

his heart on fire, but the empty seats chilled him, and he did poorly. There was a special collection, but the best givers were away, so it was a failure. It isn't a smart preacher, nor a rich congregation, nor a good location, nor a paid choir, that makes a successful church. It is the church members always being there that draws in the unconverted, and makes an eloquent preacher. As soon as a Christian begins to stay at home, from one excuse or another, I know I have a mortgage on his soul, which, if he does not shake off, I will foreclose on the judgment day."

"You have none on mine!" cried Mrs. Clark, who had been listening with bated breath; "I'll go to church, if only to defeat you."

"What's the matter, dear," asked the doctor. "Have you been dreaming?"

"Perhaps so; but I'm going to church if I get to my seat just in time for the benediction. I'll cheat Satan from this day out of one empty seat." She has kept her word, and influenced many others to let nothing trifling keep them from God's house; and one "down-town" church has begun to grow, and will soon be a great power for God, because of no "empty seats"—*Selected.*

A MISSIONARIES' SONG OF TRUST.

God has given me a song,
A song of trust;
And I sing it all day long,
For sing I must.
Every hour it sweeter grows;
Keeps my soul in calm repose;
Just how restful no one knows—
But those who trust.

I sing it on the mountain
In the light,
Where the radiance of God's sunshine
Makes all bright.
All my path seems plain and clear—
Heavenly land seems very near,
And I almost do appear
To walk by sight.

And I sing it in the valley
Dark and low,
When my heart is crushed with sorrow,
Pain, and woe.
Then the shadows flee away,
Like the night when dawns the day.
Trust in God brings light alway—
I find it so.

*Tekkali, 1898
—Home Words.*

Boys' and Girls' Corner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

<i>International.</i>	<i>Institute.</i>
July 2nd—Hos. 14:19.	Acts 28:1-15.
9th—Daniel 1:8-21.	Acts 28:15-30.
16th—Daniel 5:14-28.	Acts 28:30-31.
23rd—Daniel 6:17-31.	Acts 2:37-41.
30th—Daniel 6:10-23.	II. Tim. 4:5 to end

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR JULY.

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1. What is the meaning of the word Bethlehem?
2. What event occurred the same year Rachel died?
3. For what is Bethlehem eminently famous?
4. What words in chap. xxxv. could not have been written by Moses?
5. How many "Sauls" are mentioned in Holy Scripture?
6. From whom were the Amalekites descended?
7. What other name had Esau?
8. How old was Joseph when he was sold into slavery?
9. How did Jacob shew his love for Joseph?
10. What expression of Jacob implies that Rachel was alive when Joseph had his two dreams?
11. Why might Jacob reasonably fear his sons going to Shechem?
12. At this time where was Jacob living?

JUNE ANSWERS.

1. Yes, at Bethel, when in a dream Jacob saw angels ascending and descending on a ladder to heaven.
2. 7 years.
3. Shechem.
4. By God's command.
5. House of God.
6. Luz.
7. Deborah, Rebecca's nurse.
8. The oak of weeping.
9. That God would give the Holy Land to him and his seed.
10. Yes, to both Abraham and Isaac.
11. At Ephrath.
12. Bethlehem.

EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY TREASURE.

The inhabitants of a little village in Hungary were peacefully going about their daily work, when one morning their ears were terrified by the too-well known sound of rushing waters.

Heavy rains had swollen the mountain streams, and these in their turn the great river, till it had overflowed its banks and was now impetuously rushing on, sweeping all before it.

Alas for their little homes! the raging waters came foaming on, rising up, and carrying them away, so that they escaped with just their lives.

One man was standing gloomily contemplating the scene of wreck and confusion. All he had was gone! Suddenly he noticed a little book floating on the water.

"I will at least save this," said he, "for a keepsake."

So he fished it out of the water.

It was a Bible, and as he opened it he found to his great surprise that his own name was written on one of the first pages.

It was most remarkable to him; he could not remember ever having read the book. It had evidently been swept off the shelf in his house by the rushing waters, and floated down to where he was.

He dried the leaves in the sun, and began to read it, his only possession saved from the general wreck.

God the Holy Spirit impressed the words he read deeply on the man, and for the first time in his life he saw sin in its own horrid light, and *himself* as the sinner.

Did he stop? Do you ask? No? God led him on to read yet more, and he found that the same book which brought conviction of sin told him also of the precious blood of Jesus which cleanses from all sin, and so in losing all his earthly goods he found the riches which no flood can ever sweep away.

Is it not wonderful that those precious riches lie hid there for all who will seek them? Let *your* Bible, dear boy or girl, tell *you*