

facts and terms of the Gospel. That, was the supreme moment of all the ages; when the full purpose of God with respect to man's redemption in Christ should be made known to our lost race. And the light of four thousand years, that shone from promise, type and prophecy, with respect to the Messiah, aided by the personal life and teaching of Jesus himself, was focalized upon the Cross, the Tomb, and the Throne of God's exalted Son, when the apostle made the sublime announcement, "God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." On the other hand, up to that hour the apostles had no power to preach Christ, nor to open the Kingdom of Heaven to man. The first Pentecost after the resurrection is memorable, therefore, because on that day the climax of divine revelation with respect to the opening of the Kingdom of Heaven and the law of induction into it, was reached. It was on that day the apostle first used the keys committed to him and issued the King's proclamation of amnesty to sinners: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." In the light of all this, we conclude then, and think that every reasonable mind must admit, that the closing chapters of the four Gospels, and first two of "Acts," embracing all the stupendous facts recorded from the death of Christ to the close of Pentecost, are unqualified by any other part of the Bible, in clearness and force of testimony, proving the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth, revealing the conditions of pardon, and enforcing his authority by examples of acceptable obedience on the part of penitent sinners and of the church. Now, this being admitted, it follows that this portion of the New Testament, covering a period of a little over fifty days, has no equal in the matter of value and importance to mankind in the whole Bible. In this, is the way of life. And yet, notwithstanding its unparalleled importance in revealing the plan of Life in Christ Jesus, I think I am safe in the averment, that no portion of the whole Bible has been more persistently opposed and misinterpreted by denominational creeds and practices than this. The truth of the averment will be made more apparent as we try these creeds under the calcine light of God's Word.

Let this be done in the spirit of kindness, and with all due respect for the honest convictions of men, yet, with the honest conviction that error is the enemy of God and the friend of no man; and, though hoary with age, it should be abandoned by every one professing a love for Christ and his Word. "What is the chaff to the wheat! saith the Lord;" "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" are the orders from our King, 'tis ours to obey.

The Sunshine Factory Ten.

BY AGNES.

All the girls were brimming over with it. When Mary Baker entered the Sunday school class-room one Sunday morning, she was eagerly greeted— "Oh! Mary, we want you to complete a ten;" then they all talked at once; in spite of that she discovered they were banding themselves in tens, "Kings Daughters." One band the "Happy Gleamers" was complete, the other the "Cheerful Sowers" wanted one member. They were to meet Tuesday of each week during the summers, and each contribute a penny.

One ten was to sow, getting things ready for the Indian Mission box to be sent in the fall. The other ten were to be a Flower Mission and distribute flowers among the sick and poor of the town.

"I'd love to join, but I can't promise; the baby is so sick, mother has to keep me home from school to tend to him, but perhaps she might spare me one afternoon in the week," said Mary.

"Of course she can, she doesn't expect you to be always carrying the baby round, does she?" said a girl, rudely.

The wife walk home to the farm was hot and dusty, but Mary scarcely felt it, she was so busy with thoughts of the two bands.

When the dinner dishes were being cleared away, Mary told her mother all about it, and asked if she might join.

It would have been much easier to have said "yes" than "no" to Mary's pleading; but Mrs. Baker was a just and wise woman. After a moment's thought, she said—"Well, you see, dear, Monday is washing day, then comes the ironing Tuesday. If it was later in the week I might spare you, but with baby poorly so long, and my getting so little rest nights, I feel I must have help or be clean beat out; even the penny a week might not always be possible. Don't fret, my pet, perhaps something just as nice will come along by and by; be mother's sunshine as you always were."

But mother's sunshine was under a cloud, and went upstairs to have a little cry.

"Oh dear! I'm always disappointed! I wish I was Mildred Pallis; she is always dressed lovely and can go everywhere." She said this aloud, then thought; no, she wouldn't be Millie who had no brothers or sisters; her father drinks and her mother is always saying "Millie, do be careful of your dress."

Baby was crying fretfully, so Mary jumped up, popped her little Bible in her pocket and ran down-stairs saying, "I'll take him out, mother, he is always good out doors." Poor little sick fellow, he smiled feebly when he saw Mary's preparations to take him out. She carried him around to see the posies and gave him a pansy which he instantly crumpled and put in his mouth. When he grew drowsy she took him to the hammock in the orchard, and sent Dadie, her little shadow, for a big pillow and a warm shawl.

Now she was free to read the King's Daughters, Psalm (the 45th). She couldn't make it all out; the eleventh verse was lovely, then, "the King's Daughter is all glories within." Within means inside; "the pure in heart shall see God," Christ said that; then a vision too great to be grasped spread itself out before her child mind, of a woman, tender, graciously dignified, benevolent, a Princess, daughter of the Prince of the Kings of the earth—"she gets her clothing of wrought gold and needlework when she is brought with gladness and rejoicing into the King's palace. And it doesn't matter about the outside here as long as the inside is glorious." This thought made her cheeks glow.

"Baby's wakin', Mary," interrupted Dadie. Mary turned the little fellow gently and he dropped asleep again.

"I am a Christian, why can't I be a King's daughter all by myself?—I will—What shall I call myself?" the thoughts went on.

"Oh, Mary, see how the sun shines on the factory roof," said Dadie.

Mary looked down at the cheese factory built in a hollow near them;

the sun was glittering splendidly on some tin on the roof.

"Just the thing, I'll be a Sunshine Factory; I wouldn't take mother's name for anyone else but the King. But its selfish to be all by myself," she thought.

Following the conviction that it was "selfish to be by myself" was much cogitation, many consultations with mother and a visit to her Sunday school teacher who was to help the two tens and was able to give her all information needed. The result of all this was invitations to six little girls to tea one afternoon. Mrs. Baker presided over a meeting at which Mary did the most talking, explaining to the visitors all she knew of the King's Daughters.

"There are just ten of us here, counting Mrs. Baker. Let us be a ten," said one of the guests. Then, girl-like, all chattered enthusiastically.

"What is our name, Mary? You said the tens had names."

"I thought of such a funny name, something Dadie said made me think of it"—five year old Dadie beamed at this honorable mention—"its Sunshine Factory!" she laughed and flushed.

"It is a good name, dear," said Mrs. Baker, "if you make your sunshine out of the light God puts in the hearts of his own."

The result of this ten's summer work was a number of pairs of warm stockings and mittens and one patched woollen "comfortable"; this was the work of the bigger ones. The small girls gathered the seeds of their prettiest flowers, parcelled and labelled them, collected all the Sunday school papers they could, and pasted stories and pictures in two old scrap books Mrs. Baker hunted up.

The parcel the Sunshine Factory ten sent in the Indian Mission box was no inconsiderable one. Best of all in Mrs. Baker's eyes were the sunny faces she presided over; the name of their ten seemed to mean so much to them.

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