

THE  
Children's Gospel Magazine.

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TELLING THE TIME BY A SUN-DIAL.

## A Wonderful Answer to Prayer.

**I**N olden days people used to tell the time by a sun-dial. They would watch to see where the shadow fell on the dial and in this way they knew what hour it was. That was, of course, before clocks were invented. We have no need for them now, though you may often see them in gardens and parks. The little girl in our picture looks as if she is trying to tell the time by the sun-dial, but I am sure she is finding it a difficult task.

Have you ever wished you could alter the time? I expect you have. Perhaps you are looking forward to some special treat and the waiting time seems so long. If only you could hurry it up a bit, how pleased you would be, but that you cannot do. The older folks are often just the opposite. To them the time seems to go so quickly that they would like to put it back a little sometimes!

But that is one thing over which we have no control. Year by year, month by month, day by day goes by. The old year has passed, never to be recalled, and we are just entering a New Year and we do want it to be a really happy one for all our readers. The Lord Jesus is the only One Who can bring real and lasting happiness into our lives. Will you let Him into your hearts now?

Do you remember how God once altered the time at the request of a king? King Hezekiah had been taken very ill and God sent him a message through His prophet Isaiah to tell him that he would die. How would you like to receive a message saying, "Thou shalt die and not live"?

The king was very sad when he heard this, as we might expect, and when the prophet left him he turned his face to the wall and cried bitterly. But he remembered the loving heart of God and he prayed in real earnest that God would spare his life. If we knew we had only a little while to live, we too would be in real earnest surely, and our prayers would be very different to what they often are now!

Before Isaiah reached the middle court God sent him back again to tell the king that his prayer had been heard and He would give him fifteen more years to live. Wasn't that good news? How soon his prayer was answered!

The king then asked the prophet for a sign from God to show him that He would really make him quite well, so that he would be able to go into the Lord's house in three days. And God let Hezekiah choose whether the sun should go backwards or forwards, and he chose that it should go back. We read in Isaiah 38. 8 that the Lord said, "I will bring again the shadow of the degrees which is gone down in the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which it had gone down."

Hezekiah was restored to health as the Lord had promised, and he was a really happy man. Listen to some of the words he wrote—"Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back . . . The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day. . . . The Lord was ready to save me." Isa. 38. 17-20.

Do you know that these words of Hezekiah may be true of you? The Lord is ready to save *you*. He died for you and now He lives in heaven and He wants to hear your voice giving Him thanks for all He has done for you. Will you not trust Him now at the commencement of this year? Then it will indeed be for you

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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## Secrets.

**W**E all love being told secrets, especially if the secret is about something we shall like very much which is going to happen. We go about all day thinking of our secret and how lovely it will be. Perhaps someone tells us a secret which is going to help us to do our work or play our games much more easily and the secret makes us very happy indeed.

Did you know God had secrets which He kept from the time He made the world? They are the most wonderful secrets ever told to anyone, and He sent the Lord Jesus to tell them to us.

We do not shout secrets out, do we? We generally say, "Hush! I want to tell you a secret." Then we tell our secret very softly, and God's secrets were told very quietly.

The Lord Jesus hid them one day in seven stories which He told the people and His disciples, so that only those who wanted to know would find them. He told four stories to a great many people by the seashore, and He

went into a house with His disciples to tell the other three.

We read in Matt. 13. 35, "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things *which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.*" Jesus was telling them God's secret; the secret many prophets and kings all down through the ages had wanted to know, but God had not told them. Have you understood His secret in those stories? Who do you think the merchant man was, who was seeking goodly pearls, and what was the pearl of great price? (See Matt. 13. 45, 46.)

Jesus told the secret out quite plainly one night, when nearly everyone else was asleep, to a man who came to ask Him about it then, because he was afraid to come in the daylight. He told him that He must be lifted up on a cross for sinners, because "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The secret is out now, and anyone may know it, that Jesus loved us so much and wanted us to come and live with Him in heaven. But we could not go, because we had sinned. We could only die, so He came to seek what was so precious to Him, and He paid the great price when He bore the punishment due to our sins on the cross. If we know it, we can say "I am His," for we are not our own; we are bought with a price, even with the blood of the Son of God.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." Psa. 25. 14.  
"He revealeth the deep and secret

things." Dan. 2. 22. He has more than one secret to tell us ! We need not think we are too young to know them for Jesus said, " I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father : for so it seemed good in Thy sight." Matt. 11. 25, 26.

" O satisfy us *early* with Thy mercy ; that we may rejoice and be glad *all* our days." Psa. 90. 14.

" Happy, because He loves thee !  
Happy, because He lives !  
Bright with that deepest gladness  
Which only Jesus gives.  
Happy, because He guides thee,  
Because He cares for thee ;  
Happy, ever so happy,  
Thus may thy New Year be ! "

## Diamonds in the Gutter.

**S**OME children were playing outside a railway station, when one of them picked up a match-box. To their surprise they found it contained some stones which they played with for a little while, and then threw away, thinking they were worthless little bits of glass.

When they reached home they told their mother of the match-box and the stones it contained. She remembered having read in the paper of some diamonds being stolen from a jeweller's shop, and she thought the stones which the children had found might prove to be the stolen diamonds.

She at once informed the police, who were quite sure that she was right. The thief had been arrested and had confessed that he had put the

diamonds in a match-box addressed to the Criminal Police, and had posted them at the station post-box.

The postman, not noticing that the match-box was addressed, thought someone was playing a joke on him, and threw it away. Strange to say, the diamonds were found in the gutter, just where the children had thrown them away, although it was in one of the busiest streets of the city !

The children, the postman and the passers-by had within their reach something which was of very great value, but they did not know it. You too, who read this, have either in your possession, or within your reach at least, something of *far more value* than those diamonds. What do I mean ? Why, *the Bible, God's Word.*

Do you know its value ? Do you love to read from its pages of the One Who died to save us and Who lives to bless us ? Or are you treating God's holy Word as worthless, as those children treated the diamonds ? Remember that every word of God is true, and He says, " Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Matt. 24. 35.

May each one of you be able to say with the Psalmist of old : " The law of Thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver." Psa. 119. 72.

"The Word of our  
God shall stand for  
ever."

Isa. 40. 8.

## Turn the Handle.

**A** VERY clever man, well-known for his wonderful escapes from cells, rooms and prisons tells how he was once put into a cell to test his ability.

He says, "I spent a long time trying to pick the lock, but could not, and was at a loss to know the reason, as I had tried every-thing. At last quite by accident I turned the handle of the door and it opened of its own accord! *It had not been locked!*"

I think now of another door which is not locked and yet how many are trying to open it — the door which gives entrance into eternal life. Do you know that door? Jesus tells us of it.

He says in John 10. 9, "I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

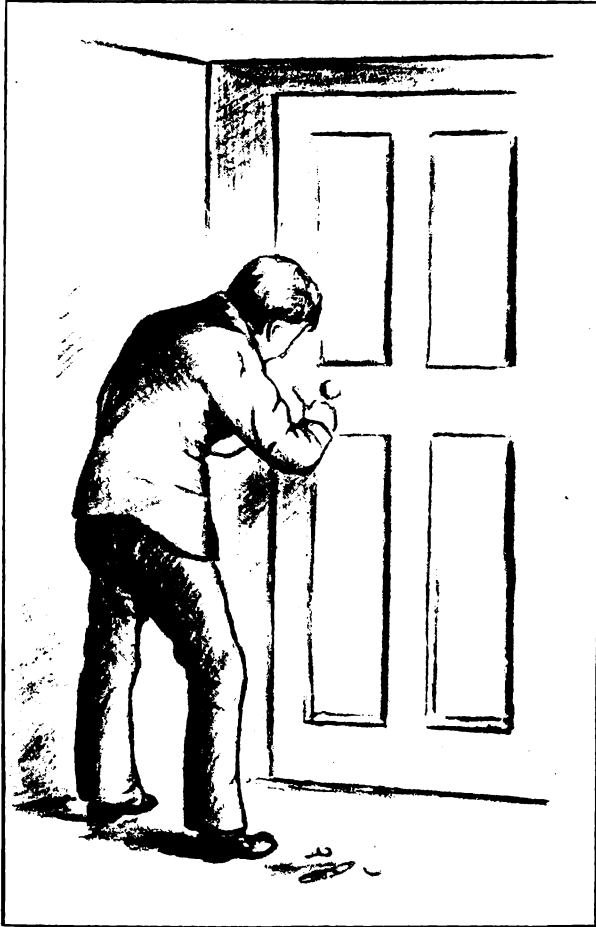
How many people are trying to open this door, using all their energy and life, yet one turn of the handle, one simple act of faith would give them an entrance.

The Lord Jesus on Calvary's cross

by His work has made it possible for all those who trust Him to have the knowledge not only of salvation, but of sins forgiven and peace with God.

Would you not like to have your sins forgiven? There is nothing left for you to do but to trust the finished work of Another.

Do not go on trying to do something to merit salvation, but take the answer to yourself, given to the Philippian jailor's question, "What must I do to be saved?"



**"BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED."**

The Secret of a Happy New Year.

Now the old year lies behind you,  
 And you stand today  
 On the threshold of the New Year  
 With its unknown way.  
 Though you know not what it brings you,  
 You need never fear  
 If you will but learn the secret  
 Of a happy year.

It is going in to Jesus  
 If by sin opprest,  
 Taking from Him all He offers,  
 Pardon, peace and rest ;  
 Then 'tis going out and trusting  
 Every day and hour,  
 Finding He Who saves can keep you  
 By His mighty power.

It is going in to Jesus  
 If the year be bright,  
 Asking that the joys He sends you  
 May be used aright ;  
 Then 'tis going out and seeking  
 Saddened lives to cheer,  
 Trying to make others happy  
 Through the coming year.

It is going in to Jesus  
 If life's joys grow dim,  
 Taking every care and sorrow  
 Straight away to Him ;  
 Then 'tis going out and learning  
 In His love to rest,  
 Knowing everything He sends you  
 Must be for the best.

It is going in to Jesus,  
 Asking you may know  
 How to labour in His vineyard  
 Everywhere you go ;  
 Then 'tis going out and serving  
 Just where'er He will,  
 Sometimes working, sometimes waiting,  
**Sometimes lying still.**

Going in that He may bless you,  
 Proving every day  
 What He is to those who trust Him  
 All along the way ;  
 Going out for loving service,  
 Keeping at His side,  
 You will find the New Year happy,  
 Whatsoe'er betide.

Young Believers' Column.

WHEN Latimer was on trial for his life, he was speaking in defence of himself when suddenly he heard from behind a curtain the scratch of a pen. At once it flashed across his mind that every word he was uttering was being written down by an unseen penman.

It is well for us to remember that there is always an unseen listener to every conversation, and an unseen observer of all our actions down here. The Lord whose love we own, and Whom we desire to please is always occupied with us, and in that coming day will reward all that has been done for Him in our lives.

Have you noticed what is said of an unseen writer in Mal. 3. 16 ? " Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another : and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a *book of remembrance was written before Him* for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name." You may not have thought that when you met another believer and spoke of the Lord to him, that it was recorded up there in glory.

Do you make a practice of speaking of Jesus ? If your heart is aglow with the knowledge of His love, you will not be able to help speaking to others of Him. It will indeed be a joy to you to seek out those who belong to Him that you may speak together of the One Who is your mutual delight.





### What a Naughty Little Boy did.

**W**ILLIE was a little boy who often found it very hard to be good. It seemed a great deal easier to be naughty. Perhaps some of my little readers feel like that. We like to have our own way and so we do wrong things. But if we ask the Lord Jesus, He is always ready to help us and to keep us from doing naughty things. He is always near us and can hear us whenever we speak to Him.

One day Willie was left at home with his sisters while his mother went out, and soon he began to tease them and do things he knew quite well his mother would not have liked. So his sister said, "I'll tell Mother about you when she comes home."

Willie knew he would be punished if his mother were told, so he wondered what to do. He thought perhaps if he punished himself that would do instead! What do you think he did? He said he would walk up all the stairs from the bottom of the house to the top with peas in his shoes! And he did it, too.

Now do you think Willie's mother thought that Willie had made up for all the naughty things he had done, by punishing himself in this way? No, I'm sure she did not. And when we do what is wrong, we sin against God, and nothing we can do afterwards can wash the sin out of God's book.

Ah no! There is only one way of having our sins put away and that is through the death of the Lord Jesus. His blood cleanseth from all sin.

Dear little ones, don't you wish that God would put away all your naughty deeds? Then just tell the Lord about it and believe He shed His blood for you, and then read and believe that lovely verse, I. John 2. 12.

**"I WRITE UNTO YOU, LITTLE CHILDREN, BECAUSE YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN YOU FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE."**

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## BIBLE SEARCHING.

### Questions for January.

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

#### LAMB.

1. What was Abraham's answer to Isaac's question? Gen. 22.
2. What did John say when he saw Jesus coming to him? John 1.
3. How are we redeemed? I. Peter 1.
4. What did the men say to the mountains and the rocks? Rev. 6.
5. Write the verse containing the words "like a lamb dumb." Acts 8.
6. What were the two first offerings we read about in the Bible? Who offered them? Why, do you think, the one was accepted and the other not? Answer will be found in Genesis.
7. The Lord told the children of Israel that a certain month was to be the first month of the year to them. Why was that? Tell the story in your own words. The answer will be found in Exodus.

#### Answers to Questions for November.

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| 1. Isaiah 40. 28.                | 4. Isaiah 35. 10.  |
| 2. Psalm 103. 17.                | 5. Jeremiah 31. 3. |
| 3. II. Thess. 1. 8-9.            |                    |
| 6. (a) John 3. 16.               |                    |
| (b) John 3. 36.                  |                    |
| (c) John 5. 24.                  |                    |
| (d) John 6. 40.                  |                    |
| (e) John 6. 47.                  |                    |
| 7. 1. I am. Exodus 3. 14.        |                    |
| 2. Redeemer. Job 19. 25.         |                    |
| 3. King of Glory. Psalm 24. 10.  |                    |
| 4. Saviour. John 4. 42.          |                    |
| 5. The good Shepherd. John 10-11 |                    |

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.

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.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

A very happy New Year to you all.

I am sure you all think it lovely to be starting on a New Year and you are looking forward to many happy times. I trust that it may be so; but sometimes things do not turn out just as we expect and we are disappointed and sad.

How many of our searchers know what makes true happiness? There is a verse I have just read and this is what it says: "Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord?" Ah, that is what makes any of us happy—to know that we are saved by the Lord; the One against Whom we have sinned. Won't you then let the Lord Jesus save you and then at the beginning of a New Year you will know what it is to be truly happy?

Now, I expect there are some boys and girls who have not answered the questions in the Magazine before, but who would like to begin now. January is just the right time to start and so I hope you will try and send in the answers regularly every month.

In case you do not know how they should be answered, I will explain. Don't forget to write your name and address plainly at the top of your paper before you begin to write the answers. When you have read the question carefully, look down the chapter till you find the correct answer, then write it out neatly and correctly, and put the book, chapter and verse at the end. Please write the whole verse or verses which answer the question; a few words or only the place in the Bible where it is found will not do, and you lose marks if you only write that. I hope you will all notice this carefully, for some boys and girls constantly send in their answers like this and they would be surprised to know that they lose marks every month.

Very little boys and girls are allowed to write only the part of the verse which answers the question, because they get so tired and cannot be expected to do as much as the older searchers.

Prizes are awarded at the end of the year (D.V.) to those who gain sufficient marks throughout the year. The prizes for last year's work are now being prepared and will be sent as soon as possible, but as there are a great many searchers it takes a long time to get them all sent off. Perhaps another time I shall be able to tell you some more about the prizewinners for last year.

Those who reside abroad are allowed longer time to send in their answers. I am pleased to get papers from them as well as from those who live in this country.

Your loving friend,  
N. E.

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**HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS LITTLE PAPOOSE ?**

## What an Englishman did for a little Papoose.

A GOOD many years ago a young Englishman went out to the far north west of Canada and settled among the Indians there. He became a teacher in a Mission School for these Indians.

The Indians are a roving people and seldom stay long in one place. They generally move their camps in the spring and travel about during the summer from one place to another wherever there is good hunting. You would love to see their little babies—little dark-eyed brown things—which are usually carried on their mothers' backs, all wrapped up so that only their little faces peep out. The Indian women call their children papooses and the women themselves are called squaws.

One spring the Englishman was watching the squaws preparing to move their camp. They packed a large canoe with their belongings and found places for their papooses amidst the goods. The teacher asked if he might go with them, so when all was ready he got in and the canoe was pushed from the shore.

The river was very swollen and the current swift from the winter snows, and large blocks of ice were still floating down stream, so the canoe had to be carefully guided. They had not gone far however when there was a splash and a cry. A tiny papoose had fallen over into the water!

Immediately the tall Englishman (he was well over six feet high) jumped into the water. He could see

the little Indian baby sink, and before the swift current could wash it away, he quickly put his foot on its clothes. The water was not too deep for him to stand in it, so he was able to stoop down and pick up the poor little papoose. How glad the squaw must have been when he placed her child in her arms! And how thankful she was to the one who saved her baby!

It was kind and brave of the young Englishman to jump into the cold swift river to save the life of a little brown child, but it did not cost him his life. Have you ever thought how much it cost the Lord Jesus to save your soul? Ah, He gave *Himself* for me. You and I have souls which are far more precious than our bodies, for they must live for ever somewhere. To save our souls, the Son of God came from His home above and suffered and died at Calvary. If we trust Him now, He will save us for ever as He says "My sheep hear My voice . . . and I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." John 10. 27, 28. How safe we are in the hands of Jesus!

When the baby was rescued the women at once turned the canoe to the shore and made a fire quickly to dry the wet clothes of the English teacher and the little papoose. Then to show their gratitude, they made a reindeer coat and worked it beautifully with beads, and when it was done they presented it to the kind Englishman who had saved the baby's life.

Those Indian squaws felt grateful and found a way to thank the teacher. Have you ever thanked the Lord Jesus

for all His love? Can it be that we hear the story of His love, of His cross and care nothing for it? Oh, let us thank Him and let us too try to please Him now day by day to show Him that we do love Him for all that He has done for us.

“ *While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*” Rom. 5. 8.

“ *The Son of God Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*” Gal. 2. 20.

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### Trusting Jesus.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee,  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon,  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy,  
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee to guide me,  
Thou alone shalt lead!  
Every day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power,  
Thine can never fail!  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Never let me fall!

I am trusting Thee for ever,  
And for all.

### In the Beam of the Searchlight.

A FEW nights ago I was standing on the deck of a small steamer which was making its way out of the harbour of Hongkong.

High up above us rose the dark mass of the Peak, dotted here and there with many little pin-points of light, but it was a pitch dark night and on our ship only a few glimmering lights relieved the darkness and hardly showed the outline of the vessel.

Suddenly from the darkness on each side of us flashed out powerful searchlights, the beams of which were turned full upon us. Immediately all that had been hidden in darkness was bathed in dazzling light, so bright that I could not look in the direction from which it came. Now every rail and rope and pipe of our ship stood out revealed under that fierce glowing light.

As I shaded my eyes from the glare, the words of Rev. 1. 14 came into my mind, “ His eyes were as a flame of fire,” and Hebrews 4. 13 “ Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

Dear young reader, have you ever had to do with that One and realised His all-seeing eye looking down upon you, even into your heart? I hope you have, and that you have learned as David did that that eye was the eye of divine love!

David in Psalm 139 acknowledged that that eye had searched him and known him. He realised that whatever he did, thought or spoke, all was known to the Lord, and yet he

could say, "How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God."

When I saw that blaze of light showing up everything on our ship I thought how it would strike terror into the hearts of any on the deck who had been doing wrong under cover of the darkness. The Bible tells us that a day is coming when the searching light of those eyes will fill men and women with hopeless terror. Those eyes then will shine in all the glory of divine judgment, and people will try by all means to escape the awfulness of that light. They will call on the mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them from the wrath of the Lamb.

If you have not yet fled from the wrath to come, please without delay, even while you read these lines, think of God's love toward you. He knows you through and through, every thought and deed and word, and He wants to save you from the terrible day of judgment that is coming upon this world.

The Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God, has died for your sins and mine, to bring us to God. And now if you will just receive Him into your heart as your own dear Saviour, you will begin to know the preciousness of God's thoughts toward you, thoughts of peace and blessing.

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" Though your sins are red like crimson,  
 Deep in scarlet glow,  
 Jesus' precious blood can make them  
 White as snow.

Precious, precious blood that shelters  
 From the wrath to come;  
 Gives the sinner right to enter  
 That bright home."

## The Vulture's Eye.

*" There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen."— Job. 28. 7.*

WE do not have vultures wild in England, but hawks belong to the same family; they are both birds of prey. If you have watched a hawk, you would understand why God's Word speaks of a vulture's eye especially, for they have a far keener sight than any other creature.

John was only a little boy, but he was very fond of birds, and he managed to find out a great deal about them. He lived in the country, and one day he went to see a lady who kept a great many wild birds which she had taken from the nest when they were young.

She saw John coming and brought a hawk out on her wrist to show to him. The hawk had a small hood tied over his eyes, and there was a chain round one leg to hold him. In her pocket she had a raw mutton chop.

When John had looked at the bird, she said, "Would you like to see him fly?" "Oh, yes, please," said the boy, "but how will you catch him again?" The lady unfastened the chain when she had taken the hood from the hawk's eyes, and let him loose. Oh, how glad he was to use his wings! Away he went from them, up, up into the air, so high that he looked only like a speck against the blue sky, and then he disappeared altogether.

"He's gone," said John, "will you ever catch him again?" After a few minutes the lady took the meat from her pocket and held it out in front of her. "He will never see that," said

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John to himself, as he looked up and saw not even a speck anywhere which could be the hawk. But suddenly, as he watched the sky a speck came, which got larger and larger, till he could see it was the hawk coming back. And back he came, for though no one could see him, he had seen the meat all that great distance away. While he was eating it, the lady fastened the chain to his leg and then took him in again.

Although they have such a wonderful sight God's Word tells us of a path they cannot see; though the earth with all its roads and rivers and ways lies spread out to their keen gaze below them. Can people see it? Yes, but every one does not. Only God, "Who teacheth us more than

the beasts of the earth. and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven" (Job 35. 11). can open our eyes to see it.

That path leads right up to heaven, but it has a very low gate at the entrance. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter." Many have entered already. There is only one light to show the entrance and to light the way along it. God's Word is the lamp to our feet, and the light to our path.

The way is so narrow that everyone who goes along it must keep fast hold of the lamp or they will surely miss their way. But they do not have to go alone, for the One Who opened the way and Who went along it first, and opened the gate of the bright home



at the end of it, says, "Lo, I am with you always" (all the days), and they have only to obey and follow Him, for it is His path. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence in fulness of joy: at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psa. 16. 11.

Have you seen that path? If not, go to Jesus like the blind man in Mark 8. 23, and tell Him you cannot see it. And as Jesus took the blind man's hand and led him out through the town, so He will lead each one who comes to Him still, for He is the "Same" to-day: He will never send one away. Do you think that man ever forgot that walk out of the town with the Lord Jesus before he saw Him? And we shall never forget our walk with Him along His path, when we see Him and are with Him for eternity.

"I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight."

Isa. 42. 16.

## Young Believers' Column.

"*CONSIDER* how great things He hath done for you."—1. Samuel, 12. 21.

"*SHEW* how great things God hath done unto thee."—Luke 8. 39.

"*TELL* them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."—Mark 5. 19.

**A**S I tore off the text on my calendar one morning, these three verses met my gaze and I was struck by them, and so I pass them on to you, dear young believers.

This is a day when young people don't think much: they are always on the rush. But it is most important that we should spend some time to *consider* how much Jesus has done for us. Just pause for a moment and think about it. He loves you and has brought you to Himself. He bore the judgment of your sins and has redeemed you with His precious blood. He has given you His Word, and not only has He in the past done great things for you, but *now* in the glory He ever lives for you. I know you could add much more that He has done for you, and I would suggest that you do, and then let your heart go up afresh to Him in praise, and thank Him from your very heart.

When you have done this you will be more fitted to *shew* and *tell* to others what great things He has done for you. Oh! that our lives may *shew* and our voices may *tell* of Jesus! He has left us in this world to be His witnesses. Are your lives shewing forth the grace of Jesus? There is so much power in a life which speaks of Him! When this is so, it will be easy to tell of Him and all the great things He has done for you.



### Lily's Kindness.



LILY was little more than six years old and the eldest of four children. She went to a school which was quite near the farm where she lived.

It was winter time and some of the children had a long way to go to the school, so Lily thought how nice it would be to have a large jug of cocoa made for these children.

She asked her parents if she might have the cocoa made all ready at lunch time, and then she asked the teacher if she could run home during the morning recreation to fetch it.

They were quite willing, and great was Lily's delight to carry out her plan, for it was her own idea. You may imagine how pleased the children were to see Lily and the maid come into the school with the large jug of cocoa and a tray full of cups.

As Lily's parents had a farm it was not difficult for her to carry out her wish, but I wonder how many of our little readers would have thought of doing it. We often forget to do little acts of kindness that would only cost us a little thought.

Let us remember the words of the Lord Jesus Who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If we wish to please the Lord Jesus we can do so by giving pleasure to those around us. We may not be able to do what Lily did, but little acts as well as great ones count, and the Lord Jesus will not forget the smallest thing that is done for Him.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I am glad that so many sent in answers to the questions for last month. It is nice to see many new names amongst the number, as well as those we know already. Do please try to send them in every month so that you may get a nice prize at the end of the year (D.V.).

The questions, this month, are about sheep. There is so much in the Bible about sheep. I think even the little ones could tell me about some men who looked after sheep and some story about them; so question six will not be a hard one for the older boys and girls to answer.

Don't you think the answer to question 4 is very nice? I believe some of you could repeat it by heart, but please write it carefully lest you make a mistake because you think you know it so well.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

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### Questions for February.

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#### SHEEP.

1. Who gave His life for the sheep? John 10.
2. What did the man say to his friends when he had found the lost sheep? Luke 15.
3. Why was Jesus "moved with compassion" toward the people who followed Him? Mark 6.
4. Who have gone astray? Isaiah 53.
5. Who does the Lord say hear His voice? John 10.
6. We read a great deal in the Old Testament about sheep. Mention three different men who tended sheep. Write out a verse in each case to prove your answer and tell where the verses are to be found.
7. Why did Samuel ask Saul "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears?" Tell the story in your own words and the result for Saul. (1 Samuel).

#### Answers to Questions for December.

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| 1. Romans 9. 33.    | 6. (a) John 3. 16. |
| 2. Matt. 23. 12.    | (b) John 4. 14.    |
| 3. Mark 8. 38.      | (c) John 16. 2.    |
| 4. James 2. 10.     | (d) John 11. 26.   |
| 5. Acts 10. 43.     | (e) John 8. 34.    |
| 7. Exodus 32. 1-24. |                    |
| { Luke 10. 20.      | { Rev. 13. 8.      |
| { Rev. 21. 27.      | { Rev. 20. 4.      |

# A Hearty Welcome to our new Bible Searchers !!

The Editor hopes they will ALL continue throughout the year.



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THE CHILDREN ALWAYS STOPPED AND LOOKED LONGINGLY IN.

**“Trespassers will be Prosecuted.”**

PETER and Ruth lived in a large town. They had only a very small garden to play in, which was so shut in by high walls that scarcely any flowers would grow in it.

Whenever Peter and Ruth had a holiday they used to walk up a hill out of the town and into the country. There was a beautiful place which they passed on the way with a barbed wire fence all round it.

The children always stopped and looked longingly in at the great beech trees with their grey trunks and pale green leaves, and the bluebells, primroses and anemones growing underneath them in spring. A little stream ran through the wood and the flowers grew down close beside it, while sometimes they could see a kingfisher on its banks.

In the autumn they watched the squirrels jumping from branch to branch and rabbits playing among the brown leaves on the ground. They did so wish they could go inside and pick the flowers and walk by the stream, but a large notice told them *“Trespassers will be prosecuted,”* so they knew they must not venture inside the barbed wire.

Long ago, the lord of the manor had allowed people to go into his beautiful woods, but they had left so much rubbish about, and dug up the flowers, and cut names on the bark of his trees, so he had to shut everyone out, for he could not have his place spoilt.

Suppose that one day, while they were looking through the fence, a

messenger had come from the lord of the manor with a note to Peter and Ruth, to say he had seen them looking in, and he would like them to come inside and see everything and be with his children. They might tell whoever they liked to come too. What answer would Peter and Ruth have given, do you think?

They would have said, “Oh, thank you; we will go and tell the others now,” and then run home quickly to tell the good news at home and at school. Well, that is just what has happened, only the invitation is to a much more beautiful place than the one Peter and Ruth had looked in at.

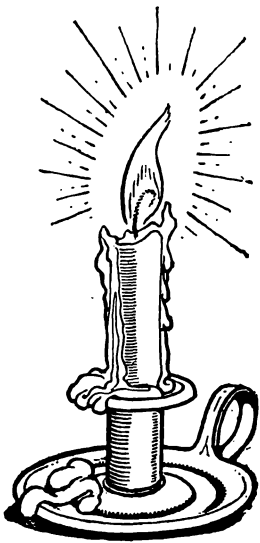
No one is ever sick or in pain there, and no one is ever sad. No bed-time and night ever come, for no one is tired there. There are beautiful trees and a wonderful clear river, and it is never too hot and never too cold, but best of all *Jesus is there*, and He has made it possible for “whosoever will” to be there with Him.

We must all have been shut out of His presence for ever, if the Lord Jesus had not borne the judgment we deserved instead of us. God sent His message out nineteen hundred years ago that all who believe on the Lord Jesus may come and live with Him for ever. And He has waited all this time for people to answer, but He will not wait much longer.

Have you received God's message and said “Thank you” to Him for yourself, and then gone to tell the others? There is no time to lose. Take the written message with you to show them; it is God's own Word.

“Tell the joyful story, sound it far and wide,  
 God has found the ransom, His own Son has  
 died ;  
 Sweet the gospel message, faithful 'tis and true,  
 'Whosoever' may believe it—that means you.  
 Anyone may enter, open stands the gate,  
 Anyone who thirsteth need no longer wait ;  
 No one is too simple, all may heaven see,  
 'Whosoever' is God's message—that means  
 me.”

**How I am like a Candle.**



**I WAS MADE.**  
 We all belong  
 to God because  
 He has made us.  
 We owe every-  
 thing to our great  
 Creator and Pre-  
 server. Each  
 morning, on awak-  
 ing, do you thank  
 God for keeping  
 you safe through  
 the night and giv-  
 ing you another  
 day to live ?

**I WAS MADE  
 FOR A PUR-  
 POSE.** A pencil is

to write with ; a knife is to cut with ;  
 a house is to live in ; a train is to ride  
 in ; and *a candle is made for a purpose.*  
 And so with you, God has made you  
 for Himself ; He has the first claim  
 upon you, and He wants you to live  
 so as to please Him. The service of  
 God will not spoil the life but enrich it.  
 God only wants to separate us from  
 those things that pull the wrong way.

**I AM USELESS TILL LIGHTED.**  
 The candle cannot serve the purpose  
 for which it was made until it is  
 lighted. Now we read of the Lord  
 Jesus, “In Him was life, and the

life was the light of men.” When you  
 receive Christ as your Saviour you  
 receive not only the forgiveness of  
 your sins but a new life, and this new  
 life does for you what the light does for  
 the candle, it enables you to fulfil the  
 purpose which God had in making  
 you. For without this new life you  
 cannot please or serve God. And this  
 new life will cause you to understand  
 what before was dark to you ; you  
 will know God and like to read His  
 Word and to pray ; and you will love  
 His people for His sake.

**I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF  
 THE ATMOSPHERE WHERE I  
 DWELL.** In air that is very heavy  
 or poisonous the candle flame will not  
 burn brightly and may even go out.  
 The young christian must take care  
 to avoid friendships and pleasures  
 which take away his love of the Bible  
 and make it harder for him to believe  
 God and less pleasant to serve Him.  
 The Holy Spirit Who lives in us is  
 sensitive and easily grieved. Your  
 body is His temple, and you must be  
 careful where you take the temple of  
 God.

**I AM TO BE READY TO BE  
 USEFUL ANYWHERE.** A candle  
 is for usefulness rather than for  
 ornament. “Lord, make me useful,”  
 should be your constant prayer. You  
 have been saved to serve the Lord and  
 help others. Go to Him about it,  
 and ask Him to show you how you can  
 be useful. “Ready” is the splendid  
 motto of the Boy Scouts. And that  
 suggests another motto, which Earl  
 Cairns took as a boy and with which  
 we will close our “candle talk” ;  
 “GOD CLAIMS ME.”

**"I do not fear, I love Jesus."**

ONE day a man was brought to a hospital in South China in a very weak and helpless condition. The doctor who examined him saw at once that the poor man was seriously ill with malaria. The disease had gone on unchecked for so long that there was little hope that he could be cured.

But while the doctor grieved to think that he could do little to heal his patient's body, he knew that the man had probably never heard of the love of God and of the Saviour Who had come down from heaven. So he prayed that during the few days of life yet remaining, the poor Chinaman might open his heart to receive the Saviour.

Day after day, as he visited the sick man, the christian doctor would tell him simply about God and the Saviour Who had died on the cross, that He might bear the sins of all who trusted in Him.

The Chinese nurse also would speak to him of the love of God, but it was all new to the sick man, and in his weakness he seemed to be unable to understand what they were saying.

At last he became unconscious, and

the doctor knew that the end was near. As he was standing by the bedside, one of the nurses asked him, "Nei paa mo paa ni?" that is, "Do you fear for him or not?" "Yes" said the doctor, "I fear." "Kei shi?" "When?" asked the nurse. "I fear to-night," the doctor replied.

Just then there was a movement on the bed, and the sick man opened his eyes and smiled up at the two standing beside him. "Ngho mo paa, ngho oie Jeso," he said clearly; that is, "I do not fear, I love Jesus." Then he again became unconscious, and before the night was past he had gone to be with the loving Saviour Who had died for him.

You have many times heard of the Lord Jesus, and how He left His

home above to come down to earth to die for your sins, but have you believed it, and opened your heart to receive Him as your own dear Saviour?

That poor man had lived many years without hearing of the Saviour's love, but when the wonderful story of the cross reached his ears, he believed it and his heart was filled with love for the One Who had borne such shame and suffering for him.



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**A Group of Chinese Children.**

## Lost !

I WONDER if any boy or girl that reads this has ever been lost. A friend was talking to some Sunday School children and told them a story that shows what a terrible thing it is to be really lost, and I think you would like to hear it.

A christian man had been preaching in a lumber camp in Canada for some time, and was going to move on to another camp that was some miles away. So as to be quite sure of the way he asked most particularly about it, and was told, "Keep straight on for so many miles till you come to a frozen stream. There you must turn left, and that will take you right to the camp."

He started off and went on very well till he came to the stream spoken of, where he saw two tracks, one to the right and one to the left. Now the track to the right was newly made and much better than that on the left, and he did not like to take the bad one, though he had been told to do so. "Perhaps they made a mistake" he said, and then went off on his right—which you can easily see was quite wrong. He walked and walked for a long time, thinking that he would soon come to some people, but never a person did he see. He was in the middle of a forest with no companions and no shelter, and it was getting night. He lit a fire and kept it going all night to frighten away any wild beasts that might be about. When it got light he was very frightened to see just a little way off a big timber wolf. He had no weapon, and could not defend himself—except in one

way, which he did. He lifted his heart in prayer to God in his need, and at once the wolf turned round and trotted off into the forest. Wasn't that wonderful? But not really so, when we remember that all power belongs to God.

So off he started again and without any breakfast. In fact he had had nothing to eat ever since he started the day before. He walked and walked all day without finding any help, and now he began to be afraid. He was getting too weak to retrace his steps and night was again coming on. Again he lifted up his heart in prayer to the One Who knew all about him and Who alone could help him. And God heard and answered him.

In the distance he heard a tinkling of bells. That gave him fresh hope, and he shouted as loud as he could, "LOST, LOST." The tinkling stopped for a while and then went on again. Again he called out, "LOST," and again the tinkling stopped and then went on. In a little while he was so glad to see a sleigh drawn by two horses come round the corner on the frozen track, with two men in it who stopped to see what was the matter. You can imagine how thankful that tired and hungry man was to be taken up into the sleigh and still more how glad he was when, in a little while, they camped for the night, cooking a hot meal they had with them.

After resting for the night, warm and comfortable, they went on the next day and soon came to where he had made his mistake. From here it was easy to find the camp, and how glad he was to get there.

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He found out that the men who had rescued him had been many miles further on, on a fishing expedition, and had not intended to come home for some days more. The weather however had turned in so much more severe that they decided to come home sooner—and just in time to save the lost man. It reminds us of that verse which says, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Now you are probably thinking, "Well it was his own fault for not obeying the directions he had given him." Yes, so it was. But God has given us some directions in His precious Book, the Bible, and I wonder how many of my readers have obeyed them. God tells us that *we are* lost, all of us, and that we need to be saved. He tells us of One Who

"Came from Godhead's fullest glory  
Down to Calvary's depth of woe."

Yes, God's beloved Son died on the cross that we might be saved. And how can we be saved? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and THOU shalt be saved." Now have you all obeyed this wonderful direction? Because if not, you are just as foolish as the man in our story, or rather a lot more so. He neglected the word of men, but if you have not come to Jesus, do you not see that you are neglecting the Word of God, which is ever so much more serious? So, boys and girls (and grown-ups too who read this), take heed to the Word of God, which tells all who are lost to "believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and thou shalt be saved."

A MAN was once talking to an old lady about the strange workings and happenings of our lives. He said how difficult it was to understand the "whys" and the "wherefores" of some of the trying circumstances through which we are called to pass, and how often it seemed as if everything went wrong for apparently no purpose.

The old lady replied, "I was once watching the making of a carpet by hand. All the working was done from the back. The threads were worked in and out and backwards and forwards, sometimes seeming to the ignorant eye but a tangle of threads, with no beauty to be seen in it. Presently the carpet was finished and taken from the frame, and there on the reverse side was a perfect pattern, no tangled threads, but each one worked into its own place; the whole together forming a beautiful piece of work."

So it is with us. We now see only the apparently tangled threads, but when our earthly lives are done, we too shall see the skilful working of our Master, and shall surely join with one accord in that theme of praise, "He hath done all things well."

"The work which Jesus has begun  
The tangled threads which here we see  
Are but the weaving of a plan,  
And perfect too the work will be.  
Each thread in place, each colour true,  
To ring His praise the ages through."

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."



### Shining for Jesus.



**WANT** to tell you about two little girls that I know very well. They both love the Lord Jesus, and are trying to shine for Him every day.

Their mother loves the Lord too. She not only talks to her little daughters about Jesus, but is seeking to serve Him by gathering other children together and telling them of the dear Saviour Who died to save them.

But these two little girls have a very bad father. He does not love or fear God, and hates to hear them say anything about Jesus. He has a very bad temper, which he gives way to very often, and then he is rough and cruel to his little girls, swearing at them and calling them dreadful names, and depriving them of many comforts that other girls enjoy. This makes their young hearts very sad, and their home very miserable.

But although sometimes very frightened, they never answer him or run away and hide. They just wait quietly and patiently until their father's wicked temper is spent, and then they go quietly to do his bidding.

Often when all is quiet, they will go to him gently, put their arms round his neck, kiss him and say, "Daddy dear, we love you," but he only grunts roughly and tells them to get away. Still they go on day by day, seeking to shine for Jesus, praying daily that God will soften his hard heart and lead him to the Saviour.

Dear little reader, have you accepted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour? If not, do so now. God loves you. Jesus loves you and died to save you, and He wants you to be His child, and like the two little girls I have been telling you about, to shine daily for Him.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him ;  
Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim :  
He looks down from heaven to see us shine—  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then for all around ;  
Many kinds of darkness in this world abound—  
Sin and want and sorrow ; so we must shine—  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Last month I told you that I might be able by this month to tell you something about the prizes and the prizewinners. I am sure you are all longing to know. By the time this magazine reaches you, all those who earned prizes for 1931 should have received them. I trust you all enjoy reading them and that they, too, will help you to know more about the Lord Jesus Who loves you and died to save you.

Over 1,850 searchers sent in answers, but I am sorry to say that a great many of these answered only a few times and so could not have a prize. Now I hope if you are one of these that you will not be discouraged, but that you will show that you really can work and earn a nice prize at the end of the year, if the Lord still leaves us here. You know, I must say, if the Lord will, because some of us are expecting Him to come very soon to take us to be with Himself. Then there will be no more gospel magazines or Bible searching. How sad it will be for those who have neglected this great salvation!

About 1,000 prizes have been sent out, and I am glad to tell you that about 550 of the searchers did not miss more than one month and many did not miss at all. I am very sorry that the names of the prizewinners cannot be printed, for the labour involved is too great.

You will have noticed that each month this year, we have had the name of an animal for our searching. This month it is "lion," and you would be surprised how many stories about lions there are in the Bible. All of you know about Daniel in the lions' den, and how God closed the lions' mouths so that they could not hurt Daniel. I wonder how many know about Samson and how he slew a lion and what happened to it; or about the man who slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day.

I hope you will all notice carefully the answer to the first question. David and Samson could not kill the lions in their own strength and we cannot fight this dreadful enemy in our own strength. We need to get help from the Lord. He has conquered Satan, and He can help us to overcome this foe, who wants to hurt us. How good it is to remember that the Lord's sheep are safe in His hand and He has told us that no one, not even this roaring lion can pluck us from Him.

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.*

#### LION.

1. Who goes about like a roaring lion? I. Peter 5.
2. Who shall not want any good thing? Psalm 34.
3. Who delivered Paul out of the mouth of the lion? II. Timothy 4.
4. Who are bold as a lion? Proverbs 28.
5. What is said about the young lions? Psalm 104.
6. In the book of Proverbs we read many times about the "slothful" man. Write out five different verses which speak of him. The word "lion" need not be in the verses.
7. Tell in your own words the story of Daniel in the lions' den.  
Why was he put there and how was he protected and delivered?

#### Answers to Questions for January.

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| 1. Gen. 22. 8.        | 4. Rev. 6. 16-17. |
| 2. John 1. 29.        | 5. Acts 8. 32.    |
| 3. I. Peter 1. 18-19. |                   |
6. The first offerings we read of, were offered by Cain and Abel. Cain's offering was not accepted because it was the fruit of the ground which God had cursed. Abel's was accepted because in it he owned that he was a sinner and he came to God in all the value of the little lamb whose blood had been shed.
7. Ex. 12.

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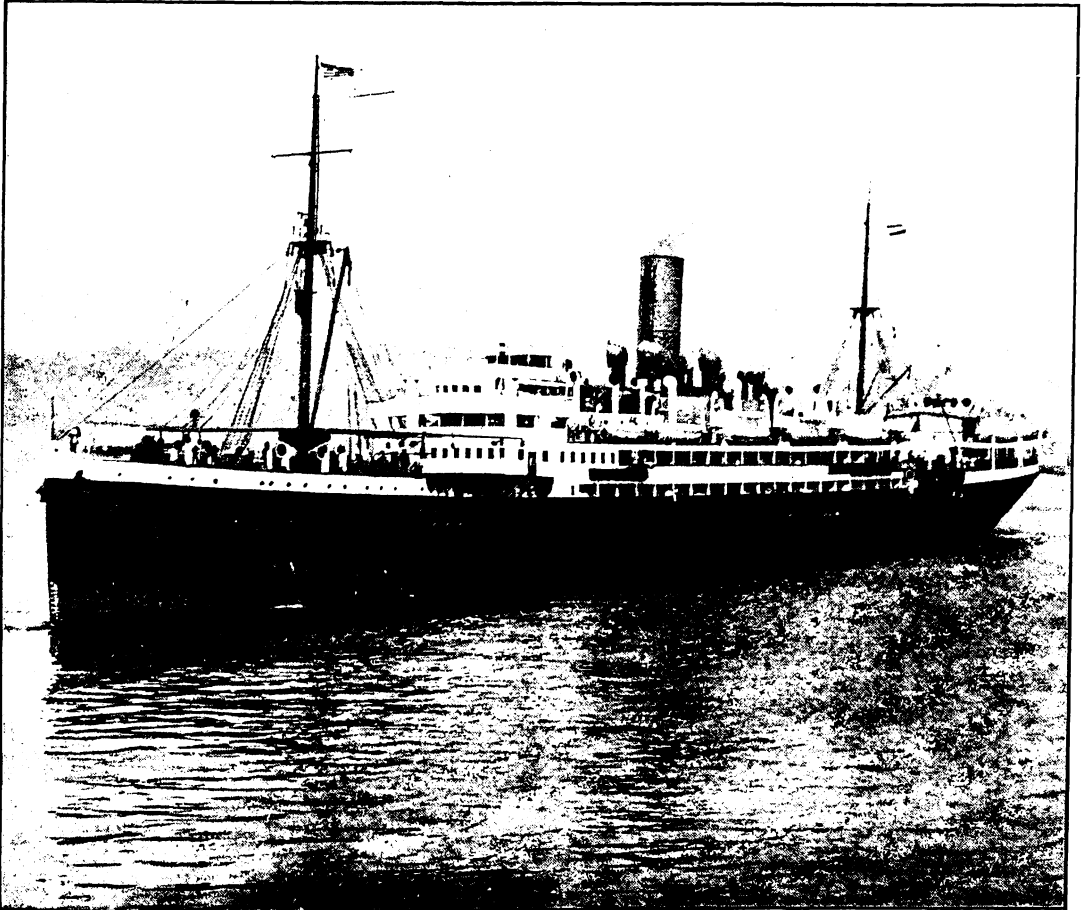
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I WALKED UP AND DOWN THE DECK.

**Show your Colours.**

**M**ANY years ago, after a long illness I was ordered a sea voyage. Sailing from New Zealand in a large liner, I felt sad at leaving very dear christian friends. I walked up and down the deck until tired out, and then went below, being a steerage passenger, and turned in.

There were about thirty or more men in the single men's department, and my bunk was in the centre. The men were playing cards and other games and I felt very much alone. As I prepared for my bunk I realised that I must kneel and pray, and I felt very weak and afraid. Satan whispered, "You can easily pray in your bunk." I knew it was a test. In fear and dread I knelt before them all, seeking the strength I needed so much.

My fear had been of ridicule and interruption, but nothing happened. I crept into my bunk, grateful for the Lord's protection, yet feeling very weak in testimony and courage.

I awoke early next morning and went on deck. My mind reverted to the struggle of the previous evening, and my heart went up to the Lord. Suddenly a young man stopped me and said, "Excuse me, you are a christian." "Yes" I said, "through mercy I am; but how did you know?"

"May I tell you," he replied, "that I have been a very wild young man, and have caused my parents much distress. Three weeks ago the Lord met me and saved my soul. Now I am returning to my parents to make amends, as far as I can, for the pain I have caused them. Last night I stood

by my bunk, wondering what a christian ought to do, when I saw you kneel down. Then I knew, and knelt down also. The Lord gave me to do what was right, using your act to teach me."

I bowed my head humbled. While we were talking, a little Italian came up to me and in broken English, said, "Excuse me, sir, you are a christian." I said, "Thank God I am." He went on, "Well, I was converted on the gold fields by reading a Testament. There I learnt that I was dead in trespasses and sins, and the Lord saved me, and now I am going to Italy to tell my friends of Jesus, how the Lord saved my soul! I came to my bunk, and looked around, and I said like Elijah, 'I even I only, am left!' Just as I was thinking this, you knelt down, and then this young man followed, and I knew the Lord had reserved those that had not bowed the knee to Baal."

What could I say? I felt more and more humbled. A gentleman who had a berth with his family, came up to us as we spoke of the Lord, and said, "Young fellow, shake hands. I am a christian. I was standing at my cabin door, looking into the single men's department, when I saw your act of testimony for the Lord. I thanked Him for giving a frail little chap like you the courage so to act."

I could tell you of others on that ship, and of how we had preaching, Sunday school and reading of God's Word, but I have told sufficient to show my young readers (and old ones too) how important it is not to be afraid to testify of the Lord, no matter

how difficult it may seem to be. He has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Though I was timid, and weak in body, yet He knew my desire, and by His strength enabled me to be true to Him. By that one simple act He brought together at least a dozen believers. He uses the weak ones, the babes and sucklings, to perfect His praise. May He give us always to be ready to shine for Him.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5. 16.

### He will carry you through.

Yield not to temptation,  
For yielding is sin ;  
Each victory will help you  
Some other to win ;  
Fight manfully onward,  
Dark passions subdue,  
**Look ever to Jesus,**  
He will carry you through.

Ask the Saviour to help you,  
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you ;  
He is willing to aid you,  
He will carry you through.

Shun evil companions,  
Bad language disdain,  
God's name hold in reverence,  
Nor take it in vain ;  
Be thoughtful and earnest  
Kindhearted and true,  
**Look ever to Jesus,**  
He will carry you through.

To him that o'ercometh  
God giveth a crown,  
Through faith we shall conquer  
Though often cast down ;  
He, Who is our Saviour,  
Our strength will renew ;  
**Look ever to Jesus,**  
He will carry you through.

### Bible Animals.

**G**OD made the animals and birds and insects, and He brought them to Adam for him to give them their names (Gen. 2. 19, 20). He teaches us many things by the creatures He has made, and He cares for every one of them. (Luke 12. 6.) We can find an animal mentioned in the Bible for nearly every letter in the alphabet, while for some letters there are several animals.

In the 30th chapter of Proverbs we are told of little creatures beginning with the letter A, which though they are so small are very wise, and gather food together in the summer for the winter time, although they have no leader to direct their work. The kind that live in this country do not do this, but those that live in Eastern countries do. They teach us not to be lazy, but to learn the Scriptures by heart. For we are not like animals ; we need God's Word as well as our daily food to live by. (Luke 4. 4.) And if we learn the A . . . 's lesson it will be true of us that "from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee *wise* unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3. 15.

In Hebrews 10. we are told of an animal beginning with B, which was one of those that God had ordered His earthly people Israel to offer as a sacrifice for sins. It was one of their most valuable possessions, and shows that a life must be given as an atonement for sin, and it was a figure of the One Great Sacrifice which was going to be offered at Calvary.

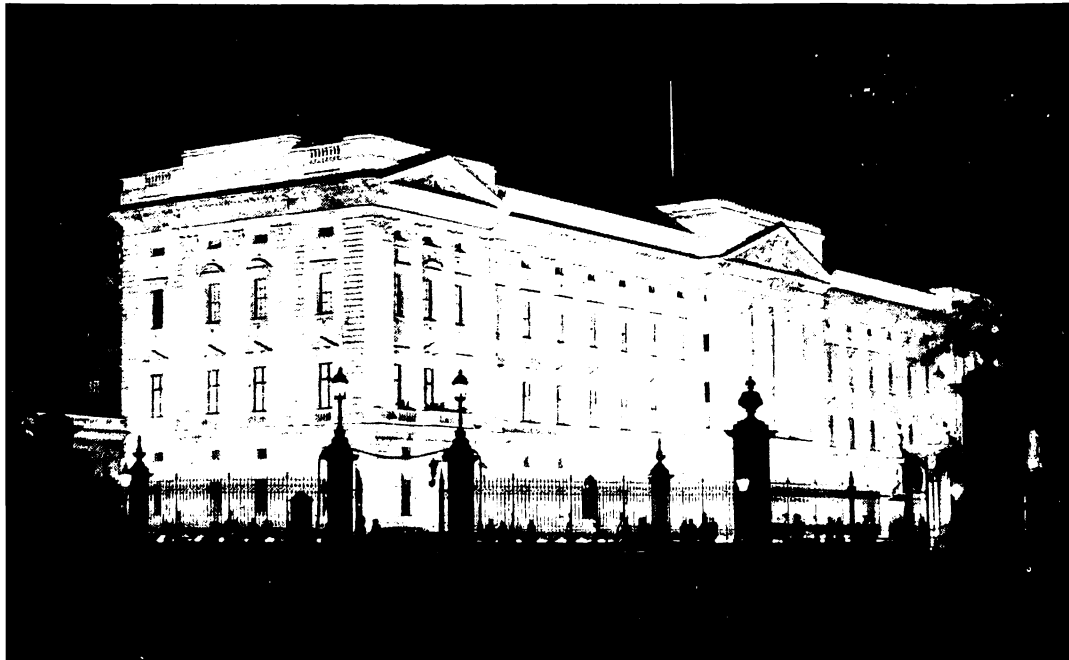
In Psalm 104 and in Proverbs 30, we are told of another animal, which though small is very wise, beginning with the letter C. It is like a rabbit, but has no tail. It is very weak and easily hurt, so God has given it the sense to know its weakness and to make its home in the rock, where it can safely hide from its many enemies. We may learn the C . . . 's wisdom too, and seek the only place of safety, the One of Whom the Psalmist speaks in Psa. 31. 1-3, "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust. . . Thou art my Rock and my Fortress ; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me and guide me."

*Can you find the names of these three animals ?*

## Flood-lighting.

**D**URING a display of flood-lighting in London my attention was called to the number of powerful lights which were needed to bring about such a remarkable effect. Strong, intense lights were brought to play on certain buildings, causing them to stand out in relief amid the darkness. People were coming from far and near to see these wonderful sights, and many were taking photographs of the various buildings.

While walking in front of Buckingham Palace, I heard the following remark, "It is all very wonderful, but what a vast number of lights it must take to produce all this, and only one



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sun gives light to the whole world."

When we think of the brightness of the sun at mid-day, how dazzling its rays are, and then consider that it is more than ninety millions of miles away from us, we realise a little of the wonderful power and wisdom of God.

Do you remember the story of one who was struck down by a light which was even greater than the sun in its noon-day strength? You can read about it in the ninth chapter of Acts. What a great light that must have been! Its dazzling brightness blinded that man for three days, but it showed him that he was rushing madly down the broad road which leads to destruction. That was the turning point in his life, and from that moment his face was turned heavenward, and his feet trod the narrow path which leads to glory.

Has God's light ever shone into your heart, and shown you that you are a sinner and on the broad road? And have you realised too that a great salvation has been provided for you, and all you have to do is to receive the pardon which is so freely offered you through the perfect work of the Lord Jesus Christ?

If so, then you will be able to shine for Him in this dark world, and reflect the glorious light of the Sun of Righteousness.

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"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." John 1. 7.

## "Don't tell my Mother."

THE incident I am about to relate took place many years ago in a little town on the sea coast. The school was built just near the shore and the school children used to love to play at the water's edge, chasing the retreating waves and then running back before the oncoming tide. Some of the boys were fond of bathing and would go into the water whenever they had an opportunity.

There were two little brothers at the school and their mother said they were not to bathe. But one morning, during the school recess, some of the other boys were going to bathe, and Hugh, one of the brothers, thought he would go too. The sea was very rough that morning and the shore was rocky, so it was not long before Hugh got out of his depth and was in danger.

The other boys tried to reach him but failed. The stormy waves prevented them from helping the drowning boy, but oh! they could hear his cry as he sank again from their sight, "Don't tell my mother! Don't tell my mother!" Those were the last words Hugh was heard to say.

Ah! Hugh knew he had done wrong, and then as he was drowning he thought of his disobedience and wanted it covered up. I believe Hugh was only about eight years old, but he was not too young to know he had done wrong. The poor mother had to be told and came running down the street to the shore, but alas, she could do nothing. Much as she loved him, she was powerless to save.

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Dear children, if Hugh had not been drowned his mother might never have known of his disobedience, but God would have known all about it. We may be able to hide our wrong doing from others but not from God. He sees everything and knows everything, and He says, "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Oh how much better to tell Him all and have it forgiven. He is able to forgive us through what the Lord Jesus has done. He bore the punishment we deserved and now we can go free. "Be it known unto you . . . that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him all that believe are justified from all things." Acts 13. 38.

How blessed to have all our sins forgiven and put away, so that they will never trouble us again! Do you know this happiness or are your sins still unconfessed, unforgiven and ready to rise against you at the judgment day when they shall be "judged every man according to their works"?

Oh come to the Lord Jesus now and He will save you for He says "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6. 37.)



Oh! come to the Saviour, He's calling today;  
 How long wilt thou linger? His voice now  
 He is speaking from heaven in love to thy <sup>obey</sup>:  
 His blood He has given: wilt thou be made <sup>soul</sup>:  
 whole.

No need now to labour, the work has been done;  
 To be in God's favour, believe on the Son:  
 Christ's death has secured salvation so free,  
 The cross He endured for you and for me.

IT is well for us to remember that verse in Matt. 7. 10, "By their fruits ye shall know them," for it is only by the way we act that those around us can tell that we are christians. In James 2. 26 we find that faith proves itself by works, and the Lord Jesus tells us in John 14. 15 that love is proved by obedience, and in John 15. 5 that abiding in Christ is proved by fruit bearing.

Many years ago Gustave Doré, the great French artist, was travelling in a foreign land, when he unfortunately lost his passport. When he had to pass the customs-house, he told the officials he was Doré the artist, and that he had lost his passport. They did not believe him and mockingly said, "Oh yes, we have a good many like you! You are Doré, are you?" "Yes" was the reply. "Very well then, take this pencil and paper and prove it." "All right" said Doré, a smile playing over his face, as he took the pencil and paper and then began to make a neat sketch of a company of peasants on the wharf.

The officers looked on in astonishment for a few moments, as the picture grew under the pencil, and then said, "That will do, sir. You are Doré, for no man but Doré could do that."

Surely this is the way we should act. Our very faces should show that we belong to Christ, and it surely becomes us who have been so wonderfully blessed, to *show* by our gracious acts, by our happy smiles and by our loving words that Christ has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.



### Little Hubert's Gratitude.

**H**UBERT had never known his mother, but he had a good home with his aunties who were very fond of him, for he was a dear, lovable little boy.

He slept in a crib in the same room as one of his aunties. When he was between three and four years old, it was decided that he must have a larger bed. Hubert was very pleased when he heard this, and while it was being set up and arranged he looked on with great delight.

But a little while after Hubert was nowhere to be seen. His aunties wondered what had become of him, and hunted in one place and another, but in vain.

Then they heard a little noise, and to their surprise Hubert was seen coming quietly down the staircase. "Wherever have you been?" they asked. "Thanking the Master for my new bed," said the little fellow.

Though only such a little boy, he knew it was the Lord Who had sent him this nice new bed, and he did not forget to thank Him. The Bible says, "Every good gift . . . is from above."

Have you ever thanked God for the greatest of all His gifts—the Lord Jesus? And do you remember, as little Hubert did, to thank Him for all the good things He gives you every day? Some little boys and girls take them as if they had a right to them, forgetting Who it is that sends them. I hope none of our little readers are like that.

**BIBLE SEARCHING.**

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

You will see our searching this month is about quite a different kind of animal from the last, but it is just as dangerous. None of us would like to meet a fierce lion or a wily serpent when we are out, yet the Bible speaks of Satan being like both of these. We do need a strong Deliverer and Protector, don't we?

How glad we should be to be able to turn to the Word of God and read there some of the precious words of the Lord Jesus telling us of His care for His own. I do like these verses in John 10. 27 and 28, where the Lord says that His sheep shall *never* perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of His hand. How very safe then, every one of the Lord's sheep are! There is nothing to fear from those dreadful foes so long as we keep close to Him.

The senior searchers will, I think, know the answers to the sixth and seventh questions, but read the stories carefully from your Bibles before trying to write out the answers. Often we have some ideas about things that are not quite correct and so it is important to learn exactly what the Word says.

Don't you think the Lord wants to teach us a lesson from that story about Samuel and Saul in 1 Samuel 15? Sometimes grown up people, as well as boys and girls, think they are pleasing the Lord by what they do, when they really have not obeyed His voice. Ah! the Lord must have obedience first, before we can please Him or work for Him. Samuel had to tell Saul that all His sacrifices were of no use for he had disobeyed the word of the Lord. The Lord wants us first to trust Him, then He tells us how to please Him in other things.

When the Lord Jesus was on this earth, He said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me," and He also said "I do always those things that please Him." Is it not beautiful to see how the Lord Jesus was so glad just to do what His Father wanted Him to do, even to suffer and to die? *Our* hearts are so deceitful and Satan is so crafty, that he easily gets us to do just the things that we like, but the Lord has overcome Satan and will help us to please Him, if we seek His help and His guidance day by day. I trust that each one of our searchers will do so.

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.*

**SERPENT.**

1. Why should we be wise as serpents? Matt. 10.
2. Write out the verse containing the words "the serpent in the wilderness." John 3.
3. What can no man tame? James 3.
4. What will yet be the serpent's meat? Isaiah 65.
5. What strange thing happened to the rods of the magicians? Exodus 7.
6. In Numbers we read about fiery serpents being sent among the people. Why were they sent? What was the result, and how were the people cured?
7. Tell in your own words the story of how the serpent tempted Eve. What was the result? What did God say to the serpent? How did His words foretell a coming Deliverer?

**Answers to Questions for February.**

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| 1. John 10. 11.              | 4. Isaiah 53. 6. |
| 2. Luke 15. 6.               | 5. John 10. 27.  |
| 3. Mark 6. 34.               |                  |
| 6. (a) Jacob. Gen. 31. 38.   |                  |
| (b) Moses. Exodus 3. 1.      |                  |
| (c) David. 1 Sam. 16. 11-13. |                  |
| 7. 1 Samuel 15.              |                  |

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.

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ON SENTRY DUTY.

## "A Good Soldier."

**N**OT many months ago a sentry, while on duty outside St. James' Palace in London, saw some men drive up in a motor car to a shop not very far away, and carry out what is called a "smash and grab" raid. No one else saw them, but the sentry watched the whole thing, and he did nothing about it.

He never left his beat to give the alarm to anyone, nor did he try to stop the thieves himself. Was he afraid, or did he not want to go? No, it would have been much more interesting to him to have gone to the help of the shopkeeper, and to assist to catch the thieves than just being on sentry-duty!

But he was a good soldier; he had his orders and he knew that a soldier's whole duty was to obey them. Had he left his post while on sentry-duty, he would have been liable to severe punishment.

People who did not know, might say, "Just fancy his standing there doing nothing!" But his superior officers, when they heard about it, said "Well done!" He had done what he had been given to do, in spite of a great temptation to leave his post, and they knew that they would be able to trust that man in a difficult place again, for he had proved himself to be faithful.

When we know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, we too are called upon to be His good soldiers and to obey our Captain's commands. He gives the orders and sets His soldiers where He wants them, and only leaves them to obey. A soldier does not dictate

to his captain where he should be sent or what he should do. Are we as good soldiers as the sentry?

Do you think that boys and girls behave like good soldiers who come home from school and spend all their time amusing themselves, when there are tea-things to put away, messages to run, the younger children to put to bed, and their mother may have been at work all day?

People who do not know, may say, "Fancy stopping at home when there are so many interesting things to go to and see and do!" Will it matter what they say if our Captain says, "Well done" and we have His approval? "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." Luke 16. 10. "They that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Rev. 17. 14.

Would it not be more like "a good soldier" if we did what God has clearly given us to do in the place where He has put us? It was to a youth that the apostle Paul said, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

This is a faithful saying,  
and worthy of all  
acceptation that

**CHRIST JESUS**  
came into the world to  
save sinners. 1 Tim. 1. 15.

**Bible Animals and Birds.**

**W**E have noticed the names of three animals commencing with the letters A, B and C; now we have come to the letter D which stands for a bird which is very gentle and never "hits back" no matter what is done to it. This bird is very faithful, and always keeps the same mate for life; not like most birds which have fresh mates every season, and so it is used in God's Word as a sign of meekness, dependence and love.

When the Lord Jesus started His public ministry, after the two years He spent at His home in Nazareth, He was baptized by John the Baptist, and the Holy Spirit came down upon Him in the form of this bird, as He came up out of the water. And God's voice was heard from heaven saying, "Thou art My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." (Mark 1. 11.)

For the first time since Adam sinned God could be perfectly pleased with a Man on the earth. Jesus said, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." We often think how wonderful the words and acts of the Lord Jesus were, for never man spoke like He did, but did you ever think of the wonder of the things He did *not* say and do, when He so easily might have done? He never answered back. He had armies of angels at His command, but He never used them. He bore all the pain and insults man gave Him, but never used His power. He chose to stay and die. No wonder God says

that a meek and quiet spirit is of great price in His sight, for it reminds Him of the Lord Jesus. (1 Peter 3. 4.) "Be ye therefore . . . harmless as D . . . ." Matt. 10. 16.

E stands for a bird from which we may learn much. The E . . . . makes "her nest on high. She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off." Job 39. 27-29.

If we belong to the Lord Jesus and have learnt that He suffered for our sins, the Just One, for us the unjust, to bring us to God, our home, like the E . . . . 's is "on high" with Him in heaven, and we are waiting for Him to come and fetch us. Until He comes we can speak to Him and tell Him everything, and we can listen to what He says to us in His Word, and do what He tells us, and in so doing we too dwell and abide "on the Rock in the strong place"; and from there things look quite different to what they do to people who do not know the Lord Jesus. We shall not mind if we have to do without things that others have, or if we get laughed at, and we shall not take offence at every little thing, because from our "strong place" our "eyes behold afar off" as we think of the Home and the time before us. In telling the Lord Jesus everything we find it true for ourselves that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as E . . . . ; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40. —.)

## “I'm Ready.”

F stands for animals which are very common in Palestine. They do a great deal of harm in the vineyards, by digging the burrows leading to their holes under the roots of the vines, for they are very cunning and have many entrances to their homes, so as to avoid their enemies. King Solomon in his song said, “Take us the F . . . , the little F . . . that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes.” (Song of Solomon 2. —.)

Everybody tries to get rid of them, for they kill fowls and young lambs as well. The Lord Jesus brings home to our hearts a little of what He went through down here on earth, by reminding one who offered to follow Him wherever He went, that even these animals which people try to get rid of, have their holes to go to, while He, the Son of Man, had not where to lay His head. (Matt. 8. 20.) “Every man went to his own house. Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives.” (John 7. 53; ch. 8. 1.)

*Can you fill in the names of the birds which stand for the letters D and E, and the animal commencing with the letter F?*

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### THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND.

Oh suffer the children to come unto Me,  
Sweet words of the Saviour Who died on the tree;  
He died to redeem them, to make them His own,  
The lambs of His bosom to dwell in His home.

Kind mothers had brought them to Jesus to bless,  
Disciples forbade them and would them dismiss,  
But Jesus recalled them for bless them He would,  
Saying sweetly, “Of such is the Kingdom of God.”

Though Jesus is gone now to Heaven above,  
By faith you may seek Him and taste of His love;  
His heart is still longing the children to bless,  
To fold in His arms, to His bosom to press.

I WAS sitting by the bedside of an old lady over eighty years of age a few weeks ago. We spoke together of the Lord Jesus, of His great love in dying to save sinners, and that He is now a living Saviour always thinking about and caring for those who have trusted Him.

I then said, “And you know He is soon coming again.” My old friend brightened up at that and said so emphatically, “I'm ready! I'm ready!” “Yes,” I said, “and can you tell me what has made you ready?” She answered at once, “The precious blood. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.”

Can *you* say, “I'm ready”? If not, trust that precious blood to-day, for when the Lord Jesus comes it will only be those who have had their sins washed away in His blood who will go up to be with Him.

In Matt. 25. 10 we read “And they that were *ready* went in with Him to the marriage; and the door was shut.” May the door of heaven never be shut on one of the readers of this Magazine! If you are not yet saved, put your trust in the Saviour now without delay, for He is waiting to bless you.

Christ is coming; are you ready?

He is coming for His own;  
He will call them up to meet Him,  
And will place them on His throne.

He may come, we know, at midnight,  
When the world in slumber lies,  
Or it may be in the morning,  
Ere the day dawns in the skies.

**The Lost Sheep Found.**

“WILL you come to church with me to-night, Mary?” These words were spoken by a girl who knew the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, to a friend of hers who was unsaved.

“No, Nelly, I am not going with you to-night. I want to enjoy myself the little time I do get out. I can't think what makes you want to be always going to church or meetings whenever you get a little time to yourself.”

Nelly was disappointed. She did so long that Mary should go with her, and that she too might trust the loving Saviour she had found, but Mary seemed to have made up her mind that she wanted the world and its pleasures, so Nelly had to go off without her.

In Hebrews 11. 25 we read of “the pleasures of sin,” but they are only “for a season,” that is, they will not last for ever, but David tells us in

Psalm 16 about “pleasures for evermore” which are the portion of all those who trust in the Lord Jesus. If the “pleasures for evermore” are yours, then you will not only be happy now but throughout eternity.

After this conversation the two girls saw little of each other. One

was walking on the broad road which leads to destruction while the other was on the narrow road which leads to heaven. But the good Shepherd goes after that which is lost until He finds it, so while Mary was wandering farther and farther away from Him, He was still seeking for her and longing to save her.



After some time Mary was taken very ill, and then she began to think about her friend, and all she had told her, and she had a great longing to see Nelly. Her mother promised to try and find out where she lived, as they had by this time quite lost sight of each other. After some difficulty she heard that Nelly had gone to look

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after her old grandmother, so Mary's mother was able to call on her and give her the message.

Nelly went at once to see her old friend, and she found the girl who had once been so careless, now anxious to know how she could be saved.

"Oh, Nelly," she said, "if only I had gone with you that night and listened to what you wanted to tell me, how different my life might have been. I am dying. Oh! what shall I do?"

Nelly then told her simply of the love of the Lord Jesus in dying for sinners, and of His precious blood which washes whiter than snow. Then, kneeling by the bedside, Nelly asked the Lord Jesus to receive the poor straying sheep. Her prayer was answered. Mary only lived four days after, but she died trusting the Lord Jesus as her own Saviour.

How is it with you? Do not imagine that you can enjoy the pleasures of sin and then trust in the Lord Jesus just before you die, as this poor girl did. If you put off coming to Him, you may not have another opportunity. Do let Him save you *now*, and then you will be able to serve Him till you too go to be with Him. Mary will be there, washed whiter than snow in the precious blood of Jesus, but she will not have the joy of seeing any whom she had won for the Saviour.

Remember "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." May you who know Him make the most of your opportunities, and not be ashamed to speak of Him to your friends. Then as Nelly did, you too may be able to win them for Him.

SOME years ago a young miner in Yorkshire, who had recently been converted to God, was being watched by an onlooker in the pit, who stood unobserved at a little distance.

This young collier was in a fix. A truck of coal had got off the rails at a point where the metals curved, and he was trying hard to get it on again. The one who was watching him noticed that when he lifted the truck on at one end it jumped off again at the other. Then he would go round and lift it on once more, when off went the wheels from the opposite end!

Now the watchman knew what a violent tempered young man this collier had been, and how rash he had often been with his tongue, so he thought to himself, "I'm sure he'll break out directly," and break out he did, as we shall see.

Once more he went round the truck, and with more than usual care he was seen to lift the wheels on to the metals, when lo! how wearying! how annoying! the other wheels immediately left the rails. And then he broke out with *what* do you think? He broke out singing—

**"I need Thee every hour."**

In his extremity he turned to Him Whom he had learned to know as his sufficiency.

Oh! that all our "outbreaks" in moments of trial were of this kind! We should then prove more constantly what a Saviour we have, and that He is sufficient for every trial.



### Susie and the Watch.

**D**O you remember reading the story of the little boy who punished himself, hoping that his sister would not tell his mother how naughty he had been ?

Now I want to tell you about a little girl who acted very differently to the way in which the little boy did.

Susie was about eight years old, so she went to school. One day when lessons were over and she was alone in the school-room, she noticed that the teacher had left her watch on the mantelpiece. Susie thought she would like to have a look at it, so she lifted it down and held it in her hand.

She did not know how it happened, but suddenly the watch fell on to the floor. How frightened Susie felt ! Surely the watch would be broken ! But no ; she picked it up at once and looked carefully at it. Even the glass was not cracked and when she held it to her ear it was ticking away as usual.

Susie was so glad, and her first thought was to put it back where she had found it and say nothing about it. But a little voice inside her told her this would not be right. Susie knew that although no one was in the room and had seen what she did, yet God's eye had been on her all the time.

She, too, like the little boy, was afraid of being punished, but when the teacher came back, she told her just what had happened. Do you think the teacher punished her ? No ; she was so pleased that the little girl had owned up and had not tried to hide her naughtiness that she forgave her, and said no more about the watch.

Susie went home from school a happy little girl, because she knew her teacher had forgiven her.

Dear little ones, if you too want to be really happy, tell Jesus all about your sins, and He will cleanse you in His precious blood.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Our searching this month is about birds. You must not expect to find the word "bird" in the answers, for the questions are about several different kinds, but I'm sure you all know the names of lots of birds.

Perhaps you would be surprised to find how many different kinds of birds are spoken about in the Bible. Some of the verses are very beautiful.

There is a very sad one in Matt. 23. 37, where the Lord Jesus speaks about that city which had been so blessed and He says, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" He longed to bless them and they would not let Him. Oh! I hope none who read this will be like that city. Judgment is coming and the Lord Jesus is the only refuge from the storm.

How many of you have seen an eagle? I remember a long time ago, seeing one which had just been caught on one of the mountains of Scotland. How sad it was, for it was a prisoner in a strong cage! How it longed to stretch its strong wings and fly away! The strength and swiftness of the eagle is often spoken of in the Bible. The answer to the first question is a lovely verse.

Don't you think it is most interesting to notice how the eagles teach the young ones to fly? They push them out of their high nest, but as soon as the little eaglet begins to fall, the big strong one is down under it, with its wide outstretched wings and safely and quickly bears the little frightened one back to the nest. The Lord uses this in Deut. 32. 11, to teach us how He cares for His own. All the sorrows and troubles which He allows to come upon us, are to teach us His love and His care, and He will let nothing harm us, for His arms are underneath us, as well as over us.

**Do you know, I am so sorry to notice that though I write you a letter each month, some searchers never read it at all? I know this because, when they answer the questions, they pay no attention to what I have told them. Unfortunately for themselves, they lose marks, because they do not attend to what they are asked to do.**

Will all searchers over 9, please note that they are expected to write out the whole verse or verses which answer the questions?

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.

### BIRDS.

1. Who shall mount up with wings as eagles? Isaiah 40.
2. What did the voice from heaven say about Jesus? Luke 3.
3. What are we told about the swallow? Jeremiah 8.
4. Who had not where to lay His head? Luke 9.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "renewed like the eagles." Psalm 103.
6. In the gospels of Matthew and Luke, the Lord speaks about "ravens" and "sparrows." What lessons may we learn from each? Write out verses about each.
7. How did the Lord provide food for Elijah when he hid from Ahab? Tell the story in your own words. I. Kings.

### Answers to Questions for March.

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| 1. 1 Peter 5. 8.  | 6. (a) Prov. 12. 27. |
| 2. Psalm 34. 10.  | (b) Prov. 15. 19.    |
| 3. 2 Tim. 4. 17.  | (c) Prov. 19. 24.    |
| 4. Prov. 28. 1.   | (d) Prov. 22. 13.    |
| 5. Psalm 104. 21. | (e) Prov. 26. 13-15. |
| 7. Daniel 6.      |                      |

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INDIAN CHILDREN.

## An Indian Boy's Story.

THE following story is told of a young Indian boy, son of one of the chiefs. This boy found his way into the Mission compound, where he heard the story of the Saviour's love in coming into this world to die on the cross for poor lost sinners, and that all who believe in Him are eternally saved.

The message soon found its way into his young heart and he was made very happy believing in Jesus. It was then decided that he would stay with the missionary, and he remained with him for about two years.

At the close of this time he was filled with a longing desire to return to his home, in order that he might speak to his family of the Saviour he had found. Now a favourite pastime with these Indian tribes is to tell imaginary stories while sitting around a fire in the open, during the evening hours. They will listen with delight as one and another who are specially gifted in this way, tell some interesting story, with a moral at the end.

Now our young friend had often listened and had acquired considerable talent in this way. One day while musing on the thought of going home, he proposed the following story to the missionary.

There was a great dearth throughout the country. All the pools and brooks of water had dried up. The beasts of the forest were in great distress, being parched with thirst. The prairies had become intolerable, and a consultation was proposed by all the beasts, reptiles and all living creatures affected by the dearth.

It was therefore agreed that upon a certain day all should meet in conference, to determine if possible where to find the water.

When the day arrived there assembled a great number of the larger animals, elephants, buffalos, lions, tigers, and the lesser animals down to the wild goats and tiny turtles, the serpents and all creeping things.

There was a great noise. The elephants and large animals roared in awful confusion. The serpents hissed, and all joined in this way to obtain water. Alas! no water came, nor could they help by all the noise and roaring, so for a moment they ceased and all was quiet.

Then a faint cry came from a little turtle, "But I *know* where the water is!" The little turtle was standing near a large lion. The lion was so indignant that a turtle should presume to say that he knew where the water was, when all the great beasts failed to trace it, that he raised his strong paw and smote the turtle a heavy blow, sending him right across the ring where he fell near a large elephant.

Again the roaring commenced and the hissing of the serpents could be heard, but no water came and gradually the noise ceased.

Once more the faint voice of the little turtle was heard, "But I *know* where the water is!" At this the great elephant was much annoyed and lifting his heavy foot trod him into the ground. But the turtle's back was hard and the ground was soft, and so he was unhurt, and as soon as the heavy foot was lifted the

turtle struggled to the surface of the ground, and walking away from the elephant took his stand beside a poor parched goat with her little famished kid by her side.

A third time the thundering noise of the beasts demanding water was heard, but finding none, gave place to the turtle's tiny voice with such an assuring message, "But I *know* where the water is!"

At the sound of this, the poor parched goat was heard to say, "You know where the water is?" "Yes!" "Then show me where it is!" So away they went. The poor old goat and her little kid were led by the tiny turtle down by the side of the hill, where trickled a spring of pure water. "There," said the turtle. "drink and live!" They drank and were revived.

"Now" said the boy, "I must go home. When I reach there all will be noise and confusion, but they will not find the water, but I shall wait my opportunity and will say, 'But I *know* where the water is!' My father will be very angry and will beat me; my uncles too will be unkind to me when I tell them that I *know* where the water is, but I shall keep on until I find some poor thirsty one and they will say, 'Do show me where the water is,' and I shall bring them to JESUS!"

"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."

## Bible Animals.

WE have found a little about an animal or bird which is mentioned in the Bible, for each of the first six letters of the Alphabet, and now we come to G.

There is an animal beginning with the letter G which is only mentioned once. It is one of four things which we are told in Proverbs 30 "go well" and are "comely in going." If you have ever watched one out in the open country, chasing a rabbit, or racing with a companion, you will not wonder that the prophet Agur said it "goes well."

It is indeed beautiful to watch, and looks as if it had not a bone in its body, it moves so easily and swiftly, and its feet appear scarcely to touch the ground. It makes straight for its object, turning neither to right nor left, as if it were running a race, certain of the end.

It reminds us of the race which the apostle Paul tells us he had entered. (Phil. 3. 13, 14.) He had heard the voice of the Lord Jesus calling to him, and having realised His love, and what He had done for him, he wanted above all else to know Him more and to follow and obey Him. If we know Him as our Saviour, and understand even a little of what He has saved us from, and what He has saved us for, we shall want to enter that race too, and we shall not be turned aside by things which otherwise might attract us. (Read Heb. 12. 1-3.)

"Run the straight race, through God's good grace,  
 Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;  
 Life with its ways before us lies,  
 Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize."

Now we come to the letter H. We read in Psa. 33 "An h . . . . is a vain thing for safety, neither shall he deliver any by his great strength." God forbade the kings of His people Israel to multiply h . . . . (Deut. 17. 16.) He knew that they would be likely to trust in their great strength and swiftness, and not in Himself. In those times h . . . . were largely bred in Egypt, and God had delivered His people from Egypt, and He did not want them to go back there for anything.

Until King Solomon's time their kings rode on asses or mules, but Solomon disobeyed and got h . . . . from Egypt. He had 4,000 stalls for them. (2 Chron. 9. 25-28.)

We remember how the Lord Jesus, the Son of David, and the true King of Israel, rode into the royal city, Jerusalem, just as God had foretold, "Behold thy King cometh unto thee ; He is just, and having salvation ; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zech. 9. 9. But they did not recognize Him. They said " Who is this ? " and they crucified Him. Had He come then as we read of Him in Rev. 19. 11-16 not one could have stood before Him for a moment.

We too, are so ready to trust to what we can see, but God wants us to trust in Him without seeing now, that is walking by faith. " Some trust in chariots, and some in h . . . . ; but we will remember the Name of the Lord." Psa. 20. 7.

We cannot find anything in the Bible about animals or birds beginning with the letters I and J, but K stands

for a young animal of which we read several times, and of which large numbers were kept from earliest times in Bible lands.

It was used as a sacrifice for a sin offering. (Lev. 4. 23.) And it was used to make a meal for special occasions. We read of two k . . . being prepared for a savoury meal for Isaac, when he was very old and wanted to give a blessing to his son before he died. (Gen. 26.)

One was sent as a present to King Saul by Jesse, David's father, when Saul sent for David because he heard he could play well on the harp. (1 Sam. 16. 20.)

On two occasions we read of a k . . being brought as a present for a meal to the Angel of the Lord ; by Gideon in Judges 6, and by Manoah in Judges 13. But they were both offered as a sacrifice, for man could only bring a sacrifice to God, because it spoke to Him of the only way that sinful man could come near to Him—the one great sacrifice which was offered for all on Calvary. It is because of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ that we can come into God's presence now. And we do not bring a present or gift, we can only give Him thanks for what He has done for us.

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**“CHRIST also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to GOD.”**

## A Camp Fire.

**H**AVE you ever been to a camp fire? It's really good fun when there is a nice big crackling fire blazing away, and everybody

The camp fire in the picture was in a very unusual place for it was right in the middle of the beach at the seaside. That was because it was a very special one. It was really a seaside sand-service-- some of you know what that is. It was just getting nice and dark, so the fire looked very fierce and bright--and before the service began, there were many children round the fire, waiting patiently while the sausages were cooked in long - handled frying - pans. There *was* excitement when the sausages were passed round!



And then, when the workers had piled on more wood, everybody sat down with their eyes fixed on the fire, while the gentleman spoke about the Lord Jesus. It was wonderful how real the Lord Jesus was that night, to those boys and girls who knew Him as their Saviour, and trusted in Him. But if you could have been there that night, and looked round all the fire-lit faces, while everything was quiet except for the unceasing sound of the waves breaking, and the crackling of the fire, and the quiet voice of the gentleman, you might have wondered why some of the children looked so

is gathered round it with the fire lighting up their faces. Some of the bigger ones keep it going by piling on wood, whilst others do the cooking, for a camp fire would not be very exciting if there were nothing to cook!

much happier than others. Some of them had trusted in Jesus, had believed that He died for *them*, though they were only young, and you might have thought Jesus would not have troubled to die for *them*. But He did,

and although they knew they had done wrong, and were sinners in God's sight, the Bible says "Christ Jesus came into the world to *save* sinners" (1 Tim. 1. 15.) *They* were waiting for Jesus to come again, and take them to be with Him for ever, as He promised in the 14th chapter of John. But what of the others? What of you, if you had been there? Would you have felt happy because you had trusted in Jesus? Listen! What is this the gentleman is saying? It is a chorus they all know, and they are now singing it very softly:

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

Ah! *do you* want Jesus to come into your heart? Because He wants to come in, if you will let Him. Just get down on your knees and ask Him to come in to-day, and to come in to stay. Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. He says, "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in." Don't keep Jesus waiting any longer, but let Him in now. Hark!—they are singing again—the gentleman has taught them another chorus:

"Lord, I believe, Lord, I believe,  
I'm trusting in Thee, Lord Jesus;  
I'm trusting Thy love, I'm trusting Thy blood,  
I'm trusting in Thee, Lord Jesus."

Some of the boys and girls could not sing this time. They *didn't* believe. They were *not* trusting in the Lord Jesus. Could you sing that chorus, and *mean* it? If not, Jesus is still waiting for you to come to Him. Tell Him you'll come *now*, and then you will have all your sins washed right away in His precious blood.

## Young Believers' Column.

A FRIEND of mine was visiting at a farmhouse in Canada which was situated on a little hill. The night was dark, and as he did not know the way to the house at which he was staying, the farmer handed him a lantern as he was about to leave saying, "Now you will need this, as there are some rough places in the fields you will have to pass through and a little bridge to cross. *This* will show you where to put your feet." And, pointing to a light that was on a hill at some little distance away, he said, "*That* is where you are going."

This brought forcibly to his mind the verse in Psa. 119. 105, which says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." He thought how wonderfully he was blest and how simple is the path for every child of God.

There was the light at the end of the path to cheer him on—a picture of the bright light shining down from the glory, and lest he should stumble along the way, there was the lamp or lantern to show him how to take the next step.

Let us remember, dear young believers, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Light to which we are going, and that His Word, which is just the expression of Himself, is the lamp to guide our feet.

There may be many difficulties in our pathway, but we have His Word to guide us every step of our journey, and as we keep our eyes on the Light in the glory, the Lord Jesus Himself, our hearts will rejoice at the bright prospect before us.



### A Place of Safety.



**HOSE** of our little readers who live in the country will have often seen a mother hen with her little chicks under her wings.

A little friend of mine, who lives in the town, was watching one some time ago, and she was so interested to see the tiny chicks peeping out from under the mother hen.

Do you know that the Lord Jesus wants us to hide in Him just like the little chickens shelter under their mother's wings? If a cat or a dog comes along to frighten the chickens, they run at once to their mother, and she covers them with her wings, and they are quite safe.

We too, like the chickens, have a big enemy. But our enemy is a far greater and stronger one than they have. He wants to keep us away from the Lord Jesus. You all know who he is, I am sure. Yes, Satan wants to keep boys and girls from trusting in Jesus. But the Lord Jesus is longing that you should just come and shelter under His wings, and you will be perfectly safe.

There is such a lovely verse in Psalm 94. 4, which says, "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust."

May each of you little ones come to Jesus now, and find shelter from all the dangers that are found in this world and a safe home with Himself forever.

*"As the bird beneath her feathers,  
Guards the objects of her care,  
So the Lord His children gathers,  
Spreads His wings and hides them there :  
Thus protected,  
All their foes they boldly dare."*

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Some of you may be surprised to see something new written at the top of the questions this month.

One reason that I want you to write the answers by hand is, that by writing out the verse, it will be more impressed on your mind and that is my desire in asking you to answer questions at all. You know it is so important for us all to get to know what God says about things, and the best way to remember is to write it out. Another reason is that I want to see the searchers' own handwriting (or printing) and how tidily you can do it. Do please try how very neatly you can do your answers. There is a verse which we should all remember and I think it would help us to do these little things as well as we can. It is in Ecclesiastes, that little book just after Proverbs, and it says "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," and that means just as well as possible.

No doubt, you remember that we often read about the Lord Jesus being by the sea, and we know some of the Lord's disciples were fishermen. So this month our searching is about fish, and there are many verses in both the Old and the New Testaments which speak of them.

I think we all like these two stories about how the Lord Jesus made the loaves and fishes enough to feed such large companies of people. None but the Lord Jesus could have done that, but He let His disciples pass the food round to the people. It was so gracious of Him to allow them to do this, for, of course He could have done without them. Even now the Lord Jesus gives those who know Him the great joy of telling others about Him, and He helps them just as He did those disciples of old who didn't know how they could ever manage to feed so many people.

Your loving friend,

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### Questions for June.

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

Please note all answers must be written or printed by the searchers themselves. Typewritten answers not accepted.

#### FISH.

1. What did God give man dominion over? Genesis 1.
2. What did Peter find in the fish's mouth? Matt. 17.
3. What did the Lord do with the loaves and fishes? Luke 9.
4. What did the Lord answer Moses when he said "Shall all the fish of the sea . . . suffice them?" Numbers 11.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "Fishers of men." Mark 1.
6. Tell the story of Jonah in your own words. Of what nation was he? Why did the Lord cause a fish to swallow him? What was the result of his preaching at Nineveh?
7. We read about two different times in which the disciples had been fishing and had caught nothing. At the Lord's command they let down their nets and they were filled. Tell in your own words about these two times and mention any differences you notice.

#### Answers to Questions for April.

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| 1. Matt. 10. 16. | 4. Isaiah 65. 25. |
| 2. John 3. 14.   | 5. Exodus 7. 12.  |
| 3. James 3. 8.   |                   |
6. Numbers 21. 6. The people murmured against the Lord and despised the manna which God had provided for them, therefore He sent fiery serpents among them, and they bit the people so that very many of them died. After that, the children of Israel owned that they had sinned, and the Lord told Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it on a pole. Whoever looked on the serpent of brass lived. John 3. 14 tells us that the Lord Jesus was lifted up, so that whosoever looks to Him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- 7 Genesis 3.

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SHE HAD NOT GONE FAR ON HER WAY HOME.

## A School Girl's Conversion.

ZENA was the youngest of a large family and was a wilful little girl. Her parents were christians and sought to bring her up for the Lord. She was like many other children in the same position, in that although she knew the way of salvation well, she had never come to the Lord Jesus as a sinner, and had her sins forgiven through faith in Him.

As she grew older, she was sent to a large school, where the head mistress was a christian who tried to win her scholars for the Lord. One Monday morning the mistress announced that a children's service was to be held in the City Hall on the next day at 3.30. Those who wished to go were to be accompanied by a teacher, while those who did not wish to go could remain at school. She also said, "No lessons for Wednesday will be excused, so you must prepare your homework as usual."

Now Zena did not want to be converted, for she thought she could not enjoy herself so much then, and that she would be laughed at. So she decided not to go to the service. But she was not happy. The verse came to her mind, "My Spirit will not always strive with man." Gen. 6. 3. What if God left her to her choice? How awful! Then another verse troubled her, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their

hearts, and should be converted, and I should heal them." Matt. 13. 15.

Oh! how miserable Zena felt. She could not prepare her homework. She spent a restless night and felt no better as she went to school next day. When the others had gone to the meeting, she found that the afternoon class consisted of a very worldly girl and herself. Now she saw the choice she had made—the world instead of Christ.

And so the next day passed and the next with Zena still restless and still miserable, and lessons unprepared each day. Then came Friday, and when school work was over for the week, and the other pupils had left she prepared to leave, just as the mistress passed. She placed her hand on Zena's shoulder saying, "What is wrong, Zena?" "I don't know," was the reply. "You are unhappy?" "Yes" said Zena. "Would you like to be saved?" Again Zena said "Yes." "In God's way?" "Yes." "Let us go and tell Him so then," said the mistress. She led Zena back into the deserted schoolroom, and together they knelt down while the mistress prayed very simply. She then asked Zena to repeat after her—

"Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
Oh Lamb of God, I come."

After repeating the lines Zena felt quieter, but fear still filled her mind. She had not gone far, however, on her way home, before the meaning of the words "It is finished" flashed into her mind, filling her with light and joy. She now understood its meaning

for the first time. What amazing love! The Son of God had finished the work of redemption for her and she was free.

All was changed from that moment. Her former desires had passed away. The newly found love of Christ had changed her view of life, changed its motives, aims and objects. She knew that from henceforth she had but One to please—

“ Him before Whom each knee shall bow,  
With Him was all her business now  
And those who are His own.”

Zena has lived through many years and many changes since the days of her school life, but none so wonderful as that twenty-fourth day of February, that “beginning of months” to her.

To the young I would say, Do not be afraid to trust your life to Christ. He knows better than you what will make you happy. He has passed through this world and knows there is no enduring happiness in it—nothing that can satisfy—but He can and will if you ask Him.

Do not be afraid of what you will have to give up. Trust Him while you are young, and you will prove as Zena did, that He can fill and satisfy your heart for time and eternity.

**“SEEK YE FIRST** the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matt. 6. 33.

## Bible Animals.

**W**E now come to the letter L in our Alphabet of Bible animals. It stands for the animal which perhaps we have heard most about from the Bible.

Less than a year old, it is gentle, innocent, harmless, one of man's most valuable possessions, especially in Bible times. It was food for him, and it clothed him, but it served him in a greater way still; it was his sacrifice to God. He could kill it as his substitute, or instead of him, for his sin, and God accepted it because it spoke to Him of the One Who would give His life for sinners at Calvary, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Exodus 12. God has given us a picture of how the blood of the L . . . sheltered His people from judgment. John the Baptist read and understood what Moses wrote in Exodus, and what the prophet Isaiah meant when he said, “He is brought as a L . . . to the slaughter.” Isa. 53. 7. When he saw Jesus here on earth he said “Behold the L . . . of God which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1. 29. Jesus died instead of every one who puts their trust in Him.

“ For what I have done Thy blood must atone,  
The Father has punished for me His dear Son,  
The Lord in the day of His anger did lay  
My sins on the Lamb and He bore them away.”

**He feeds us :—**

“ Jesus said I am the Bread of life : he that cometh to Me *shall never hunger* ; and he that believeth on Me *shall never thirst.*” John 6. 35.

**He clothes us :—**

“ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God ; for He hath *clothed* me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.” Isa. 61. 10.

**He takes away our sins :—**

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

The letter M stands for a little creature of which we read in Matt. 6., and it is one which spoils. It likes to make its nest and lay its tiny eggs in the folds of material which is not disturbed, and in doing this it eats holes through it. In warm countries these creatures are more destructive even than they are in our own.

In the days when the Lord Jesus was here on earth, if people wanted to “ lay up for a rainy day ” they bought cloth and other things and stored them away in the safest place they could. What a disappointment then to come and find their treasures destroyed, and of no value ! The Lord Jesus said “ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where M . . . and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal : but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” Nothing down here is safe for ever ; how foolish then not to give Him *all* that we value ! The Lord Jesus tells us why He wants to keep our treasures for us in the 21st verse of Matt. 6. Look and see !

“ He will keep what thus He sought,  
Safely guard the dearly bought,  
Cherish that which He did choose,  
Always love and never lose.”

**George and the Pear.**

ONE evening when George was in bed, and his father and mother had gone out, he suddenly thought of a pear tree in his father's garden. It was only a young tree and it had just one beautiful pear on it. They had all watched the tree grow and were pleased to see it bearing fruit. George thought how much he would like to have the pear all to himself.

He got out of bed and dressed himself again, then crept down the stairs and went quickly out into the garden. He reached the pear tree without being seen. As he stood there in the still evening, he looked up into the sky and saw a star shining down upon him. Then four little words from the Bible came into his mind, “ *Thou God seest me.*”

Could he take the pear when he remembered that God's eye was upon him ? No ; he went back to his bedroom and knelt down and confessed to God how he had sinned, and God forgave him, for the Scripture says, “ 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.

George became a true christian boy, and the remembrance of that little text, “ *Thou God seest me,*” often helped him. Let us try to remember it too, for it will not only keep us from doing wrong, but it will be a comfort to those of us who know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, to know that God's eye is always upon us.



## Gold.

**N**O doubt you have seen a notice something like this outside the jewellers' shops in your town.

**Bring your gold ; bring your  
sovereigns.  
We will buy them and give  
you good prices.**

Everywhere in England gold is being eagerly bought and sold. Many people have hunted out old treasures, pieces of jewelry and in some cases family heirlooms in order to get as much money as possible while the value is high. Some have been able to make quite an amount of money in this way.

In Rev. 3. 18 we read, " I counsel thee to buy of Me *gold* tried in the fire." What a different kind of gold this is ! The earthly gold of which we have been speaking is that which brings burdens in its train. You may think that if you had lots of money you would be happy, but this is a great mistake. Only recently we were reading of a man who had amassed millions of money while

still far from being an old man. Yet he said he had done his work and had nothing to live for, and so ended his life. All the riches that were his did not bring him happiness or satisfaction, but only sorrow and care.

What a contrast to the gold of the Bible ; the gold which has been tried by fire ! Gold speaks to us of divine righteousness, which is truly seen in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was indeed tried with fire, the fire of God's judgment when on Calvary's cross. and He came forth pure and undimmed.



He now offers that gold, even *Himself*, to you, and that gold never loses its value, but is to-day as it ever was, and ever will be, *priceless*. No money can buy it but the way of procuring it is so simple. Put your trust in the Lord Jesus and His precious blood, and

then He Himself and all the treasures of heaven are yours for eternity. There will be no added care then, but burdens shared and untold riches, and at His right hand pleasures for evermore. (Psa. 16. 11.)

“ 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.

**"Wilt Thou be made Whole?"**

John 5. 6.

By Bethesda's pool of old  
 Many sick ones lay,  
 Blind and impotent and halt,  
 Waiting for the day.  
 When an angel, sent of God,  
 Moved the waters still,  
 And the first to reach the flood  
 Straight was cured from ill.

But there lay among the crowd  
 One in sad despair ;  
 Thirty-eight long weary years  
 He had waited there.  
 Yet he never reached the pool  
 For his strength had fled,  
 And he lay there, day by day,  
 Helpless as the dead.

Jesus, full of pitying love,  
 Healed him, as he lay,  
 And the man, so weak before,  
 Bore his bed away.  
 Children, we are helpless, weak,  
 Lost, as well as he,  
 But the Saviour came to seek  
 Sinners, such as we.

Yes! He came and found us out,  
 Saves us from our sin.  
 Bids us trust His mighty love,  
 Gives us peace within ;  
 Promises that soon again  
 He from heaven will come,  
 And unto His Father's house  
 Take His loved ones home.

**Young Believers' Column.**

A CROWDED train had arrived at the station, and there was only one gateway where the people could leave the platform. The ticket collector therefore was finding it hard work to cope with the crowd. As they were filing slowly through, some at the back began to use strong language at the delay. A gentleman, passing through, said to the ticket collector, "You do not seem to be very popular with some of these folks." "No," he replied, but pointing up to the windows of an office above, he said, "*That* is where I want to be popular." His desire was to win the approval of those whose servant he was.

How often it is like this with us. We are not understood by the world for it does not approve of faithfulness to the Lord, and those with whom we have to mix would like us to be just as they are. Sometimes too we are misunderstood and judged by our fellow-christians, but we need to be reminded Whose we are and Whom we serve.

In 2 Cor. 5. 9 we read, "Wherefore we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him" (well-pleasing to Him). The word "accepted" is the same word as translated "well-pleasing" in Phil. 4. 18. It is well for us to remember that we have just *One* to please, and that *One* none other than the Lord Jesus Who gave His life for us. We are His servants, and whether those around us approve or not, we want to have His approval in that coming day.



### Lost on the Sands.



HILDA and her brother and sisters were staying at the seaside. What fun they had playing in the sand and paddling !

One day Hilda, who was only a tiny girlie, wandered off by herself searching for shells. In and out of the water she went, till her little feet began to get tired, and she decided to show her treasures to her mother.

She ran as quickly as she could up the beach. But she had gone much farther than she thought and to her dismay she could see her mother nowhere. Poor little Hilda ! She sat on the hard beach and burst into tears. There were crowds of people about her but no one took any notice of her.

Presently she left off crying and stood up. Then, finding the stones hard for her little bare feet, she crawled along gazing at the people to see if she could see her mother.

A lady soon noticed the sad little face, and said kindly, " Are you lost, little one ! " " Yes I am," said Hilda.

The lady took the little girl in her arms and carried her along the beach looking for her mother. Suddenly Hilda gave a little shout of joy and called out " There she is ! " How glad they all were to have their little one back safe and sound ! And oh, how delighted Hilda was to be in her mother's arms again !

Are you lost, little ones ? I mean, lost in your sins and away from the Saviour. If so, the Lord Jesus is seeking you. He wants to save you and cleanse you from your sins. Hilda could not find her way back. She had just to trust herself to the lady who carried her to her mother. So all you have to do is just to trust the Lord Jesus. He wants to take you in His arms and carry you safely Home. Won't you let Him ?

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

In your searching we have read about some animals and fish of which the Bible speaks. Now we have to find verses about insects, and I think it is so nice to see that God takes notice even of such little things as these, and He uses them to teach us lessons. I hope you will try to find out what God wants us to learn from these little insects, for surely if God draws our attention to them they must be worth considering.

In the answers for May, the senior searchers had to write out verses about ravens and sparrows. I hope you thought about those verses for it is such a comfort to our hearts to learn how much God cares for us. How often grown up people and little ones too, get afraid of how they are going to get food and clothing, but these verses are so lovely for they tell us that God will take care of us and provide for all our needs. I do like those words "Fear not." Oh! He does not want us to be afraid but simply to trust Him and He will give us all that we need.

In Matthew we read that two sparrows are sold for a farthing and in Luke, five sparrows are sold for two farthings. It seems that the sparrow is of such little value that an extra one does not count but every one is noticed by God.

Ravens are not much like sparrows; they feed on the flesh of dead animals, and according to the law, were unclean. Their plumage is black and I think they are a picture of how God sees us, till we are washed in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus. Yet God cares for them too, and reminds us that He provides their food and how much more will He provide for us, whom He loves.

There is something I want to remind you of and that is, if you have your picture taken now, perhaps at an outing in the country or at the seaside, I should be so pleased to have a copy. I like to know the searchers better by seeing their pictures.

I am always pleased, too, if any write me a letter, especially if you can tell me that you are saved. You know that is the very best thing you can tell me, if it is really true. I wonder if there are any of our searchers who do not know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, but who wish that they did. I would like to hear from them too. I think the next best thing to being saved, is to want to be, for then you will find out that the Lord Jesus just as much wants to save you. But oh! do not put it off, for it might be too late.

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.*

**Please note all answers must be written or printed by the searchers themselves. Type-written answers not accepted.**

#### INSECTS.

1. Where should we lay up treasures? Matt. 6.
2. What was the meat of John the Baptist? Matt. 3.
3. What did Samson find in the carcase of the lion? Judges 14.
4. Write out the verse which speaks about a spider's web. Job. 8.
5. Whose ways should we consider? Prov. 6.
6. The book of Proverbs tells us about four things which are exceeding wise. What are they? Tell in your own words what you think we may learn from the ants.
7. How many plagues did God send on the Egyptians? Describe the plague of locusts and how it was removed.

#### Answers to Questions for May.

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| 1. Isaiah 40. 31. | 5. Psalm 103. 5.    |
| 2. Luke 3. 22.    | 6. Matt. 10. 29-31. |
| 3. Jeremiah 8. 7. | Luke 12. 6.         |
| 4. Luke 9. 58.    | Luke 12. 24.        |
| 7. 1 Kings 17.    |                     |

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THE

# Children's Gospel Magazine.



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**A GIPSY ENCAMPMENT.**

# THE CHILDREN'S GOSPEL MAGAZINE.

## Stolen by a Gipsy.

ONE bright sunny morning many years ago, on the outskirts of a small country town, a little boy whom we will call Tommy, might have been seen playing close to his home.

His game was suddenly interrupted by the approach of a stranger, a tall, dark woman with keen piercing eyes, and a large shawl thrown over her shoulders. Slowly she came towards the little fellow, at the same time drawing from under her shawl a sugar stick, which she temptingly offered to him.

I suppose all boys and girls like sweets, and this little boy was no exception. His play was soon forgotten as eagerly he reached up for the prize, which was willingly given. Fully occupied with eating his new treasure, he did not notice that his other little hand had been grasped by that of the woman, and that he was being drawn quickly away from his home and away into the country.

On and on they walked, this strange pair. The sugar stick had now been eaten and Tommy was getting tired and frightened and began to cry for his mother. Whereupon the woman carried him in her arms until they reached a large pile of stones, upon which they sat to rest.

Meanwhile Tommy had been missed. His anxious mother questioned everyone as to whether they had seen him. Willing helpers looked in every direction, until at last, directed by one who had seen the strange pair, the mother's footsteps flew fast along the dusty

road, until the pile of stones was reached upon which Tommy and the woman were sitting.

Did his mother let him stay there, do you think? No, not for one moment! Taking him in her arms, she hastened home, holding him closely to her all the way.

This true story is but a picture of what is happening every day all around us. Satan, like the gipsy, is going about tempting whom he can. Like her with the sugar stick, he uses all sorts of bait to suit his purpose, carefully drawing his dupes farther and farther into the paths of sin, until he has them completely in his power, and they find that they are lost for ever.

Love in the heart of Tommy's mother gave her no rest till she had found him and brought him safely home. Love it was that led the Lord Jesus to come from heaven and go to Calvary's cross, and there shed His precious blood in order to save poor sinners from the power of Satan. Now He is able and willing to save all who come to Him confessing their sins.

Dear boys and girls, have you come to Him yet? If not you are in great danger. Do not be deceived by Satan's subtle offers, which at their best last only for a fleeting moment. One more step may land you in eternal woe. Jesus is waiting to receive you; come to Him now.

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“Be in time! Be in time!  
While the voice of Jesus calls you  
Be in time!  
If in sin you longer wait  
You may find no open gate,  
And your cry be just too late,  
Be in time!”

**“In your Heart and not your Head.”**

**W**HILE motoring in the country with a friend, who was formerly a coachman, we spoke together of the way the Lord had brought us to Himself. The story of his conversion interested me and I believe our readers will like to hear it too.

My friend when a young man, was in search of a situation, and applied to a retired army captain who was in need of a coachman. During the interview the captain said he would require the coachman to drive him to some meetings which he attended. Strange to say, although unsaved, it was this very fact which decided him to accept the post, and it was not long before he was settled in.

Soon after he had been there, he had to drive his master one Sunday evening to the place where a well-known doctor was to preach. After he had put up the horse and carriage near by, he himself went into the gospel meeting.

Very earnestly did the doctor present the gospel that night. He spoke especially on the verse “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Rom. 10. 9. As he was saying, “Believe in your *heart* and not your head,” my friend found his heart throbbing. This verse of scripture was God’s own message to his soul. There and then he trusted the Lord Jesus, and almost aloud came the words from his lips,

“Lord, I believe.” Immediately his heart was filled with joy, for he had the assurance of God’s Word that he was saved. Has this joy ever been yours, my young reader? Have those three little words, “Lord, I believe” ever come from the depths of your heart? If not, make your decision now before it is too late. Take the Lord Jesus as your Saviour; trust in His finished work on Calvary’s cross and you too will be saved.

Within a few hours, my friend’s wife, who was also at the meeting, trusted that precious Saviour, believing in her heart that God had raised Him from the dead, and willingly confessed Him as Lord.

Oh! what a happy home that was! Husband and wife both rejoicing in the knowledge of their sins forgiven! There was joy in heaven too over two more sinners saved for glory.

“Saved for glory! yes, for glory,  
By the work of God’s blest Son;  
Saved for glory, wondrous story,  
We believe what Christ has done.”

“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.*

**Bible Animals and Birds.**

**T**HE letter N comes next in our Alphabet of Bible animals and birds. Will you turn up the references in your Bibles and fill in the names for yourselves ?

N stands for a bird which was one of a large number of creatures that God told the children of Israel in Leviticus 11 they were not to eat, for they were unclean. This bird feeds on carrion. We read there "These are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten . . . every raven after his kind: and the owl and N. . . ." Lev. 11. 13-16.

Because these people belonged to God, He had chosen them to come near to Him, so He told them several times, "Ye shall be holy, for I am holy." His Word tells *us* too, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1. 16.

The Lord Jesus stooped down to seek and to save sinners, and bring them back to God. When we know Him as our Saviour we are His, and are ready to go and live with Him when He comes for us. So we must be careful what we "eat," where we go, what we listen to, what we read, and what we think about; not because we are any different or better than anyone else in ourselves, but for His sake. "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10. 31.

O stands for the O . . . . . "which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, and forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She

is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear: *because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath He imparted to her understanding.*" Job 39. 14-17.

A great bird with magnificent feathers, and though not able to fly, with such powerful legs and wings that she is able to travel faster than a man on horse-back, yet cruel, foolish, not even caring for her own young ones as other birds do, because she has no wisdom or understanding! What a lesson she teaches us! We become far more cruel, far more foolish and forgetful of far more important things if we do not get wisdom and understanding from God.

When the greatest king that earth has ever seen came to the throne, he said he felt like a little child, and he asked God to give him wisdom and understanding. God gave them to him and he tells us, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. . . . She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." (Prov. 3. 13, 15, ch. 4. 7.)

How can we get it? Just like King Solomon did. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him." James 1. 5. The Scriptures are able to make us "*wise unto salvation* through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3. 15. Read Job 28 and Deut. 4. 5, 6.

**The Preacher and the Overcoat.**

IT was after a Gospel meeting where many had been led to think about their souls and where they would spend eternity, that a young man, be-

in this young man's soul, and that he was feeling the burden of his sins. After a little talk with him he found out that the young fellow did not realise that salvation is the gift of God, and that all he had to do was to accept it from God's hand.

He was just about to put on his overcoat when the preacher took it, and holding it up at some distance from him, he kept receding a little. The young man, quite puzzled, looked inquiringly at him.

"What do you want?" asked the preacher.

"I want to put on my overcoat," he replied.

"Would you put it on if I held it up to you?"

"Of course I would. I want to put it on."

Then he was asked, "If God holds out the best robe, which is Christ, will you put that on?"

"Oh," he said, "is that all I have to do?"

"Yes, indeed," said the preacher, "that is all. 'The gift of God is eternal life,' and He is waiting and longing for you to accept it."

So this young man, before he had put on his overcoat, had received from the Father's hand, as the gift of His love, the best robe—even Christ as his righteousness, and so he was fitted for the presence of a holy God, and arrayed in all the loveliness and beauty of His own dear Son.

*Have you too received that gift?*



fore leaving the hall, waited to speak to the one who had been preaching there that night.

The preacher could see that there was a work of the Spirit of God going on

**"Jesus called a little Child unto Him."** Matt. 18. 2.

*When on earth the Saviour lived  
Many years ago,  
Little children round Him pressed  
For He loved them so.*

*When a lesson He would teach  
To the men around,  
Jesus called to Him a child ;  
Many there were found.*

*In His arms He picked him up,  
Set him on His knee.  
And I'm sure the child was glad  
Safely there to be.*

*Jesus is not still on earth,  
But He is the Same  
On the throne of glory now,  
Blessed be His Name !*

*Still He loves the little ones  
As so long ago,  
And He longs to have them come  
All His love to know.*

*Do you trust Him, little ones ?  
Oh, He longs you should.  
For to save you from your sins  
Jesus shed His blood.*

*Oh how happy little ones  
Who the Saviour know !  
Kept and sheltered from all harm  
For He loves them so !*

*Soon He'll take His little ones  
With Himself to be,  
Then they shall enjoy His love  
Through eternity.*

**Young Believers' Column.**

A PARTY of tourists was visiting some places of interest in the Thames Valley. One day, having reached a well-known river resort, they stood gazing at a large church, when one of them remarked, "I wonder what church that is."

A half-witted man who was standing near, heard the remark and said to them, "This is the Wesleyan Church: down by the river you will see the Established Church, and there are other churches too." Then in a quieter voice he said, "But these are not the real church; the real church is composed of holy men and godly women." Then, pointing to a shop close by, where an earnest christian lived, he said, "If you want to know about the real church, go in there, and he will tell you how to belong to it."

If we turn to the Word of God, we find that what this poor half-witted man said was right. The church is not a building, as many suppose, but is composed of those who are saved. We read in Acts 2. 47 "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." When Peter was in prison we are told that "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."

These and many other verses show us that the church is composed of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Every believer, however young or weak, is a member of the body of Christ, and belongs to the church of God, which is the object of the love of Christ. "Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." Eph. 5. 25.



### Mother's Sewing Needle.



**H**OW often have we seen Mother plying her needle, making and mending to keep us tidy and warm. How cleverly she uses her needle, in and out, in and out, with such speed and skill. Have you ever given a thought to the little needle she uses ?

Take it up, look at it. You see a smooth round little spike, very sharp at one end, and a little hole at the other end which we call the eye. It is brightly polished and the more

Mother uses it, the brighter it becomes.

That little needle was once down in the earth. Men dug up the iron ore from the mines, the rough metal looking so dirty and useless, and yet that same ore worked into needles is worth a lot of money. How is it done ?

It is melted in a furnace, hammered and chisled to shape it and form it, then an eye is pierced in it and at last you have the useful little thing you see in Mother's hand.

Is there not a lesson here for us ? We are down in this world, rough and useless. The Lord Jesus in His love saw us in the darkness and came all the way from heaven to save us. If we believe in Him we are saved, and when we are saved He wants us to be useful to Him. In our homes, at school and among our companions the Lord Jesus wants us to shine for Him.

Sometimes our playmates laugh at us and cannot understand that we cannot do as they do, if they are not saved, and they may shun us and leave us. This reminds us of the needle going through the fire, being shaped and formed. All these things make us go to Jesus for help, and so we learn what pleases Him, and we become pointed and sharp like the needle, quick to serve Him.

*"Jesus bid us shine, with a clear, pure light."*

If Mother's needle is laid aside it becomes rusty, and requires rubbing and polishing before it can be used again. It is the same with us ; we must not be idle and careless. Let us then be watchful, pleasing Jesus in all we say and do.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

This is holiday time, isn't it?

Perhaps you are wishing that there were no questions to answer this month. There are, but they won't keep you busy very long, so I hope that you will spare long enough to do them well.

This time you will see that the subject is a little different from what we have had the other months of this year. I'm sure you all remember about some trees which are spoken of in the Bible.

There are some very important things connected with trees and these things concern you and me. Perhaps you have not thought about that. You remember how Adam and Eve sinned through eating of the fruit of a tree, which God had told them not to eat. By that act of disobedience sin came into the world, and each one of us have to own that we, too, are sinners. But the Lord Jesus, in such love to us (we cannot understand why He should love us so) came into this world, and suffered and died on a cruel tree, so that every one who puts their trust in Him, may be saved. How can we help thanking Him for such wonderful love?

At the very end of the Bible we learn how we may have a right to the tree of life. We, who through our sin had forfeited it, may now have a title to that happy place where sin can never come.

Will you be among that number? Without doubt, you are in the number of those who have sinned, but you may also be in the number of those who will enjoy that beautiful home, if your sins are washed away by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus.

That you may be, is the earnest desire of

Your loving friend,

N. E.

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### Questions for August.

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#### TREE.

1. What did the Lord Jesus do on the tree? 1 Peter 2.
2. Of what tree were Adam and Eve told not to eat? Genesis 2.
3. To whom will the Lord give to eat of the tree of life? Revelation 2.
4. How was Christ made a curse for us? Galatians 3.
5. How did God keep the way of the tree of life? Genesis 3.
6. Three times in Acts the Lord Jesus is spoken of as being "hanged on a tree" or taken "down from the tree." Write out the verses and state who said them and to whom they were spoken.
7. Nebuchadnezzar dreamt about a tree. Tell, in your own words, the dream, its interpretation and the result. The story will be found in the book of Daniel.

#### Answers to Questions for June.

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| 1. Genesis 1. 28. | 4. Numbers 11. 23. |
| 2. Matt. 17. 27.  | 5. Mark 1. 17.     |
| 3. Luke 9. 16.    |                    |

6. Jonah was a Hebrew, that is one of the children of Israel, and he trusted in the Lord. God sent him on an errand, but he did not want to go, and instead of obeying God, he went off in a ship going to Tarshish. God was displeased with him for this and sent a great fish to swallow Jonah. While he was inside of the fish, he prayed to God and confessed his sin and asked God to deliver him, and God did and brought him again to dry land. After this Jonah went to Nineveh as God had told him, and the people of Nineveh believed what Jonah told them and repented of their sins and turned from their wicked ways. So God had mercy on them and did not overthrow their city as He had said He would do.

7. Luke 5. 1-11. John 21. 3-14.

At the word of the Lord Jesus, the disciples had their net filled with fish these two times. The first time was at the beginning of the public ministry of the Lord, and the second time, recorded in John 21, was after He rose from the dead. The net broke the first time by the many fish which were in it, but the second time it did not though there were one hundred and fifty-three large fish.



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MY WIFE PICKED IT OUT OF THE WATER.

## Which are you like ?

**A** GENTLEMAN who had been an officer in the British Army in India, was asked to visit a policeman who was ill. This policeman was a very big man, weighing over twenty-one stone, and the officer was a very small, neatly built man.

He was a christian and his one object in life was to serve the Lord Jesus, and he loved to make known the way of salvation to others. But somehow the thought of going to see this big man rather overcame him, and he hardly knew what he could say to him.

However, believing the Lord would give him a message, he started out. On the way there, the only verse that would come into his mind was Proverbs 27. 8, "As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place." It seemed a most unsuitable verse to bring before his big friend, but still he felt that this was what he must say to him.

So when he reached the bedside he said, "Mr. H., I have come to see you and the only thing I can think of to say to you is, 'As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.'"

"Well" said the policeman, "that is very remarkable, as I have just had a very interesting experience with a bird that wandered from its nest.

"Very early the other morning as I was walking along, something fell just in front of me. The light was not very good, but when I reached it I found that it was a little bird that had wandered from its nest. I at once thought that I must get that little

bird and put it in my pocket, and take it home to my wife who would soon make it better. But the bird fluttered away into the gutter, and eventually got down a hole between the pavement and the wall. I could not get my big hand down after it, and so I had to leave it there to perish."

"Now" said the christian officer, "I must tell you about a little bird. I live on the corner of a road with a verandah round three sides of the house. Under the roof of the verandah at one corner a bird built her nest, and after a while the young ones hatched. One morning, just as my wife came out of the door, a little bird hopped off the nest into a tub of water. My wife immediately ran to it, picked it out of the water and dried it as best she could, and put it back in the nest.

"I see now why God wanted me to give you that verse. The little bird that fell out of the nest and would not allow you to catch it, and finally perished in that dark hole, is a picture of the sinner away from God. He does not know the loving heart of the Lord Jesus Who longs to take him up in His arms and bless and save him. And so he runs away from the One Who loves him best, and finds himself in the blackness of darkness for ever.

"But the other bird is a picture of the sinner who finds out that there is nothing but death and judgment for him. Just as my wife put her hand into that water, which meant death for the little bird, so the Lord Jesus has gone into death for him, and he is thankful to have that blessed One pick him up and deliver him from his folly."

**Bible Animals and Birds.**

The Lord used these simple stories to show the policeman how much he was like the first little bird. He had tried to get away from the One Who loved him best, but now when he was ill he discovered that he was like the other little bird, and that he must perish unless another delivered him from his perilous position.

He found that Deliverer in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ Who went into death for him on the cross, in order to save his soul, and to have him in His bright eternal home of glory, where there shall be no sickness, pain or death.

*Which little bird are you like ?*



**The Only Way.**

I WAS writing out a cheque for a rather rough sort of man. As I dated it, I said "Time is passing quickly, is it not?" "Yes, mum, it is."

"And we are going with it." "Yes, mum."

"If you go to heaven at the end of your time, how will you get there?" I asked.

"Well, mum, I only knows *one* way, and that is the Saviour."

What a splendid answer it was, and so unexpected. It made me glad to think the man only knew *one* way to heaven, and that was the right one, for the Lord Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." John 14. 6.

WE have now reached the letter P in our Alphabet of Bible animals and birds. Can you find this verse in Jeremiah 17 and fill in the name of the bird? "As the P . . . sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and his end shall be a fool."

In a hollow place in the ground, among long grass, perhaps under the shelter of a low-growing bush, with just a few dead leaves and bits of hay the P . . . makes her nest, and tries to get as many eggs as she can to sit on. Sometimes as many as thirty-three have been found in one nest, for more than one bird will lay them there, so very often a good many eggs do not hatch out!

Does the P . . . 's lesson seem a hard one to understand? Not if we read the story that the Lord Jesus told the man who came to Him, saying that things were not fair, for his brother had more than he had. (Luke 12. 13-21.) The Saviour spoke so solemnly and plainly about hoarding God's gifts that we cannot fail to understand. He said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: and then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." "We brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out." 1 Tim. 6. 7.

If we own Jesus as Lord of all, as He is, we shall use everything He gives us as His, and not try to gather round ourselves what is not really ours.

This does not mean only earthly riches and possessions, but the honour and glory which we love to get for ourselves too. We cannot take it with us when He takes us up to heaven, for only what is of the Lord Jesus, and what is like Him counts there.

“Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not.” Jer. 45. 5.

The letter Q stands for a bird which is a little smaller than a pigeon and lives in great numbers in Central Asia, North Africa and the south of Europe. Its flesh is very good to eat.

In the Spring, when great flocks of these birds are migrating from place to place, many thousands of them are found tired out with their journey on the shores of the Red Sea and Greece and Italy, and the people pick them up and kill and preserve them, or send them to other countries. They fly so close together and in such great numbers, that they have almost sunk ships when they have come down on their decks as they fly across the sea!

God sent the children of Israel Q . . . like this, “There went forth a wind from the Lord and brought Q . . . from the sea” and they fell round them in such numbers that they were a day and a night gathering them. (Numbers 11. 31, 32.)

The Israelites had grumbled so at the food God had given them; they said their soul loathed it, but they were not satisfied even when they had got what they said they wanted so badly. It shows us how much wiser it is to trust God's love and care for us than to set our hearts on what He has not given. He loves us far too much to make a mistake or deny us

anything that would be for our real good.

“*He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*” Romans 8. 32.

“*Be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*” Heb. 13. 5.



## The Good Shepherd.

There were many sheep in the Shepherd's flock,  
He knew each one by name,  
Each sheep He loved with a tender love,  
He cared for each one the same.  
Our Shepherd is Jesus; He cares for His sheep;  
His love never slumbers; His eyes never sleep.

But one sheep had wandered far astray  
In the dark and dreary waste;  
The Shepherd soon missed it and leaving the rest,  
He sought it with diligent haste.  
Our kind Shepherd Jesus a good watch doth keep,  
He'll rescue from danger His lambs and His sheep.

He sought it o'er mountain and moor and fen,  
Its wandering steps He traced,  
Nor stopped till He found it and held it fast  
In a loving and warm embrace.  
Our dear loving Saviour showed love strong and deep;  
For the good Shepherd giveth His life for His sheep.

And when He had found it, He put it safe  
On His shoulders so strong and kind;  
And He carried it home, while His heart rejoiced  
That His sheep at last was found.  
And Jesus has sought us and safely will keep;  
For He's the good Shepherd Who died for the sheep.

No foes could annoy now, nor danger alarm,  
The sheep in the Shepherd's care,  
As He tenderly whispered “I'll never forsake  
But safely to glory I'll bare.”  
Our Saviour still loves us; our foes He'll defeat,  
For the good Shepherd liveth to care for His sheep.

## A Black Boy's Letter.

I HAVE before me a copy of a letter from a West Indian boy in Demerara. Do you know where that is ?

Some time ago a friend of mine went on a visit to the West Indies and he told me what it was like. He said it was very hot and there were such a lot of flies and ants. They get into the food and sometimes the sugar on the tea-table would be black with ants and the boiled rice covered with flies ! So my friend did not enjoy his food very much, you may imagine.

Most of the people are very poor and I think the boy who wrote this letter is no exception. But although they are poor, many of them know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and so they are really rich, for they have their sins forgiven and God is their Father and heaven is their home. So they are much better off than many boys and girls who read this, who do not know the Lord Jesus, and so would be lost for ever if the Lord were to come to-day.

See what this boy says—

“One day up home I saw the postman coming with a letter for me. I saw in the letter something very nice, this is it—a boy by the name of Harry

telling that Jesus died for him and he believe that through His blood his sins was wash away and no more to be call an unbeliever. I think greatly to myself that I hear the word and if I don't believe, the wrath of God going to fall on me and that I don't want, and I said ' Lord Jesus, I now see I am a sinner and I believe through Your blood my



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A group of West Indian boys.

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sins are wash away and I believe Thou art a Saviour of sinners and a Saviour for me.' I could not keep it, I tell it to my mother. . . . Now I am made a son of God, and no more to be cast from Him. I was save early in June month 1931 . . . I cannot praise the Lord enough.”

I wonder how many of you could say you were saved. It does not matter so much exactly when it happened, but it *does* matter greatly

that you *are sure* of your salvation. Just fancy that black boy being saved and sure of heaven while many English boys and girls know all about how to be saved and yet are lost ! Oh, do not delay ! Accept the Lord Jesus Christ now as your Saviour and your soul will be saved for all eternity.

“ Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.” Acts 16. 31.

## How Long have I to Live ?

A CLASS of scholars was recently given a list of questions to answer, one of which was :—

**“HOW LONG HAVE I TO LIVE?”**

Various answers were given, but one which impressed me very much was

*“ On earth till Jesus comes,*

*In heaven through all eternity.”*

I wonder how many of you can truly say this. None of us know how long we have to live on this earth, but we each have a soul which will live throughout eternity somewhere. How important then to know where we are going when we leave this world !

The Bible tells us, “ 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 we have believed in the Lord Jesus and have given our lives into His keeping, when He comes we shall go to live with him in heaven where death can never enter. Then our answer to that question can be—

“ To live on earth till Jesus comes,

And then with Him away

To live through all eternity

One long unclouded day ! ”

Reader, I shall be there ; will you ?

## Young Believers' Column.

BILL was one of a gang of navvies who were employed at a large cement works. Through the grace of God he was converted, and at once confessed the Lord among his mates and this filled them with astonishment. They reckoned it would only last a short time and that he would soon be back into his old sinful ways. But Bill remained true, the Holy Spirit filling him with joy.

One morning the whole gang was gathered round the fire in an old shed having their breakfast, when the men began to laugh and mock at Bill, trying to get him to lose his temper. Bill only smiled and went on with his breakfast. At last one of the men took a can of tea and threw it into his face. “ Now ” thought the men, “ we shall see a fight.” But Bill merely took his handkerchief and wiped his face. One of the men named William who knew Bill's strength was astonished and said “ Go for him, Bill. I'll keep the others quiet.” Bill only answered, “ That's all right, William ; it pleases them and it doesn't hurt me.”

For days after this, William felt that Bill had something he had not. He was convicted of his sin and soon after was brought to the Lord.

Many happy times Bill and William had together, and God worked among the men in that gang and nearly all of them were converted to God.

May Bill's witness encourage some young believer to stand true and faithful to the Lord, remembering that your life may speak for Him and thus be the means of leading others to your Saviour.



### Molly's Disappointment.

**M**OLLY was so excited one day for Daddy was going to take her to the shops to buy her a new coat. They soon started off and presently they arrived at a shop which had little girls' coats hanging in the window.

They went in and Molly was soon trying on various coats to see which fitted best. But alas ! one was too small and another too large, and none of them seemed to fit poor little Molly at all, and at last Daddy decided that they would have to go away without any.

Poor Molly was so disappointed that she began to cry, for she had so looked forward to having a nice new coat.

Perhaps her Daddy took her to another shop and found a coat for her there. I do not know, but I was thinking how often we get disappointments down in this world. We look forward to having this or that, or going here or there, and then something happens and we can't have what we wanted, and very often like little Molly we shed tears over it.

But there is One Who knows all about our hopes and disappointments. God our Father loves us and has given His Son to die for us so that we may be His own children. And although we do not always feel it we know He is watching over us all the time. He could give us the things we want, but often it would not be for our good, and He wants His children just to be content with what He sends because He knows best.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Don't you think it is so wonderful that God in His Word speaks so simply and plainly? He tells us about things we can see around us and by them teaches us lessons about Himself and about ourselves.

You remember that the searching last month was about trees. Now we are having trees again, but this time it is about special trees whose names we are told.

I'm sure you all like the story of Zacchaeus. He was so anxious to see the Lord Jesus and he was not disappointed. He hid among the leaves of a sycamore tree so that he could look down without being seen, but Jesus knew he was there and called on him to come down. It must have been a big surprise to Zacchaeus to hear his name called, but he came down at once and so gladly took the Lord Jesus to his home.

The story of Absalom is a very sad one. He was a proud disobedient son, who caused his father much sorrow. One day when he was fleeing from some soldiers, his beautiful hair caught in an oak so that he could not get away, and his enemies came and killed him.

There are ever so many other stories about trees. Some of them teach us lessons about God's ancient people, the Jews, and tell us how God cared for them in so many ways, yet they yielded no fruit for Him.

When the Lord Jesus was here, He told the people how God had waited and waited to see if there would be any fruit for Him but there was none, and He had to say "Cut it down, it is no use at all." So we, too, have to learn that unless we know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and are born again, we can never do things that please Him.

John 15 tells us that the Lord Jesus is the true Vine and we who know Him are only branches and you know the branch must be joined to the tree or it is useless and soon withers up. I do pray that none of you will be like the tree of which the Lord had to say "Cut it down," but that you will each learn that only in trusting the Lord Jesus you can do anything that is pleasing to Him.

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.

#### TREES.

1. Write out the verse containing the words "I am the vine." John 15.
2. What did the people who went to meet Jesus do? John 12.
3. How did Zacchaeus try to see Jesus? Luke 19.
4. Why are all the trees of the wood to rejoice? Psalm 96.
5. Of what tree did Adam and Eve make aprons? Genesis 3.
6. Write out verses from the Gospels, telling of three different times in which the Lord Jesus spoke of a fig tree.
7. Tell the story of Noah in your own words.

#### Answers to Questions for July.

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| 1. Matt. 6. 20.        | 4. Job. 8. 14.    |
| 2. Matt. 3. 4.         | 5. Proverbs 6. 6. |
| 3. Judges 14. 8.       |                   |
| 6. Proverbs 30. 24-28. |                   |

The four wise little things are ants, conies, locusts and spiders. We are told to consider the ants, for though they are so little and have so little strength, they are busy and industrious. Time is precious and we should spend it wisely, and see that it is not wasted.

We learn also that they prepare their food in the summer, so that when winter comes and no food is to be had, they do not starve but have plenty to eat. Surely this is a lesson for us. This is the day of salvation, but it will not always be so, and unless we are ready now, it will be too late when the door of mercy is closed for ever.

7. There were ten plagues. Exodus 10. 12-19.

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.

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MOUNTAIN CLIMBING IN SWITZERLAND.

## A Warning Heeded.

SOME years ago, while in Switzerland, three of us set off one day to visit a lovely lake which lay high up amongst the snowy mountains.

It was a beautiful morning, just ideal we thought to do this our first real piece of mountaineering. We got along very nicely at first, and with fresh limbs and high hopes we were soon wending our way up the road which twisted and turned as it ascended the slope.

Presently we found ourselves on a path leading ever upwards through some grassy fields. Here climbing was not so easy, for the path was wet and slippery, and the fields through which we passed were very muddy as there had been a fall of snow shortly before. But we plodded on, every here and there picking our steps or jumping across the many little mountain streams which were rushing down the slope to join some bigger sister, and then on, on to the far distant ocean, many, many miles away.

At last we reached the summit of the ridge we were climbing, and there to our joy, not very far distant, with a little valley between, was the snow-capped peak we were making for. Here the path seemed to end, and uncertain how to proceed, we were glad to see quite near us a little wooden chalet at which we could enquire.

The occupant of this lonely dwelling was a very wrinkled old woman, who came out and speaking very quickly in French, and with sundry gestures told us we must on no account try to reach the lake. "It is very

dangerous" she repeated over and over again. "The snow keeps falling. I can hear the avalanches from here. You might get buried under one of them—and look at the path!" It certainly did not look very safe, being slippery with the snow and at places running right on the edge of a steep rock. "You might manage it," she said, "but it would be a great risk. It is *very* dangerous."

In view of such a warning what would you think we should do? What would you have done? Gone on with the determination to take the risk and try to reach the lake whatever it cost? And suppose next morning, as so often has happened in such cases, our dead bodies had been found at the foot of that precipice, would not people have said, "How foolish they were not to heed the warning. What a sad end!"

But a far, far sadder fate, yes, even sadder than losing life itself, is hanging over every unsaved reader of these pages. You too have been warned. God's Word says, "Because there is wrath *beware.*" Job. 36. 18. Oh! dear unsaved one, if you follow the path you are on, there is danger ahead. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 16. 25.

Oh, pause and think! Are you on that way, or have you found the One Who is the only way to life and glory? Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Listen to the warning as we did that day on the Swiss mountains, and turn before it is too late to find in the Lord Jesus a Saviour and Deliverer from "the wrath to come."

**Bible Animals and Birds.**

**W**E are getting near the end of our Alphabet of Bible animals and birds. R stands for the first bird mentioned by name in the Bible, and it is one of the wildest and most hungry of creatures. It feeds on carrion and small animals.

When the Lord Jesus was here He told us to "consider the R . . . . ; for they neither sow nor reap ; which neither have store-house nor barn ; and *God feedeth them* : how much more are ye better than the fowls ? " Can you find the name of this bird in Luke 12 ?

The Lord Jesus wants us to think carefully about these birds, for they shew us so plainly that if God is able to satisfy the wildest and most hungry of His creatures, how much more those for whom the Saviour died !

Some people think they will have to do without so many things if they come to the Lord Jesus, so they stay away from Him as long as they can. But this is not true ; it is one of Satan's ways of keeping us from the only One Who can give lasting satisfaction and joy. " He giveth . . . to the young R . . . . which cry " (Psa. 147. 9), and " He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." (Psa. 107. 9.)

We do not need to make barns and storehouses for ourselves, however wild or young or hungry we may be. Our Father knows what we need, and He says, " Rather seek ye the kingdom

of God ; and all these things shall be added unto you." Luke 12. 31.

There are at least twelve animals and birds beginning with the letter S, mentioned in the Bible, but you will very quickly guess the name of the animal of which the prophet Isaiah speaks when he says, " All we like S . . . . have gone astray." Isa. 53.

This is how it happens in Palestine. As the flock moves from place to place feeding, one leaves the others, unnoticed, and wanders into someone's garden or vineyard, and so becomes the property of the owner of the garden or vineyard !

Evening time comes, and the shepherd gathers his flock into the fold for safety for the night. He stands at the door and counts them to see none are missing, but he finds that one is missing, so he sets out to find it.

At last he finds it has wandered into a garden where it has no right to be, and if the shepherd wants it back he must pay for it. He has plenty of others, will he trouble to buy that one back ? Yes, he will, if he is a good shepherd ; he wants it so much that he will pay the full price for it and get it back ! It is doubly his now !

" I have gone astray like a lost S . . . . " Psa. 119. 176, but Jesus said, " The Son of Man is come to save that which was lost . . . And if so be that He find it, verily I say unto you, He rejoiceth more of that S . . . , than of the ninety and nine which went not astray." Matt. 18. 11-13.

" The Lord is *my* Shepherd ; I shall not want."

## “Broaching To.”

**V**ERY many years ago, I was a boy on a large clipper sailing ship, on her way to the Colonies. We had rounded the Cape of Good Hope and were, as sailors say, “running the eastern down,” going south-east from Africa.

After some days, we ran into very bad weather, having to reduce our sail. The storm increased, the sea dashing over the ship, and we were wet through all the time.

One night in the middle watch (between 12 and 4 a.m.) the ship was caught in the trough of the sea. The water poured over the side into the ship, the well deck filling from rail to rail. The sails began flapping loosely, and finally were blown back against the mast.

Then I heard myself called. It was the officer of the watch. “Boy, run quickly and tell the captain, the ship is broaching to.” I rushed to the captain’s cabin and before I had finished speaking, he dashed up on deck, saw at a glance our condition, took the wheel from the man at the helm, and quickly brought the ship’s head into the wind. The sails filled and righted the ship; the water ran through the openings and soon the deck was fairly clear.

I did not know the seriousness of our position, for we were within a few moments of death. The ship was being driven stern foremost to its doom and was only saved by the skill of the captain.

How thankful I was that we had a good captain on board who was able to save us all from a watery grave.

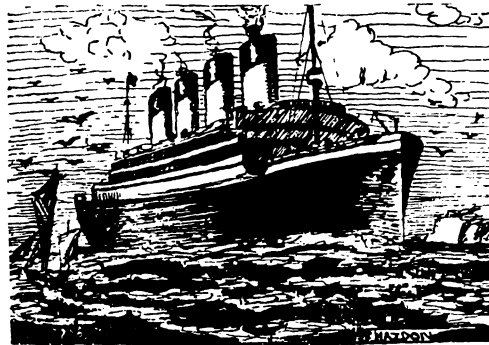
Now, boys and girls, we are all on the sea of life. We have to meet many storms and dangers of which we know nothing. How are we going to weather the gales and arrive safe in port at last?

If it had not been for the skill of the captain our ship would have been lost and we should all have perished, but we had a wise captain on board, equal to the emergency. And it is

the same with us on the voyage of life. We need to have a wise Captain on board, Who can steer us safely through every danger and land us safe in heaven at last.

Have you each one taken the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour? He alone is able to save you from your sins and shield you from the power of Satan. You cannot keep yourself, but He can keep you. He died so that He could save you and now He is living to keep all who put their trust in Him.

There is a lovely verse which says,



"He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7. 25. He is the great Captain of our salvation and He will never lose any who trust themselves to Him.

When doubts or fears arise He alone can say "Peace, be still." When we are tempted to do wrong "He is able to keep us from falling." Would you not like to have such a Captain? Then just come to Him as you are and tell Him you want Him to save you and keep you, for you are unable to save yourself. Trust your soul to Him, and not only your soul, but your life and you will be able to say as did Paul of old, "I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." 2 Tim. 1. 12.

### "Not Alone."

"**H**ARK! Do you hear those kiddies singing?" A gentleman was listening outside the door of a Mission Hall in a busy part of London, where between twenty and thirty tiny tots were assembled. It was a "Junior Children's Hour." A chorus was in progress. I expect you know it:—

"Wide, wide as the ocean,  
High as the heavens above,  
Deep, deep as the deepest sea  
Is my Saviour's love.

I, though so unworthy,  
Still am a child of His care;  
For His Word teaches me  
That His love reaches me  
Everywhere."

How they did love singing that chorus! But strange to say, we could not get them to sing one particular line correctly. We tried again and again, and at last gave up the attempt and let them sing it their own way.

We found out the reason for the persistent mistake. In another room their elder brothers and sisters also had a "Children's Hour." They had a splendid leader. He was a good musician, too, but he played and sang from memory, and sometimes his memory failed him! He had been teaching the children this chorus, at an earlier period, and he had not quite got hold of the right tune. The little ones had quickly picked up the tune from their brothers and sisters at home—also the mistakes! Well, after all, it did not matter very much. It was the words that mattered and they had got hold of the words right enough.

But this made me think of something else which matters a very great deal. You boys and girls who have younger brothers and sisters, have you ever noticed how they are always ready to imitate everything you do? They think it quite grand to do something they see an older brother or sister do. Be sure you never teach those little ones anything that is wrong. How dreadful it would be if later on in life you found that your influence had helped to lead one of them into the downward path.

Many years ago I heard a sermon on a text which I have never forgotten, though I can't remember much of the sermon itself. The text was—"That

man perished NOT ALONE in his iniquity." Joshua 22. 20. I daresay you have read the story of Achan who stole the "accursed thing" and hid it in his tent. How he dragged the rest of his family down to share in his guilt, and also in the punishment.

You cannot sin alone; your sin is sure in some way to affect others. What an awful thought that is! But I remember the preacher went on to say that there was a brighter side to the words "NOT ALONE." The valley of Achor, where Achan perished, was afterwards called "A DOOR OF HOPE." Hos. 2. 15. Though you cannot get away from the fact that you are bound to influence someone, you can make that influence a blessed thing.

How is that possible? You remember that before Andrew brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus (which you will read about in John 1. 42) he had seen Jesus himself. He had made quite sure who He was—had probably spoken to Him. Dear boys and girls, have you found Jesus for yourself? Have you been to Him and made His acquaintance, and asked Him to cleanse your heart from sin? For that alone is the secret of being able to shed a blessed influence around you. I hope it may be *your* privilege to lead others to Jesus, for God can do great things with a christian boy or girl in the home, or school or business. Let it be you!

"Is your life a channel of blessing?"

Is it daily telling of Him?

Have you spoken the word of salvation

To those who are dying in sin?"

## Young Believers' Column.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isa. 26. 3.

THE secret of perfect peace is knowing the One in Whom you trust. A friend of mine one day noticed a blind man walking along the road. As he came to a crossing he called out, "Am I near the turning?" My friend went and spoke to him and the blind man put out his arm to be guided, but hesitated as my friend took it. He did not know his guide and the nervous way he held on told of his fears.

"It's all clear; come along," said my friend, but the words did not seem to assure him. My friend could see the way, *all* the way and *the end* of the way, and was guiding him safely, but it was not until he was safely across that he knew his guide could be trusted.

This reminds us of the verse, "I will guide thee with Mine eye." Psa. 32. 8. We have a sure Guide, One we can fully trust, One Who can see all the dangers ahead and the *end* of the journey. What we cannot see the Lord Jesus, our good Shepherd, sees, and we can say, "What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee."

I heard of another blind man who was walking along with confidence, and looked as if he could see the way himself. What was the difference? This one *knew* his guide, and so showed no fear, although he could not see a step. The secret of confidence is to know and keep near JESUS.



“He makes Me so Happy.”

**H**T was Sunday afternoon and a class of little ones was gathered round their teacher. The lesson that day was from the verse, “My son, give Me thine heart.” Prov. 23. 26.

She told the children how the Lord Jesus died to save us, and of how He longs to have us for His own. “He wants our hearts,” she said. “Will you give Him yours to-day? If any of you children want to give Him your heart, when you get home, go quietly to your room, and just tell Him, ‘Here is my heart, Lord Jesus; it is Yours, because You paid for it on the cross of Calvary.’”

“The Lord Jesus will take your naughty, black heart,” said the teacher, “take you just as you are, and make you ‘whiter than snow’ and you will be God’s own child.”

One dear little boy named Bertie, listened to all his teacher said, and the next Sunday afternoon he came with such a bright smile on his face.

“I have given my heart to Jesus,” he said, “and He makes me so happy!”

“Tell me how it happened, Bertie,” said his teacher.

“Oh!” he said, “I just went home quietly to my bedside, and did just what you told us. And I am sure He has got my heart.”

His ways, as well as his words, showed that Bertie’s words were true. He loved his Bible and would go to bed early in the summer evenings on purpose to read it, and to learn his text.

One Sunday he was rather late, but he appeared at last carrying a huge old-fashioned Bible, quite a load for a little lad like him. His own had got mislaid, and after looking for it in vain, he had brought his grandmother’s.

Many times in the class, when other children were pleaded with to give their hearts to Jesus, Bertie would tell them how happy the love of Jesus had made him.

Now, dear little ones, remember the Lord Jesus is saying to each one of you, “GIVE ME THINE HEART.” Will you do as Bertie did and you too will be made happy?

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Do you know that there are only three more months till the end of the year? That is not very long, is it? Yet some of you think it quite a long time to look forward to. If the Lord will, that is prize time, and so I hope till then you will all send in your answers regularly. Some have been very careless and irregular during the summer months, but there is still time to improve.

Now I want to ask all those who would like a Bible or Testament for a prize, to write the word **Bible** or **Testament** at the end of their answers this month. Then those who deserve one, will have that for their prize instead of a book.

This month I thought we might have some questions about the flowers and plants spoken of in the Bible. We know that the land of Canaan, where the children of Israel lived, was a country with lots of flowers and grass, for it is called "a land flowing with milk and honey." That makes us think of bees flitting about from flower to flower gathering the honey, and of cows grazing on the lovely green pasture. But there are not many flowers named in the Bible, and so I could not give you many questions about them.

We do not know exactly what hyssop was like, but it was a small insignificant shrub or plant and speaks to us of man's littleness. The answer to the third question is a lovely verse, and I would be glad if every one of our searchers could pray it from their hearts so that they, too, may be made "whiter than snow." How happy we are, who are washed in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus, and so are whiter than the whitest thing on earth. You remember how it says near the end of the Bible, that nothing defiling or unclean could ever enter heaven, so we must have *all* our sins put away or we can never hope to be there. Oh, I do trust that everyone, not just some, of our searchers will see to it now, that they are made "whiter than snow."

We are reminded, too, that our life is like the grass, so quickly at an end; therefore it is the more needful not to delay settling these important matters now.

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.*

#### FLOWERS AND PLANTS.

1. What shall stand for ever? Isaiah 40.
2. Write out the verse containing the words, "Consider the lilies." Luke 12.
3. How may we be whiter than snow? Psalm 51.
4. How do we know that God will clothe us? Matthew 6.
5. Where does the hyssop grow? 1 Kings 4.
6. Write out verses telling of two different occasions, one from the Old and one from the New Testament in which hyssop was used. Exodus and John.
7. Tell in your own words the parable of the tares and explain the meaning. Read it carefully, the explanation is given in the chapter. To whom did the Lord tell it and to whom did He explain it? Matthew.

#### Answers to Questions for August.

1. 1 Peter 2. 24.
2. Genesis 2. 17.
3. Revelation 2. 7.
4. Galatians 3. 13.
5. Genesis 3. 24.
6. (a) Acts 5. 30. Peter speaking to the Council.
- (b) Acts 10. 39. Peter to Cornelius and his kinsman and near friends.
- (c) Acts 13. 29. Paul in the synagogue at Antioch.
7. Daniel 4.

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# Children's Gospel Magazine.



"I'VE TIED MYSELF UP AND I CAN'T GET OUT."

Tied Up.

A LITTLE girl I know had a wigwam in her garden. It was just like a tiny tent, and could be tied up in the middle when not in use.

One day screams and wails were heard issuing from the inside of the wigwam, and a very troubled little face peered out of a very small opening.

"Mummie, Mummie, I've tied myself up and I can't get out," she cried. It took only a few moments for Mother's capable hands to untie the knots, and soon a cheerful and soothing voice was heard telling her little girl that people who lived in wigwams didn't tie themselves up inside!

But, do you know, I couldn't help thinking of many people, both little people and grown-ups, who do tie themselves up with something that really is a chain of sins. How that pleases the great enemy Satan! For the chain is of his making and he knows that nothing in the world they do themselves will set them free, so they are in his power.

A lady was once giving an address to some small children. She had brought with her a lot of queer shaped pieces of brown paper. They were oval and cut out like the links of a chain, and were opened at one end and gummed at the edge like an envelope. What could they be for? The children soon heard.

Each link represented a sin, and as she spoke of each sin she linked them together, securely fastening the gummed end. You know how sins will quickly follow one another. You begin the day without prayer—God forgot-

ten. Perhaps you are tempted to do a dishonest action, and because you didn't ask God to keep you right you easily yield. A lie follows to cover it; probably another lie to cover the first one.

So the chain kept growing longer till it was big enough to go round the lady's neck; then she fastened it up. "Now, how am I going to get this off?" she asked. "There is only one thing to do and that is to break it." This she did, and the chain was thrown on to the floor behind her back.

Then she went on to tell the children of that One Who alone can set us free from that dreadful chain of sins—the Lord Jesus Christ. He died to set us "free from sin." You will find that in Romans 6. Are you free?

"He can break every fetter,  
He can make you free."

But I think I can imagine some people being very much surprised at such a question being asked them, and answering something like the Pharisees of old, "Free? Why, of course we are. We have never been captives." They go on from day to day, utterly careless of the awfulness of sin, and meanwhile the great enemy of souls is drawing the chain closer and closer around them. One day they will find it out. Oh, that it may not be too late! That is why I am asking you to consider that question now—yes, before you grow up. Am I "free from sin"? We have such a wonderful Saviour; He alone can set you free, as the hymn says—

"He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner FREE.  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for *me*."

**Bible Animals and Birds.**

**W**E have now reached the letter T in our Alphabet of Bible animals and birds. T stands for one of the migratory birds, of which the prophet Jeremiah speaks when he tries to put God's people to shame for paying no heed to His Word. He tells them that even His birds make no mistakes ; they watch and prepare for their journey to a better country when the time comes. " Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times ; and the T. . . and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming ; but My people know not the judgment of the Lord." Jer. 8. 7.

The Lord Jesus has told us very plainly that He is coming back, just as surely as He came nineteen hundred and thirty-two years ago. His voice will sound, not only in Galilee and Judæa, as then, but through Asia, Africa, America, Europe and all the islands of the oceans. It will reach to the bottom of the seas and down all earth's great battlefields and through the quiet graveyards. Everyone who has heard His voice in His Word and answered, will then hear it again and rise to meet Him to go and live with Him for ever.

But those, not even as wise as His

birds, who have taken no heed to His Word, and have given Him no answer, those who will not hear His voice now, will not hear it then, and oh ! terrible to tell, they will be left behind ! " Be ye therefore *ready* also : for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Luke 12. 40.

The letter U stands for an animal with a very powerful horn. No one is quite sure whether it was a rhinoceros or not. The book of Job tells us that it was very wild and fierce and strong, not able to be tamed, so it was not of any use as a beast of burden. (See Job 39. 9-12.)

One of the verses of the 22nd Psalm, which speaks of the sufferings of the Lord Jesus, says, " Thou hast heard Me from the horns of the U . . . " Fierce and wild and strong, as were all the men that were against Him, Herod and Pilate and the chief priests led on by Satan, the Lord Jesus knew He could trust in God Who was greater than all. (Read Acts 4. 26-28.) While there upon the cross He bore the wrath of God and suffered in our stead. His sufferings are now over and God has highly exalted Him and seated Him at His own right hand in heaven a Prince and a Saviour. He is now a Saviour for all ; can you say He is your Saviour ?

**I, even I, am the LORD :  
and beside ME there is no  
SAVIOUR. Isa. 43. 11.**

**Milk Without Money.**

**W**HAT do you think the man in this picture is doing? I am sure that you cannot guess, so I will tell you. He is selling milk. This photograph was taken in Tsi-tsihar, in the far north of Manchuria.

Perhaps you have seen men selling milk in bottles or in a pail, but it is so cold up there, that they freeze the milk, and then just chop off as much as you want. The cake of milk in the man's hand was frozen in a clean white sheet of paper, but if you look carefully you may see that one of the other lumps of milk was frozen in a sheet of newspaper.

This man does not give milk away: he sells it. But there is One who offers to give milk without money. He calls, "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."

I was talking to a lady this morning, and she said to me, "The times are

so bad that I think we will have to stop buying so much milk for the children: we really cannot afford it." But she added, "The children do so enjoy it, and it is so good for them, that I hate to keep it from them." These children were thirsty, they had tasted the milk, and they knew how good it was, but

the trouble was that it cost so much money. Now here is an offer of the very best milk in the universe, "without money." This milk is just splendid for children. Perhaps your father and mother cannot buy milk for you, but you may have this milk for nothing.

Let me ask you, "Have you ever had a drink of God's milk?" I know a good many boys and girls who have never tasted it. Why not? It certainly is not that it costs so much

money, for God says plainly it is "without money." Then why have so many boys and girls never tasted God's milk?

I am afraid that the trouble is that many boys and girls are not thirsty. And yet, I am sure that if you are



honest, you will admit that sometimes deep down in your heart, you wish and long for something you have not got. You long to be a better boy perhaps. You long to know that your sins are all forgiven. You long to know that you are safe from hell, and sure of heaven. That is the way you are thirsty. Now if you have ever had longings like that, God is calling to you. And if you are poor and have no money, He is calling especially to you, for He says, "He that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat."

But perhaps you say, "I am thirsty, and I have no money, but I don't understand just what the milk is that you are talking about, and I don't know how I am to buy it without money." The Lord Jesus tells us "He that believeth on Me shall never thirst." And God speaks also about the "sincere milk of the Word." I think that the milk that God is offering to you, "without money and without price," is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, revealed in God's Holy Word. You know that in the first chapter of John the Lord Jesus is called "The Word."

I think that God is saying to you, "I am offering you My own dear Son, the Lord Jesus. He will be your Saviour, your Friend, the One Who will satisfy every longing of your heart. Will you have Him?" If you are one of the thirsty ones, without money, then just get down on your knees, and thank God for such an offer, and tell Him that you believe what He says, and gladly accept His offer.

## The Infidel and the Clock.

A LADY once possessed a clock of which she was very proud. Beside chiming the hours, it played a beautiful tune like the singing of a bird.

But something went wrong with her treasured clock and it would not go. She tried several watchmakers, but they were unsuccessful in mending it.

At last she took it to another man who was a christian. He mended the clock and returned it to the lady, but she was very disappointed to find that although it kept time and chimed the hours as before, it ceased to play a tune.

"Are you sure you cannot make it still play a tune?" she asked. The watchmaker assured her that he had done what he could, adding, "But if you like to leave the clock with me, I will pray about it, and if God shows me what to do, I will mend it for you."

The lady was an infidel, that is one who does not believe there is a God. She did not think that it would be any use for the watchmaker to pray about her clock, but she decided to leave it with him.

After she was gone, he knelt down and asked God to show him what was wrong with the clock. And God answered his prayer and showed him what to do, and he was able to make the clock play a tune as it had done before.

The lady was overjoyed when the watchmaker returned her clock to her, and she heard it play the tune once again. She exclaimed, "Now I know that there is a God, for none but He

could have told you what to do." This was not all. She wished to know more about the God who hears and answers prayer, and before long she learnt of His love in sending His only begotten Son to die for sinners. She trusted in the Lord Jesus, believing that He had died for her. Thus she knew her sins were forgiven, and she proved for herself that God answers prayer.

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## Our Saviour.

I WONDER, have you ever heard  
Of Jesus Christ, the Lord?  
Of all His acts of love and grace  
Recorded in God's Word?

How, when He lived upon this earth,  
The people heard Him say  
"Let little children come to Me,  
Nor bid them stay away."

He was so loving, kind, and true,  
So full of sympathy,  
He cleansed poor lepers white as snow,  
And made the blind to see.

He wanted little children all  
To have their sins forgiven,  
For one dark stain, however small,  
Would shut them out from Heaven.

And so, because He loved the world,  
He died upon the tree,  
That men and women, boys and girls,  
For ever might be free.

And though He's living far away,  
Above the bright blue sky,  
Yet still He loves, as in that day,  
Each little girl and boy.

He wants us just to heed His call,  
And thank Him for His love,  
And then some day He'll take us all  
Into His Home above.

## Young Believers' Column.

IN the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians where we get so much about charity or divine love, we find this little sentence in verse 5:—

**"Is not easily provoked."**

As I read it, it seems to be a special word to me, because we so easily *do* get provoked, and often are ready to excuse ourselves, blaming the one who provoked us. What need therefore for watchfulness and prayer that we might show under provocation, in our ways and actions, the spirit of Christ, remembering that He left us an example that we should follow His steps.

As a beautiful example of this verse I read of an earnest young christian, who was standing one day in the street, when a big fellow, rushing through the crowd, trod right on his foot, touching a very tender spot. Instead of the usual exclamation, showing his annoyance, he quietly said, "Well, thank the Lord, the day is coming when I won't have any more sore toes!"

The stranger looked up dumfounded, and then said, looking at him straight in the face, "Say, are you a christian?" "I am," he replied. The stranger said, "Come over here. I have been looking for some christians to talk to."

The result of that action and that talk was that another soul was won for Christ, and our friend had the joy of being the instrument in the Lord's hand for that blessed service.

May the Lord just speak to each of our hearts, and may we be enabled to put in practice these words:—

**"Is not easily provoked."**



**“It is Me that Jesus loves.”**

A little girl was coming down the stairs in her home one day. She was not quite five years old. As she came she was singing the chorus of a hymn that perhaps you know—

“Yes, Jesus loves me ;  
The Bible tells me so.”

Suddenly she stopped as the thought came into her mind, “Yes, it is **ME** that Jesus loves. I am the little girl **He** loves.” She had never thought it really meant her and it made her so happy. All the rest of that day her little voice might have been heard singing over and over the words—

“Jesus loves me this I *know*,  
For the Bible tells me so ;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.”

She knew too that Jesus had died on the cross to wash away her sins, for she sometimes sang these other words—

“And so He died and this is why  
He came to be a Man and die ;  
The Bible says He came from Heaven  
That we might have our sins forgiven.”

Perhaps you have often sung the words of these sweet hymns, but have they really come right from your little heart? Can you say, “It is **ME** that Jesus loves”?

# THE CHILDREN'S GOSPEL MAGAZINE.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

You will notice that our searching this month is about fruit. I think that is something which we all like and so it should be interesting to learn a little of what is spoken about it in the Bible.

Have you ever thought that the Lord is expecting fruit from us? When we have not trusted the Lord Jesus as our Saviour we cannot produce fruit for Him. We can produce only bad fruit and the Word says "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." It is only fit to be burnt. None of us would like to think that is all we are fit for, but it is, and we need the Lord Jesus to save us and make us His or we never can do the things which please Him.

Even little boys and girls can bring forth fruit for the Lord, just as much as those who are older. The Lord sees when we try to please Him and He notices every little thing that is done for Him and by His help; and He is pleased. He calls that "fruit" and He trains us so that we may produce more fruit.

The answer to the second question tells us some of the fruits which He is pleased to see in those who belong to Him.

I think we all would have liked to see the lovely fruit which the spies brought back with them, when they had searched the land of Canaan. You remember how the children of Israel murmured when they were in the wilderness; and they should have been glad to go into the good land which the Lord had promised would be theirs; but they would not go. How like some of you! They would not take the good things that God offered to them. We can see how foolish they were, yet how slow we are to see our own foolishness. I wonder how many there are amongst our searchers, who are turning away from the best gift that God offers us,—the Lord Jesus to be our Saviour. Some, too, who have accepted Him, instead of trying to know Him better, are turning back to those pleasures which the world offers, but which can never satisfy.

I pray that each one may have his eyes turned to the Lord Jesus to learn of Him, and then from our lives, there will be fruit to the glory of God.

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.*

### FRUIT.

1. What did God say to the man who said he had no room to bestow his fruits and his goods? Luke 12.
2. What is the fruit of the Spirit? Galatians 5.
3. What is done to a tree which does not bear good fruit? Matt. 7.
4. Write out the verse containing the words "Bringeth forth his fruit in his season." Psalm 1.
5. What did Habakkuk say he would do although the fig tree did not blossom? Habakkuk 3.
6. What did the children of Israel say they had plenty of in the land of Egypt? What did they have to eat in the wilderness? When the spies went to search the land of Canaan, what did they bring back with them? The answers will be found in Numbers. Write out verses for each answer and tell where they are found.
7. Tell in your own words the story of King Hezekiah's illness, and how he recovered. 2 Kings.

### Answers to Questions for September.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. John 15. 5.      | 6. (a) Matt. 21. 19-21. |
| 2. John 12. 13.     | (b) Mark 13. 28.        |
| 3. Luke 19. 4.      | (c) Luke 13. 6-9.       |
| 4. Psalm 96. 12-13. | 7. Genesis 7, 8, 9.     |
| 5. Genesis 3. 7.    |                         |

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**THE FAITHFUL DOG LED THE MEN QUICKLY TO THE SPOT.**

### A Brave Shepherd Boy.

JIMMIE was one of a very large family. His father was a shepherd, and while still a very little boy, Jimmie used to be sent off among the hills to tend the sheep. His parents were very poor and as soon as their boys became old enough—about nine years of age—they were hired out to other shepherds so as to earn a little. So it happened when Jimmie was only eight years old he used to be out alone on the hillside with the sheep, and often might be sent on dangerous errands.

His mother, though unable to read or write, was a God-fearing woman and did her best to bring her family up for the Lord. What a comfort it must have been to her to be able to commit little Jimmie to the Lord's care when he was out with the sheep! For the Lord Jesus loves to answer prayer, and He had His eye on Jimmie and loved him and preserved him from danger.

One night, when a dreadful blizzard of snow was raging, Jimmie was told to take his dog and go over the hills to seek a flock of sheep, while his father would search for them in another direction. Wrapped up by the loving hands of his mother, he set off in the blinding snow with his dog and his lantern. Having been wakened out of his sleep, he was very sleepy, but on and on he tramped till he came to a very big snowdrift, into which he walked. His sleepy eyes closed and there he lay, quite unable to shake off his sleepiness and get on his feet.

His dog saw something was wrong

with his young master, so he did a very wise thing. He bounded off home as fast as possible. Jimmie's mother sought help from the neighbouring shepherds, fearing he was lost in the snow.

The faithful dog led the men quickly to the spot where Jimmie lay. He was by this time almost buried in the snow. They quickly got him out and carried him home, where he was laid in front of a big fire. His mother did all she could for him but he still slept. For hours and hours he slept on till they almost gave up hope. Then at last he opened his eyes and showed signs of life and his mother was able to thank the Lord for preserving the life of her little boy.

Jimmie was a faithful little shepherd and did his best for the sheep, but he was not strong enough to save them. How different is it with the Lord Jesus Who is the good Shepherd. There is a verse which says, "All we like sheep have gone astray." Isa. 53. 6. Ah yes, we have all sinned and turned our backs on God, but the Lord Jesus came to save us. He Himself said, "I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." John 10. 11. Have you ever thanked Him for dying for you?

Jimmie risked his life, but the Lord Jesus willingly laid down His life for us. Oh what love! And He is able to save us for He said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." John 10.

27, 28. Would you like to be sure you have eternal life and will never perish? Then trust yourself to the good Shepherd; take Him as your Saviour and He will save you eternally.

*Me.*" John 21. 22. And if we come to Jesus and ask Him to teach us to follow Him wholly, we shall find the path that the V . . . . . 's eye cannot see and of which Isaiah speaks.

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life : in Thy presence is fulness of joy ; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psa. 16. 11.

"We know it leads to heaven  
With bright and open gates,  
Where for each little pilgrim  
A Saviour's welcome waits."

### Bible Animals and Birds.

WE are now at the end of our Alphabet of Bible animals and birds. We have learnt something from *Ants, Bulls, Conies, Doves, Eagles, Foxes, Greyhounds, Horses, Kids, Lambs, Moths, Night-hawks, Ostriches, Partridges, Quails, Ravens, Sheep, Turtledoves,* and *Unicorns*, and we have only two more letters to speak about. We do not find anything in the Bible for the letters X, Y and Z, so W will have to be the last.

If we turn to Isa. 11. 6-9, and picture to ourselves the scene we have described there—those animals which hurt and kill one another now, all living peacefully together—it reminds us that the Lord says, "Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is Mine." Job 41. 11. We read, "The W . . . also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

The letter V stands for a bird of prey with very keen sight. It can see its prey from a tremendous distance off; but Job tells us of "a path which no fowl knoweth" and even the V . . . . . 's keen eye hath not seen. (See Job 28. 7.) What kind of path can it be, and where does it lead to? Isaiah tells us a little more about it. He says, "It shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. . . . No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there." Isa. 35. 8, 9.

What a change from now! God looked down on His earth when He had made it, and everything was very good (Gen. 1. 31), but sin came in and spoilt everything. There was death and sorrow and pain everywhere, for all had sinned, so all must die. But the Lord Jesus came and bought it all back. He paid the full price for it, and put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. It all belongs to Him now, and when He reigns over it, as He will, all will be perfect.

The Lord Jesus told Peter about it in a very few words, when he asked Him what John should do after Jesus had left them. He said to Peter, "What is that to thee? Follow thou

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## A Narrow Escape.

A SHIP was lying in a river in Siam, East Indies, loading timber for Glasgow. The elephants brought the logs to the river, as you see in our picture, then they were floated to the ship in great rafts and so loaded into the ship.

It was one Saturday afternoon, and



elephants and men were resting. The sailors were seated on the fore part of the ship seeking any chance breeze to cool themselves, when one of them expressed a wish that he could swim, and others said that if they could swim, they would dive overboard.

They all knew it was forbidden because of the strong current and the water snakes and alligators in the river. After much talk it was found

that only one sailor and a boy could swim, and so these two became the butt of the others who dared them to dive overboard and swim.

At last the sailor, out of bravado, dived overboard and began to swim about. The other men then tormented the boy, declaring that he was a coward and afraid. The boy was a christian, but instead of looking

to the Lord for help, and thus resisting the temptation, he gave way. He sprang to the side of the ship and dived over. The moment he left the ship his conscience smote him; he knew he had done wrong. How terrified he was! He cried at once to God to save him from the awful death before him. And God heard and answered his call, for He has said, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee." Psalm 50. 15.

Just at that moment the Captain and officers saw them and shouted to them to come on board. They obeyed at once and the boy eagerly climbed on board, realising that God had thus answered his cry of distress and saved him from a fearful death.

They were severely reprimanded by the Captain for their disobedience and foolishness, and threatened with punishment if such a thing occurred again;

the Captain telling them that he was responsible for the crew. The sailors applauded them both but their words gave no pleasure to the boy. He went below and wept bitterly, feeling how he had failed. But the One Whom he had trusted had not failed, for He is the Same yesterday and to-day and for ever, and this surely He had proved in the wonderful deliverance He had given to the boy.

But there may be many of my readers who do not know the Lord as this boy did. If this is so, then you are in far greater danger than he was when he dived overboard. He was in danger of death, but if you are still unsaved you are in danger of being lost for ever! Do pause and think! And may the cry come from the depths of your heart, "Lord save me."

## Which shall it be ?

**I** EXPECT you know what it is to be asked to make a choice between two things—perhaps whether you would prefer a book or a game for a Christmas present, or the choice of two places to spend a day's holiday.

I want to tell you about two girls I knew who made a choice. They were both in the same Sunday School class, though not at the same time, and both their names began with the letter C.

Connie was a very nice girl, always quiet and well behaved and never absent from her class. The superintendent gave her a prize for good conduct and attendance. Afterwards she made a strange remark. She said, "I didn't deserve it at all. Father always made me go to school and I never listened to anything!"

The fact was, she had recently lost her much loved mother, and she was very bitter indeed about it. She thought God had been very cruel. She said to me, "God never answered any of my prayers, so I don't pray now." But there were others who were praying. You see, God doesn't always give people exactly what they ask for because He knows what is best for them. But He did send an answer. One day all was changed. Connie found out that the One she thought had been cruel to her, had been loving her all along with an "everlasting love," that He had died to save her from her sins, and she just yielded all to Him. Her home-life was changed too. She began to brighten her father's life. He said to me, "Connie can't do enough for me now!"

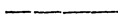
It was some years after that the other girl came into the class. We had been talking very seriously for some time about deciding for Christ. I said to her, "Chrissy, have you thought about being a christian?" "Yes," she said, "I have thought about it, and I don't want to be a christian!" It was a very decided answer. You see she wanted to have a "good time" in the world and she thought that being a christian would be sure to upset it all.

I never heard any more about poor little Christina after she left the class. I often wondered whether she changed her mind, or if she had as good a time in the world as she had imagined she was going to have.

I did hear of Connie long afterwards, and I know she was having a really

good time in her christian life. She found her happiness in living for others, because of all that the Lord Jesus had done for her.

Which girl do you think made the best choice? And you, dear young friend, what are *you* going to do about it? For this particular choice is one that everybody will have to make some day. Perhaps someone says, "Well, I'm not going to be as decided as Christina was, but I think I'll just leave the question for a little while longer." But the Bible doesn't say you may be saved in a little while's time, or next year. It says nothing about being saved next week, or even to-morrow. It says, "NOW is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6. 2. Suppose God does not give you even a little while to think about it—suppose He were to come to-night, as we know one day He is coming quite suddenly—WHAT THEN?



SHALL we gather at His coming,  
When the dead in Christ arise?  
Shall we hear the Saviour's summons  
To God's home beyond the skies?

Daily nearer draws His coming,  
This makes all His own rejoice;  
Who are they who fear to meet Him?  
Such as now love not His voice.

When the Saviour at His coming  
Shall His own in glory bring,  
Will *you* be among the number?  
Will *you* too His praises sing?

Ere the day of Jesus' coming,  
Seek His pardon free to know;  
Be your stains of sin as scarlet,  
He will wash you white as snow.

## Young Believers' Column.

IT was a beautiful evening in September. The sun had already set and the full moon appeared, shining with such beauty and clearness. But half an hour after I saw a strange sight. A shadow was coming over the moon, gradually hiding all its brilliance from view.

My readers will know that it was an eclipse of the moon, and that the shadow crossing her was the reflection of the earth because it had come in between the sun and the moon.

As I watched this interesting sight, it seemed to teach me a lesson. We who know the Lord are now down here during the night of this world to be shining as the moon. Once the Son of God was here and like the sun was the Light of the world. But this world cast Him out and crucified Him. Now we, who in ourselves have no light, are to reflect the light from Him Who is now at God's right hand.

As we go on in communion with Him and allow nothing to come between, something of the loveliness of the Lord Jesus will be shown out in our lives. And perhaps those around us will be able to say of us, as they did of Peter and John, that we have been with Jesus.

But if the world should come in between, there is an eclipse, and instead of a bright testimony for the Lord Jesus, there is a dark shadow over our lives. Oh! may we be watchful that we let nothing come in between our souls and the Lord Jesus, so that we may bear a definite witness for the Lord during the night of His absence.



### A Little Girl's Dream.

**A** GOOD many years ago a little girl of about seven years old had a strange dream. She thought she saw the sky getting very red, and presently in her dream she saw angels appear. She ran into the house to her mother and asked her if the Lord Jesus was coming back to take all those who were His children to be with Him in heaven. And it seemed to her that her mother, who was a christian, said in such a solemn voice, "Yes dear, the Lord has come, and I shall go to be with Him, but it is too late now for you to be saved."

Just then the little girl woke. She was very much afraid, for she knew she was not saved. But she thought there was yet time as the Lord had not come. So she got out of bed and knelt down and asked the Lord that He would save her and forgive her sins.

But even then she was not quite happy, so one day she told her kind auntie her trouble. And she told her that the Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16. 31.

Yes, all little children who believe on Him may know they are saved, for He also said,

**"HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT."**

John 6. 37.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Will you all try and send in your answers early this month? You know this is the last month of the year, so it is getting near prize time and I'm sure you all look forward to that.

Do any of you want to have a Bible or a Testament for a prize? If you have not let me know, will you please write it this time at the end of your answers.

Don't you think the heading of our questions this month is rather strange? You did not think such things were mentioned in the Bible; but they are, and quite often too.

Long long ago, God told Moses to make a beautiful perfume or incense to be used in His tabernacle. It was to be burnt on the golden altar and the scent rose up as a sweet savour to God. It spoke of the Lord Jesus, Who was so precious to God and Who always did only the things which pleased His Father.

God does not want us now to burn incense or to offer sacrifices to Him. These things only pointed forward to the Lord Jesus. We know that now He has come to this world, but it was to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him might be saved. Now when we come to God in the name of the Lord Jesus that is precious to Him and it is a sweet savour to God.

The stories of the women who brought the precious ointment to anoint the Lord Jesus, are very interesting. I hope the older searchers will read them carefully and learn all they can from them. In another Gospel we read that the Lord said, "Whosoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done, shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." It shows us how the Lord valued her love.

The Lord Jesus is not here now, but when anyone, from love to Him, is kind to those who belong to the Lord, it is very precious to Him. The Apostle Paul so spoke of a gift which the Philippians sent to him and he says it was "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God."

I trust each boy and girl will first give themselves to the Lord, for He died to save them, then they may offer Him these things which are pleasing to Him.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

## Questions for December.

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### SPICES AND PERFUMES.

1. What did the wise men bring as presents to the child Jesus? Matthew 2.
2. What did the Queen of Sheba give to King Solomon? 1 Kings 10.
3. When did they bring the spices which they had prepared? Luke 24.
4. What did Nicodemus bring for the body of the Lord Jesus? John 19.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "for a sweet smelling savour." Ephesians 5.
6. Tell the story of Korah in your own words. Numbers 16.
7. We read of two women who brought precious ointment to anoint the Lord Jesus. Tell about both of them and notice any differences in them. Luke and John.

### Answers to Questions for October.

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| 1. Isaiah 40. 8.                | 5. 1 Kings 4. 33. |
| 2. Luke 12. 27.                 | 6. Exodus 12. 22. |
| 3. Psalm 51. 7.                 | John 19. 29.      |
| 4. Matthew 6. 30.               |                   |
| 7. Matthew 13. 24-30 and 36-43. |                   |

The Lord told this parable to the great multitudes which stood on the shore. When the Lord Jesus had sent the multitudes away, His disciples asked Him the meaning of the parable, and He told them.

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**RETURNING FROM LEAVE.**

**Returning from Leave.**

**W**ALKING along the platform seeking a seat in a train which had just arrived at the station, an elderly man was stopped by a crowd of boys leaning out of several compartments, shouting "Come in here, sir. Come in here, sir. There's plenty of room." The man laughed as he saw the crowd in each compartment. "Who are you?" he asked. "We are old and new boys returning and joining the training ship 'Warspite.' Do come in," they cried, in voices full of fun. "Well, I will, not so much that you have invited me, but for a reason I will tell you when we are on the way."

The boys crowded together and made room for him, and sitting down he said, "My reason is this, that fifty years ago and more I was a member of the 'Warspite,' and served on her." "Oh sir," cried the boys, "tell us about it. It was the old 'Warspite' that was burnt, wasn't it?"

"Yes," he replied, and then he began to tell them of the old days and answer their many questions. "Now, boys," he said, "I want to speak seriously to you. Some of you are soon to go in the Navy and Merchant Service and some of you are just commencing your training. Are you prepared for the future? You

will meet with many hardships and be subject to many temptations. You can only avoid them by doing your duty and obeying your Captain's orders. Look above to the Captain, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who alone can help you.

'Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin,  
Each victory will help you some other to win.'

The Lord is always ready to help you and to hear your prayer."

The train arrived at its destination and all got out. The boys were lined up and saluted as the old man passed by, never perhaps to meet again here, but in the glory all who trust in Him will meet together to praise.

Are you who read this, safe in the gospel ship with the Lord Jesus as your Captain? He wants you, boys and girls. He says "Come unto Me." He has died to save us; He is living now to keep us. "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

There is no fear of wrecks with Him on board. Let us trust ourselves to Him and He will guide us safe to port. He wants to bless you for He loves you so. Just believe He died for you, for the Bible says, "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5. 8. All the storms will soon be over and then we shall be with Him for ever.

Whoso trusteth in the LORD happy is he. Prov. 16. 20.

### “Trust and Obey.”

**T**OM'S father was a gardener. When Tom was fourteen he left school and started to help his father in the garden. One evening as they were walking round having a look at everything after the day's work, Tom asked if it would not be a good thing to fork all the beds over and take away the weeds. “Yes,” said his father, “but remember not to disturb the bed at the back of the greenhouse.”

Next day his father was away at work, so Tom started weeding. He cleaned and tidied all the beds, and then came to the one at the back of the greenhouse. He stood up and admired his work, for it all looked so much better, and this one untidy bed seemed to spoil the look of the garden.

“Father can't have been thinking what he said last night,” thought Tom. “Doesn't he know that if they are left, these weeds will seed all over the rest of the garden? Besides I know it is good for earth to be forked up, and I am not going to leave this bit not done.” So he set to work and soon had it all neat.

In the evening his father came out to look at his boy's work. “It all looks very well indeed, Tom,” he said. But as they came up to the greenhouse he saw the bed he had told him not to disturb. “Whatever have you done here? Why did you touch that bed when I told you not to?” he asked.

Tom explained that he did not like the look of it all untidy, and thought it was better dug up, but his father

was very angry indeed. “That was where I sowed some very special seeds which take more than a year to come up, and now they will all be lost,” he said, as he turned away and walked indoors.

Tom was very sorry when he saw the results of his disobedience, for he was very fond of his father, but he could not undo the mischief. How much better it would have been to have obeyed his father even though he could not see why! He never forgot his lesson.

We wonder at a boy not trusting what his father said, and for so foolishly disobeying him, but we shall do far greater mischief if we disobey our heavenly Father Who has told us in His Word what He wants us to do.

He does not always tell us the reason we are to do certain things and not to do others, but He knows why. So even if we think it is very hard and we cannot understand why it is ourselves, it is best to obey Him in everything. He does not forget anybody, and He never makes mistakes, so He wants us to trust Him altogether and to do just what He tells us.

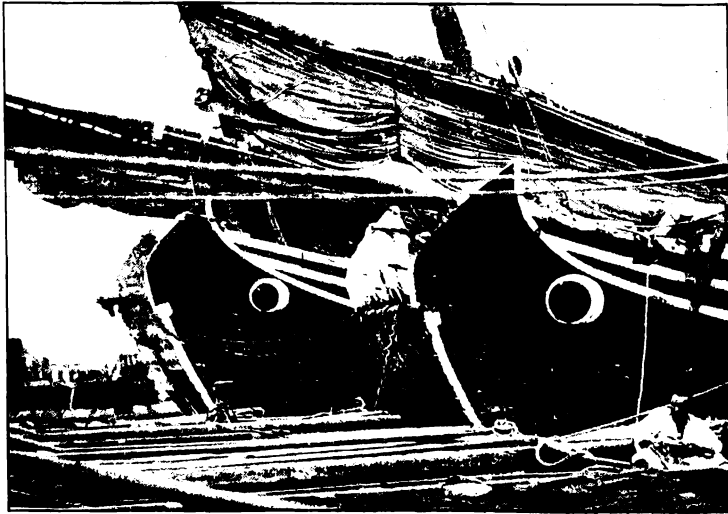
“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15. 22.

“His commandments are not grievous.” 1 John 5. 3.

“Trust and obey,  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey.”

## Boats with Eyes.

**D**ID you ever see a boat with eyes? If not, look at the picture and there you may see the great eyes on these Chinese junks. Many Chinese junks have eyes like these. I think I hear someone ask "What have they got eyes for?" If you asked a Chinese person that, he would look at you with pity and perhaps scorn, and reply, "If they have no eyes,



how can they see where they are going?"

That is true, if the boats have no eyes, they cannot see where they are going, but unfortunately although these boats have eyes, they cannot see. Maybe there are rocks just ahead, and in a moment the boats will be dashed on them and lost, but alas! they cannot see the danger and they do not try to escape.

These boats remind me of many

boys and girls (and older people too) of whom God tells us they "have eyes, but they see not." There are rocks ahead! There is judgment and storm and sorrow and at the end the lake of fire. But alas! alas! many people cannot see these things, although they are just ahead of them.

They are like Noah's neighbours in the days of the flood. He had preached to them so many years, and they had seen the ark being built, they had watched the keel being laid, the ribs set up, and the covering put on, and then all covered with pitch. They had seen the supplies put on board, the animals go in, and finally Noah himself enter. Many times had Noah warned them, and Noah's great-grandfather had been a prophet and had also warned them of judgment that was coming, and yet, would you believe it, they were eating, drinking

and marrying, until the day Noah entered into the ark? This is one of the most extraordinary things I have ever heard. In spite of the ark being built before their eyes, in spite of Noah's constant preaching, "*they knew not*" until the flood came and took them all away. Certainly they had eyes but saw not, and ears but heard not.

But there is a still more extraordinary thing. Notwithstanding the

The Best Gift.

warning of coming judgment on every hand, that even boys and girls may see and hear and understand, yet there are I suppose, millions who "know not" and who will not know until it has taken them away and they are lost for ever.

But there is another use for eyes as well as to see judgment ahead. The Lord says, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Isa. 45. 22. The Lord Jesus Himself told us that "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3. 14, 15. The Lord Jesus has been lifted up on the cross, and one look at Him will give you eternal life. God has given you eyes, LOOK AND LIVE.

Dear young folks, rocks are ahead! Judgment is coming! The lake of fire is near! Look! Beware! Escape for your life! To-morrow may be too late! Flee, *now*, from the wrath to come! Look to Jesus! See Him dying on the cross for you! Look and live! Do not be like the boats in China that "have eyes but they see not."

"There is life in a look at the Crucified One;  
There is life at this moment for thee;  
Then look, sinner, look unto Him and be saved—  
Unto Him Who was nailed to the tree.  
Then doubt not thy welcome, since God hath  
declared  
There remaineth no more to be done;  
Christ once in the end of the world hath  
appeared,  
And completed the work He begun.  
Oh! take with rejoicing, from Jesus at once  
The life everlasting He gives;  
And know with assurance thou never canst die,  
Since Jesus thy righteousness lives."

JUST before Christmas a friend asked me to write a few lines as a message to her Bible Class. I said at once, "It must be about *gifts* for that is the order of the day." It is delightful to see, that notwithstanding our forgetfulness of God's great gift, He does keep it before the minds of men, women and children all over the world.

Now listen! When you opened your gift parcel in the morning, there was a stirring of surprise and pleasure, and you said, "Oh! What a nice gift! How good of him to think of me and send it!" I want to ask you this question—a serious one. Has there ever been a stir in your soul when reading John 3. 16? Did you say, "Oh" to it?

*"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

This is the GIFT of all others. Do accept it, dear young friends here and now. Do not put it away as not worth having, but take it while you are young, before the world gets hold of your love and interest. A bit of a hymn runs like this:—

"A flower when offered in the bud  
Is no vain sacrifice."

There will be joy in heaven to-day if you hear the Word and believe in your heart. The good Shepherd will say, "Rejoice with Me." The thief on the cross was the first to give Him this joy, and you may be one more to-day. He will enfold you and say, "Mine; the fruit of My death."

Young Believers' Column.

When quite a child, I took this precious gift of eternal life and ever since I have had peace with God, and a constant finding more and more treasure which the gift brings with it.

Satan will whisper, "Time enough," but the risk is too great, too dreadful to think about if you refuse. *Now is God's time!* A young friend of mine was busy in his office in Germany when war broke out. A train was ready to bring English people home, but he lingered to put away papers and leave things tidy, and so he lost that last chance of escape. *Only five minutes late*, but it made him a prisoner for five years, ill-fed and lonely!

Yes! There'll be a last train to heaven, and you may miss it! Do you wonder we beseech you? Be in earnest! Time is short. May the Spirit of God stir your soul to say, "How simple it is! *I must have it!*"

GOD'S  
GREAT  
INDISPENSABLE  
FREE  
TO-DAY'S

"The gift of God is eternal life." Rom. 6. 23.

Have you taken it yet?

IT was not in a Sunday School as we might suppose, but in a shop, that a boy was surprised by a lady asking him if he knew the text, "Thou art the guide of my youth." Hearing this I turned to my Bible and read the verse in Jer. 3. 4, "My Father, Thou art the guide of my youth."

Once more we are at the opening of a new year, and can truly sing:—

"What know I of the coming year  
Or what 'twill bring to me,  
Whether its close will find me here  
Or in eternity?"

We who know the Lord, may well cry in the words of Jeremiah, "Thou art the guide of my youth." Sometimes travellers who want to go through a dense forest have been lost because they have no guide, but if they want to be safe they have a guide who knows the way. They will listen to and obey their guide, and if wise will follow closely all the way because it is an unknown way.

The Lord Jesus said, "Follow Me." This is our only safety for the unknown days of the coming year. If we will but keep close to the Lord Jesus, learning His will from His Word, getting that instruction which it gives for our pathway down here, we shall know the joy of that word in Isa. 58. 11, "The Lord shall guide thee continually."

"Guide us, oh! Thou gracious Saviour,  
Pilgrims through this barren land;  
We are weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold us with Thy powerful hand."

He has said, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye." Psalm 32. 8.



## Are You Good?

**T**HIS tells about Jesus," said a dear little girl who had just received a gospel magazine. She was lying in a cot in the children's ward in the hospital, and she was pleased to have the little book to read.

"Do you know about Jesus?" I asked her. "Jesus loves you." "Jesus loves us when we're good," she said.

I was glad to be able to tell the dear child that Jesus loved her, not just when she was good, but when she was bad. The Bible tells us, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1. 15.

This does not mean good people, but bad, and when God shines into our hearts, He shows us that we are bad, and that we need someone to save us. So the Lord Jesus came down to this sad world to suffer and to die, so that He could save bad people. You all know the verse which says:—

"Jesus loves us when we're bad,  
And He longs to make us glad."

Will you let Him make you happy, by having your sins washed away in His precious blood?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

When you read this letter we shall have begun another year, and I must first give you my loving greetings. I trust, if the Lord leave us here a little longer, that it may be a happy year for every one of you.

Some of you have answered the questions for several years now, and so we are old friends and seem to know each other quite well. You know also, by this time, how the answers should be written, but I hope that there are *some more boys and girls* who would also like to send in answers. For their sakes I must tell you again what you are to do.

Please do not forget to write **your name, address and age** first of all. Some searchers forget to do that and then they lose their marks for it is impossible to tell who sent in the answers. Prizes are given (D.V.) at the end of the year to those who answer well and regularly.

In the past some of the searchers have had their corrected answers returned, but in future **this cannot be continued**, so please do not enclose a stamped envelope for this. Although the answers will not be sent back there is no reason why you should not write to me and I to you. I am always pleased to hear from you and if any of you have a difficulty with the questions or any other verse I shall be glad if I can help you.

This year, instead of having subjects as we have done in the past, it is proposed, if the Lord will, to have questions from the Gospels. Don't you think it would be nice if we all read through the whole of the chapters that our questions for the month are taken from? We need read only a few verses at a time, and if we ask the Lord to bless them to our souls, I'm sure He will.

The older searchers will have to look back to the Old Testament to find out about Rahab and Ruth. The stories of these two women are well known and you will find it interesting and profitable to learn a little more about them. The question is not really difficult, but requires a little diligence to find the correct answers.

My earnest desire is that each one of you may know for yourselves, the Lord Jesus, of Whom all the Scriptures speak.

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 to the first five will be found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 1 to 4.

1. Why was the name "Jesus" given to the Lord? Chap. 1.
2. What had the prophet written about Bethlehem? Chap. 2.
3. What did the voice from heaven say? Chap. 3.
4. How did the Lord answer Satan when he wanted Him to make stones into bread? Chap. 4.
5. What did Jesus go about Galilee doing? Chap. 4.
6. (a) Why is it strange that the names of Rahab and Ruth should be mentioned in the genealogy of the Lord?  
(b) To what countries did they belong?  
(c) What relation was Ruth to King David?  
(d) In what way was Ruth related to Rachab (or Rahab)?
7. Tell in your own words why, you think, King Herod was so troubled about this little Baby having been born and how he tried to get rid of Him.

Answers to Questions for November.

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| 1. Luke 12. 20.        | 6. (a) Numbers 11. 5. |
| 2. Galatians 5. 22-23. | (b) Numbers 11. 7     |
| 3. Matt. 7. 19.        | and 31.               |
| 4. Psalm 1. 3.         | (c) Numbers 13. 23.   |
| 5. Habakkuk 3. 17, 18. | 7. 2 Kings 20.        |

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**THE EMPEROR OF ABYSSINIA.**

## The Emperor's Coins.

**W**HEN the Emperor of Ethiopia was crowned there were festivities in Adis Ababa, the capital of Abyssinia, or Ethiopia, for several days. Each day there were grand ceremonies and feastings, when the different people from foreign countries were presented to the new Emperor.

When any ceremony was over the Emperor stayed on his throne for a short while so that any European children might come up and see him, and he gave them each a gold coin with a picture of himself on it. He is very fond of children and they were not afraid to go right up to him for they knew he would not mind, although grown-up people could only go when they were sent for! So as soon as a ceremony was over, all the white children tumbled over one another, as fast as they could to get to the throne, in case there should not be enough gold coins left for them.

How wonderful to be able to go and speak to an Emperor and receive gifts from him! But only a few children in the world had this privilege, for only a few were there at the time. There is a far more wonderful gift for every boy and girl who comes to the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and there is still time to get it. His Word says, "The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold." (Job 28. 19.) "All the things thou canst desire are not to be compared" to this gift. "*The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" (Rom. 6. 23.)

What does that mean? Jesus tells us, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent." (John 17. 3.)

If you know Him now as your Saviour and Lord and Friend, then you will live with Him in His Home for ever, where "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

"I have a heritage of joy  
Which yet I must not see;  
The hand that bled to make it mine  
Is keeping it for me."

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## Lost in the Woods.

**T**HE following touching incident happened about six months ago in Northern Ontario, amidst one of the vast stretches of that thickly wooded and rocky country.

Eva Hall, a girl of thirteen, started out one Monday morning with two friends to pick blue berries which abound in that district. About three o'clock in the afternoon she went to get a drink from the lunch basket. She quenched her thirst and started picking more berries. In her wanderings she got separated from her friends, and when she tried to get back to the spot where the lunch basket was, she could not find her way. She was lost.

The hunt for the lost girl commenced that very night, but no trace of her could be found. The aid of everyone possible in the district was secured. But the second day passed

and the third without any news, until it became the opinion of nearly everyone that she had perished in the dense woods.

A huge party of searchers numbering eight hundred, had combed every nook and cranny in their endeavour to find the poor girl. Even an aeroplane was used in the search. Indians, familiar with every foot of the ground, lent their assistance, but all these efforts were fruitless.

At last, on the following Friday morning at nine o'clock, the poor child stumbled out of the woods weak with fatigue and starvation, but calm and peaceful.

When found, her dress was torn to shreds, and her bare legs were bleeding from the lacerations received from the thorny bushes. As she lay in her bed quietly resting after her terrible experience, those who gathered round her bedside, to hear her remarkable story, asked, "Were you not frightened?" "No," she answered quietly, "I prayed to the Lord to take care of me and return me home safely, and I knew He would. I thought it might

take Him some time, but I felt sure He would hear my prayers as He always does those who believe in Him."

Eva had attended a Gospel Hall where she had heard the story of the Saviour's love. In her spare time she used to read her Testament, and thus learned more of the One she had trusted. In her trouble she knew where to turn, and she proved how true it is, "He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about." Psa. 32. 10.

This story shows us how God answers prayer in His own time and way, and how futile man's efforts are, apart from God's help.

May this girl's simple testimony encourage those who know the Lord as their own Saviour, to confess His Name, and to be ready always to give an answer to those who ask a reason of the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear. (1 Peter 3. 15.)

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee." Isa. 26. 3.

Call upon Me in the day of trouble :  
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt  
glorify Me. Psa. 50. 15.

## Not Wanted.

I WONDER if any of you can guess what the thing that looks like a drawer in a wall, shown in this picture, is used for? I expect that you can guess by the writing that

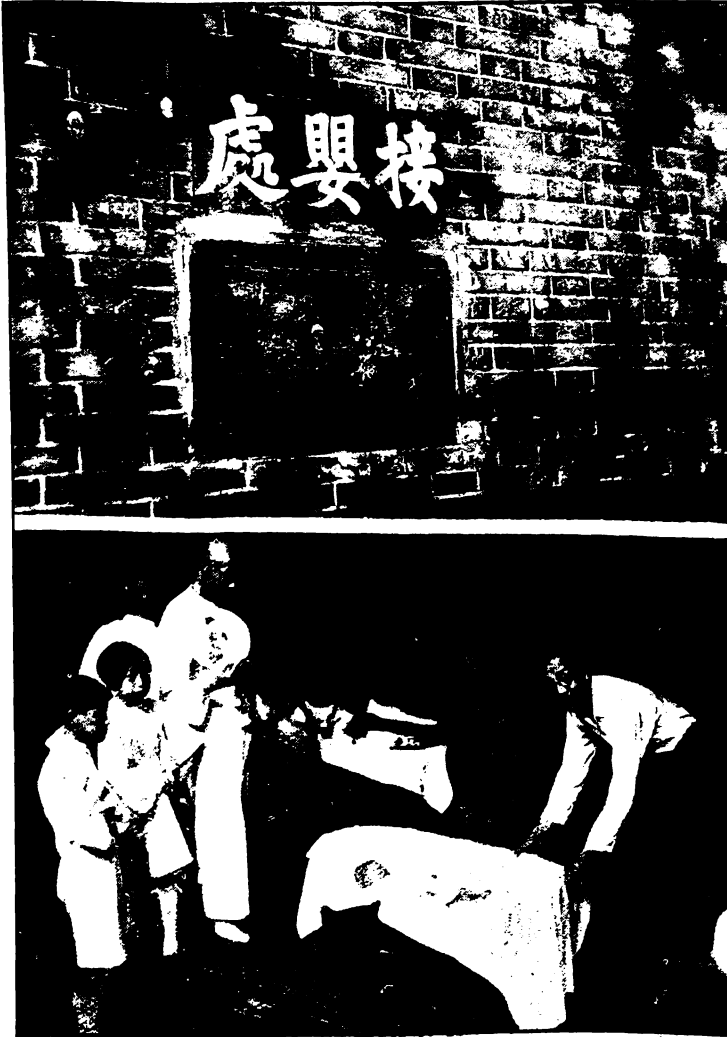
this picture was not taken in England, but in China.

The three Chinese words over the top of the drawer mean, "RECEIVE BABY PLACE." Now can you guess what this place is used for? When any father or mother or other person

has a baby that they do not want, they may take it to this drawer in the wall, pull out the drawer, put in the baby, and go away and leave it. The other picture shows you the inside of the house, where the wee babies are cared for.

Sad to say, out in China, there are many, many thousands of darling little babies that are NOT WANTED. I suppose nobody, but God alone, knows how many of these dear children are destroyed every year. It makes our hearts sad to think of it, but how much more sad must it make the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ, to think that these little lambs for whom He died, are NOT WANTED.

Out in China one can buy a baby very,



very cheap. A boy baby costs more than a girl baby, and the older they get, the more expensive they are. I have a friend out there who was a very bad boy. He was introduced to me as the worst thief in one of the big cities of China. We were great friends, and one day I was asking him about the price of boy babies. He knew all about it, and told me that for a boy of a certain age I would need to pay \$65.00. Then I said to him, "Do you know that the Lord Jesus has paid a big price to buy you?" But my friend only shook his head. I said to him, "Do you think you are worth \$65.00 to the Lord Jesus?" He only shook his head again. "Do you think you are worth \$25.00 to the Lord Jesus?" Again he only shook his head, but this time it was hanging down very low. "Do you think you are worth \$1.00 to the Lord Jesus?" Still he only shook his head. "Do you think you are worth ten cents to the Lord Jesus?" This time as he shook his head, very slowly, I could see the tears running down his cheeks.

Poor boy, he knew what a bad boy he was. He knew there was hardly one person in that great city would have anything to do with him. He knew how high and holy and pure the Lord Jesus is. He knew how utterly unworthy he was of ever belonging to the Lord, and he could not think that the Lord Jesus would even pay ten cents for him. How glad I was to tell him that the Lord did not feel that way. The Lord wanted that boy. The Lord Jesus wanted him so badly that He not only would have paid

\$65.00 to get him, but He would have paid millions of dollars to get that bad boy—but millions of dollars would not buy him. There was only one price to pay for that boy, and that was higher than millions of dollars. That was the price of the life of the Lord Jesus Himself. Would the Lord pay such a price as that for a poor, wicked, lying, thieving boy out in China? Yes, the Lord WANTED that boy. And the Lord paid the price, and He bought him: and now that boy belongs to the Lord.

Now, I do not suppose that you are nearly so bad as that boy. But do you think the Lord wants you? Perhaps you think, "I am so much better than that boy, that the Lord wants me even more than He wanted him." Well, if you think that, you are wrong, for God says, "There is no difference." Your heart is just like the heart of that poor, bad boy. And the Lord wants you just as much as He wanted him. He wants you, and He has paid the same price to buy you. You know all about it. You could tell me lots of verses about being saved. But do you really and truly believe the Lord WANTS YOU? He loves you. Do you believe it? I knew a little lad of five, called Roy, and when someone asked him what the hymn "Jesus loves me" meant, he thought for quite a while, and then he said, "Means, Jesus likes Roy." Do you believe Jesus *likes* you? Think of your tempers, your lies, your naughty things, do you think Jesus **LIKES YOU**? Yes, He does. He likes you, He loves you, **HE WANTS YOU**. Do you want

Him? If you really want Him, will you not just get down on your knees and tell Him that you believe His Word, you believe that He loves you, He wants you, and has paid the price of His own Life to buy you, and that you are very, very thankful to belong to Him?

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COME.

Hark to the voice of Jesus--

“Come unto Me and rest,  
Ye that are heavy laden,  
Come and be truly blest”

“I bore your burden for you,  
I suffered in your stead,  
That you might know forgiveness  
On Calvary's cross I bled.”

What is your answer to Him?  
Do you now love His Word?  
Can you, with heart rejoicing,  
Say, “Yes He is my Lord.”

Is He, the risen Saviour,  
All that He died to be?  
Sinbearer, Saviour, Sovereign,  
Is He all this to thee?

For soon He'll cease His pleading,  
Rise to and shut the door,  
Then will this day of mercy  
Hold out for you no more.

Come then, the time is fleeting,  
Come unto Him and rest,  
Come with thy sin confessing,  
Come and be truly blest.

**Young Believers' Column.**

SOMETIMES those who are young in the faith feel that there is very little they can do for the Lord Jesus. They are often inclined to think that because they cannot do great things, there is nothing they can do at all.

Some years ago, a christian man was on a voyage to India. He was a poor sailor, and feeling unwell, he retired early to his cabin. Suddenly there was a cry, “Man overboard,” and a great tramping of feet was heard overhead.

Fearing lest he might hinder the rescuers he decided to stay in his cabin. Wondering what he could do to help, he unhooked his lamp and held it up to the bull's-eye window so that its light might shine on the water.

Shortly after a joyful cry rang out, “It's all right; he's safe,” and he put his lamp back into its place. Next morning he was told that his little lamp had been the means of saving that man's life, as its timely light had enabled a rope to be thrown so as to reach him.

Perhaps there is not much that you can do, but you can let your light shine for the Lord Jesus. You can show by your ways and words that you know Him, and it may be your light will be used as a blessing to some other soul.

“Jesus bids us shine  
With a clear, pure light,  
Like a little candle  
Burning in the night.  
In this world of darkness  
So we must shine,  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.”



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



### Two Strange Little Girls.

“**C**AN you tell me what sin is ?” asked a teacher one Sunday afternoon to her class of infants.

“ Being naughty,” said a little boy. “ Yes,” answered the teacher, “ all the naughty things we do and say are sins in God’s sight.”

Then, turning to two little girls sitting side by side and who had not been coming to the class very long, she said, “ You know what it is to be naughty, don’t you ? ” Both the little girls shook their heads, so the teacher thought they did not understand what she meant.

“ Do you always do what Mummie tells you to do ? ” she said. “ Yes,” said the little girls. “ And do you never get cross ? ” she asked. Again they both shook their heads. The teacher questioned them every way she could think of, but always received the same answer that they had never been naughty.

Now I think that those little girls knew quite well that they had done wrong things, but they wanted their teacher to think they were very good. She knew that they were sinners, for as another little boy in the class said, “ The Bible says ‘ All have sinned,’ so we have all been naughty.”

The teacher told the children that all their hearts were stained with sin, but the Lord Jesus had shed His precious blood to wash them clean and white.

Have you trusted the Lord Jesus, and are your sins washed away in His precious blood ?

“ What can wash away my stain ?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again ?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus ;  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Last month I proposed to you that we should each read during the month, the chapters that the questions are taken from. I wonder how many of you really did that!

The first few chapters tell us about the Lord Jesus when He was born into this world, and how some people did not want Him. Even now, there are many who do not want the Lord Jesus, they have no desire to hear about Him, but oh! they do not know His love. When we learn how much He loves us, then we want to know more about Him.

In the fifth chapter, which we have to search in now, we read some things which the Lord Jesus taught His disciples and He begins a great many of them with the word "Blessed" or Happy. I'm sure that is what we all want to be, and it reminds me of that lovely verse in Psalm 32, which says "Blessed (happy) is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Ah! when we know that all our sins are washed away, then we are happy, for we know they can never come up against us again.

I am glad to see the names of many new boys and girls amongst our searchers for last month, and they are all very welcome. I trust they will enjoy looking out the answers, and through them learn to know the Lord Jesus and His Word. We can never begin to learn too young, or be too diligent in searching out what God says to us, for we need His Word to light our way through this dark world.

Those who have answered the questions before, are not less welcome than the new ones and it is a joy to get their answers again. I am always very sorry when those I know drop off.

Next month, if the Lord will, I hope to tell you something about the prize-winners for last year, and by that time, I trust all the prizes will have been sent off.

It takes a long time to go over so many names and find suitable prizes for each. I hope you all will like the prizes you receive and that they will be an encouragement for you to try to do even better this year.

Those who do not receive any this year must try to answer more regularly and then they, too, shall have a prize (D.V.).

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 the Gospel of Matthew.**

1. What does the Lord say we should do to our enemies? Chap. 5.
2. Where should we pray? Chap. 6.
3. Where should we lay up treasure? Chap. 6.
4. Write out a verse which tells us to ask, seek and knock. Chap. 7.
5. What did the Lord answer the scribe who said he would follow Him? Chap. 8.
6. Write out the verses which tell us of the two ways. Point out all the differences you notice in them.
7. In the Gospel of Matthew, the Lord Jesus tells two different persons that they have great faith and four times He says, "O ye (or thou) of little faith!" Write out the verses and say to whom the words were addressed in each case. Tell the story of one of those who had great faith.

## Answers to Questions for December.

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| 1. Matt. 2. 11.    | 5. Ephes. 5. 2.   |
| 2. 1 Kings 10. 10. | 6. Numbers 16.    |
| 3. Luke 24. 1.     | 7. Luke 7. 36-50. |
| 4. John 19. 39.    | John 12. 1-8.     |

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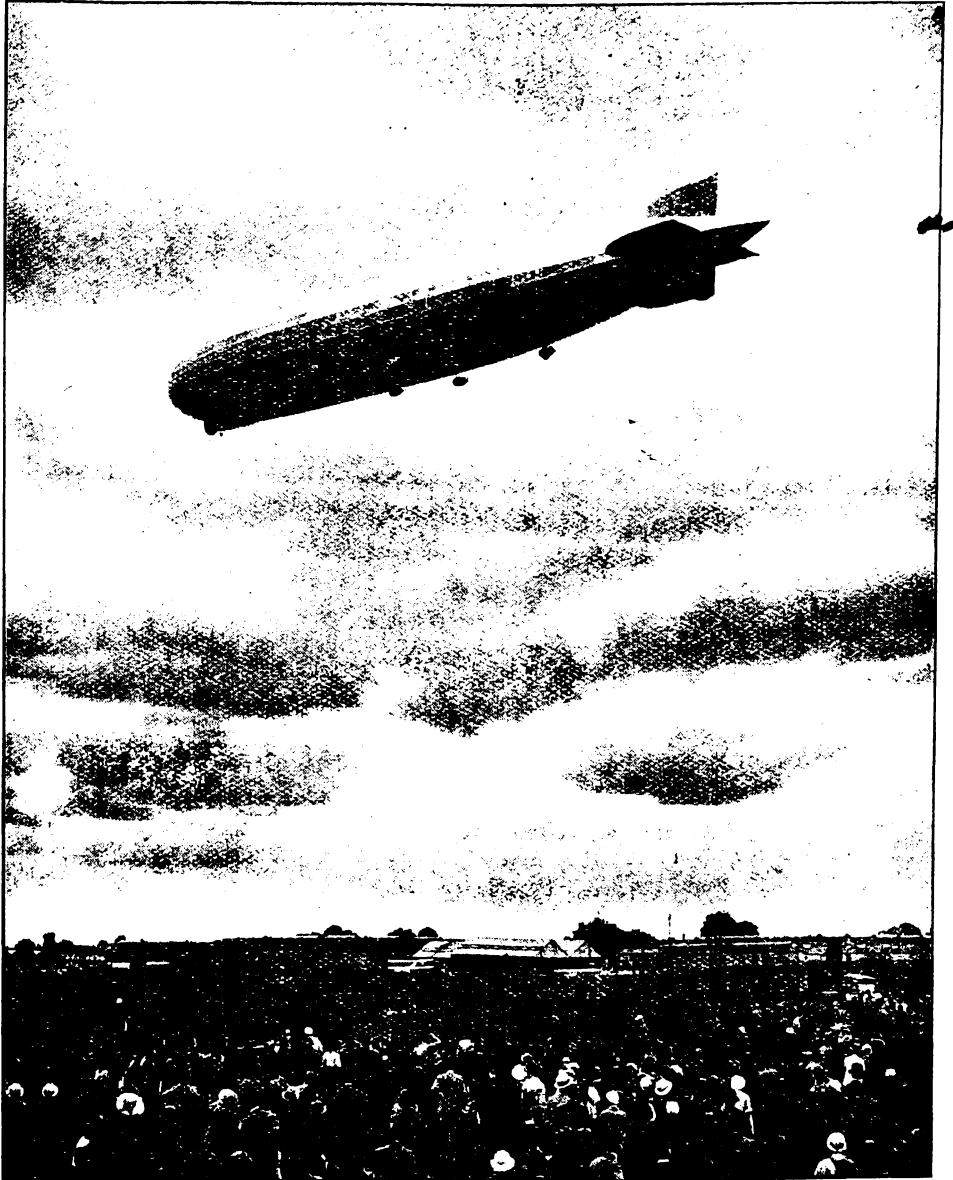
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**THE GRAF ZEPPELIN.**

## A Safe Place.

I WONDER how many of our readers saw the Zeppelin in our picture fly over England last year. Great was the enthusiasm of the onlookers as it passed over the varied towns, and how different were their feelings to those experienced during the Great War.

I daresay your parents and older friends have told you stories about those days and the air raids. People were suddenly stopped in the streets, with a hurried injunction to "take cover" and then the long drawn voice of the siren was heard, which meant that the enemies' "Zepps" were on the way and everybody would make a rush for a safe place.

On one of these occasions a little child was called in from the street where she was playing, to take shelter. Her father kept a corner shop. There was nothing built over the shop and beneath it was a cellar. They had been told that the cellar was the safest place, and down there the whole family went. But alas! it was far from being the safest place. A bomb went through the shop and into the cellar. The child was killed, the mother was killed and I believe someone else, only the poor father was left!

Such a pitiful story! Could there be a sadder? Yes, even sadder than that, for oh, there are so many people to-day who think that they are quite safe for heaven because they go to church and "say prayers" and give away quite a lot of money. Satan has made them believe that everything

is quite all right with their souls. But one day, perhaps when they come to die and it is too late, they find out that they have been trusting in a lie, for there is ONLY ONE safe place.

When the destroying angel was in Egypt to slay the firstborn, the Israelites were told that the only safe place was INSIDE the door of their house that had been sprinkled with the blood. (Exodus 12.) The lamb whose blood was sprinkled on the door was a type of the Lord Jesus Whose blood was shed to take away our sins, so that we might go to heaven, and the only thing we can do is to believe in Him. Are you trusting and hiding in that safe shelter? Can you say, "Thou art my hiding place"? (Psalm 32. 7.)

I want to tell you one other little story. In a house not very far from the place where the dreadful tragedy happened, lived a lady and gentleman, and an old lady who lived in the top flat. The old lady had just been praying that they might be kept safely (they were all christians in that house) when a bomb came right through the wall of the bathroom and into a passage below.

But her prayer was answered and God was looking after His own, for they were all kept in perfect safety. What a glorious thing to have a loving Father to trust in!

God will take care of you; all through the day  
Jesus is near you to keep you from ill;  
Waking or resting, at work or at play,  
Jesus is with you, and watching you still.

He will take care of you; yes, to the end;  
Nothing can alter His love for His own;  
Children, be glad that you have such a Friend;  
He will not leave you one moment alone.

## Keeping the Ten Commandments.

I WANT you to think of a Sunday School of about a hundred and fifty boys and girls. There were no poor children there, and all spoke of comfortable homes where plenty reigned.

A prize had been offered for some months to any in the school who could repeat the Ten Commandments, but there had not been any great effort put forth to win it, perhaps because the children felt that already they had all they needed. And yet it was strange that there was not more eagerness to be able to repeat the Ten Commandments, for if you had asked any of them the way to heaven, they would most likely have replied, "Keep the law," but if you had asked what that meant, well, you must listen to my story and you will hear what they knew about it.

Week after week, one or another of the Lord's servants told these children they were sinners, that they needed a Saviour, and that the law could only condemn and punish them. The children still believed that the law was the only way to heaven.

One Sunday afternoon the gentleman who was to speak to them decided that he would try a different method. So he arrived at the Sunday School with the four most handsome books he had been able to purchase in the city. He laid them in a row on the table, and then said, "I believe that most of the children in this Sunday School expect to reach heaven by keeping the law." The children replied, "Yes, sir." He proceeded, "I

have tried it myself and I know that it is very hard work. It seems to me that any boy or girl who honestly keeps the law should have a prize down here on this earth, without waiting to reach heaven."

The children all looked greatly interested, while he continued, "So I have brought four prizes; one for the big boys, one for the big girls, one for the small boys and one for the small girls. Any boy or girl who can honestly say he or she has kept the Ten Commandments shall have one of these prizes."

Then the gentleman pointed out that as one sin shut Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, so one sin would keep any boy or girl out of heaven. To break one commandment once, was enough to ruin the hope of heaven for ever, and so of course nobody who had ever broken one of the commandments once, could receive the prize. He then said, "Now, before I give you these prizes, I want you to tell me what the Ten Commandments are. You have been learning them for several months, and if you are to get to heaven by keeping them, you ought to know what they are."

There was a great time then. One boy said, "Thou shalt not boast," and between them all they could only find about five commandments instead of ten. The gentleman had to help them out, so when they clearly understood what they had to do, he said, "Now I will give the prize for the big boys. Do not hurry, but think over what we have said, and any boy who can honestly say he has never once broken

one of the Ten Commandments, please stand up."

There was dead silence for maybe two minutes, and then a boy of about fourteen stood up. "Have you always kept the Ten Commandments?" "Yes sir." "Then the book is yours. Come up and get it." The boy came and got the book, but all over that Sunday School there was a whispering and a murmuring, and the teacher heard a small boy in the front seat say to the boy next to him, "And he stole my Sunday School ticket last week." Then all over the school could be heard something bad he had been doing lately. "It's not fair, sir. It's not fair. He has *not* kept the law." That was the murmur everywhere.

There were three more books on the table, but nobody ventured to put in a claim for them. After the class was over one child came up almost in tears, saying, "What am I to do? I always thought I had to keep the law in order to get to heaven, but I know very well I have broken it often. What can I do?" There was good news for this child, as she was told, "No, you can never, never get to heaven by keeping the law. You have many sins, but the Lord Jesus bore your sins on the cross. He was punished for them all, and now look to Him, trust Him. He has finished all the work for you. There is nothing left for you to do."

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

"I want to be a Life Guard."

**B**ECAUSE he loves children, because he is sorry when they are sick, and because there is a hospital in London which specially belongs to him, the Prince of Wales left his palace some months ago to visit the boys and girls in his hospital. He did not go in his beautiful robes; he went dressed just like anyone else.

In one of the beds there was a little boy who badly wanted to be a soldier when he grew up. In the morning of the Prince's visit, he had to have some stitches taken out, and he cried a good deal, for he was not very old. So the nurse said to him, "Soldiers don't cry. Perhaps if you are good and don't cry, the Prince will make you one of his Life Guards." The little fellow stopped crying and went through his troubles bravely, for he did want to be a soldier.

As the Prince went through the wards in the afternoon, he spoke to the little boy, for he was told what had happened in the morning. And the little boy told him how much he wanted to be a Life Guard now.

A few days afterwards a parcel came to the hospital addressed to him, from the Prince of Wales. It was a large box, and inside was a complete uniform of the Life Guards just his size, so that he could wear it straight away, even in bed! Just think how glad and proud he felt when he could sit up in bed with it on! He wanted more than ever to be a Life Guard.

Because He loved people, because He was so sorry for all the sorrow and pain sin had given them, because this earth belongs to Him—He made it—

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and because we have so dishonoured God, the King of glory left His Home and came to visit this earth. He did not come in all His glory and majesty. "He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." (Phil. 2. 7.)

He healed the sick ones, comforted the sad ones, raised the dead, took the children in His arms and did good to all. But no one understood Him, and He went on and faced the cross of Calvary alone, for God's glory and our sakes.

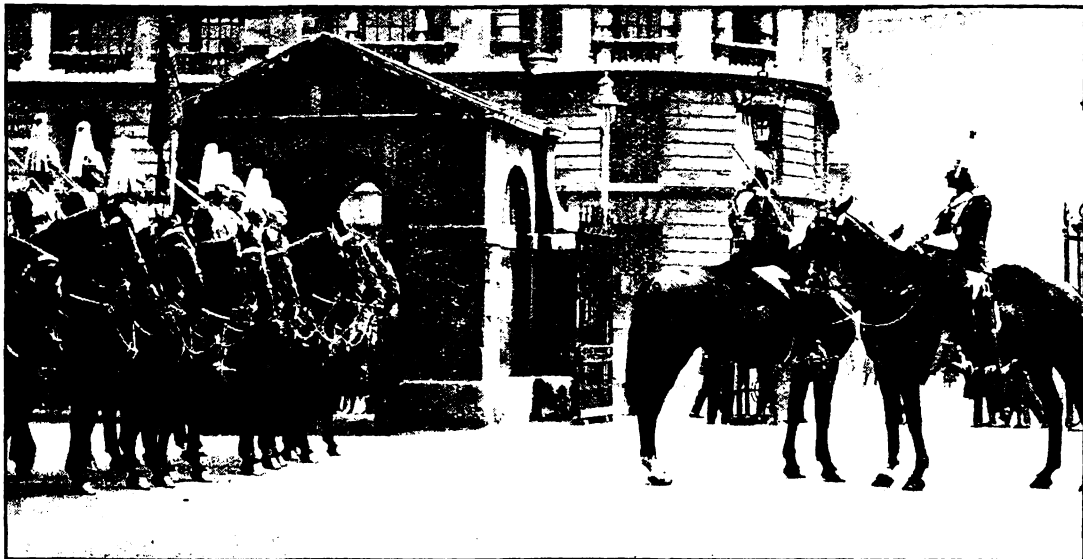
He could have left them all and gone back to His Home at any moment, but He went on and bore it all alone, so that He might put away sin. He fought the fight alone and won the victory which brought eternal life and peace and joy to His stricken people. He bore the punishment we

deserved, and then He went back to heaven to gather those to Himself who will come to Him.

Those who know what He has done for them and how much they needed Him, love Him more than they love anyone else, and want to be His good soldiers (2 Tim. 2. 3.), and obey His words (John 14. 21, 23), and wear His uniform (John 13. 35), and follow as near to Him as they can (John 12. 26).

However weak or poor or young we may be, we can be His good soldiers when we know Him as our Saviour, for it is in His strength, not our own, that we can serve and follow Him.

"Not for weight of glory,  
Not for crown or palm,  
Enter we the army,  
Raise the warrior psalm ;  
But for love that claimeth  
Lives for whom He died,  
He whom Jesus nameth  
Must be on His side."



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Young Believers' Column.

A CHRISTIAN worker went to see a poor Chinese who was living in a mud hut, and who had been unable to walk for three years. He found him lying on goatskins spread on the cold floor. Notwithstanding his pain, poverty and miserable surroundings, the Chinaman looked very happy.

"What makes you so contented?" asked the visitor. The poor fellow felt under his pillow and pulled out two soiled books. "Teacher," he whispered, "it is these two books that make me contented. They have made me wonderfully happy." As he spoke his face lit up with joy. The books he so much prized, that had brought him such happiness, were the Gospels of Mark and John.

He did not possess a whole Bible or even a complete New Testament, but he had learned these two books by heart, and they had brought peace and joy to his soul. Does this not speak to us who are so greatly privileged? Do we who possess the whole Word of God prize it and read it every day? If so we shall find it to be food to our souls and rejoicing to our hearts as Jeremiah did, for he said, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart."

Never commence the day without getting a portion from God's Word for yourself. How often the word then read has come back to us during the busy hours of the day and kept us from dishonouring the Lord, or has proved to be just the word of comfort that we needed in some time of trial.

"Jesus . . . went about doing good." Acts 10. 38.

*"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them."* Matt. 9. 35, 36.

*"They . . . brought unto Him all that were diseased; and besought Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole."* Matt. 14. 35, 36.

JESUS, Who lived above the sky,  
Came down to be a man and die,  
And in the Bible we may see  
How very good He used to be.

He went about—He was so kind—  
To cure poor people who were blind;  
And many who were sick and lame,  
He pitied them, and did the same.

And more than that, He told them too  
The things that God would have them do;  
And was so gentle and so mild,  
He would have listened to a child.

But such a cruel death He died:  
He was hung up and crucified;  
And those kind hands that did such good,  
They nailed them to a cross of wood!

And so He died: and this is why  
He came to be a man and die:  
The Bible says He came from heaven  
That we might have our sins forgiven.

He knew how wicked man had been,  
He knew that God must punish sin;  
So out of pity Jesus said  
He'd bear the punishment instead.



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



### Arthur's Question.



**A**RTHUR and Olive were seated at the table eating their dinner. They were twins about three and a half years old, and like most little boys and girls they had plenty to say. This dinner time they were talking together about what they would be when they grew up, and all the wonderful things they would do then.

“Daddy and Mummie will be in heaven,” said Olive. “Oh yes,” answered Arthur, for it seemed to their little minds such a long time before they would be grown up, that by then Daddy and Mummie would be far too old to be living here.

Then turning to a friend who was having dinner with them, Arthur said, “Will you go to heaven?” She looked very surprised at the question and did not answer. Perhaps she did not know how to get there. So Arthur continued, “You can't go to heaven unless your sins are washed away. But Jesus will wash them away in His precious blood if you ask Him.”

Yes, Arthur was right, though only such a little boy. No sin can enter that beautiful place, but the Lord Jesus shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary, and all those whose sins are washed away have a title to go there.

Can my little reader answer “Yes” to Arthur's question?

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

When I wrote to you last month, I told you that I might be able to tell you this time about the prize-winners for last year. I am sure some of you would be surprised if you could look into my register. Ever so many searchers start well but it is not very long till they get lazy and do not try any more.

Some do them only occasionally and that is not very good either.

Nearly nineteen hundred boys and girls sent in papers during last year and I am glad to tell you that over six hundred of these did not miss more than one month. That was very good and I trust they will continue this year, if the Lord will, and do as well as last year. A great many of the others will not receive a reward as they answered only a few times. They must try to do better this time, so that they may have the pleasure of receiving a prize like the others.

It is not just for the sake of the reward that you get, that I would like you to answer the questions, but that you may read the Word of God, and take the salvation which God offers to us in it.

Some of the older searchers did not understand why it was strange that the names of Rahab and Ruth should be mentioned in the genealogy of the Lord Jesus. As you read down that list of names you will notice that only four women's names appear there. Rahab and Ruth are two of these, but the strangest thing is that they were Gentiles and not of the children of Israel. The Gospel of Matthew is very specially the Jewish Gospel, but we see how the grace of God goes out to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews.

In this Gospel we read that the Lord Jesus was born King of the Jews and that was the reason that Herod was so troubled. He was afraid that he would lose his place and his power, so he tried to put Him to death, but God took care of Him and preserved Him from Herod.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

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### Questions for March.

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

Answers to the first five will be found in the Gospel of Matthew.

Have you read the letter to our Searchers this month?

1. What will the Lord do for the one who confesses Him before men? Chap. 10.
2. Who shall "in no wise lose his reward?" Chap. 10.
3. Whom does the Lord invite to come to Him? Chap. 11.
4. Write out the verse containing the words "Learn of Me." Chap. 11.
5. What are we told about every idle word? Chap. 12.
6. Tell all you know about Matthew, the one who wrote this gospel. Mark and Luke call him Levi.
7. In chapter 11 the Lord upbraids some of the cities where He had done mighty works. Tell two incidents which happened at Capernaum. Which disciples belonged to Bethsaida?

### Answers to Questions for January.

1. Matt. 1. 21.
2. Matt. 2. 6.
3. Matt. 3. 17.
4. Matt. 4. 4.
5. Matt. 4. 23.
6. (a) Rahab and Ruth were Gentiles and not Jews as we would expect from their place here.  
(b) Rahab was a Canaanite and belonged to Jericho. Joshua 2. 1.  
Ruth was of the country of Moab. Ruth 1. 4.  
(c) Ruth was great grandmother to King David. Matt. 1. 5. 6  
(d) Rahab was Ruth's husband's mother.
7. Herod was troubled because he was afraid that he would lose his power. So he sent out a decree that all the children of two years old and under were to be slain.

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**FOUND!**

**Lost and a Captive.**

A CHRISTIAN was once asked to visit an old man and speak to him about the Lord Jesus. As the visitor was on the way going to do this, he was wondering what he should say, but could not think of a suitable verse to speak about.

When he arrived at the house, he sat down by the old man's bed, and began to speak to him about his early life. The old man told him that his father was a shepherd. When he was a boy, he used to look after the sheep and the lambs and care for them. He was often sent to watch the sheep and bring them home at night.

One night when he brought them home and counted them, he found that one was missing. How angry his father would be, he thought, and began to wonder what he should do. He went into the house as usual and had his supper and then went to bed but not to sleep. As soon as the way was clear, he rose and slipped out of the house and set off to look for the missing sheep.

After going quite a long way, he heard bleating and was sure that was the sheep he was looking for. So he followed the noise and soon found his sheep tied by its leg to a pole near a gipsy encampment.

Ah! it had wandered and fallen into an enemy's hands. The gipsies had caught it and tied it up so that it was a prisoner and could not escape. He quickly cut the cord and led the sheep home, so glad to have found it.

As the visitor listened, he thought

what a lovely picture of the good Shepherd seeking for you and me. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." (Isa. 53. 6). Satan is our great enemy and he made us his prisoners, and would like to lead us to eternal destruction. But the Lord Jesus, the good Shepherd, came after us. He loves us; He died for us; He wants to have us for Himself. So He went into death and defeated Satan and rescued His lambs and His sheep.

Are you one of His sheep? You are, if you trust yourself to Him. Think how much He loves you when He came all the way from heaven to seek you and when He gave Himself for you. He is so glad when a boy or girl puts their trust in Him.

Perhaps you have not let the Lord Jesus save you yet. Surely you do not want to be Satan's captive! Do trust the Lord Jesus to save you now. Listen to His own words—

**"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME: AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE: AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND."** *John 10. 27, 28.*

**"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD: THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP."** *John 10. 11.*

## Two Sunday Afternoons.

IT was Sunday afternoon out in the tropics, and the sailors from a British ship which was off the coast of Further India, were allowed to go on shore for a few hours.

One of the sailors, who was a christian, went for a walk by himself up into the country. After a while he came to a clearing in the woods, and hearing voices, he looked about to see who was there, and what they were doing in a foreign country on Sunday afternoon.

There was a large class of children sitting on the ground, learning something, and repeating it together. Presently the teacher held up a wooden idol in front of the children. Instantly every head was bowed to the ground, and complete silence fell on the whole class, not one child even stirred. They had been taught it was their god and they must worship it.

The sailor turned away sad at heart. "All that reverence for nothing but a bit of wood," he said to himself.

Some time after, the sailor was home in his own town in England, and he went for a walk one hot Sunday afternoon. On his way he passed the open doors of a large hall, where many children were gathered to hear God's Word, and pray to Him and sing His praises.

He heard voices singing so went to listen, and looked in through the door. Then the singing stopped and a gentleman stood up to pray. "Silence," he said, and held up his hand, but many of the children were whispering and laughing at one another. Afterwards he stooped and picked up God's

Word and opened it to read, but very few of the children were heeding what he read or seemed to realise what he had in his hand.

A picture came into the sailor's mind of those little children in Further India and the reverence they gave to what they thought was their god. Then as he turned away a great sob came into his heart as he thought of what a serious thing it is to hear of the true God week after week, and to know about Him and what He has done for us, and to possess His own Word and yet to treat it all so lightly.

In the lands of heathen darkness  
Where the Bible is not known,  
Oh how sad to see the children  
Bowing down to wood and stone !

They have never heard of Jesus,  
So they do not know His love ;  
How to seek and save the children  
Jesus left His home above.

Children ! you who have the Bible,  
Do you read it day by day ?  
Do you ask the Lord to bless you  
Daily as you kneel and pray ?

Gods of wood and stone are helpless ;  
Jesus is a faithful Friend ;  
Children, trust yourselves to Jesus,  
He will keep you to the end.

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## Killed though Warned.

A SAD title surely, and one that makes us enquire how it could be. Yet how many of my readers have been warned of danger ahead and so far they are going on unheeding the message. Their souls are at stake and their danger is far greater than that of those who passed on heedless of the warning they had received.

During a recent storm, the wind had blown down a large tree and it lay right across the road where many had to pass to their daily occupations. A workman going to his work, saw it and turned back to tell others who were coming, so that they might escape any hurt.

Two young men on motor cycles received the warning but paid no attention to it, and rushed along careless of any danger. It was not long before they reached the fallen tree and crashed into it. Both of them were killed outright.

How sad ! we say ; how foolish for them to rush on when they had been told of the danger ! But are you acting any differently ? Have you not heard of danger ahead and judgment to come ? Have you listened to the warning which has sounded in your ears ?

God in His mercy has sent out these messages so that you may escape the wrath which is about to fall on this world. But He has done more ; He has also provided a place of safety where you may hide. The Lord Jesus bore the wrath of a holy God, so that you might never bear it. He suffered on Calvary's cross, so that we might come without a fear into God's presence, accepted in all the virtue of the work the Lord Jesus has done.

Oh, it was love, was it not, to us who deserved nothing but judgment ? Will you heed the warning and thank Him for His love ?

“Boast not thyself of to-morrow ; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”

Prov. 20. 1.

## Cholera in Shanghai.

YOU do not have cholera in England, but cholera was very bad in Shanghai last summer, and many died from it. Our doctor strongly advised us to be inoculated against cholera, and I and my whole family were done.

I have about twenty men who work for me, and so the next day when they came together for morning prayer I warned them of the danger they were in. I told them that I had been inoculated and all my family, and strongly advised them to be done. They all agreed that it was a wise course, and thanked me for my advice and interest in them.

The city had generously arranged that all those who were poor could be vaccinated or inoculated free of charge, and it even had provided hospital vans to go about the streets for this purpose. The expense to the city was very great, but it was a wonderful benefit to those who cared to avail themselves of it.

About two weeks passed, when one of my foremen came into my office with a very worried look on his face, and said, “One of our men is down with cholera : we must pray for him.” Next morning when our men came together for prayer before beginning work, I told them of their companion who was in the hospital with cholera, and asked them if they had been inoculated. How many, do you think, had acted on my advice ? *Only one !* All the others *meant* to be done but had *put it off, put it off, and put it off*, until one of their number was stricken with the dread disease.

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Although all my men fully believed what I had told them and indeed they knew it before I had told them, that there was safety for them freely for nothing, it was of no avail to them because they did not receive it. What a lesson this is for us ! There is a worse disease than cholera now raging in the place where you live, and worse still, you have already been affected by it. Indeed your case is hopeless unless you receive the only remedy in the world for it. That disease is SIN. That remedy is CHRIST. He alone can save you. His Name, JESUS, means Saviour, and He was called JESUS because He came to save His people from their sins. I have no doubt that you know all about this, but ARE YOU SAVED ? Or are you still putting it off for a " convenient

season " ? If you have not yet accepted Christ as your own Saviour, will you not do as most of my men did after my second talk—go straight off and get the remedy for yourself ?

You *mean* to be saved, then why be lost ?

You *mean* to be saved, then why not Now ?

. . . . .

But there is another chapter to my story. Not only did I get inoculated, but I took good care that my " house " got done too, not the bricks and mortar, but my family. Each one was inoculated for himself or herself. I could not be done for them. In the same way your father or mother cannot receive Christ for you. You must accept Him for yourself.



CHINESE CHILDREN.

We have two boys working for us who are very poor indeed. One of these boys went down to the doctor and was inoculated, but I fear that he did not take the good news back to his family, for the father of those two boys died of cholera.

What about you? What about your "house"? It may be that you can say with joy, "Yes, I do believe in the Lord Jesus. I am saved." Thank God, if it is so. But now, what about your family? What about your father and mother? What about your brothers and sisters, your friends and playmates? Are they saved? Perhaps you say, "I cannot speak to them about the Lord." I fear that my boy felt he could not advise his father to be inoculated, and he lost him. There is one thing you can do. Take them day by day to the Lord in prayer, and ask Him to enable you to speak a word or give a tract that will tell them of Him.

*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."*  
Acts 16. 31.

## Young Believers' Column.

SOME years ago some men got into a railway carriage where was seated a christian man. They had not been in long before they started playing cards for money. After they had had some games they asked the christian to join them, but he answered that he could not as he had no hands.

The men looked at him in astonishment, asking him what he meant, as they could see his hands. "Well," he said, "my hands are not my own." They looked at him as if he could not be right and asked him to explain. "My hands," he said "belong to the Lord Jesus Christ and I am not my own; I am bought with a price, and I cannot use them for gambling or dishonouring Him." The men then understood he would not join them in their ways.

Surely this little story has a word for us who know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, and that He has claimed us for His own. We need to be reminded that the Lord should have full control over us. Oh! the importance of being here for Him while He is away in heaven! His death has saved us and now He would have us wholly for Himself. Our hands, our heart, our eyes, our feet, our every member to be for Him, to be used for His glory—our hands to do His will, our hearts to be devoted to Him, our eyes to be waiting upon Him, as the eyes of the servants look unto the hand of their masters (Psa. 123. 2), while our feet run His errands of mercy here.

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Oh, what a Saviour! Jesus the Lord!  
Worthy to be for ever adored;  
Now in His grace He speaks through His Word,  
Bidding the children come.

Oh, what a Saviour! Jesus Who came  
Down to the cross, despising the shame;  
Now in the glory, still He's the Same,  
Oh, how He loves to save!

Oh, what a Saviour, great was the load  
Laid upon Jesus, blest Son of God;  
No other plea but Christ's precious blood  
E'er could avail for me.

Oh, what a Saviour! Jesus on high;  
Rich is the grace which He doth supply;  
Wondrous the love which brought Him to die  
Perishing souls to save.



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



### God's Gifts.



**LITTLE** boy had been tucked up in bed as usual one evening, when his mother heard his voice calling her as she went downstairs. So she went back to his bedside to ask what he wanted.

“ I should like to thank God for giving me such a nice home, and such a dear Mummie,” said the little fellow. “ You may, dear,” said his mother. So kneeling up in bed, his eyes closed, his hands folded together, the little boy thanked God for

these blessings.

Sometimes we forget that everything we receive comes from above. The clothes we wear, the food we eat, our homes, our friends, and countless other mercies are all God's gifts to us. The Bible says “ Every good gift . . . is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.” James 1. 17. So we must not forget to thank our loving Father for all these gifts.

But there is a **GIFT** even greater than all these. The Lord Jesus is God's **GIFT** to us. “ God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

One day when the Lord Jesus was on this earth, He said, “ The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests ; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.” There was no nice home for Him here. Even when He was a little Baby, the only cradle He had was a manger, and there was no room for Him in the inn.

But He became a Man so that He could suffer and die for us. He is living now in heaven, and He wants to be your Saviour. Will you take Him as God's **GIFT** to you ? And do not forget to thank God for **JESUS**, His best **GIFT**.

“ Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.”

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

When I ask some of the boys and girls I meet if they have read the Magazine or my letter to them, I find very often that they have not. Some of you only answer the questions and then throw the book down as if that was all it was for. It seems very strange to me, that this nice book is printed and sent to you each month and yet you do not take the trouble or time to read it. Now I hope this time, you will not only read my letter, but also the whole Magazine and you will find that the stories in it are very interesting.

When our friends are away from us and they write us a letter, we are so eager to read it and know what they have to tell us.

There is a letter which has been sent to each one of us. I hope all of you have got a copy of it. It is far more important than any that our friends write to us, for it is from God. The Lord Jesus is not on this earth now but He has sent us a letter to tell us about Himself and what He has done for us, and about His beautiful home and what He is doing now.

Perhaps you remember that I suggested at the beginning of the year, that each month we should all read through the chapters from which our questions are taken. How many of you have done that? I know you cannot understand it all, but there is plenty that you can understand and the Lord will make it plain to you, if you ask Him to.

I am pleased to notice that many of those who have turned fourteen are doing their best to answer the 6th and 7th questions. If you cannot do the whole of these questions, do as much of them as you can, and you will get credit for what you do. I trust as you search you will learn how wonderful and precious the word is, for it is God's Word and not man's, so there is always something fresh and beautiful to be found in it.

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 Gospel of Matthew.

1. Why did the Lord not do many mighty works in His own country? Chap. 13.
2. What did the Lord say to His disciples when they cried out for fear? Chap. 14.
3. Who were made perfectly whole? Chap. 14
4. What did God command us to do to our father and mother? Chap. 15.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "What is a man profited?" Chap. 16.
6. Tell in your own words the parable of the Sower and its meaning.
7. In chapters 13 to 16 we read of two different miracles in which the Lord fed a large number of people. In what ways do they resemble each other and how do they differ?

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 February.

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| 1. Matt. 5. 44. | 4. Matt. 7. 7.                     |
| 2. Matt. 6. 6.  | 5. Matt. 8. 20.                    |
| 3. Matt. 6. 20. | 6. Matt. 7. 13, 14.                |
| 7. Great faith, | Centurion Matt. 8. 10.             |
|                 | The woman of Canaan. Matt. 15. 28. |
| Little faith.   | Disciples Matt. 6. 30.             |
|                 | " " 8. 26.                         |
|                 | Peter " 14. 31.                    |
|                 | Disciples " 16. 8.                 |

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.

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A POLICEMAN WAS STANDING NEAR.

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**A Small Boy's Answer.**

"ARE you a policeman?" asked a little boy of a tall policeman standing near him.

"Yes," answered the man looking at him kindly.

"Why are you a policeman?" was the next question.

The policeman gave a little laugh. Then showing the boy a pair of handcuffs, he told him they were for putting on naughty boys when he took them away.

"You won't take me away," said the little fellow bravely.

"No, my boy, I will not take you, but whom do you belong to?" asked the policeman.

"I belong to Jesus," said the child. The policeman got very red and hurried away. Those four words had gone right home to his heart, and big man as he was, he wanted to get away from the little preacher as quickly as he could.

Can you say, "*I belong to Jesus?*" If the Lord Jesus is your Saviour, you can, for He paid the price for your redemption on the cross of Calvary, and now you are His for ever. His Word says, "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price." 1 Cor. 6. 20.

Do not be afraid to own that you belong to Jesus, if you are saved. But if not, do not rest till you too can say—

I BELONG TO JESUS.

**"Have you read your Letter."**

"A LETTER for you, Joan," said her friend Ruth, as they ran downstairs to the big schoolroom one morning, just a week before the end of the term. "Oh, don't stop to read it now; there's just half an hour before breakfast. Let's put on our roller-skates and look up our history in the playground."

"Whatever does Father want to write about when I shall be going home so soon?" thought Joan, as she put her letter inside her desk, and the two ran off to get on their skates.

Round and round the playground they went, learning their history together. When the bell rang they hurried in to breakfast and then upstairs to tidy their rooms. Joan thought she would have had time to read her letter, but then she remembered she had left it in her desk. "I'll go down early and get it," she said to herself. But they stayed upstairs talking until the bell rang for lessons, so the letter had to wait again, and as the morning went on, it worked its way to the bottom of Joan's desk under her books and papers, and she forgot all about it until bedtime.

Just as they were getting into bed, Ruth said, "I say Joan, did you read your letter, after all?" "No I quite forgot all about it," was the reply, "but I can't go and get it now. It's in my desk; I'll remember in the morning, the first thing."

**"Redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ."**

But it was two days more before she did remember it, when she was looking for something in her desk, and she sat down to read it. It was a long letter from her father, telling her that her schooldays must end this term, for she was wanted at home now, and that she must be ready when he came to fetch her at the end of the week.

"Why ever didn't I read it when I got it?" she said. Poor Joan! there were so many things she wanted to have done before she left, and she had wasted three whole days, and now there were only three left to crowd everything into. It was very short notice to know only a week before the end of the term, and she had wasted nearly half of that short week by not reading her letter.

"Have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God?" (Matt. 22. 31). Have you put His Word on one side day after day, when it is more important than anything else? Jesus said, "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.)

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2. 3.)

For those who belong to the Lord Jesus, schooldays are nearly over, when we shall be wanted at Home, and we are to be ready, waiting and watching for Him to fetch us. How like Joan we are! We have His Word, and we put it on one side unopened, sometimes day after day, allowing our work and our play to prevent our reading what He has written to us. And we act so differently to what we should

if we only read each day what He says, and if we remembered that the Lord Jesus is coming any day to fetch us. We do not even know, as Joan did, that we shall have three days more.

May we who know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, take heed to His Word, learning daily more of His love and be waiting and watching for His coming.

"I love to think of God and heaven  
In all their purity;  
God is my Father, heaven my home,  
For Jesus died for me."

### "It will all tumble."

WHILE admiring a newly erected building, which was quite an imposing piece of work, some people were startled by the words, "Yes, a fine building, but it will all tumble!"

They turned to see who was speaking and found it to be a man whom they all knew to be a christian. And he was right. The Word of God tells us, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3. 10.

What a solemn thought! All that our eyes rest on shall be done away, nothing can stand before the Word of God. But what a sweet thought there is for those who are His own, that before that time comes we shall be safely housed with Him in glory. No fear then for us at the thought of His coming, but joy unspeakable because we belong to Him.

Let us remember His last message to us in the Bible, "Surely I come quickly." May we be able to say truly, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

**Two Processions.**

**A** BOUT three or four years ago the Prince of Wales was spending a long day in a country town, inspecting an agricultural show, opening a new playing-field, and the sort of things that royal persons do.

A great many people gathered along the route as he passed through the town on his way back to London. One or two persons I heard of, found a very good place to stand, from which they watched the first car, containing a tired-looking, bare-headed young man, pass swiftly and quietly by. Then came others.

"When is the Prince coming?" they asked. "Why that was he in the first car," was the answer. "*That* the Prince of Wales! We didn't even look at him!"

No doubt they expected to see someone who looked more important, and so they lost the opportunity of seeing the right person.

There has come to my mind another royal procession. This time it was the Prince of Peace, Who was passing through Jericho. There was a great crowd of people, too, on that occasion, and a blind man sitting by the roadside heard the tramp of feet, and enquired what it was all about. He was told that "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

There were some in that crowd who would have said that it was *only* Jesus of Nazareth the carpenter—He was not of much account. But the blind man knew better. It was the great opportunity of his life, for here was Someone Who could help him.

He had heard so much about His power to heal. So he came pushing through the crowd, much to some people's annoyance.

But Jesus stood still to receive him, and everyone else had to stand still too. I should like to have been there! Then they all saw that wonderful



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miracle—sight restored. And I think the man found more than that. I think he went on his way rejoicing in sins forgiven and grace to lead a new life.

Perhaps, dear young reader, this is *your* opportunity. I knew a little girl who heard the voice of Jesus speaking, more than once, and each time she let Him pass by. She did not realise how important it was. And the last time I spoke to her about it, she was still wavering. She was then growing up and the days were passing very quickly. What are you going to do ?

“ Come, 'tis Jesus calls you ;  
Come without delay.  
He is willing NOW to save you ;  
Come, and come TO-DAY.”

### The Story of a Tract.

SOME time ago a lady was visiting in a hospital ward one Sunday evening and giving away tracts and leaflets which told of the Lord Jesus.

As she gave a tract to a man and spoke to him, she noticed he seemed very pleased, so she sat down to have a little chat with him. He told her that he had been converted through a tract which was given him in prison when he was eighteen. He had not had one given him since so he felt that God must have a special message for him in this one.

It appeared that he had, when riding a motor cycle, knocked down and killed an old gentleman. For this he was arrested and detained in prison till the trial. He said he never sobbed so much in his life.

Someone gave him a tract, on the front page of which, in large print was written, “ *Nothing to do, nothing to pay and nothing to fear.*” He said he never would forget how eagerly he read the inside, and how it spoke to him. It told how Christ had paid all the debt we owed to God when He became our Substitute at Calvary, and so now there is no condemnation for all who put their trust in Him.

There and then he accepted Christ as his Saviour, and like Bunyan, his load of guilt rolled off him and he knew his sins were forgiven. He was able then to leave his future in the hands of One Who loved him so much as to die for him. God undertook for him, for at the trial he was acquitted and could go out a free man.

Do you know the blessedness of sins forgiven or are you still under the wrath of God ? It must be one or the other, for the Word of God says, “ 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.

Listen to these gracious words and believe and enjoy peace with God.

“ Be it known unto you . . . that through this Man (the Lord Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins ; and by Him all that believe are justified from all things.” Acts 13. 38, 39.

God's Word.

The Bible tells us Jesus came  
From glory bright and fair—  
God's perfect, sinless, spotless Lamb—  
His mercy to declare.

The Bible tells us Jesus died  
A sacrifice for sin :  
The gates of Heaven to open wide,  
That all might enter in.

The Bible tells us Jesus rose,  
And left the silent grave,  
Triumphant over all His foes,  
The mighty One to save.

The Bible tells us Jesus lives  
Again upon the throne :  
The blessed proof the Father gives  
That mercy's work is done.

The Bible tells us He will come  
To take His saints away,  
To dwell with Him in His blest home  
Through everlasting day.

The Bible tells us He will reign  
O'er all the earth e'er long,  
When heaven and earth shall wake the  
Of an eternal song. [strain

The Bible tells us all may come  
And drink at mercy's stream,  
That Jesus soon will share this home  
With all who trust in Him.

Then let us value that blest Book—  
The Bible is God's Word ;  
And at its pages often look—  
The Bible is God's Word.

Young Believers' Column.

WHAT is the Lord Jesus Christ to you? Perhaps you answer "He is my Saviour." That question was once put by a friend to a well-known poet, while walking with him through his beautiful grounds.

The poet stooped down and picked a little daisy from the lawn, and holding it up, said, "All that the sun is to this flower, giving it life and strength, beauty and fragrance, the Lord Jesus is to me."

Is that what the Lord Jesus is to you? It is what He desires to be. He wants to be the source of all joy and strength to our souls; He desires that all our springs should be in Him. His love is a constant undying reality, and it is for us to bask in its sunshine. He says, "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love." John 15. 9. He would have us to abide in the warm rays of His love, letting it be a source of strength for the pathway down here, for nothing can separate us from His love.

If the sun is shining on one side of the road and you walk on the other, you will not feel or enjoy the warm rays. Nothing can alter the Lord's love to us, but we can allow things to come in and hinder our enjoyment of it, and this is why He says, "Continue (or abide) ye in My love."

"It passeth knowledge! that dear love of Thine, My Jesus! Saviour! yet this soul of mine Would of Thy love, in all its breadth and length, Its height and depth and everlasting strength, Know more and more."



### The Voice of Jesus.

**A**S I was passing some cottages I noticed a little girl and two small boys coming out of one of them. They came down the garden path and through the gate when I heard a voice calling, "Dolly, I want you."

The little girl turned at once and ran back to the cottage door where her mother was standing. The mother spoke a few words to Dolly, and in a minute she had joined the two little boys and they went off together.

I was so pleased to see that the little girl ran back at once when her mother called her. Some boys and girls do not mean to disobey their parents, but they do not always do **AT ONCE** what they are told. They often wait to finish what they are doing first, but the Lord Jesus likes us to obey at once.

There is one voice, more important than any other, which we should obey. That is the voice of Jesus. Although He is in heaven now, He is still calling little children to come to Him, just as He did when He was down here on this earth.

I wonder if you have listened to that loving voice saying to you, "Come unto Me." Have you obeyed that voice, just as the little girl obeyed her mother, and come to the Lord Jesus and received from Him the forgiveness of your sins?

The voice of Jesus will not always be calling. One day that loving voice will stop, and then it will be too late to come to Him.

Will you not obey the voice of the Saviour to-day and trust in Him?

"JESUS IS CALLING THE CHILDREN  
UNTO HIS SIDE,  
STRETCHES HIS ARMS TO RECEIVE THEM,  
OPENS THEM WIDE.  
GENTLY TO LEAD THEM, GUARD THEM AND FEED THEM,  
JESUS IS CALLING THE LAMBS TO HIS SIDE."

# THE CHILDREN'S GOSPEL MAGAZINE

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

In the chapters which we have for this month, it is lovely to notice how often the Lord Jesus speaks about little ones. He would not let anyone keep them back from Him for He loved them and wanted to bless them.

I'm sure if you had been alive when the Lord Jesus was on this earth, you would have wanted to go to Him too. We cannot see Him now, nor feel His arms around us, but He loves us just the same and He still wants little children, and big ones too, to come to Him to be blest.

In the answers for March the senior searchers had to find two incidents which happened at Capernaum. The Lord did a great many miracles there and so it is easy to find two. The sad thing is that though He had done so many miracles the people did not believe in Him. Because they refused the only One Who could bless them, the Lord had to tell them what a dreadful doom would be theirs.

How solemn it is, that if we do not believe the Lord Jesus when He comes in love, then we must bow before Him when He is Judge. I trust this will not be the case with any of those who answer these questions.

Your loving friend,  
N. E.

### Questions for May.

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Answers to the first six will be found in the Gospel of Matthew.

1. What did the voice out of the cloud say? Chap. 17.
2. What did Jesus tell His disciples while they abode in Galilee? Chap. 17.
3. What did the Son of Man come to do? Chap. 18.
4. What did Jesus say when little children were brought to Him? Chap. 19.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "a ransom for many." Chap. 20.
6. Write out verses and say where they are found speaking of  
(a) becoming as little children  
(b) receiving little ones  
(c) despising little ones  
(d) offending little ones  
(e) the Father's will for little ones.
7. In the Gospels we read of three disciples whom the Lord took with Him more often than the others. Who were they? Mention three times we read of them being with the Lord.

Tell all you know about James, the brother of John.

### Answers to Questions for March.

1. Matt. 10. 32.
2. Matt. 10. 42.
3. Matt. 11. 28.
4. Matt. 11. 29.
5. Matt. 12. 36.
6. Matthew was one of the twelve apostles. He was a tax gatherer but when the Lord called him, he left all and followed Him. He made the Lord a great feast in his own house and invited many others to meet Jesus.
7. Matt. 11. 23.
  - (1) Centurion's servant healed.  
The sick of the palsy healed.
  - (2) Philip, Andrew and Peter belonged to Bethsaida. John 1. 44.

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.

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A LIFEBOAT RESCUE.

**Almost, but Lost.**

I WAS reading a little while ago of some thrilling rescues made by lifeboat off the east coast of England. One boat, which had got into difficulties, was seen by the coastguards, who immediately signalled the lifeboat, which started off at once, and after much difficulty succeeded in hauling the boat to land, and all the crew was saved.

About the same time, but on a different part of the coast, a motor barge was being blown shorewards in rough weather, and the occupants were seen to be in great danger. Attempts were made to rescue them, but the skipper of the barge refused the means of escape and started to row himself to shore in a small boat. But it capsized in the heavy seas and he was drowned within sixty yards of land, while the other three men were safely rescued.

What a tragedy ! So near the shore, and help within reach, yet preferring to trust to his own efforts, he lost his life such a short distance from safety.

No doubt some of you are saying, "What a foolish man ! Why did he not let the lifeboat save him while he had a chance ?" Such a question is

hard to answer, especially as many people are doing things equally foolish to-day.

How many are trying by their own efforts to get themselves safely to heaven. They tell us if they do the best they can, and go to church or Sunday school regularly, they hope to get there all right in the end. Yet the Bible tells us there is only one way by which we can possibly enter heaven, and that is by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can and will take us safely there. The more people try by their own efforts to save themselves, the greater the difficulties they will get into, and sooner or later, if they persist in this, they will find themselves capsized in the heavy seas of death. Then it will be too late for rescue, and they, like the skipper, will be lost in sight of land and safety.

Will you not take warning from this, and cease to-day from your own efforts, and by trusting to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, make sure of a safe landing in heaven, there to spend eternity with Him ?

"Christ is the lifeboat, all else will fail,  
All hope to save one's self, can nothing avail ;  
Man is a total wreck, can never reach the shore,  
All who trust in Jesus Christ are saved ever-  
more."

"I am the way, the truth, and the  
life: no man cometh unto the Father but  
by Me."  
John 14. 6

## The Weasels and the Flood.

**Y**OU may have heard of the terrible floods in China a year or two ago, when people lost everything they possessed and thousands lost their lives.

Just about the time when the floods were at their worst, a large city, several hundred miles north of these flooded areas, was warned that in a few days there would be a terrible flood. It is said that people moved away from every house in the lower parts of the city, and every preparation possible was made to meet the flood that was expected so soon.

I am sure you will agree that these people were wise to prepare for the worst, if they had reason to believe a flood was coming. But how did the people know this? One morning very early, some farmers bringing vegetables into the city, saw some weasels going up a hill towards a temple. They told the story in the city and those who heard it concluded that this was a sure sign that a flood was coming. The report spread like wild fire and immediate action was taken to obtain safety from the coming peril.

Perhaps you smile at these Chinese people. But would you believe it, I have known people in England and America who are even more stupid? Nor are these the only people guilty of the folly about which I am going to tell you. Even before the most terrible flood that ever occurred, the following things happened—

1. Ample warning of the coming flood was given.
2. The warning came from an authority that never before or since has been known to make a mistake.

3. Exact directions were given as to the preparations necessary to obtain perfect safety.
4. The way of safety was provided at enormous expense and labour, but was offered freely to every one who cared to avail themselves of it.
5. Only eight persons out of the whole world availed themselves of this most generous offer, and every other man, woman and child perished, in spite of repeated warnings, and a means of escape before their eyes.

I think you will agree with me that these people were much more stupid than the Chinese people who prepared for a flood that never came. And further, these people surely deserved to perish when they refused not only most solemn warnings, but a free way of escape also.

But there are people to-day who are guilty of even greater stupidity, than the people in Noah's day, for when they are warned of a more terrible judgment that is fast approaching this wicked world, few heed the warning and take advantage of the way of salvation that is offered at even greater cost than the one that was despised in Noah's day.

Please note well that—

1. Ample warning has been given of coming judgment.
2. The warning comes from the highest authority and One that cannot lie. This warning you may read for yourself in 2 Peter 3, where we are told that this earth is going to be burned up.
3. The details of the way of salvation are given with the greatest care. As in Noah's day, all is freely provided and is offered to every one in the whole world.
4. The way of safety has been provided at enormous cost. God has given His only begotten Son to die for sinners, and all who trust in the Lord Jesus are safe from the judgment.
5. All who refuse God's way of escape will perish.

I think you will agree with me that anyone who disregards this most solemn warning and neglects such great salvation, is surely not only much more foolish than the people in China who prepared for a flood that never came, but even more foolish than those who neglected God's warning in Noah's day. And I am sure that you will admit that they richly deserve the awful destruction that is surely coming on them. *Friend, how about YOU ?*

### A Hymn for Children.

MATT. 18. 2-6.

How blessed to read that sweet story of old  
 When Jesus was here among men,  
 When He called little children as lambs to His  
 fold—  
 How precious to hear His voice then !  
 Wherever He trod He made sorrow to flee,  
 He healed both the lame and the blind,  
 And then little children He took in His arms—  
 None, surely, was ever so kind !  
 He had come in compassion the lost ones to seek,  
 When He saw them all ruined by sin,  
 For He knew it was only His own precious blood  
 That could make the poor guilty ones clean.  
 Oh ! have *you* believed in His most precious  
 blood  
 Which was shed upon Calvary's tree ?  
 When, *instead* of the sinner, Christ suffered for  
 sin—  
 God sent Him our Saviour to be.  
 Now Jesus the Saviour is coming again  
 To fetch all His loved ones away,  
 And take them to dwell in His own home above,  
 That with Him they ever may stay !  
 But none enter heaven defiled by sin,  
 And mercy's day then will be past—  
 Oh, hasten to Jesus while yet there is room,  
 Lest you find yourself shut out at last !  
 Oh ! join then His lambs who are waiting for  
 Him  
 When He in the air shall descend ;  
 Let us welcome our Saviour, our Lord and our  
 God,  
 Whose love never, never will end !

### “ To-day.”

SOME of the Lord's people desired to hold some special Gospel meetings. Handbills were printed, and freely distributed, announcing that every evening for ten days the Gospel would be preached in a certain hall, at 7.30 p.m. (D.V.). For a whole week preceding the meetings, prayer was made for God's blessing.

On the second Sunday evening, the preacher spoke from these words, “ To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” Heb. 3. 7, 8. He told how the voice of Jesus was speaking, asking sinners to come and rest in Himself. (Matt. 11. 28.) He also warned his hearers not to close their hearts to the voice of the Lord Jesus, because of the hardening effect of sin. He pressed the fact that “ to-day ” is the time to be saved. (2 Cor. 6. 2.)

At the close of the meeting the preacher made an appeal for any to confess the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and a boy of twelve years of age stood up before all present and did so.

That boy was saved because the Scripture says, “ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Rom. 10. 9.)

Now let me ask, have *you* confessed the Lord Jesus as your Saviour ? If not, then do so “ TO-DAY ” and prove the joy of knowing your sins forgiven and being right for eternity.

“ Will you take Jesus to-day ?  
 Will you take Jesus to-day ?  
 He offers pardon and peace to all ;  
 Will you take Jesus to-day ? ”

**A Wonderful Book.**

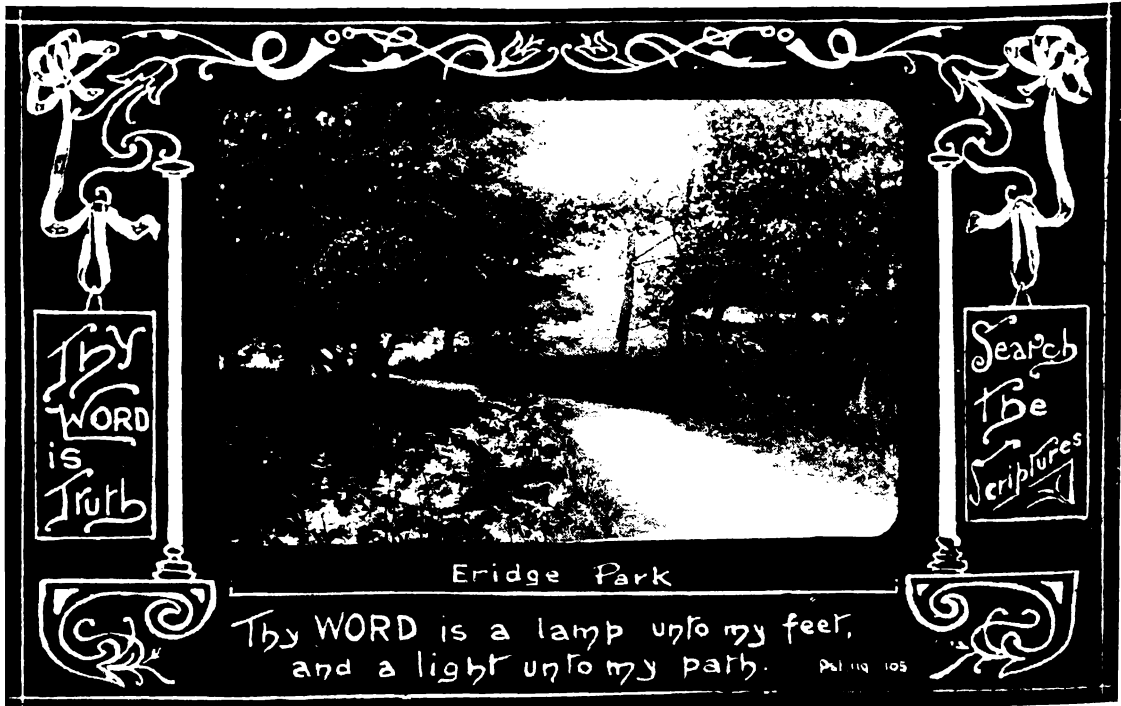
I HAVE just been reading that very interesting story in 2 Chronicles 34 about the man who found the Book of the Law, lying lost and forgotten in the temple amongst the rubbish, left there by a former godless king.

That was indeed a "find." It was taken at once to the good King Josiah, who gathered the workers together to listen with earnest attention to the message that God had for them, and then—they acted upon it. What a difference it would make to-day if everybody who read the Bible just went straight away and acted upon the guidance given them there.

What use are you, dear young reader, making of God's Word? You may know every detail of the Gospel story, and be able to pass a difficult Scripture examination, but all that alone will not save you, or even make you a better boy or girl.

Some years ago three or four christian friends were sitting together talking. Amongst them was a young man who was rather fond of criticizing other people. I forget what led to it, but he made this very cynical remark. "I would give five shillings to anyone who could quote a hundred texts from the Bible correctly."

An elderly lady present, and a young one, promptly accepted the challenge, and armed with pencil and



Thy  
WORD  
is  
Truth

Search  
the  
Scriptures

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Thy WORD is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

paper were soon engaged in testing their memories. The lists were not finished that evening, but shortly afterwards the younger of the two ladies handed a list of about one hundred and six quotations from God's Word (entirely written from memory) to her criticizing friend, with a tremendous feeling of triumph!

The young man by this time had rather repented of his foolish remark, and was generous enough to confess that amongst the texts there were some quite unknown to him.

Both the young people are middle-aged now. He is living a life of daily witness for his Lord, and takes every opportunity—in street, train or office, or on platform—of speaking to others of the saving power of Jesus Christ. She has often remembered that little incident with amusement, but with one regret—the feeling of triumph that had possessed her, for she has learnt that it is possible to be acquainted with the Bible from cover to cover, and yet miss the spirit of it, for the Bible is a *living* Book, and the Lord Jesus Christ is a *living* Saviour.

## Young Believers' Column.

A YOUNG fellow named Fred, who was a christian, had gone to a new situation. Instead of showing his colours, and letting it be known that he belonged to the Lord, he drifted along with the other men, and was soon engrossed in all the fun and frivolity they engaged in.

One day they had been having one of their so-called good times, when one of their number began to blaspheme and ridicule the Scriptures. Fred was shocked, and turning to him, began to rebuke him. "Oh! oh!" laughed the others, "What does it matter to you? You are as bad as any of us." "I am a christian," said Fred. "A christian," said they, "a pretty fine christian you are!"

Oh! how these words stung Fred's conscience, and he felt ashamed of himself. But he stood in the midst of them and said, "It is true; I am a failure. I ought not to have joined you. I will not come with you again, but I will seek to stand for my Lord Whom I have denied so long."

God was gracious to him, and enabled him, now he had taken his stand as a christian, to be a witness for the Lord.

My reason for telling you this story, is to warn you to take a stand for Christ at once. As soon as you enter a new situation or go for the first time among strangers, let them know that you belong to the Lord. Then seek to show it in your walk as well as in your conversation, and you will be a testimony for the Lord, and not a stumbling block to those who are still in their sins.

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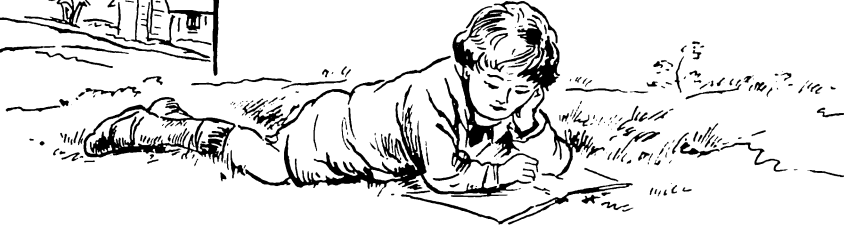
COME and trust in Jesus,  
Trust Him with your soul,  
He alone is able  
Now to make you whole,  
Trust Him too to keep you  
As the days go by,  
Till He comes to take you  
To His home on high.

Trust in Jesus and you will be saved,  
Trust in Jesus, for His life He gave,  
Trust in Jesus, then you'll thank Him too,  
For the great salvation He has won for you.

Tune—"Count your many blessings."



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



### Safety First.

**A**LADY was walking along a busy street one day, when two little children came up to her, saying, "Please will you take us across the road?"

The boy, who was himself very small, was taking great care of his still smaller sister.

The lady at once took the children by the hand, and soon they were safely across the busy road, and they ran on their way quite happily.

These little children knew they could not cross alone, and so they trusted to someone older and wiser than themselves.

Dear little ones, you, like this small boy and girl, cannot save or keep yourselves. But Jesus is waiting to do this for you. He wants you each one to give yourselves to Him, and let Him take care of you all your life. Then He will take you to live with Him for ever.

He wants you so much, for we read in the Bible that He said,

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not : for of such is the Kingdom of God."

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## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

If you have read the chapters as we have gone over them, perhaps you have noticed how often it says, "As it is written" and then we read something out of the Old Testament. This is very interesting for it shows the value that God puts on the Scriptures which were written so long before, and we see also that the Lord Jesus was the One Whom God had promised should come, and He fulfilled all that was written about Him.

The older searchers are to write out some of these verses to answer the sixth question. As there are so many quotations they should easily find five.

All around us the things which we see do not last; they are passing away, but in the answer to the fourth question we read of something which is never going to pass away. Is not that something worth knowing?

In the fifth answer, we are warned to be ready, for there is danger ahead. Have you ever thought of it? What a foolish captain he would be who took no precautions, though he knew there were rocks where his ship might strike and the ship and all on board be lost! Yet more foolish are those who risk losing their souls. Oh! consider it now, and get ready before it is too late.

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 Gospel of Matthew.

1. What did the multitudes cry? Chap. 21.
2. What did Jesus say was the great commandment in the law? Chap. 22.
3. Write out the verse containing the words "as a hen gathereth her chickens." Chap. 23.
4. What shall not pass away? Chap. 24.
5. Why did the Lord say, "be ye also ready"? Chap. 24.
6. Write out from this Gospel five quotations from the Old Testament, and tell where they are found both in this Gospel and in the Old Testament.
7. Tell in your own words all you know about the Lord's second coming.

### Answers to Questions for April.

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| 1. Matt. 13. 58. | 6. Matt. 13. 3-9.   |
| 2. Matt. 14. 27. | 7. Matt. 13. 18-23. |
| 3. Matt. 14. 36. | 8. Matt. 14. 15-21. |
| 4. Matt. 15. 4.  | 9. Matt. 15. 32-39. |
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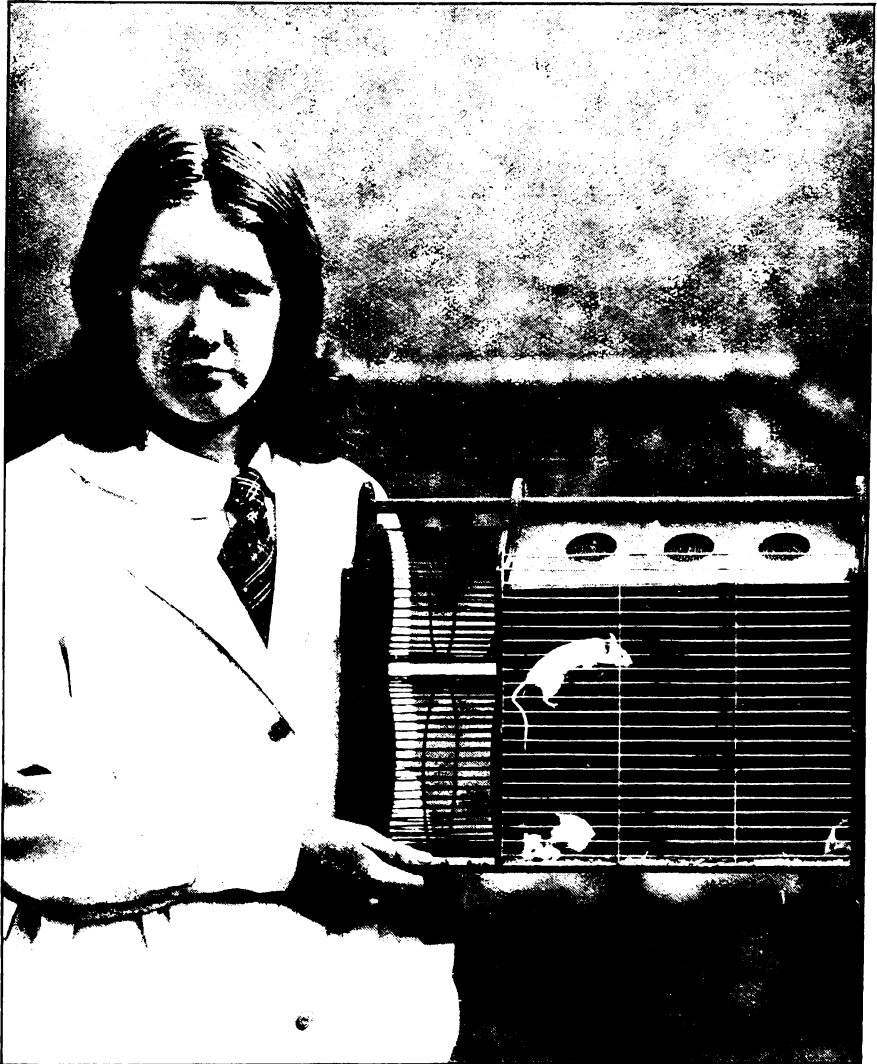
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WHITE MICE.

**Peter's White Mouse.**

**E**ARLY one morning last September, a gardener went up the garden where he worked, to attend to a large bonfire which he had been burning for several days. To his surprise he found a little white mouse with pink eyes, running round the base of the bonfire, and keeping as close as it could to the warm sods of earth. The gardener wondered how it came there.

In the evening, when he went to the bonfire again, the little mouse was still there, keeping as close as ever it could to the warmth. So he caught it and put it under a flower pot in a shed, and fetched some biscuit crumbs which it eagerly devoured, for it was very thin and hungry. Then covering the hole at the top of the flower pot, he went out to try and find a home for it. It was a Japanese mouse, and had evidently been a pet.

A little boy who lived near wanted it very badly, but his mother said "No." She had so many children to look after, she could not possibly have a white mouse as well! The gardener asked him if he knew any other boy who would like it, and he said he would go and ask Peter, who lived further up the road, and who had a lot of pet animals, so off he ran.

He soon came back with Peter, who was overjoyed to find the little mouse, for he had lost the only white mouse he had. The gardener soon tied a piece of paper over the flower pot and Peter carried his pet home joyfully.

The poor little mouse must have wandered about all the summer, along the roads and over the meadows, in

danger of being eaten by hawks and owls, and of being attacked by the wild brown mice. Had it not been found before the winter it would have perished in the cold. And yet it did its very best to escape being saved. The gardener had to hedge its way up to stop it, or it would have run round and round the bonfire. We are very like that little mouse. We think we can keep ourselves happy with pleasures which, like the bonfire, will soon fail us, and we keep away from the One Who gave His life to save us! We have to be driven to the One Who loves us best of all! We have to be made to come to the feast He has provided!

"I was lost—He came to seek me,  
Left His glory bright above,  
Never stopped until He found me;  
Oh! what great, what wondrous love!"

Our Saviour is like the shepherd who went after the lost sheep *until he found it*, and when he found it he laid it on his shoulders rejoicing. That is why He has not come back yet to fetch us. There are still some lost ones for whom He is waiting. Has He found you, or are you still trying to get away from Him?

"I was a wandering sheep,  
I did not love the fold;  
I did not love my Shepherd's voice  
I would not be controlled:  
I was a wayward child,  
I did not love my home,  
I did not love my Father's voice,  
I loved afar to roam.

The Shepherd sought His sheep,  
The Father sought His child:  
He followed me o'er vale and hill,  
O'er desert waste and wild:  
He found me nigh to death,  
Famished and faint and lone;  
He bound me with the chains of love,  
He saved the wandering one.

Jesus my Shepherd is :

'Twas He that loved my soul,  
'Twas He that washed me in His blood,  
'Twas He that made me whole :  
'Twas He that sought the lost,  
That found the wandering sheep ;  
'Twas He that brought me to the fold :  
'Tis He that still doth keep.

No more a wandering sheep,  
I love to be controlled ;  
I love my tender Shepherd's voice,  
I love the peaceful fold :  
No more a wayward child,  
I seek no more to roam ;  
I love my heavenly Father's voice :  
I love, I love His home."

### God speaking.

IT was at a boy's Bible Class. A special missionary had come one Sunday afternoon to speak to the boys and to urge them to accept Christ as their Saviour.

At the end he had invited any who wished for a further talk about it, to go into an inner room during the singing of the closing hymn.

One boy, whose name was Jim, had a longing to go. God had been speaking to his heart, but he heard another voice within him saying, "If you go, you'll confess yourself a hypocrite." You see he had allowed the other boys to think he was a christian and now he was not sure that he was saved at all. So not wanting to look foolish, he went home after the hymn was over.

But God wanted Jim. In a quiet moment at home he opened his Bible and found John 3. 36, "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life," and he *knew* that moment that the Lord Jesus had saved him.

Nine or ten years later he told that story to a large congregation, principally consisting of young people, for the Lord is using Jim to-day in His service. Suppose he had not listened to His voice on that Sunday afternoon !

You, dear boy or girl, have the same Bible that this boy had, and in it you will find that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3. 23.) Is that all? What a sad message indeed if that were all. For there would be simply nothing you could do to make yourself better, and no sinful thing can enter heaven. But listen, for God has another message for you. "Christ Jesus came into the world to SAVE SINNERS." (1 Tim. 1. 15.) So all you have to do is just to take Him at His Word, and trust in Him as Jim did. How about doing it now? Outside Beverley Minster there is an ancient sundial bearing the striking motto—

“NOW—OR WHEN ?”

God says, “Now.”

“Now is the day of salvation.”

**“How can I be a real Christian?”**

MARY was born and brought up in a christian family, surrounded by loving friends and everything which could make her happy. She was a bright, lively girl, but in the midst of all her happiness the question came to her again and again, “How can I be a *real* christian?”

She felt that she was a sinner and she longed to have her sins forgiven. She tried to turn over a new leaf by being good, but only to find it useless. When she sought help from her friends, they always told her she had nothing to fear as she had never done anything wrong!

But God says, “All have sinned,” and Mary knew this and could not get rest by trusting to her own goodness. What could she do but turn to the Lord Himself, and so often she used to pray that God would make her “a real christian *if possible*.”

She had no one to tell her how to be saved, but God hears and answers prayer, and He was working in His own way to give her rest and peace. The clergyman could give her no answer to her question, “What must I do to be saved?” but he gave her a class in the Sunday School. But this brought no peace to Mary's troubled heart. Nothing could do that but the knowledge that her sins were forgiven through the finished work of the Lord Jesus on the cross.

About this time a missionary became acquainted with the family. He was an earnest christian and longed that each one of the family

might be saved. Mary used to go to her room after his visits and pray for peace, for forgiveness. One day as she prayed, that verse flashed into her mind, “Now is the day of salvation.” Mary quickly said, “Lord, I will *now* take Thee at Thy word. I will let the past go and believe to-day. I am young and in my right mind, in health and strength. So let it be now, Lord.”

Instantly another verse came to her. “Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.” Oh, how happy Mary was then! She knew that Jesus had died for her and now believing in Him her sins were washed away, and she had everlasting life. Those beautiful words of John 5. 24 were true of her. “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.”

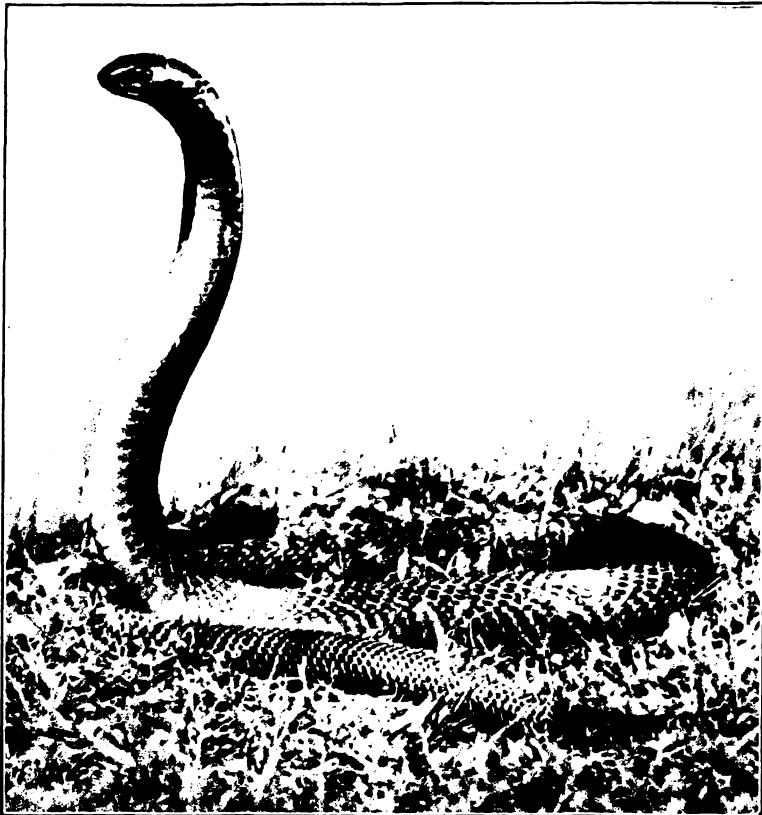
My reader, are you a *real* christian? If you are trusting to your own goodness or church going, then you cannot know what it is to have your sins forgiven. Oh, cast yourself entirely on the Lord Jesus, believe that He died for you, a sinner, and He will save you and make you a *real* christian.

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“By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” Eph. 2. 8.

## The People who trusted a Snake.

**Y**OU heard last month about some people in North China who prepared for a flood that never came. I want to tell you to-day about some people in Central China who *did not* prepare for a flood that *did* come.



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This was worse, for these poor people perished.

Near the city of Yangchow, in the province of Kiangsu, there is a famous temple to which thousands of pilgrims come every year. The people gathered there in large numbers at

the time of the threatened floods.

The water was rising higher and higher, and the people looked on with fear; but the priests got a snake, about fifteen or eighteen inches long, and showed it to the people. "This is the god who can care for you," they said. "You worship this snake and

you will be quite safe from the flood. Trust yourselves to him, and you will have nothing to fear."

The people had faith and they did trust to the snake. They did worship that snake and they believed the words of the priests that now they were safe. That night the water burst the banks, and swept right through that temple, sweeping away temple and snake, priests and people, and very many of them perished.

These people had faith — real faith. But it was faith in the wrong object. That snake had power to save nei-

ther itself nor its worshippers.

But once, many years ago, there was a brass snake put up on a pole. People were dying all around, and word went out. "Look at the snake on the pole. Look and live!" The people had faith; they looked and

they lived. Now what does this tell us? The Lord Jesus Himself explained the meaning of this to us. He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3. 14, 15.) That snake on the pole tells us of the Lord Jesus, nailed to the cross, made sin for you and for me. Now the glad message is, "Look and live." Do not look at a snake. Do not trust a snake. Look to Jesus. Trust in Jesus. See Him nailed on the cross, bearing your sins. Hear what the Bible says, "Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

If the message had been true, "Trust the snake and you are safe," then all who trusted that snake would have been saved. Now any boy or girl (or grown person) who trusts in Jesus is safe. They will never perish; they have everlasting life because God says so.

The people in Yangchow trusted the snake and perished. We trust Jesus and will never perish. They believed the priests and had false peace. We trust the Word of God and have true peace.

Remember it is not your faith, but the ONE in Whom you have faith, that saves you. Look to Jesus. Trust in Him and you are as safe to-day as ever you will be in heaven, and you may be just as certain as if you were there already, for you have the un-failing Word of God to rest upon.

## Young Believers' Column.

TWO christians were walking along the road one day when they came across the torn pieces of a gospel tract lying on the ground. It must have been given to someone who cared nothing for his soul's destiny, and in his enmity against God had torn up the tract.

One of the two remarked that whenever he saw a tract lying on the ground like that, it reminded him of how he had done the same before he knew the Lord. And yet, although he had done this, it kept coming up before him, and his very act had made him realise what a sinner he was.

Possibly the giver of that tract had felt discouraged but the Lord used even the rejected tract as a message to his soul. I wonder if some of our young readers who know the Lord as their Saviour seek to make Him known to others by giving them a gospel tract or a magazine. There are many who will have to thank the Lord for a tract which He has used as a messenger to their souls. How blessed it would be if yours was the hand that gave the tract away!

The summer months are here and many opportunities abound by which you can make the Saviour known to others, by giving them some gospel book or leaflet, asking the Lord to use it for His glory and the blessing of souls.

Sometimes a few of you can go out together and give tracts away, but never forget to pray that the Lord will guide you in giving them and also bless them to those who receive them.



### John's Fall.

**J**OHN is four years old. Not long ago he had a tumble. He fell down the stairs and when he was picked up there was a nasty bruise over his eye.

At night, when his Mummie and Daddy went to bed, they bent over their little boy as he lay there with his eyes shut, and, as they thought, fast asleep. "He will have a black eye in the morning," said Daddy.

Not long after a little voice was heard from the bed, saying, "I am going to ask Jesus not to let me have a black eye." John must have been awake and heard what his Daddy said. Every day he prays to the Lord Jesus, and he tells Him all his troubles. So he told the Lord Jesus what had happened, and he was soon fast asleep. Next morning John's bruise was nearly gone, and he did not have a black eye.

The Lord Jesus loves little children and He delights to hear them speaking to Him in prayer. He loved us so much that He died for us and bore the punishment that we deserved. Now He lives in heaven and is watching over His little ones all the time.

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

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

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

We have now come to the last four chapters of Matthew, and I hope as you read them you will do so very carefully and quietly. They are so sad and solemn for they tell us about the death of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God. We read in the first chapter of this Gospel that He came to be a Saviour and we know He had to die in order to save you and me. I wonder if you have ever thought about this. If you have not, you should do so now, while there is still an opportunity to know Him as your Saviour.

In the seventh question for May, you had to write about James, the brother of John. Peter, James and John were the special companions of the Lord Jesus and were oftener with Him than the others. Because of this it is strange how little we read of James. Matt. 4. 21 tells us about the Lord calling him and John to be His disciples. Their home was on the Sea of Galilee, probably at Bethsaida, where Peter and Andrew also lived. From Mark 3. 17 we learn that the Lord called them Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder. We read in Luke 9. 54 that they wanted the Lord to call down fire from heaven to consume those who would not receive them. The Lord came to bless and save and He could not do such a thing.

In Acts 12. 1-2 we read that Herod caused James to be killed by the sword, so he was one of the first who laid down their lives for the Lord.

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 to the first six will be found in the Gospel of Matthew.

1. Who went in to the marriage? Chap. 25.
2. Write out the verse containing the words, "shed for many." Chap. 26.
3. What did the chief priests mocking say? Chap. 27.
4. What did the centurion who was watching Jesus say? Chap. 27.
5. What message did Jesus send by the women? Chap. 28.
6. Write out three different verses to show that the disciples should have known that the Lord Jesus would rise again.
7. Write out two different verses to show that the Lord Jesus died *willingly*. Why did He allow Himself to be crucified? How does His death affect you? Answer in your own words.

### Answers to Questions for May.

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| 1. Matt. 17. 5.               | 6. (a) Matt. 18. 3. |
| 2. Matt. 17. 22, 23.          | (b) Matt. 18. 5.    |
| 3. Matt. 18. 11.              | (c) Matt. 18. 10.   |
| 4. Matt. 19. 14.              | (d) Matt. 18. 6.    |
| 5. Matt. 20. 28.              | (e) Matt. 18. 14.   |
| 7. (a) Peter, James and John. |                     |
| (b) Matt. 17. 1.              |                     |
| Matt. 26. 37.                 |                     |
| Luke 8. 51.                   |                     |
| (c) See letter.               |                     |

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 halfpenny stamp you must leave the envelope open, and write top left corner of envelope: Education Exercise, Printed Paper Rate.

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BY THE SEASIDE

## A Surprise.

**I** EXPECT most of you are enjoying holidays from school this month, and trying to make the most of the long summer days. Perhaps some of you are by the seaside, like the children in our picture, having a splendid time, making sand castles and paddling in the sea.

Some time ago two little girls were on a holiday like that. One morning they set off to the sea, carrying little fishing nets, to try to catch the fish swimming in the pools. On their way they met a lady and gentleman whom they did not know.

“Hullo, where are you going?” said the gentleman, stopping them. They had a little talk with him, and then the gentleman lifted his hat in farewell and the lady bowed graciously. The children bowed in response and went on their way.

A few minutes afterwards the little girls realised to whom they had been speaking. It was none other than the King of England. How very kind of the King to take notice of two little children, and how pleased the children were to have had the privilege of speaking to him!

You may never have a chance like this but you may have a much greater privilege if you want it—and that is to speak to the One Who is King of kings and Lord of lords. Do you know who that is? Why yes, it is the Lord Jesus and we can go to Him at any time and speak to Him in prayer.

I wonder how many of you have had a little time alone with the Lord this morning. He is interested in all that concerns you and nothing is too small

for you to talk to Him about. He is willing to help you with your lessons and your play if you will let Him, but He wants above all to be your Saviour, and you have to know Him as your Saviour before you can know Him as your Friend.

It was very condescending of the King to speak to two little girls but it did not cost him anything to do that. But the Lord Jesus, Who is the Creator of all things, left His home in glory and came into this sinful world to die for you and me. Was not that wonderful? Do you believe it, and have you ever thanked Him? He wants to have us share His beautiful home. You and I are sinners and were not fit to go to heaven. But Jesus died, suffering the judgment that we deserved to put our sins away. Oh come and trust Him now and He will be your Saviour and Friend.

“What a Friend we have in Jesus!  
 All our sins and griefs to bear,  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!  
 Oh what peace we often forfeit,  
 Oh what needless pain we bear,  
 All because we do not carry  
 Everything to God in prayer.”

*There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.” Prov. 18. 24.*

**DO YOU KNOW HIM?**

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**“Forget it.”**

**I**N some countries all bicycles must carry a small license plate, with a number, something like a motor car license plate. There was a boy whom we will call George Brown, who

lived in one of these cities, and who always rode a bicycle to school. He had to go six or seven miles across the city. One evening on his way home, he got into difficulties with a motor bus. The driver accused him of breaking the traffic rules, and both he and an inspector took his number in order to have him prosecuted.

The boy did the best thing he could do. He went straight to his father and told him all about it. He was in great distress, and was calculating his pocket money to see if he would have enough to pay the fine that was likely to be imposed.

Next day his father went out to the bus company's head office, and told his story. The official in charge carefully took full particulars of the incident, checked up the driver's number, looked up their own records, and finally called an assistant into his office and said to him, "When the charge against George Brown comes through, *forget it.*"

That was all that was said, but it was enough. It made George's father think of a somewhat similar experience that had happened to him when he was a boy, only the case was very much more serious. He had been a bad boy. A record had been kept of all his sins from the time he was quite small, and he suddenly found out that he had to answer for every one. Indeed the case was so serious, he discovered the whole question had come before the Judge, and he had been brought in guilty, not before man, but God; and that is a very terrible thing for any person to find out. The fact is, he was condemned already. George's case had

not come up, but his father's was settled; he was guilty and condemned.

What could he do? Nothing. George had some hope of paying his fine out of pocket money; his father had no such hope. What did he do? He did the best think he could do. He went straight to the One Who would later be his Judge. He made a clean breast of the whole thing, and there to his joy he found that this One had already settled the claim Himself, having paid the full debt. And instead of being angry with him for all those sins, He said, "Thy sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

What more could he want? Nothing. No one could bring up his sins against him if the Judge had promised to forget them. And as George's father heard the manager of the bus company utter those two words, "Forget it," he could only once more thank the One Who was now His Saviour for all that He had done for him.

How is it with you? Is your debt paid? Are your sins forgiven? The Lord Jesus is the Same to-day as He was all those years ago when He pardoned the sins of George's father, and He is just as willing to forgive yours. Remember that unless your sins are forgiven you will have to answer for them. But the Lord Jesus suffered on the cross, the Just for the unjust, and He longs that you will trust in Him and know that your sins have been washed away in His precious blood, so that they can never be found again.

"The trembling sinner feareth that God can ne'er forget,  
But one full payment cleareth His memory of all debt."

## The Net.

A SHORT time ago I was walking with a friend along the shore of a little island off the coast of South China. We came to a place where a rickety looking stand of bamboo poles had been built close to the water's edge.

A man was sitting up in this little tower, and eagerly gazing out over the water, apparently searching in every direction for something in the water.

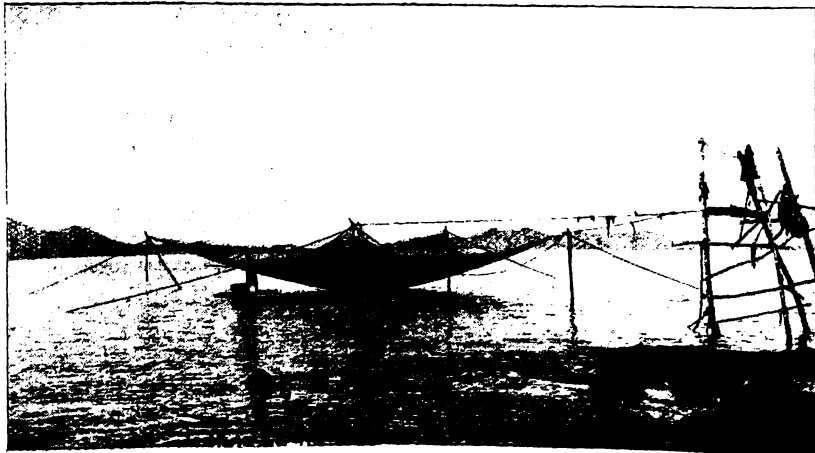
Whilst we watched he suddenly, with hands and feet, began to wind up rapidly a sort of windlass to which was attached a long rope which let down into the water. As he wound, a large net, which had been lying submerged, appeared out of the water supported by four long bamboo poles.

When the net rose we could see a number of fish jumping about inside trying to escape, but the fisherman raised the net high out of the water, and all their efforts were useless.

Then he quickly climbed down from his perch and poled himself out to the net on a light raft. With a small bag on the end of a long pole, he soon scooped up the poor flapping fishes and put them into his basket and brought them ashore.

When he climbed back to his lookout we asked him how he knew when to pull up his net. He replied, "I can see the fish from above here and so all the time I am watching for them."

I expect some of you who read this magazine have heard that the Chinese character which means "sin" is a picture of a fish net and the lower part of the character means "evil" or "wrong." How truly sin is an evil net; it has been called "the devil's net" and just as the fisherman was ever on the watch to catch the fish that passed over his net, so, the Bible tells us, the devil is ever "seeking whom he may devour."



FISHING IN CHINA.

The poor fish swimming along probably could not see the net spread for them, and only realised their danger when it was too late and escape was impossible.

In Ecclesiastes 9. 12 we read, "Man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net." Perhaps you realise that you have sinned, that you are caught in the evil net of SIN, and like those fish are helpless to get out by your own efforts.

If so, please turn up in your Bible 1 John 3. 8, and see how God has provided for your deliverance. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil."

You do not know your time; you may not have many days nor even hours to live, but only an instant is needed to save you from the devil's net. The Lord Jesus Christ has died on the cross to set you free, and this moment you can be delivered by giving yourself over to Him, in simple faith trusting Him as your Saviour.

believe it, we must know whether or not it is true. Every day we hear lots of things—about the weather, to-morrow's plans, and so on. Some are told to us, as "I hope" or "I think," or it may be by someone on whose word we cannot rely, and then we are not sure whether or not to believe it.

We read things in books and we believe them because we know the writer was certain about what he was writing. But sometimes even clever, wise men make mistakes. There is a wonderful Book which tells us of an all-important "IT" which we should all believe. How do we know that we can believe that Book? Because it is God's own Book, and He is a God "that cannot lie." Surely then, we can and do trust *His* Word.

And now what is the "it" of which God's Word tells us? You will find the answer in John 19. 30. These are the last words of the Lord Jesus when He was down here. "*It is finished.*" He was on the cross to bear the sins of all who believe on Him, to put them away for ever. He was speaking of the work God had given Him to do, and as He Who did the work said, "*It is finished,*" we know there is nothing left for us to do. "God that cannot lie" promised eternal life to all who believe in Jesus, to those who put their trust in that finished work, so if we believe God's Word we know we have eternal life, and that our sins are washed away.

What a wonderful "IT," and what a sure word of promise for us to believe! Have you believed it?

"It is finished! Yes indeed,  
Finished every jot.  
Sinner, this is all you need;  
Tell me, is it not?"

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## "To believe IT or Not."

"WHAT a curious heading," you say; "we don't understand it. What is the 'IT'?" That is exactly what I said to myself when I saw the title; but I thought it might make a subject for a little talk with you.

One thing is certain—if we are asked to believe something, we must know what it is. Then, if we wish to

## Light.

'Twas summer time, and on the sands  
The children with delight  
With one another ran and played,  
Their little faces bright.

But one there was who sat alone  
No other child was near,  
While talking to himself, he played  
And seemed to know no fear.

The child was blind ; his little eyes  
Were closed against the light,  
And all the beauties of the day  
Were hidden from his sight

Awhile he stayed, and then his nurse  
Did take him by the hand,  
And led him to the water's edge  
That he might in it stand.

He could not go one step alone  
Lest he in danger fall,  
But simply on his nurse relied  
Who kept him safe from all.

I did not see that child again,  
But oh ! it made me sad  
To think of all the things he missed,  
That helpless little lad.

But too, it made me think of Him  
Who waits to take our hand  
And lead us through earth's dangers great  
Safe to the " Better Land."

Our eyes are blind unto His love  
Until He makes us see  
All that He did and bore for us,  
That we might happy be.

Oh ! won't you, like that little boy,  
Just take the offered hand ?  
He'll lead you on through dark or light  
Till safe in heaven you stand.

Your eyes wide open then will be,  
For naught can dim the sight  
Of those who trust themselves to Him  
And walk in heavenly light.

## Young Believers' Column.

**Y**OU will remember in our last Young Believers' Column I told you of the result following a tract which was torn up. Now I want to tell you an incident especially to encourage those of you who have been disappointed by seeing the tracts you have given, thrown away.

Some meetings had been held in a Canadian town and a number of gospel booklets were given away. One of these was thrown down and there it lay on the ground.

It was a Sunday afternoon, and a young lady, who was religious but unconverted, was returning from her Sunday School class. She stooped down and picked up the little book, and read the page which was lying open. From that page she learnt she was all wrong, and before she reached home she was deeply in earnest about her own soul.

God's eye had been on that booklet, and although rejected by the first one to whom it was given, it was used to open the eyes of the one who picked it up, and she was brought through reading it to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus as her own Saviour. She afterwards became a bright testimony for the Lord, seeking to lead others to Him.

May this incident encourage each of you young christians to spread the gospel abroad by means of the printed page, remembering that word which says, " In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand : for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



### “Without Wireless.”



**LITTLE** boy about five years old was saying something wrong. Someone who heard what he said, told him that Jesus up in heaven had heard it too.

“What! without wireless?” answered the little fellow.

“Yes, without wireless.”

Have you ever thought that Jesus hears everything we say, and sees everything we do? He even knows our thoughts.

Perhaps you do not like to think that this is true.

You may feel as if you would like to get right away from Him where He could not see you or hear what you say. But Jesus loves you. He does not want to punish you for all your naughty deeds. He came from heaven to show us that He loves us, and He died a cruel death, bearing our punishment so that we can have our sins washed away.

He is in heaven now, and He is longing for you just to own to Him that you are a sinner, and He will save you and forgive all your sins.

Then when you know and believe how much He loves you, you will like to think that He sees you always, and can hear all you say.

He delights to hear little boys and girls speaking to Him. And He wants to hear them telling one another about Him, and to see them trying to show in all their ways that they belong to Him.

“God is in heaven: would He know  
If I should tell a lie?”

“Yes; if thou saidst it soft and low,  
He'd hear it in the sky.”

“God is in heaven: can He see  
If I am doing wrong?”

“Oh, yes, He can; He looks at thee  
All day and all night long.”

“God is in heaven: would He save  
A little child like me?”

“Yes, little child; for Jesus gave  
His life for such as thee.”

“God is in heaven: can He hear  
A little child like me?”

“Yes, little child; thou needst not fear:  
He'll listen e'en to thee.”

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

The holidays are here at last and I'm sure you are very glad, for you have looked forward to them for a long time. I trust you all will have a very happy time.

Don't you think it would be a good idea for you to do the answers early this month, so that you could have all the rest of the time quite free to enjoy yourselves? But be sure to do them and write them carefully.

In June the senior searchers were asked to tell all they knew about the Lord's coming. In Matthew 24. the Lord says that no man knows the day or the hour when He will come; and in Revelation He tells us that He is coming quickly, and He wants us to be watching and waiting for Him. 1 Thess. 4. 16-17 says that the Lord is coming first to take all those who trust in Him to be with Himself. Those who were saved and have died already, will be raised out of their graves and with the living ones, be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. That will be a wonderful time for all those who know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, but what a sad time it will be for those who are left behind. There will be no more opportunities then to be saved, but only judgment for their sins.

After the Lord Jesus has taken all His own away, He is coming back with them to reign over this world for 1,000 years.

I am sorry, I cannot, in this short letter, tell you more, but I hope you will look up these passages for yourselves. If you do not understand anything, I shall be pleased to help you if I can, if you write and tell me your difficulties.

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 to the first six will be found in the Gospel of Mark.

1. What did the Lord Jesus do a great while before day? Chap. 1.
2. How did the Lord Jesus heal the leper? Chap. 1.
3. What was the first thing the Lord Jesus said to the sick of the palsy? Chap. 2.
4. Write out the verse containing the words "they that be whole." Chap. 2.
5. What did the Lord Jesus choose the twelve for? Chap. 3.
6. In the first three chapters of Mark we read of many different people whom the Lord Jesus healed. Mention all you can find.
7. Tell in your own words all you know of John Baptist.

### Answers to Questions for June.

1. Matt. 21. 9.
2. Matt. 22. 37, 38.
3. Matt. 23. 37.
4. Matt. 24. 35.
5. Matt. 24. 44.
6. Matt. 2. 6.—Micah 5. 2.  
Matt. 2. 15.—Hosea 11. 1.  
Matt. 2. 18.—Jeremiah 31. 15.  
Matt. 21. 5.—Zech. 9. 9.  
Matt. 21. 9.—Psalm 118. 26.
7. See letter.

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A LITTLE CHINESE GIRL.

## The China Tea Set.

**I**N a town away off in China, there once lived a little girl called Ah Bo; that means little Precious, and it describes her exactly, for she was one of the dearest little girls I ever saw. When Ah Bo was about four years old there was great excitement in her house, for some foreigners, people with white faces and brown hair instead of having yellow faces and black hair, came to live next door in the house that had been empty so long.

Of course, Ah Bo was peeping round to see what these strange people were doing, and very soon she discovered that they could not be so very terrible, for they had a dear little Chinese baby girl about nine months old, whom they seemed to love as much as her mother loved her. Now Ah Bo had no babies in her house, but she just loved babies, so it was not long before she was running in and out of the missionaries' house as if she belonged there, and the little fat Chinese baby loved her almost as if she were her own sister.

As Ah Bo grew older there was something else attracted her. Morning and evening a Chinese teacher read aloud to those gathered, stories about how God made the world, about Abraham, and Joseph and Moses and David, and about One called Jesus Who went about doing good. Ah Bo was almost always there listening, and on Sunday afternoon when the women gathered, she was there too, to listen while it was explained that this Jesus was the Son of God, Who loved everyone in the world. And though He was the Son of God, He

allowed Himself to die because that was the only way that sinful men could be saved. We all should have died, and have suffered for ever in hell, but the Lord Jesus died instead. Therefore whoever believes in Him will not perish.

Ah Bo heard all this, and I am sure she talked about it at home, but her mother never paid any attention. She did not mind her little girl going to the meetings, but she did not want to go herself. She had her own idols, and every morning and evening she was very careful to put fresh tea in front of the ancestral tablets, and to burn incense before them, and every festival was carefully observed.

But one day something got into her house that the idols could not keep out. There was a great epidemic of smallpox and very soon her dear little Ah Bo sickened with the terrible disease. Day after day she lay in the dark, hot room, and her mother nursed her day and night. I am sure she prayed to her idols, but do you think they heard? No, they could not help her. She was all alone, for the neighbours were afraid to come near her. Her idols had failed her; she was without God and without hope. I think she must have remembered what little Ah Bo used to tell her about a God of love. But how could she tell that this God loved her?

The missionary family next door had been away. On their return they found smallpox everywhere. In almost every house where they called, and on the streets they met people covered with it. They were very sorry when they heard that their

little friend Ah Bo had taken it. The mother of the missionary family did not speak Chinese, but she loved all children, and was specially fond of Ah Bo, so she was soon planning some way to help her.

"How dull Ah Bo must be lying there day after day," she said to her daughter. "Do take in this toy for her to play with." Ah Bo's mother met the visitor at the door, and accepted the box. "Look what the foreign lady has sent you," she said to her little girl. Eagerly Ah Bo opened the box, and all the family gathered to admire the little blue and white china teaset. They had never seen such a thing before. How it helped the days to pass, spreading them out, and putting them back in the box.

"The good grandmother, how kind she is!" said Ah Bo. And her mother quite agreed with her. But other thoughts were coming into her mind. If the foreign lady could care for her little girl enough to send her such a pretty present, could it be possible that the foreigner's God could care for her? Her own gods had proved of no use to her. She had heard Ah Bo singing a hymn she had learnt at the foreign school:—

"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so."

Could it be possible that there was a God who loves people?

As soon as Ah Bo was well again she was back at the meetings. But this time she did not come alone; her mother was with her. How warmly the missionaries welcomed her! This

was what they had been praying for, for months.

"I had to come to thank the grandmother for the little dishes," she said in a half shame-faced way. And the smile the grandmother gave her told her more plainly than words what it was made her send the dishes; it was love.

It was not very long before Ah Bo's mother knew that the foreigners' God was her God too, and that He loved her, and that His Son Jesus had died for her. And so she gave herself to Him, and is now a happy christian woman.

And now, dear children, you have known this all your lives, but have you ever said with your heart, "O God, Thou art my God"? Have you ever said and meant it, "The Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me"?

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### Missing.

"DONALD is missing!" Tom smiled across at me as he said this. He was counting the children as they passed one by one through the last gate on their way home from the annual Sunday School treat.

I smiled back. We could not help smiling, as it happened every year Donald always contrived to be missing at the last moment; but then he always arrived just in time *not* to miss the train. He began that sort of thing when a tiny fellow—it must have been his first treat—he was dis-

covered having tea with another party.

Another summer evening, a beautiful white fan-tail pigeon of his, having her young master's propensity, was found on our roof. Probably she did not know she was lost, but would have found it out later. With the aid of a pair of steps she was captured through an upper window, and carried carefully home, and I daresay was glad enough to find herself in familiar quarters.

How many boys and girls there are to-day, missing from the right way, lost in sin—though perhaps like Donald's pigeon, they do not know it. "Oh," I can hear someone say, "that is all so serious. It will be time enough when I get older to think of that!" But are you quite sure that you will want to come to Christ when you are older? And then, what about the years that will have gone for ever, that you might have given Him Who loved you and gave Himself for you? (Gal. 2. 20.)

And then there is another side to it. During the Great War there were many of our boys—some quite young—who were killed or reported "missing." One, named Arthur, who belonged to the same Sunday School as Donald, was just growing into manhood, and was taking a class of his own when he had to join up, and he went out full of hope, on his first voyage, little knowing it would be the last.

In sight of land the great vessel struck a mine, and in a very short while it had gone down, with all on board to the bottom of the Mediterranean. If these poor fellows had

not sought the Lord before, there was little chance then. But we believe that some of our boys were already saved, and although their bodies were lost to us until the resurrection, their names were not missing in the Lamb's Book of Life (Phil. 4. 3; Rev. 21. 27) where there is a record of everyone, who, convicted of sin, has been washed in "the blood of Jesus Christ" that cleanseth from all sin. (1 John 1. 7.)

That was what mattered most—they were safe with Him. Dear young reader, life is very uncertain, and Jesus may come at any time. Is *your* name in the Book of Life? How sad it would be if, when the Lord counts up His own, your name should be—MISSING.

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## "Seeking Goodly Pearls."

THIS is what happened every year in Ceylon some years ago, and you will see by our picture that it is done in a similar way still. Once a year the people who lived on the coast were very busy indeed. They went out from the shore in boats as if they were going fishing. Some of them who were divers got over the side of the boat, leaving the warm sunshine and fresh air, and holding fast to a very strong rope were ready to go to the bottom of the ocean. The diver held his nose tight to prevent the water going in and shut his mouth.

Down, down, down he went, as quick as lightning almost, the water rushing over his head and in his ears. He had a large bag fastened to the rope, and there were many queer and

interesting things at the bottom of the sea, but he had no time to look at them. He was there just to pick up oysters, and get as many as he could into his bag in two minutes, for that was all the time he could stay down ; he could not possibly live there.

Then he pulled at the rope and the men on board hoisted him up as fast as ever they could. Up, up, up he came, with the precious oysters, into the fresh air and sunshine, where he could recover his breath.

Inside the oysters' shells there are pearls, beautiful white pearls like you

see in jewellers' shops. What brave men to risk their lives for pearls ! And it was a risk, too, for there were plenty of sharks swimming about in the ocean ready to attack them. Do you know how a pearl comes to be in any oyster's shell ? A little bit of grit gets into his shell, and he is so sensitive that he cannot bear the least bit, so he makes the beautiful smooth white covering to go all over the grit, which we call a pearl, so that it shall not hurt him.

Down, down, down from all heaven's glory and light came the Son of God,



down to the manger at Bethlehem, on, down even to Calvary and the death of the cross, not only risking His life but giving it, seeking goodly pearls. Did He find any? Was it worth all that journey and trouble? Oh yes! He found His pearl of great price. The thief who died on a cross beside Him was part of the treasure He came to seek, and he went that day to paradise with Him.

He gave His life that we might live for ever with Him. Of those who trust Him He says, "They shall be Mine . . . in that day when I make up My jewels." Mal. 3. 17. We are His purchased people, and He desires that we should shew forth the praises of Him Who has *called us* out of darkness—like the darkness at the bottom of the sea—"into His marvellous light." (1 Peter 2. 9.)

"Hark! there comes a whisper  
Stealing on my ear;  
'Tis the Saviour calling,  
Soft, soft and clear—  
'Give thy heart to Me,  
Once I died for thee,'  
Hark! Hark! thy Saviour calls  
'Come, sinner, come.'

With that voice so gentle,  
Dost thou hear Him say?—  
'Tell Me all thy sorrows;  
Come, come away!'

Wouldst thou find a refuge  
For thy soul oppress?  
Jesus kindly answers:  
'I am thy Rest.'

At the feet of Jesus  
Let thy burden fall  
While He gently whispers:  
'I'll bear it all.'



### Young Believers' Column.

SIR Michael Costa, the celebrated orchestra conductor, was once holding a rehearsal. Hundreds of musicians with different instruments were playing a mighty chorus, when suddenly he stopped and cried out, "Where is the piccolo?" His trained ear had missed the sound of this small instrument, and the harmony was not perfect without it.

Are our voices raised in singing our Lord's praises now? When the children of Israel had crossed the Red Sea they sang a triumphant song to the Lord, and now that we know our sins forgiven, and death and judgment behind us, it behoves us to raise our note of praise to Him.

But perhaps some of you think that you are like that insignificant instrument, the piccolo, and if you do not praise it will not be missed. But the Lord knows and loves us each one, and if your note of praise is absent, He misses it.

Turning to the Song of Solomon we hear the Lord speaking to us under the similitude of the Bridegroom, and He says, "Let Me see thy countenance, *let Me hear thy voice*; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." (Cant. 2. 14.) He desires to hear each of our voices rising in praise to Him and His Father, and should one be silent He will detect it.

But perhaps something has come in to hinder your praise, so that sorrow of heart is taking its place. If so, go to the Lord, telling Him all, then you will enjoy His forgiveness and once again His praises will fill your lips. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me."



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



### “When I’m Good.”

**I**N front of some cottages, one fine day, several little boys were playing together, and just as a gentleman passed by he overheard one say to another, “Jesus is up in heaven,” and the other, looking up to the sky, replied, “Is He? Where?”

Being a christian, the passer-by was very pleased at what he heard, so he stopped and spoke to the children.

Addressing the little boy who had spoken first, he asked, “And do you love Jesus, my little man?”

“Yes,” was the quick reply.

“And does Jesus love you?”

“When I’m good,” said the little fellow.

“When you are good! Does He not love you when you are naughty?”

A prompt “No” came from the little boy’s lips.

“Does your Mother love you?”

“When I’m good,” was again the answer.

“But does she not love you when you are naughty?”

“No, she scolds me.”

“Well, if you are naughty you deserve scolding! but I think she loves you when you are naughty as well as when you are good. It is the naughty ways that Mother does not love. And so it is with Jesus. He loves little children whether they are good or naughty, but does not love their naughty ways.”

The little boy listened with great attention, as if he had never heard it before.

“Well, now,” said the gentleman, “don’t forget that Mother loves you whether you are good or naughty, but does not love your naughty ways. Good-bye.” As he turned to go on his way the little boy called out, “And Jesus the same?”

“Yes, Jesus the same. Good-bye.”

We read in the Bible that “Jesus . . . having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.” Can each of you say,

“WE LOVE HIM, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US”?

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

*In the chapters from which our questions are taken this month, there are some lovely stories. Don't you think it is so wonderful to read of the stormy sea which was made calm in an instant? It shows us that the Lord Jesus Who went about on this earth as a humble lowly Man, was the Creator of heaven and earth and the sea had to be still at His word.*

*We all love, too, the story of Jairus' little daughter who was just the age of many of our searchers. How glad the father and mother must have been to have their little girl given back to them safe and well. The Lord Jesus could give her life and He will give eternal life to us if we put our trust in Him.*

*In the July answers the senior searchers had to tell why the Lord Jesus allowed Himself to be put to death. It was in order that He might be our Saviour. The chief priests said in mockery, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save," but it was true; for if the Lord Jesus had saved Himself and come down from the cross, there could have been no salvation for you and me. But He died willingly and now He offers salvation to all who accept Him as their Saviour and Lord. Is He your Saviour, too?*

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 to the first six will be found in the Gospel of Mark.**

1. What did the disciples say to one another when the Lord Jesus calmed the stormy sea? Chap. 4.
2. What did the Lord Jesus say to the man when he wanted to go with Jesus? Chap. 5.
3. What did the Lord Jesus say to the woman who had been healed? Chap. 5.
4. Why was Jesus moved with compassion toward the people? Chap. 6.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "a few sick folk." Chap. 6.
6. Mention four different people who came to the Lord making requests. What did the Lord do or say in each case?
7. Tell in your own words your favourite story in the life of the Lord Jesus. Why is it your favourite? What lesson may we learn from it?

### Answers to Questions for July.

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| 1. Matt. 25. 10. | 6. Matt. 17. 22-23.   |
| 2. Matt. 26. 28. | Matt. 20. 17-19.      |
| 3. Matt. 27. 42. | Matt. 26. 32.         |
| 4. Matt. 27. 54. | 7. Matt. 20. 28.      |
| 5. Matt. 28. 10. | Matt. 26. 39, 42, 53. |

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**THE GIRLS HAD BEEN PLAYING TENNIS.**

## The Neglected Book.

**D**ORIS was twelve years old when she was sent by her parents to a boarding school. She was a christian, having come to the Lord Jesus and trusted Him as her own Saviour, and she knew that He would be with her and watch over her while she was away from home.

Before leaving home Doris's mother told her to read at least a few verses of God's Word every day. Her mistress was very pleased for her to do so, and sometimes when it was time for lights to be put out at night, she would be allowed a little longer to finish her scripture portion, and be left to put the light out herself.

So the first term passed, and Doris went home for the holidays. But what happened the next term was a great lesson to her and she has never forgotten it.

She was to sleep in a different bedroom with three other girls. Here was the test, and Doris meant to stand up for her Lord, and keep true to Him, but alas, what can we do in our own strength? Nothing at all, only fail and fall and this Doris had to learn.

At first she read and prayed as she had always done, and the other girls would often join in the reading. But there came a night when they all had such fun before preparing for bed and then there was a rush and a scramble to be in time for the light to be put out, and Doris had no time to read.

So the days slipped by, and her prayers were hurried and the little Bible and "Daily Light" lay unopened. Doris was growing careless; she was wandering away from her

Lord, and it wasn't long before it was noticed in many ways.

One day the girls had been playing tennis, and on their return they were told to tidy themselves for tea. Doris and her friend ran upstairs to their bedroom, threw down their rackets, took off their tennis shoes, and instead of preparing for tea, they lay on their beds chatting. Suddenly the gong rang. They quickly brushed their hair, put on their shoes and flew downstairs to tea, leaving their room in a terrible muddle.

Study hour came next, and then Doris was called to her room, where she saw the head-mistress standing. She took Doris quietly to one side and laying her hand on her shoulder, she spoke to her about the way she had been behaving for the past few weeks.

To Doris's astonishment she said, pointing to the "Daily Light" which lay near by, "It is a long time since you read that little book." Doris hung her head, for her conscience smote her; but how could her teacher have known?

Then drawing her closer to her, the mistress went on to tell her how she had watched her day by day growing more and more careless, and she had felt sure that where she had failed was in not reading daily that which should be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path—the precious Word of God.

Oh! how those young feet had wandered! But there was One Who had been watching His wayward sheep, and Who was ready to receive her back to Himself, One Who had never changed and Whose love was still the same.

That night Doris knelt by her bedside and confessed it all to that loving Saviour, and could rejoice to know He had forgiven her.

Now should there be any of my young readers who were once bright and happy in the love of Jesus, and have, like Doris, grown cold, may you too get down on your knees, and confess it all, as she did, and get new strength and power to walk as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

### A Mother's Sacrifice.

WHILE staying at the seaside I was attracted to a pretty little girl who was playing with her daddy near where I was sitting. She seemed to be enjoying the romp. On a seat near by sat a young woman, whose face was badly scarred and who looked to be in pain.

I found out in conversation with her that she was the little girl's mother. She told me that some months before she was walking in London with her little girl, when a motor cycle, out of control, dashed towards them. Seeing the danger, she threw the little girl aside, and received the full force of the

impact. As a result of the accident her leg was broken and her body badly injured.

For weeks she lay unconscious, and only after months of suffering was she able to get to the seaside for a little change.

The child's life was saved but the mother bears the marks of her sacrifice still. The little girl is so young that she does not realise what her mother has gone through for her. But you, boys and girls, are not too young to realise what the Lord Jesus bore for you on the cross of Calvary.

We often sing the hymn—

“ He knew how wicked man had been,  
He knew that God must punish sin,  
So out of pity Jesus said,  
He'd bear the punishment instead.”

Can you say that He bore the punishment instead of you, and have you ever thanked Him? Although the Lord Jesus is in heaven now, He still bears the marks of His suffering, that which He endured that we might be saved. The day is coming very soon when all those who have believed in Him will surround Him in that beautiful home, and will gaze on His face. Will you be among that happy throng, and join in the song of the redeemed?

“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.”

Isaiah 53. 5.

## What are They saying to You ?

GOING into a room one evening I saw two objects lying on the table, a watch and a ring. Now I want these two objects to speak to us, and what do you think they will teach us ?

Looking at the watch we think of TIME, and the ring, because it has no beginning or end, reminds us of ETERNITY. So we have two things which we see every day speaking to us of time and eternity.

None of us know when *time* for us will be over and then *eternity* will commence. So *now* is the *time* to think of *eternity*, to come to the Saviour, to put your trust in Him.

When the Lord Jesus was here He said to one, "Make haste and come down," and this man obeyed right away, and received such a wonderful blessing.

The Lord Jesus is in heaven now, but still He invites boys and girls to come to Him, to come *now* before it is too late, before *eternity* starts for them, so we read "Now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6. 2.)

As I look at the ring, it seems to ask this question—

"Where will you spend eternity?"

One Sunday evening a young lady went to a Gospel Meeting. At the close this hymn was sung—

"Where will you spend eternity?  
This question comes to you and to me;  
Tell me what will your answer be?  
Where will you spend eternity?"

She could not get these words out of her mind, and they made her feel very unhappy, for she was not saved. For days they kept running through her mind, until at last she was brought to the Lord Jesus, owning herself a sinner, and believing that He died for her. Then she was filled with joy, and could think of eternity without a fear or a dread, knowing that her sins were all forgiven, and she would then be with the Saviour who had given His life for her.

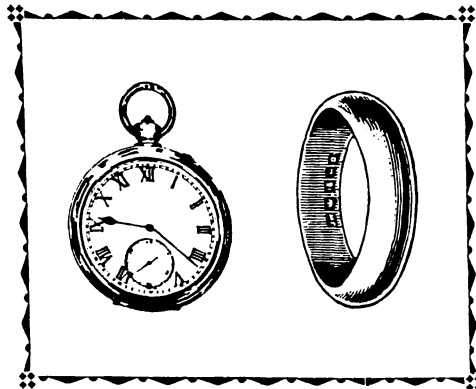
Now my young friends, can you answer this question—WHERE WILL

YOU SPEND ETERNITY? If you trust in the Lord Jesus, believing that He died for you, then you will spend eternity with Him in heaven. There is danger in delay, so I would urge you all to take heed *now*.

Some years ago a troop ship was returning to England,

and in the middle of the ocean one of the soldiers fell overboard. There was some moments delay before the ship was stopped and there was now quite a distance between the soldier and safety.

One of the ship's officers had thrown in the track of the vessel three life-buoys one after the other. The soldier was a good swimmer but he was getting fagged. When he approached the first life-buoy he ignored it and he did the same with the second. Then to the horror of those on board, the last life-buoy seemed to be drifting past him,



when the captain, speaking through a trumpet, called out "TURN ROUND ! A LIFE-BUOY CLOSE BEHIND YOU !" He heard ; seized it and was saved, and soon he was safe on board.

As he was lying on the deck, he opened his eyes, and seeing the captain, he whispered, " Ah ! Captain, if I hadn't heard that last call !" And then he fainted. What a mercy indeed it was that he heeded that last warning and was thus saved from a watery grave. May each of you heed God's warning voice ; as you look at the pictures of the watch and the ring, may you be able to say, "*I am saved for time and eternity.*"

### " Lovest Thou Me ? "

IF you had peeped through the fence of an old-fashioned garden one summer day, you would have seen a small boy and girl engaged in what appeared to be a very funny game.

They were running with all their might, arms outstretched, along a narrow path lined with currant bushes, and then creeping back with eyes on the ground, apparently searching for something.

What could the game be ? Well, it was not a game at all. The fact was, Grannie had given them strict injunctions not to pick the currants, so they were just *shaking them off the bushes* ! Perhaps they did not consider that was disobedience. What do you think ? They thought their Grannie was a cross old lady and they did not love her. Probably Grannie had much to bear that little people did not understand. If they had loved and trusted her it would have made all the difference.

Another boy I know, used to be left alone with a younger brother, sometimes for a whole evening while mother went out. Of course there were certain things they were told not to do, and when the younger boy wanted to do the forbidden thing Jack would say, " No. Mum said we were not to do it, and Mum knows best." You see Jack loved and trusted his mother.

I wonder if you sometimes find it a bore to read your Bible and to pray, and to do what you know to be right ; it all seems such a trouble ! I think I can tell you why. It is because you love yourself better than you love the Lord Jesus. Love would make all the difference ! Oh, if only I could make you see how very much He loves *you*. He left His home in heaven to come down and die on the cross, to suffer for *your* sins—in your place. " He was wounded for our transgressions." Isa. 53. 5. How He longs to be your Friend ! If you thought of all that, I think you would say, as I heard a little girl once say, " You couldn't help loving Him." Then your prayers would be just talking to Him, and the Bible would be His voice talking to you.

That little question of three words, that the Lord Jesus asked Peter so many years ago by the Sea of Galilee, has come ringing down through the ages, so gentle and loving, but oh, so searching !

" LOVEST THOU ME ? "

John 21. 16.

How will you answer it ?

" He did it for me ; He did it for me,  
A sinner as guilty as ever could be ;  
Oh how I love Him, now that I see  
He suffered, He died, and He did it for me."

## Summer Time Ends.

**S**UMMER is over and the time has come for us to put back our clocks. It reminds me of what I heard once of an old lady who was nearly ninety years old.

"Summer time," or putting on the clocks, has only become a custom in England in recent years, and the old lady was sadly troubled by it. "How can any one," she said, "alter the time? only God has the right, for He controls the sun, and we get our time from that, and no one dare suggest they can do it."

Her daughter tried to explain to her that it was not interfering with what God had ordered, but making use of all the daylight possible. She could not be convinced, and her daughter was obliged to alter the clock while the old lady was asleep.

We felt touched by the old lady's anxiety, and thought it would be a good thing if we were always as anxious that God's claims should not be ignored or His honour touched in any way.

Dear reader, have you yet recognised God's claims on you? Or must it be said as of Belshazzar of old, "God in whose hand thy breath is . . . hast thou not glorified"? (Dan. 5. 23.)

You can glorify Him to-day by accepting His greatest gift of all—the Lord Jesus Christ. If the old lady was so anxious to honour God in His work of creation, let us see to it that we despise not His wonderful gift of love, or in the day to come we shall have to meet Him as a Judge.

Oh, may He give each one of us to own and honour Him now.

## Young Believers' Column.

*"O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so."—Psalm 107. 1, 2.*

**W**ho more fitted to "say so" than the redeemed of the Lord? And yet we often have to own that instead of speaking a word about the goodness of the Lord we are silent and do not let others know to whom we belong.

In 1 Peter 3. 15 we read, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Perhaps you have an opportunity at school or at your work, when it is noticed that you do not do just as the others do, and you are asked why. Then speak up boldly for the Lord and own that you belong to Him.

"If in Jesus Christ you trust  
Speak for Him you surely must.  
Though it humble in the dust,  
If you love Him—say so."

Ah! the secret surely for readiness to speak of Him is the knowledge of His love, which burning in our hearts bursts forth in praise for Him. A little boy was being carried from a burning building by a fireman at tremendous risk. The little fellow clasped his arms round the neck of his rescuer and as they descended the ladder amid the cheers of the crowd, he whispered, "Oh! man, I do love you!" And as we think of all the Lord has done for us, and His present faithful love surely our hearts will overflow in thanksgiving too.

"Make us, O Lord, to praise Thee thus  
For all Thy boundless love to us!"



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



### The Stolen Apples.



**W**ANT to tell you about a little boy who lived in the country. Near his home was a field where he and his friends were allowed to play. In a garden near there was a young apple tree with some rosy cheeked apples growing on it.

The little boy looked with longing eyes at the apples. Then he began to think that if he took some of them they would not be missed.

One day when no one was near, he and a little girl he knew crossed the field and soon reached the apple tree. He climbed up the tree, and peered about to see if anyone was looking, then he put several apples in his pockets.

No one had seen the little boy stealing the apples, but God's eye had been upon him all the time. No sooner were the apples in his pockets than he wished he had never taken them. He felt so unhappy. He would not eat even one of them, but gave them all to the little girl.

His conscience told him he had done wrong, and it made him feel very miserable.

Many years after, when he had grown up, he remembered stealing the apples, and again his conscience troubled him about it. So he found out the gardener from whom he had stolen them, and paid him for them.

But this did not give him happiness, for there were many other wrong things he had done, and God knew them all.

It was not until he trusted in the Lord Jesus, Whose blood cleanses from all sin, that he knew that God had forgiven him, and then he was really happy.

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Although it is only October, it is time to begin to arrange about the prizes and so I want to know which of you would like a Bible or Testament if you have sufficient marks. If you have one already, you can have a book for a prize, so do not think that you must ask for either a Bible or a Testament. Will those who wish one of these write the word "Bible" or "Testament" at the end of their answers for this month?

It makes prize time seem very near when we begin to talk about it like this, but I hope if you are unsaved that you will not put off your soul's salvation till then. Some of us might never see that time; we are expecting the Lord at any moment to call all His own away, then the door of mercy will be closed for ever. What if after knowing so much about the Lord and His love, He had to say to you "I never knew you"? It is too dreadful to think of, but do, oh do, come to the Lord now before it is too late.

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 to the first six will be found in the Gospel of Mark.

1. Write out the verse containing the words "He hath done all things well." Chap. 7.
2. What are the evil things that defile? Chap. 7.
3. What did the Lord say about the one who is ashamed of Him? Chap. 8.
4. What did the father of the child cry out? Chap. 9.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "because ye belong to Christ." Chap. 9.
6. Tell about three different people that the Lord Jesus took by the hand. Mention where you find them in this Gospel.
7. Tell in your own words the story of the Syrophenician woman. Why did the Lord not grant her request at once?

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### Answers to Questions for August.

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| 1. Mark 1. 35. | 4. Mark 2. 17.           |
| 2. Mark 1. 41. | 5. Mark 3. 14.           |
| 3. Mark 2. 5.  |                          |
| 6. Mark 1. 26  | Man with unclean spirit. |
| Mark 1. 31     | Peter's wife's mother.   |
| Mark 1. 34     | Many sick ones.          |
| Mark 1. 41     | Leprosy.                 |
| Mark 2. 12     | Man sick of the palsy.   |
| Mark 3. 5      | Man with withered hand.  |
| Mark 3. 10     | Many.                    |
7. John the Baptist was the son of Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth. His birth was foretold by the angel Gabriel, also his name and his mission. He was the forerunner of the Lord Jesus and preached that men should repent. Many attended to his words and were baptised in the river of Jordan confessing their sins. When John saw the Lord Jesus one day, he exclaimed "Behold the Lamb of God" and two of his disciples left him and followed Jesus. His food and clothing were of the simplest kind.

John was cast into prison and beheaded by Herod, through the malice of Herodias, who hated him, because he had denounced them for their sins.

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**PET RABBITS.**



## Pet Rabbits.

I WANT to tell you about a little French girl who lived a very long time ago in a small village among the mountains of Aveyron, towards the south of France. I do not know her name, so we will call her Marie.

Nearly all the people in that part of France were Roman Catholics, who did not read the Bible, and most of them had never heard the beautiful stories and lovely verses that you know so well.

But Marie had heard something of God's Word, and she had a great longing to possess a Bible of her own. She had been told that she could buy one for three francs, or about half a crown at Nîmes. But Nîmes was seventy miles from the village where Marie lived, and she had no money to pay for that long journey, or to buy a Bible if she could have got there.

What was she to do? Her desire for a Bible did not diminish, and as the days went by, she pondered and pondered how she could get one. At last she thought of a plan. She had two pet rabbits that she loved very much, and she decided that she would sell her pets and buy a Bible with the money, or exchange them for one. And she actually decided to walk that long distance all alone in order to obtain the treasure she so longed to have.

So one fine morning, with her two rabbits in a basket, she set off on her long journey. What a brave girl! How she puts to shame the boys and girls of to-day, who often will not spare a few minutes each day to read a

portion of God's Word. If you boys and girls only realised what a treasure this Book contains, I am sure you would be more anxious to read its pages.

It must have taken Marie a very long time to reach Nîmes. But the Good Shepherd, Who no doubt put the desire in her heart, was watching over His little lamb as she trudged those weary miles, and He took care of her.

When she at last reached Nîmes she asked and asked till she found a shop where Bibles were sold. Then she went straight in and, telling the book-seller what she wanted, she offered her two rabbits in exchange. Her offer was accepted, and with delight she held her longed-for treasure in her hands.

Her little heart was filled with joy as she started off on the long journey home. She must have missed her pets, but she had her Bible, and when she was tired she could sit down and read from its pages, and this more than made up for the loss of her rabbits.

When Marie at last reached her home among the mountains she was able to share her treasure with others. She was often found reading aloud from her precious Book, and no doubt many from that village could thank God that He put it into her heart to walk that long journey of one hundred and forty miles to obtain a Bible.

Do you wonder why I have told you this story? It is that you may value your Bible as this little French girl did. It is the Word of God, and in it we are told where true happiness alone can be found. To possess a

Bible will do you no good, unless you receive its messages for yourself. God tells us in His Word that we are sinners and unfit for His presence. But we read in Romans 5. 8, "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Have you believed this message? Can you say that Jesus died for you, and that all your sins are forgiven? If so, may you be found reading His Word every day.

"Trusting the precious Bible,  
Reading the written Word,  
Searching its sacred pages,  
Learning of Christ the Lord—  
This is the path of blessing,  
Thus may we God obey;  
Oh! then let us look in the blessed Book  
At the morn and the close of day."

## What came of a Shower of Rain.

**H**OW it rained! So suddenly, and the worst of it was we had no umbrellas. We were coming along the road through the village, my friend and I. The only thing to be done was to rush across the road for shelter, and the only shelter that seemed at hand was the very scanty porches to the doors of some cottages on one side of the street.

They were all alike. We selected one and tried to squeeze ourselves up against the door to get out of the rain. But we could not help getting wet, however tight we squeezed, for the rain was coming down in earnest, in a big, slanting, silver sheet.

My friend John (that was not his real name) got up so tight against the door that the latch gave way and he fell in! The noise brought an old

woman on the scene to find out what we wanted. Her face was wrinkled with care, but there was a far-away look in her dim grey eyes, as if she was thinking of things above her immediate surroundings.

She seemed sad, at first reserved, but John's beaming face, like sunshine, and kind cheery words, soon made her face melt into a smile and encouraged her to talk. We do not know what her trouble was. She seemed to know the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, and yet to be groping in the dark, carrying a heavy burden.

Ah! she knew He could be trusted with it, and yet she did not let it go. She was worrying about the past, and was not sure if she had let the Lord Jesus guide, and undertake for her, or if her own self-will had had a share.

"Oh!" said John, "why don't you give up worrying and take your burden, past and present, to the Lord Jesus now, and leave it with Him. Give yourself over to Him entirely, ask Him to undertake for you in all, and don't spoil it by trying to do anything yourself. Surely you can trust Him."

Dear boys and girls, who know Jesus as your Saviour—for this is written for you—don't hold anything back. Let Jesus into your heart, not a little way, but altogether. Give yourself and your life up to Him entirely. He will undertake all for you. You have your little worries and vexations, but there is no need for you to carry any burden, for Jesus has promised to carry you and the burden too.

Do not let to-day's sunshine be clouded with the gloomy doubts of yesterday, nor the shadows of to-

morrow's trouble. We must begin afresh every day. We cannot store up strength and sunshine to last a week, a month or a year. No, every day we must go to Jesus for a new supply, and trust Him with our day and our life.

Well, as John talked, the old woman seemed comforted and cheered. Whether it was what he said, or whether it was the kind way in which he said it, or whether it was the sunshine of his own happy face, I don't know—perhaps a little of all three. I only know that as the storm cleared and we said "Goodbye," the poor old soul said, "Thank you so much. I am so glad the rain drove you into my house to-day."

The next day we had to bid our friend farewell, where we had been staying, and after a long railway journey we found ourselves at home again.

After we had unpacked, we looked out some books and posted them off to the old lady with the burden. We had such a grateful letter in return, saying how she had enjoyed them.

This is what came of a shower of rain. Not much, you say. Perhaps not, and yet the Lord Jesus may have sent the rain, and guided us to shelter in that particular doorway, and if so, a little goes a long way in His hands.

Dear children, if you are carrying your own burden, you cannot help to carry anyone else's. Take it to Jesus, and trust Him with it. Remember, the Lord Jesus is always caring for and thinking of you, and He arranges things so wonderfully that He may use even a shower of rain to cheer a lonely heart.

## Raindrops.

As they softly fall  
They're so very small,  
Those tiny wee drops of rain;  
To do any good  
They surely should  
Be just twice as big again!

Yet it is not so,  
Because you know  
'Twas God made those raindrops  
He uses them too [small;  
His work to do;  
E'en the smallest drop of all.

They have work to do,  
And so have you;  
Never mind if it is small.  
The raindrops don't ask  
A greater task,  
For their work is just to fall.

No matter the size  
In God's loving eyes,  
That's not what He looks to see.  
What He asks of you  
Is His will to do;  
He needs just your service free.

He settles the place  
On the earth's dry face  
Where each raindrop is to fall;  
So for you and me  
A place there'll be;  
Our part to fill it, that's all!

## “Children, cross here.”

A NOTICE board with the words “CHILDREN, CROSS HERE” appears on one of the new roads near London. A few yards before this notice there is another: “Beware of

done for the boys and girls of our land, and when so much care and attention is bestowed on them.

But the words on the post have a message for us about higher things. For life is like a road which we all have

to cross, and we are all in danger of accident and disaster. There is good reason why children are urged to cross the road at the spot indicated. And so far as the road of life is concerned, every reader of this magazine knows that it is the Bible that is like a finger-post pointing out to us the way to safety. For the Bible is

“Lamp for the feet  
that in by-ways  
have wandered,  
Guide for the youth  
that would otherwise fall.”

The Word of God tells us about ourselves, and of our danger, and points out to us the Lord Jesus, the Way to safety, the only One Who



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children.” It is a warning to motorists.

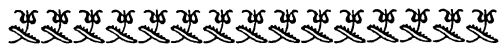
Young people to-day are glad they are living at a time when so much is

can take away our sins.

“How many children say,  
‘I’d like to go to heaven,’  
Yet never think that they  
Must have their sins forgiven.”

You will remember that John the Baptist was like a finger-post pointing out the Lord Jesus, when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1. 29. Yes, Christ alone can take away your sins, and nothing will please Him more than to do this for you, the moment you receive Him.

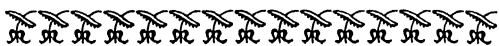
Have you seen your danger? Have you looked to where the finger-post of the Bible points? Have you started crossing the road of life at the only safe place? If so, then you will be glad to be a living sign-post to others who are in danger of losing their souls on the highway of life.



"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14. 12.

"Jesus saith . . . I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

John 14. 6.



## Young Believers' Column.

**T**O witness for the Lord Jesus Christ is a privilege that even angels might covet. Are you, dear young believer, a witness for your Lord and Saviour? You have, through the Lord's goodness, been led to Him. You have your sins forgiven and are on the road to heaven, but while you wait that blest moment when you will see Him face to face, are you seeking to be for Him here, fulfilling the purpose that He has for you?

Some years ago a traveller was in Syria and came to a place called Baalbek. There, in a quarry, he was shown a magnificent column, supposed to be one of the largest worked stones in the world, *almost* detached and ready for transportation. In the ruined temple of the Sun, near by, is a place still waiting for it, after forgotten centuries, but it has never got there.

So large, so grand; yet a failure! For it never fulfilled the purpose for which it was quarried and carved.

May we not learn a lesson from this? There are great possibilities in the life of each christian boy and girl who seeks to serve and live for the Lord Jesus Christ. But to take advantage of those possibilities we need to be subject and obedient to the One Who has saved us. We need to ask as one of old, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Acts 9. 6.

We may be sure if we place ourselves unreservedly in His hands He will use us in some way and enable us to fulfil the purpose for which He has left us here.



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



“ Jesus, Good ! Ta ! ”



HERE was once a very little girl with a very little name. What do you think it was? Ada. But small as Ada was she knew that sweetest of all names. What is that? I wonder if you could answer :—

“ Sweetest name on mortal tongue,  
Sweetest carol ever sung,  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.”

Though she was so small, Ada liked to pray to Jesus, and her first prayer was only three words, “ Jesus, good ! Ta ! ” Have you ever said “ Thank You ” to Jesus ? Why should you ? You all know the verse of the hymn,

“ Yes, Jesus loves me ;  
Yes, Jesus loves me ;  
Yes, Jesus loves me ;  
The Bible tells me so.”

How did Jesus show His love ? You will find the answer in Galatians 2. 20, “ Who loved me and **GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.** ” People who love you sometimes give you nice ‘ presents, but Jesus did more than that—He gave **HIMSELF.** Even tiny children don’t always do what Mother says, and then they have to be punished. And God would have to punish us for the naughty things we have done, but Jesus gave Himself to be punished for us. As Ada once said, “ Jesus was punished astead of me.”

Have you ever thanked Jesus for being punished instead of you ?

## BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you noticed in the chapters we have been going over, how often the Lord Jesus cured boys and girls?

I like to think of how ready He was to listen to the fathers and mothers who came to Him about their children. They knew He was the only One Who could help them in their trouble, and none of them were disappointed, for the Lord Jesus is always ready to bless. Is it not an encouragement to us who know Him, to bring those we love to Him, so that He will save them? I think it is.

The boys and girls too, would love the One Who had made them well, and want to bring others to know Him. There are so many around us who do not know the loving Saviour we have found.

But perhaps some of you have sometimes wished you could see the Lord Jesus now, as these boys and girls did long ago. Though we cannot see Him now He is still the same Saviour and He is waiting to bless. So we may come at once, and He says "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." I hope you will come now.

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 the Gospel of Mark.

1. What did the Lord Jesus do to the little children? Chap. 10.
2. Write out the verse containing the words "to give His life." Chap. 10.
3. What did blind Bartimaeus do when he knew that Jesus called him? Chap. 10.
4. What were the men to say if any asked them why they were losing the colt? Chap. 11.
5. Why did the Lord Jesus say the poor widow had cast more into the treasury than all the rich people? Chap. 12.
6. Write out three different verses from any of the Gospels to show that the Lord Jesus was a Man of prayer; and two verses to show that He encouraged His disciples to pray and to expect answers to their prayers.
7. Write out in your own words the parable of the husbandman who planted a vineyard and went into a far country, and tell the meaning of it.

### Answers to Questions for September.

1. Mark 4. 41.
2. Mark 5. 19.
3. Mark 5. 34.
4. Mark 6. 34.
5. Mark 6. 5.
6. The leper. Mark 1. 40, 42.  
The man who had had the unclean spirit.  
Mark 5. 18-19.  
Jairus. Mark 5. 23, 41.  
Syrophenician woman. Mark 7. 26, 29.

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.

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AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

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“ Goodbye.”

I WAS waiting at the railway station of one of our big cities, when my attention was arrested by a large crowd of people standing on the platform, about to say “ Goodbye ” to those who had already taken their seats in the train. The people stood four deep and I was struck with the sad faces before me.

As I stood watching them, I was told that this was the train which was to take the people to the boat sailing for New York that day. I understood then why so many had come to say their last farewell.

There were young and old, men and women, boys and girls. Many were crying bitterly. No doubt they were parting with those they dearly loved, with the thought they might never meet again on earth.

As I thus stood wondering how many in that crowd, about to be parted one from the other, would ever meet again, I heard the sweet strains of that well known hymn :

“ God be with you till we meet again !  
By His counsels guide, uphold you ;  
With His sheep securely fold you ;  
God be with you till we meet again !  
Till we meet ! Till we meet !  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet !  
Till we meet ! Till we meet !  
God be with you till we meet again ! ”

Just as the last strains died away, the whistle sounded, and the train moved out of the station, leaving behind a sorrowing crowd.

I could not help thinking of the time when the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord Jesus will descend into the air, and call away all those who have

accepted Him as their own Saviour. Then there will be no time to say “ Goodbye.” No, for He is coming in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Those who have fallen asleep in Jesus will be raised, and the living will be changed, and all will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, to be for ever with Him.

Where will you be at that moment ? Will you be “ caught up ” or left behind ? Are you saved or unsaved ? Ask yourself these solemn questions, and make sure that you are among the number of those who are ready for the Lord to come.

Many were singing those precious words, “ Till we meet at Jesus' feet.” Perhaps you have sung them often, but have you fallen *at His feet* and found pardon and forgiveness for your sins, through trusting in His precious blood alone ? Are you now sitting *at His feet* hearing His word, like Mary of old, of whom the Lord said, “ Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her ? ” Will you in that coming day own Him worthy of all the praise and honour, casting your crown *at His feet* ?

“ The Saviour is coming,  
The moment is near ;  
The bright Star of Morning  
Will quickly appear.

Who now trust the Saviour,  
The sent One of God,  
Are cleansed and forgiven  
Through His precious blood.

And when all in heaven  
To praise Him shall throng,  
Each one who here loved Him  
Shall join in the song.”



“Unto Him.”

THE other day a number of girls were coming home from school, and I noticed that each one was carrying a long envelope in her hand. As it was “breaking up” day it was easy enough to guess that the envelope contained the report of the term’s work, to be taken home to the parents, so that they might know how their girls were progressing.

There may have been times when you girls and boys were not very anxious for Father or Mother to see the report. You knew that there had been idleness, inattention and bad behaviour during the term. I noticed one girl, on that particular day, stand in a quiet street and open hers, and read it with a serious face. I wondered if it was a favourable report.

I want to tell you about a “report” that was written a great many years ago—about B.C. 445. The Jews who had returned from the captivity found the walls of their beloved city, Jerusalem, in ruins, and they set to work to repair them. Each had his own work to do, and a careful record was made of every man’s name and the special part allotted to him. You will read about it in Nehemiah 3. There is just one word said about one man that was not said about anyone else.

I once asked some girls to find it and they took a long time; I wonder if the boys would have done better. In verse 20 we read that “Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired” his bit. Does that mean that all the others “scamped” their bit of the work and did it carelessly? I do not

really think that, but I do think that Baruch the son of Zabbai did his with a heart of love, *unto the Lord*, and so the great Master, Who was watching all the while, told the writer of that report to make a note of it, and so there it remains to this day. Someone worked earnestly, with a loving heart, and God thought it worth while to write it down.

In Malachi 3. 16 we read about some people, whose names are not given, who often met together to talk about the Lord, and it says “The Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him.”

Do you belong to the Lord? If so, what is He writing in His book of remembrance about you? “Well,” you say, “I had a splendid report from school. I did well in almost everything.” That was nice indeed. But I was just wondering how much thought you gave to *Him*, during the term. Was your work done “unto Him” *Who died for you?* (2 Cor. 5. 15). It was He Who gave you the intellect, the privileges and opportunities. And He has power to take them all away!

May you christian boys and girls always put the Lord Jesus first in your lives. Here is a good motto for you—

HENCEFORTH—UNTO HIM.

“Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price.”

1 Cor. 6. 19, 20.

**Sold.**

**I**N a city of South China there lived a family called Chung. When I first knew them there were two little boys and two little girls. One little girl was called Grace and the other Happy. When the time came for Grace to go to school she spent all her time studying and was soon at the top of the class. But Happy was quite different. She was full of fun and mischief; she did not want to study, but she was a help to her mother at home, looking after the baby and running errands.

When little Happy was about six years old her father died. Then indeed the poor mother was in trouble. There were six children by this time and very soon there was no money coming in.

In China, when a family is in money difficulties, the only way out generally is by selling a little girl. That is a very terrible thing, is it not? But China is a heathen country. They do not know about the one true God. They worship a great many gods.

Poor Mrs. Chung did not want to sell one of her little girls. She loved them very much. But then how could she see the whole family starve? There seemed no way out, and so at

last it was arranged to sell little Happy. Generally a child of six is sold for sixty dollars, but Happy came of a good family; she was clever and pretty, and so she was sold for ninety dollars, that is about nine pounds.

Poor child, I think her name should have been changed, for she was a very sad little girl now. Think what it would mean to be a little slave girl, with no one to love you, having to work hard all day for a mistress who was always scolding and ready to beat you. I am sure you are thinking to yourself "I am glad that I am not a slave; I like to be free and do what I like." And yet I wonder whether you are really free. If you will look at Romans 7. 14, you will see the Bible says that we are "sold under sin," And in the 16th verse of the 6th chapter it says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are?"

Now whose servant are you? You know that you belong to God. God made you. He gave you your body and your life.

But have you sold yourself to the devil? Are you yielding yourself to him, to obey him? You know quite well the kind of things the devil wants you to do. Are you serving him? If you



Looking after the baby.

are, then you are his slave.

You cannot set yourself free. Just like poor little Happy; she would have loved to run home again, away from her unkind mistress, but she was sold, and she was quite unable to help herself. Every day she grew thinner and sadder. All her pretty, merry ways were gone, and every night she cried herself to sleep.

But there was someone else very sad too. That was Happy's mother. She also got thinner and sadder every day, and I think too that she often cried at night for her little girl.

Before many months had passed, a very happy thing happened to Mrs. Chung. A piece of family land came into her possession, and she found that if she sold it she would have ninety dollars, just the amount that she had received for her little girl. How happy she was! She very quickly sold the piece of land, and with the ninety dollars all ready she hurried to Happy's mistress to get the child back again.

But alas! the mistress would not let her go. She demanded a hundred and ten dollars. Poor Mrs. Chung! and poor little Happy! So nearly free and yet it was of no use. Mrs. Chung had no way of getting any more money, but she was a christian, and I think she had been praying very much that

God would have mercy on her and her little girl. And God had prepared a way.

The missionaries had returned to the city, and they were very sorry to find what had happened to Happy. Just at this time a friend in Canada had sent a present of money to the mother, to get something for herself. Now the mother knew the love of God, and she dearly loved all little children. So she said, "What I would like best would be to see little Happy home again." So the money from Canada was put with the ninety dollars from the fields, and there was exactly enough to buy her back again.

She was really *happy* now. It was so easy to help her mother, so easy to amuse her own little brothers and sisters. Perhaps she had to work as hard, for her mother was very poor, but what a different work it was. She was free, and she worked from love to her mother, who had given all she had to ransom her.

Now how are you going to be bought back from your bondage? No amount of money will set us free from the bonds of the devil, but the Lord Jesus Christ has shed His precious blood because He loved us. The ransom has been paid. You may be free. Will you not yield yourself to Him *now*?

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6. 23.

**Change at Once.**

“**Y**OU'RE in the wrong carriage.”  
So I was told by a fellow-passenger one day when travelling in a strange locality. Through the mistake of one of the railway officials, I was directed into a train which was going in the opposite direction from that which I had intended to go.

As soon as I discovered my mistake, I left the wrong train and got into the right one. How many travellers on the journey of life are in a similar position ! They are in the wrong carriage. They expect to reach heaven, but have never booked at the right office, and have never entered the right train.

Let me ask if you are in the right carriage for heaven. If not, change carriages at once, for every day is taking you further on the wrong direction, and soon you may discover your mistake and find it is too late to turn. Make sure then that you are all right. The Lord Jesus says, “I am the Way . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” John 14. 6.

As long as I was in the wrong train, I could not expect to arrive at the place where I wished to go. My hoping could not change the train's course. It was I that was wrong ; the train was going where the driver wished it, and it was I that must change. So must you, if you are in the wrong carriage. You must change at once before it is too late.

“ Passing onward, quickly passing,  
Yes, but whither, whither bound ?  
Is it to the many mansions  
Where eternal rest is found ?  
Passing onward,  
Yes, but whither, whither bound ? ”

**Young Believers' Column.**

**A**N old christian was walking along the road when he stooped down and picked up a small coin covered with mud. When he arrived home he began to clean it and found it was a farthing. His friends asked him why he took so much trouble with such a worthless coin.

“ You watch and you will see,” was his answer. As he rubbed, the king's head began to shew, and the more he rubbed the clearer it became. “ This ” said he, “ is a lesson for us,” and he told them how the Lord has picked us up from the mire and dirt of this world, and has saved us, and we are going to be conformed to the image of God's Son.

The trials and testings by the way are like the rubbing of the coin, in order that the likeness of Jesus may be seen in us. Think of a farthing, of practically no value, yet a coin of the realm and bearing the king's head on it ! Then remember that however weak or small you may be in yourself, if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus, you belong to Him and you can shew something of His ways in your life down here.

“ Are you shining for Jesus, dear ones ?  
You have given your hearts to Him ;  
But is the light strong within them,  
Or is it but pale and dim ? !  
Can everybody see it—  
That Jesus is all to you ?  
That your love to Him is burning  
With radiance warm and true ?  
Is the seal upon your forehead,  
So that it must be known  
That you are all for Jesus—  
That your hearts are all His own ? ”



## LITTLE ONES' PAGE.



“ You can never rub it out.”



ONE afternoon, a little boy of five, was amusing himself by printing his name on a piece of paper. Suddenly his little fingers stopped. He had made a mistake, and wetting his finger he tried to rub it out. He had often done this on a slate and he thought he could do the same now.

But the more he rubbed the dirtier the paper became, as you children know quite well.

His mother was watching him, and she quietly said, “ Do you know that God writes down all you do in a book ? And you can never rub it out.”

The little boy's face grew very red, and he began to cry. He didn't like to think that all the naughty things he had done were written down by God. And I dare say that you little ones do not like to think about that either.

In a minute or two the little boy stole up close to his mother's side and whispered in her ear, “ Can the blood of Jesus rub it out ? ”

Ah, yes, the blood of Jesus can cleanse away all the black stains of our sin and make us clean and white in God's sight. Have you trusted that precious Saviour ? If so, God tells us in the Bible that He will not remember your sins any more.

“ Though your sins are red like crimson,  
Deep in scarlet glow,  
Jesus' precious blood can make them  
White as snow.”

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I don't think I need to remind you that this is the last time that you have to send in your answers for this year. Will you please send them as early as ever you can? That will be a help to me, and I'm sure you want to do all you can to assist me to get your rewards ready soon.

Those who have worked well, will, of course, receive a better prize than the careless ones, but I trust all will be encouraged to try again, if the Lord leaves us here a little longer. If you do not possess a Bible of your own, I hope you have asked for one for a prize. It is not too late to do so now and if your marks are sufficient, you shall have one. It is the most valuable book you can have, for it not only is a lamp to guide us now but it also tells us how we may have a home in heaven. That is worth knowing, is it not?

Oh! I wonder if any of our searchers do not value this precious gift God has given to us. If they do not, then I fear they do not care for the One it tells us of, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who suffered and died that they might be saved. If, by any words, I could lead you to Him, I would most gladly do so. He waits to bless you; let Him do it now before this year comes to an end.

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 to the first five will be found in the Gospel of Mark.

1. Write out the verse containing the words "Watch ye." Chap. 13.
2. What did the woman do when the Lord Jesus was in Simon's house? Chap. 14.
3. How did the Lord Jesus answer the high priest when he asked if He were the Christ? Chap. 14.
4. What did the people say when Pilate asked "What evil hath He done?" Chap. 15.
5. Write out the verse containing the words "received up into heaven." Chap. 16.
6. Tell all you can of the incident of the servant whose ear was cut off. Who did it? What was the servant's name? How was it healed? When did it occur?
7. On what occasions are angels mentioned in the Gospels in connection with the Lord Jesus? Tell where you read about 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.

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

Answers to Questions for October.

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| 1. Mark 7. 37.           | 4. Mark 9. 24. |
| 2. Mark 7. 21-22.        | 5. Mark 9. 41. |
| 3. Mark 8. 38.           |                |
| 6. Simon's wife's mother | Mark 1. 31.    |
| Jairus' daughter.        | Mark 5. 41.    |
| Boy with dumb spirit.    | Mark 9. 27.    |
| 7. Mark 7. 24-30.        |                |

The Syrophenician woman was a Gentile and not one of the favoured nation of the Jews. It was to the Jews (or the children of Israel) that God had made all the promises, which we read in the Old Testament, and the Lord Himself came in blessing to them. The Gentiles had no claim on Him, but this woman knew that the grace of God went far beyond all that He had promised, so she gladly owned that she was only a Gentile dog, but that even for them there was blessing. The Lord was pleased at her faith and gave her the blessing she asked.

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.

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.

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