

FATHER TIME.

"What are you doing, Father Time,
What are you doing, pray?"
"Oh I am building, don't you see—
Building every day."

A MOTTO FOR THE NEW YEAR.

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Question Corner.—No. 24.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

- 1. Whose daughters helped their father to build
the wall of a ruined city?
2. What child was born on a day of a great na-
tional calamity?
3. What was the age of Moses when he visited
his brethren?
4. Whose daughter was given in marriage as a
reward for capturing a city, and also land with
springs on it? What was her name?
5. What woman by her faith saved her life?
6. What woman led armies to battle?

A MOTTO FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Art thou he that troubleth Israel?
Whose damsel is this?
Who art thou, my son?
What have I done, is there not a cause?
Why is thy heart grieved?
Who are these?
Where hast thou gleaned to-day?
Will they not stone us?
What meaneth the noise of this tumult?

Who asked these questions mine?
Seek for them, line by line,
Within the Book Divine.
The speaker's name set down,
All have a wide renown,
Two wore a royal crown,
Initial letters take,
They will be found to make
Three words that Jesus spake.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS IN LAST
NUMBER.

- 1. Micah 5:2.
2. Jeremiah 31:15.
3. Hosea 11:1.
4. Gen. 12:3.

CORRECT ANSWERS RECEIVED.

Correct answers have been received from W.
Ernest Burns.

A WORD TO OUR WORKERS.

"TWICE ONE IS TWO.

and twice 45,000 subscribers to the North-
ern Messenger is 90,000" we remarked in
the Christmas number, and although only
a few days have passed since then there are
strong indications that the similarity be-
tween the two has struck not a few of our
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the readers of the Northern Messenger
strike out now on a new path and instead
of asking "What has the New Year brought
to me?" turn to themselves and ask,
" What can I bring to the New Year?
What work can I accomplish for the Master
in the bright days to come?" How much
love can I bring to desolate hearts? How
can I best show to those who know him not
that I am a follower of my Master? "In
to-day already walks to-morrow." Look
back then on 1887 and see how much of
your life in the year to come has been af-
fected by your conduct then. How much
that might have been done then has still
to be accomplished. And then look for-
ward and say, "By God's help it shall not
be so this year. We accept your gifts New
Year. We accept your bright days, and
will strive to fill them with the work you
have brought us to do. We take the faith in
the pure and true and will try to impart it to
others. We will strive to show to others
the love that has so blessed us, and so help
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