

it seemed the more she strove the less she attained. At last the mother received a touching confession.

"Mamma," whispered Jessie, great tears welling into her eyes, "I have been trying to be good, but I am only getting *worser*."

Just then a black servant who had come to England with Jessie's papa, who was an officer, passed the window.

"Jessie," said Mrs. Neilson in a quiet tone, "bring a sponge and tell Robert to wash the black skin off his hands."

The child looked surprised.

"He can't do that, mamma," she exclaimed; "no, not if he tried ever so. I saw him dip them in the pond, and they came out just as black as before."

"As little can you remove the black from your heart," returned Mrs. Neilson. "Only Jesus could atone for your sins, and only the Spirit of God can make you holy. Ask Him to come and live in your heart; still you will have some of the old naughtiness there, but He will keep it down. You know we love Robert in spite of his black skin. Come to Jesus, as he came to us, just as you are, and trust to Him to put your sin out of God's sight, and make your ways well pleasing to Him."

Mrs. Neilson then taught her little daughter a prayer, which you may all use:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

SOLUTIONS OF BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR JULY.

XXXIX. Helkath-hazzurim.—II. Samuel II. 16.

XL. DANIEL.—Daniel II. 48.

D-anites.

A-bner.

N-aomi.

I-ra.

E-lah.

L-ydia.

Judges XVIII. 1.

I. Kings II. 32.

Ruth I. 20.

II. Samuel XX. 26.

I. Kings XVI. 8.

Acts XVI. 14.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

XLI.

SCRIPTURE ACROSTIC.

1. The place where a thief was put to death and buried.
2. A striking type of sin in Scripture.
3. An office in the Church now abrogated.
4. A man about whose dead body a holy angel and a fallen angel disputed.

The initials read downward will give the name of him who was the oldest man when Methuselah was a boy. The finals read upward give the name of an office in the Church in the Jewish dispensation.

XLII. Had any of Paul's relations been brought to a knowledge of Jesus previous to his conversion?

XLIII. Who went to the great city of Babylon and yet never saw it?