

Question Corner.—No. 25.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. How did a widow woman pay a debt and save her two sons from being sold into bondage?
2. Who was commanded to shave his head and beard, and weigh in a balance and divide it?
3. Who commanded that neither man nor beast, nor herd nor flock, should taste food nor drink water for a certain period?
4. Where in the Bible does it tell of meal being used as an antidote for poison?
5. What prophet ate a book?
6. Where is it recorded that one shall put a thousand to flight?
7. Where, that 10,000 people were cast from a rock and killed?
8. What conquered city became a field of salt?
9. Where is the first record of printing?
10. Where does it speak of a people whose jaw-teeth are as knives?

BIBLICAL EXPLANATION.

An exclamation of admiration given in Numbers; has 53 letters.
 The 32, 50, 11, 46, 9, 44, 12, 26 was the youngest daughter of Herod.
 The 45, 49, 1, 27, 24, 12 is a valley in Southern Juden.
 The 25, 47, 34, 41, 37, 8, 17, 20, 21 was a son of Saul.
 The 40, 5, 43, 1, 13, 38, 43, 16, 52, 23 was a tribe of Kenites.
 The 3, 15, 42, 49, 20, 53 is a small animal.
 The 4, 28, 7, 31, 19, 48, 10, 11, 53 is plenty.
 The 20, 6, 35, 4, 39, 50, 14, 18 is a plant and its fruit.
 The 51, 36, 33, 5, 41, 22, 48, 2, 31 is earnest consideration.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS NO. 24.

1. Felix—Acts 24: 24; Festus—Acts 24: 27; Fortunatus—1 Cor. 16: 17.
2. Washi—Es. 1: 9; Vajezatha—Es. 9: 9; Vashni—1 Chron. 6: 28; Vophsi—Num. 13: 14.
3. Forty days, Jonah 3: 4.
4. Ewe—Gen. 5: 24.
5. Absalom—2 Sam. 14: 20.
6. Quartus—Rom. 16: 23.
7. Solomon—Ec. 2: 57; Abraham—Gen. 21: 33.
8. Ahab and Jezebel—1 Kings 21: 7-15.
9. Jo in the Rapids—Mark 1: 6.
10. Jacob—Gen. 27: 16.

AN OLD LADY'S TALK.

"I wish my papa would take me out to drive," sighed little Ida as she threw down her doll and went to the window.
 "Perhaps he will when he comes home," said her mamma.
 "I wish he would come now," said Ida; "I am tired of all my plays."
 Ida's grandmother sat in the corner with her knitting. "What you really want is something to do, child," she said. "Learn to be of use in the world, and you will be happy."
 "I do not like to be of use," said Ida; "I want something pleasant to happen all the time."
 "You never can have that wish granted, dear," said her grandmother. "There will be sure to be some time in which you will be left to yourself. Besides, people get tired even of pleasant things after a while."
 "Why, that is true," said Ida. "I thought my doll was a beauty, but now I do not seem to care for it; and my kitty was as nice as she could be, but now that she is spoiling into a great cat I do not like to play with her. I wish I was as old as my sister Alice; then I could have company, or go out when I chose to do it without asking mamma, and people would pay me more attention than they do now, and invite me to ride, and say nice things to me."
 "Is Alice never tired?" said the old lady, glancing at a beautiful young girl who had just come in.
 "I am always tired," said Alice, laughing. "I was just wishing that something would happen—something quite new and entertaining."
 "Oh, the pity of it!" sighed the grandmother, "rich, young and in good health, yet tired of life!"
 "Are you never tired, grandma?" said Alice. "Do you never find the days long?"
 "They are always too short for me," said the old lady. "I have so much to do that I never can keep ahead of my work."
 "I guess you only like to work because you are old," said Ida. "You have forgotten how you used to feel when you were a little girl."
 "Indeed, I have not," said the old lady. "Girls had to work in those days. They not only had to help with the cooking and sweeping and dusting, but they had to take their place at the spinning-wheel and spin the yarn to knit their own stockings."
 "Oh, grandma," said Ida, "I should think that would be great fun. I found an old spinning wheel in our garret the other day, and I tried it, and found I could make it go.

round just as fast. I wish you would teach me how to spin."

The old lady smiled as she said, "It is one thing to set the wheel in motion and another to spin with it. Threads tangle, and break, and one has to have patience and perseverance in order to learn how to do the work."

"I should hate it," said Alice. "I hate to sew, and I hate to be patient or useful. It is too stupid."

"We were not stupid at all," said the old lady. "Our tasks were given to us, and we took pleasure in trying to do them well. When we found a spare hour in which to amuse ourselves, we were merry enough. We had no rich dresses or finery. Our dress was plain and comfortable—short and scant enough not to get in our way when we ran about the house, and loose enough not to interfere with our motions."

"I should think it must have been horrid," said Alice. "Yet I do believe you would like to have us brought up in the same way, grandma."

"No, dear child, not exactly," said the old lady; "but I would like to have you seek to be good and do good; rather than to be always thinking how you can amuse yourself. The older you grow the harder it will be for you unless you learn that a selfish life can never be a happy one."—*The Morning Star.*

TEMPERANCE ARITHMETIC.

1. Five years ago drinking places in Ireland were closed on the Sabbath. During this time there has been a decrease of \$27,500,000 spent for liquor; how much has Ireland saved each year? How much each day?

2. (a) How much will a drinker spend for liquor from the age of 19 to 41, inclusive, drinking 2 glasses a day at 10 cents a glass? (b) If each year's useless expense be put into the bank at 8 percent, compound interest, to how much would it amount?

3. The annual liquor bill for the United States is \$1,484,000,000 and the amount paid for tobacco is $\frac{2}{3}$ as much; how much is expended for tobacco?

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