

He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.—John vi. 47.

Historical Figures.



CHILDREN, your attention a moment! The following will help you to remember dates.

Take the following letters: Old (3) Testament (9). Placed together we have 39, being the number of books in the Old Testament.

Again, New (3) Testament (9). Multiply 3 by 9 equal 27, being the number of books in the New Testament. Then, 3 plus 9 equal 12, also 39 minus 27 equal 12, the age at which Christ began to teach in the Temple.

Again, 39 plus 27 equal 66. Transpose the chapters in the old Testament and subtract the New: thus 93 minus 27 equal 66, the year the most important Gospels were written.

Transpose the New Testament, making 72 minus 39 equal 33, the age of Christ when he was crucified. Multiply the numbers of Old and New Testaments, 39 and 27 together, extract square root and you have the age of Christ at the Last Great Supper, 32 years 6 months.—*Selected.*

"A BOY'S temptations are no harder for a boy than a man's temptations are for a man. It is as much a boy's duty to be faithful, and just, and kind on the playground, or at school, or at home, as it is a man's duty to be just, and honest, and true in the counting-room or in the Senate hall. It is just as much a boy's duty to imitate the boy Jesus, as it is a man's duty to imitate the man Jesus."

Novel Alphabetic Arrangement.



In the above illustration, all the letters of the alphabet may be traced. It also shows their dependence on each other.

The Brazen Serpent.



A HE Israelites had been wandering for nearly forty years in the desert. Bread from heaven had been given them daily, and they had not been suffered to lack water or thirst. But they were discontented, grew tired of the bread; and as they were in a dry, burnt-up part of the desert, they said the water would fail. They grew very impatient and ungrateful.

The Lord God heard their murmurs—as He knows and hears everyone's murmurs now—and sent fiery serpents, whose bite or sting made the flesh hot and burn like fire. These serpents came among the people, glided into the tents, bit the people, and many died. Neither young nor old could escape their bite; and the people could find no cure for it; and it seemed as if all the people must be destroyed. No wonder that they came to Moses and asked Him to pray to the Lord for help. God did help; but He did not take away the serpents. He told Moses to make a serpent of brass, the same shape and colour as the live ones, and put it on a high pole; and then whosoever looked upon it should be saved from death.

Depend upon it, hundreds looked; and quickly, too. All who looked, lived. Sin, like a serpent, has bitten us, and we shall perish unless we look and trust in Jesus. Remember what Jesus said:—

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up;

"That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John iii. 14-16.