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Glad Memories

What a wonderful thing is memory, boys and girls! I always think of it as being like one of those big stores you see in the city, with great warehouse in which all sorts of goods are stored, and a showroom where whatever is wanted may be shown. You want some particular article, the elevator runs swiftly down and up again, and there before your eyes is the article for which you have sent.

I write about memory to tell you that what you see and think and do now you will remember in long years to come.

Some men were sawing up the trunk of a tree which had been growing for nearly a hundred years. It was very thick and hard to cut, but the steam saw buzzed its way through steadily. Suddenly when near the center of the tree it struck something harder than wood that sounded like metal. After a lot of trouble the men found, very near the center of the tree, an old horse-shoe. They at once began asking how it got there. Many years before, at least eighty years, some man or boy had nailed a horse-shoe on the trunk of the young growing tree. As the sapling grew the bark little by little covered over the horseshoe, and made it part of the tree.

That is a picture of the way your memory is made. You fix some tho't, some scene, or deed, in your mind and the memory is never lost.

I remember hearing of an old lady eighty years of age who was greatly troubled because, in the manner of old folk, her memories of her early life were so clear. Among them was this one. Minnie was a girl of ten years. Her parents were poor and food was very, very dear. One day Minnie's father found a crust of bread in the back yard, and he was very angry at such waste. He was so angry that he declared if he found another he would thrash the one who threw it away. No one answered, then he said, "Well, I am sure it couldn't be Minnie, and if she had she wouldn't tell a lie. It must be you, Freddie."

Freddie answered, "It wasn't me, Father!" Her brother was not believed, and he was severely punished.

Of course Minnie had flung the crust away, but she did not have the courage to confess. Although she tried to make it up to her brother by all manner of kindness to him, yet she could never quite forgive herself. Seventy years after she found that this memory, made when she was only ten, was adding to her pain.

Build beautiful palaces of memory, boys and girls. Furnish your storehouse with only that which is beautiful. Turn away from that which is ugly, unclean, false, and wrong. Hang only that which is beautiful and true on the walls of your mind
—Sel.

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THE LAW OF SELF-RELIANCE

The Good Junior Citizen Is Self-Reliant

Self-conceit is silly, but self-reliance is necessary to boys and girls who would be strong and useful. Therefore:

1. I will gladly listen to the advice of older and wiser people; I will reverence the wishes of those who love and care for me, and who know life and me better than I; but I will learn to think for myself, choose for myself, act for myself.

2. I will not be afraid of being laughed at. I will not be afraid of doing right when the crowd does wrong. Fear never made a good citizen.

—Junior Code of Morals.

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WEEDS

In the garden of your heart
Do just sweet flowers grow?
Or are there sometimes small weeds there?
So small, you hardly know?

Envy, self-love, jealousy
Are weeds so cruel, beware!
Don't let them ever get a start
Within your garden fair.

Love is what each one should plant;
Plant it everywhere.
If love alone is in your heart
No weeds can enter there.

—By Mable J. Baker.

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EDITORIAL

Most girls like to wear precious stones. Did you know that the flash of a smile is equal to a diamond any day?

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It is all right to tell your friend about his faults in order to help him. But do not keep reminding him of them. No one likes to be continually criticised.

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Flowers are a source of joy. But like many other things, they bring more pleasure if shared with others.

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You need not wait until you are grown to be an example to others. Some one is following you every day, little boy, little girl.

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SCARE EVIL AWAY

Joe was visiting his cousin, Alfred Hazard, on the farm. Mr. Hazard kept sheep, and Joe was interested in them. He spent some time watching them. One day Alfred suggested that they go to pick berries in the pasture. In order to reach it the boys had to go through the place where the sheep were kept. When they started Alfred picked up a stick.

"Why do you take the stick?" asked Joe.

"Because old Billy sometimes is ugly," replied Alfred. "If he knows he can scare you, he likes to do it; but if you face him he'll run."

The boys started. Sure enough, when they were halfway across the pasture the old ram came running toward them with his head down, looking as if he would surely knock them over. Alfred turned, faced him, and waved the stick. Billy stopped, then turned and ran away.

The Bible tells us that this is the way to rid yourselves of the evil temptations that trouble your life. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Walter was one of the best spellers in his class

at school. Because of that Miss Bird, the teacher, sometimes would have him correct the spelling lessons of the others.

A big fellow, Russell Holt used to stay around school at noon. He was a poor speller. One noon the two were alone. Walter was correcting the papers and came to Russell's. "How much do I get?" Russell wanted to know. Walter told him that his mark was forty. "Well, you better mark me a hundred," ordered Russell. "If you don't I'll give you the worst licking you ever had."

Walter knew that Russell could do it and would. For a few moments he hesitated, then he replied, looking at Russell, "Perhaps you can lick me but I'm not going to mark your paper anything but forty. I'll not be dishonest for anybody. And what's more I'll tell Miss Bird what you asked me to do."

Russell looked Walter in the eye, and knew that he meant all he said. Russell was a coward at heart after all, so he said, "All right, never mind. Forget that I asked you."

Walter would not give in to that evil suggestion. It fled away. —Sel.

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JEAN VISITS AUNT MARGARET

(Continued from last issue)

In the afternoon Jean and Aunt Margaret prepared to go visiting. Jean was almost loaded down with things to carry: A bundle of papers for Mr. Stone, who was a cripple and liked to read; a box of cookies for the Johnson twins; a crochet pattern for Grandma Moore; a recipe for nut rolls for Mrs. Flannigan; three newly potted geraniums for a sick lady who loved flowers.

Aunt Margaret had her hands full also. They went from place to place, visiting for only a moment, leaving the gift, a smile, and a word of cheer.

The last place to visit was the humble home of Mrs. Lawrence. Jean wondered why they were stopping there, as the "things to carry" had all been delivered. Aunt Margaret did not rap at the door. She listened for a moment, then opened the screen and walked in. Jean followed in silence, wondering.

Mrs. Lawrence was sewing. She looked up with a start, and a broad smile lighted up her sad face. Hastily putting down her sewing, she rose from her chair and embraced and kissed Aunt Margaret. Then with a motion of her hand she bade them sit down.

Aunt Margaret also motioned with her hand, then she said in a low tone to Jean, "Mrs. Lawrence is deaf and mute. Excuse us if we seem to be talking only to each other. You see, I learned to talk to her in her own language, for she is often very lonely."

Mrs. Lawrence tapped on the table, waited a moment, then tapped again. Out from the kitchen came a large, gray cat, yawning and stretching, as if he did not like to be thus summoned from his afternoon nap on the sunny window sill.

"She called Tommy in to entertain you, Jean," explained Aunt Margaret, "so you won't feel slighted while we visit. Isn't he a nice old fellow?"

Young People's Friend

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you"

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth"

"Seek the Lord and ye shall live."

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"Hate the evil, and love the good."



BUILDING

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

How pleasing to the Lord if we begin to serve Him early, or when we are young. Some may say, "O I am young, I want to have a good time. There is plenty of time to think of religion when I am older." Ah, but do you stop to consider that tonight or even in a few hours or maybe minutes the Lord might say "thy soul is required of thee." Then what could one do? Would the Lord extend the time and say, "I will wait until another day"? No, I believe He would not. So surely it is best to be ready to meet our Savior any time.

I will ask, "What is a good time?" My answer is to please God, for then we receive many blessings. If we live daily to please the heavenly Father, there is that peace in our hearts—the peace of God that passeth all understanding. (Phil. 4:7). This is a peace the world can not give or receive.

We remember Samuel was given to the Lord when he was very young, and he served the Lord all the days of his life. David also was called to service when young.

It would seem foolish to build a good house on the sand. (Matt. 7:26, 27). But we say, "If I was building a house, I would build on a good foundation." Well now what about our lives? I believe to have a good foundation it is best to begin to build in our youth. We are all building, but what are we building? Each one is building a life. Is it for eternity or (sad to say) just preparing a building to perish?

"The Builder or the Wrecker"

I watched them tearing the building down—

A gang of men in a busy town.
With a "Ho heave ho" and a lusty yell
They swing a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled?"

He laughed and said, "Why no indeed,

Just common labor is all I need;
They can easily wreck in a day or two

What has taken the builders years to do."

So I said to myself as I went on my way—

"What part in the game of life do I play?

Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan,

Carefully measuring with rule and square

Patiently doing the best I can,

Or am I a wrecker — who walks the town—

Content with the labor of tearing down?"

We all have the same Book of rules, the Bible. So we all have the same chance to build for eternity. Now when we consider if we had everything that money will buy, wouldn't we be poor if we had not salvation? For if we would gain the whole world but lose our soul, what would be the profit? Do we ever think what we would give for our soul? Or in other words, what would we take for our soul or for a home in the earth made new?

"As for man his days are as grass, as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth"; the wind passeth over and is gone. (Ps. 103:15; 37:2; James 1:10; Job 14:2). "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it, surely the people is grass." Isa. 40:7.

So we spend our life as a tale that is told. Ps. 90:0. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." Isa. 40:8.

"Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watch." Luke 12:37. Will Jesus find us watching. Jesus is coming and it may be soon. —By Grace Ward.

OUR DANIEL CLUB

Did you take special notice of "The Daniel Club" suggestion appearing in the last issue of the Y. P. F.? Have you given it any real thought? Do you think it was a good idea, worthy

of your earnest consideration? Have you decided to join it in practice?

We have hardly had time to hear from you concerning this, but by next week may we receive several replies regarding "Our Daniel Club."

Is not pray in the individual life, earnest, secret prayer, the key to a successful Christian life? Surely we all want to be overcomers, and we know it takes the power of God in our life every day to be overcomers.

May the cares of temporal life and forgetfulness never hinder us in doing as Daniel did—praying three times a day. So you who are spiritually minded please write in and encourage others in these things. L. C.

THINGS TO ENJOY

This morning at breakfast time I was looking out the window watching the birds and hearing them sing when a thought came to me, why oh why does there have to be war with its killing and destruction? Why can't the dictators and ones who start wars be content to enjoy the simple things of life such as flowers, music, birds and all things God has put here for us to enjoy?

Perhaps it is because they are too busy trying to get people to serve them, wanting to be the main power in everyone's life and probably because they have forgotten God.

We find in the Bible, especially in the Psalm where music is one way of praising the Lord. Music has something about it that can calm and soothe the nervous and worried ones, and can give hope to the depressed and gives joy to the hearers. Psalm 150 tells of musical instruments with which to praise the Lord. The book of Psalms in itself is a book of songs and praise to the Lord by David.

Flowers are another part of the simple things in life, taken for granted by many people, but have you ever watched a flower bud open unto bloom? It really is a miracle that man cannot produce. Flowers are such a thing of beauty and like music are so cheering and give so much pleasure to mankind. I'm truly grateful that God placed them here

on earth. Matt. 6:28-29 shows what Jesus thought of flowers.

There are many things in this earth for man to enjoy, and if it had not been for man sinning there would have been many more. Because of sin so many evils came upon the earth and on mankind, sometimes we lose sight of the better things, but we must always strive to do the will of God and live for Him because 1st Cor. 2:9 says, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." So we find that when sin is no more and the earth is cleansed and returned to its Edenic state of beauty, we will then have more of these beautiful things to enjoy than we can even here imagine and we won't have the thoughts of wars and the cruelty of man to spoil our enjoyment of them.

—By Edna Palmer.

CHRIST OF THE COUNTRY SIDE

When we think of Jesus we think of Him as being very lowly and meek and a lover of all people, especially the common and poorer class of people. We know that he was not one who loved a great name, or riches. From His lowly birth in a stable on thru His life we see Christ's simple, country loving nature.

For His prayers Jesus sought quietness of the wilderness, mountains and gardens.

Christ also used the out-of-doors for preaching, which shows that He was a lover of nature and knew that being close to the handiwork of God one could get close to God himself.

In Christ's parable teaching we see the same principle as is in His own mission to the world. That we might become acquainted with His divine character and life Christ took our nature and dwelt among the people. By His teachings the heavenly things were revealed thru earthly things that we are most familiar with.

The Scripture says in Matt. 13:34, 35, "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitudes in parables and without a parable spake He not unto them. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying. I will open my mouth in parables: I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

Jesus, by teaching in parables showed His humbleness and meekness and thus He impressed the people with truths by revealing them through the scenes of nature. I don't believe any better method could be chosen because by connecting His teaching with the scenes of life He secured through attention and impressed their

hearts. Then afterwards when they looked upon these different objects of illustration they would remember the words of the Master.

We can easily see why Christ did choose the out of doors for His preaching because the beauty of nature leads the mind away from the sin and worldly attractions toward purity, peace, and God. We need to be brought into close contact with nature to see the harmony of the natural and the spiritual. As we come close to the heart of nature, Christ makes His presence real to us, speaks to our hearts of His peace and love.

Since Christ is our example and pattern of life let us too take to the more humble and lowly things on this earth. Let us get out away from the man-made pleasures and enjoy the natural beauties that God has given us. And when we look upon the different objects of illustration that Christ used in His parables let us, too, remember the words of the Master and live accordingly.

—By Helen Carlock.

PRAYER

Children often think of prayer as a thing to say at bed-time, meal-time, and at church. The time for them to say it is just before they go to sleep at night. This attitude is also too common among grown-ups.

As I grew up I thought of prayer (except when going to bed) only when I got in some predicament where I couldn't help myself or when I was frightened, or when I thought of death. As I grew more concerned about my standing with God I began reading the Bible. Then I became more in earnest and concerned about others. I noticed where it said for us to "pray without ceasing" and to be "instant in prayer." This puzzled me for a while but after much study and meditation I realized that we must keep our hearts in an attitude of prayer, always trusting. Then I began noticing the command to be "instant in prayer" more.

How often things confront us that we are not aware of their approach. God sees all these things and sends a note of warning into our hearts. When we sense that troubled feeling we know there's something wrong and there's a call to be instant in prayer. You may be like Daniel who offered up a prayer to God three times a day, but satan who is very shrewd is constantly devising means of deceiving us. We must be watchful and prayerful for that warning from God, for as time is growing shorter and a less number are trying to resist evil, the evil forces do not have to put so much time in keeping the most of the people down and can strengthen its forces against those who try. "The

devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8. If it were possible he would deceive the very elect.

Let us always remember the greatest force is God, and He is very anxious for us to let Him care for us. He knows what we need and is glad to supply it if we only ask. There are many sincere people who satan has confused so that they don't even think to pray. You may be near or a great way off but when you feel a call to pray be sure to respond. God could do all these things without us, but that isn't His plan. We have a part in this wonderful plan and it is our privilege to help others. This must be done prayerfully.

—Mrs. H. D. Taylor.

PAUL

A HERALD OF THE CROSS

By Florence M. Kingsley

"Hear us!" they groaned. "Save yourselves from the wrath of Jehovah!—The Holiest of the Holies!—Thy Holy Place, oh God!—Woe, woe is come upon us— even the abomination of desolation!"

And "Woe! Woe! Woe!" sounded in the ears of the advancing legionaires in ever louder and more awful insistence, till even the hardened veterans of a hundred bloody battles ground their teeth in superstitious terror, and called upon all the gods of Rome to protect them.

In the empty palace of Herod Antipas at Tiberias, Petronius received that night a deputation, consisting of Aristobulus the brother of Appripa, together with Helcias the eider, and other chief men of the Herodian family.

"Where is Agrippa, the emperor's friend?" inquired the governor abruptly, looking uneasily from one to the other of the serious faces before him.

"King Agrippa sailed for Rome more than a month since, being at the time unfortunately ignorant of this decree of the emperor which hath brought about such unhappy consequences," answered Aristobulus.

The governor received this piece of information with a fierce but unintelligible exclamation.

"It must be evident by this time to your worshipful excellency that prompt measures must be taken to pacify the people," continued Aristobulus firmly. "Not only is all business at a standstill in our cities, but the peasants have forsaken their fields and vineyards; already the time for sowing is far past, and unless the populace can be persuaded to return at once to their avocations, a frightful famine will follow, tributes will be unpaid, and, in a word, the nation will be destroyed."

"When a man is ailing," began Petronius frowning, "so that by reason of the foul fever which burns in his veins he is for the time mad and knoweth not what he doeth, raging and tearing also like to a wild-beast, then doth the wise physician open his swollen veins that the distempered blood may flow therefrom; so shall the sick man recover—if haply the gods be propitious. Listen now to the ravings of the sick man without, and bethink you if I shall straightway crucify certain of the chief men of Jerusalem, and of the others send a score or more into banishment, will not distempered Israel forthwith forget this trifling matter of the statue? and peace and prosperity shall be restored to the many at the expense of the few."

"There is but one way in which thou mayst accomplish this infamous decree of the emperor," answered Helcias, his voice trembling with indignation.

"And what is that?" inquired Petronius. "By my faith, I shall rejoice to hear it, since I am under commands to accomplish the matter at hazard of my own life."

"Go forth with thy legions, and straightway put to the edge of the sword every one both great and small, in whose veins there courses a drop of Hebrew blood, then shalt thou unhindered set up in the Holiest Place of the temple the image of the Cæsar."

"But and if I shall put the nation to the edge of the sword, what profit to set up the colossus in a temple wherein there are no worshipers? Nay, good Helcias the physician may not slay the patient openly before the eyes of his family; if he would slay him he must accomplish the matter by stealth else would his own neck be in peril. Listen again if a man suffer pain in a certain member of his body it is likewise the custom of the leech to apply to another part a grievous blister or burn so that in the greater anguish the lesser may be forgotten and this also is a wholesome practice. Not long since, I am told, there was an uproar at Jerusalem because of a certain man called Christus, who was crucified for his crimes at the hands of Pontius Pilate, the procurator. Let now the hands of the people be skilfully stirred within them against the followers of this man, who assuredly will work greater mischief to their religion than a dead mass of stone and metal in whatsoever shape it be wrought or wheresoever it be set up."

"The followers of the man Jesus are indeed hated by all righteous and law-abiding Jews," replied Aristobulus thoughtfully, "and in some more peaceful time their destruction shall doubtless be compassed; but what is any heresy or schism, however foul, compared with this threatened pro-

fanation of their inner sanctuary? For the time being they have forgotten the whole matter. (Acts 9:31). There remain yet one other resource; lay this matter before the emperor without delay and with all wisdom, representing to him that not only will there come great loss and suffering upon the Jewish nation—who indeed are willing to die rather than to suffer their laws to be trodden under foot, but that general havoc, destruction and famine will certainly prevail throughout the whole region, whereby all tributes and revenues will be lost to the coffers of Rome: if thou shalt represent the matter to him with due discretion, it may be that he will be turned from his purpose."

Petronius laughed aloud, "Thou knowest not our Caligula, it would seem," he said bitterly. "It is possible that the threatened loss of tribute-money might serve to move him—though to make that good were a simple matter, since there yet remain unslain a few rich citizens at Rome. As for the sufferings of the Jewish nation, the story will suffice to amuse the god as he sups his wine." His head sank forward upon his breast, and the weird unearthly wailing from without filled the silence like an agonized prayer. "I am an old man," he muttered as if to himself, "my tale of life is almost told; what remains is scarce worth a thought, and yet—it is dear to me."

The men who stood in his presence watched him breathlessly; the fate of Israel was trembling in the balance, they thought, not knowing that the fiat of the Eternal had already gone forth.

Petronius lifted his heavy eyes and fixed them upon the white faces before him; he arose from his chair and solemnly raised his right hand high above his head. "I will do this thing that ye have asked of me," he said in a low firm voice, "and if I perish, I perish. May the gods bear me witness."

When he had said this, he went out of the palace and spoke to the people, who were crowded even about the doors.

"It is just, O Jews, that I, Publius Petronius, who have received honors and advancement at the hand of Caius Cæsar should endeavor to carry out his decrees with diligence, yet am I not unmoved at the sight of your anguish and by the misery which those decrees have wrought in your midst. I am therefore resolved, at peril of my own life, to intercede with the emperor in your behalf, to the end that you may be permitted to exercise your laws undisturbed, and to worship your God after your own customs. And since I am told by those eminent among you that your God is also a great God and very powerful, I do request and ask that you will beseech Him to prosper me

in this perilous venture which I undertake for you. And now do you depart every one of you, each to his own avocation, and fall to the cultivation of your ground with all diligence—since the time for planting is already far past, knowing that I have pledged myself to your service in this matter both with my honor and with my life."

No sooner had Petronius spoken these words, than there came down from heaven copious showers of water with a great sound of thunder; which truly the Jews regarded as the voice of God, for thus was broken a terrible drought which had lasted for more than a year. And this took they for a sign that God had heard their prayers, and that He would prosper the undertaking. So they departed with cheerfulness each man to his own place, even as the governor had bidden them.

As for Petronius, he had now a serious task before him, that of communicating to the emperor of Rome the thing which he had done.

"I am aware," he said, "that in writing this letter I am also writing my own death-warrant, which is surely a grievous thing for a man to do."

Yet did he set forth the matter very plainly, declaring how that many tens of thousands of the Jews had entreated him for forty days, thereby neglecting their business and the tillage of their land. Also he mentioned in particular the matter of the revenues, and added that should the emperor refuse to grant the request of the people that he would not fail of being publicly cursed by them for all future ages.

This letter he dispatched at once to Rome by the hand of a certain centurion called Cornelius. —Sel.

Next Week Chapter XVII.
THE MEDIATOR

Y. P. LESSON STUDY

- 1—How or through what was Abraham made righteous? Rom. 4:3.
- 2—If we try to become righteous by our works, how is the reward counted or reckoned? Verse 4.
- 3—Speaking of Christ the righteous Branch, what does Jer. 23:6 say or prophesy He would be called? (See also Jer. 33:15-16).
- 4—In the light of the verses in Jer., read Rom. 3:21. Note it says "the righteousness of God". And how was it made known unto us? (See also 1 Peter 1:9-11).
- 5—How do we have access to this righteousness? Rom. 3:22; 4:16.
- 6—Comment on Rom. 4:6, especially dealing with "imputed" but leave the works out for a moment.
- 7—Rom. 3:25 & 26 are rather deep, but contain much. Read them and then answer: Christ was set forth to be a propitiation or reconciliation through what? to declare what?

by doing what for us? How then does He justify those who believe?

8—What then did Paul conclude?

Verse 28.

(To be justified before God is when our sins are blotted out. Having no sins against us aren't we righteous before God? And since it was the blood of Christ that takes away sin, it is through His righteousness we are made righteous, not through any works of our own. No works of our own can blot out sin. Then can't we conclude that keeping the Ten Commandments does not take away sin?)

9—For fear that some might think that since the Law can't take away sin, we should discard it, what did Paul say in summing up this chapter? Rom. 3:31.

10—Now we want to learn why we establish the law—Ten Commandments. But first a question concerning justification without the deeds of the law: When a person repents, coming to Christ, are his sins blotted out then, or does God first wait and see if he is going to keep the moral law?

11—But supposing the repentant one does not establish the law, or let God write it in his heart, does he stay under grace? Rom. 6:1. What is sin? 1 John 3:4. Now Rom. 6:12, 13—let not what? neither what? So then continuing to violate the holy, just and good law, makes a person whose servant with what reward? Rom. 6:15-18.

12—What fruit should we bear or bring forth? Verse 22. Can we do this and at the same time disregard the Law of God?

(In conclusion let us remember that the Law points out what sin is and that keeping it does not atone for sin, or blot out sin. Obeying it is part of the fruit unto holiness—a result of conversion.) —Editor.

ANOTHER HIDDEN VERSE

This verse has 26 words therein. See if you can find it without looking at the answer.

The 6th, 13th & 20th words are the same. You will find it in Rom. 8:1, the 1st word.

The 9th & 16th words are the same. Turn to Matt. 5:4—the 3rd word.

The 10th, 17th & 24th are the same, and in Matt. 7:7 the 4th word is the answer.

The 1st word is a synonym for "love" which is found in 1 Cor. 13.

The 7th, 14th & 21st are the same. The 1st word of Eph. 4:26 is the one.

Christ hath said, I will leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb. 13:5. Fill in the blank and you will have the second word. The last two words in Heb. 8:13 are the last two in this hidden verse. Fill in the remaining words and compare your answer with 1 Cor. 13:8. —Genevieve Moore.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT

QUESTION: Is it necessary for us to partake of the tree of life (that is, a literal tree) in order to have eternal life? Rev. 2:7 says, "—To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

(Let us have more questions from our readers. Surely you read your Bible every week if not every day, and you should be able to think of some interesting questions, answers to which will be helpful to others.)

A HIDDEN VERSE

The first word of this verse is found in Prov. 15:12, first verse.

The third word—Joshua 4:7, 4th word
The 6th word is found in Gen. 49, verse 7—word 11.

The 7th word—Matt. 24:13, first word.

The last word is the 4th word in Gen. 27:45.

The 9th word is found in Num. 30:2, word 26—add an "s".

There are 12 words in this verse. Check your answer with Prov. 15:1.

—By Norma Chipman.

LETTER DEPARTMENT

FROM IDAHO

Dear Readers:

Another Sabbath is drawing to a close and as we once more go about our daily tasks let us not neglect our Bible readings, study and prayer through the week

We were given a very impressive illustrated talk this morning at church by Bro. Roy Davison. We young people were asked to sit in the front rows. We were given white pencils as a symbol of a person living a pure, unspotted, Christian life. We had to be very careful with these pencils so as not to let them become soiled and spotted. If they did become soiled we had to clean them with fuller's soap as mentioned in Malachi 3:2.

Another illustration was that of two magnets, the most powerful one representing the power of God and another one but with less power representing the world. God is a drawing power and each contact with Him helps us to hold more steadfast to His great saving power.

But the use of pictures from magazines we were shown how we could tell by one's appearance whether he or she was following God or the world. In Lev. 20:23 God admonishes us not to follow after the manners of the nations. We should show by our appearance — our actions, dress, and habits — that we are a child of God. Otherwise we would not be "letting our light shine before men."

I started out writing a friendly letter and end up by giving you a summary of this morning's sermon. However I am sure that I could not have said anything else more interesting.

I enjoyed so much the many nice letters in this week's paper. I would like to see letters from more who have never as yet written to our little paper.

With Christian love,
Helen Carlock

FILL IN THE BLANKS

"Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this except we find it against him concerning thew of his God."

So these men made a decree "that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for days, save of thee, O, he shall be the of"

When knew the writing was signed, he continued his usual custom of times a day with his open So these men put him in the of, but shut the Then these men were put in the of and the killed them. This story is told in the book of which has chapters.
—Minnie Truman.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1—"Blessed are they that do his, that they may have to the of, and may enter in through the into the " Rev. 22:14.

2—And the descended in a shape like a upon him, and a came from heaven, which said, Thou art my; in thee am well " Luke 3:22.

3—And said, Intreat me not to thee, or to from following thee: for whither thou I will; and where thou, I will: thy shall be my, and thy my " Ruth 1:16.

4—"For this is the of God, that we keep his; and his are not " 1 John 5:3.

—Fae Carver.

Life is brief. There isn't room for bitterness—or time to give it attention. There is everything fine and noble to that adage about its being "divine" to forgive. There is also divinity in just forgetting. We can always, with great safety and dignity, afford to overlook most of the slights, unintended injuries and misunderstandings. It is so easy to be kindly, considerate, tolerant and understanding.
—Sel. by Avis Hicks.

Tommy proved to be a good entertainer; he liked to be petted, and Jean liked to stroke his soft grey fur. In a very short time, it seemed, Aunt Margaret said, "We shall go now, dear." Her voice was very grave as she said it; there were tears in the corners of her eyes. Mrs. Lawrence also was crying silently, and making motion with her hands.

On the way to the white cottage, Aunt Margaret told Jean a portion of the mysterious conversation.

"Of course you did not know it, but we were having prayer while you were petting the cat. Mrs. Lawrence cannot hear, she cannot speak; but I am sure our prayers were understood by One who sees and knows it all. I did not need to bring any material gifts to Mrs. Lawrence—only my hands. For with them, alone, I can bring the one gift that she longs for, a simple word of prayer."

Very thoughtfully, Jean walked down the street beside Aunt Margaret. It had been a busy day with many things to do. How busy they had been—helping others!

After supper, when they were sitting quietly in the easy chair on the cool porch, embroidering tea towels, Aunt Margaret said, "I hope you are not lonesome, being here with your old-maid aunt."

"Oh, no, indeed, Aunt Margaret," said Jean with enthusiasm. "There are so many things to do. I must confess that I feared I would be lonesome, but that was before I knew you. Now it seems that the days are not long enough to do all the things we planned. When I grow up I want to do as you are doing, live for others in service for the Master. I want to be like you."

"Even if you have to be a fussy old maid?" asked Aunt Margaret, and they both enjoyed a good laugh. —Mrs. John Underhill in *Our Little Friend*.

SUNBEAMS

FROM WISCONSIN

Dear Little Friends:

I guess it has been a long time since I have written to the paper. I was six years old April 25. I have been going to school this spring. I like it but it will be out this week. I got a new red wagon for my birthday and a red jacket, too. I go to S. S. every week. I like to play with my dog Bingo, and my two cats. I would like to say "Hello" to Helen Christenson and Gladycce Larson. I will close for this time.

Your friend, Reta Ling

(You, with your red jacket and wagon, make a good traffic signal, don't you? —Editor.)

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Missionary Friends:

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I am eleven years old. And in the sixth grade. My teacher's name was Miss McGlorhorn. I have four pets. I have four kittens, two dogs and a big chick. Now I will close with a puzzle.

"ndA eh eneopd ish umhto dan ttahgu meht igasyn."

Your friend in Jesus,
Minnie Ruth Sawyer

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I am ten years old and am promoted to the fifth grade. I am to be baptized some time this month. We go to Sabbath school every Sabbath. We had a preacher here for a while; his name is Rodgers. I have two puppies and their names are Zero and Hero. I have a twin sister Louise. She has written to the paper two times. This is my first time to send a letter; but I wrote and did not send it. Louise weighs 48 pounds and I weigh 61 pounds. I am 48 inches tall; she is 47 inches tall. I have a sister Marie. She is seven years old. I will close with a puzzle: "rayP wouth ginscea."

Bruce Brann

Dear Missionary Friends:

It has been a long time since I have written to the Missionary this time. Ruth Sawyer is writing with me. I told her about it. I have given her some Missionary papers. Our preacher has come and is going back in two weeks.

This year I got promoted to the 5th grade. I weigh 53 pounds and am ten years old. My brother has written to the paper too, but the other time he lost it.

Last Sabbath Mrs. Maud Shisler was our teacher. We told Bible stories and then she asked us some Bible questions.

Since preacher Rodgers has been here I have been baptized. I heard you were grandma Shisler's girl. Some day we are going to the ocean and see some of God's works. So now I will end with a puzzle: "tI si a dogo tingh ot vige tankhs."

Your friend in Jesus Christ,
Louise Brann

(We are glad to receive three nice letters from N. C. We almost feel acquainted with you. Write again. —Editor).

THE WORST OF IT

"Do you want any berries, ma'am?" said a little boy to a lady one day.

The lady told him that she would like some and, taking a pail from him, she stepped into the house. He did not follow her, but remained behind, whistling to some canaries hanging in their cage on the side porch.

"Why do you not come in and see if I measure your berries right?" said the lady. "How do you know but that I may cheat you?"

"I'm not afraid, ma'am; you would get the worst of it."

"Get the worst of it?" she said, "what do you mean?"

"Why, ma'am, I should only lose my berries, and you would be stealing. Don't you think you would get the worst of it?" —Sel.

TAKING TURNS AT PLAY

Jack was hurt today at recess. It happened while we were playing on the slide. Miss Wilson, our teacher, said it was because we crowded too much and didn't wait for our turn. We didn't wait until Jack was at the bottom of the slide

before the rest of us got on. We knocked him down and fell on top of him because we didn't give him time to get out of our way.

Jack was not badly hurt. He only skinned his knees. Miss Wilson washed them and put some kind of medicine and patches on them. She said Jack might have broken his arm or leg. I am glad he didn't.

After the accident we were careful to take turns on the slide. We lined up in a row and waited until the one in front of us was out of the way before we slide down. No one got hurt when we played that way. Everybody had lots of turns too. I guess Miss Wilson was right about taking turns being the happiest way to play.—Sel.

WHO SAID

1—Who said, "Let me die the death of the righteous?"

2—Who said to Naomi, "Whither thou goest I will go; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God"?

3—Who said, "To obey is better than sacrifice"?

4—Who said, "My punishment is greater than I can bear"?

5—Who said, "I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world"?

6—Who said to the chief priests, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood"?

7—Who said, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever"?

8—Who caused the occasion of a sharp contention between Paul and Barnabas?

9—Who said, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and nations shall not learn war any more"?

10—Who said to the lame man, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee"?

—By Leonard Sheffield.

ANSWERS: 1. Num. 23:10, Balaam; 2. Ruth 1:16, Ruth; 3. 1 Sam. 15:23, Samuel; 4. Gen. 4:13, Cain; 5. John 11:27, Martha; 6. Matt. 27:4, Judas; 7. Dan. 12:13, Daniel; 8. Acts 15:37-39, Mark; 9. Isaiah 11:4, Isaiah; 10. Acts 3:6, Peter.

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1. "Art thou the? Tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you ye will not" Luke 22:67.

2. "Verily I say unto you, This shall not pass till all be" Luke 21:32.

3. "Who shall ascend into the of the? or who shall stand in his" Psalm 24:3.

4. "And David consulted with the of and and with every leader." 1st Chron. 13:1.

5. "Then said the, doest thou well to bey?" Jonah 4:4.

6. "And upon every high and upon every fenced w....." Isa. 2:15.

7. "Only with thine shalt thou be and see the re of thed." Ps. 91:8.

8. "And they slew ak, and brought the child to" 1 Sam. 1:25.

—By Wesley Sheffield.

PRIMARY LESSON No. 11, June 13

THOMAS BELIEVES THAT JESUS LIVES

Lesson Material: Luke 24:36-43; John 20:24-29

Memory Verse: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." John 20:29.

After Jesus was crucified on the cross, He was put into a tomb or grave. After three days He came out of the grave.

One day His disciples and some other people were talking about Him. They said He had risen, that He was alive again, and that some of them had seen Him. While they were talking He came to them and said, "Peace be unto you." They were surprised, and afraid.

He asked them why they were afraid, and told them to look at His hands and His feet, and to see that it really was He. He asked them for food, and they gave Him a piece of fish, and an honey comb. They were very happy to know that this same Jesus that they loved so much, was really alive again.

Questions:

Where did they put Jesus when they took Him down from the cross?

How long was He in the grave?

What did He tell them?

Were they afraid?

What did Jesus tell them?

What did He ask for?

What did they give Him?

Do you think that they were happy?

Something to Remember:

I will always remember to love Jesus.

Something to Do:

Remember your picture card. Draw a picture of a fish, and honeycomb. Just to help you remember the food that Jesus ate before He went to heaven.

INTERMEDIATE LESSON for June 13

Lesson Study: Luke 24:33-48.

Golden Text: Luke 24:48.

IS JESUS ALIVE TODAY?

Verse 33 speaks of two men from near Emmaus (mentioned in verse 13) Jesus had just revealed Himself to them. They wanted to tell others. But the others were already talking about how Jesus had appeared to Simon Peter.

QUESTIONS

1. Where were the eleven gathered?

2. Who came and what for?

3. Who suddenly appeared?

4. What did Jesus tell them?

5. What finally convinced them that it was really Jesus?

6. What were some of the things that had been written concerning Him?

7. What were they to do for Jesus?

8. What can we do for Him?