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**Children's Gospel Magazine.**



**SOME OF OUR BIBLE SEARCHERS.**

### Where are YOU?

**W**HAT a fine group of Searchers we have on our front page! I wonder if your face is among them? If you are a Bible Searcher, who sends in your answers to the questions on the back page of our magazine each month to N. E., be sure and let her have your photo, if you cannot find yourself there. I should like to have another group in June, but for this I must have your photo by March.

I want to tell you about one of the Bible Searchers who used to do the questions. He is grown up now! One night in December he was at a Sunday School treat and when he went up to receive his prize, the gentleman who was distributing the prizes, having known him for a long time, made a remark as to whether he had yet taken the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. He did not answer clearly, and took his prize and went back to his seat. But that night before he went to sleep he gave his young heart to the Lord, and trusting Him as his Saviour, he received the forgiveness of all his sins and started on the road to glory. If you were asked that question how would you answer it?

### The Best Gift.

**I** EXPECT most people like to receive presents. "Why, of course we all do," someone says. Well, I sometimes wonder, because there are people, you know, who always seem to get the wrong present!—which must be very tiresome. Either they already possess the book or the article that you have so carefully chosen, or it is not the right colour, or it is too big or too small—or really just the thing they did *not* want.

Now there is a gift which never can be the wrong one to those who really accept it. But you and I can only *help* to give it to our friends. You will understand what I mean if you come with me (in imagination) a long journey, to far-away India, and watch two doctors walking round the men's ward of a Mission Hospital.

One of the doctors is a visitor from England, come to inspect the patients. He is hearing all about each case. Who is this man with such a happy face? They call him John. He has had his leg amputated, and poor fellow, he is a leper, like all the others, but worse than some of them.

A parcel of gifts has lately come from England, and they gave John a

Thanks be unto God for His  
unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. 9. 15.

nice muffler, for the nights are sometimes cold, even in India. Then some other friends also sent him a muffler ! The doctor congratulates him on having two presents instead of one. This was his beautiful answer—" Ah ! Doctor, Sahib, these indeed are good gifts and give me much joy. *But the greatest gift is within.* The Lord Jesus Christ is in my heart." Oh, young people, have you got the gift that leper John has ?

Now John has another name. They call him the Hospital Evangelist, because he cannot keep that gift to himself. Here, on the other side of the ward, is another happy looking man. It is all through John that he too found and accepted the BEST GIFT. It was not long ago that I read all about John, so perhaps he is still sharing his precious gift.

Now I hope someone is asking " How can I receive that BEST GIFT ? " It is so simple. You will find the answer in John 3. 16.

" God so loved the world that HE GAVE His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

### Helps for Young Believers.

**A**S Big Ben boomed out, several people took out their watches to see if their time was correct. No one said, " My watch is right and Big Ben is wrong." No, it is known that the time one hears from Big Ben is always to be trusted. And yet even Big Ben depends upon Greenwich for the correct time. Twice daily it telegraphs its time automatically to Greenwich.

If it is necessary for Big Ben to keep automatically in touch with Greenwich in order that the correct time may be given, how much more is it necessary for us who are christians to be constantly in touch with the Lord Jesus if we are to be faithful representatives for Him down here.

There are those around who are taking note of us. Are we giving them a faithful testimony ? Does our life and walk and conversation tell forth that we belong to Jesus ?

If we neglect our daily reading of the Word and prayer it will soon show itself in our life here. Big Ben is in touch with Greenwich twice daily. Are we twice daily in touch with the source of our strength ? Oh ! let us see that we are constantly—not only twice daily—having to do with the Lord Jesus. He is ever ready to succour us.

Sometimes we hear of a young christian getting put out by some circumstance, and instead of going straight to the Lord and seeking His grace, he does just the opposite. No prayer ! The Word of God left unread and sometimes days pass in this unhappy way. His light does not shine, his witness becomes blurred and the Lord is misrepresented here. It is just as if Big Ben was not telling the correct time. If such a one should be reading these lines, I would say to you, Return at once to the Lord and tell Him all. He will forgive and put you right, and enable you again to shine for Him. May our prayer be, " Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of those which observe me." (Psa. 27. 11 Marginal reading.)

### A Canadian Story.

**T**WO fishermen with one of their young sons were going down the coast of the Bay of Fundy in a boat, when one of them noticed on a high ledge of rock a sheep. It could neither get up nor down and was slowly dying of starvation and fear.

They were in a hurry and could not stop, but they made up their minds to return that way and try to save the sheep if it was still there.

On their return one man stayed in the boat while the other with the boy climbed up the cliffs, taking a coil of rope with them. There was no way of reaching the sheep except going down by the rope to it.

The fisherman tied the rope to a tree and then round his waist and let himself down to the ledge. He lifted the sheep into his arms and then gradually hoisted himself and the sheep up to the top of the cliff. The sheep was saved but it was starving.

There was a lot of rich grass on the top of the cliff, but before the sheep would eat, it came and rubbed its head against the fisherman's legs, and did all in its power to show its gratitude. Then it would go and take a few mouthfuls of grass and then back to its saviour, to caress him once more. It seemed as if it could not bear to be separated from him, though it had never known him before.



If a sheep could thus show its gratitude to its rescuer how much more should our hearts go out to the Lord Jesus, the good Shepherd, Who died to save us ! Think of what He endured to rescue us from destruction ! Think of the sufferings He went through on the cross of Calvary to bring salvation to us ! Can you say, He died for me ? Have you really thanked Him from your heart for taking your place and dying there for you ?

But none of the ransomed ever knew  
How deep were the waters crossed :  
Nor how dark was the night that the Lord  
passed through  
Ere He found His sheep that was lost.  
Out in the desert He heard its cry,  
Sick, and helpless, and ready to die.



### The Holy Saviour.

HOLY Jesus, meek and mild,  
Once was born a little child,  
In a manger He was laid,  
With no pillow for His head.

All His life He loved to do  
Just what God would tell Him to ;  
Good and kind to everyone,  
God's beloved, holy Son !

Wicked men, though He was good,  
Nailed Him to a cross of wood,  
And God's holy anger too  
Fell on Him instead of you.

" Why was this ? " You well may say  
'Twas to put your sins away,  
There He died, that we might be  
Safe from sin's dark penalty.

Don't you love Him, little child ?  
This dear Jesus, meek and mild.  
Don't you wish to see His face  
And to praise Him for His grace ?

That will be a happy song  
Through eternity so long ;  
Unto Him Who died for me,  
Praises, endless praises be !

### Some of God's Heroes.

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THE scene is the court of the temple at Jerusalem many years ago. People are coming and going continually, for the outward ceremonies of the worship of the true God are still carried on although the hearts of the king and people have long since turned from God.

A lonely man stands there giving a message. What is it ? Let us listen ! " Thus saith the Lord." Oh, it is a message from God. Surely the people will listen. But hark ! it sounds like a warning :—" If ye will not hearken unto me . . . I will make this city a curse." But the people pass on as if it did not matter. They have heard this message before, for the same man has told them repeatedly how God is going to punish Jerusalem for all their wickedness if they will not turn to Him.

And do they believe it ? Oh no ! Instead of believing the message they seize the messenger and say " You shall die for this," and they bring him before the princes and tell what he has said. And once more the fearless prophet repeats his message, adding " You can do what you like with me but be assured my message is from God."

His words seem to have some effect and for the moment at least they let the prophet go free.

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A few years have passed and we find ourselves in the palace, in one room of which some of the princes have

gathered. Suddenly a messenger arrives and announces disturbing news. A man has been standing in the temple court reading alarming things out of a book, or rather, a parchment roll. This book is the work of the same prophet who preached some years ago, and who now by the command of God has made his scribe or clerk write down and read aloud to the people all the things which God had told him would happen.

Realising the importance of what they hear, the princes send for the man with the book and have it read to them. "We must tell the king all this" they say, and they go and report the matter to the king.

"Fetch the roll and read it to me," he says. So the roll is fetched and the message read out. It is the same message which the king has heard before, how God is going to allow an enemy to capture the city because of their wickedness. The king listens to a few pages but his anger is rising, and seizing the roll he cuts it through with his penknife, and then throws it on the fire and burns it up!

Shutting your eyes to danger does not preserve you from it, and although the king burned the message and tried to kill the messenger, yet the judgment pronounced by God would most surely fall. The prophet is commanded to write another roll while a special judgment is pronounced against the wicked king.

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Again a few years have passed. That king has died. Jerusalem has already been besieged by Nebuchad-

nezzar who is soon to cause its total destruction. Once more the prophet speaks. He tells the only way of safety. The man who hands himself over to the Chaldeans shall live, but those who remain in the city shall die, for the city shall certainly be taken. It is the word of the Lord.

Will the people listen now at last? No, once more instead of obeying the message these foolish people punish the messenger.

They have had him a captive in prison for long, but now they take him and let him down into a horrid muddy dungeon. If it had not been for the kindness of an Ethiopian servant of the king the prophet might have died there.

But the black man went to the king and told him it was not right to keep the prophet in the dungeon. He would die of hunger. So the king gave him some men to help him to take the prophet up. They first went and found some old rags, and these they tied to cords and let them down into the dungeon, telling the prophet to put the rags under his arms so that the cords would not hurt him. Then they pulled the prophet up. God afterwards rewarded the Ethiopian for his kindness to His servant.

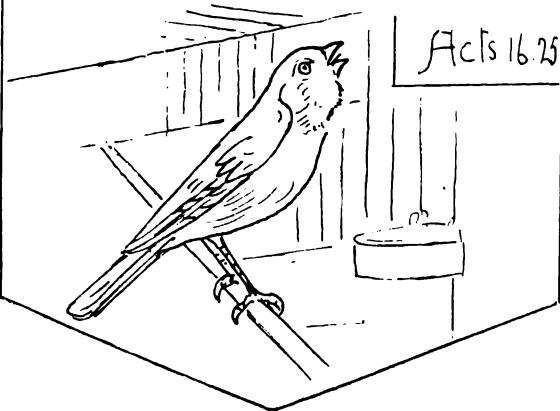
The prophet was still kept a captive in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken. And then God inclined the heart of the king of Babylon to be kind to His servant and to allow him to go where he wished and live amongst the people he loved.

Do you know the name of the prophet?

TEXT FOR PAINTING.



PAUL  
and SILAS  
.. sang  
praises  
unto God.



AND where were Paul and Silas when they were singing? In prison! Lying on their backs, on the floor of a dark, damp, and indescribably wretched dungeon, unable to move. How *could* they sing? Because they were happy! They were suffering for Jesus, Whom they loved more than their lives.

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Can I hear an irritable voice complaining because some little trifling thing has gone wrong? Suppose you try singing! Be sure the grievance will vanish into just nothing. Oh, if we did more PRAISING and less complaining how different life would be!

Dear Boys and Girls,

I do sincerely wish you all a happy New Year.

There are very many different ideas about how to be happy and much of our happiness depends on ourselves, so I trust that at the beginning of this year, you will choose the only way by which you may be truly happy. Listen to a verse spoken by a wise man long ago, "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." Oh! that every one of you would trust the Lord Jesus, first for salvation and then for strength and wisdom to walk here to please Him. That would be a good beginning, would it not?

The prizes for last year's searching will be sent as soon as possible. I trust the books will be a help and a blessing to all who receive them as well as an encouragement to continue sending in the answers.

Will you all please note that the answers are to be in the words of Scripture and the whole verse should be written out. Try to do it as carefully and neatly as you can for it is much nicer to see a carefully written paper than one which has been scribbled as quickly as possible without thinking at all what is being written. Remember it is God's Word that you are writing and it is important that we take heed to what it says.

And now, dear little searchers, you must have a little bit of this letter just for yourselves. I am pleased to get your answers as well as those from the older ones. Sometimes your hands get very tired writing out the verses and it takes you such a long time, but I hope you will try in spite of that. If the answer is a long verse those of you who are under 9 may write only the part which answers the question and that will be easier.

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.

### Gold.

1. What is much better to get than gold? Proverbs 16.
2. What is rather to be chosen than great riches? Proverbs 22.
3. What is more to be desired than much fine gold? Psalm 19 (2 verses).
4. What is much more precious than gold? 1 Peter 1.
5. Write the verse containing the words "gold tried in the fire." Revelation 3.
6. Write verses from Hebrews 9 to answer the following (a) What things were in the Tabernacle and what in the holiest of all? (b) What separated these two places? (c) Which priest went into the holiest? and how often? (d) What must he have with him? (e) Write a verse from the Gospels telling of a strange thing which happened to the veil.
7. Tell in your own words what Aaron did with the people's gold when Moses was in the mount. What commandment did he break? What did Moses do when he knew of it? How did he plead for the people? Answers will be found in Exodus.

### Answers to Questions for November.

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| 1. Galatians 5. 22-23.          | 6. (a) Romans 15. 5. |
| 2. Numbers 14. 18.              | (b) Hebrews 12. 1.   |
| 3. Colossians 3. 12-13.         | (c) Romans 5. 3.     |
| 4. 1 Timothy 1. 16.             | (d) Hebrews 10. 36.  |
| 5. 1 Thess. 5. 14.              | (e) Romans 2. 7.     |
| 7. 1 Peter 3. 20; 2 Peter 3. 9. |                      |

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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FUN IN THE SNOW.

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## Whiter than Snow.

*A Recitation.*

There's a beautiful word  
Which I often have heard :

Its meaning I've wished much to  
know :

I think, if we look,  
We shall find in God's Book  
About being "whiter than snow."

It puzzled me much  
To think there was such :  
For whiteness there's nothing I know  
With the snow to compare,

So shining and fair :  
What can there be "whiter than  
snow ? "

The snowdrop so sweet,  
That grows at our feet  
On its pure winter border below :  
And the lily, though white,  
I'm sure have not quite  
The claim to be "whiter than snow."

How sweet ! It is true  
We can be made new,  
Yes, washed in the blood that did flow  
So freely to cleanse  
Away the dark stains,  
And make sinners "whiter than  
snow."

## The Roll of Honour.

TO-DAY in nearly every school and college, somewhere in a conspicuous place hangs a Roll of Honour. All who have done anything noteworthy have their names inscribed thereon as a lasting tribute to whatever they have accomplished.

One such Roll was being discussed by some youngsters who came from a large school in the South of England. One little girl said how nice it would be to have one's name put on the Roll of Honour. "Yes," replied her companion, a small boy, "it would be nice. You see it's there for always."

That remark reminds me of another Roll, described in the Bible as the Book of Life. In this are written the names of each one who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, who is redeemed by His precious blood, and who will spend eternity with Him.

The time will come when those names will be read out, and anyone whose name is not written there will be banished for ever from the presence of God.

Are you sure that your name is in the Book of Life ? If not, accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour while there is still opportunity. Then when the Book of Life is opened your name will not be missing.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. i. 18.

### Helps for Young Christians.

I WAS much struck by a story which was told at a gathering of lads last year. A young fellow went into the Army and during those war years, 1914 to 1918, he rose to a very great distinction and then fell just as quickly. When he got home, a disgraced and broken man, he said to his mother, "Come along here, Mother. I want to show you where I began to fall. It was by that bedside, where I used to read and pray, and when I began to give that up—I fell."

The story speaks for itself! How many have to own that the neglect of reading the Word of God and prayer have been the beginning of a path of dishonour and of no testimony to the Lord.

Have you ever noticed that word in Acts 9, concerning Saul of Tarsus, where the Lord says of him, "Behold he prayeth"? May these words be true of you, my dear young believer.

You are saved by His death and blood-shedding; yes, saved from hell and saved for glory. But while on the way homeward you are beset with snares around and sin within, and you cannot keep yourself. But there is One Who is able to keep and He would encourage us always to be dependent upon Himself. The way we express that dependence is by prayer. Tell Him everything—your joys, your sorrows, your temptations and your failings, and ask Him for that grace which you need to be kept true to Him.

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

### A Chinese Story.

YUAN was a young man who lived in far-away China. His home was at a town called Shunteh, in the North. One day a brave white missionary came to live at Shunteh, and to preach the Good Tidings of the Lord Jesus Christ to those who lived there. Yuan often stopped to listen to his preaching, and as he listened he became certain that Jesus Christ was the Saviour of the world, and one glad day went for a long talk with the white missionary, and at the end of that talk he kneeled down and gave his heart to the Lord Jesus, and took Him as his own Saviour.

From that day Yuan loved to tell others of his Saviour, and sometimes went for long journeys on his bicycle into the villages and hamlets around Shunteh, preaching and singing about the love of God, Who sent His Son to redeem sinful men and women, and boys and girls. When he was returning from one such journey Yuan was held up by brigands, who took his bicycle from him. Poor Yuan was forced to walk the weary miles back to his home in Shunteh, and arrived late at night, tired and footsore, but thankful that his life had been spared him.

The next day he went to pay a visit to his friend, the white missionary, and told him about what had happened. "As the brigands disappeared with my bicycle," said Yuan, with a smile, "I remembered that on the back of it my Bible and some Scripture portions were strapped, and at once I sent up a prayer to my

Father—God: 'O, cause these wretched bandits to read my Bible and repent of their wickedness.' "

Ten days passed slowly by, and Yuan missed both his bicycle and his Bible sorely. His preaching tours had to be done on foot now, and in consequence he could only go to the nearer villages. On the tenth day after his adventure with the brigands, Yuan arrived back in Shunteh at nightfall after visiting one of these villages, and to his surprise was met at home with an urgent request from a shopkeeper who lived in a town thirty miles away from Shunteh that Yuan would come to see him. Wonderingly, Yuan set off early the next

morning, and what was his surprise when he reached his friend to find his bicycle there—yes, and there, strapped securely on the back, was his beloved Bible! What joy filled his heart! "How did my bicycle and my Bible arrive here?" he asked, in great surprise.

"The bandits found your Bible, and decided they did not want your property after all," explained his friend, "so one night, after dark, one of them brought it here to me, and told me to return it to you! It is wonderful—only God could have made them act so!"

"He is the God Who answers prayer," replied Yuan, softly, as his



CHINESE CHILDREN AND A WHITE MISSIONARY.

thoughts went back to the day his bicycle was taken from him, and how he had prayed that God would cause the bandits to read his Bible, and repent of their wickedness.

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### Life-saving.

"I GOT my junior life-saving certificate last week," said Dorothy to her friend, as they walked together. "Oh! did you? and how do you life save?" "Well," said Dorothy "if it is an exhausted swimmer we have to save her differently from one who is struggling and trying to help herself." Then she explained a little how she could do it and so get the drowning one to safety.

No doubt many of our readers know how to swim and save others from drowning and so they also could explain what to do, but I want to remind you of One, the Lord Jesus, Who came to this earth, not to save us from drowning, but to save our souls from hell, and that at the cost of His own life. You all know the story so well, but there is a difference in those who are in danger.

Which are you like, the exhausted swimmer or the struggling one? Perhaps you say, "Oh! I am not exhausted; surely I can do something to save myself." But it is only when the struggling stops that it is possible to help the one who is drowning, and so with you.

We sing sometimes,

"Cease your doing, all was done  
Long, long ago."

The Lord Jesus has done all the

work and now He wants you, a lost, helpless sinner, to let Him save you.

I wonder if an "exhausted" one, tired out with your own efforts of struggling and trying to make yourself better, is reading this magazine. If you are one of these, listen to the Lord's own words, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11. 26). He will not turn you away, but in His strong arms will bear you to a place of safety. And when you are saved, He will still care for you, till He takes you to enjoy His love in His presence for ever.

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### Some of God's Heroes.

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GOD has had His heroes in all ages. This month we shall consider one who was raised up to make the truth known, at a time when men and women were kept in darkness and ignorance of God and His Word by those who claimed to be His servants.

Martin Luther was a miner's son and was born in a small town in Germany in 1483. His parents though poor were anxious for their boy to have a good education, and thus in spite of poverty and hardships the lad persevered with his studies, and at the age of eighteen entered the University of Erfurt to study law as his father wished. He proved himself a brilliant student; took his degrees and started to give public lectures in philosophy.

Two things, however, turned Luther's thoughts in quite a different

direction. One was the very sudden death of his bosom friend, which brought the uncertainty of life vividly before him ; the other was the finding of a Bible in the University library.

He had never seen a Bible before, and his surprise was great as he read it, and learned how dark and ignorant of God his mind was, in spite of all his learning. As he continued to read he became quite troubled about his sins. Once in a moment of deep distress he had vowed to devote his life to God. Perhaps if he did so now and entered a monastery he would get peace.

So next we find Martin Luther, the brilliant student and lecturer, in the Augustine monastery at Erfurt, where he is a monk of the lowest grade who cleans the cells and sweeps out the chapel. It matters not to him how mean the duties if only he can find that peace of mind and conscience which he is seeking. Peace, however, is not found in that way, and neither the drudgery nor the self-inflicted penances brought Luther any relief.

At length, worn out with fastings and penances and distress of mind, he became ill. Then it was that light broke in upon him. He was repeating as he had often done before, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins," when an old monk who was with him, said, "Nay, you are to believe not only in the forgiveness of David's sins and Peter's sins, you must believe in the forgiveness of your own sins." It was a message from God. Luther's eyes were opened and he saw that through Christ he had forgiveness and salvation.

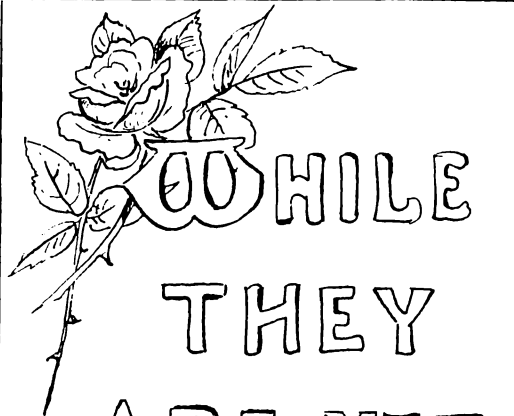
Soon the opportunity was given him to make known to others the truth which had brought such comfort to his own soul, and both in the University and in the parish church of Wittenberg he preached forgiveness through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Crowds flocked to hear him. It was such strange wonderful news to those dark hearts, and many hearing him received the message and were filled with joy.

Luther himself had still much to learn. He went to Rome believing it to be a very holy city, and still thinking to gain merit for himself by visiting the so-called holy places. He was shocked, however, at what he saw there. The priests led such wicked lives and joked at the most holy things. Luther turned away from them in horror. Then one day as he was laboriously climbing up the "holy" stairs in the Church of the Lateran on his knees, as others did, to merit the promised fifteen years' pardon of sins, he suddenly seemed to hear a voice saying to him "The just shall live by faith."

In amazement Luther started to his feet. He saw all at once how foolish it is to try and earn what God gives so freely to those who simply put their trust in the Lord Jesus. Descending those stairs, no longer in the chains of superstition, he returned home, determined henceforth to rest alone on the work of Christ for justification, and to preach this truth to others.

If the Lord will, we shall hope to see next month, how God was now going to use His servant.

TEXT FOR COLOURING.



WHILE  
THEY  
ARE YET  
SPEAKING,  
I WILL  
HEAR.



MARJORIE was learning a new bed-time hymn. Her auntie repeated the first two lines, which were in the form of a question :—

“God is in heaven. Can He hear  
A little prayer like mine ?”

“Stupid nonsense !” said a little contemptuous voice.

“Marjorie !” said a very shocked auntie.

“But auntie, you said ‘can God hear ?’ *Of course* He can !” answered the little one.

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Did *you* pray this morning ? And if so, did you speak to God (for that is what prayer is) with little Marjorie’s faith, really believing that He would hear you ? Then He surely will, for He has said so, and will answer in the way that is best for you.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some of you may be surprised to find that there is so much in the Bible about silver and gold. Gold is mentioned as far back as the garden of Eden, and Abram was rich in silver and gold, so we see these two metals have been valuable as long as man has been on this earth. But as I have been looking out the questions, I have noticed how often the Word tells us that to know the Lord is of much more worth than great riches. I hope you all will learn that, so that you will not be like the man who laid up plenty of goods and neglected his soul. God calls him "Thou fool."

Gold was used for a great many things in the Tabernacle such as the ark and the golden altar, and in the Temple everything was of gold, all speaking to us of Christ and His worth. There is a little verse which says :—

"As within the temple olden,  
Was there seen no costly stone,  
All was cedar, carved and golden,  
Naught but Christ, and Christ alone."

Silver is often mentioned in connection with the children of Israel and God uses it to teach us important lessons. Silver is the price of redemption. But we know that silver can never redeem our souls and make us fit for God. If it could, the Lord Jesus would not have needed to die, but only His precious blood could meet our need and redeem us from the power of Satan. So Paul, writing to the Corinthians, says "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price." But we who are saved, belong to One Who loves us and our song in heaven will be "to Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

Will that song be yours? I trust it will and that even now you will learn the value of that precious blood.

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.

### Silver.

1. What are we told about the words of the Lord? Psalm 12.
2. How much did the chief priests give to Judas for the Lord Jesus? Matthew 26.
3. Write the verse containing the words "Silver and gold have I none." Acts 3.
4. Who shall not be satisfied with silver? Ecclesiastes 5.
5. What is as choice silver? Proverbs 10.
6. Write verses to answer the following :—
  - (a) What cannot be gotten for gold, neither silver be weighed for the price thereof? Job 28.
  - (b) What is wisdom? Job 28.
  - (c) Write verses from three different places in Proverbs 1-16 which compare wisdom or understanding with silver.
7. Balaam said, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord, my God."
 

Tell the story of Balaam in your own words. Numbers 22-24.

Write a verse from the New Testament which speaks of him. Peter.

### Answers to Questions for December.

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| 1. Exodus 34. 6 & 7. | 6. Psalm 31. 19. |
| 2. 2 Sam. 7. 28.     | Psalm 52. 1.     |
| 3. Psalm 33. 5.      | Psalm 65. 11.    |
| 4. Proverbs 20. 6.   | Psalm 107. 8.    |
| 5. Romans 2. 4.      | Psalm 145. 7.    |
| 7. Hezekiah.         | 2 Chron. 32.     |
| Josiah.              | 2 Chron. 35.     |

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DUTCH BOYS.

*[Sport & General*

## A Dutch Story.

A CHRISTIAN gentleman at The Hague in Holland had a great desire to start a Sunday School for the boys and girls of that city. He was very successful in gathering the children together, and soon the little room where he held the Sunday School was much too small for the number that came.

He then went to the School Authorities and asked if he might hire the Day Schools on Sunday afternoon, and permission was granted. But the success of the Sunday School roused the jealousy of some people, and one day when the hour arrived for the classes to begin, the doors could not be opened. They were bolted and he could not open them.

He was not to be defeated however, and soon found a large hall which he hired for his Sunday School, and large crowds of children gathered there each week.

Now the enemies tried a new plan to stop the Sunday School. They reported to those in place and power in The Hague that this gentleman was teaching heresy—that is wrong wicked things contrary to the Bible. Soon he was summoned to appear at court to answer the accusation.

Knowing that the charge was false, he gladly went, no doubt counting on God to order all for him. He told the

council he was not teaching what was wrong, only what was in the Bible. On the other hand his accusers said he was teaching what was false, and the gentlemen on the council listened to both sides and did not know what was true.

At last they said, " Well, how are we to know what you are teaching unless we hear for ourselves? Will you give us a lesson just as if you were in Sunday School talking to the children? "

" Willingly," was the reply, and glad of the opportunity he started off with " My dear children " and related to these gentlemen, as simply and earnestly as if he were speaking to the children, the story of David and Goliath, and how the young shepherd lad by faith in God slew the giant Goliath with a sling and stone.

When he had finished a murmur of satisfaction passed round the gathering, and then one of the gentlemen of the council said " Well done. You are David and we Goliath and you have slain us all. Go and continue your Sunday School, and we willingly give you the use of the Day Schools for it."

Thus God ordered for His servant. His enemies were confounded and the work of the Sunday School has continued to prosper up to this day, though this dear man himself is now with the Lord.

Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee,  
and thou shalt glorify Me. Psa. 50. 15.

**Some of God's Heroes.***(2—continued.)*

**W**E saw last month how Martin Luther learned that the only way to be forgiven and justified is not by working for salvation but by simply resting on what the Lord Jesus has done.

Imagine his feelings then when a monk was sent round by the pope to sell indulgences, which he said would insure forgiveness of sins to any who bought them. No matter whether the sins were past or present or even future they would be forgiven to those who bought indulgences. People too might buy pardons for those who were already dead and their souls would go straight to heaven. What a delusion of the devil! Yet to many it was a tempting offer and they flocked to buy, so that already the pope saw his coffers beginning to fill with money as he desired.

Luther could not bear to see the simple people taken in by such falsehoods, and he boldly told them that such indulgences could never save them and they must go to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness. The pope's agent was of course very angry at this, but he became more angry still when one morning Luther nailed up on the door of the church at Wittemberg his "Theses," a paper telling the truth about indulgences and showing the contrast between this pretended forgiveness bought for money and God's free salvation. These Theses were printed and circulated not only in Germany but in other countries too and they caused a great stir in

Europe. To many a dark heart they were the means of bringing joy and peace and freedom from the slavery and darkness of the superstitions of Rome.

You can just imagine the wrath of the pope and priests at these happenings. Many people no longer valued the false indulgences. What was to be done? Luther was summoned to Rome to answer for his deeds but he was wisely advised not to go. Then the pope issued a bill of excommunication against Luther by which he was declared to be put out of the church and cut off from hope of heaven. Ah! Luther knew his hope of heaven was certain, for it was not in the hands of the pope but made sure to him by the Lord Jesus, so he was unmoved by the announcement, and with the men of Wittemberg he burned the paper publicly outside the city.

The pope's next step was to try and get the Emperor of Germany and the princes to take up the matter against Luther. It was decided to summon him to appear before the Emperor at Worms where there was to be a great meeting of princes, dukes, archbishops, bishops and all the nobles of the land. Luther's friends were afraid to let him go lest he should never be allowed to return, but Luther was decided. He felt the Lord would have him go to be His witness before that grand assembly of the great ones of the earth, so he went.

Pointing to a pile of books on the table they asked him, first, if he acknowledged he had written them, and secondly whether he was prepared to retract or take back what he had

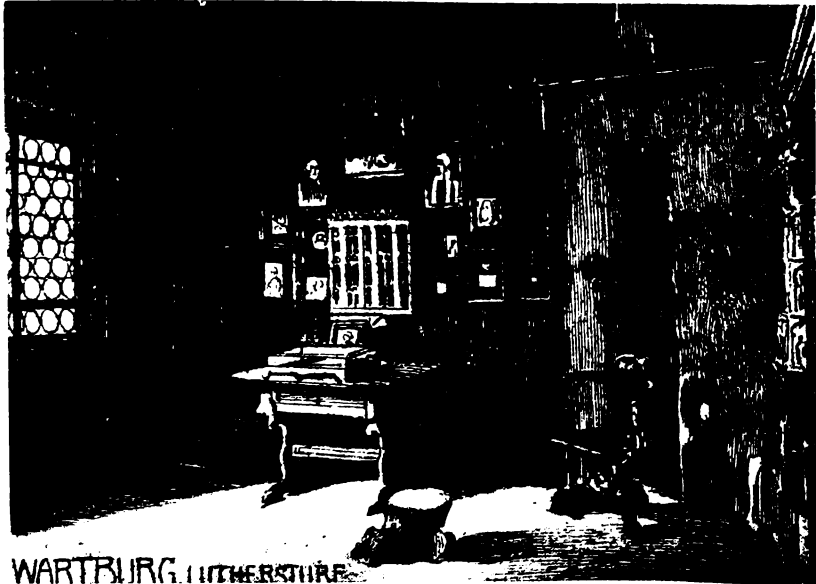
written. Luther owned that the books were his, but asked for time to consider his answer to the second question as it was so important. He was told he could retire and appear again next day. Meantime Luther spent the time seeking the help and wisdom and strength he so much needed from the only One who could enable him to stand firm at such a moment. He spent the night in earnest prayer, feeling his own great weakness, yet realising that God had chosen him to be His witness to the truth.

Next day he returned to the council-hall, and we are told that as he made his defence he spoke with such solemnity and authority that it seemed as though he were the judge and his judges the accused. Then to the question "Will you or will you not retract?" he answered "I cannot

and will not retract for it is not safe for a christian to speak against his conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen."

The decisive word was spoken for which thousands of people in Europe were waiting, to throw off the fetters of the church of Rome. Had Luther yielded we might never have had an open Bible. We might still be enchained in all the darkness of superstition and priestcraft, to which alas! so many today are returning, forgetful of the truths which their ancestors maintained often at great cost.

That declaration might have cost Luther his life. His enemies were fierce and many, and wanted to kill him. God, however, undertook for His servant and it was not enemies but friends who captured him on his return journey and took him in safety to the



WARTBURG, LUTHER'S ROOM

LUTHER'S ROOM AT THE WARTBURG.

castle of the Wartburg. Here in quietness and seclusion Luther was able to devote himself to the translation of the Bible into German, and thus gave to the common people the Word of God which had brought such light and liberty to his own soul.

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### A Surprise.

**M**ANY years ago I lived in a small village where there were no greengrocers' shops. People used to buy their vegetables at the private houses of those who grew them.

On the way to the village school there lived an old lady whose apples used to hang temptingly over the hedge. She lived alone, and seemed to me to be a very great age, for her face was yellow and wrinkled, yet she tended her own garden and lived comfortably on the proceeds.

I think I must have had a guilty conscience because I was secretly afraid of the old lady, and we are told that "conscience makes cowards of us all." You see I had had more than one of the old lady's apples!

Imagine my plight then, when I was sent by my mother to buy vegetables at this lady's cottage.

I approached the door tremblingly, and it took some time to pluck up courage to knock. I was just going to do so when a muttering commenced, and I was sure the old woman was saying to herself "That is the boy who took my apples."

Then the muttering ceased and I knocked timidly. She came to the door and asked in a cracked voice

what I wanted. Then she shuffled off to a shed to get the vegetables.

While she had gone I had an overwhelming desire to peep into her cottage. Perhaps I expected to see a witch's cauldron that the foolish stories speak about. When I did peep in, what do you think I saw? A large family Bible with a pair of spectacles on the open page.

Then I thought the muttering must have been the old lady praying to God. Oh! What a relief. My own mother read and loved the Bible and often spoke to God in prayer. I was not afraid any longer for I trusted people who did these things though I was only a small boy.

When she returned, the dear old lady must have noticed my changed attitude, for she took me into her cottage and gave me a nice rosy-cheeked apple, and from that day we were great friends.

I helped her to sell her vegetables as I grew older, and though she has long since died I know we shall meet in heaven with the Lord Jesus, for I can say that her Saviour is now my Saviour and I love to sing—

"I've such a wonderful treasure,  
God's gift without measure;  
We will journey together—  
My Bible and I."

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### The Last Guest.

**A**T a Gospel Meeting recently we sang the well known hymn "Yet there is room." One verse lingered in my memory

"God's house is filling fast,  
Yet there is room!  
Some guest will be the last,  
Yet there is room!"

I have been thinking a lot about this "last guest." Have you ever been the last one to obtain a ticket for an entertainment, or the last one to board a bus saving you much time and inconvenience? Or perhaps you have remarked after purchasing something, "It was the only one they had left. I am glad I went in time." But of how much more importance it is to be sure of a place in heaven.

Now suppose for one minute that God sent out a message "Only room for one more in heaven." What a rush there would be! Millions would crave that coveted place, but all except one would be turned away.

No money, no pleadings can stretch God's time. He has fixed the time when the door will be closed. Suppose the time expires tonight, would you be "the last guest?" Why not take the opportunity now while there is yet room?

Perhaps you remark "I hope I am all right for heaven. I think I stand as good a chance as anybody." Oh! do not leave it to chance. You can be quite sure. Have it settled now, for "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Note the words, *have everlasting life*. You have God's word for it. Don't delay: the time is passing swiftly. God's house is filling fast. While I write these words there is room. But we cannot say for how long. The Lord Jesus is waiting now to welcome you. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." "Believe on the

Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

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## Helps for Young Believers.

A TREASURE was given to me recently. It was a well-worn Bible which had belonged to a lady who had valued it greatly, but who is now with the One of Whom the Book had testified.

As I handled this Bible there were many things that struck me. I could see it had been *valued* because of the one who had given it to her. I could see it had been *read* because of the marks upon its pages. I could see it had been *studied* because of the notes that had been carefully written in the margin. I could also see that it had been *a testimony* because of the inscription on the cover.

Of this latter you will be interested I am sure. The owner's initials in gold were on the outside of the cover in the centre, then at the top were the words

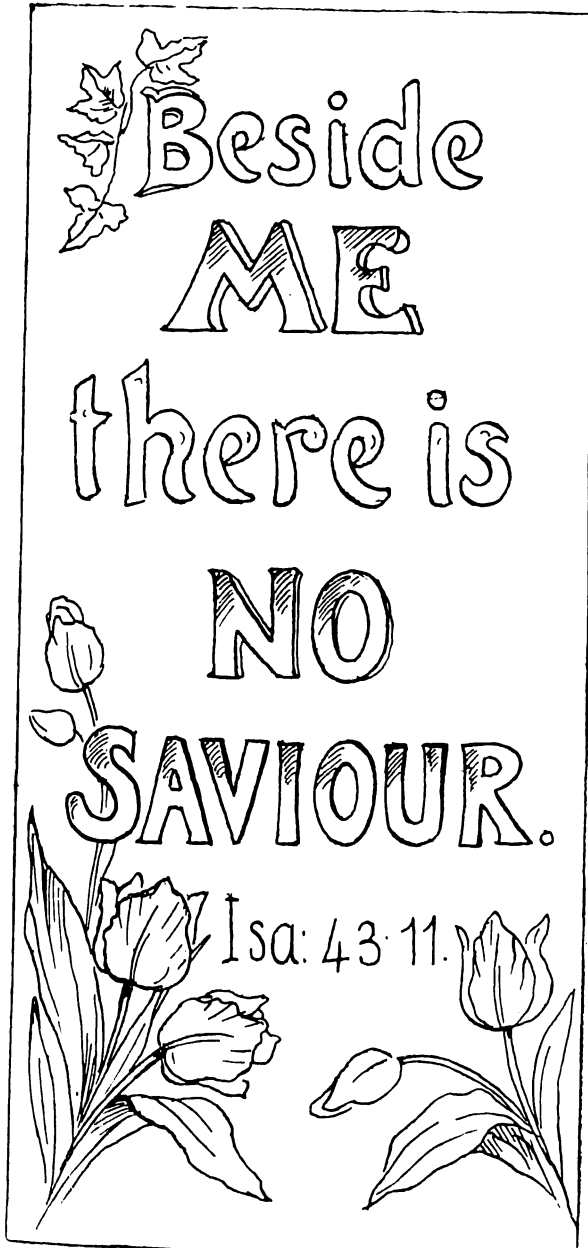
SAVED BY GRACE

and underneath

KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD.

These are precious words of deep meaning to each one of us who are young believers. We have begun to realise the wonders of God's grace in saving us, and surely we know that if we are to be kept it can only be by the power of God, for we are so wayward and apt to turn aside. May we be dependent on Him for every step of our pathway, and follow the example of this christian lady and *value, read* and *study* our Bibles.

TEXT FOR COLOURING.



AT a Mission Hospital somewhere in Africa, there is a splendid Christian native worker. Once he was a Witch-doctor! Many, alas! had died through his so-called "cures". Then he became very ill himself, but instead of practising his magic art on his own body, to everyone's surprise, he turned up at the Mission Hospital! There, he not only found healing for his body, but he discovered that his heart was black with sin; and only the blood of Jesus, nothing else—could cleanse it. So Jesus became his Saviour, and that is why to-day he lives to bring others to Him.

Have *you* discovered that you have a sinful heart, that only Jesus can heal? Is He *your* Saviour?

Dear Boys and Girls,

Will you please all be careful to write your name and address, for some of you still send in answers without any name and so cannot get credit for what you have written?

Perhaps some of you will send me your photos this month. I hope you will and it would be nice if you wrote me a letter as well. A few days ago I read a letter from one of our searchers who said that she had taken the Lord Jesus as her Saviour last year, and that she enjoyed searching and writing out the verses each month. I would be glad if some more of you could say that. If there is something you do not quite understand I should be so pleased to help you if you let me know.

This month the questions are about brass. I think the word in the Bible is really copper, for the brass which we know is really a compound of two metals, not one which may be dug out of the earth. As we read about gold and silver in the Tabernacle, we read also about brass, and there are deep and very precious lessons which we may learn from it. It tells us how the Lord Jesus took the sinner's place but He was able to endure all God's judgment against sin. If He had not, we could not be saved, but now God can righteously save any poor sinner who comes to Him, because the Lord Jesus has borne all the wrath of God against sin. The hymn says

"God could not pass the sinner by,  
His sin demands that he must die,  
But in the Cross of Christ, we see  
How God can save, yet righteous be."

Don't you think we ought to thank Him for such a salvation? I hope you will do it now and learn that you are precious to Him for it cost the Lord Jesus so much to save you.

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.

### Brass.

1. Write the verse containing the words "thou mayest dig brass." Deuteronomy 8.
2. What are we told about the shoes of Asher? Deuteronomy 33.
3. What kind of gods did Daniel say that Belshazzar praised? Daniel 5.
4. When is one like sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal? 1 Cor. 13.
5. Whose feet were like fine brass? Rev. 2.
6. Write out from Exodus 38 a list of things connected with the tabernacle, which were made of brass. How much brass was used for these things?
7. Tell in your own words the story of the serpent of brass which Moses made. Numbers 21. Why did he make it? Write a verse from the New Testament which speaks about it.

### Answers to Questions for January.

1. Proverbs 16. 16.
2. Proverbs 22. 1.
3. Psalm 19. 9-10.
4. 1 Peter 1. 7.
5. Revelation 3. 18.
6. (a) Hebrews 9. 2-5.  
(b) The veil. v. 3.  
(c) The high priest, once every year. v. 7.  
(d) Not without blood. v. 7.  
(e) Rent in two from the top to the bottom. Matthew 27. 51.
7. (a) Aaron made a golden calf. Exodus 32. 4.  
(b) The second commandment.  
(c) He cast the tables of stone out of his hands and broke them beneath the mount. Exodus 32. 19.  
(d) Exodus 32. 31-32.

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WHERE DO I COME FROM ?

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## An African Story.

**F**AR away in Africa there is an enormous district called the Soudan. In the greater part of this land the people have never heard the Gospel. There are few places where they can go to hear about the Lord Jesus and how He came into this world and went to the cross to bear the punishment due to us, that we might be redeemed and go to be with Him in heavenly glory.

The thought of all these poor people having no opportunity to hear the Gospel, so disturbed the minds of some of God's servants, that they were determined to try and reach them with the glad tidings.

The district was not really safe for white men, and the French Government informed them they could not guarantee their safety. But these brave people asked God to take care of them, and went right up into the Jarrawa hills.

At first they met with much opposition, but they prayed very earnestly for blessing and gradually they won the affections of these poor coloured men and women.

One day there came to the hospital a man named Nyam who was suffering from the dreadful disease of leprosy. He made it quite clear that though he wished for treatment for his disease he would not listen to anything about the Lord Jesus.

His poor body was cared for, and as the weeks went by he attended the little building set apart for lepers,

where the Gospel was faithfully preached. It apparently had no effect upon him until one day the doctor was walking past Nyam and found him in tears. The light had shone into his dark soul, shown him his need of a Saviour, and he had been led to trust the One Who bore the penalty of our guilt and Who is now seated in heaven, and Who is soon coming to take us to be with Himself.

From that day forward Nyam served his Lord and Master in every possible way. When his own tribe was smitten with smallpox he said goodbye to all at the hospital and set out to take the Gospel to his own people.

He was asked to stay a little longer until he was cured, but he said he could not rest knowing his people were dying, and had not heard the story of Jesus. So he went and laboured among them and God used him to the conversion of many precious souls.

Nyam is now with the Lord Jesus but the work he started is still going on. Dear young reader, have you ever refused to hear about Jesus? Has the story of a Saviour's love awakened an answering chord in *your* heart? Oh, receive Him today, and be assured of eternal salvation.

If you have accepted Him, may the story of Nyam arouse you to work for the Master, until He comes for His own. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Mark 5. 19.

### Helps for Young Believers.

**H**AVE you ever played the game of "speeches"? It is quite a good game and is great fun when there is a number of players. One goes out of the room and those inside decide what he shall give a speech on. On returning to the room he is told the subject and has to speak for two or three minutes.

I was with a company of young people recently and the subject chosen for me was "How to be handy in the home". I'm afraid if you had listened to what I had to say you might have thought the subject was not as easy as it sounds. Since that game I have thought a good deal of that little word "handy" and then I came across this expression in a book, "*Have an ambition to be God's handyman.*" And while I desire that this may be true of me, I pass it on to my many young friends who know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and suggest that they too seek to be handy for the Master.

Many of you, I am sure, feel you would like to serve the Lord Jesus and perhaps do some great thing for Him, and as you read of the exploits of some of the Lord's servants you may say, "I shall never be able to do such things." But remember the Lord wants many "handymen", those that are ready to do little things for Him, yes, anything that He requires.

The Lord can use you in your home for Himself. Your life can be a

witness for Him and in being handy there you can be serving the Lord Jesus. He says "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Just think, it may be minding baby, running errands, cleaning a room, staying in to let mother out. Oh! how handy you can be doing any of these things, and doing them heartily as to the Lord, will be service He will not forget. These little deeds are but the training ground for greater things as you get older.

Are you still at school? Knowing the Saviour, you want to serve and follow Him; seek then to be handy for Him there. There are many little extra duties needing to be done. Are you ready? You can do them for the Lord Jesus as well as for your teacher. Do them *heartily as to the Lord* and you will find such joy in seeking to please Him in your ways.

Then you can be handy by giving a tract or a magazine away for the Lord Jesus, perhaps to one of your schoolmates, speaking a word for Him, and seeking to win someone else for your loving Saviour. The chances you have of witnessing for the Lord Jesus at school will soon be over, and those boys and girls you may never be able to influence again. Oh! then let your lips speak for Him and your lives attract others to Him, and may each one of you seek to be

GOD'S HANDYMAN.

"Do all to the glory of God."

1 Cor. 10. 31.

**A Pilot who could not be trusted.**

THOSE who have cruised through the beautiful blue waters of the Mediterranean during the summer time have experienced how wonderful the views are from Marseilles to Monte Carlo. All the places of interest can be reached by means of pleasure steamers. But what a great difference it is in winter time to put to sea in a craft which is not capable of battling against the terrific mistrals, as the cold north-west winds are called, which one encounters during this part of the year, in this vicinity.

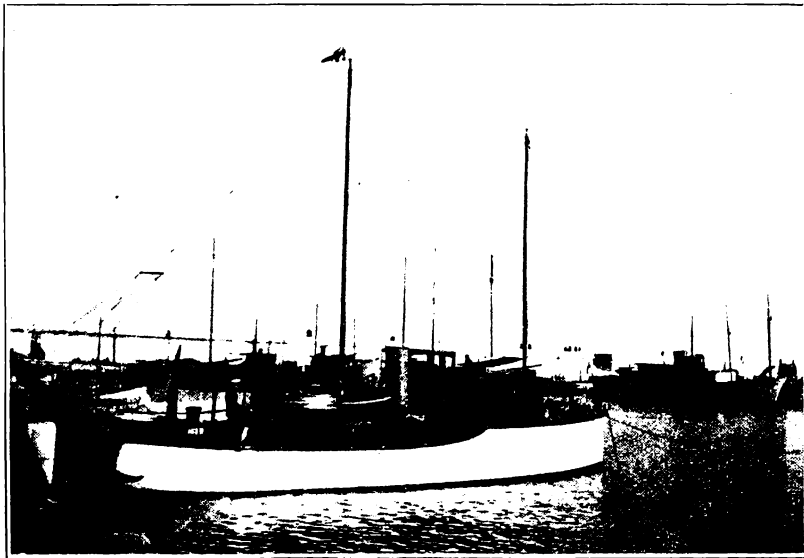
Our ship was put to the test in a strong mistral which lasted a good many hours. Usually the mistral lasts for three days. After leaving England we made our way to Marseilles, where we arrived safely. Our next place to call was Antibes, near Cannes, and not knowing the coast sufficiently well, the owner decided to take a pilot.

He gave orders to leave the next morning, weather permitting. Accordingly, as the weather seemed very fair, with only a little swell, we cast off at 4 a.m. After being at sea for about two hours the wind freshened and as soon as day dawned we could see it

was looking very clear ahead, which is a sure sign of the mistral.

At 10 o'clock the seas were mountainous and the waves were coming over the bridge. We found to our dismay that the pilot had not taken a course, but was going by guess work, and he was a long way out in his reckoning.

Seeing the position he had put us in, I called the captain, who thinking the



AT MONTE CARLO.

pilot was capable of managing the ship, had gone below for a little sleep. I explained the case to him, and he immediately looked up the chart, and found out we were five miles from Port Cros. Going on deck he took charge, and after an hour's steaming at half speed we reached our destination. It was a haven of rest to us and we moored to a buoy for the night.

Have you ever pictured yourself on the sea of life without a chart or a compass to guide you? The pilot I have told you of could not be trusted, and we cannot say what the result might have been if our captain had been unable to take control. Let me tell you of the only Pilot Who can safely guide us to the heavenly shore. Perhaps you know the chorus—

“ Do you want a Pilot?  
Signal then to Jesus.  
Do you want a Pilot?  
Bid Him come on board.  
For He will safely guide  
Across the ocean wide,  
Until we reach at last  
The heavenly harbour.”

If you trust the Lord Jesus He will bring you safely through all the trials of this world. His Word is our chart, and in it we are told, “ Behold the Lord’s hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear ” (Isa. 59. 1). And in Heb. 7. 35 we read “ He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him.” Will you accept Him now? He will never fail anyone who trusts Him.

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### Some of God's Heroes.

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**G**OD’S heroes are always persons who believe God and know He means what He says, even when others doubt His Word. We have a lovely example of this in Caleb.

The children of Israel, you remember, were slaves in Egypt, but God had said He would bring them out and take them to a land “ flowing with

milk and honey.” Did God mean what He said? Of course He did, and when our story opens He had already done wonderful things for this people of Israel. He had brought them out from the slavery of Egypt. He had made a way for them through the Red Sea and destroyed their enemies. He had fed them in a miraculous way with bread from heaven. He had taken them across the desert and now they had arrived at the very borders of the promised land. All they had to do was to go forward and possess it.

We find, however, from the first chapter of Deuteronomy that the people did not really trust God to do what He had said He would. They decide to send men to search the land and report on it instead of obeying God’s command to go forward and take it. So God lets them have their way, and twelve men are chosen (one from each tribe) to go and spy out the land.

After forty days they return bringing with them a sample of the fruit of the land. And what a sample! The bunch of grapes they bring from the valley of Eshcol is so large that it has to be hung from a pole and carried by two men. “ Yes it is certainly a good land, rich as God has said, but . . . (ah! that “ but ”, Satan loves to suggest it to men’s minds) . . . but the people of the land are strong, they live in walled cities and there are giants among them. We cannot go up against them for they are stronger than we.”

Thus speak ten of the twelve men and as they utter these words the

hearts of the people begin to quake for fear. But hark! another voice is heard. It is Caleb who speaks up. He too has seen the land and the walled cities and the giants, but Caleb brings God into his reckoning. "Let us go up at once and possess it" he says "for we are well able to overcome it."

If only the people had listened to Caleb how much better it would have been for them. They pay attention instead to the words of the ten men who give a false report of the land, and discourage the people so that they talk of returning to Egypt. In vain Caleb and his companion Joshua plead with them, reminding them that God is with them and that there is no need for fear, for the God Who has promised will certainly bring them in to this good land. These words only call forth the people's anger and they threaten to stone Caleb and Joshua, God's true servants.

The result is that God does not allow these murmuring, unbelieving people to enter the land. He says they must turn and wander in the desert for forty years till only their children are left. "Your little ones which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in and they shall know the land which ye have despised." That was God's solemn judgment on the people's unbelief.

God, however, does not forget His faithful servant Caleb, and He says "To him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon and to his children because he hath wholly followed the Lord." So when, after forty years in the wilderness, the children of Israel

are taking possession of the land, Caleb comes forward to claim his portion, for "the Lord" says he "hath kept me alive, as He said" and "I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me."

Yes, God is faithful. Shame on us that we so often doubt His promises. May you and I, dear reader, seek more to hold fast His Word even when others around us are doubting and denying it, and may we take encouragement from His promise "Them that honour Me I will honour."

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**"His Name shall be called Wonderful."**

*Isaiah 9. 6.*

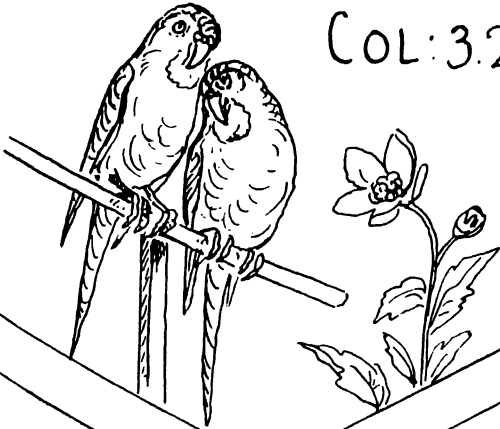
- Wonderful Gift,**  
the gift of God's love (John 3. 16).
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Who came from above (Matt. 1. 21).
- Wonderful Message,**  
"O come unto Me" (Matt. 11. 28).
- Wonderful Sacrifice,**  
setting me free (Isa. 53. 5).
- Wonderful Pardon,**  
He now doth impart (Micah 7. 18).
- Wonderful Peace,**  
abides in my heart (Isa. 26. 3).
- Wonderful Victory,**  
He gives over sin (1 John 5. 4).
- Wonderful Witness,**  
abiding within (Rom. 8. 16).
- Wonderful Presence,**  
and fellowship rare (Exod. 33. 14).
- Wonderful Guide,**  
to mansions so fair (Psa. 73. 24).
- Wonderful Praises,**  
to Him I would sing (Psa. 108. 1).
- Wonderful Home,**  
the Home of the King (John 14. 3).

TEXT FOR COLOURING.



Children,  
obey  
your  
parents.

COL: 3.20



**B**OYS and Girls! This command comes from God, and it matters very much, though there may be times when you think your way is best.

A mother was out shopping one day with her small son and a baby in a pram. She said to the little fellow "Just wait here and look after baby until I come back." She then disappeared round the corner where she had to cross a dangerous road to reach a shop on the other side.

On the way she was knocked down and run over. As they took her to the hospital she could only say, "Oh, look after my little ones!" But she could give no clue as to their whereabouts.

Four hours afterwards a policeman found the little lad in the same spot, still keeping guard over the baby! He was too small to take the pram safely home, and "Mummie" had told him "to wait."

I think that was the kind of obedience that was "well pleasing" to the Lord. What do you think?

Dear Boys and Girls,

This month our searching is not about metals but about precious stones, which are much more costly than gold or silver. It is so lovely to see that the Lord values those who belong to Him so much that they are spoken of as jewels. When we come to the Lord Jesus as needy guilty sinners we are so glad to find in Him just exactly the Saviour we need; but as we study His Word we find out that we are precious to Him and of great value in His sight. It tells us also that He loves us far more than we can ever think. I would be so glad if you all could learn this a little bit. You know the parable of the merchantman seeking for pearls, who when he found one pearl of great price sold all that he had in order to buy it. This tells us that it cost the Lord Jesus so much to make us His own and He will not let us go.

In Exodus we read of stones of great beauty and value, set in the breastplate and on the shoulders of the high priest; telling us first of all of the glories of the Lord Jesus and then we see how these glories are reflected in His people. Their names were written there and carried into the holy place on the breast of the high priest, teaching us that the Lord Jesus is ever bearing our names before His God and Father. And, dear young believers, is it not a joy and comfort to us to know that there is One Who knows all the trials and difficulties of the way interceding for us continually at God's right hand?

Now I think this letter has been speaking mostly to those who are saved, but what about those who are not? Would not you too like to be among the Lord's jewels? You may be, if you take Him to be your Saviour, for He longs to make you His.

“ Little children, little children who love their Redeemer,

Are the jewels, precious jewels,  
His loved and His own ! ”

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.

### Jewels - Pearls.

1. Who does the Lord say “ shall be Mine when I make up My jewels ”? Malachi 3.
2. Write the verse containing the words “ as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.” Isaiah 61.
3. What did the servant give to Rebekah and to her brother and mother? Genesis 24.
4. What did the merchantman do when he found one pearl of great price? Matthew 13.
5. How should women not adorn themselves? 1 Tim. 2.
6. In Revelation 18 we read about a great city.
  - (a) What was its name?
  - (b) What was its merchandise?
 Write verses (one for each) to show
  - (c) the greatness of its sins
  - (d) the suddenness of its destruction
  - (e) that it shall never be any more.
7. In Revelation 21.9 to end we read of another city—(a) What was it?
  - (b) what her light was like
  - (c) that no sin can enter there
  - (d) that it has no need of the sun
  - (e) what the twelve gates were.

### Answers to Questions for February.

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| 1. Psalm 12 6.    | 6. (a) Job. 28 12.    |
| 2. Matt. 26. 15.  | (b) Job 28. 28.       |
| 3. Acts 3. 6.     | (c) Prov. 3. 13-14.   |
| 4. Eccles. 5. 10. | (d) Prov. 8. 12 & 19. |
| 5. Prov. 10. 20.  | (e) Prov. 16. 16.     |
| 7. Numbers 22-24. | 2 Peter 2 15-16       |

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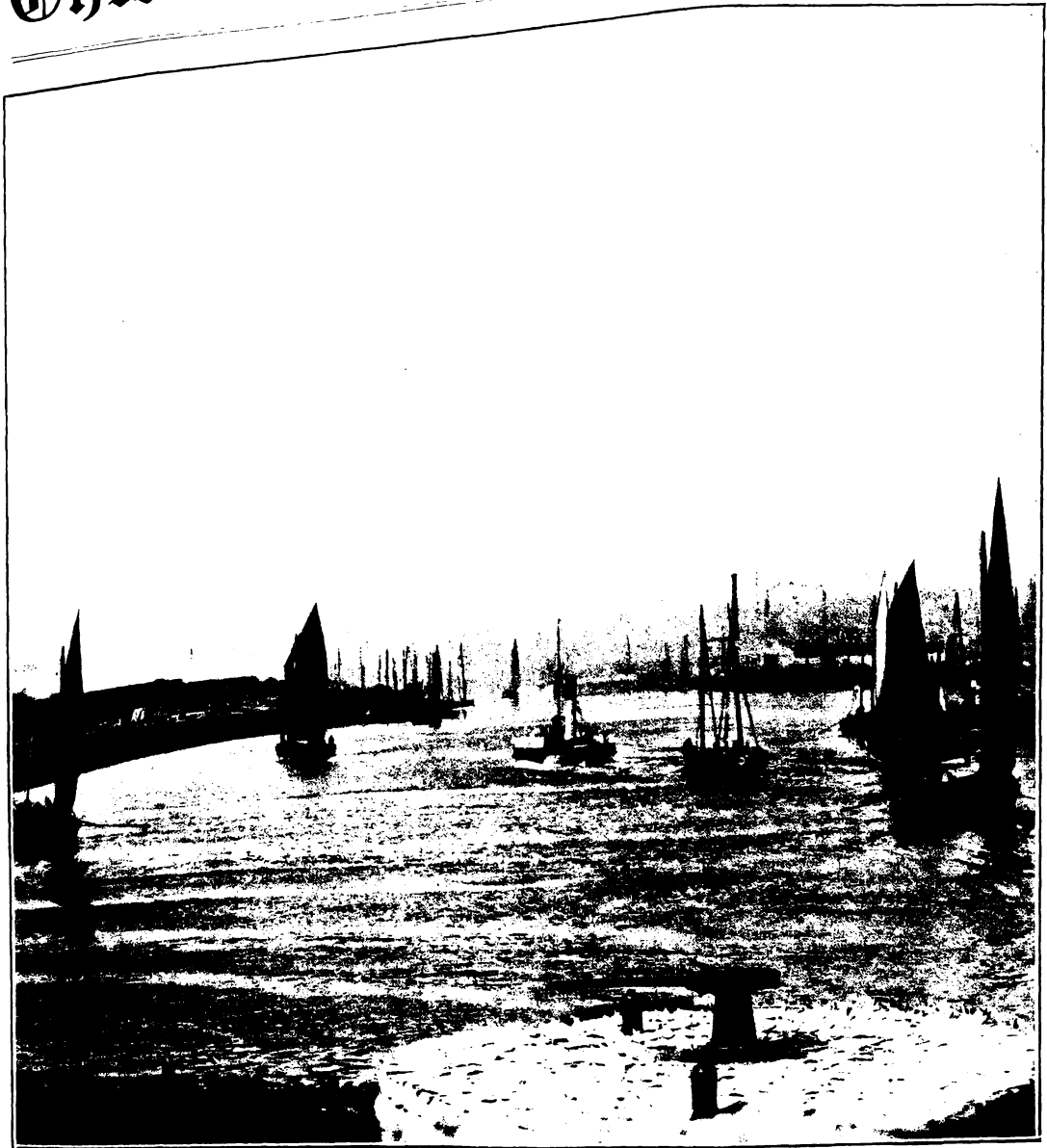
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ENTRANCE TO HARBOUR.

## A Sailor's Chart.

**H**AVE you ever seen a sailor's chart? Of course you know a chart is a special kind of map showing the coast, with rocks, banks and channels clearly marked. This tells a captain of a ship which way to steer when nearing a harbour.

You see there is a proper way to come into a harbour, and unless a ship comes just the right way she may strike upon rocks or sandbanks and get wrecked. I saw a ship not long ago that was wrecked because the captain thought he knew just where to go and was just a little bit wrong. So I am sure you will agree that it would be very silly of a captain not to look often at his chart, and not to follow its directions.

Now you and I are on a voyage—we know we shall not stay in this world for ever. Where are we bound for? "Oh" you say, "I want to go to heaven." Well, are you sure of the way? It won't do to try to get there our own way. We want to be *sure*.

Perhaps you will say "How can I be sure?" Just like the ship's captain—by studying your "chart". God has written down in His Word, the Bible, everything that we have to know about the way to heaven. There we may read just why we are not fit for God's bright home, because we are sinners and God cannot have sin in heaven. Then He tells us He has made a way for us to come.

Very often before big ships can come into a harbour, a lot of work has to be done in digging out or dredging the entrance, and this is

very hard and very costly work. So before any boy or girl could be saved the Lord Jesus, God's dear Son, had to make the way. And the way He made that poor sinners like us might go to His beautiful home was the most costly that could ever be thought of. **IT COST JESUS HIS LIFE.** He **DIED** at Calvary, on the cross, to make atonement for our sins. You know the hymn,

" We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains He had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there."

Boys and girls, if you only really thought of all that it meant to the Lord Jesus—that awful cross, the judgment He bore, and dying there for sins—you would surely come to Him at once and thank Him with all your heart for what He has done for you.

So although we are all sinners and could never be allowed to enter heaven, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners", and the pain, and the sorrow, and the death He bore have made a way for us, that our sins might be forgiven and that we might be fit for God's presence.

Now He tells us "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14. 6). That is, it must be through believing in Him and His work. You see, He says "I am *the* way," not "*a*" way, as though there were many ways to be saved. "*The*" way means that there is only **ONE**, and that one so wonderful, so great.

God's love to us was so great that "He spared not His own Son" for us, and so that there might be no mistake, He has written it all down for us in

the Bible—our “Chart”. Boys and girls, won't you read it, believe it, and do what it says? “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU SHALT BE SAVED.” (Acts 16. 31.)

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## Some of God's Heroes.

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**G**OD has His heroes even in these days and I should like to tell you this month about one who is living to-day in India. He belongs to a well-to-do Mohammedan family, is well-educated and as a young man had his own private motor car. He had a good home and a devoted mother whom he loved very much and who loved him dearly.

One day as he was driving along in his car in Madras he heard someone speaking in the open air. The words which caught his ear were these: “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” Mark 8. 36, 37. He was arrested, stopped his car, and going up to the speaker, he asked where those words came from. The missionary showed him a Bible and told him the words were in it, so the young fellow said he would like to buy the Book and produced a ten rupee note to pay for it. The missionary remembered he had a Bible given him to give away so he gave it to the young Mohammedan who drove off.

When he got home he started to read his new Book secretly, and as he read it his heart was opened to the truth and he found salvation through

faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. So great was his joy that he took the Book to his mother telling her what had happened. To his amazement and sorrow she merely glanced at the Book then threw it on the fire and became very angry with her son. Henceforth her love for him which had been so great changed to bitter hatred. All his friends turned against him and he was driven from his home.

Then one day he received a message from his mother inviting him to come and have a meal with her. Only too pleased to return to his mother whom he still loved very much, he accepted the invitation and went. What do you think that mother set before her own boy? She had prepared some fish curry and in it she had put chopped cobra to poison him. He had only eaten a mouthful or two when his throat began to burn, and picking up his plate he rushed out into the street, and exclaiming “I'm poisoned,” he fell down at a policeman's feet. He was taken to hospital where for many weeks he lay very ill.

He did recover at last but of course he could not go back home again. All his relatives knew he was a Christian. Our young friend did not hide his light though it brought much persecution upon him. He even dropped his own Mohammedan name and adopted the name of Paul and, like the Paul of the Bible, he has suffered much for Christ's sake. Many attempts have been made to kill him.

Once he went to sea as a common sailor. Even there most of the sailors were Mohammedans and were very unkind to him, because he was a

Christian. One night when in port a number of them went ashore and got very drunk. Coming back very late they decided they would kill Paul in his berth. Now it so happened that he had exchanged berths with another sailor so as to be able to see better to read his Bible. So when the drunken sailors came in with their knives to kill him it was another poor sailor who received their blows and cuts and who was dreadfully mutilated. Thus was Paul miraculously delivered.

He is still alive and though unable to live near his former home he is seeking to work for his Lord in another part of India. Since his own mother burned his first Bible which brought such light and joy to his heart, twenty-five more have been taken from him, and he is now treasuring his twenty-seventh and using it to make known God's Word to others. God has used him and is using him and he has had the joy of leading some other Mohammedans to put their trust in the Lord Jesus.

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## God Answers Prayer.

**A** GREAT part of Northern Ontario is thick bush country broken for many miles by deep silent lakes. Here and there in clearings by the lake shores are the lonely homes of the settlers, while stretching for miles beyond the scattered homesteads lies the thick bush where countless trees grow closely together or fall and rot on the moss covered rocks. So dense is this bush growth that it is very easy to lose one's way in it, and even the

settlers themselves occasionally get "turned round" as they say.

One afternoon a mother and her daughter Lily went into the bush behind their home to gather some of the wild berries which grow there so freely in the swampy parts. Filling their baskets and enjoying the cool shades of the trees (for it was a hot afternoon of a Canadian summer) they wandered on and on, forgetting the time and not noticing that they had got off the trail they had followed at first.

As evening came on, imagine their dismay when they realised they were lost and a long way from their home. They could find no signs of a trail anywhere near them. How unhappy they felt as they searched in vain around for some sign of a path. Evening wore on and still they struggled among the bushes trying to find their way home.

Poor Lily began to think of the fierce wild animals that haunted the bush, for at times a bear or a wolf had been seen near the settlers' homes. Lily's mother kept her fears to herself and did all she could to cheer her tired and weary child. Night was coming on and their clothes were torn with the rough bushes. Their feet and ankles ached with scrambling over the rocks that seemed everywhere. They had no lantern and they were both tired and hungry.

With the setting sun the bush was soon in darkness and the mother wondered whether they would have to sleep under the bushes for the night, but in her extremity she said, "There is only one thing we can do now, Lily.

We must just tell God that we are lost and unable to find our way home and ask Him to help us."

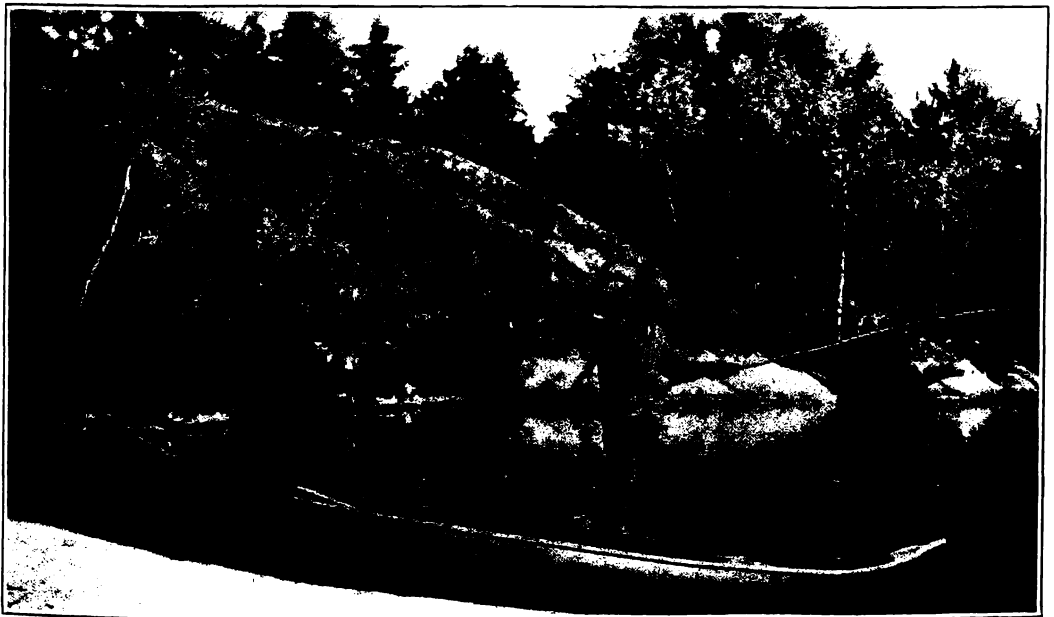
There and then the two knelt down in the bush and earnestly prayed that God their heavenly Father would watch over them and direct them home safely. The mother felt calm and peaceful, trusting that her prayer would be answered fully.

Continuing their way between the trees they listened hard for any sounds that might help them. What was that faint tinkling sound in the distance? It was only the sound of the cow-bells far away, as the animals were returning to their scanty living in the bush after their late milking, but how welcome it sounded! How eager they were to follow the sound,

and soon they saw a lantern moving among the trees. Before long they were found by friends who had come in search of them.

How thankful to God Lily's mother was that her prayer had been answered so soon, and that God had put it into the hearts of kind friends to look for them just when they despaired of ever getting home by themselves.

Does not this story remind us of God's care of each of us and that He truly hears and answers the feeblest cry to Him, whoever it may be that calls, whether a little child or grown up person. Whatever trouble we may have, and children have their troubles as well as grown ups, God says "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee." Psalm 50. 15.



FISHING IN ONE OF THE LAKES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO.

## Helps for Young Believers.

I WAS at a meeting recently when these verses were read, "Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in His presence." 1 Cor. i. 26-29.

I was very much struck with the thought that I was one of those whom God has chosen. It is true I am not one of the wise, mighty or noble, but He in His grace put His choice upon this world's nobodies, and linked us up with Christ so that He becomes our boast, our glory.

Yet though God set His choice upon sinners like us, in order that we might become His He had to give His own dear Son as the ransom for our souls. None could inherit that bright glory, because all were lost and guilty, but Christ died for the ungodly, and as we put our trust in Him we are taught to realise how God saw us in all our sin and wretchedness and made provision for our need that He might carry out His purposes of grace. For we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world.

As I looked around that meeting I could see one who is a road sweeper, another a doctor, an office clerk, a

lorry driver, another who is on the railway, a public schoolboy and a bank clerk, but each one could rejoice that he was one of God's chosen ones.

What are you, my dear young believer? Possibly unknown by the world, not thought much of—indeed a "weak" one might just describe you. Yet He selects the weak ones whom He can change into His mighty ones. What grace this is!

"Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him?" James 2. 5.

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## The Good Shepherd.

"I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep."

John 10. 11.

O good Shepherd, love so deep,  
Came to earth to seek Thy sheep,  
Searched in city, village, mart:  
Grief and sorrow wrung Thy heart.

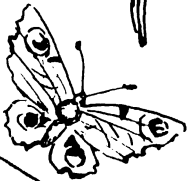
O good Shepherd, love so deep,  
Bear'st the cross to save Thy sheep,  
Thy cruel foes so strong and fierce,  
Hands and feet and side did pierce.

O good Shepherd, love so deep,  
Risen, ascended, for Thy sheep,  
Now Thou dost a place prepare,  
Soon with them that Home shalt share.

O good Shepherd, love so deep,  
Interceding for Thy sheep,  
Soon, O Lord, Thou'lt come again,  
And Thy saints with Thee shall reign.

This hymn was composed by Isaac Lo, a Chinese christian, and has been translated into English.

TEXT FOR COLOURING.



Genesis 16. 13.

WHEN I was small I used to think that these words meant that God's eyes were watching, in anger, whenever we did wrong.

Then I read the story where they occur, about Sarah's maid, Hagar. She was running away because her mistress had treated her unkindly. But *God saw her*, sitting by a well, looking very sad. So He sent an angel, with a comforting message, and told her to go back to her mistress. Always, after that, she called the well by a long Hebrew name:—Beer-lahai-roi, which meant, "The well of Him that liveth and seeth me."

God is just the same today! He sees you—perhaps in some tight corner, or with a difficult job before you. He is ready, either to see you through, or to help you out of the difficulty.

Will you trust Him?

Dear Boys and Girls,

Sometimes you wonder how many boys and girls besides yourselves answer the questions and where they live. It may surprise you to know that there are seven or eight hundred searchers and that they live in England, Scotland, Canada, United States, Australia and New Zealand. But I, too, was surprised a few days ago to hear about some little boys and girls in Belgium who also do the searching. A kind friend translates the questions for them into French and they write out the answers for him. I noticed also that although they were not 14 they did the sixth and seventh too. That is very good, don't you think so? I think we would all like to send our love and greetings to those searchers though we do not know them personally. We trust that they too will early trust the Lord Jesus and find Him very precious to them.

In the Bible we read quite a lot about money but in the Old Testament it is weighed not counted. The names shekel, bekah, talent are used for weights as well as money.

It is an interesting study to turn up some of the passages of scripture telling about land being sold and the money weighed. Abraham bought the field of Machpelah and Jeremiah bought the field in Anathoth. There is another thing we learn as we search about money and that is, that as early as Abraham's time, there were servants bought with money. I trust they were kindly treated as inmates of the household and not as slaves. Do you all know the interesting story in the New Testament about a runaway slave and what became of him? Those who wish could tell me about him as an extra answer and they will be given marks for it.

But we who have trusted the Lord Jesus are reminded that we too are bought and that with something far more valuable than money even the precious blood of Christ. Can you say that this is true of you?

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.

### Money.

1. Write the verse containing the words "when money failed in the land." Genesis 47.
2. What is "he that hath no money" invited to do? Isaiah 55.
3. What are we told about the love of money? 1 Timothy 6.
4. Where did the Lord tell Peter to get the tribute money? Matthew 17.
5. Why did the chief priests give large money to the soldiers? Matthew 28.
6. Find from Acts
  - (a) a man who sold his land and brought the money to the apostles.
  - (b) a man who thought the gift of God could be purchased with money.
  - (c) a man who hoped he would get money to make him release a prisoner.
 What are their names and where do we read their story?
7. Tell in your own words all you know from the Bible about each of these three men: N.B.—See the extra question in the letter.

### Answers to Questions for March.

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| 1. Deut. 8. 9.  | 4. 1 Cor. 13. 1.    |
| 2. Deut. 33. 25.  | 5. Revelation 2. 18 |
| 3. Daniel 5. 23.  |                     |
| 6. (a) Altar of burnt offering—shittim wood overlaid with brass.<br>All the vessels of the altar.<br>The grate, the staves and the rings.<br>The laver.<br>Sockets for the pillars, pins for the tabernacle and pins for the court. |                     |
| (b) Brass of the offering was 70 talents and 2,400 shekels. Exodus 38.  |                     |
| 7. Numbers 21. John 3. 14.  |                     |

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ANOTHER GROUP OF OUR BIBLE SEARCHERS.

## A Sailor's Chart.

**D**O you remember last month we had a talk about a sailor's chart, and how it reminds us of the guide God has given to show us the way to be saved?

If you were to look carefully at the chart of any port, you would find clearly marked on it the right way to go in. But you would also find that the dangerous places, the shallow waters and the hidden rocks would be marked too. What are these for? "Why" you say, "so that the sailor shall steer clear of them, of course." And so in His Word—the Bible—God has marked the "rocks"—the dangerous thoughts and actions by which boys and girls (and men and women too) get their souls wrecked for ever.

If you turn to Acts, chapter 24, verse 25, you will find a very bad "rock" on which ever so many people have been lost. And that too, people who really intended to be saved—some day. We read there of a man who "put off" his salvation.

So boys and girls who may know all about God's loving message and who fully intend to be saved some day, will say "I'm not old enough to bother about these things yet. When I've left school I'll think about them." And how sad it is to know that in many many cases they leave it till **TOO LATE**, and are **LOST**.

I read a story once about a young officer who always used to "put it off." In fact when he was a boy his mother used to call him "Mr. Ten Minutes." For he would so often say, "Oh, let me have ten minutes

more." When he grew up he was an officer in the Zulu war, and with a few of his men was sent to find a camping ground for the army. After finishing their work they were told by a friendly native that a Zulu had been seen near the place. The young officer suggested that they should let their horses graze another ten minutes and then start back again. But while they waited a band of fierce Zulus came upon them, and although his men escaped, the young officer was killed. How dreadful! Yes, but it just came of "putting off."

And if it is so foolish in every day things to get the habit of putting off, how much more foolish it is to put off your soul's salvation. God's Word says (2 Cor. 6. 2) "Now is the day of salvation."

"Come now, and do not longer stay ;

Soon judgment storms will roll.

Oh COME, for Jesus says you may,

AND TRUST HIM WITH YOUR SOUL."

How good it is of God to mark this great danger in His Word. I do trust every boy or girl who reads this, will steer clear of the rock "putting off" and believe Now on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

### OUR BIBLE SEARCHERS.

This month we have another group of Bible Searchers. Among the boys and girls who answer the questions are children living in Canada, the United States, Australia, as well as England and Scotland, and two of the little girls in our picture live in Belgium. So you see we have Searchers from quite a number of different countries.

We hope those boys and girls who sent their photos to N.E. and do not see their pictures in the magazine will not be disappointed. Some of the photos sent were too big, and if we had put them in we should have only had room for two or three! And some children sent theirs in just too late! But perhaps we shall be able to have another group later on and then you will have to look out for yours.

### God's Hammer.

I THINK I can hear someone say, "Why, I never heard of God having a hammer. Is it really in the Bible?" Now if you will look in Jeremiah 23. 29, you will see where I got it from. "Is not MY WORD like . . . a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" So the hammer I am thinking of is God's Word, and the rock I think must represent men's hard hearts, hardened in sin and against God. Let me tell you what God's Word is able to do.

Some years ago a Jewish boy of about seventeen, named Henry Stern, was walking about the streets of London, looking very lonely and unhappy. He had left his home in far off Germany, full of hope, to take a good appointment which had been promised to him, only to find on his arrival that it had all fallen through. And now he was alone, workless, in a strange city.

But God's eye sees everyone! God wanted Henry—in fact He had led him all the way, though he did not know this. In the midst of his trouble a young fellow lodger asked Henry to go with him to a Gospel service. (Christian friend, have *you* ever done that to a companion?)

Henry liked it very much, but of course to hear that Jesus was the Son of God was quite opposed to his Jewish ideas! But still he went again and again. And then he bought a New Testament—a book to be avoided by any strict Jew! But Henry said, "If I get no good from it, it can do me no harm."

So he began to read for the first time

the story of Jesus, Who died to save us from our sins. And he read on and on. Very soon "God's Hammer" was doing its work and was breaking to pieces the hard unbelief of Henry's heart. There was a big struggle, because for a Jew to become a Christian in those days, meant being disowned by his parents.

But Christ conquered! I wish I could tell you the thrilling adventures, and sufferings for Jesus, he went through later, for he became a missionary to his own people in Arabia. His name is well-known even today.

But there may be some boy or girl reading this, whose heart is hard, who is inclined to think of the Bible as being "quite an antiquated book" and who does not want God. Now, I am obliged to tell you this, because it is true, that "God's Hammer" has another use—God's Word will come down in judgment one day upon all who persist in unbelief—for "Whosoever shall be ashamed of ME and MY words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed." (Luke 9. 26.) That is a very awful thought, but it is God's Word, which is TRUTH.

Boys and girls, what are you doing with God's wonderful Word, which is able to make you "wise unto salvation"? Will you let it speak to you, as it did to young Henry Stern?

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### Some of God's Heroes.

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MANY years ago there was a great king who reigned in Babylon. Because of the sins of His people Israel God allowed this king Nebu-

chadnezzar to besiege Jerusalem and take it. He captured many prisoners and carried them off to Babylon.

Amongst the captives was a young man called Daniel who knew and trusted in the true God, and he decided that although he was a captive of the King of Babylon yet God had the first claim upon his life and obedience. Even in the matter of food Daniel took a firm stand and refused to eat and drink that which he knew to be contrary to the mind of God. It seemed a small matter but it is in the small things we can show our obedience, and God honoured His servant and gave him favour with the kings of Babylon so that he was appointed to a high position in the kingdom.

The position of favour which Daniel enjoyed under the Persian king Darius who had captured the kingdom, aroused the envy of some of the princes. They could not find any fault with his life or the way he did the king's business. At last they thought of a plan to ruin Daniel and even get him out of the way altogether.

They asked the king to sign a decree saying that anyone who made a prayer to God or man otherwise than to the king for thirty days should be cast into the den of lions. They knew that Daniel prayed to God every day and they thought now they should have him. The king not knowing that the decree was against Daniel signed it.

Well, Daniel heard about it, and do you think he was afraid and went and hid in a cupboard to pray or perhaps left off altogether? How many a young christian has been afraid to kneel down or even to shut his eyes

and give thanks for food in front of unsaved companions—and no den of lions to fear either ! But how different it was with Daniel.

We are told that when he knew that the writing was signed he went into his house and with his room windows open he kneeled down three times a day and prayed, and gave thanks to his God as he did before. I like that, don't you ?

His enemies found him praying of course and they went and told the king, and insisted that Daniel should be thrown to the lions. The king would fain have saved his faithful servant. He had learned something of his worth no doubt, but more, through Daniel's life or lips he had learned something of Daniel's God, for as God's servant was thrown into the den of lions the king sought to comfort him saying, " Thy God Whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee."

It was a lovely testimony from heathen lips and Daniel knew it was true and could rest in his God.

The king went to his palace but could not sleep. The early morning found him again at the entrance to the lion's den, this time asking anxiously " O Daniel, is thy God able to deliver thee ? "

How glad he was to find Daniel alive and to hear how God had shut the lions' mouths so that they had not hurt His servant " because he believed in his God."

" Dare to be a Daniel !  
Dare to stand alone !  
Dare to have a purpose firm !  
Dare to make it known ! "

## The Shepherd and the Sheep.

BEING a "Cockney" born and reared within the sound of Bow Bells I knew nothing of life on a farm, but while on a visit in the country found the following scene most interesting.

A lot of lambs and sheep were being led along a narrow lane. Suddenly one of the number skipped away from the others, and ran ahead as fast as it could. The watchful eye of the shepherd saw it scampering off. He whistled a faithful dog, trotting by his side, which immediately bounded after the runaway, got ahead of it, and standing in front of the lamb brought it to a sudden halt and looked at



its master. The shepherd whistled again. The dog then barked at the lamb as if to say "Go back," and the lamb fled back to the flock.

How this reminded me of Jesus, the good Shepherd, Who gave His life for the sheep. His eye is ever watching His own and He sees at once if one goes astray.

I noticed then that the whole flock went through a gateway into an enclosure and the gate was shut. This is another lesson for us, reminding us that Jesus our Shepherd sees that each lamb and sheep is safely enclosed. He says, "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.)

The scene became more interesting. The shepherd took one of the number, turned it over on its back, then he sheared it, removing the wool. Not a bleat was heard from the lamb, but quiet submission in the hands of the man. Do you remember the scripture that tells us "As a lamb before her shearers is dumb so opened He not His mouth"? (Acts 8. 32). This speaks of Jesus, how He submitted to everything—a Lamb indeed, God's Lamb. His blood was shed to purchase you. Do you believe that the price He paid to God was for you? If you do, then you belong to Him, the good Shepherd, and you can drink of the waters and eat of the green pastures as led by His watchful eye. And like David of old, you will be able to say—

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT."

## Helps for Young Believers.

LET us draw near and listen to a conversation which is taking place between John, a young fellow, and a much older christian. "I want to be a missionary" John is saying, and he is intending to devote all his energy to making himself fit like his friends, who are already on the mission field. When asked why he wanted to serve the Lord in this way, all he could say was that many others he knew had done so and why should not he?

The old christian then reminded him of the trials, anxieties and dangers of such a life. He became thoughtful and said "How can I know if the Lord would use me and how can I fit myself for this service?"

His friend replied, "First wait on the Lord and ask Him to make the path clear to you. Then seek to do what is near at hand, at school, at work or at play, as unto the Lord. Live Christ before your chums and as you live for Him, He will fit you for

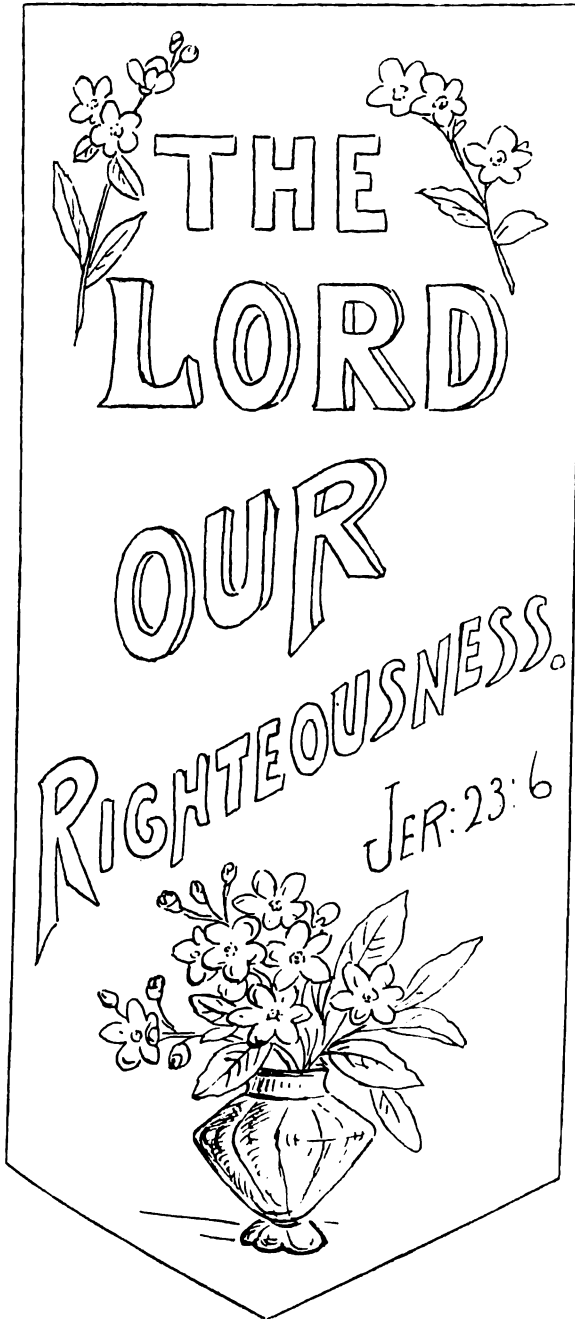
the work you are most suited for. This you cannot do in your own strength, but as you depend on the Lord He will enable you."

Is there a young believer who has the same longing as John? Let me remind you that in Acts 6 we read of seven men chosen as deacons, and fulfilling that task faithfully they are led to a greater sphere of service. We find Stephen becoming a faithful martyr and Philip, an evangelist, being much used of the Lord.

May each of us seek to do as John did, who by His grace decided to be a testimony *where he was* and to look to the Lord to lead him as to how he could best serve Him. Then perhaps one day He will guide you to lands where you may tell the story of His love to those who have never heard it.

"I ask Thee, Lord, to give me grace  
 My little place to fill,  
 That I may ever walk with Thee,  
 And ever do Thy will;  
 And in each duty, great or small,  
 I may be faithful still."

TEXT FOR COLOURING.



I EXPECT you remember the story Jesus told about a man who went to a wedding in his everyday clothes, and when politely questioned about it he had no excuse to make, he was silent. Because a beautiful garment had been *provided* -free! He had just thought his own were good enough. And we are told that he was promptly turned out and the door was shut . . .

And yet there are still people to-day who think their own righteousness (spoken of in the Bible as "filthy rags") quite good enough for heaven, while Jesus offers them His perfect "Robe of Righteousness." His own "Garment of Salvation," free, bought with His precious blood. The *only garment* good enough to wear in the presence of God.

O, what an insult to the Giver to ignore it!

# THE CHILDREN'S GOSPEL MAGAZINE.

Dear Boys and Girls,

You will see that all the questions this month are from the New Testament and are from stories connected with the Lord Jesus. That makes them more precious and more interesting to us, so it would be nice if you would take time to read the stories themselves, and I think you would enjoy them.

I'm sure we all love the verse that reminds us of God's care of the sparrows and that we are of much more value in His sight than many sparrows. It is lovely to remember that even those little things that trouble us are not too small for the Lord to care about, though others may pay no attention to them. We need not be afraid to go to the Lord about them and He will help us.

It is beautiful to see how the Lord Jesus defended the woman who brought the ointment to anoint Him when Judas and the other disciples were finding fault. The Lord Jesus knew that it was because she loved Him though His enemies were plotting to put Him to death. So others may misjudge us but the Lord Jesus values anything that is done for Him, and He knows too what it costs us to do it.

But I do not want any of you to think that you can please the Lord by working for Him, if you have not first put your trust in Him. The Lord wants our confidence. He loves us and He showed His love by dying on the cross, but unless we come owning that we are lost guilty sinners and need a Saviour we can never know the blessedness of having our sins forgiven, and we are still turning away from His offer of love and mercy. There is a very sad verse of warning in Matt. 5. 26 to those who will not have this salvation, and I would once again entreat all those who are not saved to come now to this loving Saviour and know that all your sins are put away, for He has paid the debt we owed.

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.*

### Farthing, Pence, Pound.

1. Why did Judas say the ointment should have been sold for 300 pence? John 12.
2. How much bread did Philip say would be needed to feed the multitude? John 6.
3. Write the verse containing the words "five sparrows." Luke 12.
4. What did the Lord say about the poor widow who put only a farthing into the treasury? Mark 12.
5. What did the Samaritan give to the host and tell him to do? Luke 10.
6. Write verses from Luke 19 to answer the following—
  - (a) Why did the Lord tell the parable of the nobleman who went into a far country?
  - (b) Why did the nobleman go there?
  - (c) To whom did he give the pounds?
  - (d) What message was sent after him and who sent it?
  - (e) What punishment did they receive?
7. Tell in your own words what lessons you think we should learn from this parable.

### Answers to Questions for April.

1. Malachi 3. 16.
2. Isaiah 61. 10.
3. Genesis 24. 53.
4. Matt. 13. 46.
5. 1 Tim. 2. 9.
6. (a) Babylon the great.
- (b) Revelation 18. 12.
- (c) Revelation 18. 5.
- (d) Revelation 18. 8 & 17.
- (e) Revelation 18. 21.
7. (a) The holy Jerusalem
- (b) Revelation 21. 11.
- (c) Revelation 21. 27.
- (d) Revelation 21. 23.
- (e) Revelation 21. 21.

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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### Why Teddy didn't start his Tea.

**T**EDDY Green was about eight years old (that's not his real name, but I'd better not say what that is as he is still alive). His home was a little country village, and next to the house was a lovely meadow in which Teddy used to play with his brothers and friends.

About the time of which I am telling you someone bought the meadow and built a big shop on it and a nice house at the back. In this house the manager came to live, and one day he caught Teddy wandering round what used to be his playfield, and he used some dreadful language and then shoved him away.

Soon the manager's wife had a little baby boy and Teddy grew very interested in the family, and one day he went round, tapped timidly on the door and asked if he could do any errands for the lady. What he really wanted was to see the wonderful new baby !

As it happened the lady just needed the help Teddy offered, and when he came back she asked him in and he saw tea all ready and, better still, the lovely baby.

When the husband came in and saw Teddy he was very surprised, and Teddy thought he was going to be sent off again, and he nearly ran out with fright. However, instead of that the husband said, "Come along, sonny, sit down and make yourself at home."

Teddy sat down. The others began to eat their tea, but he didn't. Presently the man said, "Why don't you begin your tea?" "Well," explained Teddy, "Daddy always gives

thanks first." "Gives thanks," said the man in a puzzled way, "what do you mean?" Teddy explained that God gave us our food and we ought to thank Him for it.

Smiling, the man uttered some long-forgotten "grace" and then Teddy fell to with a will. After a long silence the man asked Teddy some questions. What was his father? Did he go to the parish church, etc.? Teddy replied that his father attended a meeting room round the corner and that anyone was welcome to the Gospel Meeting.

Teddy went home and forgot all about the matter. But the next Sunday, half ashamed, the man pushed his way into the meeting room, and listened earnestly to the story of the love of Jesus. It gripped him. It made him want to know more, and very soon after he confessed the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, he gave up his drinking, swearing and smoking, and became a bright witness for the Lord Jesus.

During the Great War he came back from the front and told Teddy's father that he had been holding Gospel Meetings behind the trenches, and lots of soldiers had believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He took quantities of books away with him to give to the poor soldiers, and after a long period of service to His loved Master a bullet took him into the brightness of His presence to go no more out for ever.

Everyone had forgotten the part little Teddy's simple testimony for the Lord Jesus had played. But God never forgets and how lovely it will be

when Teddy is with the Lord to hear Him say "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Will you boys and girls who have trusted the Lord Jesus try to confess Him? You've no idea the strength and happiness it gives you. But we know that better than all besides is the joy it gives our precious Saviour Who loved us and gave Himself for us.

### A Sailor's Chart.

ARE you tired of our talks about charts? No? Well, shall we have just one more? You will remember last month we spoke of the dreadfully dangerous rock called "putting off," and how many wrecks (not ships, but boys and girls, and men and women) there have been on it.

This time, turn to Acts 26. 28. Here is a man who is one of God's warnings. His name was King Agrippa, but his name on God's chart is "ALMOST." He was *almost* a christian—but NOT QUITE. He knew all *about* the Gospel and a lot about the christians, but he had never really come for himself to Jesus.

I think this is a warning on God's chart to those boys and girls who know all *about* the way to be saved, and still are not saved. You often find them in Sunday Schools and Children's Meetings. They like to read little books like this; they can answer all sorts of questions and recite lots of verses. But if you asked them, "Have you given *your* heart to Jesus?" they would not be able to say "Yes." They are "ALMOST" but not "ALTOGETHER" christians.

I am sure you will see the difference. I very badly wanted to get to Birmingham once. So I went in haste to the station and *very nearly* caught the train. But just as I ran into the station the train steamed out. So near—but not on the train. It is true I did get to Birmingham by another train some hours later, but suppose there was never to be another train, then I could NEVER have reached there.

Now there is no other Saviour but Jesus, and no other way to be saved but really trusting in Him. It won't do just to know *about* it, you must make it *your own*, by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ *for yourself*. Please, please steer clear of that dangerous "ALMOST" rock.

But rocks are marked only to be avoided. Just look at another man who is in *the right way*. In Acts 16. 31, we read of one who was so anxious to be saved that he cried out loud, "What MUST I do to be saved?" Listen to the answer he got. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and THOU SHALT BE SAVED".

Did he listen to this answer and did he obey it? Indeed he did. He didn't say "I'll see about it next week." Nor was he an "almost" man. He did then and there accept the message. "He believed in God with all his house." What a happy home that must have been, where all the family were real "altogether" christians.

Will you too take the Lord Jesus Christ now as your own Saviour?

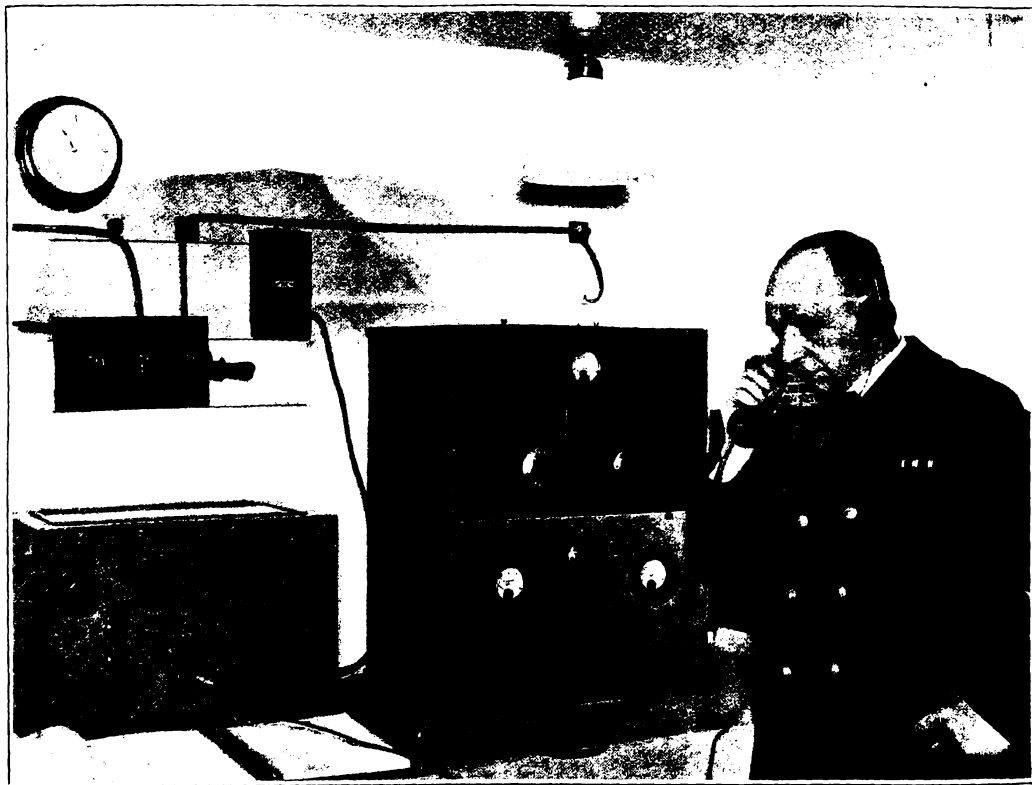
"Come to the Saviour, make no delay,  
Here in His Word He has shown us the way,  
Here in our midst He's standing today,  
Tenderly saying 'Come.'"

## Saved at Sea.

**A**WAY out in mid-Atlantic on a small cargo boat, not many months ago, a sailor was badly hurt while at his work, from a heavy piece of timber falling on him. He lay in great pain, getting weaker every day, and there was no one on board who knew what to do for him. Nothing

board was a liner 1,000 miles away on another course, and even had the captain altered her course and gone at once, the man would probably have died before they reached the cargo boat.

So the doctor sent back a message telling them to describe exactly the sailor's condition. This they did. Then another message was sent telling



**Operator sending a wireless telephone message from a ship.**

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they thought of seemed of any use. So the skipper sent out an S.O.S. by wireless for a doctor.

Several ships picked up the message, but the nearest one with a doctor on

just what to do for him, and asking for a report again in a few hours. Day by day for a whole week the two ships kept in touch by wireless.

Morning and evening before he had

his meal the latest report lay beside the doctor's plate at table, and with all the care and knowledge he had gained from years of training and experience, he did all in his power to save the sailor.

At last no more was needed. The message came through that he was up and able to work. There was great joy on board the liner, for all were interested in that sailor. And then the two ships went on their ways to their different ports.

Probably the sailor will never meet the doctor here. But if he should, I expect he would look at him and say, "You saved my life. I don't know how to thank you." While the doctor would feel so glad he had been able to do it, because that was just what he had become a doctor for.

We are each one so like that sailor. Only some of us are not so sensible as he was. He did at once what the doctor told him. He did not argue about it or say "How can he know what I need so far away?" The sailor was far too ill for that and he knew it, and he did so want to live.

And there is One sending messages and watching each one of us so anxiously to see if we are doing what He says—One Who said, "They that are whole have no need of the physician but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Mark 2. 17.

He gave His life that we might live, and we need Him far more even than the sailor needed his doctor. We are going on to see Him face to face, but even now as we realise our need and take His message and do what He

says, we can and do say to Him with all our heart, "You saved me. I don't know how to thank You." He is so glad. He says there is joy all through heaven when that happens—it was why He came here.

"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 men had been,  
He knew that God must punish sin,  
So out of pity Jesus said  
He'd bear the punishment instead."

### "Safe!"

JUST one word cabled from Hong-kong to England, but what a relief that one word brought! During the first anxious weeks of the war in China news had reached us that two friends had lost their lives. In our anxiety we cabled the question "Are all safe?"

In less than 36 hours the answer came back—just that one word—"SAFE." But what a great deal that one word meant to us!

Those friends of ours are believers in the Lord Jesus, and we knew that if the sad news we heard was true, they were safe for all eternity, for they had trusted Him for the salvation of their souls. How is it with you? Are you safe from the wrath to come? Are you safe from the storms of judgment which will one day sweep this world?

Do you ask, How can I be safe? Listen to God's Word. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10. 9.

## Helps for Young Believers.

I WELL remember the remark of an elderly christian as he was leaving the Hall one Sunday morning, and saw a busy company of young people preparing for the afternoon Sunday School. Some were arranging chairs, some putting the Bibles and hymn-books in order, while others were moving hassocks.

“Every man a beam” was all he said, but it just brought home the truth to our hearts that there was something that each one of us could do, and each doing his task made the whole work easy.

It was in Elisha's day when the sons of the prophets moved to a new place and Elisha went with them, that we read they said, “Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and *take thence every man a beam*, and let us make a place there, where we may dwell.” And Elisha answered “Go ye.” (2 Kings 6. 1, 2.)

I often think of these words, and they are a challenge to my heart, and I want them to be to yours too. You had no work to do in order to be saved. That was all so perfectly done by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is well to remember this. We trust in the Saviour Who has finished the work whereby our souls are saved, as we sometimes sing—

“I cannot work my soul to save,  
For this my Lord has done,  
But I can work like any slave  
From love to God's own Son.”

Now we are the Lord's it surely becomes us to do some work for the One Who has won our hearts. Love to

Jesus sets us to work, and is really the only true motive. Yes! it is His love that constrains us, and His love makes us love Him and want to please Him.

Do you ask, What can I do? Have you ever tried to get any one to come to Sunday School or Bible Class with you? What about your school-mates? Wouldn't some of them come? Have you ever thought of giving them this magazine? Perhaps they would like to answer the questions on the back page, and reading this little paper might be used for their blessing.


Have you ever thought of visiting any one who is old or bedridden and cannot get out as you do? How they would love to see you! You might be able to do something for them, or read to them, and thus bring a ray of brightness into their lives.

Some young people recently were busy making lavender bags to which gospel texts were neatly tied. These find their way eventually to a hospital where their fragrance is enjoyed and the messages read.

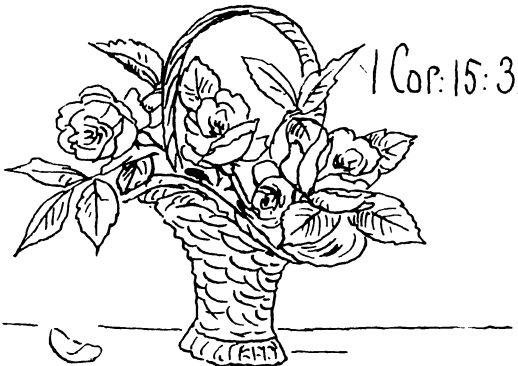
Young people attract other young people. Use your influence then to seek to win your companions for the Lord Jesus. For this you will need grace and help from Him Who first won your heart, and He delights to hear you asking Him. Why not ask Him right now to use you to bring your school friends, or those you work with, to Him?

“Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” (Col. 3. 17).

TEXT FOR COLOURING.



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SINS . . .

Yes, *your* sins and  
*my* sins.

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**I** ONCE read about a deaf and dumb man who, unable to have much conversation with other people, had a wonderful dream sent to him. He thought that God had shown him a book in which all his sins were written—a long black list—and then he saw a hand pass over the page, the hand of Jesus, wounded with the nails of the Cross. He looked again and lo! the page was white and clean, not a sin remained.

Reader! Have *your* sins been blotted out ?

# THE CHILDREN'S GOSPEL MAGAZINE.

Dear Boys and Girls,

There are three verses which are not in our searching, but which I would like you to notice for they are very important. They are

- (1) the Scripture cannot be broken (John 10. 35),
- (2) the Scriptures must be fulfilled (Mark 14. 49),
- and (3) Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures (Matt. 22. 29).

Don't you think these verses show us how necessary it is for each of us to read and understand what God says in His Word? The Lord Jesus referred to the Old Testament Scriptures so often and He it is Who tells us that unless we know the Scriptures we are sure to go astray.

Then let us each one value and study them for ourselves.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

## Questions for July.

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### Scripture(s).

1. What is able to make us wise unto salvation? 2 Timothy 3.
2. How were the Bereans more noble than those in Thessalonica? Acts 17.
3. Write the verse containing the words "comfort of the Scriptures." Romans 15.
4. How did the prophecy of the Scripture come? 2 Peter 1.
5. What does the Scripture say about the one who believes on Him (Jesus)? Romans 10.
6. Write verses from Acts to shew that Peter, Paul, Philip and Apollos preached from the (Old Testament) Scriptures.
7. Name four incidents in the life of the Lord Jesus which were foretold in the Old Testament: Give the places where they are mentioned in both Old and New Testaments.

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## Answers to Questions for May.

1. Genesis 47. 15.
2. Isaiah 55. 1.
3. 1 Timothy 6. 10.
4. Matthew 17. 27.
5. Matthew 28. 13.
6. (a) Barnabas Acts 4. 36-37.  
(b) Simon Acts 8. 18-20.  
(c) Felix Acts 24. 26.
7. (a) Barnabas was a Levite of Cyprus. He sold his land and gave the money to the apostles. It was Barnabas who introduced Saul to the disciples at Jerusalem when they were afraid of him. Paul and Barnabas afterwards were companions in missionary travels, and were sent forth by the Holy Ghost. Some time after when Barnabas wanted to take his nephew Mark with them, Paul objected because Mark had left the work before, so they separated. Barnabas and Mark went to Cyprus. We do not hear of Barnabas after this.  
(b) Simon the magician thought he could purchase the power of imparting the Holy Ghost. Peter denounced him for this.  
(c) Felix was a governor of Judea before whom Paul was brought. His conscience was no doubt touched as he heard Paul's earnest appeal. He showed he was an unrighteous judge by keeping Paul a prisoner in the hope of getting money so that he might release him.

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WHAT ARE THEY GETTING ?

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## What are they getting ?

**W**HAT a jolly crowd of boys in our picture ! What is the man giving to them ? I wonder if you can guess ? This photo was taken in London during a heat wave. The man in the cart is selling ice, but here he is giving some pieces to poor children. How eager they are to get it ! How refreshing it is. It is just what is welcome in a heat wave.

Turning to God's Word we read, "As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him : for he refresheth the soul of his master." Prov. 25. 13.

I wonder if you go to Sunday School ? If so, I expect there is a faithful teacher there who, week after week, tells you of the Saviour's love, and how it was our sins that brought Him down from heaven to suffer and die, and that by believing in Him we may be forgiven. Do you listen to the message and take it in, or do you pay no heed to his words ?

Yes, each Sunday your teacher is "a faithful messenger," and in our verse he is likened to something as refreshing as the ice was to those boys that hot summer's day. "As the cold of snow" in harvest time, so the faithful messenger refreshes the heart of the One Who sent him.

Perhaps you have never thought, as you went to Sunday School and listened to your teacher seeking to win your young heart for the Lord Jesus, that all the while he was giving you the message he was refreshing the heart of the Saviour Who sent him forth to tell of His love.

And if the telling of the message refreshes the heart of the Lord Jesus, what will be His joy when you yield to it and just give your heart to Him !

Will you give Him that joy today ?

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## "Tis all right now."

**H**ARRY, the eldest of a family of four, lived in a country village. His christian mother prayed earnestly for her children, and longed that the way might be opened for them to attend a Sunday School, where they would hear the precious story of Jesus and His love.

Sometimes you sing, "I believe God answers prayer," and now let me tell you how He answered the prayer of this mother, for one day when out doing some shopping, she noticed the foundation being laid of what appeared to be a small Mission Hall about a mile from her home.

With great interest she watched the erection, and then the notice appeared to her great joy that on the following Sunday the Meeting Room would be opened for the preaching of the Gospel and for Sunday School.

Sunday arrived and the dear mother brought her little family to school at the time appointed. She opened the door and pushing them all inside, she promised to call for them at the close.

The children were very regular and attentive, as the register still in my possession testifies, learning verses from the Bible and repeating them from memory.

The years passed on and Harry

commenced work, and then left the Sunday School, and, alas! wandered into the world, seeking pleasures that are so fleeting. He specially liked going to Picture Houses, and longed to obtain a post where he might enjoy them to the full. Accordingly he spent much of his spare time and most of his money to acquire a position, and after making application, almost succeeded, but God in His mercy saved him from it.

While watching the Pictures Harry often thought of the Sunday School, and texts of Scripture would come before him, and even his Sunday School teacher seemed clearly in view. But he pushed it from him, continuing his course in opposition to God, and participating in an occasional gamble on horses, which is such a subtle snare of Satan for the young.

By this time Harry had settled down to gardening, later getting married and being blessed with a dear little daughter. After a lapse of about twelve years, one Sunday evening he appeared at the Gospel Meeting, to hear once more the long neglected message of salvation and cleansing by the precious blood of Jesus.

At the close of the meeting it was my privilege to express my joy in seeing him, to which he replied, "And I am so glad to see you." But Harry's heart was heavy: the burden of sin was there, and he was unhappy. Before leaving the meeting I invited him to attend, God willing, the Bible reading on Wednesday. Harry promised to consider it, and on Monday he sent a message saying that he would come, and asked if I would

arrange to speak privately with him after everyone else had left the meeting.

This I arranged and we stayed until late looking into God's Word and praying, but no relief came and again Harry left with a heavy heart. On the following Lord's Day morning Harry was seen at the back of the Meeting Room, and at the close of the meeting was asked "How is it now, Harry?" "'Tis all right now. I can now say the Lord Jesus Christ is my Saviour," was his glad reply.

Harry's life was now completely changed. First of all he went to the man who held his money on a horse and told him that if he was successful he was not to bring the money to him, for he had finished with it all.

He then testified to his workmates that he had received the Lord Jesus. This brought ridicule and opposition, but through God's grace he continues witnessing, as opportunity offers, of his precious Saviour Who is mighty to save and to keep.

Dear young reader, you may be nearing the time when you feel you must leave Sunday School: let me entreat you to receive the Lord Jesus now and continue under the sound of the glorious Gospel. Thus you will be kept from many of the snares Satan is so ready to set for the feet of the young, and you will be able to rejoice in the Saviour Whom Harry found at last, and to say of a truth, "The Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me."

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

## Some of God's Heroes

(6)

**J**UST a hundred and fifty years ago there was born in the United States a boy who was to be one of God's heroes in the Mission Field. He had godly parents who sought to train

Judson, and overruled all for his blessing. The young fellow whom he chose as his friend was one who tried to persuade himself and others that there was no God, and Judson was soon won over to the same foolish ideas.

Turning his back upon all his



INDIAN CHILDREN NOW BEING TAUGHT ABOUT THE SAVIOUR.

their boy for God. His name was Adoniram Judson. His mother taught him quite early to read the Bible. He was a thoughtful clever boy and gave promise of being a great man one day.

When sixteen years of age he went to college where, alas! he made a friendship which might have ruined not only his life here, but his soul as well. God, however, had his eye on

parents had taught him he determined to enjoy life (as he thought) and joined a company of actors. One night in his travels he came to a country inn where he lodged for the night. When he retired to rest he was disturbed by the cries of despair and groans of a man who seemed to be dying. Judson could not sleep. He pictured himself on his dying bed, and although he repeated to himself all the

things his infidel friend had taught him, yet he felt afraid of death.

In the morning he heard that the man in the next room had died, and what was his horror on making further inquiries to find that the dead man was none other than his infidel friend ! You can perhaps imagine the shock this was to Judson, and God used it to arouse the young man to his awful condition and to bring him to Himself through faith in Christ.

Now he was saved himself he felt he must carry the Gospel to others, and before long he set sail with his young wife for India, going on from there to Rangoon in Burma to which he felt they had been called.

They reached there in 1813, and for nearly six weary years this devoted couple laboured on without seeing any fruit from their labours. No one seemed interested in them or their message, and those in authority seemed against them.

From the beginning Judson set himself to master the language so as to be able to talk and preach to the natives in their own tongue, and also to translate the Bible into Burmese. It was a very difficult language and meant constant study, but he persevered in spite of discouragements, ill health and loneliness.

Once he set off by sea in a small trading vessel to a place called Chittagong, to find a native christian as a helper. For nearly three months the boat tossed about without reaching land. Water gave out and food was done, and for weeks Judson lived on mouldy rice badly cooked. No one

cared much for the one white man on board, and when finally the boat reached land Judson was so thin and weak that he could not move. He managed to scrawl a few lines in a note to send ashore and some Europeans who received it came to his help and nursed him back to health again. Meantime his poor wife was in Rangoon without news of her husband.

At last they were re-united and once more settled down to win souls in that needy land. They built a meeting place and there on a little platform in the middle of the building Judson would sit day after day, and hour after hour, reading God's Word aloud, in the hope that someone would hear and be saved. But the people passed by. Sometimes attracted by the voice they would stop for a moment, then go on unheeding. And still the man of God read on day after day, faint and weary, in the tropical heat, longing to be at his studies or doing other important duties, but anxious not to stop his reading lest in the silence someone would pass without hearing the Word.

He had the assurance of God's Word. "We shall reap if we faint not," and God blessed his labours. In May, 1819, the first native confessed his faith in Christ and was publicly baptised, and soon others followed, and it looked as if the missionaries' dark days were over and a season of joy before them.

Next month, if the Lord will, we shall learn whether this was really so and what the future held for these dear brave missionaries.

### A Thoughtful Cottager.

"THAT'S the cottage. I'm sure that's the one." I was motor-ing with a friend through the country in Kent when he made this remark. I looked at the cottage he pointed out and then he told me that about fifty years ago, when he was a young man, he often walked along that road. As there were no buses in those days, he used to walk a long distance from where he was living to visit his grandfather.

He went on to tell me that one day as he was nearing the cottage which we had just passed, he was feeling particularly hot and thirsty, when to his surprise he noticed a table outside and on it a jug of sparkling water and a mug. It was just what he needed. How gladly he took the mug in his hand and quenched his thirst with the water!

The one who lived in that house knew the need of the weary travellers, and so he had placed the water there in reach of the passer-by. And any who cared to, could avail themselves of the refreshing draft. As soon as the jug was empty it was refilled, and many were thankful for a free drink.

Does this not remind you of another free offer announced by the Lord Jesus in John 7. 37? "If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink." This has to do with soul thirst and the Lord Jesus is the only One Who can satisfy that thirst. He alone can give lasting joy and happiness for time and eternity.

### Helps for Young Believers.

A STURDY little fellow, not quite six years old, refused to have his hand held when out walking, thinking he was quite capable of looking after himself. Even when out with his father and mother he refused to let either of them hold his hand. This was a source of care to his mother who was afraid that he would get hurt by passing cars.

One day they were out together when a car dashing by, swerved and nearly caught the little chap. He was terribly scared, and running to his mother he said, "Hold my hand, Mummie." From that time he has always wanted his mother to hold his hand.

It reminded me of the prayer of the psalmist, "Hold Thou me up and I shall be safe," and of the promise in Psalm 32. 8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye."

How often we are like the little boy and think we are clever enough to go alone, but like him we are brought face to face with danger which only the Lord Jesus can save us from.

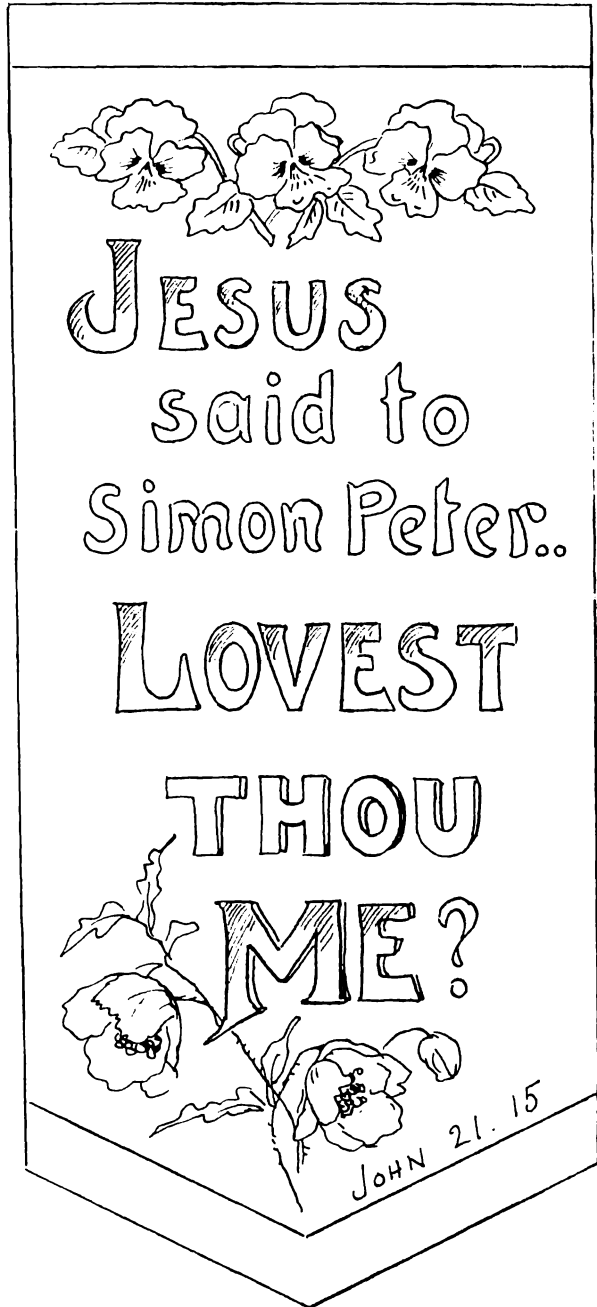
Let us then give up trusting self and put all our confidence in the Lord, allowing Him to guide and counsel us. If you look at the marginal reference of that verse in Psalm 32. 8, you will find that it reads, "I will counsel thee: Mine eye shall be upon thee." You need fear no danger for He never slumbers nor sleeps. His eye is ever upon you and His ear is open to your cry. He delights that you should trust Him.

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A LITTLE girl, being asked what the Bible was about, said "The Bible is a letter from God. He says 'I love you. Do you love Me?'" A very sweet answer. Do you think of the Bible in that way?

Simon Peter had grievously hurt his Lord, but had repented and been forgiven, and when the Lord asked him the question of our text he could answer, "Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee."

Boys and girls, can you answer this question as Peter did?



Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you know that we are told in the Bible that the days will come when there will be a famine of hearing the words of the Lord? It says that people will run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it. Amos 8. 11-12.

How very sad that will be! Won't they wish then that they had listened while they might?

But how do you treat God's Word? Bibles can be bought so cheaply and easily now that people forget how valuable they are.

When Samuel was a little boy the Lord came and spoke to him. There were no Bibles then and the Lord did not often speak to people, and it says the Word of the Lord was precious in those days. We cannot hear the Lord speaking to us as He did to Samuel, but He speaks through His Word and it is our privilege to listen to what He tells us there. Isn't it lovely that even the youngest can do that? And the Lord loves to speak to little ones as well as to those who are older.

"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."

In the parable in Luke 19 which the seniors were to write about in June, the Lord Jesus is the nobleman. He is still waiting for the time when He shall receive His kingdom.

Meanwhile He has given gifts to His servants and they are to use them for Him. Does not this speak to us of opportunities which He gives us to serve Him? When He returns those who have been faithful to their trust will be rewarded.

But the citizens who hated Him and whom the Lord calls His enemies are slain before Him.

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.*

### Word of God.

1. What are we told about every word of God? Proverbs 30.
  2. What shall stand for ever? Isaiah 40.
  3. Write the verse containing the words "every word of God." Luke 4.
  4. What is the sword of the Spirit? Ephesians 6.
  5. What is quick (living) and powerful? Hebrews 4.
  6. Write verses from Psalm 119 telling that God's word
    - (a) is very pure
    - (b) is true
    - (c) is for ever settled in heaven
    - (d) is a lamp
    - (e) giveth light.
  7. In which Gospel is the Lord Jesus called "the Word"? Write verses to show that:—
    - (a) He was God
    - (b) He was the only begotten Son
    - (c) the world was made by Him
    - (d) He was made flesh and dwelt with men.
- Write a verse from Revelation which says, "His name is called the Word of God."

### Answers to Questions for June.

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. John 12. 5-6.   | 6. (a) Luke 19. 11. |
| 2. John 6. 7.      | (b) Luke 19. 12.    |
| 3. Luke 12. 6.     | (c) Luke 19. 13.    |
| 4. Mark 12. 43-44. | (d) Luke 19. 14.    |
| 5. Luke 10. 35.    | (e) Luke 19. 27.    |
|                    | 7. Luke 19. 11-27.  |

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(Photo: AN OLD BICYCLE ON A NEW CYCLE TRACK.

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## A Penny Farthing.

**I**N these days of flying machines and motor cars it is difficult to imagine the old fashioned bicycle with iron rims and solid tyres and one big wheel and one small. They used to be called penny farthings.

It is a Sunday afternoon between sixty and seventy years ago, and along a dusty road leading from Canterbury to Margate can be seen a young fellow coming along on one of these penny farthings. He looks hot and is going fairly quickly for those days, when suddenly he stops, puts his bicycle in the hedge, and runs on.

What can he be doing? We will watch him out of sight, and I think we had better keep an eye on the bicycle so that no one steals it. After waiting for some minutes we see another young fellow running along, all the time keeping his eye on the side of the road. Up he comes to the bicycle and, taking it out of the hedge, he gets on it and away he goes. It is not long before he overtakes the first one and they call out to each other. On he goes for about half a mile when he gets off and, leaving the machine in the hedge, he starts to run on.

Can you understand what they are doing? They have fifteen miles to go, and as they only have one bicycle between them, they take it in turns, running and riding.

Why do you think they were so anxious to get to Margate? I will tell you. These two fellows both worked on a farm. They had hurried this day to get all their work done so that they might go and hear a preacher

of the Gospel make known the story of God's love. They were unsaved, but anxious to know the way of salvation, and God had His eye on them too, and directed His servant to speak just the right word for them.

They reached the Hall in time and found a good company gathered. Soon the preacher was reading the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15. It was a wonderful message to those young men, and to one of them it was a never forgotten night, for he was led to return as a guilty sinner to the God against Whom he had sinned, and trusting in the Saviour he received the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins.

What the preacher pressed that night was the joy of the father in the return of the prodigal, and he told of God's delight and joy when any sinner, young or old, just returns to Him, owning they have sinned. He spoke of how God is waiting, full of compassion, to run and welcome them, and assure them of forgiveness, just as the father assured his son he was forgiven when he covered him with kisses.

Are you in earnest about your soul? Have you ever felt you would like to be saved, yet perhaps you hardly know how it can all come about? Let me remind you that there is One above Whose heart yearns over you, and longs to assure you that He loves you. Why not just turn to Him now, owning that you have sinned? He will hear you. He will forgive you. He will welcome you, and give you to know the joy He has in receiving you back to Himself.

**The Door in Katie's Heart.**

**"He faileth not."**

**K**ATIE was a little girl of four, and she lived in London. One day she had been to a meeting for children, and when she came home her mother asked her: "And does my Katie remember the text she learned to-day?"

"Yes, Mother," replied little Katie, and repeated Revelation 3. 20 all through correctly. I wonder if you know what Katie's text was? In case you do not, I will write it out for you. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

"And where is the door, Katie?" asked Mother.

"Up there," said Katie, pointing to the sky.

Mother shook her head. "No," she said, "it is in Katie's little heart."

"Oh, is it in Katie's little heart?" cried the little girl, with a sudden, happy laugh. "Then the door has been opened, 'cause Jesus knows Katie loves Him."

Has the door of your heart been opened, like Katie's?

He faileth not, for He is GOD :  
He faileth not; His grace how good !  
He faileth not; His Word is clear :  
If we have God, whom need we fear ?

The highest mount He can make plain :  
The wildest flood He can restrain :  
GOD of impossibilities !  
Poor puny man, now learn His ways.

The axe did swim on Jordan's wave !  
Our God the Red Sea's waters clave !  
He stopped the sun ! made long the day !  
This is the GOD to Whom we pray.

He bars the sea with feeble sand !  
The proud waves bow at His command !  
If GOD is thine, what more your need ?  
Can He not work for you indeed ?

Our God is love, your needs are known,  
His promises He'll fully own :  
Our gracious God bows down His ear  
The feeblest, weakest cry to hear.

Our God is light, and never yet  
One promise did He e'er forget,  
His promises in Christ the Son  
Are fully pledged, Yea and Amen.

Our faithful God faith cannot break,  
Nor death, nor hell, His promise shake !  
Who ask in faith, He'll not deny :  
His Word is sure, He must reply.

He faileth not; let all men hear;  
He faileth not, His word is clear;  
He faileth not; His grace how good;  
He faileth not for He is GOD !

*These verses have been translated from the Chinese, and can be sung to the tune of the "Old Hundredth."*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.

Lam. 3. 22.

**Some of God's Heroes.***(6 continued)*

**W**E saw last month how, after years of labour and privation, Mr. and Mrs. Judson rejoiced to see their first Burmese convert, and soon there were quite a few who believed the gospel and were saved. As usual in such cases, however, Satan began to stir up opposition and so worked that those in power tried to get the people to stick to their old religion and to keep away from the missionaries. At last Judson decided to pay a visit to the king who lived at Ava, a long distance from Rangoon. It was a long dangerous journey and even when there one could only with difficulty get permission to enter the king's presence. Judson succeeded in getting in, but oh! what bitter disappointment awaited him, for the king read his letter, threw the Burmese booklet Judson gave him on the floor and walked out in anger.

It was only when Judson was joined later by a missionary who was a doctor that the king became more friendly and offered him land on which to build a mission house. Judson accepted it, but no sooner had he and his wife settled down there to work in Ava than all was changed again. War broke out between Britain and Burma, and although an American, Judson was seized as a spy and thrown into a horrible prison.

For months he endured the miserable prison life, exposed to hardships and suffering. Three times he was condemned to death and yet spared, for God had more work for His servant

to do. Meantime his devoted wife suffered equal hardships outside the prison, making every effort to get her husband set free and visiting him in prison when allowed.

Their house was searched and things of value taken away. There was one thing, however, which above all was precious to them, and that was the translation of the Bible which Judson had worked on for so long. Where do you think they hid it? Mrs. Judson took it to the prison, and they sewed it inside an old cushion which Mr. Judson used as a pillow. Even then they nearly lost it, for a jailor took the pillow for himself, but finding it too hard he threw it back to his prisoner. Again it was taken away and someone stole the cover off it, but in the end the Judsons got back the hard inside stuffing with its hidden treasure.

At last Judson was released from prison, but soon after his dear wife passed away, worn out with all the sufferings and anxiety she had undergone. It was some years later that Judson completed his translation of the Bible in Burmese, and commended it to God for His blessing.

We cannot now follow Judson further in his labours in Burma amongst the people he so loved and longed to win for Christ. He was much used by God in blessing to souls for many years. Here is something he said which is a message to us today! "We cannot all be missionaries but we may all be earnest Christians. We cannot all labour as earnest missionaries for Christ, but we may all help those who do."

### Bird Messengers.

**I**N our picture are two pigeons which, during the Great War, carried messages in France. Pigeons, too, were used in the siege of Paris. But have you ever heard of wild birds carrying messages? One of our Bible Searchers has written to us from Canada telling us a wonderful story which I am sure will interest our readers. There is a man that lives in the district she writes from who has a large bird sanctuary. That is a place where the birds have freedom and are not shot or killed. Here thousands of birds are to be seen, ducks and geese and wild fowl.

Now who would have thought of making these birds the carriers of messages from the Word of God? Well, that is just what is happening.

The birds are caught and tagged. A small identification tag is fixed to the leg of the bird and on it is stamped a verse of Scripture.

You may wonder what is the use of this, for the birds cannot read, but I will tell you. When the time comes for the birds to migrate, off they go and carry these messages with them. Then in the Arctic Circle and around Baffin's Land some natives go out in search of a meal. A few shots are heard and down falls a wild duck.

Quickly it is picked up and the disc is discovered. He cannot read the message himself, so he takes it to the nearest missionary, who reads the verse to him. Oh! who can tell what the result of the messages from God's Word will be? One thing we do know and that is what



the Lord says about His Word in Isaiah 55. 11: "It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

One missionary tells how the Indians and Eskimos, finding the tags on birds they have shot, would run to him asking, "What does God say this time?" And then he would use the verse for his address the next Sunday and many would come to hear who otherwise would not have listened.

Let us pray that God will bless His Word in whatever way it is sent forth, even if it is carried by the birds of the air.

## What Betty learned.

IT was at a children's meeting and in the front row sat a little girl with brown hair and brown eyes. As the speaker addressed the children Betty listened very attentively, and the message went right down into her heart.

As she went to bed that night she said "Mother, I learned a great deal tonight." "What did you learn, dear?" asked her mother. "I learned that one sin will shut us out of heaven." Oh! surely that was enough to make Betty serious for she knew that she had committed far more than one sin.

"What else did you learn?" enquired her mother. "I learned that the blood of Jesus can cleanse us from all sin." Betty paused a moment, then added "But, Mother, you have to believe it." Ah! that's the point. It does me no good to know that Jesus died unless I believe He died for me.

## Helps for Young Believers.

A MISSIONARY once called at a Chinese home, and seeing only two girlies and their baby brother there, he asked, "Where is Grandmother to-day?" "She's in there praying," the little ones replied as they pointed to a closed door.

A few minutes later she appeared, her face lit up with the joy of being in the Lord's presence. Once she worshipped idols, but now she knew the true God, and had found out that He hears and answers prayer.

*Have you proved this?*

John Knight was a ploughman. He preached no sermons, but in his slow deliberate way he loved to speak of the Lord, and many times he proved the faithfulness of the One Whom he knew and loved. Listen to what he says:—

"One day, when I was with the plough, everything seemed to go wrong. The plough was wrong; the horses were wrong; the boy was wrong; everything was wrong. So I said to the boy, 'You stand by a few minutes while I go the other side of the hedge.' So says I to the horses, 'Whoa!' And I went behind the hedge and, kneeling down, I told the Lord all about it. When I came back, everything was altered! The plough was right; the horses were right; the boy was right; all was right."

No wonder that boy grew up to know the Lord and became a preacher. Prayer changes things in a field, a home, yes, everywhere! *Have you proved this?*

TEXT FOR COLOURING



Psa: 95 1.

ARE you one of the Lord's own children?

A friend of mine, when he was a young man, though converted, would sometimes sing a comic song—nothing bad, but just silly. Then he became “out and out” for Christ, and he determined that he would never again sing any words that would not honour Him, or help somebody.

Reader! are you an “out and out” follower of the Lord? Are you allowing Him to control every part of you, even your voice?

Dear Boys and Girls,

Our subject this month is the Gospel. This means simply "good news." Mark calls it the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and in Romans it is called the gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ. So you see, it is about the Lord Jesus and His grace and love in coming down to this earth with good news of salvation to those who were lost and ruined.

The first four books of the New Testament are called "Gospels". They each tell us about the Lord's life on this earth and His death, and we know it is through His death alone that the good news can go out to everyone. But the apostle has to say "they have not all obeyed the gospel." Everyone is invited to share it, but only those who trust in the Lord Jesus get the blessing. In our answers we learn the sad end of those who do not obey the gospel. I think everyone of you could tell me what the gospel is, but I wonder how many are among those who have obeyed the gospel. I do trust every one of you are in that number.

In the answers for July to the sixth question, the Seniors were to write verses to shew that Peter, Paul, Philip and Apollos preached from the Old Testament scriptures. I have given here some suitable answers, but many others would be equally correct, so do not think yours are wrong because they are not the same as those printed here. Also in the seventh question there are other incidents in the life of the Lord which you could mention, and it is an interesting study to look up as many as you can find and compare the Old and New Testament verses. All these help to teach us that God knew all that would happen to the Lord Jesus long before He came to this earth, yet in such love He allowed Him to come that we might be so richly blessed.

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.

### Gospel.

1. Why does Paul say he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ? Romans 1.
2. Write the verse containing the words "to preach the gospel to the poor." Luke 4.
3. What were the good tidings of great joy? Luke 2.
4. How will those be punished who obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ? 11. Thessalonians 1.
5. What did Paul say he was sent to do? I. Corinthians 1.
6. Write out from the first chapter of Philipians all the verses which speak of the gospel.
7. Read II. Kings 7.
  - (a) Who would not believe the message?
  - (b) What was his fate?
  - (c) How were the Syrians defeated?

Can you tell me in what way this story is like the gospel message?

### Answers to Questions for July.

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| 1. 2 Tim. 3. 15.  | 6. (a) Acts 2. 25.   |
| 2. Acts 17. 11.   | (b) Acts 17. 2.      |
| 3. Romans 15. 4.  | (c) Acts 8. 35.      |
| 4. 2 Peter 1. 21. | (d) Acts 18. 24 & 28 |
| 5. Romans 10. 11. |                      |
| 7. Micah 5. 2.    | Matt. 2. 1 & 6.      |
| Zechariah 9. 9.   | Matt. 21. 1-8.       |
| Isaiah 50. 6.     | Matt. 26. 67.        |
| Psalm 22. 18.     | Matt. 27. 35.        |

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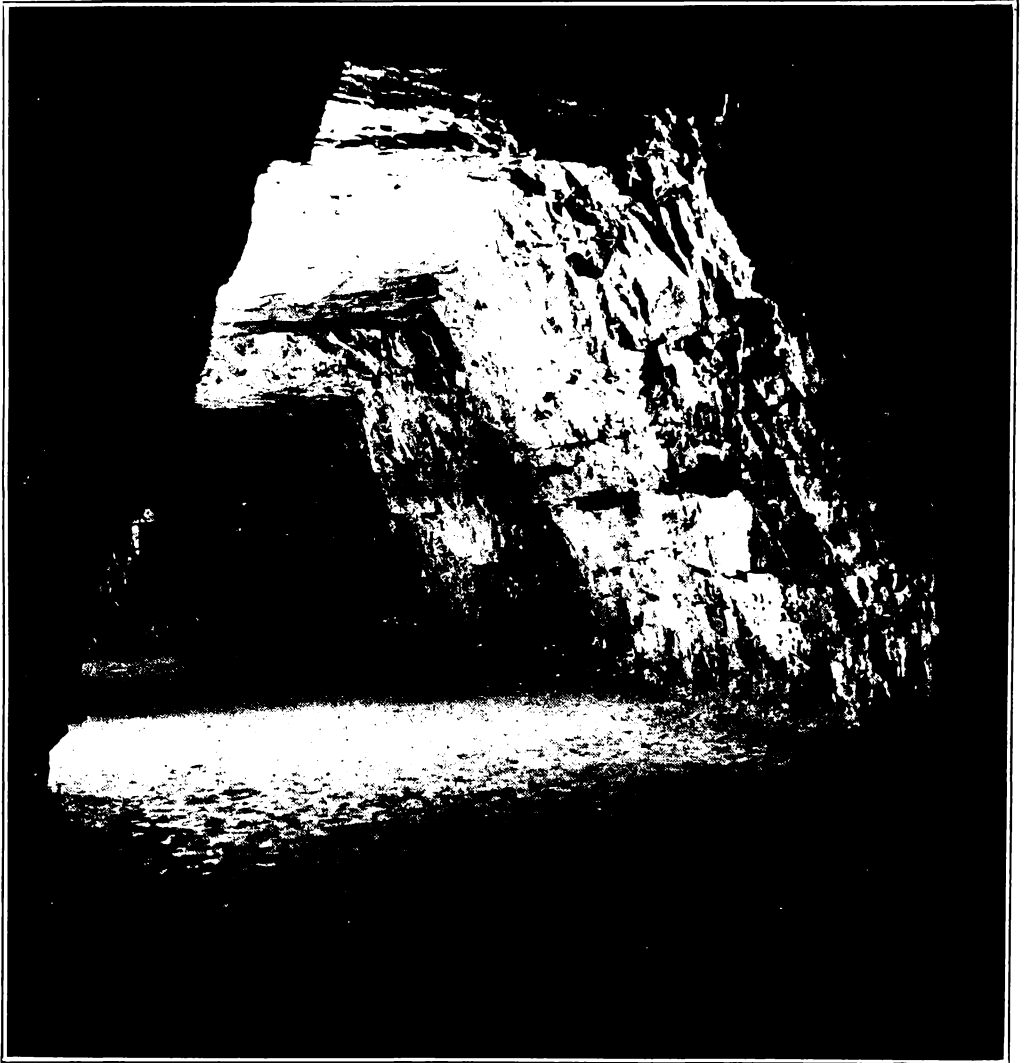
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A GLEAM OF LIGHT DARTED INTO THE CAVE.

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## The Golden Pathway.

**J**UST before the Great War two boys were spending a holiday at a south coast village, where there were little bays with smugglers' caves, hills to climb, woods to ramble in and all the things that boys and girls love to do outdoors.

As the house where their parents were staying was rather full, these two boys occupied a bedroom in a house near by, where an elderly couple lived, who, they soon discovered, went to bed very early.

One night they waited quietly until all was still in the house, then crept downstairs, shoes in hand, and stole out into the village in search of adventure. They wandered to a little cove of which they were very fond, and not without reason, for it was one of the prettiest I have ever seen. The great attraction to them was a lovely cave where undoubtedly many years before, smugglers had carried on their lawless trade.

Well, these boys, thoroughly enjoying the adventure and not caring about the lateness of the hour, or the darkness, which was not very dense at that time of the year, climbed into the cave and began to enjoy the things they had secured for the occasion.

The lapping of the water on the rocks was most musical, and they must have been enjoying their stolen pleasure for some time when, all of a sudden, a gleam of light darted into the cave. It grew suddenly light and looking up they saw a scene which neither

of them will ever forget. The moon had peeped over the horizon and a lovely golden pathway seemed to lead from the cave right across the sea !

Both these boys had been taught to know God as the Creator of all the wonders of the universe, and as the moon rose majestically above the water, one of them at least thought of the beautiful city with streets of pure gold, and gates of pearl, and where the light is the glory of God. We read of it in Revelation 21. Nothing that defiles can enter there, and both of them thought of the wrong they were doing while their parents thought they were safely in bed.

Awestruck and rather ashamed of themselves they got up silently, and then realised with a great shock that they were only just in time ! The tide had risen rapidly and in a short while would have cut them off from the beach. Oh ! how thankful they were that God had spoken to them and saved them from perhaps a serious accident.

One of those boys, who is now a man, often thinks how many times God spoke to him in love and patience before he threw his heart's door widely open. They had heard so many times of how God in mercy had sent His beloved Son to save them from the waters of judgment, but it was years before these boys learnt the joy of giving themselves up to the love of Jesus. Have you learnt this joy ? If not, do not put it off ! Satan wants you to put it off. But Jesus says " Come now ! "

## Precious Jewels.

SOME time ago I stood in a room in the Tower of London and gazed upon one of the most magnificent collections of precious jewels. I forget the names of them now, but there they were, protected by an iron grille, very thick glass and special doors which automatically locked if the glass around the jewels was broken.

My thoughts turn to some other "precious jewels" equally carefully guarded. All those who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ are His "jewels." In Malachi 3. 17 we read "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels." And is it not lovely to think that even the youngest of us is precious in His sight?

And though the Crown Jewels are securely kept, yet the Lord Jesus keeps His own in far greater security than man can devise. In John 10. 28 and 29 we can read His own words, "Neither shall any pluck them out of My hand . . . none shall pluck them out of My Father's hand." A two-fold security which can never be broken!

In a little country town a small Sunday School was being held. It was a great day for Willie C., four and a half years old, for was he not attending Sunday School for the first time? At the close of the school the teacher said, "Now Willie, as it is your first attendance you may choose a hymn for us to sing. Come, what shall we sing?" "Precious jewels" the little one instantly replied. The hymn was sung, as doubtless many of you have sung it since.

"When He cometh, when He cometh,  
To make up His jewels,  
All His jewels, precious jewels,  
His loved and His own.

Like the stars of the morning,  
His bright crown adorning,  
They shall shine in their beauty,  
Bright gems for His crown."

Before another month had passed by, Willie had gone to be with the One of Whom that hymn speaks. He was taken suddenly ill and the little life flickered out. But in that day when the Lord makes up His jewels Willie will be present.

Dear young reader, will you accept the Lord Jesus as your own Saviour to-day? Then you too will be there. He is soon coming to take those who trust Him to be with Him for eternity. Until that moment may we each be found shining as one of His precious "Jewels."

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## Some of God's Heroes.

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THE one who is the subject of our story this month lived in Scotland about three hundred years ago. It was a difficult time for God's people in Scotland. The king had made a law that everyone was to worship God in the way the king commanded, and must read the prayers from the prayer book which the king said must be used. Those who disobeyed were to be treated as rebels and put to death.

Many of the true christians felt they could not obey the king in this matter. Some aḷaḷ! took up arms to defend

themselves, but there were many who were willing to suffer persecution rather than agree to do what they knew was wrong. They were turned out of their homes and hunted like wild animals by the king's cruel soldiers. No one was allowed to feed or shelter them, and many were captured and put cruelly to death.

One of those who suffered much persecution was Alexander Peden. He had preached God's Word faithfully to the people of a little village in the south of Scotland till he was forced to leave it because of the king's wicked command. Henceforth his life was to be one of wandering as an outcast on the hillsides or in the valleys, but he had learned to trust God and was to prove His faithfulness in many remarkable ways.

Sometimes he would preach to the people who gathered on the hillsides for a meeting even at the risk of being discovered and caught by the king's soldiers.

For a long time Peden lived in a dark lonely cave among the mountains. One day he set out from his hiding place to visit an old christian man who lived in a cottage on the moorland. What a treat it was for poor Peden to spend a few hours sitting in comfort with his friend! The time went by so quickly as they talked together over God's Word and comforted each other, and the sun had already set when Peden started off again for his lonely cave.

Suddenly he saw a company of soldiers coming towards him. He fled

as quickly as he could down to the stream, and noticing an overhanging piece of bank he slipped down and lay there hidden from his pursuers.

Along they galloped over the very spot where he lay, and one of the horses' hoofs actually pressed through the soft clay and grazed Peden's head! Rising from his hiding place after the soldiers had gone, he was able to return in safety to his cave, thankful to God for such a wonderful deliverance.

Another day he was preaching on the hillside to the people who loved him. Suddenly the soldiers appeared and spread themselves over the hillside, determined to capture all who were there. Escape seemed impossible this time. Peden's friends suggested he should hide in a hole and they would cover him with heather. But he refused, telling them rather to pray.

He himself prayed aloud, quietly and confidently, asking God to spread His covering over them. Turning to his friends he said " Friends, the bitterest of this blast is over; we will be no more troubled with them this day."

It was true. God had heard and answered. All over the hillside dense white clouds of mist spread themselves like a covering. Peden and his friends who knew the district well were able to escape, leaving the hillsides re-sounding with the shouts of rage and disappointment of the soldiers.

It is thus God works for His own. He has said " Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." Psalm 50. 15.

### A Narrow Escape.

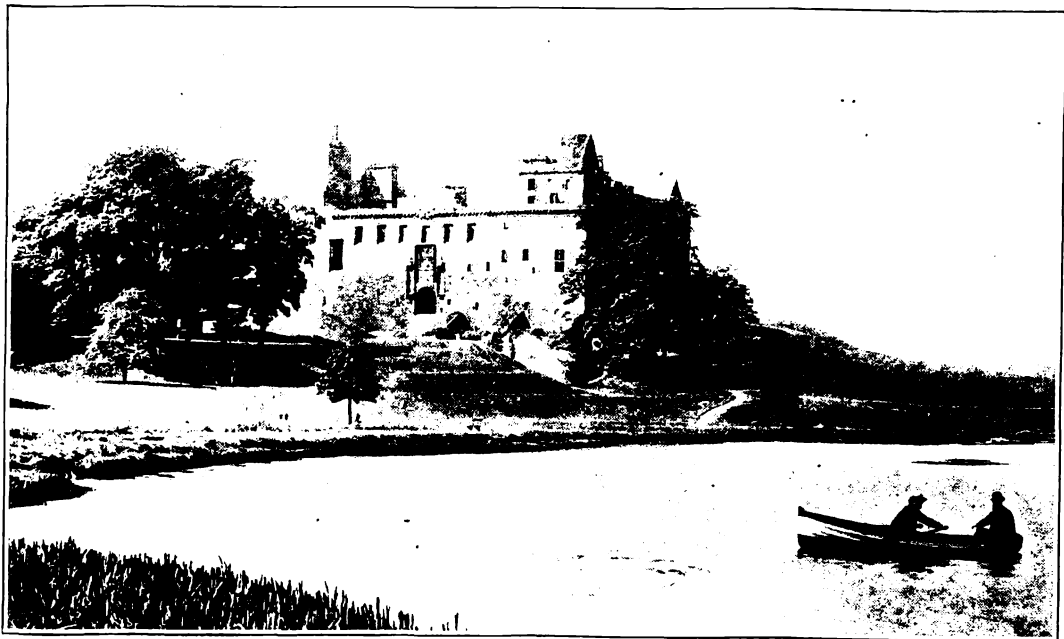
MARY lived in the historic old town of Linlithgow in which is the palace where Mary, Queen of Scots was born.

Running by this old town is a canal where barges carry goods from one part of the country to another. Mary's home was on the other side of this canal and in order to reach the town she had to cross a bridge. One day she had been visiting some friends, and when she started for home it was a very dark night. Her way lay along the side of the canal but as she knew the way so well, she walked happily along expecting soon to reach home. But in the darkness she missed her

way and instead of being on the bridge, she fell into the cold water of the canal.

What a fright poor Mary got! Struggle as she would, she could not get out. Indeed she got deeper and deeper into the mud. You may be sure she called loudly for help, but there was no one near to hear her cries.

Mary was terribly in need of a saviour and she knew it. How many people there are in a plight much worse than Mary's and yet do not know that they need a Saviour, Who can save them from their sins and give them a home in heaven! You are one of these if you have not come to the Lord Jesus owning that you are a sinner and letting Him save you.



LINLITHGOW PALACE.

After what seemed a very long time, a boy carrying a lantern came whistling along, so she called as loudly as she could. She was in earnest and could not let the opportunity slip. She did not say like some people "There will be another chance. I don't want to get saved yet." How could she? Next time might be too late!

The boy stopped—someone in the canal? So swinging his lantern he went over to the edge to find out who was there. He was not very old and not strong enough to pull her out, but he lay down flat to reach out as far as possible and pull her on to the edge of the bank. Bidding her hold on and not move an inch or she would fall in again, he ran off to get assistance. Soon he returned with two men who saved her from her dangerous position and set her safely on the bank. They did not leave her there but took her to her home where she was attended and was soon snugly in bed.

Are there not lessons which we may learn from this true story? Unless we know the Lord Jesus we are in darkness and do not know where we are going. He said "I am the light of the world, he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

The little boy who came along was willing to help Mary but he had not the power, but the Lord Jesus is not only willing but able to save every one who puts their trust in Him.

Do not delay, be in earnest as Mary was, lest you let the time slip by and find to your eternal loss that it is too late!

## Helps for Young Believers.

**D**O you remember that last month we were talking about *prayer*? Have you been proving that God hears and answers prayer?

Have you ever noticed what a number of answered prayers we have in Scripture? Some years ago I went through the Bible and wrote them down, and I was surprised to find what a long list there was.

Another interesting thing we find in God's Word is the various *places* where we read of people praying. Do you know who it was that prayed standing by his camels? (See Gen. 24).

Another prayed lying in a dungeon. This was Jeremiah, and we read his prayer in Lam. 3. 55. Then you remember that Daniel prayed in the lions' den, and we are told that "no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God."

Isaac went out into the field to pray; while David prayed hiding in a cave, and the 57th and 142nd Psalms give us his prayers. Nehemiah prayed while standing before the king. Turn up the passage and read of this man who instantly turned to God when in need of wisdom. (Read Neh. 2. 4.)

Peter prayed on the housetop, and Paul and Silas prayed in prison with their feet in the stocks. Do you remember who prayed inside a fish? Then there was a king who turned his face to the wall and prayed, and God answered him. (Isa. 38.)

Surely these examples show us that anywhere and everywhere we can pray. In how many spots on this earth can it be recorded that you have prayed?

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THE SON  
OF GOD,  
WHO ...  
gave  
HIMSELF  
for  
me.

GAL. 2. 20

IN a little village in far off Africa God's servants had come to hold a service. A little group of women came in laughing and joking, amongst whom was a blind woman with a wee baby strapped to her back. She was soon listening intently. Then someone noticed that tears began to run down her dusky cheeks. She was hearing for the first time that Jesus loved her, and had died for her sins. I expect *you* have heard that "old, old story" many times. Has it ever really touched *your* heart?

Just say to yourself "THE SON OF GOD loved *me*. HE gave HIMSELF for *me*."

What does it mean to me?"

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Dear Boys and Girls,

Last month we noticed that the Lord Jesus is the theme of the Gospel, and now I would like to tell you of how He is spoken of as God's salvation.

In the beginning of Luke we read about two old people, Simeon and Anna, who were waiting and longing for the Lord Jesus to come. At that time He had not been born but God showed to Simeon that he would not die till he had seen the long promised Saviour. Wasn't that a lovely promise to Simeon? I'm sure he often thought of it and longed to see the One Who was to work redemption for His people. At last one day when he went into the Temple, he saw the little Baby in His mother's arms, and Simeon knew that He was the One he was waiting for. How happy Simeon must have been to have the Babe in his arms! Then he said "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace . . . for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation."

Anna too, came in just at the same time and she praised the Lord, and then went about telling others of the Saviour. Dear old Anna was so glad she couldn't help speaking about Him to others.

If we know Him we should be like Anna, using our lips to praise Him and then to tell others of Him. Then we should be like those in Malachi, too, who feared the Lord and spoke often one to another. What lovely conversation that was! What a difference it would make, to ourselves and to others, if instead of grumbling or gossiping, we spoke about the Lord Jesus and what He has done for us. This is what the Lord delights to hear and it is pleasing to Him. Won't you try it too?

Like them, we are waiting for Him to come, not this time to die, but to make our salvation complete by taking us to be with Himself where we shall see Him face to face.

I do trust this is true of each one.

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.

### Salvation.

1. When is the day of salvation? 2 Corinthians 6.
2. Why may we trust and not be afraid? Isaiah 12.
3. Write the verse containing the words "the salvation of God." Psalm 50.
4. What did Moses say to the people when they were afraid of Pharaoh at the Red Sea? Exodus 14.
5. Write the verse containing the words "Neither is there salvation in any other." Acts 4.
6. Write all the verses speaking of salvation in II. Samuel 22.
7. Write the verses containing the words
  - (a) so great salvation
  - (b) author of eternal salvation
  - (c) captain of their salvation
  - (d) heirs of salvation
  - (e) things which accompany salvation

Tell in your own words what you think is the meaning of the verse which says "without sin unto salvation." All these verses will be found in Hebrews.

### Answers to Questions for August.

1. Proverbs 30. 5.
2. Isaiah 40. 8.
3. Luke 4. 4.
4. Ephesians 6. 17.
5. Hebrews 4. 12.
6. (a) Psalm 119. 140.  
(b) Psalm 119. 160.  
(c) Psalm 119. 89.  
(d) Psalm 119. 105.  
(e) Psalm 119. 130.
7. The Gospel of John.
  - (a) John 1. 1.
  - (b) John 1. 18.
  - (c) John 1. 10.
  - (d) John 1. 14.

Revelation 19. 13.

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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A MAORI COWBOY ON HIS PONY.

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## The Story of a Pillow

THERE was a time when the beautiful Islands of New Zealand and round about there, were inhabited by cannibal tribes who were constantly at war with each other.

During one of these tribal wars, an enemy chief, who was tracking down another man, found a little girl fast asleep with her head on a pillow. Was it a soft, down pillow? No, it was a little book, a St. Luke's Gospel in her own language, Maori.

It was her greatest treasure, for she had learnt to love the Lord Jesus at the Mission School. But the enemy chief knew nothing of that, and the child was cruelly murdered.

Finding the little book underneath, he carried it away and kept it as a war relic, probably thinking it was a charm of some sort. The poor stricken father of the little girl, managing to escape death, looked in vain for the Gospel afterwards. He too was a follower of Christ.

"God works in a mysterious way," for although the owner of the book had been taken Home to God, her little treasure had not yet fulfilled its mission.

Years went by. The murderer died and his son had different ideas, for he was sick at heart with the constant bloodshed. "Can there be no other way to settle quarrels?" he asked. "Yes" said a friend, "there is another way. If I had a Gospel I could show you." "A Gospel?" The young chief's memory went back to a little old tattered and shabby book which his tribe had for some reason or other carefully guarded.

He fetched it quickly. I can picture the scene, can you? The friend could evidently read. I can imagine him reading the story of One Who came to bring "Peace and Goodwill" to earth, of His blessed life and death for our sins, of His teaching, "Love ye your enemies." I can see the young chief listening intently. "No more war for me!" The tattered little Gospel had done its work. The young chief was won for Christ!

The word "pillow" is only mentioned three or four times in the Bible. It is interesting to look them up. Jacob once had a stone for a pillow (Gen. 28), but that night he had a beautiful dream, and when he awoke he knew that the everlasting arms of God had been underneath that hard pillow, and God had promised His presence with him all the way.

Then we read of the Lord Jesus, with His head on a pillow sleeping calmly through a storm, trusting absolutely in His Father's care (Mark 4).

There is another mention of "pillows" in Ezekiel 13. They were little cushions sewn on to the garment so that the elbows could be rested on them. But they were hated of God, because they represented self-indulgence and ease, which often led to sin.

Dear young friend (and older ones too), the best pillow you can rest your heart on as you go to sleep to-night, is the one the little Maori girl had—**THE GOSPEL**. You will know that *whatever* happens (and many things may!) if you are trusting in the Lord Jesus, all *must* be well, for "**UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVER-LASTING ARMS.**" Deut. 33. 27.

## Was it a Dream ?

I HAD just been reading the story of the Great Supper in Luke 14, intending to speak of it at a children's meeting which I was to address. I closed my eyes and this is what I saw.

There was a big building with a flight of stone steps leading up to a great door. On each side of the door stood a stern figure, one with a sword and the other with a rule and scales, representing justice and righteousness. The door was secured with ten strong bolts. Everyone who tried to enter was prevented by the two at the door.

You see this was the door into God's presence and none might go in unless he was righteous. Suddenly One came, with marks of wounds, and a loving expression, yet of majestic appearance. Immediately Justice sheathed his sword: Righteousness laid aside his rule and scales; the ten bolts were drawn and the door thrown wide open.

This One entered—another, then others, then three thousand went in at one time and yet there was plenty of room. Many passed by outside going to picture palaces and other places where God is forgotten. They did not know what was inside. Many meant to go later on. Indeed some did go in and I thought I went in after a while. and inside there was a table laden with wonderful food—food suited to everybody, babies, young people and old folk, all were provided for. Overhead was spread a banner sparkling with

golden letters, and these letters were L.O.V.E.

Sometimes one of the guests would appear not to relish the rich provisions and would wander to the door by which he had entered. Then the Saviour, for it was He, would lovingly restrain him and gently lead him towards another door on the other side. Outside there were beautiful grass slopes, gentle streams and refreshing springs. The Saviour would lead him up and down in gentle talk till all was quiet again, and he was glad to join the happy throng within.

Gradually the numbers increased until I thought the last one entered and the door was shut. Those outside, being used to seeing it open, wondered. Some went up the steps and knocked. Then great consternation took hold of the people. They rushed from the picture palaces, amusement parks and theatres, dances and whist drives and besieged the door, only to realise the awful truth that they were TOO LATE.

Many said they had intended going in that very night, but had put it off. Now it was too late.

Well, dear children, this gave me such a desire towards that meeting of little folk, that forty or fifty rough boys and girls sat as still as mice while I told them what you have just read.

Have you gone in to let the Lord Jesus serve you with His wonderful Good Things? If not, don't put it off or perhaps you may have to cry "TOO LATE."

"Come, for all things are now ready." Luke 14. 17.

### A Strange Question.

“**D**ID you ever preach to two cows and some hay in a barn just outside the village?”

This question was one day put to a preacher, who apparently felt awkward, and looked as if he did not wish to reply, but being pressed he had to confess that he had done so.

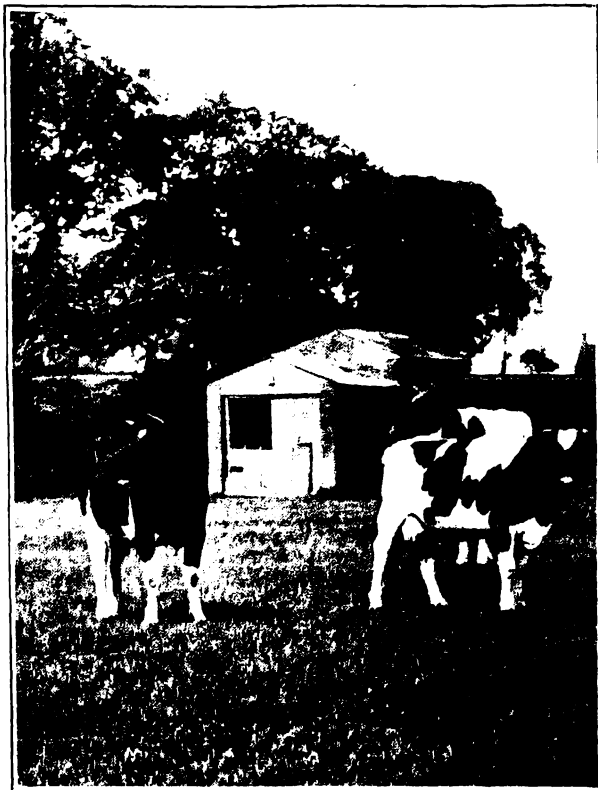
Let me tell you how it happened. This preacher of the gospel was in a village where there was a band of happy young christians who were delighted to meet him, and wanted him to preach, but strangely enough he had to refuse. You ask why? Well, this man realised he was the Lord's servant and must do His bidding,

and this day the Lord had given him to feel that he should go to another village. So off he went.

When he reached the village, being a perfect stranger, and knowing no one, he walked through it. It boasted no church or chapel or gospel hall. He wondered what he should do.

As he retraced his steps on the outskirts of the village he saw a barn in a field.

As soon as he saw it, it seemed as if he was told by the Spirit of God that this was the place where the Lord wanted him to preach. So he walked towards it and entering found just two cows and some hay. He hung back and felt it was absurd to preach here, and yet it seemed as if a voice within seemed to say “Are you My servant or your own master?” He answered “Thy servant, Lord.” “Then do what I bid thee,” came the unmistakable answer.



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He opened his Bible, read a portion and preached the gospel, yes, he told forth God's gracious provision for sinners in the Saviour by whose death on the cross any lost soul trusting in Him may be eternally saved and blessed. Then praying he retired, wondering why he had done such a thing.

Years rolled by; he had told no

one of that day's adventure and now he was stopped by this man who asked this awkward question, "Did you ever preach to two cows and some hay?"

As soon as his questioner knew he was not mistaken, he grasped the preacher by the hand, saying "I thought I recognised your voice. I thought I was not mistaken. All those years ago I was disturbed whilst poaching, and hid myself for safety in that barn under the hay. I fell asleep and must have slept for hours when I was awakened by hearing your voice. I made sure that God must have meant that address for me, and God used it to my salvation."

Now they rejoiced together; the preacher thankful that he had obeyed the bidding of his Master, the other glad to meet the one whom the Lord had used to speak to his soul.

Has the Lord ever spoken to you through any preacher, or has a little book or tract spoken to your heart? You may be sure it is the Lord Who is seeking you and Who wants you to put your trust in Him now. Won't you do it?

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### A Happy Discovery.

A YOUNG lady went one night to a gospel meeting. As she listened to the message of God's love to guilty sinners she felt that she was unsaved and needed a Saviour. At the end of the meeting as she was leaving the room, a lady handed her a little book. It was a copy of the Gospel of John and on the back page of it was

printed John 3. 16, with a space for a name instead of "whosoever," like this: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that \_\_\_\_\_ who believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

As she was going to bed that night the young lady looked at her little book and thought she might as well write her name in the space. She did this without realising what it really meant, then slipping the book under her pillow she went to sleep.

On waking in the morning she thought of the meeting, and remembering the book she pulled it out and read "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that Lilian Stoneman who believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." As she read it she was saved. It was a message from God Himself to her, Lilian Stoneman, telling of His love in giving Jesus to die for her, and she believing in Him would never perish but had everlasting life. It was all so simple and clear. She just believed it and oh! how happy she was.

My dear reader, have you ever put your name in John 3. 16? It is as much a message from God to you as it was to this dear young lady. Put your own name in the "whosoever" today, and read and believe God's love message to you, assuring you of everlasting life through the Saviour whom God has provided in the person of His only begotten Son.

"It was for me; it was for me,  
The Saviour died on Calvary;  
Salvation full for me to win,  
God's 'whosoever' takes me in."

**Life's Voyage.**

**O**UR life, swift as an arrow,  
 Is like a ship that goes  
 Across this sea of sorrow  
 To Port, where ends all woes.  
 At times afar 'tis shining,  
 A light across the foam ;  
 O Saviour, how I'm longing  
 Today might bring me Home.

O little ship, sail swiftly  
 Across the sea of life ;  
 Through storms of care around thee,  
 Of danger and of strife.  
 For while the waves are raging  
 As though my ship must sink.  
 Yet I with patience gazing  
 Can see the gold crowned brink.

O ship, so frail and feeble,  
 Your pilot is the Lord ;  
 Thou need'st not fear life's trouble  
 When Jesus is on board.  
 Though wind and wave are roaring  
 And fain would thee o'erwhelm,  
 Yet I in peace am resting,  
 For Jesus holds the helm.

And soon we'll reach the harbour,  
 Life's winds and waves all o'er,  
 And then we'll drop the anchor  
 Beside the heavenly shore.  
 Then, then with hearts rejoicing,  
 Attained what long we've sought,  
 The Father's house we're entering,  
 When we safe Home are brought.

**Helps for Young Believers.**

**H**AVE you ever noticed what is fitting for us as believers in the Lord Jesus? In Ephesians 5. 3, 4, several things are mentioned, such as covetousness and uncleanness, which are not proper for us, and then we are told one special thing which should characterise us. What is it? "Giving of thanks."

Do you often give thanks? In Psalm 50, verse 14, we read "Offer unto God thanksgiving." And then in verse 23 "Whoso offereth praise (thanksgiving) glorifieth Me." Perhaps you had not thought when you return thanks to the Lord, He is glorified.

When you rise in the morning, you pray I expect. I hope that Psalm 5. 3 is true of you. "My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up." But do you also give thanks? See how prayer is linked with thanksgiving in Phil. 4. 6.

You come down to breakfast—do you give thanks? If you do, God is glorified, for we read, "Every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received *with thanksgiving.*" I Tim. 4. 4.

Then we read in I Thess. 5. 18 "In everything give thanks." Ah! what scope this gives us. Everything comes to us now through a Father's hand, and whether joy or sorrow we can give Him thanks. When we think of how God has given His Son for us, and has promised that with Him He will freely give us all things, we might well say, "THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."

TEXT FOR COLOURING

Those...  
 whose  
**NAMES**  
 are in  
 the  
**BOOK**  
 OF  
**LIFE.**

Phil. 4. 3.

THERE is a long list of names in the "Lamb's Book of Life"—names of those whose hearts have been washed in the blood of Jesus. Well-known names, quite ordinary names—names out of every nation. Reader! is *yours* there?

A very tired lady missionary in a girls' school in Burma, sat down to her evening meal, *very* glad of a rest. There came a little knock on the door. Oh, what could anyone want now? But it was the Lord's work, so the door was cheerfully opened. "Auntie Jay," said a little voice (the lady's name was Miss James), "I was just going to bed, but I wanted to ask you something first." "Well, what is that?" "Auntie Jay, can I be *sure* that my name is in the Book of Life?" Then followed a very precious few minutes' conversation, and a little girl went to bed happy that night.

Dear young friend, are *you* as anxious about the matter as that?

Dear Boys and Girls,

We have now come to the second last month of the year and I would like to know which of you would choose a Bible or a Testament for a prize. Of course, only those who have worked well enough to merit one of these, can receive it, but if you write " Bible " or " Testament " at the end of your answers this month, I shall know to whom they may be sent.

During this year another of our Searchers has gone to be with the Lord Jesus. Jean knew she was redeemed with His precious blood and she had trusted Him a long time ago, so she was quite ready to go. We know that now she is happy in the Lord's presence and she is waiting with Him till He takes all His own to be with Himself. I hope that those who are not saved will not put off coming to Him till they are older. The Lord Jesus wants to save you now and it is not safe to delay.

In September, the senior searchers were asked to read that interesting story in II Kings about the four lepers. In many ways this reminds us of the gospel story. These men were in desperate need and they thought they must die so it was good tidings to hear of food and clothing too, in abundance. We were in even greater need than they were, for the wages of sin is death, but through the work of the Lord Jesus everlasting life is offered to us as well as much greater blessings than these things the lepers found.

Don't you think the courtier is like those who hear the gospel but who do not believe it? He might have shared the good things but instead of that he was trampled on and died. How sad it will be for those who might have been saved and are not! I trust this will not be the fate of any reader of our little book.

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.

All.

1. Who is rich unto all that call upon Him? Romans 10.
2. To whom is the Lord good? Psalm 145.
3. How should we acknowledge the Lord? Proverbs 3.
4. Write the verse containing the words " unto all and upon all them that believe." Romans 3.
5. To whom is the first epistle to the Corinthians addressed? I Corinthians 1.
6. Write verses containing the following
  - (a) All have sinned.
  - (b) Delivered Him up for us all.
  - (c) He told me all that ever I did.
  - (d) He exhorted them all . . . to cleave unto the Lord.
  - (e) Gave thanks to God in the presence of them all.

The answers will be found in John, Acts and Romans.

7. (a) Write a verse from Isaiah which says we have all gone astray like sheep.
- (b) Write a verse from John's Gospel which speaks of the Lord Jesus being a Shepherd.
- (c) What parable speaks of the shepherd and the sheep?
- (d) To whom did the Lord say " Feed My sheep? " Give places where found.

## Answers to Questions for September.

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| 1. Romans 1. 16.   | 6. Philippians 1. 5. |
| 2. Luke 4. 18.     | Philippians 1. 7.    |
| 3. Luke 2. 11.     | Philippians 1. 12.   |
| 4. II Thess. 1. 9. | Philippians 1. 17.   |
| 5. I Cor. 1. 17.   | Philippians 1. 27.   |
| 7. II Kings 7.     |                      |

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

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CLEARING AWAY THE SNOW.

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### What is Faith ?

**T**HIS was the question which a little boy kept puzzling over, as perhaps some of you have done many times. He did want to know, and at last he was told that faith is simply believing—expecting God to do what He says He will. If we have faith in God we know He hears us when we pray and we expect Him to give us the answer.

The boy thought a good deal about this, and before very long something happened which tested his faith and taught him a lesson which he never forgot.

One day as he was going off to school his mother gave him sixpence, but on arrival at school he found that he had lost it on the way. This was a great sorrow to him and he felt he must try to find it. He thought he knew where he must have dropped it, but he could not go to look for it till school was over and by then it might be gone. He was starting to worry when he remembered what he had learned about faith and how God answers prayer, so he just asked the Lord to help him find his sixpence when school was over, and he became quite peaceful about it.

Soon however it started to snow and as he saw the large snowflakes coming down so thickly, he thought "Alas! my sixpence will be quite covered up. I shall never find it now." Such fears were just filling his mind when he again remembered that God hears and answers prayer, so he prayed once more to keep his sixpence safe and help him find it, and then he felt restful again.

As the hours went on however, the snow stopped and once more the boy's fears were aroused for he heard the sound of shovelling outside, as the snow was piled up to clear the roads. How could he ever expect to find his sixpence now? It would be impossible—but . . . and once more the truth flashed into the boy's mind—God hears and answers prayer. So he checked the fears and just prayed quietly and confidently that the Lord would still take care of his sixpence and restore it to him.

At last school was over and the boy rushed off to the spot where he expected to find the sixpence. Was he disappointed? Had God failed him? No, He knows those who trust in Him, and as the boy approached the spot there was a great pile of snow, and on the very top of it was the lost sixpence! Oh! how glad the boy was to find his precious coin; how happy too to know that God had indeed answered his prayers. He never forgot that day, nor the lesson he learned then of the power of prayer and the blessedness of trusting or putting your faith in God.

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### "Something More Than Gold."

**I**T was on a lovely summer evening at a seaside town. The air was warm and still, and many people were walking up and down the sea front where a few christians were having an open-air Gospel Meeting. Some of them had formed a ring, and one speaker and another had been telling out to those who passed by

the wonderful story of Jesus and His love. One or two others were standing on the sidepath handing out tracts to those who passed on without stopping. One of the workers had just about come to the end of his supply of tracts, and having just two left stepped up to two young men who stood talking near by, saying to them "Will you take these? They are my last two." The young men looked for a moment, and then with a smile said "Oh, please give them to someone else."

Now why did they say that? They were not asked to pay for the tracts. The story that was in them was the sweet gospel of God; yet they said "Give them to someone else." I wonder now, if those two little books had been one pound notes, what they would have said. What would *you* say, if anyone asked *you* to take, say, a one pound note? I expect you would gladly receive it and say "Oh, thanks ever so much." You certainly wouldn't say "Give it to someone else."

I'm afraid the reason is that *they were not interested*. And yet the message of those tracts was the most wonderful story that the world has ever known. If those young men only knew it, there was offered to them the news of God's salvation, through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, "that through Him is preached the forgiveness of sins." But they were not interested. And this salvation is the most valuable and the most costly thing you can even think of. It is the most costly because it cost the Lord Jesus all the

suffering and death of the cross to obtain it for us. It is the most valuable because it affects our souls, which must live on and on even after our bodies die. We sing sometimes:—

"Were the vast world our own  
With all its varied store,  
And Thou, Lord Jesus, wert unknown,  
We still were poor."

Now, you boys and girls who read this, what about you? Do you like to hear of God's wonderful love in giving Jesus to die for you? Or are you like these two young men—not interested? There are so many people—even including boys and girls, I am afraid—who are so careful and earnest about everyday things, but never think about their sins, or their souls. Perhaps however you are not like that, or else you would not be reading this little book: you would have said "Oh, give it to someone else." Then may you turn to God's book that He has given to us—the Bible—and see what He has to say to us. Here are four verses which I call the Gospel A, B, C. See if you can find them.

*All have sinned.* Rom. chap. 3, v.  
*Be sure your sin will find you out.* Numbers chap. 32, v.

*Christ died for our sins.* 1 Cor. chap. 15, v.  
*Dost thou believe on the Son of God?* John. chap. 9, v.

If you can truly answer "yes" to the last verse, you will be able to say that you are saved, and that your sins are all forgiven for His Name's sake. Do you know this chorus?

"Oh, yes, my friends there's something more,  
Something more than gold!  
To know your sins are all forgiven  
Is something more than gold."

### Gas Masks.

**M**ANY of our readers, I expect, remember the anxious time we passed through the last week of September, when war seemed to be inevitable in a few days' time.

Well, I was in a town where notices were posted up that gas masks would be given to everyone who came for them at certain halls in the district.

I was at one of these halls and my duty was to see that those who came received the right size and were properly fitted, as you see being done in our picture. As I was doing this, these gas masks seemed to speak to me of the salvation which God offers freely to everyone through our Lord Jesus.

*What were they for?* Protection from a threatened danger! Yes, a danger from gas bombs was feared, and so these were provided to meet that need. A danger of judgment to come threatens everyone, and God has provided a salvation in Jesus, for we read, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4.12.

*What did they cost?* Something like five million pounds was the amount paid by the Government for all these gas masks. It was a great cost, but it is nothing compared to the infinite price at which salvation has been obtained. It cost God the giving up of



FITTING GAS MASKS.

His Son, and it cost the Lord Jesus all the sufferings of Calvary that your soul and mine might be saved. Have you ever thought of this?

*To whom were they offered?* To everyone, rich and poor, old and young. There were sizes to fit all who came. Does not this remind you to whom this wonderful salvation procured by the Lord Jesus is offered? It is offered to you. It is offered to all. "To you is the word of this salvation sent."

*How were they obtained?* Free, for the asking, or for the taking. The people flocked to receive them. Each person who came had one fitted, and took it away. One old lady turned to me and asked "Is there anything to pay?" I was able to say "No! It is free," and gladly she accepted it. So it is with the salvation that God offers. It is free! You accept it as a gift, and it is just suited to your case. Another thing, they were received individually. Each received it for him or herself. There were old men and women, middle-aged and young people, and little children, each received one to fit them. Is it not the same with God's salvation? I cannot receive it for you, but each must take it for himself. God is offering it now. Won't you take it?

*How was the offer received?* Most accepted it gladly. Many were in thorough earnest to see that they were provided with this protection from gas. But some refused it. I know of more than one person who would not accept this protection, while others intended to be fitted out but put it off. How like this is to those who hear of God's offer of salvation through faith

in the Lord Jesus. Some gladly accept it. I have. Have you? Some refuse it. They despise God's grace, while others intend to be saved, but continually put it off. I hope my reader is not one of these, for the Scripture says, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

### **"Lord, help me."**

I WAS visiting a hospital where an old christian gentleman was lying dangerously ill after an operation. I shall always remember his calm face. Throughout a long life he had been very free from sickness and pain, and now the Lord Jesus was helping him to bear his suffering patiently, as He has promised, "I will *never* leave you." That is if we put our trust in Him.

This dear old man turned feebly towards me as I sat down at his bedside, and said "I cannot read or pray or even think much of Jesus."

"Never mind," I replied, "that is why we have such a High Priest in heaven. He knows just how you are and what is in your heart." Then after a short interval I added "You can just ask Him to help you, can you not?"

In a wonderfully strong clear voice which rang through the huge ward, he cried out "*Lord, help me.*" It reminded me of Peter, when he tried to walk on the water to go to Jesus. You remember how the Lord Jesus put out His hand and helped Peter.

In a bed opposite the christian there lay a man who was suffering from dreadful diseases, and when the pain attacked him his language was terrible.

Nurses were worn out with trying to do something to please him. He grumbled and swore at them all.

I walked across the ward to try and help him to lie more comfortably, and to my surprise he said "Ah! I wish I was like that dear old gentleman over there." I could only tell him that there is but one Saviour—the Same yesterday, and today, and forever, and one Name whereby we must be saved, the Name of Jesus.

Later the usual christian visitor came in. I asked him to see what he could do for this poor fellow. But he shook his head sadly, saying, "He will not let me speak or pray with him." "You try once more," I urged, and he went.

Soon he came back, his face beaming, and whispered to me, "He even asked me to pray." We both looked to the One Who alone can save, to save this poor man before he died.

Well, when the pain returned later, do you know what he said? "*Lord, help me.*" Now the Word of God says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10. 13.

Nurses and doctors were amazed at the change in their patient. He became peaceful, and grateful for all they did for him, and although he still suffered a great deal, I am sure that the Lord Jesus helped him too, for he gave no bother any more, and died peacefully a few days later.

The old christian gentleman was too ill to be told what a change his cry had wrought in the other patient, and a week later he went to be with the Saviour he had known so long. I

am sure that they are both together with their precious Saviour and will spend eternity with Him. Will you, dear boy or girl, be there too? Can you sing truly,

"When the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there"?

### Helps for Young Believers.

**A**N old preacher was once asked "Would you not recommend young christians to do something for the Master?"

"No, I would not," was the unexpected reply.

"Then what would you do?"

"I would recommend them to do *all* things for the Master."

Ah! surely the old preacher was right, for the Scripture says, "*Whatsoever* ye do in word or deed, do *all* in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Col. 3. 17.

This is a striking thought for us. How it tests all we say or do if we bring in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is also an encouraging thought, for it enables us to do our ordinary duties as unto Him, and even our speech can be for Him too.

Have you ever noticed when David fled from Absalom what is said about his servants who were with him? We find it in 2 Sam. 15. 15. "The king's servants said unto the king, Behold thy servants are ready to do *whatsoever* my lord the king shall appoint." May this be the language of our hearts to our Lord and King—*Ready to do whatsoever He may appoint.*

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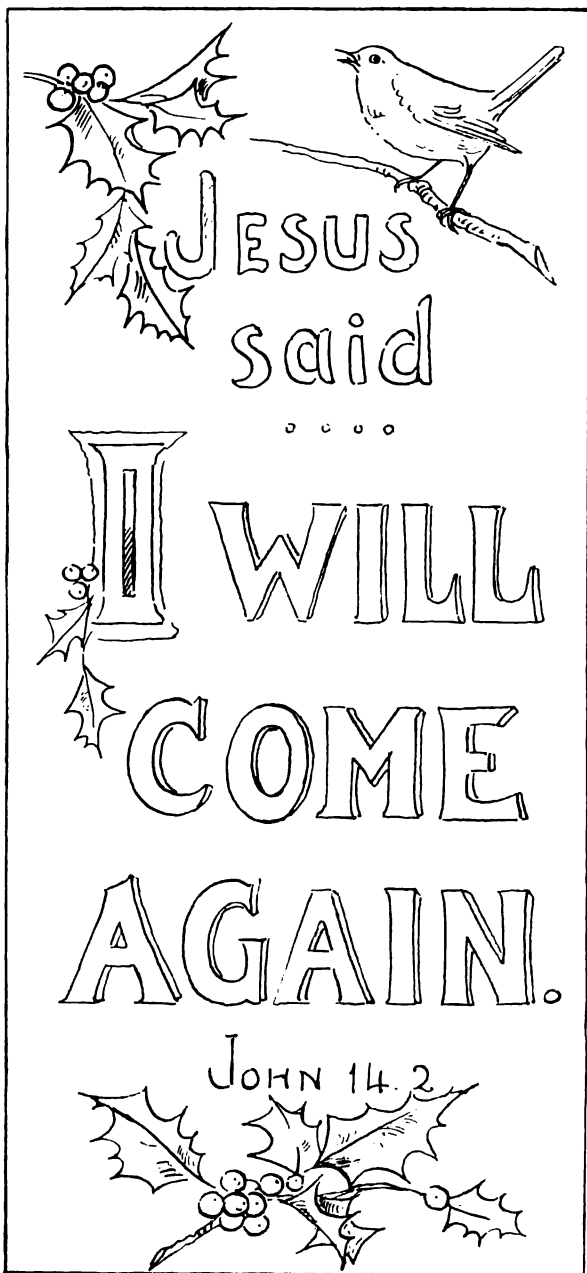
Yes!

Jesus is coming again!

Will it be before this year has ended? Will it be in the New Year, 1939, so soon to dawn? We do not know. But this we are certain of—one day you and I will see Jesus face to face. Will you be ready to meet Him?

Some people were once looking at a beautiful mansion, with a most exquisite garden, all in perfect order. In conversation with the gardeners they were surprised to learn that the master of the house was abroad—had not been home for years, and they began to wonder whether all the daily labour was worth while, and made a remark to that effect. "Well" said the old gardener, "he *may* be home at any time, and we like everything to be ready for him."

Oh, if we were all as ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus!



Dear Boys and Girls,

Here we are at the last month of the year and I am sure most of you are glad, for so many nice things happen then. One thing is that prize time is getting near and this is the last lot of questions you have to do for this year. Will you please send in the answers as soon as you can, so that the marks can be totalled and the prizes arranged without undue delay?

I trust that each one of you have learnt something more from God's Word as you have written the verses which answer the questions. These are not just like school lessons which are very important too, but God's Word is for eternity and so endures when all else has passed away.

Very serious and important events have taken place during this year, and the Lord's people feel increasingly that His coming is very near. We who know Him are glad to think that soon we shall see Him and be with Him for ever, but we long that others too may be ready and waiting for Him when He comes. How many are there who have answered the questions this year and perhaps know the gospel verses very well and yet have not put their trust in Him? It is dangerous to delay. The good news is still going forth, but soon mercy's door will be closed and then it will be too late.

It is always a pleasure to me to receive letters from any of the searchers, and I thank all those who have written. Very often it is not possible to reply to them all individually but that does not mean that they are not appreciated.

If any of you would like a Bible or Testament and have not yet told me, don't forget to put it at the end of your answers.

Your loving friend,  
N. E.

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## Questions for December.

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Every.

1. Who is invited to come to the waters? Isaiah 55.
2. What should every one do that nameth the name of Christ? 2 Timothy 2.
3. Who shall give account of himself to God? Romans 14.
4. Write the verse containing the words "a name which is above every name." Philippians 2.
5. What should we do in everything? 1 Thessalonians 5.
6. Write the verses which contain the following—
  - (a) went everywhere preaching the word
  - (b) commandeth all men everywhere to repent
  - (c) I will . . . that men pray everywhere
  - (d) everywhere and in all things I am instructed
 Answers will be found in Acts, Philippians and Timothy.
7. (a) Write a verse from the New Testament which tells us we should take everything to God in prayer.  
(b) Tell in your own words a story of answered prayer either from the Bible or from your own experience.

## Answers to Questions for October.

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| 1. 2 Cor. 6. 2.      | 6. 2 Samuel 22. 3. |
| 2. Isaiah 12. 2.     | 2 Samuel 22. 31.   |
| 3. Psalm 50. 23.     | 2 Samuel 22. 36.   |
| 4. Exodus 14. 13-14. | 2 Samuel 22. 47.   |
| 5. Acts 4. 12.       |                    |
| 7. (a) Hebrews 2. 3. | (d) Hebrews 1. 14. |
| (b) Hebrews 5. 9.    | (e) Hebrews 6. 9.  |
| (c) Hebrews 2. 10.   | (f) Hebrews 9. 28. |

When the Lord Jesus came the first time, it was to settle the question of sin and that He did when He died on the cross. When He comes the second time, He will have nothing to do with sin but it will be to take His people to be with Himself, so that not only their souls but their bodies also will be completely saved.

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