

## GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young











#### NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER

over the people of Israel, and since Solomon his son had built the temple in Jerusalem. Many other kings had reigned since then over Israel and Judah; some of them had served the Lord, like David (I Kings xv. II; 2 Kings xv. 3), and some of them had walked in their own ways and done evil in the sight of the Lord (I Kings xvi. 25, 30; 2 Kings xxi. 2). Till at last, because of their idolatry and disobedience, God had allowed His people to be carried away captive to a strange land, some to Assyria and some to Babylon. The temple was burnt

down, and Jerusalem was left in ruins.

Now, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Nehemiah was the king's cupbearer in Shushan the palace. He was one of the captive Jews. In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, who conquered Babylon, many of them had been allowed to return to their own land and to begin rebuilding the temple; and though the work was hindered by their enemies, it was completed at last in the sixth year of king Darius. In the seventh year of Artaxerxes another company of people had gone up from Babylon to Jerusalem with Ezra, taking with them the silver and gold which the king and his counsellors had offered to the God of Israel, and the freewill offering which His people too had given for the house of their God. Thirteen years had gone by since then.

Nehemiah loved the city of God, though he was far away from his own land, and perhaps had never been in Jerusalem; but he did not yet know that God had chosen him to go and help Ezra in the work of restoration there. One day he heard very sad things about Jerusalem.

Hanani his brother and other men of Judah came to Shushan, and they told Nehemiah that the people who had returned there were in great affliction; and though the temple had been rebuilt so long before, the walls of the city were still broken down and the gates destroyed by fire. This news made Nehemiah very sad, and he wept and mourned many days. But he was one who loved and feared the Lord, and when there was trouble he knew where to go. He did not just sit down and weep, and do nothing else; he "prayed before the God of heaven." He knew that God had said, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; and I will deliver thee"; and so Nehemiah did. He confessed his sins and the sins of his people, which had brought their troubles upon them, and he prayed for three things: that God would hear his prayer; that He would remember His promise to Moses; and that He would prosper him before the king in the thing he meant to ask. Then he went about his usual work; but still he remembered that the Lord could hear and answer his prayer.

And God did answer the prayer of His servant. We do not know just how long he had to wait; but it was in November or December, according to our reckoning, that the sorrowful news came from Jerusalem. In March or April an opportunity came for Nehemiah to make his request to the king; we do not know why there was this delay, but it may have been that not till then did his turn come to attend upon the king. The king himself noticed that his cupbearer was sad, and asked the reason. He asked what request he had to make, and Nehemiah says, "So I prayed to the God of heaven." And God guided him, so that when he told the king what he wished to do, at once the king gave his permission. "The king granted

me," he says, "according to the good hand of my God upon me"; and he was given permission to go himself to rebuild Jerusalem. Of his journey and what he did there you must hear another time, and how God helped him in all his difficulties.

Just as Nehemiah went to the Lord in his trouble, so may we; for He is "nigh unto all that call upon Him." And of them that fear Him we are told "He also will hear their cry and will save them." If we confess our sins, He has promised to forgive (I John i. 9). He will remember His promises; and He will surely guide and prosper those who trust in Him. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding: in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

K.I.B.

#### A NEW YEAR LETTER

EAR Boys and Girls,

A happy new year to all of you, old friends and new! Some of those who have answered the questions for years are now unable to do so—one is in France, one is far away at sea, and others are in training in this country. But they do not forget what they have learnt in their Bible searching month by month; we hear from them and we think often of them and of you all, and pray the Lord's blessing on every one.

We hope to welcome many new searchers in 1917, and still to hear from all the old ones; for still we need as

much as ever to "Search the Scriptures."

Last year's questions were about Ruth, and Hannah, and other people who lived in the days of the Judges; about Samuel and Saul too, and about David and Jona-

than; the stories of their lives, and what God did for each of them. He is the same still; He says, "I am the

Lord, I change not "; and what He did then for those who trusted in Him, He is able to do to-day.

This year's questions are to be quite different; but "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." Look at the new questions; look for and find the answers; and ask the Lord to teach you as you do so. May His word be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path every day in this new year.

Your affectionate friends.

B. S. Q.

#### WE SHALL SEE HIM

OT very long ago the King came to the place where I live. We heard he had come, and we went to see him. Quite a lot of people were waiting by the gate of the park, where they thought he would come out; there were Serbian boys, with their funny square caps, and errand boys, and school boys and girls, and little children, as well as all the big people. They all wanted to see the King. When we had waited a little while someone came and spoke to the man who drove the King's motor car, and it moved off to another gate. He was coming that way, so all the people moved to the other gate too, and there they waited again. Presently we saw the King walking down to the gate with his officers; he came through the gate, and past the Serbian boys and all the people to get to his car. We saw the King; and then he drove away.

Once there was a man who wanted to see Jesus. He

had heard that Jesus was passing through the town where he lived, and he did want to see Him. But there was a great crowd of people all come out to see Him, and this man was not very tall. So he climbed up into a tree that grew beside the road, and there he waited for the Lord to pass by. Though Zacchæus (that was his name) had never seen Him before, Jesus knew all about Zacchæus, for He knows everything, and when He came to the place He looked up into the tree and called him by name. "Come down, Zacchæus," He said; "make haste; I am coming to your house to-day." Wasn't that splendid? And Zacchæus made haste and came down; he was so very glad and happy. The Lord knew about his wish, and Zacchæus got more than he expected.

Now the Lord Jesus has gone away to His home in heaven, and we cannot see Him with our eyes. But He can see us, and He knows all about us, and He says that if we love Him we shall see Him one day. I know a little girl whose father is far away in India. She cannot see him, but he writes to her, and she prints letters to him; she is not old enough to write yet. He does not mean to stay in India always; and when the time comes for him to come home to his little girl and boy, then she

will see him. What a happy day that will be!

We cannot see the Lord Jesus now, but we can read His letter to us, the Bible; and one day He is coming from heaven to fetch all those who love Him to live with Him in His Father's beautiful home, where the many mansions are. Then we shall see Him, and then we shall live with Him for ever. What a happy day that will be!

### BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 1917

Our readers are invited to send answers to these questions before January 25th, addressed "Questions" (or "Q.F.S."), c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 & 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. The answers should be IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE; when possible, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer. For the senior questions a Reference Bible should be used.

Initials of those answering correctly will be published in March, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to the Juniors who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time, and to the Seniors at the end of the year.

Each answer should have the same number as the question to which it belongs. Name, age last birthday, address and date should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of the paper.

#### Questions for Juniors and Seniors

Those under 10 do three only of the questions marked \*; those under 12 do the four questions marked \*; over 12 and under 16 do the four marked ones and two others; the seniors do the four questions not marked.

#### ABOUT THE HEART.

- \*1. Who knows the secrets of the heart? (Psalm xliv.).
- \*2. What does God say the heart is like? Who searches the heart? (Jeremiah xvii.).
  - \*3. What is the prayer in Psalm 1i. about a clean heart?
- \*4. What does the Lord want us to do with our hearts? (Proverbs xxiii.), and what do we read in Psalms xxxiv. and liabout a broken and a contrite heart?
- 5. What did the Lord Jesus say about the things that come out of the heart?
- 6. Where and what do we read about the following installed froward heart and (b) a proud heart (Psalms and Proverbs), (c) a deceitful heart, (d) a stony heart, and (e) a new heart? (Jeremiah and Ezekiel).
- 7. What did Solomon say, in his prayer at the dedication of the temple, about the Lord knowing the hearts of all? Find as many other verses as you can which speak of the Lord knowing

our hearts. What are we told in the Epistle to the Hebrews is a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"?

8. Where are we told that the Lord is pleased with a contrite heart and will dwell there? Explain meaning of contrite. What do we read in 2 Corinthians about the light shining in our hearts? Find and complete this prayer: "Search me, O God, and know my heart."

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for November, 79 papers received:—Commended: A.E., E.S.G., G.M.D., J.E., S.M.T., Edna H., R.E., F.J.Y., E.D.M., Evelyn K., Edith B., P.A.S., N.C.B. (under 12), Q.H.W., M.F.G., D.H., Doris B., J.F.J., C.F.B., M.J.C., S.E.H., Clara K., M.H.S. (under 10), A.J.M., H.A.H., J.W.H., Elsie M., E.S. Six correct: K.M.V., B.W., Elsie W. Four correct: Charles B., J.L.H., B.C.G., S.W.P., J.R., Ernest R. Three correct: Grace H., M.B.M., Madge T. Not quite correct: Alfred S., E.M.C., J.H.M., H.M.M., Evelyn B., J.G.B., Peggy B., G.C., James C., L.C., I.C., John C., J.G., M.E.G., Ethel G., Mollie G., Muriel G., W.A.G., R.G.H., Gwendoline H., D.E.M., P.M., C.M.W., A.W., the first four are commended. Answers to October questions: Ella K. (Canada).

Answers to November Q.F.S. from:—E.K.S., D.P., C.H., M.J., D.M.R., D.C.B., P.H., G.P., J.G.G., E.E.G., E.A.W. These papers were good on the whole, those first on the list very good; some of the others omitted parts of Questions 5, 7 or 8. The best answers to these are found as follows:—5. 1 Samuel xxii. 1 and 2; Psalm Ivii. 1 and cxlii. 5. 7. (a) Ezekiel xxxiv. 11, 12, 16; (b) verse 31; (c) verse 15. 8. (a) The Shepherd of Israel; (b) Psalm lxxviii. 52; lxxix. 13; (c) John x. 11, 14; Hebrews xiii. 20; 1 Peter v. 4; John x. 4.

Answers to Square Word in November from:—Edith B., J.E., F.J.Y., R.E., E.H., E.M.K., S.M.T., J.G., B.C.G.

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#### NEHEMIAH'S PURPOSE

E find that Nehemiah had to wait about four months, after the the sad tidings came to him of the ruined state of Jerusalem, before he could speak to king Artaxerxes about it. During that time a purpose had grown up in his heart. No doubt God had put it there, in answer to his prayer, thus allowing Nehemiah himself to help in bringing about that which he so much desired. Perhaps his very desire that this work should be done helped to fit him to be the one who should do it. For when God has work to be done He prepares His instruments; and He works through those who are His. What a wonderful thought, that men and women, and even boys and girls, can help to do God's work! Yet it is true. He will teach you if you really want to do this.

#### WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE?

Though four months had gone by since he heard this sad tidings, Nehemiah was still very sorrowful, for he did not see how he could do what he wanted. But when he was at his duties the king noticed his sorrow, and this gave him his opportunity. "Why are you sad?" he said; "you are not ill." Then Nehemiah was "very sore afraid," for it was not usual to come into the king's presence with any sign of sorrow, and he had not thought his sadness would be noticed. But he told the king what his sorrow was. The king kindly asked him what he wanted to do; "For what dost thou make request?" he asked. Nehemiah swiftly lifted up his heart to God in heaven, praying that He would direct his thoughts and words, and incline the king's heart to grant what he should ask. Then he was ready, knowing

what to ask for, and forgetting nothing needful. He answered the king, "If it please the king to send me, and if thy servant hath found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldst send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it." It pleased the king to send him, and Nehemiah made a further request: that letters should be given him to the governors beyond the river, and to the keeper of the king's forest, so that he might not be hindered in his journey, and might have plenty of wood for the gates, and the wall, and all the work of re-building. Everything he asked the king granted; for God's hand was "upon him for good" (see verse 8, and Ezra viii. 22), and He is able to remove all difficulties in the way of those who wait upon Him for guidance and help.

So Nehemiah set out on his journey, and the king sent captains and horsemen to escort him, as one high in his favour. He passed through the country where the British troops in Mesopotamia are now marching against the Turks; he came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters; and at last he came safely to Jerusalem. There were enemies who grieved exceedingly that a man was come to seek the welfare of the children of Israel, but this did not turn him from his purpose, for he knew that God had sent

him.

After three days in Jerusalem, and before he told anyone what God had put in his heart to do at Jerusalem, he went by night, taking only a few men with him, to view the broken down walls of the city, and to see what had to be done. He went out by the valley gate, by the dragon well, and viewed the walls, and went on to the gate of the fountain by the pool of Siloah; but there was so much rubbish that the beast he was riding

could not pass by. Then he went by the brook Kidron, on the east of the city, and viewed the wall on that side, and turned back to enter again by the valley gate.

Till then he had not told them where he was going, nor what he was doing; but now he spoke to the priests and the nobles and the rulers and the rest of the people, inviting them to help in the work of building up the wall of Jerusalem. He told them how God had helped him, and what the king had said; and they took courage, and said, "Let us rise up and build." So "they strengthened their hands for this good work"; and trusting in God to prosper them they determined, as His servants, to arise and build, and do the work which

lay before them.

What is your purpose? Do you want to do something for the Lord? Are you ready to do the work which God has for you to do, or are you wasting your time in just going your own way and pleasing yourself? For each of us He has work to do; it may be learning, it may be helping someone else, it may be something we have not done before. You cannot do anything so as to please Him till you have given Him your heart and asked Him to forgive your sins. But if you have done this, the Lord is able to put into your heart, too, the thing that He wants you to do, and you can pray to Him, like Nehemiah, and ask Him to do this. He will shew you how to overcome all the difficulties, if you ask His help and guidance, and watch for your opportunity; and He will surely reward what is done for Him.

" Teach me Thy way, O Lord."

K. I. B.



#### GOD'S LETTER

OW pleased you are when the postman brings a letter with your name outside! And if father is away, or mother, how much you like to have a letter from them! You make haste to read it, or if you are too little to read it yourself, you get someone to read it to you. I know of a little boy who is gone with his mother and little sisters to stay with his grandparents, because his father has had to go and help the soldiers. Not long ago this little boy wrote a letter to his father, though he is only five, and I am sure his father has written to him.

God has written us a letter; it is to you and to me and to everyone that reads it. In it He says, "Blessed (that means happy) is he that readeth, and they that hear the words" that are in it. It is very long, we can't read it all at once; but He wants us to read it.

There are stories in it, too.

Do you know what God's letter is called? Sometimes the Bible, sometimes the holy Scriptures. Even little children may know what is written there, and what God has said in His letter to us. If you cannot read yet, you can listen when stories are told out of it, and when father or mother read it to you, and you can learn some of it to remember. I had a little brother once who used to sing

Jesus loves me, this I know For the Bible tells Mamma so.

He could not read it, but his mother did, and he knew because she told him. We read in the Bible of a boy long ago who knew the Scriptures when he was very little, because his mother and grandmother taught him. In the New Testament (that is the last part of the Bible) there are two letters written to this boy after he grew to be a man, by the apostle Paul; and in one of them we find the names of his mother and grandmother, and Timothy (that was his name) is reminded that "from a child" he had "known the holy Scriptures."

Are you like Timothy?

The Lord Jesus tells us to "Search the Scriptures." That means not only read little bits of them, but really look to see what they say. God's letter, as I told you, is too long to read all at once, but whenever we do read it we should read carefully, to find out what He says. Search means something like seek. When you play hide and seek, you look for somebody hiding, or something hidden. When you search a house or a room, you look to find what is there. So when we search the Scriptures, we look to find what is told us there. You cannot before you are able to read, but as soon as you can read, you can look in the Bible to see what it tells us about God and the Lord Jesus, and how much they love us.

O.S.S.T.

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When David Livingstone was a lad, a godly man, who was dying, called him to his bedside and said: "My boy, make religion the every-day business of your life, and not a thing of fits and starts." Livingstone determined to do so, and God used him to open up to the Gospel the dark continent of Africa. He kept to his resolve through all the long years until his last hour, which he spent upon his knees in prayer.

#### HIDDEN ACROSTIC

1. A city whose people were praised because "they searched the Scriptures daily."

2. A city where Paul and Barnabas "long time . . .

abode . . . speaking boldly in the Lord."

3. Some things which the apostle Paul desired Timothy to bring to him at Rome.

4. A woman whose heart the Lord opened so that she

attended to Paul's words about the Lord Jesus.

5. A mother whose little son was taught to know the

Holy Scriptures from a child.

Initials read downwards give the name by which we generally speak of God's Book.

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HEARTS WHICH THE LORD DOES AND DOES NOT LIKE.

\*I. What does the Lord Jesus say about "the pure in heart"? (Matthew v.).

\*2. When He explained the parable of the sower to His disciples what did He say about "an honest and good heart"? (Luke viii.).

\*3. What kind of heart did Solomon ask the Lord to give him? and what did God then say He had given him, according to his words? (I Kings iii.).

\*4. What do we read in Proverbs xxii. about foolishness in the

heart, and in Proverbs x. and xxiii. about being wise in heart?

To what are we told in Proverbs xxiii. to apply the heart? and what is promised earlier in the same book to those who apply the heart to understanding?

6. What warning is given in Hebrews iii. against " an evil heart of unbelief"? and what is said in Romans about believing in the

heart.....unto righteousness?

7. What did king Hezekiah pray for those who prepared their hearts to seek God? What do we read about a prepared heart in connection with (a) Rehoboam; (b) Jehoshaphat; and (c) Ezra?

8. Find four verses in the New Testament and one in the Psalms which speak of a pure heart. What do we read in Psalm xv. and in Hebrews x. about speaking truth in the heart, and about

a true heart?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for December, 61 papers received:—Commended: R.E., Evelyn K., J.E., A.E., G.M.D., S.M.T., B.W., S.W.P., E.D.M., Evelyn B., M.E.G., N.C.B., E.M.C. (under 12), M.F.G., D.H., J.F.J., Q.H.W., C.F.B., M.J.C., Madge T., Clara K., Doris B. (under 10), Muriel G., J.W.H., H.A.H., R.L.Y., R.G.H., A.J.M., H.M.M. Six correct: D.E.M. Four correct: B.C.G., S.E.H., Ernest R. Three correct: Peggy B., A.B., James C., I.C., L.C., J.L.H., Elsie M. Correct except in one answer: Edna H., F.J.Y., J.G., John C., Grace H., J.H.M., the first two are commended.

Answers to November questions: Ella K. (Canada).

Answers to December Q.F.S. from: -D.P., D.M.R., D.C.B., C.K., P.H., M.J., G.P., E.K.S., C.H., D.A.B., J.G.G., E.A.W. All of these papers were very good, especially the first three; but some small mistakes and omissions were made in the following:— 5. (b) Forty years, 2 Samuel v. 4, 1 Kings ii. 11. 6. (b) 1 Chronicles xi. 3, 10, and xii. 23. 8. (a) Luke ii. 11; (b) Luke i. 31 (last clause) 32, 33.

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#### HOW THEY BUILT THE WALL

HE people of Jerusalem who helped Nehemiah to build the wall had been there quite a long time, some of them thirteen years, some much longer; but they did not begin to build it until he came and set to work. This shews how the earnest purpose of one person will stir up others also to do what they can.

"Let us build up the wall of Jerusalem," said Nehemiah. The people were willing, and everybody helped; they started on the work God had given them to do. When Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem, the enemies who had grieved at Nehemiah's coming, heard what the Jews were going to do, they laughed at them. But Nehemiah knew how to answer these men. "God will help us," he said, "and we his servants will build: but you have nothing to do with it." They could neither help nor hinder; for only God's servants can do His work, and He would not let them hinder.

But everyone who is truly His can help in His work; there is something for all to do. And He will never forget what is done for Him; others may know very little about it, but He knows, and He will reward it. Nehemiah iii. tells the names of those who helped in this work, and what they did; and so are written down in God's book now the names of those who do anything for Him, and what they do. No one who does not belong to Him can help in His work; the Thessalonians of old "first gave their own selves to the Lord," and so

must we.

All sorts of people helped in building the wall. Eliashib the high priest and the other priests with him built up the sheep gate, and set up the doors; and the wall beyond, as far as the tower of Meah, and the tower Hananeel. The sheep gate was nearest to the temple, and through it the sheep were brought in for the sacrifices; it was near this gate that the Lord Jesus in after years healed the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda. There were others who built up the fish gate, and the old gate, the valley gate, and the gate of the fountain, and set up the doors and locks and bars of them all. Others built and repaired the wall between the gates, and fortified to the broad wall; they repaired the tower of the furnaces, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and the tower by the king's high house, and another tower, and the great tower. We read also of the water gate, and the great tower. We read also of the water gate, and the horse gate, the east gate, and the gate Miphkad; until at last they got right round the city, and came again to the sheep gate. There was plenty of work for all; even the men of Gibeon (Joshua ix. 3, 27) were allowed to help, and the Nethinims (Ezra viii. 20), the hewers of wood and

drawers of water for the house of God; and one man brought his daughters to help in the work.

The people did not say "That is not my work; I can't do that." Merchants, goldsmiths and apothecaries all took their share, and the priests and the Levites too. A goldsmith's son and an apothecary's son worked side by side, and their names are set down to be remembered. The men of Jericho helped, and the sons of Hassenaah, the men of Mizpeh, and the inhabitants of Zanoah, the rulers, and the keeper of the gate. The nobles of the Tekoites "put not their necks to the work of their Lord," but the men of Tekoah did

a double share (verses 5, 27); and these things are set down for us to read. God took notice of both. He knew that Baruch did his work earnestly (v. 20), and that the priests of the plain were helping as well as

those of Jerusalem.

What a wonderful thing to remember that God takes notice of everything we do, and all is set down in His book! Are you serving him? or are you still going your own way, and thinking only of pleasing yourself? Remember what Joshua said to the Israelites—"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." If you do not "serve the Lord Christ," then you are serving His great enemy. But if you are serving the Lord, then remember that whatever you have to do, you can do it for Him, "as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." The special work He has for you may be "over

against your own house" (verses 23, 28, 30).

Sanballat and his friends were very angry that the work was being done in spite of them, and they came and mocked at the busy workers. "What do these feeble Jews?" they said; "If only a fox go up on their wall, he will break it down." But Nehemiah and the others took no notice; they only turned to the Lord in prayer, and went on with the work. "So built we the wall," he said; "for the people had a mind to work." And very soon half the work was done. When people give their minds to what they have to do, it is sure to be done well and quickly. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men"; then you need take no notice of what people say to hinder; and "of the Lord ye shall receive the reward."

K.I.B.



#### ANSWER TO HIDDEN ACROSTIC IN FEBRUARY

Berea; Acts xvii. 10, 11. Iconium; Acts xiv. 1-3. Books; 2 Timothy iv. 13. Lydia; Acts xvi. 14. Eunice; 2 Timothy i. 5.

BIBLE.



A young Highland Soldier, who is stationed forty miles east of the Suez Canal, declares that "Nearly every day a dozen fellows come and say to me, 'Jock, do let us have a read of your Testament." The Bible Society has now sent him a stock of New Testaments to distribute.

From "Bible Society Gleanings."



### BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS July to December, 1916

During the six months, from July to December, 1916, we have received answers from 110 of our readers, 62 of whom have sent every time. During the whole year 176 have sent answers to the questions; 42 of these have sent every month throughout the year. We are glad that the questions are found interesting and helpful by so many of our readers, and that such good answers have been sent. We hope that others will join them in "Searching the Scriptures."

Books are awarded to those whose names appear in full. Over 14:—†Evelyn Kelsey, †John Evans. Highly Commended: †A.E., †Evelyn B., †M.E.G., E.S.G., J.R., Edith B. Commended: L.E.G.,

K.M., B.W.

12 to 14 years: †Ruth Evans, †Norman Baker. Highly Commended: †G.M.D., \*S.M.T., †F.J.Y., †E.M.C., \*Edna H., †S.W.P., †J.H.M., †J.G., †D.E.M. Commended: \*J.G.B., †B.C.G., †Ernest R., †James C., G.A.G., Elsie W.

To to 12 years: \*Queenie Warne, \*Stephen Houseman. Highly Commended: †E.D.M., \*D.H., †Doris B., †Ella K. (Canada), †Clara K., †J.F.J., †J.L.H., †Madge T., †Alfred S. Commended: \*Peggy B., †L.C., Gwendoline H., Ethel G., V.M.T., K.M.V., M.MacL.

Under 10: †Marjorie Gardner, \*Albert Marks, Highly Commended: †M.J.C., \*J.W.H., †C.F.B., †M.B.M., †H.A.H., †Grace H., \*Elsie M., \*R.G.H., †H.M.M. Commended: \*Muriel G., †I.C., Mollie G., \*John C.

Those marked † have sent every month of the year, and those marked \* each time during the six months.

#### Senior Questions-January to December, 1916

The answers to these questions throughout the year have been on the whole extremely good, and we are very glad to know that the work has been found helpful and interesting. It will always be found true that "whatsoever things were written aforetime" in God's Book "were written for our learning."

Some whose names appeared here last year are now in training, or on active service; they continued the questions as long as possible. G.A.R. was first on the list up to the time he had to leave. Books are awarded to those whose names appear in full, and we wish we could give more. Those highly commended will receive small pictures of the Holy Land or of the Tabernacle.

For the best sets of papers: †Dorothy Paull, †Douglas Baker, †Mary Johnstone; for good and careful papers: †Gladys Paull, †John Garner, †Phebe Houseman; also \*Gordon A. Round (highest on the list until August). Highly commended: \*E.K.S., \*D.M.R., †C.K., †E.A.W., \*D.A.B., C.H., \*F.C., \*A.C., \*D.M.B., E.E.G. Papers also from: H.H., E.G., R.T.

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#### BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR MARCH

1917

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WHAT TO DO AND NOT TO DO WITH THE HEART.

- \*I. Why does king David say his heart shall rejoice? (Psalm xiii.).
- \*2. What are we told that Ezra had prepared his heart to do? (Ezra vii.).
  - \*3. Find and complete the following verses:—
    - (a) "Let the heart of them rejoice" (Psalm cv.).
    - (b) "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted" (Ephesians iv.).
    - (c) "There will your heart be also" (Matthew vi.).
- \*4. What are we told in Proverbs iii. that the heart should keep; and where should they be written? What three things are we told about the heart in Proverbs iv.?
- 5. What do we read in Proverbs xxviii. about the one that trusts in his own heart? and in Psalms xxviii., xxxiii. and cxii. about the heart that trusts in the Lord?

- 6. Find as many verses as you can which speak of God's word being in the heart, hidden in the heart, laid up in the heart, &c., &c.
- 7. What are we told in Psalms xxvii., xlix., lxii. and lxvi. that we should do and not do with our hearts?. What is said in Lamentations iii. about lifting up our heart to God? Can you find any other verses which tell what the heart should do or not do?
  - 8. Where do we find the following:—"Let not your heart be troubled"; "making melody în your heart"; "doing the will of God from the heart"; "obey... in singleness of heart"? What are we told in Daniel i., Acts xi. and 2 Corinthians ix. about purpose in the heart?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for January, 85 papers received:—Commended: G.M.D., Evelyn K., A.E., F.J.Y., R.E., A.P., S.W.P., Q.H.W., J.K., N.C.B., E.D.M., G.A.L., P.A.S., B.W., R.N.J., Edna H. (under 12), D.H., R.P., C.B., J.F.J., W.H.B., R.L.Y., Madge T., C.F.B., A.C., M.F.G., W.J.G., G.P., J.L.H. (under 10), J.W.H., I.R., Muriel G., M.B.M., A.B., R.G.H., A.J.M., H.A.H., Grace H. Six correct: E.M.C., M.K., K.M., S.M.T. Four correct: J.G.B., Doris B., James C., B.C.G., S.E.H., P.K., M. MacL., Ernest R., M.H.S., L.W., A.H.W. Three correct: Peggy B., V.E., R.G., A.H., H.M.M., R.R., E.A.S., T.W., G.Y. Correct except in one answer: M.E.G., L.C., J.C., John C., V.C., C.E., J.G., J.H.M., Daisy S., C.M.W., R.W., J.A.Y., S.C.Y., the first is commended.

Answers to January Q.F.S. from:—E.K.S., D.M.R., D.P., D.C.B., P.H., G.P., M.J., E.A.W., R.T., C.H. Most of these papers were very good indeed, but some omitted parts of Questions 7 and 8, or did not find the best answer to Question 5. These answers are as follows:—5. Matthew xv. 18, 19, 20. 7. (a) I Kings viii. 39, 2 Chronicles vi. 30; (b) Luke xvi. 15, Acts i. 24, xv. 8, I Samuel xvi. 7, I Chronicles xxviii. 9; (e) Hebrews iv. 12. 8. (a) Isaiah lvii. 15; contrite means truly sorry for sin; (b) 2 Corinthians iv. 6; (c) Psalm cxxxix. 23, 24.

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# GLAD TIDINGS for the Young



#### HOMES AND HEARTS. Have you asked Him?

ANY many years ago when the Lord Jesus was on earth He had been preaching and teaching in the Temple one day, when there were very many people come together because of a great Feast. His words had caused a great stir among all who heard Him, not only the poor people, but the great and

important people in Jerusalem too.

Opinions were divided about Him and His words. If you had been in the crowd that day you would have heard all sorts of remarks. Some were for Christ, and some were against Him; if I tell you some of the things that were said you can look for others in the seventh chapter of John by yourselves. Some people said, "This is the Christ"; others sneered and answered "Shall Christ come out of Galilee?" Some said, "He is a good man"; while others contradicted and said, "No; but He deceives the people". Some even of the officers said, "Never man spake like this man," when they were asked "Why have ye not brought Him?" For the rulers wanted Him to be put to death. Nicodemus besought that He should be given a hearing.

Yet when night fell and the darkness deepened, His friends and foes were all alike in one respect—they all thought only of their own comfort. In the East the principal meal of the day is taken in the evening when the great heat is over. Doubtless the thought of this and of a good night's rest called to these wranglers; the arguing suddenly stopped, and "Every man went to his own house". Where did the Son of God go, the Creator of the world? Did the chief priest or the richest man there ask Him to one of their grand houses? Or was

the peace and quiet of some little cottage offered to Him by one of those who loved Him? No. "Jesus went to the Mount of Olives" (John viii. 1). We do not hear of a single one, not even a friend who asked Him to his home. He was left alone to spend His night on the mountain side. Nor was this the only time, for we read in Luke vi. "in those days He went out into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer"; and again, "Every day He was teaching in the temple, and every night He went and lodged in the Mount of Olives" (Luke xxi. 37, R.V.)—"Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head" (Matthew viii. 20).

There must have been many reasons why nobody asked Him to go to their homes. Some just hated Him and

did not want Him; others feared He might interfere with their pleasure or their business; others may have thought their houses were not good enough, or perhaps some were afraid of what the neighbours would say. They all thought they had very good reasons; but what a difference it would have made to their happiness if only He had been invited to their homes that night! I

wonder how many out of all that crowd did not bitterly repent that they had not asked Him. But the night passed and the day came—it was too late then.

Would we have done anything so unkind, do you think, if we had lived then? Why no, we should have been eager to have had the joy and honour of receiving

Him, we think. But just try yourself.

The Lord Jesus still wants homes to go into on earth.

You can guess what they are, can't you? Yes, it is our hearts that the Lord wants to enter, not only as a visitor though, but for always. Have you ever yet asked Him to come into your heart? He stands and knocks so

patiently, but He does not come in unless He is invited. Have you given the invitation, or are you keeping your heart to yourself? He knocks and waits outside wanting to come in. Will you ask Him now? E.R.

"He stands and waits, and will no entrance win, Until the latch be lifted from within."

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#### RECEIVING JESUS

VERYONE was expecting the King. They knew for certain that He was coming. Children had so often heard stories of the glorious time when the King should reign that each one of them hoped that he would have the honour of welcoming Him. For all along the history of the Jews people had written of Him, and waited for His coming. First of all God had given them judges to rule them, and some of them had been strong men, but somehow the people had not been quite happy. Even when Moses led them there had been the weary long journey through the wilderness. Then kings had taken the place of the judges, and though some of them had governed wisely and well, yet at times there had been dreadful wars, and when their enemies had been victorious the Israelites had been afflicted most sadly.

But when the King should come everything would be all right. He would be all-wise, all-powerful. He would never make mistakes. He would be so great and so glorious that even the heathen would be glad to be under His sway. And all the people would love one another, and the land would be a scene of rest and

plenty.

And then He came! Came as a little baby, born in a

stable and cradled in a manger. But because He did not come in the way they were looking for—wearing royal robes, and with glory and majesty—they thought He had not come at all!

Angels sang His praises when He was born, and shepherds heard them, and some wise men saw His star in the east and went to worship Him—but there were not many who visited Him in a stable and took gifts

fit for a King.

Then when He grew up and found that people did not know Him He told them who He was-and did such mighty miracles that it was strange the whole world did not do Him homage. But they did not! Most of the people behaved worse than they did when He was born. Then they did not recognize Him-now they would not have Him for their king. Only just a few did not go against Him. Twelve men who followed Him on His journeyings, and some for whom He had worked miracles, learned to love Him dearly, and found that He was even a greater king than He had been reported to be, and more kind and loving than they could have imagined. And sometimes He would talk of the place prepared for them in His own country, and of the Father's house where there is no more sickness and sadness for anyone, but sorrow and sighing flee away.

Then one dreadful evening His enemies came with soldiers and took Him prisoner. And though He could have spoken a few words which would have brought hundreds of angels from heaven to put His foes to flight, yet He did not say them, because He knew it would be best for us if He kept silent. So, though Hè had done nothing wrong, and even His judge said he could find no fault in Him, they crucified Him, and He

died.

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And when He died all the hopes of His people died too. They thought that all the glorious things He had done, and the many mansions, and the Father's house, were only like beautiful dreams that fade away when morning comes.

But they were not! For on the third day He rose again from the dead, and left the grave where He had

been buried, and came to His own people again.

And He told them that by His dying He had made a way open for them to the Father's house, for now anyone who asked admission there in Jesus' name would be received as freely as He was Himself.

And then He went back to heaven, which was His real home, and after a little while His people began to follow Him there. And some of them are still on the way. I wonder if you are one of them. Are you?

D.B.M.

### MYSELF

A preacher had preached a simple sermon on the text, "And they brought him to Jesus." As he was going home, his little girl, walking beside him, said, "I like that sermon so much!"

"Well," asked her father, "whom are you going to

bring to Jesus?"

A thoughtful look came to her face as she answered, "I think, papa, that I will just bring myself to Him."

Have you brought yourself to Jesus? Have you said to Him, "Lord Jesus, I give myself to Thee. I desire to be Thy little disciple, and to follow Thee"?

"They that seek Me early shall find Me."

#### BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR APRIL

#### 1917

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#### WHAT THE LORD WILL DO FOR THE HEART

\*I. What are we told in Proverbs xxi. that the Lord thinks about (pondereth) and why?

\*2. What kind of heart does the Lord say He will give to His

people? (Jeremiah xxiv.).

\*3. What prayer about the heart do we find in Psalm lxxxvi.?

\*4. Find and complete the following:—

(a) "So teach us to number our days" (Psalm xc.).

(b) "Search me, O God, and know my heart" (Psalm cxxxix.).

(c) "He shall strengthen thine heart" (Psalm xxvii.).

5. To what did Solomon pray that the Lord would incline the hearts of His people? and what did the Psalmist pray that the Lord would incline his heart?

6. What reason is given in Deuteronomy viii. for the way in which the Lord led His people forty years in the wilderness? Find any other verses you can which tell how the Lord ponders, tries and proves our hearts.

7. What does the Lord say in Jeremiah xxxi. that He will write in the hearts of His people? How and where is this quoted in the epistle to the Hebrews (2 chapters)? What similar verse is found in Ieremiah xxxii.?

8. Find as many verses as you can which tell how the Lord will (a) strengthen the heart, (b) give the desires of the heart, and (c)

satisfy the soul of His people.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for February, 103 papers received: - Commended: Edna H., S.M.T., C.A.M., G.M.D., B.W., Q.H.W., Eva M., N.C.B., G.A.G., F.J.Y. (under 12), J.F.J., W.H.B., D.H., Marjorie G., M.J.C., W.F.G., Doris B., C.F.B. (under 10), Muriel G., J.W.H., Albert M., P.M. Six correct: E.M.C., M.K., K.M. Four correct: Peggy B., L.C., I.C., C.E., J.G., Gwendoline H., W.F.H., K.Y.H., S.E.H., Clara K., D.K., M.MacL., Edith M., R.P., W.J.S., H.R., Joseph R., R.L.Y., T.W. Three correct: H.B., James C., J.K.H., R.G.H., Elsie M., M.B.M., Daisy S., M.H.S., E.A.S. Nearly correct: Evelyn K., Mable G., A.E., J.E., R.E., B.C.G., J.G.B., A.C., John C., V.C., F.H., A.H., J.L.H., H.A.H., Grace H., P.K., G.A.L., D.E.M., J.H.M., H.M.M., Alice M., S.W.P., A.P., I.F.R., Ernest R., Doris S., Madge T., A.H.W., R.W., L.W., C.M.W., the first five are commended. Answer to December and January questions: Commended: Ella K. (Canada).

Answers to February Q.F.S. from: -M.J., E.K.S., G.P., D.M.R., D.C.B., C.H., L.E.G., P.H., D.P., E.S.G.; late for January:-L.E.G. This was a very good set of papers; but one or two were not quite correct in all the questions. The best answers are found as follows:—I. Matthew v. 8. 2. Luke viii. 15. 3. I Kings iii. 9 and 12. 4. Proverbs xxii. 15; x. 8; xxiii. 15. 5. Proverbs xxiii. 12; ii. 1, 2, 5, 6. 6. Hebrews iii. 12; Romans x. 8, 9. 7. 2 Chronicles xxx. 19 (and last clause 18); (a) xii. 14; (b) xix. 3; (c) Ezra vii. 10. 8. (a) Matthew v. 8; 1 Timothy i. 5; 2 Timothy ii. 22; I Peter i. 22; Psalm xxiv. 4; (b). Psalm xv. I, 2: Hebrews x. 21, 22.

Answers to Acrostic from:—A.E., J.E., R.E., E.M.

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# GLAD TIDINGS for the Young



See page 36 (appeared last month by mistake).

#### FAITHFUL BUILDERS

had a mind to work; so the work went steadily forward till half the wall was done. But Sanballat and the other enemies who had mocked at the Jews were not content with that, especially as they took no notice. When they heard that the walls of Jerusalem were going up, and the gaps in them filled up, they were very angry. They plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder the work.

But they could not. "Nevertheless," said Nehemiah, "We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night." The enemies thought their plans could not be known, but the Jews round about came to the people who were building and warned them many times; and God gave them wisdom. Nehemiah set the people in order with their weapons, their swords and spears and bows, and told them just what to do. He encouraged them too, and told them not to be afraid, but to remember the Lord, and His mighty power, and to be ready to fight on His side for those who needed their protection.

And when the enemies heard that the people knew of their evil plans and were not to be taken by surprise, and that God had brought their counsel to nought, the builders returned again to the wall and went on with their work. They were faithful builders; they did not give up because of difficulties and dangers, but kept on, in spite of all. And God was with them, as He always will be with those who trust in Him and do the right. "Do what is right, come what may," says an old

French motto; and that is what we shall do if we are faithful.

The people went back to their work, but they kept themselves ready either to work or to fight, whichever might be needed. Some of them went on building, some of them held the weapons, but all were ready, those who were building, those who carried the loads, and all the rest. Everyone had his sword by his side, and his weapon ready; so should we do, who are soldiers of the Lord, with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Our warfare is not with men, but against evil thoughts and words and ways, against temptation of every kind. With the sword of the Spirit we can always overcome.

The trumpeter was with Nehemiah; for the work was great, and the people were separated on the wall. So he told the people, "When you hear the trumpet sound come where I am; and our God shall fight for us." They were to be ready all the time; they were to listen for the trumpet's note of command. So must we, "Watch therefore," said the Lord Jesus; "be ye also ready." And when we hear the warning note we must get close to the Captain of our salvation, and do just what He says. God shall fight for us in the battle with temptation.

with temptation.

So the people laboured in the work; they were faithful; they watched; they were ready; and the enemy could not hinder them. They kept on, not even taking off their clothes, except for washing. And so the work went on.

What is it to be faithful? It means to keep on in the right way. Keep on doing what God has given you to do; keep on doing what you know is right; keep on doing what you have promised, and don't give up

because people laugh at you or because of difficulties.

because people laugh at you or because of difficulties. The Lord is faithful; He always does what He says He will, and He keeps on doing it; and He will help you to be faithful if you ask Him.

Some of us have been reading lately of a bridge made across a wide river in nine hours, so that British soldiers might cross over to drive back the enemy on the other side. The enemy thought it was impossible and could not be done, but it was done, though some of those who built the bridge paid for it with their lives. The difficulties did not stop them; they were faithful unto death. But the bridge was finished, and when the news came through the soldiers were still crossing over it. The enemy was driven back, and in less than a week they were in full retreat fifty miles away.

Would you like to have been one of those brave engineers? If you want ever to be "faithful unto death," you must learn first to be faithful in little things. Are you doing as well as ever you can the

death," you must learn first to be faithful in little things. Are you doing as well as ever you can the work you have to do, whatever it is? Can you faithfully obey orders and do what you are told? Or do you only do what is right when somebody is looking, or when you are made to? Ask yourself that.

May the Lord help each one who is His to be faithful to Him; to watch and pray and work like Nehemiah and his friends. And if you have not begun yet, ask

Him to help you. K.I.B.

[As this paper was written for last month's "Glad Tidings," but was unavoidably held over, the Illustration, which then appeared, is repeated this month, because of the reference on page 36 above.]

#### WHAT IS IN GOD'S LETTER?

O you remember how I told you what it means to search? To look somewhere to find out what is there. Now, if you can read, look in John v. 39 to see what the Lord Jesus says we should search.

### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.

"The Scriptures," you know, means God's Letter to us, the Bible. We should search there to see what it says. Why? He tells us that too.

"They testify of Me." That means, they tell us about Him. All we know about the Lord Jesus and His love for us is written down in the Bible. There you can find every word. If you can only read a little bit, you can look for His name—JESUS. How often it comes! Look in Matthew i. 21 and see why He was to be called by that name: "For He shall save His people from their sins." Jesus means Saviour. All of us have done naughty things, and the naughty things we do are called sins. God hates sin, and He cannot have it in His beautiful Home in heaven. The Lord Jesus came so that we might have our sins forgiven, and be made fit to go to that beautiful place. Wasn't it kind? He will forgive your sins if you ask Him, and then He will help you not to do the naughty things, but to do the things that please Him, to be kind and loving, gentle and obedient. All this is told us in the Bible.

Now, if you can, look in II Timothy iii. 15. There you will find another reason why we should search the Scriptures; they. "are able to make us wise unto salvation." Salvation is a long hard word, which perhaps you don't quite understand. But it means something very precious which the Lord Jesus gives to

those who come to Him. Wise means knowing what to do, and doing it. The Scriptures tell us what to do to get salvation, and so they make us wise, if we do what they say. They tell us that only the Lord Jesus can give it to us, and we must come to Him to ask for it. "Neither is there salvation in any other." He is

the only one.

Another reason why we should search the Scriptures is told us in Romans xv. 4: they were "written for our learning." Ever so many things for us to learn are written down in God's Book, and we should look to find them out. There is one in John xiii. 34: "Love one another." There is another in Matthew xi. 29; there the Lord Jesus says, "Learn of Me." He wants us to follow His example—that means to copy Him; and He will teach us if we ask Him. The Bible tells us how. We should look most of all for His words.

So three reasons you can remember why we should

search the Scriptures.

They tell us of the Lord Jesus.

They are able to make us wise unto salvation.

They are written for our learning.

O.S.S.T.



"Holy Bible, book divine!
Precious treasure! thou art mine;
Mine to tell me whence I came,
Mine to teach me what I am.

Mine to chide me when I rove,
Mine to shew a Saviour's love;
Mine art thou to guide my feet,
Mine to judge, condemn, acquit."

[Part of four stanzas.]

## BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR MAY

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- \*I. How much should we love the Lord? (Deuteron omy vi.).
- \*2: Find two verses, one in Psalm cxvi. and another in I John iv, which tell why we love the Lord.
- \*3. What did Samuel tell the people of Israel they should do "in truth with all your heart"? (I Samuel xii.).
- \*4. Find as many verses as you can in Psalm cxix. which speak of the whole heart.
- 5. What are we told in I Kings xiv. that King David did "with all his heart"? How many times do we read of Caleb that he "wholly followed the Lord"? What does the Lord Jesus promise in John viii. to those who follow Him?
- 6. Find in the following chapters how many different things God's people do or should do with all their hearts:—2 Chronicles xv; Joel ii; Jeremiah xxiv; Proverbs iii; Matthew xxii; Joshua xxii; Deuteronomy xxvi; Psalm lxxxvi; Zephaniah iii.
- 7. Find as many verses as you can which speak of serving the Lord with all the heart. What is promised in Jeremiah, Deuteronomy, and Proverbs, to those who (a) seek the Lord (b) return unto the Lord (c) trust in the Lord—with all the heart?

8. Find verses in Psalms cxvii., cxxxv. and cxxxviii. which tell why we praise the Lord. Find any verses you can in the Psalms which speak of praising the Lord with all the heart or with the whole heart. How many of the Psalms begin with the words "Praise ye the Lord"?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for March, 86 papers received:—Commended: Eva M., R.E., F.J.Y., A.E., J.E., G.M.D., K.M., Mabel G., Q.H.W., B.C.G., E.M.C. (under 12) D.H., Marjorie G., R.L.Y., R.P., M. MacL., J.F.J. (under 10) J.W.H., E.A.S., Albert M., A.B. Six correct: N.C.B., A.C., G.A.L., C.M.W. Four correct: Doris B., Cecil B., J.F., W.J.G., F.H., S.E.H., P.K., Clara K., W.J.S., M.H.S., Alfred S., Madge T., L.W., Three correct: H.B., Muriel G., A.H., H.A.H., Grace H., M.B.M., P.M., H.M.M., T.W. Correct except in one answer: Evelyn K., G.A.G., Edith M., Edna H., A.P., B.W., J.G., W.F.H., Gwendoline H., I.E.H., J.L.H., M.K., Alice M., J.H.M., D.E.M., Elsie M., S.W.P., G.P., I.F.R., Doris S., A.H.W., J.Y., G.Y., S.C.Y., the first six are commended.

Answers to March Q.F.S. from:—D.P., G.P., E.K.S., P.H., M.J., L.E.G., D.C.B., E.A.W., D.M.R., C.H., E.S.G. Late for February: E.A.W., L.E.G.

The best answers for March are found as follows:—5. Proverbs xxviii. 26; Psalms xxviii. 7, xxxiii. 21, and cxii. 7, 8. 6. (a) Deuteronomy vi. 6, and xxx. 14; Jeremiah xx. 9; Romans x. 8; Psalm xl. 8, &c., &c. (b) Psalm cxix. 11. (c) Deuteronomy xi. 18; Job xxii. 22. 7. (a) Psalms xxvii. 3 and 8; xlix. 3; lxii. 8 and 10; lxvi. 18; Lamentations iii. 41; (b) 1 Chronicles xxii. 19; Ecclesiastes v. 2; Matthew xxii. 37; 1 Peter i. 22; Psalm xc. 12; Colossians iii. 15, &c., &c. 8. (a) John xiv. 1; Ephesians v. 19 and vi. 6; Colossians iii 22; (b) Daniel i. 8; Acts xi. 22; 2 Corinthians ix. 7.

Some writers took great pains and found from 10 to 20 or more references in questions 6 and 7.

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# GLAD TIDINGS for the Young



### WHAT THE LORD JESUS WANTS US TO DO

E are to LOOK TO CHRIST. Now, this is not the same thing as to look at Christ. By looking at Christ we mean hearing, reading and thinking about Him. And this is very important, for the Word of God tells us that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God"; that is, faith comes by our paying heed to what God says to us about the Saviour. A little Welsh girl was one day reading her Bible outside her cottage, when an unbeliever passed by and asked her for a glass of water. "Certainly", said she, "Mother will be pleased to give you a glass of milk". "I see", said he, "that you are reading your task out of the Bible". "It's no task for me", replied the girl, "I love to read the Bible". She loved to read the Bible because she loved the Saviour about Whom it speaks.

But looking at Jesus, by reading and thinking about Him, is not enough. There is something more important still. We must LOOK TO CHRIST. Let us suppose that you fall down and break your leg. You are taken to the hospital, and when the doctor comes, you are told that you must look to him to put your leg right. You do not simply look at him and think about him; you commit yourself into his hands; you TRUST him with your broken leg. And so looking TO Christ means trusting Him with our own souls, so that we can say, "He is my own dear Saviour". Have you in this

way looked to Christ?

We must LEARN OF CHRIST. Many boys and girls refuse to be taught by Jesus. He wants to teach them to value their souls and see their sin and trust Him for their salvation. But they don't want to be

taught these things. But if we are really willing to learn His lessons we will come to Him and so become His scholars. And then He has many things to teach us after we have entered His school. He will teach us to know and love and please Him better and better, and to manage our lives so as to please God and be of use to others. It is a wonderful privilege to be in the school of Christ. Are you one of His scholars?

Then those who belong to the Saviour are to LEAN UPON CHRIST. Somebody has said, "He walks uprightly who leans on God". That is what the Saviour meant when He said, "Without Me ye can do nothing". It is only as we "abide" in Christ, that is as we trust and obey, that we can live so as to please Him. Are the christian boys and girls who read this magazine learning to trust and obey the Saviour day

by day?

And we are to LIVE FOR CHRIST. A young lad was dying. He had recently found the Saviour. And now he often repeated these words, "It would be beautiful to live now". He was not afraid to die, and was quite ready to leave the world and parents and friends to go to be with the One Whom he loved more than all the rest; but he could not help feeling how beautiful it would be to live now that he belonged to Jesus. We cannot get the satisfaction out of our salvation which God intends for us unless we really and day by day live for Christ. And to live for Christ is to live a truly successful life. A rich man was dying. He had been what the world calls "a successful man". He had "got on" and made plenty of money and was very properous on the outside. And now in his dying moments he is taking stock of his life. Listen to his dying words: "With all its success, I now see that my

life has been a failure". And why a failure? Because he had lived for himself. He had closed his heart to God. He had lived without Christ, and he was now dying without hope. I do hope that you will not be a "successful failure". We must put first things first, and

Lean upon CHRIST.

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### TEMPTATION RESISTED: THE WORK FINISHED

OU will remember that from the time Nehemiah first came to Jerusalem to build the wall there were enemies who tried all they could to hinder. When these people, Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem, and the rest of the enemies, heard how faithfully the Jews kept on with the work, and when at last they heard that the wall was all built up, and no breach left (though the gates were not all fixed), they got quite desperate, and made up their minds that somehow they must prevent it from being finished. So having found they could not stop it by mockery, nor by any of their wicked plots, nor by fighting, they tried another way. This time they tried to entrap Nehemiah by pretended friendliness, meaning to do him a mischief. They sent and invited him to meet them in one of the villages in the plain of Ono, there to talk things over.

But Nehemiah was not to be caught; he sent messengers, saying, "I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down; why should the work cease, while I leave it and come down to you?" So his faithfulness kept him

from danger. Four times over they sent to him in this

way; but he would not go.

Then they sent a fifth time, with an open letter telling him it was reported that he and the Jews meant to rebel against king Artaxerxes, and to set up another king; "Come therefore, and let us take counsel". But Nehemiah said, "It is not true; you have made it all up"; and he would not go. They tried to make the Jews afraid, and so to hinder the work. But God strengthened His people in answer to their prayer, and so He always will. "The Lord will give strength unto His people".

Then they hired a man among the Jews—a traitor—to tempt Nehemiah to hide from them, lest they should come in the night to kill him. But he said "I will not go". For he knew that one who trusted in the Lord would not urge him to do any such thing as to leave the post of duty for fear of danger to himself. They wanted to make him afraid, and do as they said, and sin, and then to reproach him. But Nehemiah knew how to say No, and God helped him, as He always will help those who are faithful and true. He "will not

suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able", and if you "Resist the devil" and his temptations, you will find that "he will flee from you" (James iv. 7).

And because God helped His people, all the hindrances and temptations could not stop them in doing the work He had given them to do. "The wall was finished . . . in fifty and two days". The people worked with a will, they were faithful builders, and God blessed their labours. And when their enemies heard of it, and all the heathen that were about them saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: "for they perceived that this work was wrought

of God". All the craft and cunning of wicked men could not hinder the work which God's people were do-

ing for Him and in His strength.

So it will always be with those who trust in the Lord, and go steadfastly on resisting temptation, and doing whatever He has given them to do. For "God is faithful"; and He has promised that He will "with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Learn to say "No", like Nehemiah, when you are tempted to leave the path of duty, and look to the Lord for the way of escape which He has promised. Then you too will be able to keep on and be faithful.

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"The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you and keep you from evil" (II Thessalonians iii. 3).

# WINNIE'S PRAYER

five years old. They found at Sunday School that they could buy a Bible for † sixpence. Mary had enough money so she bought one, Winnie was very sorry she could not have one too. Her mother told her she must wait till she had six pennies of her own, and said "You know you cannot read it yourself yet." That night the mother heard Winnie praying that God would give her sixpence that she might get a Bible for herself. She continued to do this for some days. Then she said "Mother, God has not answered my prayer". "No" was the reply. "He does not always answer directly. You must go on praying". So she did. Soon after a soldier cousin who had been home on leave came to see them. He said "I am going back to the

war, and I am giving you children half a crown among you—that is sixpence each." Thus Winnie obtained her heart's desire. Does it not remind us of St. John's words "If we ask anything according to His Will He heareth us"? Can you find the chapter and verse in his first Epistle?

A.T.M.

† The price of a Bible now is ninepence.

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1. How was the heart of king Jeroboam different from that of

king David? (1 Kings xv.).

\*2. When king Solomon blessed the people at the dedication of the temple, what did he say to them about their heart being perfect with the Lord? (I Kings viii.).

\*3. When the Lord spoke to the Children of Israel by Moses about the tabernacle, which of them did He say might bring Him

an offering? (Exodus xxv.).

\*4. What do we read in Psalm xxxii. about the upright in heart? and in Psalm xxxiii. about our heart rejoicing?

5. Find and write from the last two chapters of I Chronicles three verses which speak of a perfect heart. What did Hanani, the seer, say to king Asa that the Lord would do on the behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him?

6. Find four verses in Exodus xxxv. which tell of offerings to the Lord by those whose hearts were willing. What is said in II

Corinthians ix. as to how we should give?

7. Find in Exodus chapters, xxviii., xxxi., xxxv. and xxxvi., as many verses as you can which speak of those who were wise hearted. What are we specially told in chapter xxxvi. about every wise hearted man?

8. What is said in Psalm xcvii. about the upright in heart? Find in the Psalms as many other verses as you can which speak of uprightness in the heart, or a rejoicing heart, or both. What does the Lord say in Isaiah lxv about His servants singing for joy of heart?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for April, 79 papers received:—Commended: Evelyn K., G.M.D., A.E., J.E., R.E., N.C.B., C.A.M., K.M., B.C.G., Edith M., G.A.G., P.A.S., Q.H.W., (under 12), Doris B., D.H., E.U., G.P., Cecil B., F.H., S.E.H., (under 10), J.W.H., I.F.R., M.B.M., Muriel G., Six correct: J.G.B., D.E.M., Four correct: E.A., E.B., Peggy B., I.C., L.C., Gwendoline H., A.H., Clara K., Ernest R., Madge T., S.C.Y., G.Y., Three correct: James C., John C., Elsie M., H.M.M., Nearly correct: A.P., S.W.P., B.W., Doris S., A.C., Marjorie G., E.M.C., W.J.G., J.G., Edna H., J.L.H., H.A.H., Grace H., J.F.J., J.H.M., R.P., C.S.R., Daisy S., F.J.Y., J.A.Y., R.L.Y., the first six are commended.

Answers to April Q.F.S. from:—D.C.B., M.J., D.P., G.P., L.E.G., E.K.S., P.H., E.S.G., C.H., E.A.W., Some seem to have found questions 6 and 8 too difficult.

The best answers to these are as follows:—6. Deuteronomy viii. 2; (a) Proverbs xxi. 2; and xxiv. 12; (b) 1 Chronicles xxix. 17; Psalm vii. 9; Proverbs xvii. 3; Jeremiah xi. 20; and xii. 3; (c). Psalm xvii. 3; 8. (a) Psalm xxvii. 14; xxxi. 24; lxxiii. 26; (b) Psalm xxi. 2; xxxvii. 4; (c) Psalm xxxvi. 8; evii. 9; Isaiah lviii. 11; Jeremiah xxxi. 14.

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## I Kings xv. II Chronicles xiv. and xv.

few years after king Solomon died, Asa became king of Judah, and the very first thing we read about him is that he "did that which was good

and right in the eyes of the Lord his God."

Some people living in that country were not serving the true God, for the first thing that king Asa did was to take away the altars of the strange gods, and break down the images and cut down the groves of trees in which the idols stood. He even would not allow his grandmother Maachah to be queen any longer because she worshipped idols. She had made one in a grove, but Asa stamped it down and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

Not only did Asa take away and burn the idols, but he reminded his people about God, and commanded them to turn to Him and obey His laws. Hitherto there had been wars and fighting in the country (1 Kings xv. 6), but now God gave them peace and rest, and the people had time to build and work, and

the country prospered (II Chronicles xiv. 7).

Asa had an army of mighty men and brave, so that when an enemy came up against them he was ready to defend his country. But though Asa had a fine army he would not trust only to them; before the battle he prayed such a fine prayer—so simple and so direct—one that we might pray now in our time of anxiety with advantage: "Lord," he said, "it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go against this multitude. O

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Lord, Thou art our God; let not mortal man prevail

against Thee."

God listened to his prayer, and gave Asa a mighty victory over the enemy. This encouraged both Asa and his people to turn more than ever to God and to destroy more abominable idols out of the cities which had just been conquered.

I expect some of you have seen idols brought from heathen lands and wondered how people could be so foolish as to pray to them for help. But are they—the heathen—the only foolish people in the world? are

there no idols except in heathen lands?

If there is anything in our hearts which comes between us and God and prevents us from loving Him

as we should, is not that an idol?

Some idols are quite pretty and nice to look at; others, like Asa's grandmother's, which is described in the margin of your Bibles as a "horror," are so ugly and big that it is easy to see what they are. A little while ago I saw a little brass idol that was quite pretty and that one might put on the mantel-piece for an ornament. Some idols or sins are so pretty to look at that we hardly know they are sins. But supposing some little girl (or a big one) was so fond of looking neat and pretty, that at last her whole thought and time was given to looking after herself in that way, would not that be an idol? Perhaps a boy is determined to come out top of the school; well, nothing is nicer than to see a boy working hard and being persevering, but if it should mean that he never has time to lend a hand at home or help a young brother with his lessons, and that he has but one thought, Sundays and weekdays alike, to work his way to the top of the school, is not that an idol? There is

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one sin or idol which I think God must hate perhaps more than some others (remember He hates the sin, and not the sinner), and that is being stuck up, or thinking oneself better, or "gooder" as little children say, than other people. It is so easy to think how very nasty a drunken man is—isn't it? And how wicked a thief is, and so easy to feel better than people of that sort. But did you ever try to think what sort of homes these poor people may have had? Try and do that, and then think hard if you would have been any better if you had been in their place. Perhaps you have always been taught about the Lord Jesus, and God's great love to us, ever since you could understand anything.

A teacher once told us at school something which I have never forgotten, and that was that "great privileges involve great responsibilities." Can you understand those long words? I could not at first, but I do now. Shall we each look into our own hearts and try to find the idol which is most dangerous, even though it looks so nice? By dangerous I mean anything which keeps us from loving the Lord Jesus with the whole of our hearts. "Little children, keep

yourselves from idols" (I John v. 21).

When we are honestly trying to destroy our idols like Asa did we, too, might pray his prayer, and the Lord will help us to trample on our idols; for it is only in His name and with His help that we ever can get rid of them. It is not a bit of good trying by ourselves, any more than it would have been for king Asa to try and fight his enemies all by himself.

E.R.

"The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee."

#### WHAT IS YOUR IDOL?

OMETIMES self is an idol. Some people think more about pleasing themselves than anything else. If you care more to please yourself than you do to please the Lord, you are making an idol of self.

"Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

"Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God."

# THE HIDDEN BIBLE

story is told by Benjamin Franklin of some ancestors of his who lived in the persecuting days of queen Mary. He says, "They had an English Bible, and to conceal it and place it in safety, it was fastened open with tapes, under and within the cover of a joint stool. When my great-grandfather wished to read it to his family, he placed the joint-stool (upside down) on his knees, and then turned over the leaves under the tapes. One of the children stood at the door to give notice if he saw the apparitor coming, who was an officer of the spiritual court, (on the watch to find out anyone who owned and read a Bible). In that case the stool was turned down again upon its feet, when the Bible remained concealed under it as before. This story was told me by Uncle Benjamin."

"Lord, Thy Word abideth, And our footsteps guideth, Who its truth believeth, Light and joy receiveth."

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#### WHAT THE STONEBREAKER SAID

ANY years ago I was walking in a country road, and came upon a man breaking stones. He was speaking very earnestly to a young girl who had a little child in her charge.

"Oh, my dear maid," said he, "be clothed with Christ from head to foot. Oh, my dear maid, see to it that you'm clothed with Christ from head to foot!"

Beautiful words! "be clothed with Christ from head to foot". Oh, that every reader of these lines might be clad in that best robe.

Remember the story of the man at the wedding feast who "had not on a wedding garment" (Matt. xxii. 2). This was provided by the king for every one who was invited; but this man seems to have thought his own quite good enough. When the king came in he found out what a terrible mistake he had made; he could find no excuse, and he was turned out. Do you think your own righteousness—your own goodness—is enough to fit you for the presence of God? or have you come to the Lord Jesus to receive from Him the best robe, like the prodigal son in Luke xv.—"the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe"?

"Clad in this Robe, how bright I shine; Angels possess not such a dress; Angels have not a Robe like mine, Jesus the Lord, my Righteousness.

This spotless Robe the same appears When ruined nature sinks in years, No age can change its glorious hue, The Robe of Christ is ever new."

"Christ Jesus . . is made unto us . . righteousness."

"This is His name whereby He shall be called, THE

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### EYES

\*I. What is said in Proverbs xx. about a child's doings, also about the hearing ear and the seeing eye?

\*2. What does the commandment of the Lord do for our eyes?

(Psalm xix).

\*3. Find and complete the following:-

(a) "Marvellous in our eyes" (Psalm cxviii.).
(b) "I will lift up mine eyes" (Psalm cxxi.). (c) "The eyes of the blind" (Isaiah xxxv.).

(d) "Their eyes received sight" (Matthew xx.).
\*4. What are we told in I Corinthians ii. about the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him?

5. Find a verse in Proverbs iii, which warns us against being wise in our own eyes. What similar warning is given in Romans xii? Find other verses in Proverbs and elsewhere about a man's ways being "right," "clean," and "pure" in his own eyes.

6. What prayers about the eyes do we find in Psalm xiii., in

the book of Ezra and in the epistle to the Ephesians?

7. Find verses in Psalm cxlvi. and in the book of Isaiah, which speak of the Lord opening the eyes of the blind. Give instances from the New Testament where this was fulfilled. What did the

Jews say about this at the grave of Lazarus?

8. What are we told in Isaiah lxiv. and xxxiii. that the eye hath not seen, and that our eyes shall see? Where do we find the following:—(a) "Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes." (b) "Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God." (c) "Our eyes are upon Thee." (d) "The eyes of all wait upon Thee"?

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Answers to May Q.F.S. from:—E.K.S., M.J. D.M.R., D.P., E.A.W., G.P., C.H., P.H., E.S.G., L.E.G., R.T. A very good set of papers, especially the first seven; but some omitted the last clause of question 5 (see John viii. 12), and several omitted some of the promises asked for in question 7 (see Deuteronomy xxx. 2 and 3; Proverbs iii. 5 and 6). P.H. is to be much commended for doing and sending the answers under great difficulties.

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#### ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

Jews were building the wall of Jerusalem, their enemies tried to hinder the work in all sorts of ways; but they could not hinder it in any way they tried—not by mocking, nor by fighting, nor by any of their plots. Yet it was hindered, by the people themselves. Nehemiah v. tells us how this was; they were unkind to one another. The rich oppressed the poor, instead of helping them; they did not "bear one another's burdens," and so the work had to stop until this was put right. Are you trying to do something to please the Lord, and yet being unkind to others?

"There was a great cry of the people and their wives against their brethren." For they had many children and not enough to eat. They had had to borrow money and could not pay it back. Some of their children were sold into bondage and they could not redeem them, for other men had their lands and vineyards. When Nehemiah heard this he was very angry. He took time to consider, and then he called together the nobles and rulers and rebuked them for this that they had done; and they could find nothing to answer. For it was against God's law; He had told His people that they were not to harden their hearts nor shut their hands from their poor brethen, "But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need."

So Nehemiah said to them, "It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of the Lord?" They were bringing reproach upon Him before the heathen. And he begged them to give back the lands, and vineyards, and houses, which they had taken in payment of their debt, and also to give money, and

corn, and wine, and oil, to those who were in need. How could they go on with the Lord's work while they were in such distress? And the nobles and rulers listened to his words; they said, "We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest." And "the people did according to this promise." The poor were cared for by those who were able, and the work went on and was finished.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." The Lord Jesus gave us His "new commandment," that we should love one another; and we are told, "let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." It is no use to say we love Him, and love one another, if we do not act accordingly; we are to shew our love by the things we do. Those who love the Lord Jesus ought to be kind to those who are poorer, and help them in any way

they are able.

But that is not the only way we can bear one another's burdens. Every time we are kind to one another, or try to help others in any way, then we are helping to bear their burdens. What can we do to help others? Ask the Lord to shew you. There are many people in sorrow; try to be as kind and thoughtful and loving as ever you can. Think of others instead of yourself, and do what you can for them. There are many busy people; is there one you can help? or do you hinder instead? Perhaps you know a girl or boy smaller than yourself who has a difficulty in lessons or work; can't you help them? And sometimes you can help older people, too, especially by being loving and cheerful and obedient.

What a beautiful thing to think that in all these things we can "fulfil the law of Christ," and do the

things that please Him! No one is too small to help others. A very little child can help Mother on a busy day by "being good." And how much better Mother can get on with her work if the children are good and contented, and the bigger ones are kind to the little ones! Even a baby can help sometimes to cheer people up. How much more those who are older! I know an old lady who is so helpless she cannot move from her chair; she has had much sorrow lately and is often sad, but there is a baby great-grandchild near by, the happiest baby I ever saw, and this baby cheers the whole household. "Gran" looks so happy when baby is there.

Is there not someone that you can cheer up, and whose burden you can help to bear? Try to see what you can do, and be sure to ask the Lord to help you.

K.I.B.

"Be ye kind one to another."



"Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day;
In ev'ry way try to please Him—
At home, at school, at play.
A sunbeam, a sunbeam, Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;
A sunbeam, a sunbeam, I'll be a sunbeam for Him!"

# ABOUT KOREA

F you want to find Korea in the map, you must look in the top right hand corner of the map of Asia—the N.E. corner. Thirty years ago nobody knew anything about Korea. There was no Protestant Christian in Korea; it was a closed country. Some people called it the "Hermit Kingdom." When

the first missionaries arrived there, they found notices in the native language giving permission to anyone to kill a foreigner at sight, for the Government of that day wanted to have nothing to do with Western people.

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But God blessed and helped those missionaries, so that soon public opinion changed, and wonderful things have happened in Korea since then. To-day, only thirty years after the first missionaries entered, there are more than three hundred thousand Christians in that little country, which even to-day many people know very little about. Korea lies between three empires. Everyone knows about China and Japan, and yet Korea is separated only by narrow seas from these two empires; to the north is the Russian empire. It is expected that Korea will prove to be a centre of missionary work in the future, because of the way in which so many of the people of Korea take to the things of God, with joy and thanksgiving. Not only do they seek to understand God's will, but to do the will of God as well. Every Christian becomes a preacher, every Christian feels it is his privilege and duty to pass on the tidings of the salvation of God.

From "The Intelligencer."
"Teach ME to do Thy will."

# COURAGE

HERE is a very small word which few have courage to say. It has but two letters, and if I suppose that someone asks you to do what is wrong, I daresay you can tell me what this little word is? No, you reply. Yes, NO is not an easy word to say. I believe that when we love God, we need His strength to make us say NO. Not only with the lips, but with

the heart! I have watched a little child peeping, and looking, and wishing, when its lips said NO. But that was not a real NO; I mean heart-no as well as lip-no.

Courage is spoken of in God's word again and again. He bids His people be of good courage and not to fear. For He is with His people, and He will help them keep His word.

F.W.

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right" (Proverbs xx. 11).

# ACROSTIC

Remember, oh! remember,
Eternity draws nigh;
Many a child, alas! forgets,
Each soul that sins shall die;
Make haste! confess thy sins to God,
Believe in JESUS now;
Each one who trusts His precious blood
Receives salvation now.

Which are you, dear reader, lost or saved? You must be either one or other. If lost, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." If saved, confess Him to all around. He is coming "quickly"; perhaps to-day. Don't forget! "Remember."

S.T.

## A LITTLE INDIAN GIRL

child who had been attending a mission school was taken by her mother to a temple and told to bow to the idol. The next day she told her teacher, but said, "I turned my back upon the idol, and in my heart I prayed 'Lord Jesus, I bow to

Thee.'" Very few of the women of India have ever heard of God and His love, so they cannot teach their little ones to pray to Him Who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

"JESUS called a little child to Him," and still He calls children to Himself. Have you gone to Him? He casts none out. Come in your heart to Him now. Trust Him for your own Saviour.

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# BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST 1917

Our readers are invited to send answers to these questions before August 25th, addressed "Questions" (or "Q.F.S."), c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 & 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C. 4. The answers should be IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, when possible, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer. For the senior questions a Reference Bible should be used.

Initials of those answering correctly will be published in October, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to the Juniors who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time, and to the Seniors at the end of the year.

Each answer should have the same number as the question to which it belongs. Name, age last birthday, address and date should be written clearly on the right hand top corner of the paper.

### Questions for Juniors and Seniors

Those under 10 do three only of the questions marked \* those under 12 do the four questions marked \*; over 12 and under 16 do the four marked ones and two others; the seniors do the four questions not marked.

#### ABOUT OUR EARS.

\*1. What should we do with our ears? (Proverbs xxii.).

\*2. Write a verse from Psalm xxxiv. which tells how children may learn the fear of the Lord.

\*3. Find and complete the following verses:—
(a) "Incline thine ear" (Proverbs iv.).

(b) "He that hath ears" (Mark iv.). (c) "The deaf hear" (Matthew xi.).

\*4. Write a verse about the ear from Isaiah lv.

5. Find five verses in the book of Proverbs which tell what the ear should do, and find and write from Isaiah xxx. a promise about the ears.

6. Explain in your own words the meaning of Mark iv. 23, and find other places where similar words occur. What warning is given in the same chapter as to what we hear?

7. What do we read about the ear in Psalms xliv., xlix., lxxviii., and xciv.? Write also two verses from the book of Nehemiah about

Ezra reading the law in the ears of the people.

8. What are we told about the deaf in Chapters xxix. and xxxv. of the book of Isaiah? Give instances from the New Testament where this was fulfilled.

Artswers to Bible Searching Questions for June, 76 papers received:—Commended: A.E., E.M.C., J.E., R.E., B.W., Edith M., N.C.B., C.A.M., G.M.D., B.C.G., G.A.G., K.M. (under 12), W.H.B., Marjorie G., J.F.J., M.B.M., Madge T., Daisy S., S.C.Y., Doris B., M.J.C., E.A., Cecil B., R.L.Y. (under 10), Annie B., C.S.R., M.B., Muriel G. Six correct: A.C., M.K., D.E.M. Four correct: Peggy B., E.B., R.B., Charles B., S.E.H., J.L.H., Gwendoline H., P.K., Clara K., M. MacL., G.T., G.Y. Three correct: L.C., I.C., Grace H., L.L., H.M.M., Elsie M., E.A.S., H.S. Nearly correct: J.A.Y., Evelyn K., Q.H.W., S.W.P., J.G.B., F.J.Y., S.M.T., A.P., James C., John C., J.G., J.H.M., R.P., Alfred S., Doris S.; the first eight are commended.

Answers to June Q.F.S. from:—D.P., E.A.W., D.M.R. In alphabetical order: D.C.B., E.S.G., L.E.G., C.H., P.H., M.J., G.P., E.K.S. The papers sent were all very good, and so nearly equal that it was thought best to give initials in alphabetical order after the first three, who gave better answers to the last part of question 7—That the Lord had put wisdom in their hearts. As many as 14 references were found by some to answer question 8.

Note.—Readers abroad may send their answers a fortnight after they receive the questions, and their initials will be given later.

# GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young



#### ESTHER

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning."

HE book of Esther is very little read in these days, but to those who love the Lord its ten chapters are full of interest. I can only draw attention to a few of its lessons, hoping you will read for yourself the entertaining and instructive story that is told us there.

This short book, the last of the historical part of the Old Testament, gives a most interesting account of a lovely girl. Not only had her beauty won for her the favour of King Ahasuerus, who made her his queen, captive though she was in the land of Persia, but her character is still more worthy of our admiration, and all girls may learn something from her noble example. A Jewess far away from her own land, Esther was yet evidently as faithful as she could be to her God and her people, especially when trouble threatened them. At first she had hidden her nationality from the king by command of her kinsman Mordecai; but when her people were in danger of death she made it known.

When Ahasuerus made her his queen she might have become conceited and selfish, and she might have forgotten Mordecai, who had taken care of her when her father and mother died, and had been as a father to the orphan girl in the land of her captivity; but even in the king's palace "Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him." She did not forget still to obey his wishes and to follow

his advice.

In her high position as Queen, Esther was used by God to save her people from the cruel Haman, a

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favourite of the king, who had plotted their destruction. She was brave enough to go to the king without being sent for, which in that despotic eastern court meant that she herself must die, unless the king held out to her his golden sceptre. For three days she and her maidens inside the palace, and Mordecai and the Jews outside the palace, fasted and prayed to God; then she went to the king as he sat on his throne, and when he saw her "she obtained favour in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand." The wicked enemy Haman was hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai, and the king sent letters by swift posts to all the provinces in his dominions giving permission to the Jews to defend themselves when they were attacked. So that when the day came which had been appointed for the destruction of the Jews, it was their enemies who were destroyed instead.

Although in the book of Esther the name of God is not once mentioned, yet this very book shews the constant care He has for His people, and that He knows how to keep them in safety whatever danger may threaten. He uses His servants to carry out His purposes. Mordecai feared the Lord, and though in a far distant land he remembered that He had promised to deliver His people who cried to Him. Mordecai told Esther what to do, and through her obedience and courage she was used by God to be the means of saving her

people from death.

God has now a people still dearer to Him than His people of old, formed of both Jews and Gentiles—all who now believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who will presently be taken to His Father's House above. But while here on earth He will watch over and keep

them always; He wants them to obey His word, as Esther obeyed Mordecai, and not to be afraid to do what He says. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" His judgment will surely fall on evildoers, and though He over-rules all things in His long-suffering grace, yet His will must be done and His purposes carried out. We know that "God is love," but let us remembered too that "God is light," and He wants obedience now.

M.F.N.

"He that hath My Commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me."

# HOW TO BUY A BIBLE

of the Bible Society will barter his little books in exchange for other things—eggs, or salt, or rice, or beans, or barley, or sardines, or chocolate. On the prairie in Canada one settler sold a pig so that he might be able to buy a copy of the Bible for each of his children.

Have you a Bible of your own? Do you read it? Will you help to send Bibles to those who have none?

From "Bible Society Gleanings."

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In Morocco where coin is often scarce, a Jew offers a small travelling mirror for a Gospel of St. Luke. "It is a good exchange for you," he remarks, with a shrewd smile; "You will now see your face in my glass." "And that little book is a glass too," says the colporteur. "Look into it and you will see your heart."

### THEY COULD NOT SPARE ONE

story is told of a poor African mother in the days of slavery who was starving with her children. There were five children, and she and her husband resolved to sell one of them for a slave, and to buy food with the money they would get for it, and so to save the rest. So all the five were placed in a row, and father and mother looked at them.

"Well, we can't sell Sam," said the father; "he is

so strong and active, we couldn't do without him."

"Cassy certainly must not go," said the mother; "she

minds the children, and is my greatest comfort."

"Well, poor Tom shall not be sold; he is so patient and gentle, and could not bear hard treatment," said the father, "and I am sure I will never part with Chloe, who is the life of us all—she is so merry."

"And would you have me give up my baby, then?"

said the mother.

"No, we cannot spare one of them; we had better

starve a little longer first."

These poor African parents had five dear children, and they could not spare one; but God gave His only Son for our sakes. Oh, what love!

And then the love of Jesus! He came and died such a cruel, shameful death, to wash away our sins in His precious blood, that I am sure we should love Him all

our lives for it.

We find out what a dreadful thing sin is, when we see that nothing but the blood of the Son of God can blot it out; and now if we believe in Him we need never think a single sin will be heard of again, for every one of them is gone for ever.

From "The Narrow Pathway."

### THE OPENED HEART.

1.

Open your heart to the Saviour,
He is so gentle and kind;
Rest, peace, and life will He give you,
All that you need you shall find;
Let Him in; let Him in,
All that you need you shall find.

2.

Open your heart to the Saviour,
Slight not His love so divine;
Open at once, He will save you,
Then will He say, "Thou art Mine,"
Let Him in; let Him in,
Then will He say, "Thou art Mine."

S.T.

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### BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

JANUARY TO JUNE, 1917.

During the six months, from January to June, 1917, we have received answers from 127 of our readers, 43 of whom have sent each time.

Books are awarded to those whose names appear in full.

Over 14 years: \*\*Amos Evans, \*Kathleen Murzell. Highly commended: \*Evelyn K., \*R.E., \*I.E., \*B.W., \*A.P., Edith M.

Commended: J.G., Mabel G., G.A.L.

12 to 14 years: \*Grace Dolamore, \*Gladys Godsall. Highly commended: \*Q.H.W., \*C.A.M., \*F.J.Y., \*N.C.B., \*E.M.C., \*B.C.G., \*S.W.P., \*D.E.M., Edna H., \*J.H.M., Doris S., J.G.B., J.A.Y., M.K., Eva M., S.M.T. Commended: Alfred S., P.A.S., Alice M., James C., Gwendoline H., C.M.W., Ernest R., E.B.

10 to 12 years: \*Clara Knight, \*Arthur Creeth. Highly commended: \*Marjorie G., \*J.F.J., \*Doris B., \*Cecil B., \*Madge T., \*R.L.Y., D.H., \*M.MacL., \*R.P., W.H.B., \*S.E.H., \*J.L.H., W.J.G. Commended: Peggy B., L.C., I.C., L.W., Daisy S., S.C.Y., G.Y., P.K., G.E.P., A.H., Charles B., F.H., A.H.W., M.H.S.

Under 10 years: \*Muriel Goldsmith, \*May Morland. Highly commended: \*Elsie M., \*H.M.M., J.W.H., H.A.H., Annie B.,

T.W., I.F.R., Grace H., E.A.S., M.J.C. Commended: John C., Albert M., P.M., C.S.R.

Those marked \* have sent each time during the six months.

### Senior Questions-January to June, 1917.

The answers to these questions have been very good, and the standard well maintained. Often it has been extremely difficult to classify the papers in order of merit, and all are worthy of commendation. May each one of our readers be able to say with the Psalmist, "Thy word is unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart."

Highly commended: \*D.P., \*E.K.S., \*M.J., \*G.P., \*D.C.B., D.M.R., \*P.H., \*C.H., \*E.A.W., \*L.E.G., E.S.G. Commended: R.T.

# BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 1917

Our readers are invited to send answers to these questions before September 25th, addressed "Questions" (or "Q.F.S."), c/o Mr. F. E. Race, 3 & 4, London House Yard, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.4. The answers should be IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, when possible, and chapter and verse should be given in every answer. For the senior questions a Reference Bible should be used.

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### Questions for Juniors and Seniors

Those under 10 do three only of the questions marked \* those under 12 do the four questions marked \*; over 12 and under 16 do the four marked ones and two others; the seniors do the four questions not marked.

#### HANDS AND FEET.

\*1. When God called to Moses out of the burning bush, what did He say to him about his feet? (Exodus iii.).

\*2. What are we told in Ecclesiastes ix. to do with our might?

\*3. Find and complete the following verses:

(a) "I... will hold thy right hand" (Isaiah xli.).

(b) "Let not thy left hand know" (Matthew vi.).
(c) "How beautiful are the feet" (Romans z.).

\*4. Write from Psalm cxix. three verses which speak of the feet, and also a prayer we should each pray about our steps.

5. What prayer do we find in Psalm-xc. about the work of our hands? What does Paul say in I Thessalonians iv. about working

with our own hands? and in Acts xx. about his own hands?

6. Find verses in Psalms xxviii., lxiii., cxix., cxxxiv., cxli., cxliii., and 1 Timothy ii. which speak of lifting up the hands in prayer. Can you remember an incident in the life of Moses which illustrates this?

7. What were Aaron and his sons commanded to do to their hands and feet before they went into the tabernacle? Where do we read of the fulfilment of this command? Quote a verse from Psalm cxix. which tells us wherewithal a young man shall cleanse his way.

8. "He . . . . set my feet upon a rock:" where do we find this passage? Find in the Psalms as many verses as you can which speak of the different ways in which the Lord will keep the feet

of His saints.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for July, 59 papers received:—Commended: A.E., G.M.D., J.E., R.E., Q.H.W., G.A.G., N.C.B., Evelyn K., Edith M., K.M., S.M.T. (under 12), J.F.J., Marjorie G., E.A., M.J.C., M.MacL., Doris B., H.S., Madge T. (under 10), Muriel G., Annie B., C.S.R. Six correct: S.E.H., B.J., M.K. Four correct: I.C., L.C., Clara K., P.K., M.B.M., Daisy S. Three correct: James C., John C., Dolly B., M.B., A.L., G.T. Nearly correct: F.J.Y., S.W.P., A.P., E.M.C., T.A., Charles B., A.B., E.M.B., A.C., Gwendoline H., C.H., W.J., R.P., D.E.M., Elsie M.; the first three are commended.

Answers to July Q.F.S. from: L.E.G., M.J., D.C.B., C.H., E.K.S., R.T., P.H., G.P., D.P., E.S.G. The papers were good on the whole, but some omitted parts of Questions 5 and 8. In Question 7 some gave as many as 8 references in the Gospels.

Best answers to Question 5 (a) Proverbs iii. 7; Romans xii. 16 (b) right Proverbs xii. 15, and xxi. 2; Deuteronomy xii. 8; Judges xvii. 6, and xxi. 25; clean Proverbs xvi. 2; pure Proverbs xxx. 12. To Question 8. Isaiah lxiv. 4, and xxxiii. 17; (a) Psalm cxxiii. 1 (b) cxxxiii. 2; (c) 2 Chronicles xx. 12.

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# GLAD TIDINGS for the Young



#### WHO TAKES CARE OF US?

story is told by a lady missionary in India of some tiny tots in a home for little girls. When they go to bed, hymns are sung to them in Tamil (an Indian dialect) and in English. One evening before they went to sleep two tiny girls were heard talking together.

"Who takes care of us at night when we all go to

sleep?" said one.

In a mixture of Tamil and English the other one answered, "Jesus-tender-Shepherd takes care of us—— Jesus-loves-me-this-I-know."

"It is not! It is Accal! (the nurse who takes care of

them) I woke one night and saw her."

But the other was quite sure she was wrong. "Accal sleeps, all people sleep; they lie down like us and go to sleep. Only Jesus stays awake, and never, never goes to sleep." From "Lotus-buds."

#### MAKING HOLIDAY

(Nehemiah viii.)

HEN at last the building of the wall was finished, and the doors set up, Nehemiah gave the charge over Jerusalem to Hanani his brother, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, for he knew that they were faithful men. He ordered that the gates of the city were not to be opened till the sun was hot, and at evening they were to be closed and barred while the guards stood by; also watches were to be appointed from among the inhabitants. For Nehemiah was the Tirshatha, or governor over Jerusalem, and he was responsible for the safety of the city. It would seem strange to us now to live in a walled city

with gates that were kept fast shut during the night; but in those days that was the rule in all places of

importance.

The wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, which was the sixth month of the Jewish year. The seventh month was a very special month to them, for the first day of it was "an holy convocation," a feast to the Lord, on the tenth day was the great day of atonement, and on the fifteenth day was the feast of tabernacles (or ingathering of harvest), which lasted seven days. (Leviticus xxiii. 24-27, and 37.) During this time they were to dwell in tabernacles or booths made from the branches of trees. Their seventh month would correspond to our September, or part of September and part of October. When they were gathered together at Jerusalem for this feast the law was to be read in their hearing (Deuteronomy xxxi. 11 and 12).

So on the first day of the seventh month the people gathered themselves together into the street that was before the water-gate; and they spake to Ezra the priest to bring the book of the law. (You may read more about Ezra in the book called by his name, especially chapters vii. and viii.) Ezra brought the book out to them in the street where they were gathered, and standing on a tower of wood that had been made on purpose, he read to them out of the book from morning light until midday, before the men and women and all the children that were old enough to understand. And

the ears of all the people were very attentive.

When Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, they all stood up; and Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. The people answered Amen, Amen, and they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord.

Then they stood in their place, while Ezra and those who were with him to help him read aloud to them in the book of the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the meaning.

It was long since the word of God had been read to the people like this. Many of them had never heard it before, and when they heard it now they wept, for they knew they had not done what it said. But Nehemiah the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest, and the Levites that taught the people, said to them, "Do not mourn nor weep to-day; for this day is holy to the Lord your God . . . neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So they stilled all the people, telling them not to be grieved that day. And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words of the book.

On the next day they all came again to Ezra to hear the words of the law. They found written there how the Lord had commanded by Moses that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month. (Lev. xxiii. 39-43.) So the people went forth, and they brought olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and made booths in the streets and sat under them, as it was written. And there was very great gladness.

Also day by day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read to them in the book of the law of God. They would have not only the five books of Moses, but almost all the Old Testament, for the Psalms and Proverbs and nearly all the books of the prophets were written before the days of Nehemiah. What a joy it was to them to hear of all that God had done for His

people, and all that He had promised, you may read in

the next chapter.

This beautiful story of the joy and gladness which came to God's people after all their toils and sorrows, through reading and obeying God's word, reminds us how we too may have joy in the same way. The days in which we live are days of sorrow for so many; but even in these sorrowful days there are some who know joy in the midst of sorrow. To those who trust in Him, the Lord Jesus says, "your sorrow shall be turned into joy." He came "to comfort all that mourn" (Isaiah lxi. 2); He came "to heal the broken hearted" (Luke iv. 18.) He is able to do all this and to give us joy because He came to die for us upon the cross, that we might have our sins forgiven.

Some people try to hide their sins, but that will never bring joy. Rather be sorry for your sins and confess them to Him, and He will forgive you. (see Proverbs xxviii. 13; 1 John i. 7 and 9.) Then you will be able to say, "I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation" (Psalm xiii. 5). K.I.B.

"Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my

heart."

#### AN ARAB WOMAN IN BAGHDAD

Missionary from Baghdad tells a story of a poor woman in the hospital of the Medical Mission out there. No missionaries are there now; they were sent away by the Turks, and have not yet been able to go back. But this happened before the War.

The Arab women are Mohammedans, and they are very ignorant and often stupid, for they have never

been taught to use their minds. Their religion tells them nothing of a God of love and holiness, and how God so loved the world that He sent His Son; but the missionaries have gone to tell them the Good News. This missionary was telling how discouraged they sometimes are because the women seem to take so little interest. But one day she had been telling the story of the Saviour's love to a poor woman in hospital and her old mother who was with her. They seemed to take little notice, and she wondered if it was any use at all; then the old woman suddenly said, as if she knew her thoughts-" Do you think God created you for nothing? You teach us: we will tell others, and they will tell others again." So even these ignorant women ,can be "missionaries," or messengers; they can carry the message to others.

You have known the story of Good News all your life: cannot you "tell others again"?

A.L.

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

## FOLLOWING THE MASTER

Always thoughtful—careless never, May this be my one endeavour. Always lowly; free from pride, Keep me, Lord, at Thy dear side. Always gentle, meek, and kind, Thus may I rejoice God's mind. Faithful may I be, and true, In whate'er I say or do. Daily finding in God's Word, How to please my Holy Lord.

From all selfishness set free, Help me, Lord, to cleave to Thee.

Yes, Lord, if I'm really Thine, For Thy glory may I shine.

Teach me simply to obey, Then I'll spend a happy day.

S.T.

## IF ANY MAN HAVE EARS TO HEAR LET HIM HEAR

"Means that when we have ears we must use them, and listen to what is taught us." E.M.C. "We ought all to take heed to the Lord's words and profit thereby." M.J. "If any man wishes to obtain more knowledge of these things, he can listen to what I am going to say." S.M.T. "When Christ used this expression, He wished the people He was addressing to take particular notice, and give Him their highest attention." L.E.G.

These were answers received from some of our readers in explanation of Mark iv. 23. Similar words were found in fifteen other places:—Matthew xi. 15; xiii. 9, 33; Mark iv. 9; vii. 16; Luke viii. 8; xiv. 35; Revelation ii. 7, 11, 17, 29; iii. 6, 13, 22; xiii. 9.

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#### TONGUE.

\*I. Write a prayer from Psalm cxx. about the tongue.

\*2. What does the Apostle John say about the tongue when he tells us how we should love one another? (1 John iii.).

\*3: What are we told in Proverbs xxxi. about the tongue of a

virtuous woman?

\*4. What do we read in Psalm xxxiv. and in Proverbs xxi.

about keeping the tongue?

5. What is said about the tongue in James i. and iii.? What advice about the tongue is given in r Peter to those "that will love life and see good days"?

6. What do we read about the tongue in Isaiah l:?

7. Where do we find mentioned in Psalms or Proverbs (a) lying, (b) backbiting, (c) flattering, (d) naughty, (e) perverse, (f) wholesome tongue; also (g) the tongue of the wise, (h) the tongue of the just?

8. What is said about the tongue in the following Psalms:-

xxxv., xlv., li., lxxi., cxix., cxxxix.?

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for August, 70 papers received. Commended: Edna H., A.P., Evelyn K., Edith M., A.E., R.E., J.E., G.M.D., Q.H.W., G.A.G., F.J.Y., S.W.P., N.C.B., K.M., A.C., B.G. (under 12), Marjorie G., D.H., J.W.H., J.F.J., Daisy S., Doris B. (under 10), Muriel G., Cecil B., Annie B. Six correct: J.G., S.E.H., B.J. Four correct: E.A., Peggy B., K.Y.H., Gwendoline H., Clara K., M.B.M., S.C.Y. Three correct: A.B., Dolly B., M.B., L.M., Joseph R., R.S., G.T. Nearly correct: E.M.C., S.M.T., J.G.B., J.K.H., M.J.C., R.P., H.R., I.F.R., Madge T., L.T., J.A.Y., the first two are commended.

Answers to August Q.F.S. from:—D.P., M.J., G.P., L.E.G., D.C.B., C.H., P.H., E.S.G. A very good set of papers. All were good, and some found as many as 11 and 12 references in answer to Question 6.

We are sorry to miss several familar names this month.

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## GLAD TIDINGS for the Young



#### "TRYING TO BE GOOD"

URING a pleasant ramble last summer in the fields adjoining a charming Kentish village, I suddenly came across a dear little eighteyearold boy, accompanied by his nurse. As they drew near, I said to the little fellow, "Can you tell me, dear, the way to heaven?" "No," said he, "I can't." "Don't you go to Sunday School?" "Oh! yes." "Well then," I rejoined, "Don't they tell you the way to heaven at your Sunday School?" "No," said he. "Well, that is sad," I replied; "but, as you don't know the way yourself, a Man called Jesus, Who loves you, and died for you, will Himself tell you the way"; and (taking out my pocket Testament) I read him the well-known words of Jesus, in John xiv. 6-" I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Then, looking at his upturned face, I added, "Now, dear, when you meet God (and we've all got to meet Him one day), you won't be able to say, you don't know the way to heaven, because His own dear Son, Who died to save you from your sins, has Himself told you, I am the Way." He paused a moment, and then with a thoughtful look, exclaimed, "I am trying to be good."
"That won't take you there," said I, "for Jesus tells us, There is none good but God." This greatly puzzled him; so, trying to make it simple, I added, "Does father keep a garden?" "Oh! yes, we've got a lovely garden." "Any apple trees in it?" "Yes." "Any gooseberry bushes?" "Yes." "Well," said I, "the next time you walk round father's garden, you go up to a gooseberry bush, and when you can pick an apple from it, you will be good." I then said, "Goodbye," but added, "if you trust Jesus now, His precious

blood will cleanse you now from all sin; and we shall, one day, both go to heaven together." God alone knows whether that dear little boy has taken Jesus as his own personal Saviour; but let me ask you, dear reader, "Have you?" If not, take Him now, for to-morrow may be too late. ---

"Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, but a corrupt tree evil fruit—a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."-Matt. vii. 16-18.

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."—Jeremiah xiii. 28.

#### ---GRAFTING

"YM going to try and get my flowers into the Rose Show next summer, and win a prize." So said a strong young briar in the garden, as he shook the dewdrops from his leaves, and felt the sap rising in his stem.

"It's of no use for you to try, dear, I'm afraid," said a beautiful blush rose that stood near him, her blossoms filling the air with fragrance. "You are only a wild briar, you know, and you can never bear anything but wild roses."

"Oh, dear! what can I do? I do want to have flowers in the Show." The disappointed young briar spoke wistfully. "I thought if I tried very hard perhaps I might."

"Well, let us ask the gardener when he comes round,

Here he is now."

"What's this?" said the gardener. "You tell me your little friend, the wild briar here, wants to bear roses for the Show. Well, so he shall, I hope."

"But, gardener, he can't bear any but wild roses, can he, so long as he is a wild briar? Didn't you tell me

"Yes, that is quite true. He cannot as he is. He must be converted into a true rose tree. It is done in a way that we gardeners call 'budding' or 'grafting.'"

"I know," said the blush rose, "you did it to me,

didn't you?"

"Yes; and now your flowers are a pleasure to me, though your stem is only a briar stem still. We do the same to apples and other fruit trees, so that they may bear good, sweet fruit, and not sour crab apples or quinces."

"Then what are you going to do now, gardener?"

"I am going to take away this young briar's natural branches, that could only bear wild flowers and berries; and I am going to put a new nature in him, which will

bear roses fit for the Show."

"Oh, gardener! please do!" said the briar, plucking up hope. "I was going to give up trying, but if you will do that, you will make me able. I see I could not by myself. I could not as I am, however hard I try. But take me as I am, and do with me what you will."

"Well, trust yourself to me," said the gardener.
"I will," said the briar. "I do trust myself to you, and I will try to bear or to do whatever you want me to."

Gently the gardener cut a slit in the bark of the briar stem, skilfully he put into it a slip of a true rose and bound it in, so that it might grow there. The natural branches, that looked so promising but were wild, he cut off one by one, so that all the physical strength of the tree might pass into the new growth. This throve and grew, spread out its leaves to the rain and air, and opened its buds in the sunshine.

So the young tree, no longer a wild briar, but a true rose, though on a briar stem, grew blossoms fit for the Show, roses of which the gardener might well be proud.

Children, you will have guessed; this is a parable. You and I were but "wild briars" or "crab apples," and we, by nature could never produce that which pleases God, could never make ourselves good enough to go to Heaven, however hard we might try. But if we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, then a new nature is given us, that grows in the likeness of Christ and bears fruit which pleases Him. Thus made meet for His presence, He will have us in Heaven with Him, where there is "fulness of joy," and "pleasures for evermore." A.T.B.

"No preparation can I make,
My best resolves I only break;
Yet save me for Thine own name's sake,
And take me as I am.
Behold me, Saviour, at Thy feet;
Deal with me as Thou seest meet;
Thy work begin, Thy work complete,
But take me as I am."

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

#### HOW TO BEGIN

"And do you know how to begin to try?" said her friend. "Go straight to the Lord Jesus in your prayers; do not be afraid, and be quite sure that He hears you. Ask Him to wash away your sins and

to make you one of His little children. And don't be afraid that He will not hear. He would not let His disciples send the children away, and He will never send them away Himself. You have only got to trust Him."

### LET HIM IN

OPEN your heart to the Saviour, Who died to put away sin; His precious blood can now cleanse you, Then will your blessings begin, Let Him in; let Him in, Then will your blessings begin. Open your heart to the Saviour, Jesus is mighty and strong, He is just longing to save you, He'll be your glory and song, Let Him in; let Him in, He'll be your glory and song. Open your heart to the Saviour, Why should you longer delay? Quickly He's coming from heaven, Taking the blood-bought away, Let Him in; let Him in, Perhaps He is coming to-day.

S.T.

## HIDDEN ACROSTIC

1. Something which children are commanded to do in Ephesians vi. and Colossians iii.

2. The birthplace of One who came not to do His own will, but the will of Him that sent Him.

3. A word which tells how many of our thoughts should be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians x.).

4. A king of whom God said "who kept My Commandments and who followed Me with all his heart" (1 Kings xiv.).

- 5. The son of a man who left his country at God's command.
- 6. One who "walked with God."

7. A place where the Lord Jesus lived with Joseph and Mary and "was subject to them."

8. A town where a nobleman lived whose son was

healed at the word of the Lord Jesus.

9. A place to which two disciples were going after the Lord's resurrection when "Jesus himself drew near and went with them."

Initials read downwards tell what the Son of God "learned . . . by the things which He suffered" (Hebrews v.).

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MOUTH AND LIPS

\*r. What are we told in Proverbs xii. about lying lips, and about those that deal truly?

\*2. Write a prayer from Psalm cxli., and another from Psalm li.

about the mouth and lips.

\*3. What did the Lord Jesus answer when the chief priests complained to Him of the children crying Hosanna? (Matthew xxi.).

\*4. Find and complete the following:-

(a) "Let another man praise thee" (Proverbs xxvii.).
(b) "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth" (Proverbs

xvi.)

(c) "My lips shall utter praise" (Psalm cxix., near the end).

5. Write from Psalm lxxi. four verses which speak of the

mouth, lips, and tongue, and what we should do with them.

6. What did the Lord say to Moses when he was unwilling to go to Pharaoh because he was not eloquent? And what did He afterwards say about Aaron speaking for him? Find in Luke xxi. a similar promise made by the Lord Jesus to His disciples.

7. Find from Deuteronomy xviii., Isaiah vi., Isaiah li., Jeremiah i., and Daniel x. what the Lord did or said He would do to the mouths

of some He wished to speak for Him; who were they?

8. Find a verse in Psalm xxxvii. and another in Psalm xlix. which tell of the mouth speaking of wisdom. Find also any verses you can in the book of Proverbs about the lips and mouth that

speak wisdom, and the mouth and lips of fools.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for September, 53 papers received. Commended: E.M.C., F.J.Y., R.E., Evelyn K., J.F.J., Q.H.W., Edna H., G.A.G., K.M., S.W.P., Edith M., Doris B. (under 12), Doris H., Marjorie G., M.J.C., J.L.H., H.A.H., C.F.B. (under 10), Grace H., C.S.R. Six correct: J.G.B., J.G., B.C.G., V.W. Four correct: Peggy B., Clara K., M.B.M., Madge T. Three correct: L.C., James C., I.C., Muriel G., I.F.R. Nearly correct: G.M.D., J.E., John C., N.C.B., A.P., R.P., J.W.H., G.Y., J.A.Y., B.J. The first two are commended.

Answers to September Q.F.S. from:—E.K.S., D.P., M.J., D.C.B., G.P., P.H., E.S.G., C.H., L.E.G. A good set of papers, though some mistakes were made. As many as ten references were found in answer to Question 8. The answer to last part of Question 6 is found in Exodus xvii. 8-13; the best answers to Questions 7 and 8 as follows:—(7) Exodus xxx. 17-21, and xl. 30-32; Psalm cxix. 9. (8) Psalm xl. 2; also xvii. 5; xviii. 36; xxv. 15; xxxi. 8; xxxvii. 23, 24; lvi. 13; lxvi. 9; xci. 11, 12; xciv. 18; cxvi. 8; cxix. 105; cxxi. 3.

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#### **AFTERWARDS**

which we read in Nehemiah vii., the people of Israel assembled together again, but not for feasting this time. They remembered how they had wept, when they heard the words of the Law, and now the feast was over they came together again to fast, and to confess their sins, and to worship God. This was to show they were really sorry.

They stood up in their place, and for three hours they read in the Book of the Law of God: and then for three hours more they confessed, and worshipped God. Then some of the chief men stood upon the platform that was made, and cried out to the rest to stand up and

bless and praise the Lord.

They praised Him for all the wonders He had made; the heavens, and all the stars, the earth, and everything in it, the sea, and all that is in that. They praised Him because He had chosen Abram, and brought him out of his own land, and made a covenant to give him the land

of Canaan, and had performed His words.

They praised Him because He had delivered their fathers from Egypt, and brought them through the Red Sea, and had led them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire to give them light in the way. They praised Him for the good laws He had given, and the Sabbath day, and all the commands by Moses; for bread given in the desert, and water from the rock.

They praised Him because He was a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful; that even when the people refused to obey, and made a molten calf, yet He forsook them not, but gave them His good Spirit to in-

struct them, and sustained them forty years in the wilderness. They praised Him, too, because He brought them into the land as He had promised, and subdued the people before them, so that they had houses, and vineyards, and oliveyards, and delighted in His goodness. And when the people became rebellious and disobedient, and so were delivered into the hands of their enemies, they praised Him because in the time of their trouble, when they came to Him, He heard them, and saved them from their enemies: and many times He delivered them according to His mercies. They praised Him that He did not utterly forsake them, because He was a gracious and merciful God.

And now, because of all He had done in the past, they prayed Him that He would look upon their affliction, and trouble and distress, and hear their cry also, as He had done for their fathers. And then they made a covenant together, and wrote it, and sealed it, that they would walk in God's law, and do His commandments, and keep the Sabbath, and bring the offerings, and not forsake the House of their God.

Then they arranged who should dwell in Jerusalem, now the wall was finished; the rulers, and one out of ten of all the other people; and the people blessed those men that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem. The rest of the people dwelt in other cities.

After all this they dedicated the wall; they sought all the Levites to bring them to Jerusalem to keep the dedication with gladness, with thanksgiving, with singing, and with music. Nehemiah appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks; one of them went to the right upon the wall, with half the princes of Judah, and some of the priests' sons with trumpets, and the musical instruments of David, and Ezra the scribe

before them. They went up by the stairs of the city of David.

The other company went the opposite way, and Nehemiah after them, and the other half of the people, and of the rulers. So they went round the wall, and the two companies of them that gave thanks met and stood in the House of God. The singers sang loud; and that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. K.I.B.

"Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice."-

PSALM V. II.

### THE LETTER

"HAT a nice, kind postman!" exclaimed a tiny girl to her mother; "he has given me a letter for my very own!" and she quickly drew it from its envelope. It was from her father, a soldier at the Front.

The mother smiled and said: "Daddy wrote it, dear;

the postman only brought it."

So we sometimes forget that "every good gift is from above," and comes from our Father in heaven. All the good things we have are from Him, and we should remember to thank Him for them.

Adapted from "The Christian."

#### THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

ERY long ago a man and a woman had their home in a beautiful garden, full of all sorts of trees. The Lord God planted the garden, and He said they might live in it. Their work was to look

after everything that grew there. The trees were of every kind; all the trees that are pretty to look at, and every fruit tree you can think of, and shady trees, too, so that they could sit in the shade when the sun was too hot. They did not need shelter from the rain, for there was no rain then, but a mist went up from the earth and watered the garden, so that everything was fresh and green. There were all sorts of beasts, too, in the garden, and birds as well; the man gave names to them all. He called them whatever he liked, and so they got their names.

The man was called Adam, and his wife's name was Eve. They had no children, and they lived all alone in the garden, except for the birds and beasts: But God came to see them quite often. Their food was the fruit that grew on the trees, for God had said they might eat the fruit of every tree in the garden except one. They

did what God said, and they were very happy.

But one day someone came into the garden to talk to the woman, and try to make her do what God had said they were not to do. She was silly to listen to him, when she knew how happy they were in doing what God had said; but she did listen. At first she remembered that God was good and kind, and said that they might eat of the fruit of all the trees except one; but she went on listening to the tempter, and when he tried to persuade her that that one tree was better than all the rest, she began to wish for the fruit.

Then she looked at it and thought it was nice; and then, at last, she took some and ate it, though God had said they must not eat it. How naughty! and what a pity! She gave some to her husband as well, and he ate it. Then they were not happy, for as soon as they ate it they knew they had done wrong. So they

wanted to hide away, and when the Lord God came to see them that evening they hid among the trees of the garden. But it was no use to try and hide from God, for He can see us anywhere. He called to Adam, and they had to come out and confess what they had done.

God was angry at their disobedience, and oh! so sorry; for now they could not live in the beautiful garden any more, because there was another Tree which now they must not eat, or they would never have been happy again; and He could not trust them any longer. So they were sent away out of the garden for ever, and angels with a flaming sword kept the way, so that they could not go back.

Before they went God told them that now, because of their sin and disobedience, they would have troubles, which they never had had in the garden, and one day they would die. But He told them, too, that they should have children, and that some day One who should come to earth as a little child should overcome the wicked tempter, and make a way so that every one who came to Him should be able to go to live in a better garden than this one—a garden that is called the Paradise of God.

And after many, many years had gone by, the Lord Jesus did come to the earth as a little child. He grew to be a man, and always He did what God wanted. He made a way for every one who will to go to God's Garden, and now He is gone to make ready a place in God's house of many mansions for all those who love Him.

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me. . . . . And Jesus said unto him—To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise."—Luke xxiii. 42, 43.

#### ANSWER TO HIDDEN ACROSTIC IN NOVEMBER

O bey your parents. Ephesians vi. 1; Colossians iii. 20.

B ethlehem. S. Matthew ii. 1; S. John vi. 38.

E very thought. 2 Corinthians x. 5.

D avid. 1 Kings xiv. 8. I saac. Acts vii. 1-8.

E noch. Genesis v. 22.

N azareth. S. Luke ii. 51.

C apernaum. S. John iv. 46-53.

E mmaus. S. Luke xxiv. 13-15.

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He OBEDIENCE by the things which He suffered."—Hebrews v. 8.

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OUR OWN SELVES

\*1. What do we read in 2 Corinthians viii. that the people of the churches of Macedonia "first gave . . . to the Lord" before anything else?

\*2. Write a verse from Psalm c. which speaks of those who belong to the Lord as His people and His sheep.

\$3. What does the Lord promise, about those who fear the Lord,

in the day when He makes up His jewels? (Malachi iii.)

'4. Find and complete the following:—(a) "He knoweth them" (Nahum i.); (b) "I know them" (John x.); (c) "The Lord knoweth them." (2 Timothy ii.)

5. What does the apostle Paul in Romans xii. beseech the Lord's people to do with their bodies, and why? Quote also a verse from

Romans vi. in which he says "yield yourselves unto God."

6. "Ye are not your own "—"ye are bought with a price."
Quote from I Corinthians vi. the verses where these words occur.
Quote also verses from Isaiah xliii. and xliv. and from I Peter i.

which speak of this redemption.

7. What does the Psalmist say in Psalm cxxxix. about the Lord having searched, and known, and understood, and been acquainted with everything about him? What reason does he give in Psalm xcv. why we should kneel and worship before the Lord? Can you find similar verses to this in two other Psalms?

8. Find and write from Isaiah xli. three verses in which the Lord

makes promises to His people and says to them "Fear not."

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Answers to October Q.F.S. from:—M.J., D.C.B., L:E.G., R.T., C.H., D.P., P.H., G.P., E.S.G. A very good set of papers indeed. Very thorough searching was done in question 7, some finding as many as 14 and 15 correct references; but four failed to find one reference asked for—Proverbs xvii. 4 (a naughty tongue).

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