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We have been exceedingly gratified with the result of this competition. It has shown an amount of Bible knowledge amongst a number of our young people that is highly creditable. The results have not been attained by mere concordance work. In but few of the replies would a concordance have been of any assistance. They required careful study, close and extended reading with a diligent examination of parallel passages. We may remark that three of the questions have not been answered correctly by any one. The replies to these, we have withheld, as we shall probably use them all again. In fact one is given this month, although somewhat altered in form.

To those of our young friends who have not obtained one of the prizes as the result of their labour we would say, "Try again," you may be successful next time, and even if you do not succeed in gaining one of the prizes you will be treasuring up a stock of Bible knowledge, in the possession of which you will rejoice as you grow older. One of those who sent replies, shows the right spirit. She says in a note, "I found great pleasure in trying to find out the answers." We trust that this year will witness many more studying the questions, and that the results may be an advance on last year, good as that has been.

The following are the answers to Prize Questions for 1882

1. Honey.—Ex. 3 : 8 ; Lev. 2 : 11.
2. Ezra 10 : 9.
3. Alexander—Acts 4 : 6, 7 ; 19 : 33.
4. Hezekiah—2 Kings 20 : 1-11 ; 2 Chron. 32 : 24-26 ; Isaiah 38 : 1-8.
5. Not answered correctly by any—see above.
6. Romans 8 : 35-39.
7. The Gadarenes—Mark 5 : 17, afraid of further miracles. The Nazarenes—Matt. 13 : 53-58, because of His lowly birth. His brethren—John 7 : 5, unbelief. The Jews—Matt. 27, pride, unbelief, mistaken notions of the Messiah, hardness of heart.
- (a) Elisha—1 Kings 19 : 9 ; (b) Amos. 1 : 1 ; (c) Ezekiel 1 : 3 ; Jeremiah 1 : 1.
9. Cornelius—Acts 10.
10. Not answered correctly by any—see above.
11. The vine and its branches—John 14 : 5 ; the shepherd and His sheep—John 10 : 11-15.
12. Onesimus—Philemon 10-19.
13. Saints—Dent. 33 : 2.
14. Tent-making at Corinth—Acts 18 : 1-3.
15. Never man spake like this man—John 7 : 46.
16. Psalm 14 : 1-3 ; 53 : 1-3.
17. The Brazen Serpent—2 Kings 18 : 4 ; John 3 : 14.
18. Haggai 1 : 5-11.
19. Thou God seest me—Gen. 16 : 13.
20. Of God—John 20 : 17 ; The Devil 8 : 44.
21. Joseph—Gen. 30 : 24 ; Luke 1 : 27 ; Mark 15 : 43 ; Acts 4 : 36, (*Revised Version*).
22. At the feast of the dedication of the temple—Aaron's rod, and the pot of manna—1 Kings 8 : 9.
23. Snow, wool—Dan. 7 : 9 ; Rev. 1 : 14 ; compare with Isa. 1 : 18.
24. (a) Man with withered hand—Matt. 12 : 10-13 ; (b) the confident man at Bethesda—John 5 : 1-9 ; (c) man born blind—John 9 : 14 ; (d) woman with a spirit of infirmity—Luke 13 : 11-17 ; (e) man with dropsy—Luke 14 : 1-4 ; (f) man with an unclean spirit—Luke 4 : 31-35 ; (g) Simon's wife's mother—Mark 1 : 10-31.
25. To call down fire from heaven—2 King 1 : 10-12 ; Luke 9 : 54.

26. Matt. 1 : 20-25 ; 2 : 13-20 ; 4 : 11 ; 28 : 2-7 ; Mark 16 : 5 ; Luke 1 : 11-20 ; 26-38 ; 2 : 9-15 ; 23 : 43 ; 24 : 4.
27. Ethiopian Eunuch—Acts 8 : 27-30.
28. Rehoboam—1 Kings 1 : 12-20.
29. Not answered correctly by any.
30. There are two answers to this, Nebo—Isa. 46 : 1 ; Num. 32 : 37, 38 ; Dent. 32 : 49 ; Rimmon—2 Kings 5 : 18 ; Josh. 15 : 32 ; Judges 20 : 45-47.
31. Elah—1 Kings 16 : 8-10.
32. Three—1 Kings 17 : 17-24 ; 2 Kings 4 : 32-27 ; 13 : 20, 21.
33. Shiloh—Gen. 49 : 10 ; Joshua 18 : 1.
34. By a vision—Acts 10 : 9-16.
35. Phil. 1 : 21-23.
36. Exodus 22 : 22, 23.

We received from one Post Office, eight replies which we regret to be obliged to rule out of the competition, from the fact that every answer in each paper is the same, and not only alike in substance, but almost identical in details. Where the answers are correct, they are correct together ; where an error they are in error together. This shows that there must have been mutual consultation, an excellent thing in Bible study generally, but not allowed in this competition, as none were to receive help from others. The united result, although not equal to the third prize, was very good, and if these young friends will "Try again," being careful to keep the results to their individual selves, some of them will, we think, occupy a good position this time next year. We may add that three or four of these papers appeared to be in the same handwriting.

PRIZE BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

4. Quote a sentence of two words which shows how strong was the human love and sympathy of Jesus.
 5. The Psalmist and the Saviour describe in identical terms, the reward of those who possess one of the fruits of the spirit. Give it.
 6. Jesus and His servants are each said to be, spiritually, like one of the greatest temporal blessing we enjoy. What is it ?
- There was a printer's error in question Two last week, it should read, "What passage speaks of the transforming effect of the vision of Christ upon His people?"

MR. WILLIAM BLACK is supposed to be making the largest income of any English novelist living.

THE death of the French Cardinal Dounet raises the number of the Princes of the Church who have died since the accession of Pope Leo XIII. to fourteen. There is but one cardinal surviving of Gregory XVI's creation, Cardinal Schwarzenberg ; while forty-seven of those created by Pius IX. are still living.

THE chaplain of the Auburn State Prison says : "There are in the United States forty-four prisons, with an average of 1,000 prisoners, making 44,000 criminals, with an average of ten relatives afflicted by each ; making 440,000 who suffer from this source. The long line of sorrow could be traced to one of three causes—viz. idleness, licentiousness, and intemperance."

It is a fact worth noting, that Mrs. Oliphant has now been upwards of thirty years on the staff of "Blackwood's Magazine." The first story she wrote for Old Ebony, "Katie Stewart," appeared during the year 1852. She has probably written a greater quantity of matter for that venerable magazine than any other contributor it has ever had, not omitting even Prof. Wilson or Sir Archibald Alison from the account.