

PRIZE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

We intend giving monthly a series of Bible Questions, for correct replies to which, during the year, we shall give

THREE PRIZES

in books of the value respectively of FOUR DOLLARS, THREE DOLLARS and TWO DOLLARS. The replies are not to be sent until the close of the year. With the December number forms will be sent out for the use of any who desire to try.

The conditions are that those who send replies must not be more than twenty-one years of age, and they must not have been assisted in the questions. The Scripture reference or references must always be given.

For the first three questions see THE INDEPENDENT for January.

For the second three questions see THE INDEPENDENT for February.

For the third three questions see THE INDEPENDENT for March.

PRIZE QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

10. Who was the first Old Testament missionary to the Gentiles?

11. To what things does Jesus liken the connection between Himself and His people?

12. Name a runaway slave who became a Christian, a companion of an apostle, and a messenger to the Churches.

A MARRIAGE HYMN.

"From henceforth no more twain, but one,"

Yet ever one through being twain.

As self is ever lost and won

Through love's own ceaseless loss and gain;

And both their full perfection reach,

Each growing the full self through each.

Two in all worship, glad and high,

All promises to praise and prayer,

"Where two are gathered, there am I;"

Gone half the weight from all ye bear

Gained twice the force for all ye do—

The ceaseless sacred Church of two.

One in all lowly ministry,

One in all priestly sacrifice.

Through love which makes all service free,

And finds or makes all gifts of price,

All love which made life rich before,

Through this great central love grown more.

And so together journeying on

To the Great Bridal of the Christ,

When all the life His love has won

To perfect love is sacrificed,

And the New Song beyond the Sun

Peals, *"Henceforth no more twain, but one."*

And in that perfect Marriage Day

All earth's lost love shall live once more;

All lack and loss shall pass away,

And all find all not found before;

Till all the world shall live and glow

In that great love's great overflow.

—Good Words.

THE most efficient canvass that we can make in favour of the Sabbath as a rest day will fail, unless we show that we regard and love it as a holy day.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

CREAM OF TARTAR BISCUITS.—One quart of flour, 1 teaspoonful soda, 2 teaspoonfuls cream of tartar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of lard. Mix with milk or water, not too stiff, and cut in round cakes one inch thick. A good breakfast cake can be had by adding 1 cup of sugar, and 1 of currants.

QUEEN OF PUDDINGS.—One pint bread-crumbs, 1 quart of milk, 1 teacupful of sugar, yolks of 4 eggs, rind of 1 lemon, 1 teaspoonful of butter. Beat the yolks, sugar, and butter together; stir in the milk and crumbs; bake till a light brown. When the pudding is done, beat the white of the 4 eggs to a stiff froth, with 4 tablespoonfuls of sugar; lemon juice to flavour. Spread currant jelly over the top of the pudding; then spread over the whites of the eggs. Put in the oven and bake to a very light brown.

CURE FOR WARTS.—A correspondent of the *Scientific American* writes as follows: "Some years since a corn-doctor advised me to use coal oil. My hands were covered with them. Having little faith I tried it, putting a drop on each of common kerosene and letting it absorb; where there was a hard crust, scraping it to facilitate absorption. In a fortnight, after twice daily treating them, they began to lessen, and finally disappeared without scar. Then the right hand, in part, leaving one which remained after all others had passed away, and then that one. Have advised others to try it, with like effect on persistent use. Simply soften the top, drop the oil on and let it lie for some minutes to absorb."

HOW TO DETECT ADULTERATION IN GROUND COFFEE.—Take a little of the coffee and press it between the fingers, or give it a squeeze in the paper in which it is bought; if genuine, it will not form a coherent mass, as coffee grains are hard and do not readily adhere to each other; but if the grains stick to each other and form a sort of "cake," we may be pretty sure of adulteration in the shape of chicory; for the grains of chicory are softer and more open, and adhere without difficulty when squeezed. Again, if we place a few grains in a saucer and moisten them with a little cold water, chicory will very quickly become soft like bread crumbs, while coffee will take a long time to soften. A third test: Take a wineglass or a tumblerful of water, and gently drop a pinch of the ground coffee on the surface of the water without stirring or agitation. Genuine coffee will float for some time, while chicory or any other soft thing will soon sink; and chicory or caramel will cause a yellowish or brownish colour to diffuse rapidly through the water, while pure coffee will give no sensible tint under such circumstances for a considerable length of time.—*Food and Health.*