they had ceased to be friends at all. Now as she held the letter in her hand she realised that it was too late to make amends, and her heart was filled with sorrow as she thought of how she had misjudged her school-friend. And one day it will be too late to accept God's invitation. In His "letter" to us He says, "Behold, Now is the accepted time; behold, Now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6. 2.

" God's house is filling fast,
 ' Yet there is room ! '
Some guest will be the last :
 ' Yet there is room ! '
Yes ! soon salvation's day
To you will pass away !
Then grace no more will say—
 ' Yet there is room ! ' "

Which ?

I AM going to show you two pictures.
No. 1. A summer day in a busy seaside town. Two ladies are watching an elderly man crossing the road. He is arrayed in the most disreputable garments imaginable, which hang in literal rags around him. One lady remarks that she never saw such a "down and out" in her life ! Her friend is telling her that he had been a highly educated gentleman. Some time in the past he had stood at the "Cross-roads" of life. But he clung to some special sin, and refused to give it up, and gradually drifted down, down, down—in the opposite direction. And there we must leave him, for we do not know the end.

No. 2. A late summer evening in a sordid street in North London, where an open air service is being held. Perched on a chair, in the centre of a large crowd, is a big broad-shouldered

man with a strong-looking face. He is telling the crowd that they need a Saviour and that Jesus is there to save them.

Presently a drunken man begins to make a disturbance, and another one, a little less drunk, tries to move him on. But the preacher says, "Leave him to me." Descending from his perch and asking someone to carry on, he walks up to the man, and with a quiet word, he links his strong arm into the other's, and skilfully leads him away down the road. They are gone some little while, and then the preacher returns with a sad and thoughtful look on his face, and he tells the crowd that he had just been thinking that, but for the grace of God, that other man might have been himself. Some years before he too had stood at the "Cross-roads" of life. He had an idea of going on the stage, but the Lord wanted him, and with all the past sinful desires blotted out with the precious blood of Christ, he had chosen the road that leads upward, and had entered the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear boys (I am speaking specially to you) what do you think of my two pictures ? One day you too will stand at the "Cross-roads" of life, if you have not already made your choice. There is no middle way. It must be the way of Christ—or the way of Satan, which the Bible says ends in death. But the Lord Jesus wants you !

"MY SON, GIVE ME THINE HEART." Prov. 23. 26.

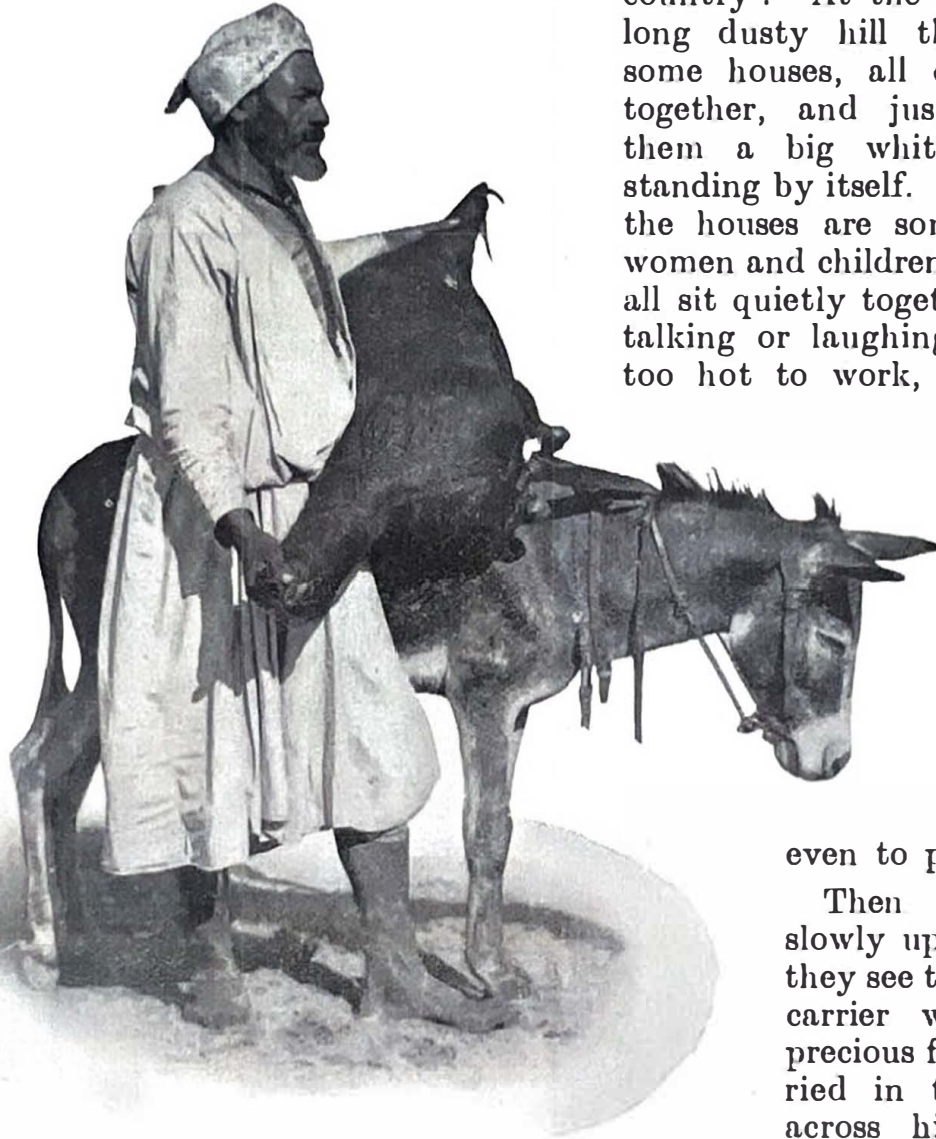
"CHOOSE—THIS DAY." Josh. 24. 15.

"Without Money."

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isa. 55. 1.

NOW we all know that the Bible is full of Eastern manners and customs, some of which we may have difficulty in understanding if we are not acquainted with Eastern conditions.

Here you



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will see a picture of someone we do not see in England, but he was quite an everyday figure in the land when the Lord Jesus was on earth. He is a water carrier, and I should like to tell

you how an Eastern gentleman explained the verse in Isaiah which I have already told you.

Will you imagine it is a very hot day, hotter than ever we get it in this country? At the top of a long dusty hill there are some houses, all clustered together, and just above them a big white house standing by itself. Outside the houses are some men, women and children. They all sit quietly together, not talking or laughing. It is too hot to work, too hot

even to play.

Then coming slowly up the hill they see the water carrier with the precious fluid carried in the skin across his back. As he gets nearer to them he cries

out, and this is what he says, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, come, buy and eat."

He draws nearer and repeats his cry, but there is no movement from the

group at the top of the hill. Nobody hurries to get jugs, none of the children run to him with their cups. No, they cannot BUY the water because they have *no money*.

Suddenly the door of the house on the hill top opens and a servant steps out. He is followed by his master and they come down to the water carrier. The master speaks to him. Some money changes hands and the master returns to his house.

Then the water carrier cries again, and this is what he says, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, AND HE THAT HATH NO MONEY ; come ye, buy and eat."

Immediately there is a stir and bustle. The men, women and children hasten to fill their vessels with the water for which they have not to pay. Everybody is satisfied.

Dear young reader, the Lord Jesus has come down from His House, right down to this world in which we live. On the cross of Calvary He paid the price with His own life-blood so that "the water of life" might be offered to you "without price"—*free* !

To-day from His throne in glory, the message is still going forth, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters ; and he that hath no money ; come ye, buy, and eat ; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." How are you treating that message ? If you are thirsty, longing for One to satisfy the need of your soul, then you will gladly come to the precious Saviour, as those children ran with their cups to the water carrier. His own words are, "Whosoever drinketh of the

water that I shall give him shall never thirst ; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 4. 14.

May the words of this well-known hymn be true of each of you :—

" I heard the voice of Jesus say,
' Behold I freely give
The living water ; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream ;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him."

Substitution.

SUBSTITUTION is a very long word, but we can all understand what it means quite easily, for it just means "instead of." Here is a story which will show you what I mean, and it is a true one. John Dean, a Quaker, tells this story of himself.

"When I was a lad I was disobedient. My father was strong and just, but stern. One day I had disobeyed his commandment, and he said as he took the whip, "John, you have broken the law of this house ; and you will have to suffer." And he raised the whip. My mother came and stood between us where the whip would fall. And she said : "Father, you are right ; the boy has sinned ; the sin merits punishment ; but, Father, you must inflict the punishment on me." But he said, "I cannot do that ; I cannot strike you !" She said, "Father, the boy has sinned ; the sin demands punishment ; it must have it ; but I now, taking his place, ask you to put all the punishment on

me. Strike!" And he struck her gently with the whip. She said, "Father, that is not right; that is not punishment. I want you to strike me just as hard and just as many times as you would have struck John."

"My boyish heart broke then, and I said, 'Mother! Mother! You must not bear the punishment for me!'"

Boys and girls, do you remember Someone Who took the punishment of YOUR sin and of MINE instead of us? Yes, I can see you know Whom I mean. Let us repeat softly to ourselves: "He (the Lord Jesus) was wounded for OUR transgressions, He was bruised for OUR iniquities the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Is. 53. 5). He was OUR SUBSTITUTE. Have you accepted Him as your own dear Saviour? If you have not, do not put it off, but do come to Him now.

THE WORD
OF THE
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FOR EVER.

1 Peter 1. 25.

Young Believers' Column.

HAVE you read the story of the man who went out to gather herbs in order to make some sort of soup or gruel? It was at a time of famine and Elisha the man of God told his servant to make some pottage for the sons of the prophets. This young man found some wild gourds which he gathered and shred into the pot. As they were eating it, they cried out, "O thou man of God, **there is death in the pot!**" Just one thing had caused it, and just one thing cured it. For the prophet cast in meal and **there was no harm in the pot.** (See 2 Kings 4).

I wonder if you have anything in your home that answers to this pot. On what are you feeding your soul? What are you reading every day? There are many books of which it could be said, "There is death in that book!" Novels, exciting story books and papers which only make the conscience uneasy and the mind defiled, are most harmful to you.

If you find the books you are reading take away your love for the Word of God and fill your mind with wrong thoughts of God, then you can be assured there is harm in them. The Lord alone can deliver you from the desire for such books. He will enable you by His strength to keep from them.

A lad who had been brought to the Lord found a difficulty to keep from reading books which he knew were harmful to him. One night after praying earnestly about this special temptation he took the books and threw them on the fire, and from that time he has had no desire for them. May you have courage to do as this boy.



Fit for Heaven.

“MY daddy will not send me away to-day, because I am clean,” said a little girl named Florrie. She was dressed and all ready to go to the Zoological Gardens where her father worked. Florrie liked to go and see him there, and to watch the birds and animals.

I expect most of you have heard about the different kinds of animals and birds that can be seen at the Zoo, and I am sure some of you have been yourselves. So you can imagine how pleased Florrie would be.

But one day Florrie must have fallen in the mud, for she was so dirty that her father sent her home again. And this was why she said, “Daddy will not send me away to-day.”

When I heard this about little Florrie I thought of another place, far more beautiful than any garden on earth, even more pleasant than the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve lived before they sinned.

The place I mean is heaven, where Jesus lives, and where all is joy and happiness. But no one can enter heaven with one spot of sin upon them. And God says, “All have sinned.” That means that we have all done naughty things and cannot enter heaven as we are.

Do you want to know how you can be quite clean and fit for heaven? God knew we could not make ourselves fit, so He sent His own Son to die for us. The Lord Jesus shed His precious blood on the cross to wash our sins away. If you believe this in your heart, then you will be made “whiter than snow.” “The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1. 7.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

This is my last letter to you for this year, and as I was thinking about it I wondered how many of our searchers are still unsaved.

Some of you have answered the questions for a long time and know quite a lot about the Bible, but you do not know the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour. Now another year is almost at its close and is it to end without your being saved?

Very soon the Lord Jesus is coming to take all His redeemed ones to live with Him. Those whose sins are washed away are glad that He is coming soon, but how will it be with you? How very sad for those who are left behind. Do not wait any longer but trust the Lord Jesus now and you will be amongst those who are waiting for Him.

Will you please send your answers as soon as you can this month, and if any of you wish a Bible for a prize and have not yet told me, will you write Bible or Testament at the end of your answers?

Your loving friend,

N. E.

Questions for December.

Those under 14 to answer five questions; those from 14 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Answers will be found in Genesis.

1. Why did the Lord repent that He had made man? Chap. 6.
2. Write out the verse containing the words "And God looked." Chap. 6.
3. Where did the ark rest? Chap. 8.
4. How did Noah know that the waters were abated? Chap. 8.
5. What shall not cease, while the earth remains? Chap. 8.
6. What do we see sometimes which reminds us of that time? Why is it set where we see it? Tell in your own words all you can about it from the Bible.
7. What two birds did Noah send out of the ark?

Write out a verse from the Gospels about each of these birds, which the Lord Jesus spoke.

Tell all you can about a time in the Old Testament in which God used birds to feed His servant. Where is it found?

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Answers to Questions for October.

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| 1. Genesis 1. 31. | 4. Genesis 2. 16-17. |
| 2. Genesis 2. 3. | 5. Genesis 2. 19. |
| 3. Genesis 2. 7. | |
| 6. First day | Light. |
| Second day | Water and the firmament. |
| Third day | Land and vegetation. |
| Fourth day | Sun, moon and stars. |
| Fifth day | Fishes and birds. |
| Sixth day | Animals and man. |
| 7. (a) | Tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. |
| (b) | Adam and Eve might eat of every tree in the garden, but the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. |
| (c) | Revelation 2. 7. |
| | Revelation 22. 2 and 14. |

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