

HE LIVES! HE LIVES!

Dr. J. Leifchild, in his volume of "Remarkable Facts," records the following circumstances, as related to him by the son of a Christian missionary:—

"I well remember hearing my mother speak in touching terms of the narrow escapes my father had during our sojourn in Jamaica. Once we were nearly thrown, together with the horse and gig, over a steep precipice into the sea. My father endured five attacks of yellow fever, and on one occasion he suffered so much, that the medical attendants gave up all hopes of his recovery. For some time he lingered in a state of insensibility hardly to be described. My mother watched and wept, friends did the same; the faithful Christian negroes also wept as they saw life fast ebbing away. Death seemed just about to seize his prey. Prayer-meetings were held, and at last some hundreds of negroes were assembled, and earnestly beseeched Almighty God, with tears, to spare the life of their beloved missionary. Often had he stood up before judges in their defence. Often had he been cast into prison for protecting them from their tyrannical oppressors; and now, with a warmth of affection and intensity of feeling unknown amongst Christians in England, they cried mightily to God. Hour after hour passed by; messengers were passing from the chapel to the mission-house to obtain tidings of the sick man. At length, when life seemed about to depart, the pious negroes agreed to unite silently in one heartfelt petition to Him in whose hand our breath is; and believing that 'man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,' they thus unitedly prayed. The multitude joined in one petition ascending from their inmost souls; and at the very hour the shadow of death fled at the rebuke of the Lord! A change took place, signs of health appeared, and he, for whose restoration so many supplicants prayed, was raised up from his bed of sickness, and that chapel and mission-house did indeed become filled with songs of joy, praise, and thanksgiving. 'He lives! he lives!' was the joyful exclamation that ran from one to another through that congregation, with an effect which I cannot describe, and which was greatly increased by the emotional nature of the unsophisticated negroes.

"This touching incident in the life of my father is, to my mind, a strong proof of the truth of our holy religion. Here was something of an altogether higher than human origin, in the commencement, progress, and issue. Can infidelity or atheism point to such effects or to such a result? It was the preaching of Jesus which led these poor, despised negroes to act as they did. The missionary was to them the messenger of Christ and the bearer of glad tidings, and on that account they loved him. That love was from heaven—its emotions and effects heavenly. The missionary's love to Christ prompted him to do for the negroes what no human consideration would have accomplished. Missionary and people were there united with a love stronger than death."—*British Workman.*

WHAT CAN GIRLS DO?

BY MRS. H. E. BLAKESLEE.

"Letty Stevens, aren't you going to join the Band of Hope? All the other girls have."

"Well, I'm not. It's all nonsense; girls don't need to sign the pledge; they don't drink liquor."

"Suppose we don't drink; we can help the cause by trying to keep our brothers and friends from drinking," responded Betty Williams.

"I'd like to know what girls can do?" retorted Letty.

"Just come to one of our meetings and you'll find out," replied Betty.

"I can't see anything of your work outside of your meetings, I don't think it amounts to much," said Letty.

"If Sam has not been reading another of those dime novels!" exclaimed Letty, a few mornings later, as she savagely pounced upon a yellow-covered book carefully hid beneath her brother's pillow. "Seems to me there must be a band of bad boys in this place, who club together and keep up a supply of these awful books. Sam knows that mamma doesn't allow him to read them, and yet he will do it. He says there's nothing else to read, and he must have

something. I've noticed that since he's been reading them, how often he goes off with the boys evenings. And last night when he came home, his breath was strong with beer, and now, here's this bad book under his pillow!" and Letty carried the volume down to the kitchen fire, where she saw it turn to ashes in the grate.

Sam Stevens did not improve. The bad books kept coming into the house, and the smell of beer grew more frequent on his lips. His father was dead, and his mother's counsels were all in vain. At twelve years of age Sam Stevens seemed fairly on the road to ruin.

"I wonder if it would do Sam any good to join the Band of Hope," mused Letty, one day. "I don't believe it would, though," she added, "for it wouldn't hinder him from reading those trashy novels and doing what he likes."

That very evening Sam Stevens came home wearing a Band of Hope badge.

"Why, Sam S-t-e-v-e-n-s!" exclaimed Letty, as her eyes fell upon it.

"And that isn't all," exclaimed Sam, drawing a volume about the size of a dime novel from his coat pocket, "see there, Letty; by being a member of the Band I can get one of these books every week. That just suits me. You know how well I like to read, and there's a book that I'm not ashamed to show to mother."

Letty looked the book over.

"Oh, isn't it nice, Sam; may I read it too?"

"Of course you may. But why not join the Band and get one yourself? There's lots of girls belong."

"What can they do?" asked Letty.

"They seem to find enough to do; they're planning something all the time. They helped raise the money to buy these books. The Band bought a library, beside papers to give away. Only yesterday the girls put some free papers up in Mr. Marlow's store. He had gruffly refused the boys, but he didn't refuse the girls. Then we are going to have a temperance concert, and of course we shall need the girls in that."

"How did you come to join?" asked Letty, as Sam paused for breath.

"The girls invited me to one of their meetings. When I saw the books and how interesting it all was, it didn't take me long to decide. Yes, I've signed the pledge, and I mean to keep it, too. Instead of spending money for dime novels and beer, I'm going to give it to the Band of Hope for books and papers."

"I never knew before that I could do so much in the cause of temperance," said Letty Stevens, a few weeks after she had joined the Band of Hope, "and it's so pleasant to think that a little girl can help to save from being drunkards."—*Careful Builders.*

BORROWED BOOKS.

A person who borrows a book has no right to lend it to another without the express permission of the owner. This should be an unvarying rule.

A borrowed book should be covered and handled with care and nicety, and returned promptly. Nobody has a right to retain a borrowed book during an indefinite period. If accident or injury result to a borrowed volume while away from its owner, honor requires that it shall be replaced by a new copy.

Never ask the loan of a very costly book or one belonging to a set, if you can avoid it.

Teach children to be very particular in regard to their handling of all books, whether their own or those of others.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

HOW THE MAINE LAW WORKS.

One of our workers visiting a town near Bangor was told that there was considerable strong drink sold in the place. Being the guest of an intelligent, true-hearted man who had studied the situation from all points of view, she asked him about it, and after a moment's thought he said: "You know we have a college here?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, there isn't a single place where one of the students would think of going, did he want a drink never so much. It certainly is a safe place for them." And then he went on to say: "No doubt there are a few obscure dens where a man with no pride, or some far-gone drunkard might go and find his drink."—*Union Signal.*

HINTS TO TEACHERS ON THE CURRENT LESSONS.

(From Peloubet's Select Notes.)

June 29.—Review.

Scripture Lesson.—The Golden Texts of the Quarter, together with 1 Cor. 1: 23-31, from Les. III.; and Rom. 8: 35-39, from Les. XI.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."—1 Cor. 1: 30.

Time.—Four years. From early in A.D. 54 to the spring of A.D. 58.

Place.—Asia Minor, Macedonia, and Greece.

Contemporary Events.—Nero, aged 17-21, emperor of Rome. Felix, governor of Judea. Josephus, a young man at Jerusalem, becomes a Pharisee. Seneca at Rome. The Roman empire is just completing its conquest of Great Britain, and holds sway over nearly all the known world.

Paul, aged 52-56.

The Third Missionary Journey. The whole of this Quarter belongs to Paul's third great missionary journey of four years.

Books.—Besides the history contained in the Acts, four of Paul's Epistles were written during this time. First and second Corinthians, Galatians, and Romans.

Place in Bible History.—Acts 19: 21; 20: 3.

METHODS OF REVIEW.

There can be no good, and interesting, and profitable review without previous preparation and planning.

I. There may be a general review by the whole school of the topics, Golden Texts, and Central Truths, together with the general statements given above.

II. There is an opportunity in this Quarter to prepare an interesting review, by assigning to different classes and individuals various topics brought to notice in the lessons as given below.

For this Quarter the following topics may be assigned: (1) The history as given in the Acts. (2) The third missionary journey traced upon the map. (3) The city of Ephesus. (4) The church of Corinth. (5) The city of Rome. (6) Galatia and the Galatians. (7) The city at Ephesus. (8) The church at Corinth. (9) The church at Rome. (10) The Epistles to the Corinthians. (11) The Epistle to the Galatians. (12) The epistle to the Romans.

III. Class reviews. Subject: The Great foundation doctrines and duties of the Church.

1. Doctrines. (1) The doctrine of the Holy Ghost, Les. I. (2) Christ the wisdom and power of God, Les. III. (3) The resurrection from the dead, Les. VI. (4) Adoption.—Christians are children and heirs of God, Les. IX. (5) Justification by faith, Les. X. (6) The atonement, Les. X. (7) God's sovereignty, Les. XI.

2. Duties. (1) The missionary work, Les. I. (2) Consecration, Les. II. (3) Self-denial, Les. IV. (4) Love, Les. V. (5) Liberal giving, Les. VIII. (6) Religious joy, Les. XI. (7) Political duties, Les. XII. (8) Duties to one another, Les. XII.

THE GIRLS AND BOYS.

"I hardly know what do do with Alice," said mother the other day in our hearing. "She is very anxious to go to dancing school. All the girls she knows are going, and she cannot see why I will not let her."

"Did you learn to dance when you were young?" asked Mrs. West, the senior friend with whom she was conversing.

"No, indeed. I remember well when I felt just as Alice does, but my mother said, 'No, and stuck to it.'"

"Are you glad or sorry now?"

"Oh, so glad! I have thanked my mother over and over again that she withheld me. And I tell Alice of this; but she thinks times are changed, and there are reasons why she should be gratified even if my 'old-fashioned' mother did not gratify me."

"My dear, I advise you to hold on in your decision," said Mrs. West; "the time will come when Alice will thank you just as sincerely as you thank your mother for the judicious restraint."

"And my boys," continued the younger mother, "are crazy to get out in the evening. They only want to go to the grocery store over the way, they say. But I cannot

let them go. It is the place, where all the worst boys in the village congregate, and I wouldn't have James and Alden there for the world. But they are very unwilling to yield to my wishes. They cannot see the reason why I should object. It is no worse than going to school with these boys, they say; no worse than playing with them in the afternoon."

"But you have a good reason. They cannot see it; children can't be expected to see the reasons for all their parents do. But, my dear, do not give up. Stand your ground firmly; restrain the boys, and they will see why you did it one of these days and will thank you for keeping them from evil. When you have taken ground wisely against any course which you feel would be a hindrance or a snare to your children, be firm."

"But it is such hard work. It is a great deal easier to yield to their importunity, and sometimes I fear I shall not have strength to withstand them."

"Ask God to give you strength. Remember that the future and eternal good of your children depends upon your training. Parents need backbone to stand up straight and strong against the very beginnings of evil. I speak from experience when I tell you that though such a course is difficult at first, it abundantly pays in the end."—*American Messenger.*

LAST YEAR no fewer than 22,125 persons were killed by snakes and wild animals in India. Besides this record there were 46,707 cattle killed. For the previous year the numbers are 21,427 persons and 44,669 cattle, an increase in each case. Of the human beings destroyed 2,696 were killed by wild animals and 15,719 by snakes. Out of the total for wild animals, 865 deaths were caused by tigers, 278 by wolves, 207 by leopards, 359 by jackals, and 292 by alligators. On the other hand, 18,501 wild animals were destroyed and 322,421 snakes. For this work the Government paid rewards.

Question Corner.—No. 12.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. To what country did Joseph and Mary flee with the child Jesus and how long did they stay there?

2. Of whom does the prophet Isaiah speak when he says "The voice of him that trieth in the wilderness Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God?"

3. What other prophet also foretells this man and where do we find the words?

4. Where is the following promise, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint?"

BIBLE RIDDLE.

In a far-away country of old,
In a beautiful story we're told,
Among people by famine distressed,
And by a wicked ruler oppressed,
Was a woman of husband bereft,
One little lad was all she had left.
The man of God coming into the place,
Saw the widow with sorrowful face.
"Bring me a drink of water," he said,
"Also bring me a morsel of bread."
"I'm gathering sticks," was her reply,
"To cook our last food, then we shall die."
"First bake me a cake," the good man said,
"Thou and thy son shall not want for bread."
"Thy store of oil and meal shall not fail
"Till plenty in the land shall prevail."
What great event this good man befell,
And his name we want you to tell.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS IN NO. 10

1. Companions of Daniel who were cast with him into the fiery furnace. Dan. 1: 6.
2. Upon his third missionary journey. Acts 19: 1, 2.
3. The astrologers of Nebuchadnezzar. Dan. 2: 15.
4. In Ephesus. Acts 19: 1, 2.
5. Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea. Rev. 1: 2, 3.
6. Isaiah 65: 24.

CORRECT ANSWERS RECEIVED.

Correct answers have been sent by Dora Hasted, Maggie M. Horstone, Jacob Wesley Bean, David Hammond, Clara Folsom, Ella Shortreed, Beila F. Christie, Anna Colver, Cora M. McIntire, Victoria Frost, May Magge, Agnes C. Kennedy, Hedley Carter, Lucetta Milburn, H. E. Greene.