

Others enter with a right royal nature. Like Samuel in his sleeping garments in the dark and alone, they say: "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." They answer not till they are called. These regal characters are somewhat rare. Large resources wait upon them and they dispense and disperse, yet they are often poor as to money. They touch the golden harp of thousand strings and music swells which makes the angels glad. Their passion is to give, not to get. They draw up living water with the golden chain of prayer, and hold the cup to the burning lips of wearied men. These men are an enigma, they are largely undefinable, search for their secret and it eludes you. Some call them hotheaded enthusiasts and bigots, but they are present and wield beneficent power. They are rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith. The cup of joy is full and they abound in thanksgiving.

"Come yet as guest within the breast,
That burns to follow Thee,
Within our heart of hearts
In nearest nearness be."

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WHY IS IT ?

Dean Farrar, in a recent speech, strikingly presented the overwhelming and unique obligations which rest upon England with regard to missionary enterprise—"Why is it," asked the dean, "that God has caused the white sails of our vessels to dot every ocean on the globe? Why is every sea furrowed with the keels of our merchantmen which have been called 'the fittest avenue to our palace-front'? Why has He given us that gigantic force of expanded vapour which we have made our slave? Why has He enabled us to seize the lightning by its wing to flash our humblest messages through the hearts of mountains and under oceans? It was not for no purpose that God has given us such powers as these. We are not intended to be merely the accumulators of the world's riches, nor the carriers of its burdens, nor the manufacturers of its goods; we are not to be the beasts of burden of the world—but we are to be the evangelists of Christ."

Boys' and Girls' Corner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

International.	Institute.
April 2—St. John xi. 32-45.	I. Cor. xv 35 to end.
" 9—St. John xii. 1-11	Acts xix. 21, 22-xx. 6
" 16—St. John xiii. 1-17.	St. Luke x. 25-38.
" 23—St. John xiv. 1-14	Acts xx. 6-18.
" 30—St. John xiv. 15-27.	Acts xx. 1-18.

ANSWERS TO MARCH QUESTIONS.

1. Twelve.
2. That he died in the country east of them.
3. Jacob and Esau.
4. Jacob, "A supplanter." "Hairy," Esau.
5. About 1848 B.C.
6. Two, Methuselah and Shem.
7. Beer-Sheba.
8. Isaac's covenant with Abimelech.
9. One hundred and thirty-six years.
10. Esau had threatened to kill him after his father's death, and he left at the suggestion of his mother.
11. Jacob's dream.
12. Luz.

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

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1. Give the names of Jacob's two wives.
2. What son of Jacob is first mentioned in Holy Scripture?
3. Name Jacob's eldest son.
4. How many children had Jacob?
5. Name his youngest son.
6. What is the meaning of the word Benjamin?
7. What was his mother's name?
8. Where did she die?
9. What words in Genesis could not have been written by Moses?
10. On his return, where in the Holy Land did Jacob live?
11. Had any of his forefathers lived there?
12. How old was Isaac when he died?

Reader asks the meaning of Luke iv. 36, "And there were with him other little ships."

Ans.—It would be well if travellers to Palestine were to lay themselves out to take lessons in the night, say amongst the fishermen. The mode of fishing is very interesting. A large boat takes up its position about sundown, when it is dark a flaring light is exhibited to attract the fish, then in great quietness the little boat or ship, with the nets piled on the stern, puts out and forms a circle round the light, when this is accomplished the water is beaten with strong plumpers to frighten the fish away and in their flight they are taken in

the net. This process is repeated till the night's work is done.

In this case the larger boats could not hold the people who wish to be near, so recourse was had to the smaller ones. Matthew tells us that great multitudes were about him.

H.T.M.

Nautical Reader.—Had our Lord a yacht specially fitted up for His occasional trips across the sea of Galilee?

This is an interesting question from a lover of ships.

It is highly probable that Peter's best boat was selected for these merciful excursions, fitted up with a distinguished bit of bunting flying at the peak. In the original it is *the* ship, not *a* ship, see Mark iii. 9. Common courtesy would dictate that something more than the use of a boat half-laden with fish would be provided for the Master.

WHAT CAN I DO TO-DAY ?

A sweet little friend of mine, after listening to the story of how another child was a ministering angel to many, said, impulsively:

"I want to do something for some one, too, mamma."

The mother expressed her pleasure at this remark, for she greatly feared that the pet of the household would grow selfish and unthoughtful of others.

"I wish I could begin to-day," said the eager child, looking out into the blinding storm. "But when it does clear off—to-morrow, maybe—I'll carry some of my dolls, my old one, 'n' lots of my playthings to the children's home, Can't I, mamma?"

Consent was readily given to the proposed sacrifice, for a sacrifice it was, the mother well knew, for her child to part with even her oldest doll. And then she began talking of other things. But with the impatience of childhood, Bessie soon exclaimed:

"What can I do to-day, mamma, to help somebody? I don't want to wait for some other day."

The mother thought a moment, and then, looking across the street, said:

"Susie is so nervous and irritable, now that she is getting up from the fever, that her mother is