

We are giving Annie Boulton's picture this month. Annie came to Canada in October, 1892, and went to the same place in which she is now living the next month. We have been looking up our Visitors' reports of their visits to Annie, and cannot find a word of any complaints about her. For instance, Miss Love-day reports of her in April, 1893, when she was still a little girl:



"Her mistress says she is a very good girl, is getting very useful and she has no fault at all to find with her. Annie, too, is quite happy and contented, and has a good home. Mrs. Malcolm is just getting her some spring clothing, and seems very considerate with and interested in the child."

Then again in August, 1896, we find Annie being valued and trusted by her mistress, and all the intervening reports are satisfactory.

Lizzie Adams ('92 party) sends us some thoughts on "Friends and Friendship and Their Value." She says:

"The true value of friends is found in their friendship. We have a friend in Christ which sticketh closer than a brother. Also, we should be slow in choosing a friend, but slower in exchanging a friend. We all like to have a friend to whom we can run and tell all our joys, pleasures, trials and troubles and let them bear it with us. Some friends are ready to take your part in everything you say or do; but others are not afraid to correct you when they see that you are wrong, and they can share it with us and help us to get right, and that is the value of friendship. We are very much interested in our friends and we like to be with them and go with them anywhere and everywhere. The worldly friends, I hope, are few and far between.

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer."

SCRIPTURE UNION CORNER.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTIONS.

1. Psalm 32: 1, 2.
2. Faith. Romans 4: 3.
3. Wages are earned, a gift is bestowed freely.
4. Never do anything which may have a bad influence over another.

We acknowledge answers from Annie Addison, Lizzie Adams, Edith Vincent and Annie Boulton, also joint answers from Edith Hallandale and her mistress' little daughter, Bea Jones. We are glad to see one who is not one of "Our Girls" taking an interest in our

magazine. We have given the answer to question 4 in last month's paper, word for word as sent by Edith and her little friend, for we thought it was so well put we could not improve on it.

We have also received answers from a nameless girl—she has not signed her name, at any rate—but we think it may be Minnie Bourne, as the post-mark is Queenston.

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DAILY PORTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

(See Scripture Union Cards.)

Some of the portions for this month are from the Psalms—that part of the Bible where every soul may find its own experience repeated, every heart may hear its own sigh breathed, or its notes of confiding faith, for "as in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man."

Then we pass on to the readings in Deuteronomy, which are full of profit. We get, for instance, in Chapter 5, the giving of the Ten Commandments—those precepts which contain a holy God's requirements of His creatures. It is right that we should remember them, for the rule of right and wrong can still be measured by this standard; old as it is, it will never wear out.

Then we wander on through various lessons to Chapter 33, near the close of Moses' life. It seems a peaceful, patriarchal scene, the old servant of God scattering his blessings on the tribes of Israel before his departure. To how many hearts since his words have brought a message! We, too, cannot do better than drink them in. Let us, for instance, make that eternal God, the Rock of Ages, our refuge, for we all need a "shelter in the time of storm," and then, having made Him our refuge, what a comfort there is in the thought of those everlasting arms, strong enough to bear any and all!

Down to lowest depths it reaches,
The all-loving Father's arm;
Toward His rebel children yearning,
Drawing them with magic charm;
Till the yielding spirits move,
Touched by everlasting Love

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QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

1. How many yearly feasts were the Israelites to observe?
2. In what month was the Passover to be held?
3. Give chapter and verse in Acts with quotation from Deut. 18.
4. Give chapter and verse in Romans with quotation from Deut. 30.

All the answers to above questions are to be found in the Daily Readings.

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We here subjoin an extract from a printed letter which we have lately received from the Scripture Union, England, written by Mr. T. B. Bishop:

This year will be marked in the annals of the Scripture Union by the step which has been taken by our Committee in sending out a Children's Missionary to work amongst the children of India. Mr. Bernard Herklots, B.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, took the Seaside Services at Scarborough in August, 1895, and in the October following he undertook the post of Secretary of the Scripture Union for Manchester and the surrounding district. After working most ably and zealously for some months in the north of England, Mr. Herklots sent in his resignation, feeling that, much as he loved the work amongst the children, God's call to him was for the foreign field. Just at this time an appeal had come to our Committee to send a representative to India, and they said to Mr. Herklots, "Why not go the foreign field of India, and labour specially for the children?" After much prayer for guidance, and after consultation with several experienced missionary friends, he accepted

this invitation. He continued his work with the Children's Special Service Mission during the summer, visiting Greystones, near Dublin, for Seaside Services in July, and Scarborough in August and September, and on the 23rd October, he sailed in the steamer "Nubia," for Calcutta. A special Valedictory Meeting was held a few days previously, when he was commended to God in prayer, and we feel sure that he will have the earnest prayers of our friends in all parts of the country. It is interesting to know that Mr. Herklots joined the Children's Scripture Union when he was only six years old, and that, as a boy, he spent about four years in India.

The letters which we have received from our Scripture Union friends in India since the appointment of Mr. Herklots have been most encouraging. There are now a large number of missionaries in India who were formerly workers in the Children's Special Service Mission, and who feel the deepest interest in extending work amongst children, and several have written about new plans for work of different kinds. The Rev. J. S. Stevenson, of Deesa, North India, who was formerly Oxford Secretary of the Public Schools Scripture Union, purposes to print the card for 1897, in Gujarati, a language in which it has not yet appeared. Mr. R. Baker, of Lucknow, would like to start a monthly Hindustani Scripture Union Paper, like those now published in Bengali and Tamil, but this would be a question of expense.

From the above we see that there is a prospect of the Scripture Union being joined by young people of another race and language. It is interesting to think that then the very same portions will be read by them as by our girls.

Not long ago we sent to England for a fresh supply of Scripture Union cards for the year 1897, and we should be pleased to receive the names of any girls, who have not already joined, who would wish to do so. It is a good habit to cultivate the daily reading of the Word of God.

In another part of this month's paper we have spoken of girls and their brothers. Here is a picture of a brother and sister, Minnie Dare and her brother George. Minnie has



now been for more than two years living in Toronto, and some little time ago received a visit from her brother, whose home is in the States, and we conclude it was on this occasion they were photographed together.