

THE ROYAL FAMILY.

Our two middle pages this week are occupied by a group showing the Queen and all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, with the husbands and wives of those of them who are married. This list will enable each to be identified:—

1. Albert of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, Prince Consort; born 26 Aug. 1819; married to the Queen, 10 Feb. 1840; died, 14 Dec. 1861; Queen Victoria, born 24 May, 1819.
2. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, and Alexandra of Denmark, Princess of Wales.
3. Frederick William, Crown Prince of Germany, Victoria, Princess Royal of Britain and Crown Princess of Germany.
4. The (late) Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt. The (late) Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt, died 14 Dec., 1878.
5. Prince Christian of Schleswig,—Holstein, Princess Helena, Princess Christian.
6. Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, Princess Louise Marguerite of Prussia, Duchess of Connaught.
7. Prince Henry of Battenberg. Princess Beatrice.
8. The (late) Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, died 28 March, 1884, Helen, Duchess of Albany.
9. Marquis of Lorne. Princess Louise.
10. Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh. The Duchess of Edinburgh, daughter of the Czar of Russia.
11. Grand Duke Sergius of Russia. Elizabeth M., Grand Duchess Sergius.
12. Princess William of Prussia. Princess William.
13. Prince Bernard of Saxe Meiningen, Princess Charlotte of Prussia.
14. Prince Louis of Battenberg. Victoria.
15. Prince Albert Victor of Wales.
16. Prince George of Wales.
17. Princess Louise of Wales.
18. Princess Victoria of Wales.
19. Princess Maud of Wales.
20. Princess Sophia Dorothea of Prussia.
21. Princess Marguerite of Prussia.
22. Prince Alfred (Edinburgh).
23. Princess Marie (Edinburgh).
24. Princess Victoria (Edinburgh).
25. Princess Alexandra (Edinburgh).
26. Princess Beatrice (Edinburgh).
27. Princess Victoria of Prussia.
28. Prince Henry of Prussia.
29. Princess Feodora.
30. Fourth son of Prince William of Prussia, not yet baptized.
31. Prince Adalbert.
32. Prince Frederick.
33. Prince William.
34. Princess Victoria of Battenberg.
35. Princess Irene.
36. Prince Ernest Louis.
37. Princess Alice.
38. Prince Christian Victor.
39. Prince Albert.
40. Princess Victoria Louise.
41. Princess Louise Augusta.
42. Princess Marguerite.
43. Prince Arthur Patrick.
44. Princess Victoria.
45. Prince Alexander Albert (Battenberg).
46. Prince Leopold (now Duke of Albany).
47. Princess Alice Marie of Albany.

"I HAVE TAKEN GOD AT HIS WORD."

I was preaching my ordinary weekly lecture in the evening, when I was sent for in great haste to visit a woman who was said to be dying, and who very much desired to see me. I closed the service as soon as I could, and went immediately to her house. She was a member of my church, whom I had known very well for years; with whom I had been acquainted ever since her first serious impressions before she became a communicant.

As I entered the room where she lay I found it filled with her friends, who had gathered around to see her die. Making my way through the midst of them, I reached the side of her bed, and found her apparently in the last agonies of death. She was bolstered up in her bed, gasping for breath, almost suffocated by the asthma, and the whole bed shook by a palpitation of her heart, which seemed to be shaking her to pieces. It appeared to me that she could not live a quarter of an hour. I said to her: "Mrs. M., you seem to be very ill?"

"Yes," said she, "I am dying."
"And are you ready to die?" She lifted her eyes to me, with a solemn and fixed gaze, and speaking with great difficulty, she replied:

"Sir, God knows—I have taken Him—at his word—and—I am not afraid—to die."

It was a new definition of faith. "I have taken Him at his word." It struck me in an instant as a triumph of faith. "God knows I have taken Him at his word, and I am not afraid to die." It was just the thing for her to say. I have often tried to think what else she could have said that would

have expressed so much in such few words. I prayed some four minutes by her bedside, recited to her some passages of God's Word, and was about to leave her for a moment to her friends whom she seemed anxious to address. She held me by the hand, and uttering a word at a time, as she gasped for breath, she said to me, "I wanted to tell you—that I can—trust in God—while—I am dying. You have—often told me—He would not—forsake me—and now I find—it true. I am—at peace. I die—willingly—and happy."

In a few seconds I left her, repeating to her such promises of the Saviour as I deemed most appropriate. However, she did not die. She still lives. But that expression of her faith has been of great benefit to me. It has aided me in preaching and in conversation with inquiring sinners very often. It gave me a more simple idea of faith than I ever had before. It put aside all the mist of metaphysics, speculation, and philosophizing. It made the whole nature of faith plain. Everybody could understand it. "God knows, I have taken Him at his word."—Dr. J. S. Spencer.

Question Corner.—No. 12.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. What prophet's life was divided into three periods of forty years each?
2. To whom was the command given not to drink wine under penalty of death?
3. What prophet loved the ways of unrighteousness?
4. What prophetess was a ruler in Israel?
5. Who was punished by having the honor of his victory given to a woman?
6. What prophet used to say grace before sitting down at a feast?

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. Enoch. Gen. 5: 24.
2. Noh. 2 Peter 2: 5.
3. Abraham. Gen. 15: 17.
4. Isaac. Gen. 21: 6.
5. Joseph. Gen. 39: 1.

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book.)

LESSON V.—AUGUST 7.

JESUS IN GALILEE.—MATT. 4: 17-25.

COMMIT VERSES 18-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The people which sat in darkness saw great light.—Matt. 4: 16.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

Jesus calls all to follow him, to enjoy and to proclaim the blessings of the Gospel.

DAILY READINGS.

- M. Matt. 4: 12-25.
T. Luke 4: 14-31.
W. Luke 5: 1-11.
Th. Mark 1: 14-22.
F. John 1: 28-51.
Sa. John 4: 43-54.
Su. Ps. 103: 1-22.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

17. FROM THAT TIME—when Jesus left Judea on account of the imprisonment of John the Baptist in the castle of Machorus, March, A.D. 28 (Matt. 4: 12; 14: 3-5), and went again to Galilee. REPENT—change your mind and your conduct, turn from sin to God. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN—the kingdom whose source is in heaven, whose laws are those of heaven, the members of which are fitting for heaven. This kingdom was near in Jesus Christ. Its nearness was a reason for repentance because it presented new motives, new helps, new opportunities, new light. 18. AND JESUS WALKING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE—and preaching to crowds of people while sitting in Peter's boat (Luke 5: 1-9). SAW TWO BROTHERS—he had met them and convinced them that he was the Messiah more than a year before (John 1: 35-42). 19. FISHERS OF MEN—those who bring men from the state of sin into the kingdom of heaven. 20. JAMES, JOHN—cousins of Jesus, for Zebedee's wife Salome was the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus (John 19: 25). 21. SYNAGOGUES—places for religious worship, like our churches. 22. TORMENTS—painful diseases. THOSE POSSESSED WITH DEVILS, OR DEMONS—whose body and mind had been yielded up to demons, causing them to become raging maniacs, and otherwise disordered. PALSY—paralysis. 23. DECAPOLIS (ten cities)—a country east and south-east of the sea of Galilee, which included ten cities.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—How much time intervenes between the last lesson and this? What were some of the things that took place during this interval? Trace on the map the change in place from the last lesson to this. In what other Gospels do we find an account of these events.

SUBJECT: THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.

I. THE KINGDOM AT HAND (v. 17).—What time is referred to? (Matt. 4: 12.) What was the subject of Jesus' preaching? What is it to repent? What reason is given for repenting? What is the kingdom of heaven? How was it at hand? How was this a reason for repenting?

II. THE CALL (vs. 18-22).—Where did Jesus make his home? (Matt. 4: 13.) What was he

doing by the Sea of Galilee? (Luke 6: 1-3.) What four persons did he call? Give the circumstances as related in Luke 5: 4-10. Where had some of these men met Jesus before? (John 1: 35-42.) What was their business? What did Jesus bid them to do? What is it to be "fishers of men"? Is it the duty of all to do this? How do these men obey? What is it to follow Christ? In what sense must we leave all to follow him? (Matt. 10: 37, 38.)

What relation were James and John to Jesus? (See John 10: 25. Compare Matt. 27: 56.) In what respects is saving men from sin like fishing? What can we learn from fishermen about this work? Was it right for James and John to leave their father?

III. FRUITS OF THE GOSPEL (vs. 23-25).—What did Jesus do for the people in the synagogues? What diseases did he heal? How did healing diseases aid men to believe and understand the Gospel? Does the Gospel produce like effects now? How widely did Jesus' fame spread abroad?

What is meant by "torments" in v. 24? What by "those who were possessed with devils"? How would these miracles show God's love? How would they prove that Jesus came from God? How were they a fitting accompaniment of his spiritual mission? What did Jesus promise his disciples? (John 14: 12.) Has Christianity done this? In what ways?

LESSON CALENDAR.

THIRD QUARTER, 1887.

1. July 8.—The Infant Jesus. Matt. 2: 1-12.
2. July 10.—The Flight into Egypt. Matt. 2: 13-23.
3. July 17.—John the Baptist. Matt. 3: 1-12.
4. July 24.—The Baptism of Jesus. Matt. 3: 13-17.
5. July 31.—The Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 4: 1-11.
6. Aug. 7.—Jesus in Galilee. Matt. 4: 17-25.
7. Aug. 14.—The Beatitudes. Matt. 5: 1-16.
8. Aug. 21.—Jesus and the Law. Matt. 5: 17-26.
9. Aug. 28.—Piety Without Display. Matt. 6: 1-15.
10. Sept. 4.—Trust in our Heavenly Father. Matt. 6: 24-34.
11. Sept. 11.—Golden Precepts. Matt. 7: 1-12.
12. Sept. 18.—Solemn Warning. Matt. 7: 13-20.
13. Sept. 25.—Review, Temperance. Rom. 13: 8-14. Missions. Matt. 4: 12-16.

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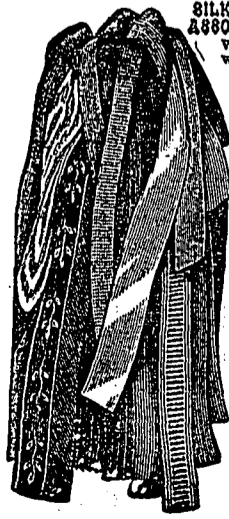
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