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CHEERFUL GIVING

Though but a trifle, something give,
To help the poor along;
Tis not how much, it is the will
That makes the virtue strong.

You have but little! never say
"Tis of no use to give:"
A penny if you give to-day,
May make the dying live.

Then give a trifle cheerfully
From out thy little store,
And it will all return to thee,
When thou wilt need it more.

—Sel.

Story of David

The story of the life of David is a long one and one of the most interesting of any of the Bible characters. His many wonderful experiences from boyhood on would fill many books but we can remember only a few of the many important events in his life in this short story.

David was a son of Jesse, the son of Obed who was the son of Boaz and Ruth. So Ruth was David's great grandmother.

Jesse had seven other sons, David being the youngest of all.

David, when a boy, was sent to keep the sheep for his father and he was called a shepherd boy.

Saul was king of Israel but he had been rejected because he had done what God had forbidden him to do and another king was to be chosen to take his place.

God told the prophet Samuel to go to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse and anoint one of his sons to be king and He would let him know which one he had chosen. Samuel had to be careful not to let Saul know what he was to do. He arranged to have a sacrifice and call Jesse and his sons to come to it. They came and one by one, from the oldest down they passed before Samuel, but not one of them did the Lord choose.

Then Samuel asked Jesse if that were all of

his sons or if he had yet another. Jesse told him his youngest son was at home tending the sheep and Samuel told him to send for him to come.

Now David was just a young boy, but as soon as he appeared the Lord said, "Arise and anoint him for this is he." Samuel did so there in the presence of all his brothers and we are told that the Spirit of God came upon David from that day forward. But not so with Saul for because of his wrong doings the Spirit of God left him and he was troubled by evil spirits so that he could not sleep. His servants told him to get some one to play the harp skillfully and when he was troubled the music would soothe him to rest. He told them to find such a one, and David was selected and came to see Saul.

As soon as Saul saw him he loved him and he made him his armour bearer. When Saul was troubled David played his harp and Saul would get rest and sleep.

Once when the Philistines came with an army against Saul and his people they camped on a mountain opposite from Saul's army. Among the Philistines was a great giant nearly twelve feet tall who came out and dared the Israelites to send one of their men to fight him. He said if one of them would fight him and kill him the Philistines would give up and be their servants, but if he killed their man they would be servants to the Philistines.

Not a man would offer to fight him. They were all afraid of him.

Now it happened that David was sent to the army that day by his father to bring food to his older brothers who were in the army. When he heard the giant dare them he went and talked with men there and asked what would be given to the man who would kill the giant. He said this man must not defy the armies of the living God.

David's brothers were very angry with him and told him to go home and care for his sheep and not be meddling with such things, for he was only a boy. But David saw Saul and told him he would fight the giant, for he had killed a lion and a bear that came after his sheep and he was not afraid of this giant for his God that kept him from harm from these fierce beasts would save him from the giant.

Finally Saul gave him his armor and told him

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EDITORIAL

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

It seems that most people in the world do not have a desire to be good. They do not want to learn more about God's word and what He wants them to do.

However there are those who want righteousness just as people want food and water. They crave knowledge of God's word.

Haven't you read about how hard the scientists study when they are searching for a way to combat disease? They just put their every thought and effort into their work. They often go for days with very little food and drink and little time for sleep, because they are so interested in their work.

That is just how earnest we should be in our desire to learn more of the Bible. The more we learn, the better we can fight sin. And the more we learn, the more we'll want to learn. The Lord will increase our understanding if we ask Him to. But we will never know all there is to know until Jesus comes.

PETER DENIES CHRIST

One of Jesus' disciples, Peter, was a very high tempered, quick speaking man. He loved Jesus, and at the last supper he was broken-hearted when Jesus told the disciples that He was going to leave them soon.

"Lord," said Peter, "I am ready to go with thee into prison and to death." But Jesus answered sadly, "I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me."

Peter couldn't believe that he could possibly tell people that he didn't know Jesus, three times. "If I should die with Thee," Peter told Jesus, "I will not deny Thee in any wise." And all the disciples said the same thing.

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A Message From Aunt Lena

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Greetings! How are you this Sabbath morning? I hope you keep well, happy and busy in the Lord.

How would you like another story today?

There was a rich man that had a deep cistern near his house which was full of water. He got a big screen and hired a boy to dip the water out of the cistern pouring each pail full through the screen onto the ground but it looked like such a foolish thing to do that he had to hire many different boys before he found one that would stick to the task. The others couldn't see any sense to their task and I guess they really thot the man must be crazy.

But when they tried to discourage this last lad, he replied, "I am hired to do as he tells me; it isn't my business to know why he wants it done." So day after day he faithfully drew the water from the cistern, pouring it through the screen onto the ground.

After many days when the cistern was nearly empty and he poured the water into the screen he noticed something shining very bright in the bottom of the screen. Quickly he picked it up and ran to his employer with it.

He said, "My son, you have made me very happy and you shall have your reward." Now haven't you guessed what this shining object was? It was a beautiful jewel, a diamond and was very valuable. The boy didn't have to draw any more water for his task was now completed. a work that was well done. Now he could understand why the man wanted the water taken from the cistern.

Learning to obey is one of the most important things in our every day life. Sometimes we can't understand why our parents ask us to do certain things or talk to us so much about the evils around us. It may be many years before you really will understand, but you should obey them without questioning. Of if Mother and Daddy have to punish you sometimes, remember they don't like to do it. It hurts them as much as you. They do it because they love you and want you to grow up to be good Christian men and women. Even the Savior says in Rev. 3: 19, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore and repent." So you see He tells us when we do wrong and punishes us too. And when we do something wrong He wants us to be zealous (meaning eager) to repent and not do it again. If we love our parents we should be willing to obey them.

Jesus says if we love Him we will keep His commandments. Honoring our father and our mother is one of the commandments isn't it? And if we live good Christian lives obeying our heavenly Father we will receive a reward when He comes, which will be eternal life, the most precious gift any one could hope for. May God bless us and keep us in the paths of righteousness which means always doing right.

Lovingly, Aunt Lena



"And that knowing the time, that now Stanberry, Missouri, Feb. 17, 1941. it is high time to awake out of sleep."

He Is Able

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Genesis 18:14.

Do you sometimes wonder if the Lord really can help you in the trial you are passing through?

Have you found the matter too hard for you? Perhaps you have tried everything you could think of, but without avail, and so because the case is too hard for you, you wonder if He can really handle it successfully.

Those who know God best, are quick to testify that He is able; that nothing is too hard for Him. He has never failed and never will, if the matter is handed over to Him and left in His care.

The great trouble with most of us is, that we do not trust God as we should. We try to depend upon ourselves too much, and so we fail.

Our attitude is well illustrated by the story of two women. One of them was passing through what seemed to her, to be a veritable Gethsemane. A friend came in to see and try to comfort her, and was told by the other: "Well, Mary, I have tried everything but it seems to be no use. There seems nothing left for me to do, but trust the Lord." And the friend replied: "My, my, is it really as bad as that?"

If we could but learn to trust the Lord first, it would save us much grief. And why should we thrust Him into the background, and attempt to battle with the matter ourselves — alone. We often sing: "I need Thee every hour," but we do not act as though we meant it and believed it.

That nothing is too hard for Him, and that there is victory through Him in every experience that life can bring to us, is plain from the words of Paul. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13.

When you get into that tough spot, do not think that God has singled

you out as a victim. Others are going through a similar experience, for the trial you are facing is the lot of this mortality.

Another thing, note that the verses tell us that "God is faithful," and we should respond by trusting Him, for it also says that He "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." He knows how much we can stand, and if we trust Him, He will not let more come than we are able to bear.

And the verse also tells us that "with the temptation" He will "also make a way of escape that ye may be able—not to escape it, but—to bear it."

So, every temptation brings with it a way of escape. But, do not waste time looking for that but "keep looking unto Jesus," that you may bear the trial—learn its lesson and grow in grace and knowledge of Him. In His own time and own way He will lead you through the way of escape.

Remember, trials and temptations are not given us to escape, but to endure for the trying of our faith (Jas. 1:2, 4, 12). —By C. F. Ladd

THE SERMON IN A SALOON

The leading merchant of the city was my host. He was very proud of its history and predicted for it a great future. He related many incidents of the early days. He said:

"In the beginning our town was a pretty tough place. The chief businesses were liquor selling, gambling and undertaking. There was a funeral every day. If some one did not die from disease or accident there was a murder. The bowie-knife and revolver were never concealed. They were always within ready reach. If ever a place deserved to be called hell, it was this place.

"I was a youngster who ran away from home in the east to try the frolic of frontier life. I had been a resident about a week. As I was passing down our principal street, I noticed a horseman in a very peculiar garb riding slowly along as if he were looking for some one. Noticing me, he drew the reins of his horse and said:

"Young man, is there a hall or

room of any kind in this place large enough to hold a meeting in? I am A Methodist itinerant and would like to add this town to my circuit. I desire to hold a service tonight."

"I was so amazed, that for a moment I was silent, as I looked closely at the stranger. He was a young fellow, but was a tall, powerful looking man. He had a clear, resolute eye, a lip and chin that revealed a determination nothing could balk. I felt that he was a man who did not know fear; but the folly of the question became more and more amusing until I broke out in a merry, mocking laugh.

"The face grew stern; the eyes shown with a light like the gleam of steel; the voice hardened to a cutting curtness almost like anger.

"Does it amuse you, my young friend, to have me ask you a civil question?"

"I replied hastily: "I beg your pardon, sir, for my discourtesy, but the idea of anybody wanting to hold a religious meeting in this town is funny enough to make anyone laugh. You might as well try to hold a meeting in hades!"

"I would certainly hold one there if I felt it my duty and could get in; but this town can't be as bad as that."

"I directed him to "The Coyote", the largest gambling den in town. I said:

"It is large enough to hold a good-sized congregation, and it has one advantage over any other place. It is always full. You will be sure to find a crowd there, night and day. I do not believe they will allow you to speak. If "One-Eyed Jack," the proprietor, is in a good humor he may kick you into the street; if he is cross, and he generally is, he may shoot you."

"I saw the circuit rider fasten his horse in front of the saloon and enter. I slipped in to see the sport. The preacher stood for a moment, just inside the door, looking around. At the further end of the building a powerful man with a black patch over one of his eyes was talking to a bartender in a most sulphurous manner. The stranger approached and said, as he removed his hat and made a courteous bow:

"Are you the proprietor of this place?"

"One-Eyed Jack was about to reply with a savage oath, according to his usual custom, when the peculiar garb and the distinguished bearing of the questioner caused him to hesitate. With a politeness unusual to him, he said: "I am sir. What can I do for you?"

"I am a minister, and I would like permission to preach in your saloon."

"Preach in my saloon! When?" said Jack in a tone of amazement.

"Now," said the preacher.

Well I'll— I beg your pardon, Parson, I'd almost said a cuss-word. But preach in my saloon!" He looked about and heard the clink of the glasses, the banging of cards upon the table, the harsh laugh and the awful talking and said:

"I think Parson, you have come to a mighty poor place to start a revival."

"No place needs it more," said the minister, as he looked with a respectful but resolute glance into Jack's single eye.

"Let him preach," said the bartender, who was glad to have his employer's wrath diverted from him. "Let him preach. It will be fine fun for the boys."

"Fun!" roared Jack. "I'd like to see anybody make fun of my guest. Parson, fire away. I'll be the deacon of this revival. If anybody dares kick up a row—"

"There, there" interrupted the preacher. "Deacons don't swear."

"Jack rang the huge bell with which he signaled for attention when he had an announcement to make or a command to give. In a few minutes there was silence. All eagerly looked at the two men, as if they expected to see a fight. Jack roared out in a voice that could be heard half a mile:

"Gents, here's a parson who's honored us by coming to our town to start a revival. I allus said "The Coyote" never follows; she allus leads. We're the first saloon in town to start a prayer meeting as a side show. The parson's goin' to hev a chance to show his hand. I'm going to be the deacon of this protracted meetin'. If anybody tries any funny business with the parson, he'll hev to settle with the deacon! See? When the parson wants somebody to come forward and get converted, I'll make one of my bartenders go, and you can stand around and see the show. Now parson fire away. If you've got any gospel that'll reach this crowd, it'll hev' to be like my whiskey, hot and strong."

"The preacher sprang upon the table and— (To be continued)

QUESTION DEPARTMENT

Is it considered one's own pleasure to write friendly letters on the Sabbath and is it against Christ's teachings?

Are we judging people when we look at anyone's wrong doings and admit, even to ourselves, that it is a sin?

Will we lose our chance to enter the Kingdom of heaven if we omit returning thanks before meals?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY SENT IN

QUESTION: A while back some asked if we could "prove" that the week and Sabbath had not been lost.

I have waited for others with more time, strength and means to answer. But as I have seen no answer, I must give it. We must not let our young people (or older ones either) think there is no *real* proof, for most assuredly we can prove it. The proof is in *both* the Bible and history.

Bible proof comes first as it is the most important. We understand that written records were much harder to make in early times. Hence, if time was lost it would be more logical to allow it was before the flood; or if not then, during the Egyptian servitude of Israel.

But no, the 7th day of the week was not lost before they left Egypt. For proof read Ex. 16th Ch. Here we find that they *all* knew when both the 6th and 7th days of the week came while in the wilderness. (And God continued His miracles, marking the Sabbath and week for over 40 years.)

And note here also (as well as elsewhere) we learn that the 7th day was the "Sabbath unto the Lord" and therefore the Lord's day. (Rev. 1: 10). And also take note that by their breaking this 4th command they were counted sinners before God the same as though they had broken them all.

This was *before* Sinai, and proves the Ten Commandments were given before this. And this accords with the same test as given by James this side of the cross. So do not let any one persuade you that either Sinai or the Cross made any change in this 4th command, or any of the Ten.

God's Sabbath rest still remains because Jesus did not name or give any other day. (See Heb. 3rd and 4th Chaps.; also Gal. 3:1; 5:7-8, etc.).

Also read where Jesus magnified the 4th or Sabbath command when He told them to even *pray* that they would not be forced to flee from Judæa and Jerusalem on the Sabbath when the destroying army came many years later.

Now consider Jesus' time. There was no question then as to when

either the High Day Sabbath of the Passover (John 19:13, 31, 42) or the Sabbath of God's Law came. Jesus made a regular custom of keeping it, and told us to do as He did. And it was clearly shown to be the day *before* the first day of the week.

Next take Paul's time, some years after Christ. Now had there been a change of God's rest day, or the 7th day was lost, surely Paul would have learned of it by then. But it was not only Paul's regular custom to meet and preach on the Sabbath day (while appointing the 1st day as a business day—1 Cor. 16:2-6), but the Gentiles also asked that certain truths be preached to them the next Sabbath. And there was no division or misunderstanding as to what day that would be, for nearly the whole city turned out to hear. Thus we prove God's week was not lost before the Bible was all written.

Now let us consider history. This writing would be too long to quote all proofs. So just turn to any good Encyclopedia and read under "Calendar"; week; day; month; also Sunday, Monday, Saturday, etc., and see for yourselves.

You will learn that the calendar and month and dates have been changed at times but that none of these changes ever effected the 7th day. God has evidently seen to that. Is He not all powerful and able to preserve that which He has made so holy and given unto us to keep holy?

When He has given such wonderful promises (Isaiah 56th and 58th Chs.) to those who keep it, haven't you enough faith in God to know He would preserve it for us.

Read in the International Encyclopedia; the Century; United Editors; and Britannica, etc. All of these hide these truths among their many words. The Britannica is especially lengthy, but the facts are there. They show how certain nations in the past have tried to change the week. They don't say it was the work of satan but we feel that it was. But, praise God, satan's attempts failed, and these Encyclopedias and history show that all nations later came back to the week of seven days which they say, "Had been preserved from the earliest times." They could have said "from creation." But secular writers would not say that. Yet they plainly state that Sunday (named for sun worship) was the original first day; Monday (named after the moon) the 2nd day, etc., and Saturday (named for Saturn) was the Bible 7th day, and that it continued to be kept as the Sabbath by Christians until the Constantine edict in the 4th century.

Britannica says that even after that many still held to the 7th day as it was so plainly taught in the decalog.

But I suppose satan's persecutions and influences gradually seared their

consciences as with a hot iron. At least we see the bulk of professed Christians blindly following his dictates instead of God's. Surely the harlots church and her daughters has made all nations drink of the wine of her fornication.

Dear ones, God is still pleading for all to come out from among these harlot churches and touch not the unclean thing (traditions and doctrines of men) and help to restore the breach or break the world has made in His Holy Law. He asks us to help restore the *old* paths, and hold fast that which we had from the beginning.

The Sabbath command was the first one recorded, so we know it started at creation. And as it carries us through faith to the re-creation, is it not as important today as ever? Let us love God enough to obey and encourage others to do the same.

—By Katie Loucks Gilstrap.

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THE DECURIO NOBILIS

The Sanhedrin was in session, even if illegally. The members sat in their usual semicircle. The High Priest, Caiaphas, was at his palace and the Prisoner was standing before the bar.

It was past midnight and the lights seemed to grin an evil glow as they sputtered in their sockets. The greatest legal drama the world has ever known was being enacted.

But, someone asks, what is the use of reconstructing a scene so familiar to every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ? However, we may say that through modern archaeology, the exact location of the palace of Caiaphas is known, and some of the stones used in building the house, now form a part of a very modern building in Jerusalem.

We know how at least forty of the members of that Sanhedrin voted regarding the Prisoner at the bar. Not only that, but we have their biographies and know the nature of the lives they lived. Two years ago these things were not definitely established but by means of scientific investigations and research, the facts have come to light.

Decurio Nobilis

Among the forty that voted "Not Guilty" for the Prisoner at the bar, was one Joseph of Arimathea, *Decurio Nobilis*. He, being very rich, was an outstanding member of the Legislature. He wielded great influence both at home and in foreign lands. He controlled at least 51 per cent of the tin trade of the Roman Empire and he may have owned that percentage of the tin mines of England. He had a beautiful town house outside the walls of the Old City, and a large country estate eight miles north of

'S FRIEND SECTION

Jesus was *hungry* (Matt. 4:2) to make us *satisfied* (Rev. 7:16).

Jesus was *thirsty* (John 4:7) to give us the *water of life* (John 4:14).

Jesus was *weary* (John 4:6) to give us *rest* (Matt. 11:23, 30).

Jesus was *lonely* (Matt. 14:23) that we may not be *lonely* (Matt. 28:20).

Jesus was exceedingly *sorrowful* (Matt. 26:38) to give us *joy* (John 5:11).

Jesus was *tempted* (Matt. 4:1) that He might be able to *help us in temptation* (Heb. 4:15).

Jesus took the form of a *servant* (Phil. 2:7) to make us *sons* (1 John 3:1).

Jesus was made in *man's likeness* (Phil. 2:7, 8) to make us in *his likeness* (Ps. 17:15).

—Sel. by a reader.

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The Missing Link

The following interesting quotation is from the pen of the well known scientist, W. Bell Dawson.

"When Darwin's books appeared, people at once said: 'If men came from monkeys, we ought to be able to find creatures that are half-way between the two.' It was very reasonable to think this; and so the search began for what was called the 'missing link' between man and the monkey. We must remember that this began seventy years ago; and all the remotest corners of the world have been searched and the most degraded men have been hunted for, in every continent; but no men half-way back to monkeys could be found. Then it was said: We must go further back, and so search was made for skulls of men who lived before any history was written in their part of the world; but with no better success.

"A noted biologist of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, Dr. Austin H. Clark, says of this: 'There are no such thing as missing links. Missing links are misinterpretations.' And Professor Virchow has said: 'The ape-man has no existence and the missing link remains a phantom.'" (Alliance Weekly).

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WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

1. How many books in the Bible?
2. What are the first words of the Bible?
3. What is considered the golden text of the Bible?
4. In what town was Christ born?
5. By whom was Christ baptized?
6. In what river was Christ baptized?
7. On what body of water did Christ walk?
8. Who denied Christ three times?
9. When and by whom was the Sabbath sanctified?
10. Give a verse that proves the righteous will inherit the earth.

—By Mrs. Roy Davison.

Loyal Juniors

THE PERSONALITY OF JESUS

I wonder how many of you children have heard of the personality of our Savior? When I say children I mean persons from an age of understanding up to a ripe old age. Personality means individuality existing in itself but with a nature as a foundation.

The Savior is portrayed as one not beautiful, at least to those who did not recognize Him. Isaiah Chap. 53 gives a good description of how He looked as well as how He lived, and what He bore. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John show how these things were fulfilled.

We do not know just how the man Jesus looked. It seems that different races have Him to resemble their particular race. It is said that Erusebius of Cesarea refused to procure for the sister of Constantine the Great, a picture of Christ. And a century later Augustine declared that as regards the personality of Christ, nothing is positively known.

The origin of the first picture of Christ is said in the early centuries to have been a picture of Christ by Pontius Pilate. Some found their idea of His looks on old manuscripts.

I will give you what is said to be a correct translation of a letter sent by Publius Lentrulus to the Roman senate. It reads: "There appeared in those days a man of great virtues named Jesus Christ who is yet among us; of the Gentiles except for a prophet of truth; but His disciples call Him the Son of God. He raiseth the dead and cureth all manner of disease. A man of stature, somewhat comely and tall, with a very reserve countenance, such as the beholders must both love and fear. His hair the color of chestnut full ripe, plain to the ears, whence downward, it is more oriental, curling and waving about his shoulders. In the midst of His forehead is a stream, or partition of his hair, after the manner of the Nazarites; forehead plain and very delicate; His face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red; His nose and mouth so formed as nothing could be represented; His beard thick in color, like His hair not long; His looks innocent and mature; His eyes gray, quick and clear. In reproving He is terrible. In admonishing, courteous and fair spoken; pleasant in correction, mixed with gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen Him laugh, but many have seen Him weep; in proportion of body most excellent. In speaking He is very temperate, modest and wise; a man of singular beauty, surpassing the children of men."

It matters not about any description of Him. We do know to those who love Him He is altogether lovely. —By Geo. D. Lewis.

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He's coming soon; He's coming soon;
With joy we welcome His returning.
It may be morn; it may be night or noon;
We know He's coming soon. —Sel.

STORY OF DAVID

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he could try it. But David refused to wear the armor or take the sword. He laid them down and went to the brook and picked out five smooth stones and put them in his shepherd's bag and took his sling shot in his hand and his staff. Then he went to meet Goliath, the giant. The giant laughed at him and was angry that a boy would think to fight him.

David put one of the stones in his sling shot and let it fly. It struck the giant in his forehead and so hard that it sunk into his forehead and he fell to the earth. David then took the giant's sword from him and beheaded him. The whole army of the Philistines fled in fear and Israel was saved. David had proved that his God was able to deliver him.

David afterwards became king of Israel and ruled for many years. He was called the sweet singer of Israel for it was he who wrote most of the Psalms.

He had many troubles and hard trials but God delivered him out of them all. When he did wrong he repented and God forgave him.

You may read much of David in the Bible but to know the real David read the Psalms and study them, for in them he tells of his real life story. —By Effie E. Wheelock.

SUNBEAMS

FROM TEXAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am seven years old and I am in the first grade. I go to Sabbath school every Sabbath. The people are building a church house. It is nearly done. This is my first time to write a letter to the Missionary. I like to read the paper.

Your friend,
Wynoka Carter

(We are pleased to receive your first letter. You must write again. —Editor).

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I go to S. S. every Sabbath. We have S. S. here almost every Sabbath.

They are building a new church house in Three Rivers. I will be glad when they get it built so we can all have Sabbath school there. My teacher is Mrs. Little. The Primary class and the Intermediate classes have S. S. together because there aren't enough to have them separate.

I will close with a puzzle: "eyhT ahtt osw ni asret ashll capr ni ogy. Your friend,

Margaret Samford

(It is nice you are going to have a new church building. Write another letter some time.)

—Editor.

PETER DENIES CHRIST

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Yet after the men had come to the garden of Gethsemane to take Jesus, every one of the disciples had run away. Even Peter was not brave enough to stay with his Master, but he did follow the mob as they took Jesus to the high priest's house, though he followed so far behind that no one could see him.

When they reached the high priest's house Jesus was taken before the council of chief priests and elders. Peter went in and sat with the servants around a fire which they had built. And as he sat there warming his hands, one of the maids looked at him closely and said, "You were with Jesus of Nazareth." But Peter denied this before all of them, saying, "Woman, I know him not."

About an hour later some one else asked Peter if he were not one of Jesus' disciples. He answered, "I am not." Then one of the servants of the man whose ear Peter had cut off that very night, said to Peter, "Did not I see thee in the garden with him?" Peter denied this too.

Then at that moment, as he was speaking, the long, shrill crow of a cock rang out. Peter heard it and remembered what Jesus had said to him, so he rushed outside and where no one could see him he wept bitterly.

Poor Peter! He had been so badly frightened that he had forgotten Jesus' words. Perhaps, too, he had doubted the power of Jesus because He didn't strike back at His enemies. Peter forgot that Jesus had told His disciples that He must be crucified and buried, but that He would arise from the tomb and see and talk with them again.

—By Charles Cox.

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THINK YOU CAN

If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't;

If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,

For out of the world we find

Success begins with a fellow's will,
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;

You've got to think high to rise,

You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger or faster man;

But soon or later the boy who wins
Is the one who thinks he can.

—Boy's Comrade.

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We don't have to go to China to be missionaries. On every side there are neighbors, friends and playmates who need to know more about Jesus and what His power can do.

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We should not always look for the easiest tasks to do. Hard work is good for us.

PRIMARY LESSON No. 9, March, 1 1941

JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD

Lesson Reading: Luke 19:45-48; 20:1-8.

Memory Verse: Luke 6:46.

Read the story on the card and be sure to learn the memory verse. I know you will like it.

A Little More About the Lesson

Jesus came into the temple where the money changers were. He was displeased. Why? During this time the people still had to offer sacrifices—birds and animals—for their sins because Christ had not died yet. Some of them had to take money and buy these animals and birds because they did not own any of their own. These money changers that were in the temple were not honest — Jesus called them thieves! They charged too much for the things they sold and they should not have been selling them in the temple. No wonder Jesus was displeased.

And of course that is why they were angry at Jesus — because He understood how dishonest they were. So they tried to make out that Jesus didn't have a right to tell them what to do. But they knew Jesus was of God, yet they wouldn't admit it. However they pretended to be serving God. They were saying, "Lord, Lord," but they weren't doing what was right. If we want God to accept us, we must do His will. If we truly serve Jesus then we can say, "Jesus Christ is my Lord!"

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INTERMEDIATE LESSON No. 35, Mar. 1, 1941

JARIUS' DAUGHTER

Lesson Reading: Mark 5:35-42.

Memory Verse: Mark 5:41.

Also read Mark 5:22 to 24.

- 1—Jesus performed many miracles, especially that of healing the sick. Who came to Jesus in this instance? Verse 22.
- 2—What was his petition? V. 23. How much faith did he have in Jesus? V. 23, last part.
- 3—Did Jesus refuse him? V. 24.
- 4—But some one met them with a message, and what was it? V. 35.
- 5—V. 36. What did Jesus answer him? Discuss how this may apply to us today. "Be not afraid, only believe." That is an entire sermon in one sentence. Let us always remember it.
- 6—Whom did Jesus take with Him to the ruler's house? Verse 37.
- 7—Describe what He found when he got to the house. Verses 39-40.
- 8—How many witnessed the raising of the little girl? Verse 40.
- 9—How did He help the little girl? V. 41-42.
- 10—Notice the last part of verse 42, "And they were astonished with a great astonishment." The ruler had faith or the girl wouldn't have returned to life. The apostles had seen Jesus perform miracles before? Were they astonished? Or was it the people who had laughed Jesus to scorn when He first came in? Should we ever be astonished at the good things our faith permits us to enjoy?