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THE KING AND QUEEN IN CANADA.

“I'd rather have Jesus.”

THIS story in connection with the visit of our King and Queen to Canada and the United States in the summer of 1939 was sent to me recently.

You will all remember hearing of the tremendous welcome they received everywhere they went, and how delighted those were who had the privilege of speaking to their Majesties.

In our picture you will see the Queen speaking to a little Indian girl when the Indian Chiefs were being presented to their Majesties.

On one occasion during their visit an Indian Chief was asked to sing for the King and Queen. He was a christian man, and after singing “Rule Britannia” and “God save the King” he sang, “I'd rather have Jesus than Silver and Gold.” This Indian Chief knew the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, and therefore the words he sang were true.

He had heard that the Queen was a christian, and he asked her this question, “Your Majesty, I would like to ask you, do you know Christ as your personal Saviour?”

She looked at him and said, “Some people know about God; some about Christ; but the Lord Jesus is the Possessor of my heart.” Then with a smile on his face the King of England said, “*I'd rather have Jesus too.*”

What is your answer to the Indian Chief's question?

THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS FOR EVERYONE.

HAPPY is that people whose God is the LORD.

Psalm 144. 15.

HAPPY is he that hath the GOD of Jacob
for his help.

Psalm 146. 5.

Whoso trusteth in the LORD, HAPPY is he.

Proverbs 16. 20.

A Strange Table Centre.

I WISH you could have looked in at that tea-table with its strange table centre that Sunday afternoon. At one end sat the husband, his wife at the other, and four visitors were seated round the table. They were poor men who had been sought out and asked in to partake of a good meal.

Instead of a vase of flowers, in the centre was a large family Bible. The head of that house had learnt its value, and had through the grace of God himself been saved from a life of sin.

As a boy of fourteen he had run away from home, tramped through England and Scotland, and eventually joined the army. While in hospital he got up one night, dressed in the doctor's clothes, and escaped through a window. Months after he was caught and sentenced to severe punishment as a deserter, but because of his youth he got off. After this for nine years he lived a life of sin.

One night he drifted into a Mission Hall where a well-known preacher was speaking. Coming down from the platform he knelt beside the poor man, who was looking utterly hopeless. Laying his hand on his shoulder, the preacher said, "My friend, I know One Who can forgive you your sin." Astonished, he looked up and said, "Say that again, Sir." The preacher repeated the words.

"Come into my home; it is only a few doors down the road," said the man. So the preacher followed him to the one room he called his home. It was marked with poverty, but there the story of the Saviour's love was told and His willingness to save. That night the Saviour and the sinner met and the wanderer was found and forgiven.

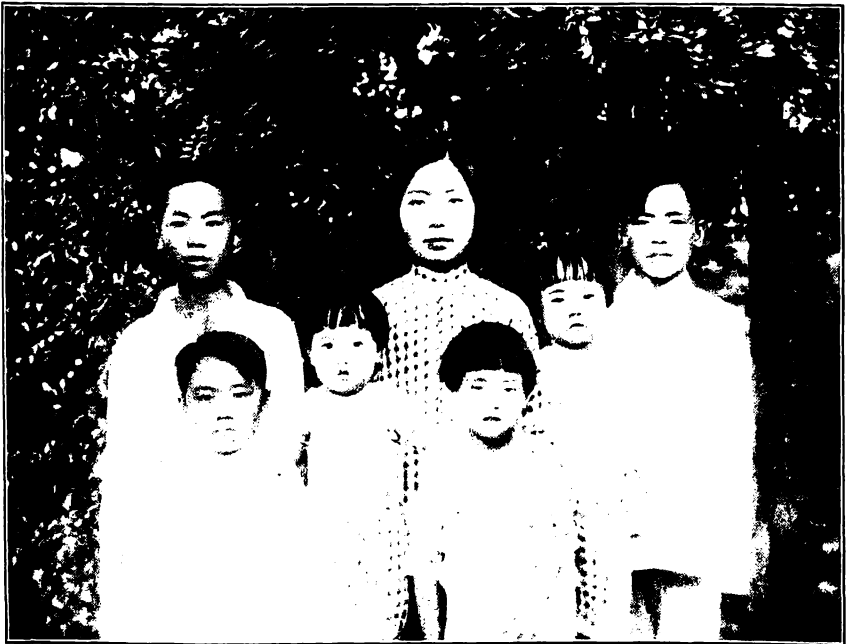
It was not long before he obtained work, and God gave him a good home. Every Sunday he invited some who did not know the Saviour to tea. After tea the family Bible was opened and read, and prayer was offered. Many a soul was won for the Saviour through those homely gatherings round the tea table.

Eventually his health broke down and he had to go to hospital, and after three weeks' illness there, he went to meet the One Who had loved him and had given Himself for him. During those last three weeks he led to the Saviour the two men who were in the beds on either side of him. Thus to the very end he was ready to speak a word for his Saviour, and was used in blessing to others. If you know the Lord be always ready to speak for Him, and point others to His precious Word on which they can rest their souls for time and eternity.

Mr. Chen's Family.

THIS group of Chinese children was sent to me recently from China, and I thought our readers would be interested to see it, so we have put it in our magazine. How thankful we are to think of the many boys and girls in China who are now being taught about the true God, and His love in sending the Lord Jesus to die for them. We believe, too, that many of them have for themselves trusted in Him, and instead of worshipping idols are praying to God.

The girl in the centre of our picture has confessed the Lord Jesus as her Saviour and has been baptised. She is



preparing to be a nurse. We hope that she will be used to tell others of her country about the One Who has saved her.

Her father, whose name is Mr. Chen, in his letter to me, speaks of his concern for those in England who have suffered through the war. He writes, "As you say, some have suffered material loss but not bodily injury. I praise God for this. I praise most of all that He has kept your hearts in peace."

Many in China have also suffered in the same way, and they too have proved the Lord's protecting care over them as we in England have done during the past year. Mr. Chen

prays most earnestly for those in this country who have been used of God to send the gospel to China, and who are now passing through troublous times on account of the war.

We know his prayers, and the prayers of God's people all over the world, have been answered many, many times. Let me tell you of the answer to prayer of a little girl named Ruth. She and her sister and mother were in an air-raided shelter during a raid. Bombs were dropping all around them, anti-aircraft guns were firing, and 'planes were roaring overhead. Houses were falling, roofs were being ripped off and all the noises experienced in a really serious raid could be heard.

Presently there was a lull and Ruth's mother thought she would go and see what her home was like. She was afraid it might have been damaged. Ruth looked up at her mother and said, " I have asked the Lord Jesus to take care of everything for us, and I know He has ! "

When they went in they found that Ruth's prayer had indeed been answered. Sure enough, there was not a single thing even shifted from its place, and not a mark of any sort on the house inside or out, though there was damage all around them.

We have heard of some who have had their homes damaged but whose lives have been spared through the Lord's mercy, and they have been able to thank Him that they have a Home above which can never be destroyed.

Now as we enter a New Year let us look up in trust and confidence to the One Who holds everything in His hand. We do not know what is before us. Everything here is uncertain and death may come suddenly to any of us, but if we have trusted in the Lord Jesus, and know our sins are all forgiven, we have a joy and happiness which is lasting, and are safe for time and eternity.

May each one who reads this little paper be among the number of those who from every nation will meet the Lord when He comes. If you have not yet trusted the Saviour don't put it off any longer, as the hymn says—

**“ Wait not till the shadows lengthen,
Till you older grow ;
Come, oh come, decide for Jesus
And salvation know.
Then you'll lift your voices high,
Sounding clear through earth and sky,
Let the blessed tidings fly,
Jesus saves ! ”**

Chats with Young Believers.

A HAPPY New Year to all our readers ! The past year to some has brought sorrow, bereavement, loss of home and many changes, while to others has been given a very great joy, because 1941 was the year in which they were brought to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own Saviour.

To you all, those who have recently been converted and those who have known the Lord for a longer time, I send a message for the New Year. It is this—

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY AND PRAYERFULLY.

When the apostle Paul was departing from Ephesus, he gave a special word to those he was leaving—" I commend you to God, and the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up."

Ah ! the devil would like to knock you down, and he knows that if he can hinder you from the prayerful study of God's Word, he is almost sure to succeed. If you were to ask those who have back-slidden what was the cause, you would find in nearly every case they began to neglect the reading of their Bibles and prayer. So now you can understand why my message is—

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY AND PRAYERFULLY.

In the Bible you will find instruction in the way of the Lord, guidance in your difficulties and comfort in your sorrows. Then you need to remember that you should always treat the Bible differently to any other book—

Receive it as the Word of God, not as the word of men. (See 1 Thess. 2. 13).

Receive it with Meekness because it is able to keep you from defilement and hindrances in the pathway. (See James 1. 21).

Receive it in Faith because it is thus that the **Word** is made profitable to us. (See Heb. 4. 2).

Receive it with all Readiness of Mind and do as the Bereans did, for they searched the Scriptures daily. (See Acts 17. 11).

May 1942 be a year to be marked by each one of you as one when you learnt more of the wondrous value of God's Word for yourselves.

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
WHO DIED
FOR US.



I Thess: 5: 9: 10

“I can’t understand it. They all seem happy enough, these fellows. What’s up?” thought the lorry driver to himself. He was conveying a party of boys to the country for a day’s outing, and as they went along he became more and more puzzled. On the return journey he was more puzzled still. At the end he got hold of the man in charge of the boys and said, “I’ve taken many a party out, and sometimes have been quite worried over their behaviour, but these boys seem quite different, who are they?” “Well,” said the other, “they are members of a Bible Class, and most of them are followers of the Lord Jesus, and they try to behave as their Master would like to see them. That is all the difference!”

What a splendid testimony!

Some of you know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour. Do *you* follow Him so closely that others see “a difference” in you, from the rest of the world?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

A happy new year to you all !

Yes happy, in spite of the sorrows and troubles all around us, happy, because we have a Friend Who loves us, and undertakes for us all the time !

“ Happy, they who trust in Jesus,
Sweet their portion is and sure.”

And now I hope a great many new searchers are ready to begin this month and they may be assured of a hearty welcome. For their sakes, I must remind you all again that the answers to the first five questions are to be in the words of scripture. Write the answers carefully and neatly and give the chapter and verse where they are found. Rewards will be sent (D.V.) to those who answer regularly throughout the year, so it is wise to try not to miss at all.

This year, if the Lord will, we shall search about various subjects and so we are beginning with the Scriptures. In these days people neglect the Word of God and others find fault with it, but it is our duty to read it carefully and pay attention to that which God has so graciously given to us that we may learn His mind.

Above all it is our desire that you may know the Lord Jesus for yourselves and that He may become more precious to you through searching His own precious Word.

We know He is coming soon and then our opportunities will be over, so do not delay to come to Him now and then know His love to all eternity.

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY.

Those under 15 to answer five questions ; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Scripture—s.

1. What are we told about all Scripture ? 2 Timothy 3.
2. What are the Scriptures able to do ? John 5.
3. What did the Jews at Berea do ? Acts 17.
4. Who was “ mighty in the Scriptures ” ? Acts 18.
5. Write the verse containing the words “ comfort of the Scriptures.”

Romans 15.

6. Write five verses from the Gospels which speak of the Scriptures.
7. Write out five verses from the Old Testament, which were fulfilled in the life or death of the Lord Jesus. Write also the New Testament verses and where each is found.

Answers to Questions for November.

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| 1. Acts 18. 2. | 6. (a) Rom. 16. 1. |
| 2. Acts 18. 3. | (b) Rom. 16. 2. |
| 3. Acts 18. 26. | (c) Rom. 16. 12. |
| 4. Rom. 16. 3. | (d) Rom. 16. 6. |
| 5. 2 Tim. 3. 16. | |
| 7. Acts 18. Romans 16. 3. 1 Cor. 16. 19. | |

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

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

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A BRAVE RESCUE.

Red-Letter Days.

HAVE you had a day in your life which you can describe as a "Red-Letter Day," a day you will never forget? Let me tell you of some red-letter days. A friend of mine was sitting in the restaurant car of a train which was speeding its way to the west of England. A boy about eleven years old was seated by her. He had a bright happy face and smiled up at her as she asked him, "Are you travelling all by yourself?" "Yes," he replied. "I have just been up to Buckingham Palace." "Buckingham Palace?" asked the lady in astonishment, which encouraged the little fellow to tell how his father had been decorated by the King, and he had been to London from Cornwall where he had been evacuated with his school, in order that he might be present at the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

He was now returning by himself. He was justly proud of his father as you may imagine and was delighted to talk about him. His daddy was a fireman and was the only civilian to be decorated that day. The others were all in the Forces. He had shown special bravery in a London blitz, the boy told my friend. "But," he added, "Daddy won't tell us much about it." As the lady left the car to return to the compartment he said, "I want to be like Daddy when I grow up."

That boy won't forget *that day* in a hurry, and he will always be ready to speak of his father who was decorated for his bravery.

By the way, do you delight to speak well of the Lord Jesus, and are you ready to tell what He has done, and how He has been crowned with glory at the right hand of God?

Recently a member of the Cromer lifeboat crew was drowned in a successful attempt to save the lives of the crew of a ship which was wrecked. *That day* will never be forgotten by them or the bravery of the men who rescued them. Listen to what one of the crew said. "I can't forget the man who died, trying to save us. I want his wife to know. I want all the people of England to know that we will never forget how he gave his life to save others. Words cannot express our gratitude to the skipper and all the men of the lifeboat. We will never forget it or them."

That day was a red-letter day in their history and they will always delight to speak well of those who saved them and especially of the one who died in the attempt.

When I read of this I remembered a red-letter day in my life, when as a boy I learnt that Jesus had given His life to save me. It was on the cross of Calvary He died for me, and bore the penalty of my sins, and I also can say, "I can't forget the One Who died to save me." Like the boy who told of his father and the ship-wrecked sailor who spoke of his rescuer, so I delight to speak of the worth of the Lord Jesus, and what He has done to save me. Can you join me?

Chats with Young Believers.

IT was a moonlight night in November when it was my privilege to be a guest at a meeting for young people. That night a number of objects had been brought by the children with a text attached to each. One specially attracted my notice as it struck me as being very original. I will try to describe it. It was very simple, yet perfectly illustrated the text written out. On a piece of paper the words, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday were written one below the other. Beside this was placed a small clock. Now can you guess what the verse was? It was Matthew 25. 13.

"WATCH THEREFORE; FOR YE KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR WHEREIN THE SON OF MAN COMETH."

Think a moment of each day of the week and then of the hours of the clock. Do they not forcibly tell the message of that verse? Well, that is my message to you this month. It may be on Sunday at 3 o'clock or on Friday at 10 o'clock—we do not know **WHEN** our Lord will come, but the word for us is

WATCH.

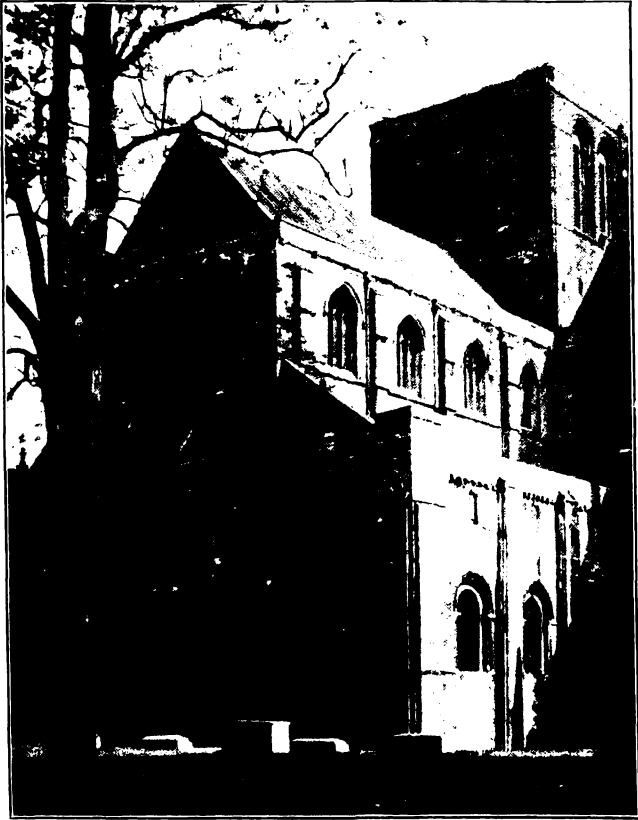
Let us remember those encouraging words of the Lord Jesus in Luke 12. 37, "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."

As I said before, we do not know *when* the Lord will come, but we do want to be ready and on the alert when He returns. May our attitude be like those sentries who received an order, "Keep watch on the air," to which each one answered "Alert I am; I'm on the watch,"

“Foundations.”

FOUNDATIONS are of very great importance in the erection of any building, and much work is put into their preparation because of the great part they have in making the work safe.

Some years ago, Winchester Cathedral was found to be unsafe, as its foundations were unable to support it, and cracks appeared in the walls. It seemed as if the whole building



WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

must fall ; but it did not fall. The Cathedral had been built on a bog, which was prepared by putting in hundreds of tree trunks, and this made a firm base for the time being. But, after a time they began to give way in places and this caused the danger to the building. A diver was called in, and he went down into the bog to tell the workmen where to put the reinforcements which had to be used. A great quantity of liquid concrete was pumped in underneath the building, and in this way it was saved from destruction.

This reminds us that we need a foundation to rest on for eternity. What about your foundation? Is it shaky? Do you trust in yourself or your doings for salvation? Or do you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the only safe Foundation.

Your life may be like that great building, fine and good to look at, but in danger of being lost, because your foundation is no good. But you can be sure that you will be saved and not be lost if you rest on the only safe and true Foundation. God tells us in His Word, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is JESUS CHRIST." 1 Cor. 3. 11. He is also spoken of in Isaiah 28. 16, as "A SURE FOUNDATION."

Which is your foundation?

In a Hospital Ward.

ONE Sunday afternoon Nellie went with her auntie to the hospital to visit wounded soldiers. Nellie's aunt was a believer in the Lord Jesus and she took tracts to the soldiers and spoke to them of the Saviour.

This afternoon she asked Nellie if she would give some tracts away too. Now Nellie's father and mother as well as her auntie were Christians, but although Nellie knew the way of salvation she had never for herself accepted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, and she thought, how can I give away tracts when I am not converted myself?

In one of the wards was a soldier who had had his fingers blown off. Nellie noticed how bright and cheerful he was notwithstanding his suffering, and she knew it was because the Lord Jesus was his Saviour and Friend. As she looked at him a great longing possessed her to know that she too was saved, and there and then in that hospital ward a great transaction took place, unknown to those around. Nellie in simple faith took the Lord Jesus as her Saviour and her heart was filled with joy.

When they were outside the hospital, Nellie turned to her auntie and said, "I'm saved!" Then when she reached home, to the joy of her father and mother, she exclaimed, "The Lord Jesus has saved my soul this afternoon!"

That evening Nellie went with her parents to a Gospel Meeting. She was happier than she had ever been before, and after the service she openly confessed the Lord Jesus. The preacher, who was a sergeant, asked the congregation to sing the hymn,

“Just as I am—without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come !

Just as I am—and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come !

Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve ;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come !

Just as I am—Thy love I own
Has broken every barrier down ;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come ! ”

Nellie sang the well-known words from her heart, for they had a new meaning to her now. Perhaps there are some among our readers who are like Nellie. They know *how* to be saved, but they have never accepted the Lord Jesus for themselves. Do not linger, but now while you are young, take Christ as your Saviour, and receive from His loving hand the pardon He is offering you. Then you will also experience the joy that was Nellie's that Sunday afternoon.

A Boy's Prayer.

A BOY was in hospital and had to undergo an operation. When all was ready he asked the doctor to pray for him, but the doctor did not answer. “Will no one pray for me?” asked the boy, looking around on those assembled about him. But there was silence. Then as no one responded, the boy prayed in a quivering voice, “Dear Saviour, Thou canst do all things, please do Thou help me ! Amen.” Then he said, “Now I am not afraid.”

The operation proceeded and was successful. God heard and answered the lad's earnest prayer and he recovered. The night following the operation the doctor could not sleep. He could not get the boy out of his mind. He had long given up praying, but at length he knelt down and prayed the boy's prayer. Although it was his first prayer for a very long time, God heard and graciously answered it, and he was brought to rejoice in God's salvation and to know Christ as his Saviour.

The Lord loves to hear us, young and old, call upon Him. He delights to be given the opportunity to show how mightily He can help us. He says, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble ; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.” Psa. 50. 15.

The Son of
God, who ...
gave Himself
for me. GAL: 2:20.



There was once a farmer who had a carriage and two splendid horses, of which he was very proud. This was before the days of motor cars. One day the horses were scared at something and bolted. The farmer jumped out and tried to catch them, but was fatally injured. As he lay dying, a friend, who saw the accident, said to him "Oh, how foolish you were." "Look in the back"—was all the dying man could say. There, in the back of the carriage, fast asleep lay his little son. The father had given his life to save him. Does not this remind us of One Who laid down His life to save us from a far greater danger—the loss of our souls? Is your soul in His safe keeping, dear young friend? Do see about it now!

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

As I looked out the questions for this month, I thought how easy it is for us to have the Word of God in our hands. Most of us possess a Bible or a Testament of our own and it did not cost us a great deal, but I wonder how we value it. As you write out the answers you will learn some things that God says about His Word—it is pure, it is living and powerful, and it will stand for ever.

We live in a land where we may read our Bibles without fear, but in some countries and in our own land at one time, this was not allowed, so it was a great risk even to have one in the house. But though men have tried to get rid of it, it still endures and God speaks to us by it. We are told in Romans 10, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." So we need attentive ears to hear what God has to say to us and if you listen, you will find it is a message of love, not of anger, and it is for you and for me. How good of God to give us this Book telling of His desire to bless and save guilty sinners like you and me, so

**"Let us value this blest Book,
The Bible is God's Word,
And at its pages often look ;
The Bible is God's Word."**

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

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The Word of God.

1. What will stand for ever? Isaiah 40.
2. What are we told about every word of God? Proverbs 30.
3. What is quick (or living) and powerful? Hebrews 4.
4. How were the worlds framed (or made)? Hebrews 11.
5. Write the verse containing the words, "every word of God." Luke 4.
6. Write five different verses from Acts which speak about the Word of God being spoken, heard or received.
7. In one of the Gospels the Lord Jesus is spoken of as the Word. Where is this? Write verses showing this. Write a verse from Revelation in which He is called the "Word of God."

Answers to Questions for December.

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| 1. Luke 7. 13. | 6. (a) Luke 2. 36. |
| 2. Mark 1. 31. | (b) Luke 2. 37-38. |
| 3. Matt. 9. 22. | (c) 2 John. |
| 4. Phil. 4. 3. | (d) 2 John 4. |
| 5. Colossians 3. 20. | (e) 1 Peter 3. 4. |
| 7. Matthew 15. 21-28.
Mark 7. 24-30. | |

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A YOUNG MUSICIAN.

Music.

HAVE you ever tried to play the violin? I have and oh, what a discord there was! I think the young musician on our front page would be able to delight our ears with some good music.

Some years ago a poor man was walking along the street when he noticed a cigar box lying in the gutter. It was without a lid or bottom, but he saw possibilities in that old box. He picked it up, fastened some strings across it and sitting down on the kerbstone he began to play. That man was a skilled musician, and from the old box he produced beautiful strains of music that quickly drew a crowd.

The person who told this incident remarked, "I felt that old broken box was *me*. I was lying in the gutter smothered in sin, when a gentle hand was laid upon me. It lifted me up, cleansed me and put a song upon my lips. There is music in my soul today, for the Lord has made me to rejoice."

Can this old cigar box have a message for us? No music will rise from our hearts to the Lord until we have felt the touch of that gentle hand which draws us to Himself. He will pick us up from the path of sin, and cleanse us and make us fit for His presence. Then we shall be able to sing with truth these words:

"In lovingkindness Jesus came,
My soul in mercy to reclaim,
And from the depths of sin and shame
Through grace He lifted me.

"From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hand He lifted me,
From shades of night to plains of light,
Oh! praise His name, He lifted me!"

How Charlie Finished His Verse.

IT was a Sunday afternoon, and some small boys were having a lesson from their Sunday School teacher. She had been talking to them on the verse, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man . . . open the door, I will come in."

At the close she asked them if any boy could repeat the verse. One little six-year-old volunteered, and came to the side of his teacher.

"Now, Charlie," she said, "you say it for them all."

And Charlie began, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." He paused and looked round, trying to remember. Then with a bright look he said, "Step, inside please."

Who knows but at that moment the Lord Jesus did step inside little Charlie's heart?

Which of you will say as he did, "Step inside, please?"

"The Lord is My Helper."

MISS GALE could testify to that! The Lord had indeed been her Helper, and it was a wonderful story she had to tell. She remembered lying flat under the grand piano in the lounge of the British ship on its way to India. In the South Atlantic they were shelled by a German raider, so she had retired to the shelter of the grand piano, and with other barricades all round it was not particularly comfortable; but at least she had one comfort—a little book of Bible verses.

The text for the day was "The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13. 6). With shells bursting on the deck, she knew she was safe in the everlasting Arms, whatever happened.

Then they were obliged to take to the life-boat, and the precious little book went with them. There were fifty-four men and three women. For the seventy-two hours that they were tossed about on the sea that little book of Bible texts was their one stay and hope. There seemed to be no other.

But God was further working out their wonderful rescue. Another boat happened to have some engine trouble, and was obliged to remain stationary while it was put right. Probably they thought it was a great inconvenience, but it was part of God's plan: they were there ready when the life-boat drifted by, so all the fifty-seven persons were taken on board and saved.

I wonder if all those fifty-seven persons are still praising God for His goodness to them. It is so easy to forget when the trouble is over. Perhaps they were not all His children, but in His mercy He gave them another chance.

You know there are some people who imagine it is God's right to rescue them from danger, and are quick to blame Him if He does not always do it. But God's greatest care is for our *soul's* salvation, for He knows that there is a far greater danger than the heaviest German raider. The soul's great enemy, Satan, comes to us by stealth, very often in the

days when life seems to be going smoothly and happily—it is just his opportunity! There is no earthly shelter that he cannot penetrate. The Lord Jesus knew this, so He died on the cross to save us from Satan's power. He alone is our safe Shelter, so that trusting in Him we can say, "The Lord is my Helper, I will not fear *whatever* may happen to me"!

Are you trusting Him as YOUR Saviour?

Chats with Young Believers.

Do any of you young believers give away tracts or gospel booklets? If you are seeking to spread the glad tidings of God's grace in this way, you will be encouraged to hear how a tract was used to prepare the heart of a devout Buddhist in Honan, to receive the Lord Jesus as her Saviour.

Many years ago, in some unknown way, Mrs. Chang obtained a tract with a picture of two roads and a cross. She wondered what the meaning of the picture was, and although her son could read the words "Everlasting Life" she did not understand them. She enquired of her neighbours, but no one knew, so she carefully put the tract away and when any strangers came along she produced it and asked if they could explain it to her.

It was not until fifteen years after, when some christian workers came in a Gospel Boat to her village, that Mrs. Chang was able to find out the meaning of the little tract.

They preached the gospel and sang a hymn about heaven. Mrs. Chang was ready to receive their message, and when she produced her tract they were able to explain its meaning to her, and found her willing to accept the One of Whom it spoke. She is now rejoicing in the knowledge of the Saviour's love.

It may be that you have not heard of any blessing through your efforts in tract distributing, and you may be rather discouraged. Do not let this hinder you in your service for the Lord. Remember the words of promise in Psalm 126. 6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall *doubtless* come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Sure and faithful stands the promise, spoken by our God,
Nothing can that promise alter, for it is His Word:

"Doubtless shall return rejoicing," so the promise saith,
Sure and certain is the harvest in the eyes of faith.

Orange Papers.

ORANGES carefully wrapped in coloured papers are a thing of the past to most of us. It is quite a treat to taste an orange these days ! Before me lies an album of orange and apple papers which were collected and carefully stuck in before the war, when oranges were a common sight in the fruiterers' windows. They have come from all parts of the world, Spain, Italy, Algeria, New Zealand, South Africa, Brazil, etc. Here we have a picture of one of them. It does not however show up like the original as that was in



colours. Do you notice it came from Jaffa which is on the coast of Palestine ? Some of the finest oranges came from Jaffa and the very mention of them now makes one's mouth water.

I want to remind you of some interesting incidents in the Bible recorded about this place. It used to be called Joppa and its first mention is in Joshua 19. 46, where we are told it belonged to the tribe of Dan. It was from this place that Jonah found a ship going to Tarshish.

Do you remember the story of Jonah ? He received a message from the Lord to go to Nineveh, and cry against it because its wickedness had come up before Him. Instead

of obeying God's command, he went down to Joppa to flee from the presence of the Lord. We can picture him going down to the harbour, paying his fare and getting into the ship. Soon after starting, the Lord sent out a great wind and there was a mighty tempest. Eventually the sailors threw him overboard, and the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah.

You can read this wonderful story in the Book of Jonah, and how he learned he could not get away from the Lord's presence. Jonah had other lessons to learn too, and when he was willing to do God's will we read that he was found on the dry land, ready to carry God's message to the people of Nineveh.

Another interesting story about this place is told us in the 9th chapter of Acts. A woman named Tabitha, who was called Dorcas, lived there. She loved the Lord, and she worked hard, making coats and garments for the poor. She was taken ill and died, and as the apostle Peter was staying at Lydda which was quite near to Joppa, it was decided to send asking him to come. Peter went at once, and after going into her room, he was shewn the garments she had made. When all the people had gone from the room Peter kneeled down and prayed. God answered his prayer, for when he said, "Tabitha, arise," she sat up and he gave her his hand and lifted her up, and presented her alive to all those who had been sorrowing. This caused great joy and it was used of the Lord for a witness to His mighty power and many in the city believed in the Lord.

I wonder if you have believed in the Lord. If so, it has meant blessing to you as it did to those in Joppa long ago. The Lord Jesus is the same loving Saviour as He was then, and He wants you to know His love.

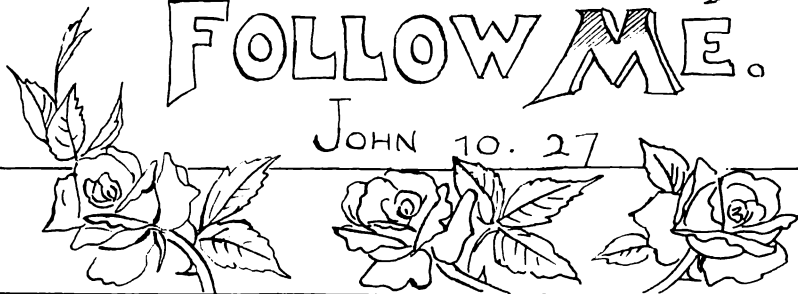
After this Peter stayed for some days in Joppa and he had lodgings overlooking the sea. It was while there that the Lord directed Cornelius to send for him, having prepared Peter by a dream to go and tell the glad tidings of the Gospel to that Gentile home. This too is a very interesting story. Read it for yourselves in the 10th chapter of the Acts.

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

ROM. 6. 23.

MY sheep hear
MY voice,..
and they
FOLLOW ME.

JOHN 10. 27



Our text is about “hearing.” But there are different ways of hearing! Once our Lord was speaking to a large number of people, and we are told that they were all “very attentive to hear Him.” But alas! how few of them were willing to follow Him? There was so much to give up, so much to alter in their lives. But look at His wonderful promises:—*My sheep* have eternal life; they shall never perish. Dear young friends, all the pleasures you are following in the world, will undoubtedly perish; will come to an end, and there will be left—just nothing. The Lord Jesus is speaking to *you* to-day, asking you to follow Him, and those promises will be all yours, an eternity of joy.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

As there is so much in the Bible which tells us what God says about His Word, it seems good for us to spend another time searching for more of these verses. David said, "Thou hast magnified (made great) Thy Word above all Thy name"; and we do well to take heed to its precepts. First of all, we must read it, not just occasionally but every day, so that we learn what is written there. We know it is spoken of, as a lamp and a light to show us the way as we walk in this dark world. Besides that, it is also spoken of as our food to nourish and sustain our souls just as other food is for our bodies. There is something suitable for every one of us from the very youngest to the oldest, and we are told to desire the milk of the Word so that we may grow by it.

Wouldn't it be a good idea for you all to learn at least one of our verses each month? You could begin with the answer to the fourth question for this month and each time I will (D.V.) indicate a special verse so that all may learn the same one. If there is not a suitable one in the answers, I will have to give you a different one in my letter or at the end of the questions. I hope you will all like this suggestion and try to carry it out.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR MARCH.

Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

My Word.

1. What does God say about His Word? Isaiah 55.
2. To whom does the Lord say He will look? Isaiah 66.
3. What does the Lord say His Word is like? Jeremiah 23.
4. What did the Lord say about the one that hears His Word? John 5.
5. Write the verse containing the words "my words abide in you."

John 15.

6. In which long psalm is "Thy Word" frequently mentioned?

Write out verses from it which tell of it being

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| (a) true | (d) a lamp |
| (b) settled in heaven | (e) for cleansing. |
| (c) hidden in the heart. | |

7. Write verses from the Epistles in which the following occur:—

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| (a) Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. |
| (b) Holding fast the faithful Word. |
| (c) Holding forth the Word of life. |
| (d) Desire the sincere milk of the Word. |
| (e) Be ye doers of the Word. |

Answers to Questions for January.

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| 1. 2 Tim. 3. 16. | 6. Matt. 22. 29. |
| 2. John 5. 39. | Luke 24. 27. |
| 3. Acts 17. 11. | John 2. 22. |
| 4. Acts 18. 24. | John 7. 42. |
| 5. Romans 15. 4. | John 19. 36. |
| 7. His birthplace. Micah 5. 2. Matt. 2. 1. | |
| His entry into Jerusalem. Zechariah 9. 9. Matt. 21. 5. | |
| Sold for 30 pieces of silver. Zech. 11. 13. Matt. 26. 15. | |
| His garments parted. Psalm 22. 18. John 19. 23. | |
| Numbered with transgressors. Isaiah 53. 12. Mark 15. 28. | |

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

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

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A Call Responded To.

WHAT a pile it was! I found it in the back garden of a large house—aluminium tea and coffee pots, water jugs, trays, basins, plates and vases, all in a great heap! What could it mean? The call had gone out—*your country needs aluminium*. People in every town and village gave their aluminium things to meet that need, and this pile was the result of a request made by a lady at a meeting in the town where I live. I helped to remove these articles to a room that was piled high with aluminium things of all kinds, and later a great lorry took them all away to be melted down and used for the manufacture of aeroplanes.

What are these children in our picture doing? They are taking their bundles of books and newspapers to the Collecting Depot. *Their country needs waste paper*. From a ton of waste paper thousands of useful articles needed in the National Effort can be made. This is their response to the call and it is happening throughout the country.

What is this that is happening at a place where two ways meet? Two men are untying a colt, and the owner asks them what they are doing. At once they answer, "*The Lord hath need of him.*" The colt is brought to Jesus and having cast their garments on him, He sits upon him. What an honour given to the owner of that colt to meet such a need! Read the story for yourselves in Mark 11.

Another scene comes before my mind. It is 1500 years earlier than the last one. There a great crowd is gathering to meet Moses, and men and women are bringing their gifts, not aluminium or waste paper, but gold and silver, bracelets, earrings and jewels of gold. Why was this? Oh, it is a wonderful story. *The Lord had need of them*. He had instructed Moses to build the Tabernacle, and it was to be made of the freewill offerings of His people who had proved His deliverance from Egypt, and they gladly responded.

Just one more word. It is addressed to you who are reading this magazine. *The Lord has need of you*. He wants you, just as you are in all your sins, in order that He may cleanse you, and make you His witness. Have you responded to His call?

*Who then is willing to consecrate his
service this day unto the LORD?*

1 Chron. 29. 5.

The Old Tree Trunk.

THE other day I was motoring along a beautiful coast road which gives in many parts superb views of the coast-line and the English Channel. One of these views has a most interesting centre-piece. It is a tree trunk which has been petrified by the action of the sea, that is, it is turned into a kind of stone.

As I looked at this object it seemed sad in the midst of so much life, for the birds were whirling and swooping, and the waves in constant movement gave a suggestion of animation to the whole picture.

It seemed to me that some people, yes, some boys and girls, too, are like that tree. Constant reminders of God's love in the gift of the Lord Jesus, His own beloved Son, to be our Saviour seem only to harden their hearts. Satan blinds their eyes to their true state of sinfulness before God, and they vaguely hope that at some later time they may think more seriously of salvation.

How many have indeed become like that petrified tree trunk. Once it was a living tree, perhaps in a garden and even had some kind of fruit on it. Certainly it had leaves. Now it is hardened and lifeless, no evidence of the life it once had. So some people perhaps profess to be christians, and like the seed in the parable of the Sower, Satan snatches away the seed before it can produce any results.

In the Book of Job it says, "God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not." Judas too was constantly with the Lord Jesus, saw His miracles, heard His gracious words, yet like our tree, he was just getting harder and harder. Then what an end he had! But worse, what an awful doom will be his when the time of judgment comes!

Do not, I earnestly beg of you, put off your response to the Lord Jesus. Yield to Him now before you become hardened by Satan.

**" Jesus is tenderly calling,
List to His voice today,
Lovingly, tenderly calling,
Come to Him while you may.
He proved His love on Calvary,
He died to set you free,
Jesus is tenderly calling,
Come children, come today."**

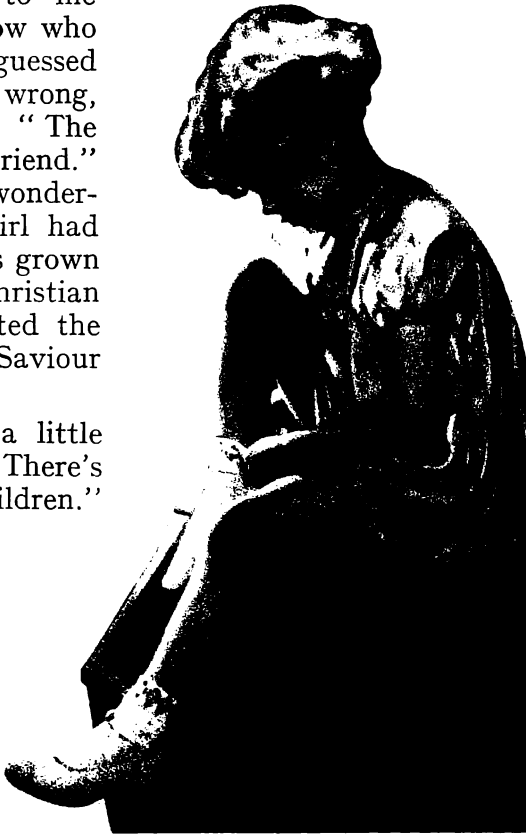
Who is Your Friend ?

MOST of you children have a friend, I expect. Lots of boys and girls have a *special* friend at school, and they are very pleased to say, "This is my friend." But I notice that very often these friendships change and Joyce's new little friend now is Nora instead of Joan !

This reminds me of a little girl who when she was about eight years old said to me one day, "Do you know who my friend is?" I guessed once or twice quite wrong, and then she told me, "The Lord Jesus is my Friend." I thought then what a wonderful thing that little girl had discovered, and she has grown up into a happy christian lady because she trusted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour when she was young.

Yesterday I heard a little girl of three singing, "There's a Friend for little children." The tune was quite wrong and she didn't know the correct words, for this is what she was singing—

"There's a Friend for
little children
Above the bright blue
sky,
Who never changes and
never dies."



A little girl of three.

Although she had forgotten the right words, don't you think she had remembered the most important part? He is the only Friend Who we are sure will never change or leave us, and Who once died that all who trust Him may live for ever.

A true story I read the other day reminded me of the verse in the Bible which tells us, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15. 13. Two soldiers who had marvellously escaped from Dunkirk were suddenly thrown into the water. One had a lifebelt and couldn't swim. He bravely offered the lifebelt to his friend

so that he could get to a boat in the distance. The swimmer refused his companion's offer, and you will be pleased to know that the boat rescued them both. It is lovely to hear of such kindness, but just think how much more wonderful it was for the Lord Jesus to die for sinners *before* they loved or trusted Him !



The Children's Friend.

There's a Friend for little children,
Above the bright blue sky ;
A Friend who never changes,
Whose love can never die.
Unlike our friends by nature,
Who change with changing years,
This Friend is always worthy
Of that dear name He bears.

There's a home for little children,
Above the bright blue sky ;
Where Jesus reigns in glory,
A home of peace and joy.
No home on earth is like it,
Nor can with it compare :
For everyone is happy,
Nor could be happier, there.

There's a song for little children,
Above the bright blue sky ;
A song that will not weary,
Though sung continually ;
A song which even angels
Can never, never sing ;
They know not Christ as Saviour,
But worship Him as King.

Chats with Young Believers.

IT is in the little things of life that God teaches us lessons, and such lessons that we do not easily forget. The following experience of a young soldier proves this and I am sure you will be interested in reading it.

“ It was my first Saturday in the Army. Our Section was on fatigue, and we got up at 6 a.m. I was on dining hall work, and washed and dressed, and went straight to the hall without praying, or reading my Bible at all. When I arrived there I had to wait about ten to fifteen minutes before I was given any work to do.

“ During the morning I missed my cap, and we had to parade for inoculation at 10.30. I asked the Lord time and time again, and I looked all over the place, but I could not find it. At the time I was cutting up swedes, and I wondered whether the cap had dropped into a copper that had swedes in it. I looked there, but I still could not find the missing cap. About ten minutes before parade I began to get really worried for we must not go on parade without our caps. I went upstairs to my bed, and I suddenly remembered that I had not had morning prayers. I got down on my knees at once, and prayed. I had just got up when a friend said he had found my cap.

“ So God speaks to us by the little things, if we will only listen. What a gentle reminder that I had forgotten Him ! Who could doubt God answers prayer when we have such proof that He takes interest in every tiny detail of our lives.”

The Lord could have allowed him to find his cap immediately, but no, He kept him in suspense in order that he might remember that he had neglected reading his Bible and praying. Once that was put right the answer came for the lesson was learnt. Do we sometimes omit these two things at the beginning of the day? They are so important. We may stay in bed too long, and then when we are up we have to miss something. Is it our breakfast or our reading and prayer?

May we ever remember that verse in Psalm 5. 3. “ My voice shalt Thou hear *in the morning*, O Lord ; *in the morning* will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.”

**“ In the morning, first of all,
Saviour let me hear Thy call,
Make me ready to obey
Thy commands throughout the day.”**

THE WORD OF GOD. .. MULTIPLIED.



Acts:12:24



How can we help to “multiply” the word of God? . . . A Captain of a ship was very bad-tempered—he used to swear at his crew, and one day he said he wished they were all in hell. A young christian sailor, touching his cap respectfully, said, “Captain, God answers prayer.” The words touched the Captain’s heart, he was convicted of sin and was converted. He afterwards became a preacher, and his brother and another man were brought to Christ through his preaching. One of them became a missionary, and we do not know how many he was the means of bringing to the Saviour. The seed was sown by one young sailor who was not ashamed to confess his belief in God to an angry Captain. Young servants of Christ, you may have an opportunity to speak a word that may be multiplied in the same way. May you be always ready!

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

How many of you thought of the proposal last month, to learn one of the verses by heart? Don't forget to look for the verse each month and commit it to memory. You will see there is an asterisk at the one for this time.

Read the questions carefully. There is a "when," "where," "to whom," and "for whom." Do you think you could underline in your answers the special part of the verse which answers these questions? It would show that you had thought about the question.

Lately we have been reading and writing about the Word of God, that is, God speaking to us, and now the verses are about prayer or us speaking to God. There is so much said in the Bible about prayer and many prayers are written down for our study, so I think we must spend two months on this too. It is such an encouragement to us to remember that God loves to have us talk to Him and tell Him everything, even things we cannot tell to anyone else. Sometimes He does not see fit to answer just what we have asked, but He hears and will answer in His own wise way.

I don't think I have told the new searchers how pleased I am to have their answers too. Such a lot of new names! I wonder how many will continue through the whole year. (D.V.) Remember they must be done regularly and neatly or you cannot receive a prize. Do not be discouraged if at first they seem a bit hard; they get easier with practice and I do trust that each one of us may learn something more of the Lord Jesus and how we may please Him while He leaves us here.

Your loving Friend, N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Prayer.

- *1. *When*, does David say, he will pray? Psalm 55.
2. *For whom* are we told to pray? Matthew 5.
3. *To whom* are we told to pray? Matthew 6.
4. *Where* are we told to pray? 1 Timothy 2.
5. Write the verse containing the words "what things soever ye desire." Mark 11.
6. Write out from Acts, six different verses in which we read of people praying.

(a) in the house	(d) on the housetop
(b) on the shore	(e) in the temple
(c) by the riverside	(f) at midnight.
7. Write out from the Gospels, five different times in which we read of the Lord Jesus praying.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for February.

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| 1. Isaiah 40. 8. | 6. (a) Acts 4. 31. |
| 2. Proverbs 30. 5. | (b) Acts 8. 14. |
| 3. Hebrews 4. 12. | (c) Acts 11. 1. |
| 4. Hebrews 11. 3. | (d) Acts 13. 44 and 46. |
| 5. Luke 4. 4. | (e) Acts 17. 11. |
| 7. John 1. 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 by writing out the whole verse or verses of scripture which answer the question.

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TWO OF THE FEATHERED FAMILY.

A Feast.

ONE cold and stormy Sunday afternoon, tea being finished, we were glad to be close to a large, cheerful fire. Just one buttered scone with jam on it remained, and the lady of the house, looking out of the window, suddenly thought of the little feathered citizens—the birds—who lived in her garden. They surely would appreciate a feast of butter and jam and scone—such feasts are only too rare in these days!

So the scone, carefully broken up, was spread under a tree in our view. At first fear caused most of the feathered family to hurry away, though impelled by their hunger they soon returned to nearby positions, for doubt and mistrust seem to reign supreme in every feathered breast. Then two grandfather thrushes warily flew on to a branch immediately overhanging the feast, and solemnly began to discuss the strange matter. How long this state of affairs might have lasted would be impossible to tell, had not that rank outsider "Second-cousin Blackbird" (who as every bird could tell, had obtained an extra ration of worm without giving up any coupons!) come boldly hopping up and seizing a morsel of plain scone, flew away as if all the cats in the kingdom were after him! He was too frightened to take any butter or jam, and when all his relations descended upon him to see what he had got, he nearly lost his morsel through sheer dismay!

Encouraged by his example, the rest of the family cautiously tried in turn, and those who were not too overcome by fear and doubt, each obtained a morsel. But "Baby Blue-tit" and her cousin "Robin" wanted the feast so much, that in spite of their mothers' warnings, they each had plenty of scone, butter and jam! . . . Black-out time . . . The picture fades, but its message remains for you and for me.

The birds were unhappy because they were hungry. There was a feast provided to make them happy, but through doubt and fear of being the first to try, some of them missed the feast. Those who did venture were satisfied, and the little ones seemed to get most because they were too young to fear and only old enough to trust. Even that ruffian "Second-cousin Blackbird" got a morsel.

God has provided a feast of love and joy in His dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger." He is the bread which alone can feed the new life that He gives to those who come to Him. In His goodness and love He is

preparing a happy home for them in the glory. Have *you* accepted God's provision for your sins, by owning the Lord Jesus as your Saviour? Or are you like those birds who through doubt and the fear of their friends' opinions missed the feast?

Two Answered Prayers.

THERE are a lot of verses in the Bible that tell us about praying: "Watch and pray;" "Pray without ceasing," and many more. When I was a little lad I used to think that only grown-up people could pray and that it was quite out of the question for boys and girls. But I know now that it is just as easy and just as important for children as for grown-ups to pray.

Praying is really speaking to the Lord Jesus. We can ask Him to help us and guide us, and tell Him we are sorry when we have done wrong. I should like to tell you how the Lord Jesus heard and answered the prayers of two little girls.

The first one was travelling in a car with her mother through a lonely part of Westmorland. The night was coming on and very heavy rain was causing floods all round them. At last they could go no further and the lady knew they were lost.

Running the car close to a wall she asked her little girl if she would be brave and spend the night in the car. This sounds all right, but I had to do it once, some years ago, and I did not like it at all. The little girl said she would, but she wanted first of all to pray to the Lord Jesus. She had just finished when they heard the welcome sound of a dog barking. The lady went immediately to find where the dog was, and discovered they were really quite near to a house in which they could shelter for the night.

The other little girl was a friend of Mr. Bosshardt who was captured by Chinese bandits some years ago. All the time they held him prisoner this little girl asked the Lord Jesus every night to make the bandits set him free.

This went on for some months, when one night the prayers were said and Mr. Bosshardt was not mentioned. The mother asked her little daughter if she had forgotten anyone, but she said "No." Again she questioned her, but the little one still said, "No." At last she said to her mother, "Oh, do you mean I have not prayed for Mr. Bosshardt? Well, there is no need; he has been set free." And so he had. Thousands of miles away, without even his friends in China knowing it, Mr. Bosshardt had been set free and was on his way home!

So you see how the Lord Jesus answered the prayers of these two little girls, and He has answered many of mine. He will hear and answer yours too if you will only trust Him as your Saviour and PRAY.

Chats with Young Believers.

HAVE you noticed what is said about Peter and John in Acts 4. 13? In speaking of those who formed the council before whom Peter and John were brought, we read "They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." There was *something* about them that told they were His followers.

I came across these verses of Lois O. Painter's the other day, and I feel they have a message for you and me.

**Somebody has his eyes on you,
Waiting to see if you are true.
Somebody's watching you today,
Listening to hear just what you say.**

**Someone will step in the footprints you make—
Be sure that the trail is narrow and straight.
Someone will walk in the pathway you trod—
Will it lead him upward and nearer to God?**

**You're helping or hindering—you cannot tell who,
By the things you say and the things that you do.**

Let us who know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour remember there are many who are watching us, and we should by our words and acts shew to Whom we belong. We cannot recall any day that is past, so let us not miss any opportunity of witnessing, by our ways as well as by what we say, that we are the Lord's.

I read recently in the "Harvester" the following incident which will perhaps speak to you as it did to me.

A young minister was leaving a North Country town, and was saying farewell to an old lady. "Well sir," she said, "you'll be busy packing up your belongings, I expect." "Yes," he replied, "I have only a few things to get into boxes now." There's one thing you won't be able to pack up, sir," said the old lady. "You'll have to leave that behind." "Whatever is that?" asked the minister. "You can't pack up your influence, sir," was the answer.

That is true. What sort of influence are you leaving behind?

In a Railway Carriage.



ONE Sunday evening William went with his father and mother to a gospel service. The preacher was from London and he spoke very earnestly from the well known story of the prodigal son.

As William sat and listened it seemed to him that the speaker knew all about him, and it made him feel very uncomfortable. After the meeting was over William's parents invited some friends to their house for some hymn singing. In the usual way William would have joined heartily in the singing, but this evening he felt miserable, and the preacher's words kept coming back to his mind.

"How could he know all about me?" he said to himself.

Then turning to his mother, he said, "Mother, you have been telling Mr. T. all about me."

"My dear boy," she replied, "I haven't said anything to Mr. T. about you."

Looking at him, she saw tears in his eyes, and the next minute he broke down completely. His mother realised that God was speaking by His Spirit to her boy, and her heart rose in prayer that God would save his soul.

William was not living at home, and he had to return that night by train. His father saw him off at the station, and

noticed that he chose an empty compartment. Soon after the train had left the station William fell on his knees, and there in that railway carriage he owned himself a sinner, and took the Lord Jesus as his own personal Saviour.

Two days later his mother received a letter telling her the good news that his sins were forgiven, and he was now happy in the knowledge of the Saviour's love.

The next Sunday evening William was listening again to the same preacher. How different were his feelings now. He was full of happiness, and after the meeting was over he stood up and told how he had accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour the Sunday before. Then the preacher suggested they should all join in singing the hymn :—

“ Just as I am—without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come ! ”

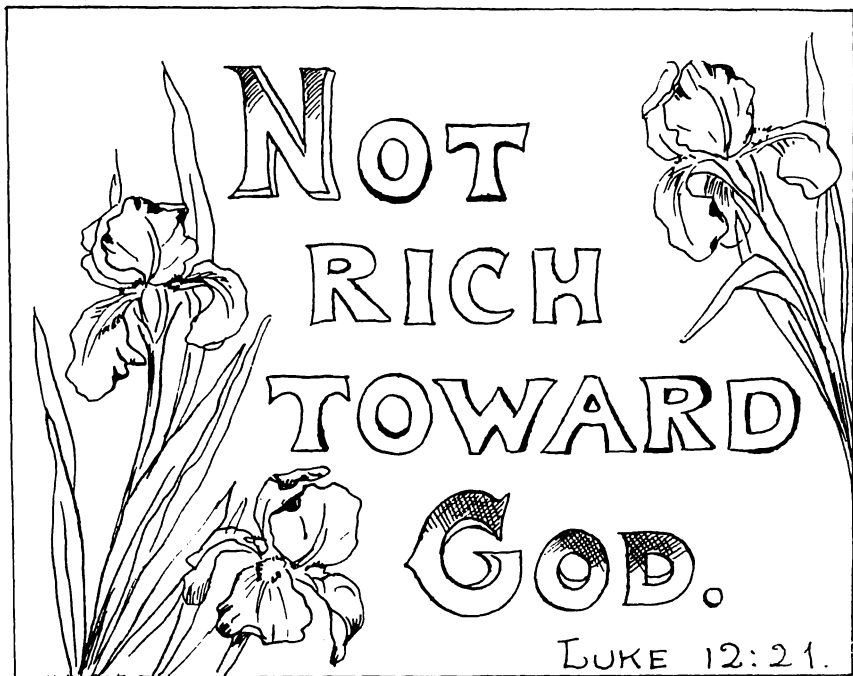
A Great Famine.

AT the Bible Object Lesson at our Young People's Meeting one evening, a boy brought as his object a *bottle of water*, a *piece of bread* and a *Bible*. Can you guess the Scripture which he was illustrating? It is in the Old Testament Book of Amos, chapter 8, verse 11: “ Behold the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of *hearing the words of the LORD.* ”

Our speaker that night was himself very solemnised by this verse. He explained it to the listening children, who in solemn quietness heard that the day was approaching when men and women, and children too, would experience a *great famine*, not of bread and water but of hearing the words of the Lord. He told of the time that is soon coming, when the Lord Jesus will take out of this world all those who have put their trust in Him during this day of opportunity, and of the sad plight of those who will be left behind—left behind for judgment !

There may be, he told them, plenty of Bibles, and men and women may turn the pages from cover to cover, but they will not be able to understand what is written there concerning the full and free salvation which can now be found through the finished work of Christ on Calvary's cross. The Holy Spirit, whose work in this present day of grace is to make this plain, will have left this world too.

Will you be among those that are left behind? Or are you now rejoicing in the forgiveness of your sins, through the merits of the precious blood of Christ, shed on Calvary's cross that “ Who-soever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life ” ?



I expect you remember the parable of the rich man who laid up treasure *all for himself*, also the story of the man who dined sumptuously every day, but never gave a mouthful to the man dying of starvation at his gate. They were not "rich toward God", and we know what their end was. I read a little incident the other day about Princess Margaret Rose, when she was a tiny girl. A gentleman friend happened to come in on her birthday, and she showed him all her lovely presents. "Are these really all yours?" asked the friend, pretending to be envious of such wealth. The little one arranged them all in a pile on the table between them. "Yours and mine," she said. Yours and mine! That reminds me of the Lord Jesus who is preparing a place for all who love Him in His own Father's house in Heaven, that we might share His Glory. Oh, let us ask Him for an unselfish spirit, that we may spend more time in loving service for others, and in sharing willingly what God has given us—that we may be "RICH toward God."

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever written a letter to me ?

You know I am always pleased to hear from the searchers and it would be nice if you would write sometimes. There are so many things you could tell me and I would get to know you better too. Some of you could tell me that the Lord Jesus is your Saviour and if you have a verse which is a special favourite I would like to know which it is. I am almost sure many of you could tell me about some difficulty or trouble that you have prayed about and how the Lord answered your prayers.

Have you ever noticed the verse which speaks about " helping together by prayer " ? It is an encouragement to us to know that even if we can't do much, we can help by prayer. How many of the Lord's people need that help ! It is one which every one of us can give. Another verse says " Pray one for another." How much easier things would be if we did that ! Let us try to remember these verses.

As question 4 is a little different from usual, there is a note beside it, just to warn you to be careful, for I don't want you to make a mistake. I wonder how many have found out what the publican did and have prayed his prayer.

Your loving friend, N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR MAY.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. Those under 15 to answer five questions ; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Prayer.

- How did they pray for Peter while he was in prison ? Acts 12.
- How should we make our requests known to God ? Philippians 4.
- Write the verse containing the words " Sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray." 1 Sam. 12.
- What was the publican's prayer ? Luke 18. (Look carefully for this answer.)
- * What do we read about " the eyes," " the ears " and " the face of the Lord." 1 Peter 3.
- Write out from the Epistles the verses containing the following—
 - Pray one for another.
 - Watch unto prayer.
 - Pray without ceasing.
 - Helping together by prayer.
 - Labouring fervently in prayer.
- Write out verses from five Epistles in which the apostle Paul tells those to whom he is writing that he continually prays for them.

* Verse to Learn.

Answers to Questions for March.

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| 1. Isaiah 55. 11. | 7. Col. 3. 16. |
| 2. Isaiah 66. 2. | Titus 1. 9. |
| 3. Jer. 23. 29. | Phil. 2. 16. |
| 4. John 5. 24. | 1 Peter 2. 2. |
| 5. John 15. 7. | Jas. 1. 22. |
| 6. Psalm 119. vv. 160, 89, 11, 105, 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.

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SUMMER DAYS.

Summer Days.

GOD made the birds to sing to me,
The blossoms on the tree,
To make me glad in summer days ;
But why did He make me ?

O child, how wonderful and sweet
The answer has been given !
The blessed Lord, Who died for thee,
Has need of thee in Heaven.

To make Him glad in Paradise
He needs thy little song ;
He needs thee for His love and joy
Where He has waited long.

O glad art thou when summer comes,
And flowers and birds and bees
Make all the sunny fields rejoice,
And leaves are on the trees.

O child ! the Lord will have His joy
When these long years are past ;
His children then from every land
Shall be with Him at last !

Guides.

SOME years ago some men who were fond of fishing set off for a place in a remote part of the Province of Ontario where they had been told good fishing was to be had. They knew that they would need a guide, as it would be impossible for them to find the track through the forest.

On reaching the nearest village they found an old Indian who knew the way perfectly. He had been over the track many times, and knew the markings on the trees and other things by which guides find their way in the forests. He consented to accompany them and they soon reached their destination, where they spent a pleasant time fishing, and were delighted with their success.

A few years later the party decided to visit the place again, and duly arrived at the village, but to their regret they found the old Indian guide had died a few months previously. However, a young man offered to accompany them.

“ Do you know the way ? ” they asked. He replied that he did not, but that he had heard the way described so many times by others that he was sure he would have no difficulty in taking the travellers. As the other guides were all out of the village at the time they decided to accept his offer.

They had not been long on the journey before they found their guide was useless. He did not know the way any better than they did, and they were only too pleased to find themselves safely back in the village from which they had started ! They had lost their pleasure certainly, but had they continued they would probably have lost their lives.

When I read this story I thought what a picture we have here of ourselves. God has given us His Word, His Guide Book, so that we may know the way home to Himself. It tells us of the Lord Jesus, the only sure Guide, the One Who has travelled the path before us. He went to the cross and died for us, and shed His precious blood, because in no other way could He have us with Himself in that bright happy home. He says, “ I am the Way ” and “ No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.” John 14. 6.

But there are some people who pretend to know the way to heaven. Oh, yes, like the man in our story, they have heard it many times, but they do not want God’s Guide Book, the Bible, or His Guide. They will tell you the way is “ to be good,” “ to pray ” or perhaps “ to keep the Ten Commandments.” They do not know the marks to show the paths. These people do not trust the Lord Jesus for themselves, and so they are “ blind leaders of the blind.”

Do not trust to what people say, but turn yourself to God’s Guide Book, and trust the Lord Jesus to guide you safely to His heavenly home.

Mary’s Answer.

“ What makes you look so happy, Mary ? ” asked a mother of her little girl who came in with a beaming face.

“ Why, Jesus has just told me He loves me ! ” was the child’s reply.

“ Has He, dear ? ” said the mother. “ And what did you say to Him ? ”

“ I just said, ‘ Thank You, Lord Jesus, and I love You too ! ’ ” was Mary’s answer.

WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

How do you spell Joy ?

“ **W**HAT a silly question ! ” I can hear someone say. “ Why, J.O.Y. of course ! How do *you* spell it ? ” Well, I am going to tell you the *right* way to begin with :—

Jesus—first

Others—second

Yourself—last.

Just think for a moment what that means.

1. You must take Jesus into your heart—your Saviour, Lord, and Friend. Put His will first in everything—that is, whatever you are about to do, ask yourself, “ Would this please Him ? ”

2. Think of the comfort of others—your parents, your companions, or anyone who comes your way, before you consider your own.

3. Try to forget yourself, your own little grievances, disappointments and fears. This will bring about the only real, lasting joy.

Is this what you are out for ? I knew a girl who, after she had come to the Lord Jesus, found her chief joy in serving and helping others. Her special friend said, “ She never thinks of herself.” And there have been many men and women who, having taken the Lord Jesus into their hearts when young, have sacrificed ambition, money and physical comfort to tell others of what He was to them, and found their greatest joy in life, that way.

Does it appeal to *you*, young friend ? If not, there *is* another way to spell that word ! like this :—YOJ, beginning with a very big **Y** (“ yourself ”) and sometimes it is so big that there is little or no room for the two other letters.

“ Oh, joy ! ” is a very favourite expression, often heard to-day, and it so often means that something very nice is coming to *you*,—a party, a picnic, or a present—just the thing you want. All very nice at the time, but they fade away and are soon forgotten—specially if the Lord Jesus is left outside, for there is no real joy without Him ! Boys and girls, make it your own, this blessed gift ! Be sure you spell your joys the right way round !

“ *The gift of God is eternal life.* ”

Rom. 6. 23.

Bad Company.

IN a farmhouse where there were a lot of happy children one of the greatest pets was a lovely parrot. Polly could say a great number of things and was very amusing in the way she would repeat what was said in her hearing.

One day the farmer took his gun under his arm and set off for a tour round his fields. You know there are many little creatures that spoil crops and sometimes kill fowls and steal eggs, as well as the "little foxes that spoil the vines" which the Scripture speaks about.

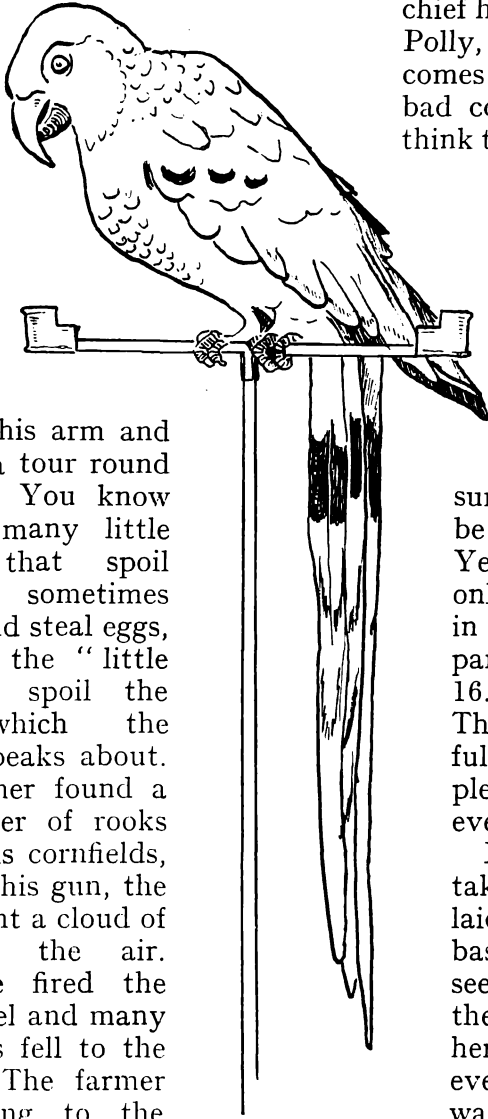
This farmer found a large number of rooks in one of his cornfields, and raising his gun, the first shot sent a cloud of them into the air. Quickly he fired the second barrel and many of the birds fell to the ground. The farmer walked along to the spot where the dead and wounded birds were lying, when to his horror he saw poor Polly lying wounded on the ground.

He picked her tenderly up, wondering whatever the children would say, and as he wrapped her in his handkerchief he said, "Well, Polly, that is what comes of getting into bad company!" I think there is a warn-

ing for us all here. How many boys and girls have been led into sin by bad company and the plea-

asures of sin to be found there. Yet real joy is only to be found in good company. In Psalm 16. we read "In Thy presence is fulness of joy. . . pleasures for evermore."

Polly was taken home and laid gently in a basket. She seemed to enjoy the fuss made of her, but whenever the covering was lifted by some anxious hand, she always murmured "Bad company." It was as though she knew she had done wrong in going off with the rooks into the corn-



fields. Polly nearly lost her life, but you are in danger of losing your soul, unless you trust the Lord Jesus to save you from your sins. To those who trust Him He gives power to keep them from bad company, and they will be in *His* company throughout eternity.



Chats with Young Believers.

A FRIEND of mine, who is nearly blind, was asked one day "How do you manage when you want to cross the road? Do you just take your chance?" "No," he replied, "I'm *careful* and I *look up*." My friend is a Christian, and he knows that there is One watching over him, and when he is out alone and in danger of being run over, he just lifts up his heart in prayer for direction and safety.

Those words of his, "I'm careful and I look up," remind me of three little words spoken by the Lord Jesus to Peter in the garden of Gethsemane :

"WATCH AND PRAY."

If Peter had heeded those words he would not have fallen and denied his Lord. And many a fall we should likewise have avoided if we had remembered the Lord's words, "Watch and pray." Satan is very busy, and if he can cause any of the Lord's loved ones to fall, he will. We must therefore be on the watch, seeing where there is danger, and then lift up our eyes to the One Who is living in the presence of God for us.

Most of us remember at the commencement of the day to ask the Lord to keep us, but how often when at our work or at school we forget all about Him and our desire to walk in His ways. I think that is why we are told to "WATCH" as well as to "PRAY," for then when temptation comes we are ready to look up, and we shall find the Lord will never fail us. His Word tells us that He will keep us from falling (Jude 24.) and He is able to make us stand (Romans 14. 4).

**Christian, walk *carefully*, danger is near ;
On in thy journey with trembling and fear,
Snares from without and temptations within,
Seek to entice thee once more into sin.**

**Christian, walk *prayerfully*, oft wilt thou fall
If thou forget on thy Saviour to call ;
Safe thou shalt walk through each trial and care,
If thou art clad in the armour of prayer.**

The Word
of the LORD
endureth
for ever.

1 Peter 1. 25.



Poor old lady!—she looked very forlorn. Her husband had been killed, her home bombed, every little bit of furniture had gone, and she herself badly injured. “I’ve lost everything” she told a visitor who came to the Hospital to see her. “No,” she said after a moment, “that was a lie.” With much difficulty and pain she drew something out of the bed, carefully wrapped up, a well-worn Bible. “I’ve got this to begin my new home with.” Yes!—God still remained. He would never fail her. His Word was unchangeable. Have you young people ever thought of thanking God for His Word, with all its wonderful promises?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

“How many children say, I'd like to go to heaven,
Yet never think that they must have their sins forgiven
Before they can in glory be,
Or Jesus Christ in glory see?”

If I were to ask you if you would like to go to heaven, you would be sure to answer “Yes,” but have you ever thought who may enter there? Not one sin can be there, for heaven is where God dwells. If it were possible for sin to be there, it would not be heaven at all, but just like this earth with all its sorrow and death. So you see our sins must be gone and that can only be by being washed in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus.

An old man, who was dying, said, “They come and speak to me about heaven and the many mansions, but what would heaven be, if Jesus was not there?” Don't you think that was lovely? He wanted to be where Jesus is and that is what we want who have learned His love. The Lord Jesus said, “that where I am, there ye may be also.” “His presence is our home.”

Would it really be home to you, dear boys and girls? I hope you will trust Him now so that you are ready to be with Him when He comes.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR JUNE.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Heaven.

- Why did God look down from heaven? Psalm 53.
- Write the verse containing the words “Do not I fill heaven and earth.” Jeremiah 23.
- Where should we lay up treasure? Matt. 6.
- Who is Lord of heaven and earth? Acts 17.
- *What is “not the will of your Father which is in heaven”? Matt. 18.
- Write the verses containing the following:—
 - Names are written in heaven.
 - Joy shall be in heaven.
 - Gazing up into heaven.
 - Jesus Christ, Who is gone into heaven.
 - Reserved in heaven for you.
- Which gospel speaks of the kingdom of heaven?
 - Who preached that the kingdom of heaven was at hand?
 - Mention three parables in which we are taught about the kingdom of heaven.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for April.

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| 1. Psalm 55. 17. | 6. (a) Acts 12. 12. |
| 2. Matt. 5. 44. | (b) Acts 21. 5. |
| 3. Matt. 6. 6. | (c) Acts 16. 13. |
| 4. 1 Timothy 2. 8. | (d) Acts 10. 9. |
| 5. Mark 11. 24. | (e) Acts 3. 1. |
| | (f) Acts 16. 25. |
| 7. Luke 3. 16. | Luke 22. 32. |
| Luke 6. 12. | Luke 22. 41 and 44. |
| Luke 9. 28. | |

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AT THE SEASIDE.

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Happy Days.

WHAT pleasure it gives us to recall specially happy days—a day at the seaside or in the country, or a birthday party. Perhaps you are one who can look back to the happiest day of your life when you came to Jesus. Then you will enjoy this story.

Eric was an apprentice to electrical work. He was a quick lad of fifteen and a half, but alas, like many others, he used to run wild on Sundays.

Through the Lord's loving care Eric went to work with a christian man, Mr. Leonard, who spoke to him faithfully, warning him of his downward course, and telling him of the precious Saviour.

He invited Eric to the Gospel Meeting, but at first the lad made excuses; however, soon there was evidence of exercise and he consented to go. After a time he attended all the Gospel Services and also the class at the Sunday School, where an earnest worker spoke to him of the Saviour Who died on the cross, and Whose precious blood cleanses from all sin.

One evening Mr. Leonard was to work late and Eric expressed the wish to remain with him, for he wanted to speak to him as to his soul's salvation. On leaving work they walked together to Mr. Leonard's house, and as he was speaking of trusting the Lord Jesus and His work on the cross, Eric asked, "Is it true that is all I have to do for salvation?" "Yes," replied his employer, "it is what God has said. Do you believe that you are a guilty sinner?" "Yes," said Eric. "Do you believe that Jesus died for you, the sinner?" asked Mr. Leonard. "I do," was the reply.

Thus God by His Holy Spirit brought another one into the Kingdom. They went into the house and both fell on their knees giving God thanks, and Eric could say with truth,

**" Oh, happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God."**

May you too be led to receive the same precious Saviour, and be truly and eternally happy, ready and waiting for His coming.

*HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL
IN NO WISE CAST OUT. John 6. 37.*

“He’s Risen.”

AN old man was looking into a shop window at a picture portraying the sufferings of Christ on the cross. The old man’s attention was riveted, and he did not notice a small boy who had followed his gaze, and was also looking at the picture.

The little fellow had been several times to a mission where the wonderful love of the Lord Jesus in coming from His bright home in glory had been told. He had heard how the Saviour went about doing good, and how He had nowhere to lay His head when He was in this world. He had heard, too, of His death on the cross, as though He had been doing evil instead of good, for He was numbered with the transgressors.

Presently the old man heard the boy speaking. He was telling the story of the cross as he had heard it at the mission. Oh! how lovely it must have sounded in heaven to hear the old, old story told so simply by that young lad.

Not realising the effect of his words the boy finished his story and slipped away, leaving the old man still gazing intently at the picture, while the story of the Saviour’s love laid hold of his heart.

Then he felt a tug at his coat sleeve. Turning he saw his young gospel preacher again. The boy, jerking his thumb towards the picture, said with great emphasis, “Mister, He’s risen again.” Then he made off as though his work was complete.

Some people wear a cross round their necks, some have a crucifix, and I heard of a woman in an air-raid who knelt down and prayed to a picture of a so-called saint. All this is only Satan’s effort to keep people from seeing the Lord Jesus as risen. God has raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand.

Do *you* know Him? Can you say as confidently as that boy, “He’s risen.” May God grant you this knowledge. Then you will be able to sing with truth—

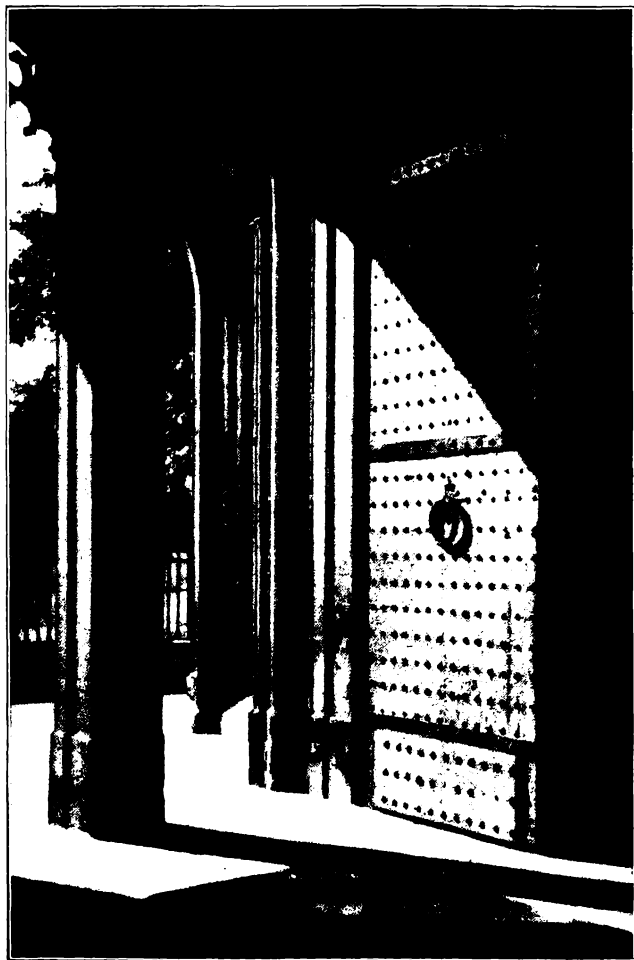
**Wounded for me ! Wounded for me !
There on the cross He was wounded for me !
Gone my transgressions and now I am free,
All because Jesus was wounded for me !**

**Risen for me ! Risen for me !
Up from the grave He has risen for me !
Now evermore from death’s sting I am free,
All because Jesus has risen for me !**

The Open Door.

WHEN the Lord Jesus was here on earth, He said one day that God had sent Him to "proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

Our picture shows an open door from a dark place, a door which leads out to the sunshine and open air. This is



just like what the Lord Jesus has done. He has opened the door of a dark prison, and the people inside are now free to go out into the light and fresh air outside. And which prison was that? Why, the prison in which Satan had every one of us imprisoned—the dark, horrible prison of sin. God's Word tells us "All have sinned" and every one of us, therefore, is a captive of Satan, in his dark prison house. He would like to keep us

there, too, for he does not like boys and girls to escape; he likes to keep them as prisoners, and so make sure that God must punish them for their sins.

But the Lord Jesus loves children, and He came to die on Calvary's cross so that children and grown-ups might have their sins forgiven.

You all know the text John 3. 16, " For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." That will tell you how much God loved us, that He could give His only Son to die for our sins. And the Lord Jesus loved us enough to come. Was it not wonderful that He should have done so? He came down to this earth to die on the cross, to open the door of our prison, and to let us go out free from the darkness in which Satan had kept us locked up.

So all that you need to do is to believe on the Lord Jesus, and you can walk out from the dark prison where Satan would like to keep you, into the sunshine of God's love. You surely do not want to stop in the place of darkness, and you need not do so. The Lord Jesus has died to open the door for you, and it is still open to-day.

Then trust in Him, and go out free from the prison of sin—saved by the blood of Jesus.

Deborah's Question.

GOD had taken little Deborah's grandma away; she had died—gone to heaven, for she was saved through the blood of the Lord Jesus.

The next day Deborah's daddy called his little girlie, who was four years old, and said, " Darling, you know Grandma has been very, very ill."

" Yes," she replied.

" Well, Jesus has taken Grandma to heaven. She is very happy and has no more pain."

" Oh!" said Deborah, with wide open eyes, " isn't she upstairs any more? "

" No, sweetheart," said Daddy, " she has gone to be with the Lord Jesus."

" Did Jesus come for her? " she asked.

" Yes, He came and took her to His lovely home."

" That's very nice," said the dear child. " One day He will come and take us all there; then we shall see Grandma again."

How clearly this little one understood. Can you say so confidently that Jesus is coming for *you*?

Chats with Young Believers.

THE following incident was told at the close of an address, and I think it has a message for us all.

The speaker said that years before he was having breakfast one day with a friend. One of his friend's sons was misbehaving at the table. "Come here, my boy, what is your name?" said the father. The boy replied, "Father, you know my name." "What is your name?" the father asked again. "Paul," said the boy. "What is your other name?" asked the father. The boy told him, and then his father said, "My boy, that is *my* name. Paul, if you behave at school this morning as you have behaved at this breakfast table the last twenty minutes, you will get my name in the black books at school. Would you like that?" "No, Father," said Paul.

The preacher then turned to those he was addressing and said, "I was listening to that. Oh, I thought, many times I have to grieve over getting the sacred NAME into the world's black books. When you show an unchristian way or habit, they will say, 'There's your Christian!' The whole shame of that will come back on the sacred Name that you are carrying."

Let me remind you of some wonderful words in James 2. 7.

THAT WORTHY NAME BY WHICH YE ARE CALLED.

The disciples were called *Christians*. We bear His Name, the One Who loved us and gave Himself for us, and we need ever to remember that our ways, behaviour and conversation must not dishonour Him. There is a day coming when Christ shall be admired in all them that believe. That will be when He will come to be glorified in His saints. We shall be just like Him then, but surely in measure that should be so now. Oh! that the beauty of the Lord might be seen in us, so that others might be attracted to Him.

Then again, let us notice that we are called "the sons (or children) of God." May we remind ourselves of the dignity of such a calling, and do nothing that would bring discredit upon God Whom we know now as our Father. Let us be imitators of God as dear children, showing forth His characteristics in this world. There are many whom we meet day by day who do not know our God, and who do not read His Word, but they know we profess to be His children. What impression are they getting from us of our God and Father?



THY
FACE,
LORD,
will I seek.

Psa: 27: 8.

“Thy face, Lord, will I seek.” It was family-prayer time, and the man who was reading these words, stopped for a moment and looked searchingly at his little son, Willie. “Have you done that yet, my lad?” he asked, “I want to do it, Father,” answered the boy. So they all knelt down and prayed, and the Lord was there in that little Lancashire cottage, in a very real sense that evening. Willie knew that God had laid his sins on Jesus, and he was saved. He was only eleven, but he never turned back, and he lived a long life of service for his Lord.

Perhaps there is a Willie, aged eleven, reading this. Have you sought the Lord’s face?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

There is a verse I have been thinking about in connection with our searching, it says "Hear, O heavens; and give ear, O earth; for the Lord hath spoken." What a call for all to listen! The Lord speaks in many ways; a hymn says:—

"Those mighty orbs proclaim Thy power;
Their motions speak Thy skill;
And on the wings of every hour,
We read Thy patience still.
Part of Thy name divinely stands,
On every work impressed;
Each is the labour of Thy hands,
By each Thy power's confessed."

These wonderful things which we see around us, the stars, the flowers, the birds and the insects tell us of a great and wise Creator, but they could never tell us that God is love. God has now spoken by His Son and He has revealed Himself as a Saviour God. His love was so great that "He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Is this yours, dear searcher? God has spoken and He wants your attention.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR JULY.

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Earth.

- *1. Whom does God tell to look to Him? Isaiah 45.
2. What are we told about the Lord's glory? Psalm 148.
3. Where should we set our affection? Colossians 3.
4. Where will righteousness dwell? 2 Peter 3.
5. Write the verse containing the words "that spake on earth." Hebrews 12.
6. (a) What did Joshua call the Lord when the ark passed over Jordan? Joshua 3.
- (b) Write a verse in which Abram calls God, the possessor of heaven and earth. Genesis 14.
- (c) When did Paul call God, Lord of heaven and earth? Write two verses for this. Acts 17.
7. Tell the story of Noah in your own words, answering the following questions:—
- (a) Why did God send a flood of waters on the earth?
- (b) How did God save Noah and his family?
- (c) What did God say would not cease while the earth remains?
- (d) What did God give for a token of the covenant between Him and the earth?
- (e) What was the covenant?

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for May.

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| 1. Acts 12. 5. | 6. (a) Jas. 5. 16. |
| 2. Phil. 4. 6. | (b) 1 Peter 4. 7. |
| 3. 1 Sam. 12. 23. | (c) 1 Thess. 5. 17. |
| 4. Luke 18. 13. | (d) 2 Cor. 1. 11. |
| 5. 1 Peter 3. 12. | (e) Colossians 4. 12. |
| 7. Ephesians 1. 16. | 1 Thess. 1. 2. |
| Philippians 1. 4. | 2 Tim. 1. 3. |
| Colossians 1. 3. | |

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GIPSIES BY THE ROADSIDE.

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The Gipsy Boy.

INTO a tent where a gipsy boy lay,
Dying alone at the close of the day,
News of salvation we carried. Said he,
“ Nobody ever has told it to me ! ”

Tell it again ! Tell it again !
Salvation's story repeat o'er and o'er,
Till none can say of the children of men,
“ Nobody ever has told me before ! ”

“ Did He so love me—a poor little boy ?
Send unto me the good tidings of joy ?
Need I not perish ? My hand will He hold ?
Nobody ever the story has told ! ”

Bending we caught the last words of his breath,
Just as he entered the valley of death :

“ God sent His son !—whosoever ? ” said he ;
“ Then I am sure that He sent Him for me ! ”

Smiling he said, as his last sigh was spent,
“ I am so glad that for me He was sent ! ”

Whispered, while low sank the sun in the west,
“ Lord, I believe, tell it now to the rest ! ”

A Letter for You.

THE other day I had a letter sent me specially for the young people who read our magazine. I am sure you will never guess who it was from, so I will tell you. It was written by a gipsy and this is what he says—

My dear Children,

Will you please read this very careful. I am a poor gipsy, rich in Christ. God in His great love and mercy allowed me to be able to read and write, which very few of the tribe could in my young days.

You dear children ought to be very thankful that you were not born a gipsy or romany. They were dealers in horses and made trips to France, Ireland and Wales. It was a very rough life. Sometimes we had to take young horses in strings of eight or ten and had to ride one and look after all the others, sometimes 50 to 70 miles and nothing to eat, often pouring rain and cold wind and nothing scarcely to protect you, but you had to do it.

One day as I grew older I met a publican who had kept a beer shop, but God came in and his precious soul was saved through believing in Jesus. He told me that Jesus loved me and I stood there and believed. It was the first time I knew any one loved me or cared about me.

The next day I saw him he said, "Get yourself a Bible," which I did and there I saw He not only loved me but He gave Himself for me (Gal. 2. 20), and now I am waiting for to be with Him and to be like Him, and then to praise Him continually.

Now my dear children, come to Jesus. It is Jesus Who is seeking you. Do come to Jesus now, I beseech you. Time is so short. Eternity with all its tremendous realities is at hand. Oh! do come now.

Trusting in the Blood.

WE often hear the expression, "I am trusting in the blood," but I wonder how many boys and girls really know what it means. Let me tell you of my father's conversion, and then I may be able to help you to understand its meaning.

It was when I first left home at the age of nineteen. I myself had not known the Lord very long and wanted to serve Him, and I was also anxious concerning my parents, so I wrote home and pointedly asked my father if he were converted.

He previously had been living the life of a drunkard, although he was a good father and a good husband to his wife. It was during the visit of Frank Weaver, that the doctor who attended my father came one Sunday afternoon and asked him to go with him to hear this evangelist.

My father after this always went to the Baptist Church and also lived a different life, but he had to my knowledge made no confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus. So being anxious to know and also concerned about his soul I wrote to him. Listen to what he replied: "*I thank God He has shown me the evil of the ways of sin, and with His help and guidance I hope to live a brighter, happier and holier life, trusting in the blood of Jesus Christ.*"

Now let us look at what it means by "trusting in the blood," the expression used by my father in his letter. It goes back to the time of the Passover as recorded in Exodus 12.

The children of Israel were told to get a lamb, one for each household. They were to kill it, and on a certain night, a very dreadful night in the world's history, when God was

going to punish Egypt by smiting the firstborn, the head of the household was to take a bunch of hyssop, go outside and dip it in the blood of the lamb and sprinkle it on the two side posts and on the lintel. He and all his household were to be inside after this, and they were to eat of the lamb.

Now God tells us why they were to do this, for He says, "WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD I WILL PASS OVER YOU, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you." Ex. 12. 13.

God's command was obeyed. The blood was a token that God would not destroy them. They believed God's word, and not one of the children of Israel died.

This is a type of the blood of Jesus. God sent Him into this world that He should die as an "offering for sin"—your sin and mine, and His blood is the evidence that His life was given up in sacrifice. Just as at the Passover God passed over the houses where the blood was sprinkled, so now all those who have trusted in the blood of Jesus are safe from the judgment to come.

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

A Surprise.

SOME years ago there was a man whom the Lord used a good deal to go about preaching and teaching the people from the Word of God. As the distances he travelled were rather great, he began to save up to buy a small motor car. This his Master, the Lord Jesus, enabled him to do, and he was thus able oftener to see those whom he visited.

One day he was spinning along the beautiful countryside, thinking how good God was, and admiring the hedgerows with their fresh mantle of green, and the wild flowers peeping out here and there. All of a sudden he heard the noise of a motor cycle, and before the brakes could be applied, the machine came out of a farm gate, straight before the little car.

The driver prayed almost involuntarily, and although the car was only on two wheels, by a miracle he was enabled to swing it round the motor cyclist, and he went careering up the road, first on one side and then on the other, until by God's help he brought the car to a standstill.

You will more readily understand his thankfulness when I tell you that his wife and little baby son were in the car. None of them was hurt; they were only a bit shaken, but the strain on the car was too great for it had seen its best days. Very soon after, it became useless and the man's usefulness seemed to have stopped.

But God says, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Several people offered to help the man buy another car, but as he was unable to pay them back he refused and began to pray. Then what do you think happened? One day when he returned from work he saw a very nice car at his gate. The man who had brought it had instructions to leave it in his garage.



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This seemed a mystery, but the christian accepted it from the Lord in answer to his prayers and went indoors with his heart full of thankfulness. On the table lay an envelope and when he opened it there was a cheque to pay, and more than pay, for the car with a nice letter from a christian friend.

Now, supposing the man had said, "It *can't* be for me. It's a lovely car but it can't be *mine*," what would you have called him? You would probably have said he was stupid. Yes, and it would have been most foolish. But perhaps this is what you are doing with the greatest of all gifts, God's gift of eternal life. Are you not foolish if you do not accept this wonderful, unspeakable gift? Why not take it now?

Chats with Young Believers.

I WONDER how many of my young readers have read the Book of Leviticus. What strikes one is the trouble that God takes over every detail in connection with the offerings. The same minuteness is noticed in the instructions with reference to the food of the Children of Israel.

They were not left in doubt as to what was clean and what was unclean. The coney, the hare, the swine were forbidden, so also was the mouse. Now we can quite understand that a godly Jew would seek to fulfil these laws, and would never allow a sow to enter his house, but it might be more difficult to keep out the mouse !

We too are likely to refuse the bigger evils, but might be overcome by some small sin, or the heart may be weaned away from the Lord by the allowance of some secret thing. In the Song of Solomon we read of " the *little foxes* " that spoil the grapes. Beware of anything that would hinder you being out and out for the Lord.

A new aeroplane was being taken for its trial trip. It looked so graceful as it left the ground and flew towards the sky. But it was seen to be losing height and then gradually to be coming down, and the pilot had to make a forced landing. What was the matter ? It looked all right ; the engines were good, but, undetected, a mouse had gnawed at the fabric of the wing ! Such a little thing, but it was enough to hinder the flying and it might have caused a fatal accident.

Surely this little mouse has a voice for us. May we be watchful that we are not allowing anything, however small, to rob us of our joy in the Lord, and hinder our testimony for Him.

Do you ask what little thing could be a hindrance ? Oh ! a book, a friend, an evil habit, or anything that comes in between me and the Lord Jesus.

Have I an object, Lord, below
Which would divide my heart with Thee,
Which would divert its even flow
In answer to Thy constancy ?
O teach me quickly to return,
And cause my heart afresh to burn.

Be Thou the object bright and fair
To fill and satisfy the heart ;
My hope to meet Thee in the air,
And nevermore from Thee to part :
That I may undistracted be
To follow, serve, and wait for Thee.

As many already know, our dear Editor has been taken home to be with the Saviour, Whom he loved so well. This " Chat " was the last article he penned. May we give special heed to its message.



A little boy was very fond of the chorus, "Walking with Him in white." He saw himself looking lovely all dressed in white! Years afterwards he had a lot to do with hospitals, and he saw that all the doctors wore white coats. But by that time he had got over his childish desire to wear a white coat! What he specially noticed was the instruments they used, and how *very* often they were washed. They must be perfectly clean. He himself became an "instrument" for healing sick souls—showing the way to heaven, and he found that God's instruments must be first cleansed from sin in the blood of Jesus Christ, and by His Holy Spirit kept clean moment by moment; the only way in which God could use them.

Has your heart been cleansed from sin? Then you may be an "instrument," and some day "walk with Him in white."

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Quite a number of you have written to me and I thank you all for your letters. Now the holidays have come again so perhaps I shall receive some more letters from those who have not written before.

What a long time you will have to play and enjoy yourselves ! Don't forget to do the answers as usual, and I hope you will also try to help mother as much as you can. In this way you can show that you are seeking to please the Lord Jesus, and if you have trusted Him you will want to do that.

The older searchers have not holidays like those who are at school and often have difficulty in getting the questions answered in time, but I trust that in doing them your souls are refreshed and that you get to know the Lord Jesus better.

A very well known verse is omitted from the questions this month but I think you could all tell me which it is and repeat it too. " God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

There are four words which are found more often in John's Gospel than in any other and they are all found in this one verse. They are " world," " love," " life " and " believe." Read the verse over again carefully and you will notice each of them. Only God could have shown such *love* to a guilty world, that through simply *believing* on the Lord Jesus, everlasting *life* may be ours.

Your loving friend, N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. Those under 15 to answer five questions ; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

World.

- *1. Why did Christ Jesus come into the world ? 1 Timothy 1.
2. Write the verse containing the words " gain the whole world." Mark 8.
3. How did death come to this world ? Romans 5.
4. Who overcomes the world ? 1 John 5.
5. What passes away ? 1 John 2.
6. Write verses containing the following—
 - (a) poor of this world. James.
 - (b) god of this world. 2 Cor.
 - (c) prince of this world (occurs twice). John.
 - (d) friend of the world. James.
7. Write five verses to show that—
 - (a) The Lord Jesus spoke of Himself as " the light of the world." John.
 - (b) He called His disciples " the light of the world." Matthew.
 Christians are spoken of—
 - (c) as " children of light." 1 Thess. Are told to
 - (d) " walk as children of light." Eph.
 - (e) to " shine as lights in the world." Phil.

** Verse to learn.*

Answers to Questions for June.

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| 1. Psalm 53. 2. | 6. (a) Luke 10. 20. | 7. (a) Matthew. |
| 2. Jer. 23. 24. | (b) Luke 15. 7. | (b) John, Baptist. Matt. 3. 1, 2. |
| 3. Matt. 6. 20. | (c) Acts 1. 11. | (c) Matt. 13. 24-30. |
| 4. Acts 17. 24. | (d) 1 Peter 3. 22. | Matt. 22. 2-14. |
| 5. Matt. 18. 14. | (e) 1 Peter 1. 4. | Matt. 25. 1-13 and others. |

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

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

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BUBBLES.

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Bubbles.

WHAT a lovely bubble the boy in our picture has blown ! It will not last, however, and that is why I always think that bubbles are very much like the pleasures of this world. They give no lasting joy, but are only for a time.

We are told in the Bible that Moses chose to suffer with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin. He knew they would only last for a little while. Moses did not live just for the present moment, but looked into the future and he made a wise choice.

In Psalm 16 we read of "pleasures for evermore." They are not like bubbles. Those who have trusted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour have tasted some of those lasting joys already. He died on the cross of Calvary, bearing the punishment of our sins, so that we might have joy and peace, and everlasting life. He will satisfy your heart and give you to enjoy those lasting pleasures if you trust in Him.

A Treasure.

ISABEL had just reached her eighteenth birthday. Her mother had died when she was quite young. All she could remember was being carried to kiss her the day before she went to be with the Lord Jesus in heaven.

Her father was a great scientist and much absorbed in his studies. However, on Isabel's birthday he gave her a key, saying "Isabel, here is the key of your mother's chest. Take it and at your leisure look through your mother's things. You are now old enough to appreciate them."

Isabel eagerly opened the box and went carefully over the things it contained. As she did so, she just longed to have her dear mother at her side, for the sight of them made her feel sad and lonely.

Presently she came upon a book which she could see had been much used. It was beautifully bound and opened of itself towards the middle, where she found a little bunch of dried flowers.

Isabel saw at once that it was her mother's Bible. It had opened where a text was marked with red ink, which she eagerly read.

"AS ONE WHOM HIS MOTHER COMFORTETH,
SO WILL I COMFORT YOU : AND YE SHALL
BE COMFORTED." Isaiah 66. 13.

Beside it she saw written, "*My little orphan Isabel.*"

“ It is almost as if my mother is speaking to me from the other world,” said Isabel to herself. “ Mother knew I would some day find this,” and she kissed the Book again and again.

Her mother had known, in fact, that her daughter would one day see those words, watered with her tears and prayers. God richly answered her prayers, for that Bible, so used, came to be a most precious treasure to Isabel. From it she learned the way of salvation through the Lord Jesus, Who loved her and had given Himself for her, and she found comfort and joy that brightened her whole life.

I have little doubt that most if not all of our readers possess this treasure which Isabel found. But what use are you making of it? Do you keep it in a drawer and only bring it out on Sundays? That will not do you any good.

Remember the Bible is God’s Word, and we need to read it every day. It not only tells us of God’s love in providing a way of salvation through the Lord Jesus, so that we may be safe for eternity, but it also gives us guidance for every step of our journey, and comfort in every trial through which we may have to pass. Let us then treasure it more, and never let a day pass without reading from its pages.

The Voice of Jesus.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“ Come unto Me and rest :
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”**
**I came to Jesus, as I was,
Weary and worn and sad :
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“ Behold, I freely give,
The living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.”**
**I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream :
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“ I am this dark world’s light ;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.”**
**I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun ;
And in the light of life I’ll walk
Till travelling days are done.**

Used of God.

It has often impressed me how very much a few words, or even one word, means when God speaks it. I wonder how many of you have heard of a famous patriot who lived in the days when the land of Canaan was partially occupied by enemies. I am afraid that God's people now are in very much the same state of indifference and carelessness as His people were in those days.

God had to punish them by letting their enemies who surrounded them, overcome them, and for many years the people of Israel, whom God had so marvellously delivered from Egypt and Pharaoh, were in the same plight as many of the European nations are today.

In Judges we read of God raising up deliverers, such as Samson, Gideon, Barak and others. I want to tell you of one of these deliverers who is not so well known. His name was Shamgar, and his wonderful history is told in one single verse of God's Word. You will find it in Judges 3. 31.

It would seem that he was what we call today, a small-holder. I like to think of this brave man whose land was probably very near the enemy's frontier. He was often subjected no doubt to their raids, when the people were terrorised and the countryside looted.

Shamgar's day was a very dark one for God's people. We read in chapter 5 that the people could not use the highways, for most likely they were infested by enemy robbers, so they had to do their journeys on the byways. Well, one day Shamgar was ploughing with his oxen when he looked up and saw a band of these Philistines coming over the hill. You may depend on it he was deeply distressed that God's chosen people should be in such humiliating circumstances, and surely his heart was lifted up to God for guidance and strength.

Seizing one of the goads with which the oxen were kept on the move, and without waiting for any swords, spears or bows and arrows, away he went, straight at this host of enemies. Oh! how they must have mocked at a farmer with an ox goad while they were all trained soldiers. But like David in the valley of Elah, our hero went on in the strength of the Lord.

Right up to the points of their spears he went, and then there was a different scene. Down went the enemies of God and His people. One after another they fell before this mighty man of God until six hundred of them lay dead on the battlefield, and the rest fled away. Thus he delivered Israel.

Does this story not make us turn our eyes and hearts to

God? For if we believe on the Lord Jesus our prayers can bring this very same power to our aid.

Shamgar had an ox goad,
David had a sling,
Dorcas had a needle,
Rahab had some string.

Samson had a jawbone,
Moses had a rod,
Mary had some ointment,
All were used of God!

The Remembered Text.

A YOUNG airman had been shot down and was taken to hospital. After the doctors had done all they could for him the nurses put him to bed, and then they had to leave him.

Turning to his neighbour in the other bed he said, "Chum, can you tell me how I can be saved?"

The other lad answered that he didn't know, but that on Thursday they always had people in to distribute tracts, and they would be able to tell him.

"But," said the injured lad, "perhaps I may not be here on Thursday."

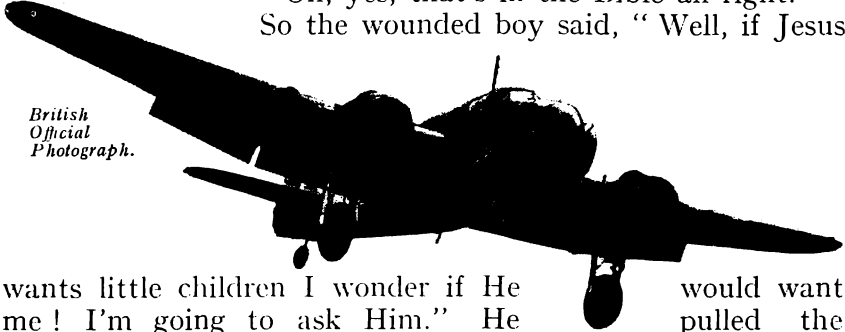
"Sorry, pal," said the other, "that I can't help you."

The poor boy was quiet for a while, then he said, "Isn't there something in the Bible about 'Suffer the little children to come unto Me'?"

"Oh, yes, that's in the Bible all right."

So the wounded boy said, "Well, if Jesus

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wants little children I wonder if He would want me! I'm going to ask Him." He pulled the sheet up over his head, but it never came down again, for he passed into the presence of the children's Saviour Whose acceptance he so earnestly sought.

This touching story shows us how ready the Lord Jesus is to save *all* who come to Him. His heart of love is just the same now as when He was here on earth and spoke those gracious words,

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

Have you come to Him yet? He wants *you* too, and is waiting for you to trust Him. Do not keep Him waiting any longer.

Chats with Young Believers.

THE one who wrote to you each month, our beloved editor, is no longer with us, having been called home to be with the Lord. But those of us who knew him will not soon forget his gracious influence, nor his earnest desire for the Lord's glory.

I have been thinking of two verses which he often linked together, and which I believe contain the secret of his consistent christian life. The first of these is Psalm 143. 8.

“ CAUSE ME TO HEAR THY LOVINGKINDNESS
IN THE MORNING ; FOR IN THEE DO I TRUST ;
CAUSE ME TO KNOW THE WAY WHEREIN I
• SHOULD WALK ; FOR I LIFT UP MY SOUL
UNTO THEE.”

The other is Psalm 5. 3.

“ MY VOICE SHALT THOU HEAR IN THE MORN-
ING, O LORD ; IN THE MORNING WILL I
DIRECT MY PRAYER UNTO THEE, AND WILL
LOOK UP.”

You will notice both verses refer to the morning. How do we begin the day? How important it is to begin it with God! We need to have our souls fed by the Word of God, if we are to grow in grace, and to be bright happy witnesses for the Lord in an evil world.

We may not have much leisure in these busy days, but we can all find time to read a few verses at least, and to ask the Lord to bless them to us. The Lord Jesus loves to have us come into His presence to talk to Him. So in the morning before going off to school or business He wants us to go to Him for guidance and to seek His blessing. He speaks to us through His Word, and we speak to Him in prayer. Thus shall we be kept from many sorrows and be able to shine for Him in a dark world.

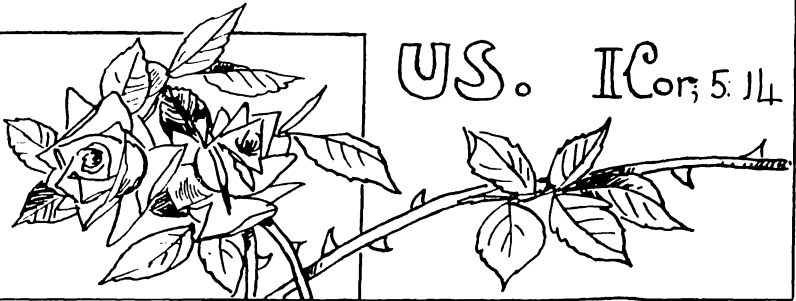
Shall we each then be like the Psalmist in the verses quoted above? Let us give the Lord the first place each day and before going out into the busy world, let us turn to His Word for light and comfort, and then kneel to commit ourselves to Him to keep us in touch with Himself.

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord ;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word ;
Make friends of God's children ; help those who are weak ;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, the world rushes on ;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus like Him thou shalt be,
Thy friends, in thy conduct, His likeness will see.**

THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH

US. I Cor. 5: 14



I daresay most of you know where the Fiji Islands are. At one of the Mission Schools there a boy had learnt to love Christ, and was studying hard His Word that he might be a missionary. There came news that his father had been murdered at one of the Islands where the Gospel had not yet been sent. The boy said at once, "I must go and tell those people about the Lord Jesus and His love." He was willing to meet the same dangers—perhaps suffer the same death that his father had. Why? For the LOVE OF CHRIST. Do you younger ones know what that long word "constraineth" means? It means to urge, to force. Do you love Him enough to be willing—in fact, to feel almost forced to do a *hard thing* for His sake? May you all know that love, for the opportunity may come some day to *you*.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

No doubt you have often looked up to the sky and noticed the different kinds of clouds—the little fleecy ones which soon disappear, and the big black ones which tell us that a storm is coming.

The Bible speaks about both of these kinds. In the prophet Joel we read of "a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness." This tells us about the day in which the Lord will deal in judgment on this earth, and the people are warned to turn to the Lord. They are reminded that He is gracious and merciful and is waiting to bless them if only they will turn to Him. It will be too late when these terrible judgments begin to fall. We, too, are warned that the day of grace will not go on for ever and now is the time to come and be saved.

Hosea speaks about the morning cloud which passes away when the sun is up, and compares men's goodness to it. All our righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight. If you have not yet turned from your own goodness to find all you need in the Lord Jesus, come to Him now before the storm of judgment breaks over this earth.

Then there is a cloud which we who know the Lord like to think about. It reminds us that soon those who are alive and those who have gone before, shall be reunited and together meet the Lord in the air and be for ever with Him. I trust everyone of our searchers will be in that wonderful gathering.

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Cloud.

1. How did the Lord go before the children of Israel? Exodus 13.
- *2. What will the Lord do "as a thick cloud"? Isaiah 44.
3. Write the verse containing the words "clouds are the dust of His feet." Nahum 1.
4. What did the voice out of the cloud say? Luke 9.
5. What reaches to the clouds? Psalm 36.
6. Write verses to show that
 - (a) the Lord Jesus was received up to heaven in a cloud.
 - (b) He is coming back "with clouds,"
 - (c) We, who believe and those who have died in Christ will meet together in the clouds.
7. Tell in your own words how the Lord went before the children of Israel, how they knew when to journey and when not to journey. Exodus, chapters 13 and 40. What wonderful thing happened when the Egyptians pursued after them to the Red Sea? Exodus 14.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for July.

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| 1. Isaiah 45. 22. | 7. (a) Genesis 6. 5-7. |
| 2. Psalm 148. 13. | (b) Genesis 6. 17-18. |
| 3. Colossians 3. 2. | (c) Genesis 8. 22. |
| 4. 2 Peter 3. 13. | (d) Genesis 9. 12-13. |
| 5. Hebrews 12. 25. | (e) Genesis 9. 11 and 15. |
| 6. (a) Lord of all the earth. Joshua 3. 11 and 13. | |
| (b) Genesis 14. 22. | |
| (c) Acts 17. 24-25. | |

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TOFFEE APPLES.

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Toffee Apples.

WHEN I was a child, near my school there lived an old man who made and sold all kinds of toffee—plain, cocoanut, pepper-mint and lemon. How we loved to visit his shop and ask for “a ha’porth of toffee, please!” and to see him take a huge slab of it in his hands, break it with a little hammer, and then wrap a generous handful up for us. That toffee was good! I have never tasted any better. He also used to sell toffee-apples.

I have been thinking that some boys and girls are just like toffee-apples. They look very sweet and nice on the outside, but like toffee-apples they are rather sour inside. Those who just know them a little and see only their outsides think how pleasant and kind and nice they are. But those who have to live with them and see what they are like inside, know how unpleasant they are, and what sour things they say! Have you ever met boys and girls like that?

There was once a very handsome, fine-looking boy at one of our big schools, and a visitor at a cricket match, admiring him, asked the boy she was with who he was. “We call him ‘three-ply veneer,’” he replied. “He looks very nice, but I have been home with him, and you should just hear the way he speaks to his sister and his father and mother! His sweetness is all on the outside.”

Can you think of a man in the Bible who was like that? It was Absalom. He was beautiful on the outside, but full of deceit and disloyalty to his father, David, inside. You know, God says, “Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” 1 Sam. 16. 7. And He says also, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.” Jer. 17. 9. That kind of person needs to be made sweet inside as well as out.

Can those who are disagreeable and deceitful be changed? Yes, indeed, I know many who have. But some boys and girls and grown-ups too are trying to make their own hearts white and clean. That is something we can never do—nor can anyone on earth do it for us, no matter how much they love us. Neither father, mother, brother, sister nor friend can wash the marks of sin off our hearts. Only the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, can do that. He came to earth and lived as a man, and died on the cross instead of you and me. There He took the punishment of our sins and shed His precious blood to wash them all away. The Bible says,

**THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON,
CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN. 1 John 1. 7.**

Uncle Bob's Conversion.

THEY were a kindly, good-natured pair, Uncle Bob and his wife, but there was something wanting to make their home really happy. Sometimes articles of furniture would disappear to pay off debts. Yes, there was certainly something wrong.

At one time a young nephew was living with them. He had been converted when he was only twelve, so the Lord Jesus was his Saviour and ever-ready Friend, and he knew quite well what was the matter with his uncle and aunt. They were always yielding to all sorts of temptations because they hadn't got *his Friend* to keep them straight, so the only thing to do was to pray that they might know Him too.

Every now and then he and another fellow used to go to a prayer meeting held in a large Assembly Hall. After they had gone out Uncle Bob would laugh and think "what a waste of time!" But were those evenings wasted? We shall see.

After a time the nephew had to leave and went to live elsewhere. Then there came a day when he received a letter which he treasured for years afterwards. It was from Uncle Bob and he told him that he and his wife had humbly sought the Lord. And those who seek shall find.

**" To those who fall how kind Thou art !
How good to those who seek !
But what to those who find ? Ah ! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show :
The love of Jesus what it is
None but His loved ones know ! "**

And such these dear people found it. The boy's prayers were answered! The years that followed were happy ones indeed, but with many regrets for past wasted ones. Uncle Bob passed away rather suddenly one evening, and is now in the presence of the Lord he loved. Suppose he had not known the Lord then!

If you were called away suddenly, would you be ready to meet Him? And you who do know Him as your Saviour, may be living amongst ungodly people, or those who are just indifferent. Are you standing true to your Master there? Do you ever pray for your unconverted relatives and friends? What a splendid thing to know your prayers had brought someone to Christ!

The Good Shepherd.

A little lamb went straying
Among the hills one day,
Leaving the faithful shepherd,
Because it loved to stray.
And while the sun shone brightly,
It knew no thought of fear,
For flowers around were blooming,
And balmy was the air.

But night came over quickly,
The hollow breezes blew,
The sun soon ceased its shining,
All dark and dismal grew.
The little lamb stood bleating,
And well indeed it might,
So far from home and shepherd,
And on so dark a night.

But ah ! the faithful shepherd
Soon missed the little thing,
And onward went to seek it,
And home again to bring.
He sought, on hill and valley,
And called it by its name ;
He sought, nor ceased his seeking,
Until he found his lamb.

Then to his gentle bosom
The little lamb he pressed,
And on his shoulders bore it,
And fondly it caressed.
The little lamb was happy
To find itself secure,
The shepherd too was joyful
Because his lamb he bore.

And now a loving Shepherd,
Is living up on high,
Who came to seek the straying,
Who all deserved to die.
For sin each one had ruined,
And far from God had led,
But oh, what love unbounded !
He suffered in their stead.



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HOME AGAIN.

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"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53. 6.

Nellie's Letter.

NELLIE was ten years old. She lived in the country and used to go to some meetings for children held in a cottage. There Nellie heard about the Lord Jesus and the beautiful home He has prepared for all those whose sins are forgiven. She became very troubled about her sins and longed to know that they were all forgiven.

There was no one in Nellie's home to tell her of the Saviour, but she heard at the meetings that all she had to do was to come to Jesus and He would cleanse her in His precious blood, and make her fit to go to heaven. It was not long before she trusted the Lord Jesus as her own Saviour and He made her so happy.

One day she wrote a letter to the gentleman who held the cottage meetings and this is what she said :—

Dear Mr. L.,—I am glad to say that I belong to Jesus. It was a happy day when His most precious blood washed all my sins away. I read the Gospel daily and I also learn a verse or two each day. I am so glad I have been converted and confessed myself to Jesus, for I am very happy and waiting for the arrival of the Lord Jesus. If He were to come to-night I should be ready

*"I need no other argument, I want no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died and that He died for me."*

*Your loving true friend,
N. A. J.*

The Run-away Horse.

In a pretty little village in the Isle of Wight there lived a Christian man with his wife and family, the youngest being a little girl of four. One morning the man came running into the house, his face white and frightened looking. In answer to his wife's inquiry he explained that he had just seen a lady whom they knew quite well go by the gate on her horse, a fine high spirited animal, and that just down the road it had bolted at a terrific speed! He was sure that the lady would be killed.

His little girl had been with him and had seen it all, and had heard her father's terrified remarks, but no one had noticed her disappear. As her mother was trying to pacify him, the little mite slipped up to her father's side with a radiant face, saying, "It's all right, Daddy, don't worry any more." "Why do you say that, dear?" asked her mother. "Well," replied the child, "haven't I just been and told Jesus all about it? He won't let her be killed, I know."

Mummy smiled and Daddy looked up, quite a little comforted by his girlie's sweet faith in Jesus. Just then Mummy looked towards the road. "Well!" she exclaimed. They all turned to see the cause of her remark. There was the lady riding quietly back towards her home, the horse

fully under control and both looking as if nothing untoward had happened.

We never know how much we owe to the prayers of those who love us, and better still, who love the Lord Jesus. Do you not think that the Lord heard the prayer of that little girl and arrested the career of the horse? I'm sure He did. Do *you* trust Him? Do *you* pray as the little girl did, "casting *all* your care upon Him, for He careth for you"?

Chats with Young Believers.

I SUPPOSE all of us have sung:—

**" Oh happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God."**

And we know it was indeed a happy day for us, when we first knew the joy of sins forgiven through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord wants us to be always rejoicing in His love, that we may show forth His praises day by day. But it may be that some of you are not so happy as you once were. Something has come in to cloud your joy. The Lord has not changed so the trouble must come from yourself. Perhaps the story of James would help you to understand this.

James was a Sunday School boy who knew the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. He confessed the Lord at home and was a real testimony to His saving grace. But after a time he gradually lost his brightness and did not have the same interest in the Lord's things. What had happened? Ah! He had allowed little sins unjudged. He went back to things he had liked before his conversion—bad books and bad habits. I expect he had been careless as to daily reading of the Word and prayer and so fell an easy prey to temptation and lost his joy and power for testimony. He did not lose the salvation of his soul for the Lord says, "My sheep shall never perish." But the Lord wanted him to be happy in His presence and so one night in a gospel meeting, He told James how much He loved Him and it quite broke the boy down. He owned how he had sinned and went home and took all the bad books and other things and put them in the fire. Oh! how much happier he felt. The snare was broken and he had escaped.

If one who reads this is like James then do as he did. The Lord loves you and wants you to be rejoicing in His love and grace. Let nothing come between your soul and Himself. Go to Him and tell Him all, and you will experience the happiness of the one whose sins are forgiven and whose iniquities are covered.



“ Why don’t they let the man in, Daddy ? ”
A little girl was looking with great interest at that well-known picture called the “ Light of the World,” the fast-shut door, and the Man with the lantern outside—knocking, knocking . . .

“ Why don’t they let the man in, Daddy ? ”
But Daddy had no answer ready. He could not tell his little girl that he saw there a picture of his own heart—bolted and barred against the Lord Jesus, Who had so very long been knocking at the door. Why indeed, had he not let Him in ? Some day He would knock no longer, and what then ? Oh, is there anyone reading this whose heart is like the bolted door, with the Lord Jesus *outside* ? LET HIM IN!—for NOW is the day of salvation—to-morrow may be too late—and what then ?

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I wonder if some of you have forgotten the rule which is printed in black type at the beginning of the questions. It tells you that the whole verse must be written and yet some searchers who have done quite well before, suddenly think they will write only a few words. It is so profitable for us all to get the words of scripture fixed in our minds. God has given us His Word and all through the long years has preserved it to us, and we need to know exactly what He says so that we may find comfort and blessing from it.

Our verses this month are about the sun. How dependent we are on the sun for light and heat and health, as well as to make things grow.

The wise King Solomon who wrote about the things "under the sun," had everything that his heart could wish, yet he found out that all those riches and wisdom could not satisfy. His heart needed something else and so does yours and mine and God tells us about the Lord Jesus, the One in Whom He finds all His pleasure and He wants us to know Him too.

Your loving friend,

N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR OCTOBER.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. *Those under 15 to answer five questions ; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.*

Sun.

1. On whom does God make His sun rise? Matthew 5.
- *2. Who is a Sun and Shield? Psalm 84.
3. When is the Lord's name to be praised? Psalm 113.
4. Write the verse containing the words "let not the sun go down." Ephesians 4.
5. Why is the light of the sun not needed in the New Jerusalem? Revelation 22.
6. What little book in the Old Testament speaks about things "under the sun"? Write five different verses to show this.
7. On what occasion (a) did the sun stand still? Joshua.
(b) did the sun go back ten degrees? Isaiah.
(c) was the sun darkened? Luke.

Tell me about one of them in your own words.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for August.

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| 1. 1 Tim. 1. 15. | 6. (a) James 2. 5. | 7. (a) John 8. 12. |
| 2. Mark 8. 36. | (b) 2 Cor. 4. 4. | (b) Matt. 5. 14. |
| 3. Romans 5. 12. | (c) John 12. 31. | (c) 1 Thess. 5. 5. |
| 4. 1 John 5. 5. | John 14. 30. | (d) Ephes. 5. 8. |
| 5. 1 John 2. 17. | (d) James 4. 4. | (e) Phil. 2. 15. |

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A RUBBER PLANTATION.

“Would the Lord Jesus have me?”

AWAY out in the Far East in Malaya there are large rubber plantations like the one you see in the picture. The man who is called a tapper is making a cut in the bark of the tree, so that the white milky fluid from which rubber is made, will flow out. Have you noticed the little cup hung at the side of the tree to catch the fluid? In the rubber plantations you would see lots of these little cups which are emptied presently into pails and larger containers, and the fluid is finally taken away to the factories to be made into rubber.

But the old planter I want to tell you about was no longer on the plantation. He was in a town in Malaya, and was passing along a street when something caught his attention and he stopped. He was just in front of a little bookshop, the door of which stood wide open, and opposite the door was a framed text with the words:—

TRUST IN THE LORD
HE FAILETH NOT Zeph. 3. 5.
and
FORSAKETH NOT HIS SAINTS. Psalm 37. 3, 28.

For some minutes the old planter stood there, his eyes fixed on the text, reading and trying to understand the words. Then he stepped inside. “Who are His saints?” he asked pointing to the text. “Those who trust Him,” was the ready answer, and then with Bible in hand the two ladies in the book room spoke to the old planter of the Lord Jesus Who came to die for our sins, and Who will never fail those who trust Him for salvation.

“But you don’t know what a sinner I’ve been,” the old man replied. “Indeed, I couldn’t tell you what a life I’ve led. Would the Lord Jesus have me?”

With joy the ladies were able to assure him that he was not too bad for Jesus, for He said, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance,” Luke 5. 32, and “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out,” John 6. 37.

The old man seemed impressed. “Will you write down the verses for me?” he said. “Away down at the bottom of my trunk there is a Bible and I am going to look up these verses for myself.”

With that he left and the book room ladies never saw him again, but who can tell what the result of that conversation and the searching of the Scriptures afterwards may have been, for the entrance of God’s Word gives light?

Prayer answered.

DURING an air-raid on a coast town a christian man went out to see if he could be of any help or comfort to some friends, who were also christians, who lived near. On the way he noticed that the wind was blowing flames from a big fire towards the thickly populated part of the town, and he was afraid it too would soon be enveloped in the terrible flames.

He was powerless to do anything but he knew that there are no impossibilities with God. No doubt he had proved before, as many of God's children have done, that

**“ His love is as great as His power
And knows neither measure nor end.”**

What do you think he did? Some of you may think that he went into the church to pray, or to a clergyman or priest. No, he didn't do that. You see, believers in the Lord Jesus have “free access” to the Father. That means they can come without any other person or thing, right to God through the Lord Jesus, and by the Holy Spirit Who understands them and guides them aright. So this man prayed right away, just where he was, and he asked his God and Father to change the direction of the wind.

His prayer was answered immediately and the danger averted. He thankfully wended his way home after finding his friends all safe, and his own house was standing hardly damaged in the midst of a scene of destruction.

Vera's Text.

VERA was a little girl at Sunday School. She was just six years old and she had learned, or tried to learn, at least one text in the Bible. It was that little verse, “We love Him because He first loved us.” 1 John 4. 19.

We all know how difficult it is to remember just how the texts go, especially if we have not given much thought to their meaning. But Vera had understood her text although she could not quite remember the exact words, and this was how she repeated her verse, “I love Him because He died for me.”

Wasn't that a lovely way to put it? And that is exactly what the verse means. I wonder if you can say what Vera said—

“ I love Him because He died for me.”

Today! Tomorrow! Eternity!

It was a Sunday afternoon last June when our beloved editor, who is now with the Lord, took this Blackboard Lesson with his class of boys. Those of our readers who knew him personally can picture his earnestness as he spoke to the lads of

ETERNITY.

We do not know how he took up the different points, but we know he told them that

TODAY

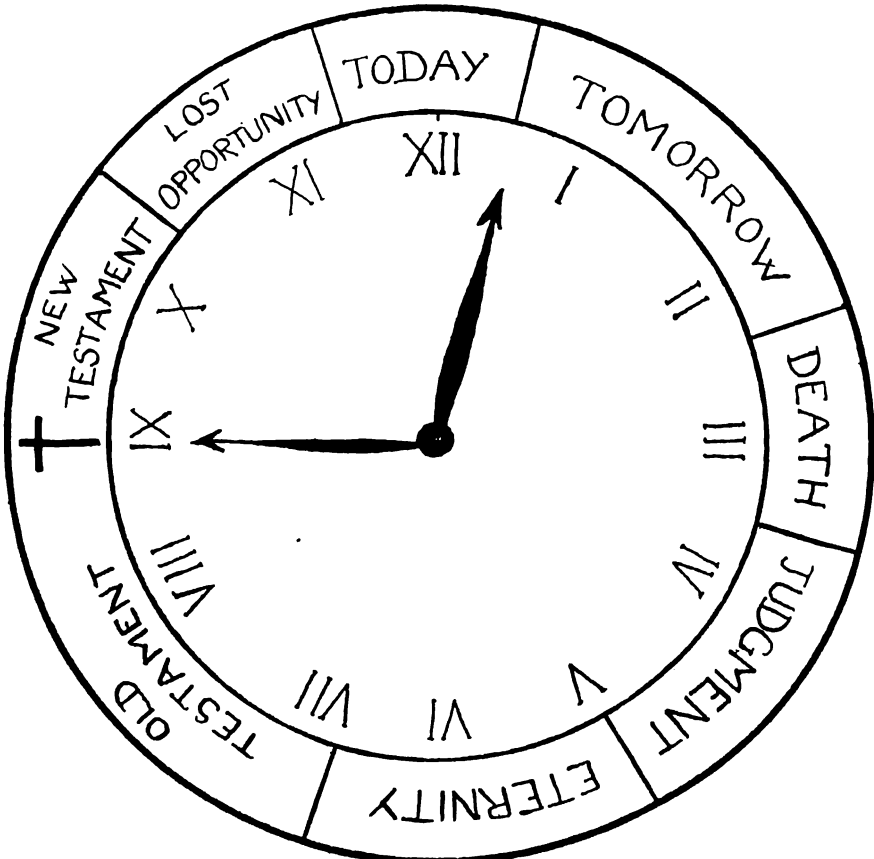
is the time to trust the Lord Jesus, for those who put off till

TOMORROW

may find it is too late, for

DEATH and JUDGMENT

await those whose sins are not forgiven.



How little those boys thought that never again would they listen to the voice of their loved teacher. In less than a week, without a moment's warning, he had passed from time into eternity. For him how glorious! It was to be in the presence of the Saviour Whom for many years he had known and loved.

As a lad of fourteen he was brought to the full assurance of the forgiveness of sins. One Sunday evening, while sitting in a gospel meeting, he realised he was a sinner in the sight of God. When he reached home he knelt in his bedroom and owned to God what a sinner he was, and took the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. He could then rejoice that his sins had been borne by the Lord Jesus on the cross of Calvary and he was saved. From that time it was his great desire to win others for the Lord. In the day that is coming, when the Lord makes up His jewels, we believe there will be some who heard from his lips of the Saviour and others who read words from his pen telling the way of salvation and were thus led to trust Him for themselves.

Will you look again carefully at our Blackboard Lesson and may it bring a message to you.

**Where will you spend eternity?
This question comes to you and to me,
Tell me, what shall your answer be?
Where will you spend eternity?
Eternity! Eternity!
Where will you spend eternity?
Turn and believe this very hour,
Trust in the Saviour's grace and power,
Then shall your joyous answer be—
Saved through a long eternity!
Eternity! Eternity!
Saved through a long eternity!**

Chats with Young Believers.

“**W**HAT are you going to be when you grow up?” Most of us have heard this question lots of times and have tried to answer it too. When we are at school we often think of all the things we should like to do when we grow older.

I know a boy who badly wanted to be an engine driver but when he left school he did not feel quite the same about it. Perhaps you have heard of the boy who said he would like to be a retired bank manager! I am afraid he was lazy. He wanted all the comforts and advantages won by a lifetime of work, without any trouble himself. But that would not be good for any of us, and God has so ordered things that we

must work to live. Even the apostle Paul wrought with his hands to provide for his needs, and he wrote that "if any would not work neither should he eat." 2 Thess. 3. 10.

Now there are some things that God wants all His children to be, no matter what we work at for our daily bread. I want to speak of three of them.

BE YE KIND—Eph. 4. 32.

Perhaps you think there is nothing much in that, and it is an easy thing to do. But if you think a little you will see there is a great deal in it, and sometimes we do not find it so easy. This is such a sad world today. There are many sorrowing ones all round us, and oh! there is such need of kindness. We cannot tell the value of a kind word or even a kind look. This is something we can all do.

The Lord Himself was always kind. All His ways were full of kindness, and He wants us to be like Himself. We find it easy to be kind to those we love but He is "kind unto the unthankful and to the evil." Luke 6. 35. Let us study Him and consider Him, so that we may grow more like Him each day.

BE COURTEOUS—1 Peter 3. 8.

The Bible does not only deal with high doctrines, but comes down to consider even our behaviour to others. Some boys and girls seem to think it big to be rude and unmannerly, but God in His Word tells us to "be courteous." Surely if He deems it worthy of mention we should be careful to seek to please Him even in such an ordinary thing as this. Remember the Lord Jesus is always listening to what we say. That will help us to be courteous.

BE WISE—Matt. 10. 16.

We may not be very wise in the wisdom of this world, but we can all be wise in the way this verse means. Satan is very busy today and wants to trip us up, but if we look to the Lord for wisdom we may be more than a match for him. We have no wisdom of our own but Christ is made unto us wisdom (1 Cor. 1. 30). "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psa. 111. 10). The way to be truly wise is to live day by day remembering that the Lord's eye is upon us and seeking to please Him. Ask His guidance and direction in your pathway, and ask Him to control you in all you say and do. This is the secret of being wise.

THE ENTRANCE
OF THY WORDS
GIVETH LIGHT.

Psalms 119. 130.



How glad we are to see the sun on a cold winter's day. A preacher was once speaking about the wonders of the Bible, when suddenly a bright gleam of sunshine came in the windows and shone across the upturned faces of his listeners. "God's word is like that sunshine" he said, "lighting everything up." Yes, the sunshine comes into my room, and shines in the dark corners, shewing me where my broom and duster are needed! So God's Word shows up the sin in our hearts. BUT it also reveals the Lord Jesus, Whose blood cleanses from all sin. Have you opened the windows of your soul to-day and let in the sunshine of God's Word? You need to—*every day.*

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever tried to count the stars on a clear night? If you have, I am sure you did not succeed for there are so many. They seem very small to us but astronomers tell us how very large they are and the great distances between them. As I look up they tell me of the greatness and the power of our God Who holds all these in their appointed courses. But when I remember that He is the Same God Who sent His beloved Son to this world to suffer and die, it fills my heart with wonder at such grace.

The One, too, Who is so great in power, is the Same Who cares for His people down here in all their sorrows and trials. He is over all and yet takes note when even a sparrow falls to the ground. This is of immense comfort when troubles and difficulties are all around.

Don't you think He is worthy of our trust? Have you given Him yours?

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

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STARS.

1. What are we told about the stars? Psalm 147.
2. Write the verse containing the words "the stars for a light by night." Jeremiah 31.
3. Who will shine as the stars for ever and ever? Daniel 12.
4. Who is the bright and morning Star? Rev. 22.
- *5. Who is a stronghold in the day of trouble? Nahum 1.
6. Write verses from Genesis telling of two different times in which the Lord told Abraham that his seed should be multiplied as the stars.
7. In Matthew we read about men who were guided by a star to where the Lord Jesus as a little Babe was. Who were they? Where did they come from? What did they present to the Lord?

In Luke we also read about men visiting the Babe. Who told them about the great event which had occurred?

Write about both, showing the differences in the two stories.

*Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for September.

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| 1. Exodus 13. 21. | 6. (a) Acts 1. 9. |
| 2. Isaiah 44. 22. | (b) Rev. 1. 7. |
| 3. Nahum 1. 2. | (c) 1 Thess. 4. 16-17. |
| 4. Luke 9. 35. | 7. Exodus 13. 21. |
| 5. Psalm 36. 5. | Exodus 40. 34-38. |
| | Exodus 14. 19-20. |

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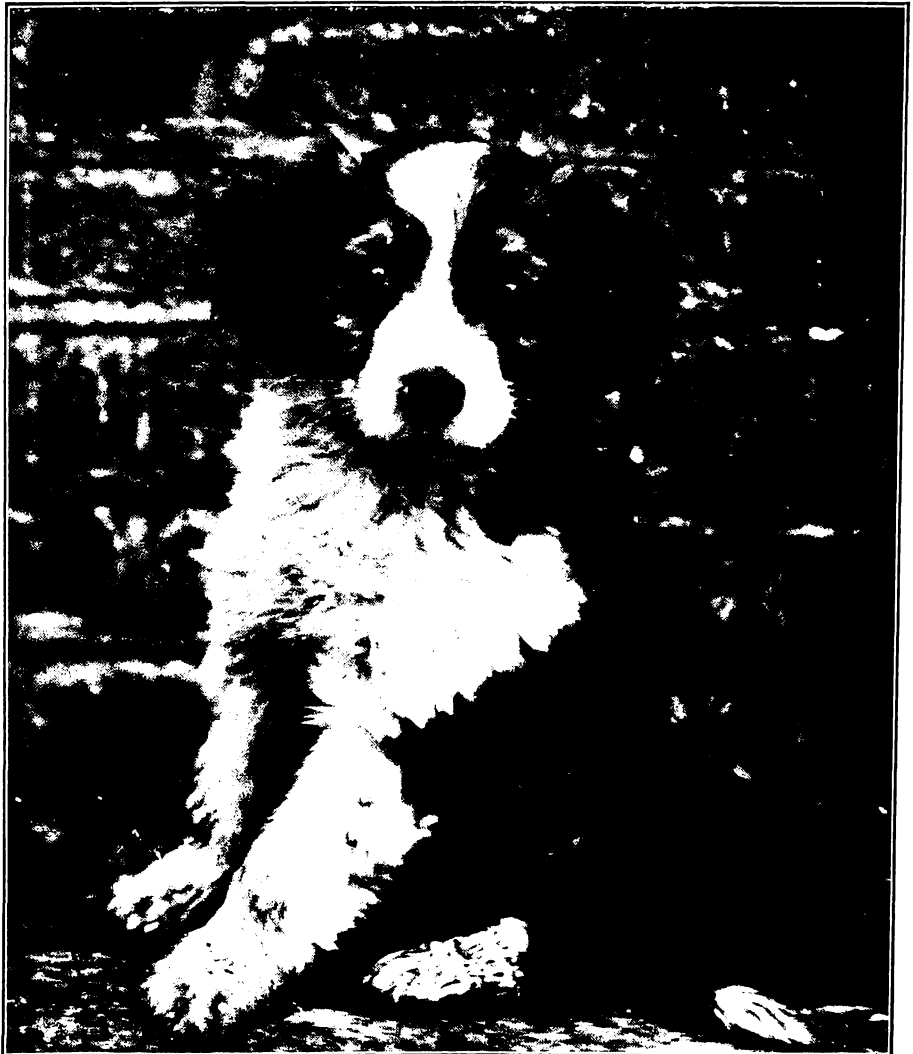
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News of Salvation

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A SPANIEL PUPPY.

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A Greedy Puppy.

IN one of our large vessels the sailors have a puppy on board as a pet. They are all very fond of this puppy and he causes quite a lot of fun for them when they are off duty.

One day one of the sailors had been fishing, and had put a tempting piece of liver for a bait. The puppy had his eye on the liver, and before the sailor knew what he was about, he had jumped up and taken it ! But sad to say, the hook caught in his throat, and as you can imagine the poor little dog began to yelp with pain. The men were so distressed and tried to release the hook but failed. At last they fetched the ship's doctor and he gave the puppy an anæsthetic and soon got the hook out. In about two hours the little dog had forgotten all about his troubles and was quite happy again.

Do you know what it made me think of ? I thought how like Satan—he hangs all sorts of tempting things on his line to keep boys and girls away from Christ. What sorrow and suffering is caused through sin ! No ordinary doctor can put it right, only the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who laid down His life for us, and shed His precious blood to wash our sins away. He alone can save us.

When Christ was tempted by Satan while He was on this earth, He refused everything the tempter offered Him, because He had come into this world to do the will of God His Father. All Satan's tempting baits would not turn Him aside from going to the cross to save you and me. If you accept Him now as your Saviour you will be preserved from Satan's snares and be able to sing truly—

“ Living, He loved me,
Dying, He saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away ;
Rising, He justifies freely for ever ;
One day He's coming ! Oh, glorious day ! ”

How Bert Came to Jesus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL was just over. Lately there had been a wave of blessing passing over the school. God had spoken to one and another of the children through His word, and the Lord Jesus had found some of His lost lambs. Amongst others was a boy named Walter. He had found out that he was a sinner in God's sight and had come to the Lord Jesus Who died to put away our sins, and now he was happy because he knew he was saved.

“ Would you not like to be saved, Bert ? ” he said to his friend as school ended that morning. “ Indeed I would,” said Bert who had often heard the story of Jesus and really longed to be saved. “ Well, let us go into the other room and tell Jesus about it,” said his friend. So together the two boys knelt down and just told Jesus about it, and there on his knees Bert in his simple way took the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and knew he had been accepted and forgiven.

Bert himself told me the story a few weeks ago. His friend Walter is now with the Saviour whom he learned to know as a boy of eleven. Bert has never regretted that Sunday morning when his friend led him to the Saviour.

Delivered from the Pit.

A CHRISTIAN man was looking after a friend who was very ill. One night the patient needed something from his doctor, and his friend made his way in the dark to the doctor's house.

He took a way back through a road where men had been working. They had left some deep pits over which planks had been laid for people to cross. Our friend crossed the first safely, though the plank was a bit shaky. The second was firmer and he went on confidently. At the third however he missed his footing and was sent headlong into the pit.

But God was looking after him. A young lady saw him fall and went to her home close by for help. He was found at the bottom of the hole, senseless.

When he came to, he saw a policeman, a doctor and the occupants of the house standing around him. “ Hullo ! ” he said, “ what have I been doing to require a policeman ? ” Then the memory of his fall came back to him, and he said, “ All things work together for good to them that love God and I love Him.”

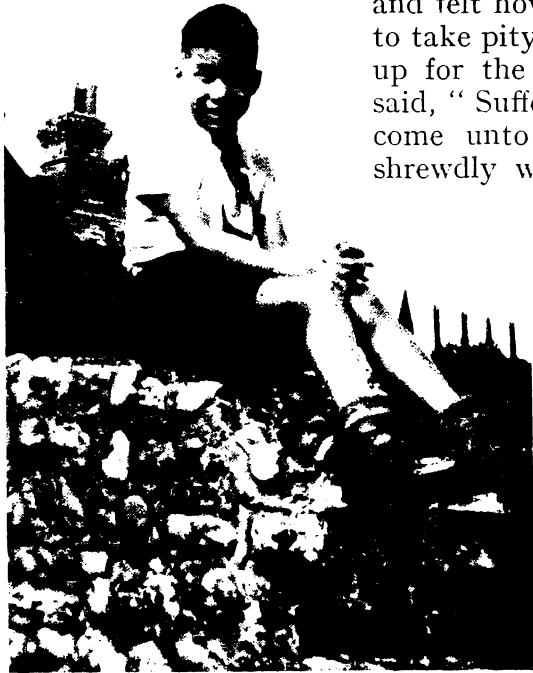
And there and then he thanked God, first of all for saving him from the pit of destruction by sending the Lord Jesus to die for him, and then for saving him out of the pit along the road.

He could truly say—

“ HE BROUGHT ME UP ALSO OUT OF AN HORRIBLE PIT . . . HE HATH PUT A NEW SONG IN MY MOUTH, EVEN PRAISE UNTO OUR GOD.” Psalm 40. 2, 3.

Our Little Chinese Visitor.

ONE day an unexpected visitor called at the house of two missionaries in China. The visitor had in her arms a tiny Chinese baby boy, whom she said was a little famine orphan. The lady missionary looked at the dear little baby and felt how much she would like to take pity on him and bring him up for the Lord Jesus Who had said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." Her husband shrewdly wondered if the visitor was telling the truth.



The little baby was adopted into that christian home, but only a few days later his adopted parents had a fresh surprise. Another visitor called and when she saw the little mite, exclaimed "So you have got the policeman's baby!" The policeman and his wife did not want this

poor little baby so they found an untruthful stranger to give him away for them.

When the little boy was seven years old his new parents came to stay in England. He could speak English well and loved to talk about the big ships he had seen and about the *Queen Mary*. In our picture you see him sitting on a wall at Eastbourne, dressed in English clothes. As he was only a small boy he had to go to bed early, and he felt a little afraid all alone in a strange house. He had a favourite chorus which he used to sing after he was in bed :—

Do you know what makes us happy
When so many hearts are sad ?
We are little friends of Jesus,
That is why we are so glad.

Then he would fall asleep, happy to know the Lord Jesus was near him wherever he was.

He is back in China now, and is about thirteen or fourteen years old, and has been to a school in Peking. One of the last letters we read from his home brought some good news of him. It told us that he had received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. And the Saviour Whom our young Chinese friend has found wants to be your Saviour too. Have you trusted Him yet?

Rescued.

CYRIL had joined the Merchant Navy, and his relatives and many christian friends were continually praying for his safety, and God does answer prayer.

When on his second trip his ship was torpedoed. He was aroused from sleep by the noise of the explosion. He hastily slipped on some clothes, and when he reached the deck the enemy was firing on them. One man was killed but the remaining thirty-nine managed to get into lifeboats.

For four days they were in an open boat with only a few biscuits and water each day, but Cyril felt the Lord was with him. He knew that underneath him were the everlasting arms.

What a relief it was when a foreign vessel rescued them and took them to the port from which they had started. Cyril had proved, as so many of those who have trusted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and are now in places of danger are proving, the truth of that verse in Psalm 50. 15 :—

*“ Call upon Me in the day of trouble : I will deliver thee,
and thou shalt glorify Me.”*

The Name of Jesus.

Precious Name ! the Name of JESUS,
Son of God most high,
Who in love to guilty sinners,
Came to die.

Precious Name ! the story telling
Of His humble birth ;
Of His lonely pathway, trodden
Here on earth.

Precious Name ! of Him the Saviour,
Come the lost to save ;
In His grace for ruined sinners
All He gave.

Precious Name ! of Him Who suffered
On the shameful tree ;
Gave Himself, the willing Victim,
Spotless He.

Precious Name ! enthroned in heaven,
Still that Name He bears ;
On His brow, the crown of glory
Now He wears.

Precious, peerless Name of Jesus
None can tell its worth ;
Sweetest Name there is in heaven,
Or on earth.

Chats with Young Believers.

SOME time ago at a certain technical school, every new pupil was asked to answer this question, "What is your ambition?" The principal wanted to be sure that each pupil had an aim in life, so that he had a definite object in view in studying.

Sometimes it is well for each of us who know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour to ask ourselves, "What is my ambition?" "What is my aim in life?"

In this world people have all sorts of ambitions. Some want to be rich; some want to make a name for themselves, and all want to be happy. In other words all want to do the best for *themselves*.

But we who are christians have a higher aim, have we not? Do you remember what the apostle Paul said, speaking of the Lord? In 2 Cor. 5. 9 we read, "We labour that . . . we may be accepted of Him" (or acceptable to Him). He endeavoured that he should be well pleasing to the Lord. That was a splendid ambition, was it not? How it would ennoble everything we did, if we were seeking to be well pleasing to Him in it all. It would make us very careful in all our thoughts and words and deeds if we want to please Him. You would like to please the Lord Jesus, would you not?

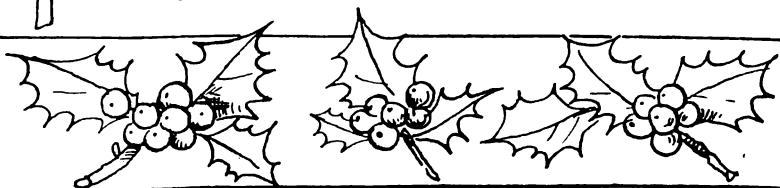
In another place Paul says "To me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1. 21). That means Christ was his object in all he did.

I remember reading of a young man who gave a party on his twenty-first birthday. An old friend who was present gave him a slip of paper to read when he was going to bed, asking him to fill in the blank space. The boy looked at it at bed-time when all the festivities were over and read, "To me to live is. . . ." He knew how it reads in the Bible but he chose otherwise. He wrote, "To me to live is to enjoy myself." He evidently did not know that the truest joy comes from giving Christ the first place. He put the paper in his desk and soon forgot all about it.

If we had seen that young man some years after we would have seen the result of leaving Christ out of his life. His joys soon vanished, his pleasures fled and he found the emptiness of a life spent only for oneself. He found the slip of paper hidden away in his desk, and as he read it again he realised what a mistake he had made, and resolved henceforward to put Christ first. Dear young believers, make it your earnest endeavour as Paul did, to be in all things well pleasing to the Lord, for He is worthy of our best.

I JOHN 1:7.

THE BLOOD OF
JESUS CHRIST.
cleanseth us
from all sin.



Scrub, scrub, scrub—it was a dirty job, and the man who was putting such hard work into it, didn't know whether the floor was brick, or boards or cement—it looked like mud. But presently he became interested, for a real pattern was slowly appearing. It was lino! Why was he doing this job? He had gone down to the slums of a big city to take the Gospel to some poor ignorant people. Here in this one-roomed home of a poor old helpless woman, as he gave a practical illustration of what could be done with a dirty floor, so he could tell them what the Lord Jesus had done with his own black heart of sin, and what he could do with every other heart—with *yours* too! God has a beautiful pattern for your life, but He can only work it out when your heart has been washed clean in the blood of Jesus. Have you let Him do it yet? There is no time to be lost, for He *wants* you for His service—*now*.

BIBLE SEARCHING.

Dear Boys and Girls,

If you could look up all the verses in the Bible which speak about the wind, it would surprise you to see how often God used it to do His will.

When we hear the storm raging and see the havoc that is wrought by the wind, it seems such a wild uncontrollable thing, yet the One Who created it, is the One Who also can make it obey His Word. The stories we read in the Gospels show us this so beautifully. We can picture the questioning disciples, when the wind suddenly ceased and there was a great calm. It does not surprise us that they found out then that the Lord Jesus was no ordinary man but that He was the Son of God, though in lowly guise.

*"Should sevenfold storms of thunder roll,
And shake this globe from pole to pole,
No thunderbolt shall daunt my face,
For Jesus is my hiding place."*

One of our answers tells us about a hiding place from the wind. Does not that remind us that we need a shelter from the storm which will soon break over this earth? How often even now people need shelter from the dangers around and they are glad to use those which are provided! How much more do they require the shelter which the Lord Jesus offers from coming wrath. It would be good if each one could say "Jesus is my hiding place."

Your loving friend,
N. E.

QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

The whole verse answering the question must be written. Those under 15 to answer five questions; those from 15 to 20 to answer all the questions.

Wind.

1. What are the ungodly like? Psalm 1.
2. Who shall be a hiding place from the wind? Isaiah 32.
3. What are like filthy rags? Isaiah 64.
4. How did the Lord Jesus still the wind and the sea? Mark 4.
- * 5. Write the verse containing the words "I am the Way." John 14.
6. Mention twice in the life of Jonah when the Lord used the wind to reach Jonah's conscience.
7. Tell in your own words two stories about the disciples being on the sea in a great storm of wind.

* Verse to learn.

Answers to Questions for October.

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| 1. Matt. 5. 45. | 6. Ecclesiastes. | 7. Joshua 10. 12-14. |
| 2. Psalm 84. 11. | (a) Chap. 1. 9. | Isaiah 38. 8. |
| 3. Psalm 113. 3. | (b) Chap. 2. 11. | Luke 23. 44-45. |
| 4. Ephesians 4. 26. | (c) Chap. 4. 3. | |
| 5. Revelation 22. 5. | (d) Chap. 8. 9. | |
| | (e) Chap. 9. 6. | |

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