

David's son, meant that He was man only." The only possible answer was that admission of the spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom, which would have identified Him in all points with Jesus.

On the *third* topic we need only point out how formalism and hypocrisy, greed, covetousness and violence by professors of religion, called forth the severest denunciations of Jesus, and His threat of the terrible condemnation reserved for such. Of the two evils, better unbelief than the abomination of hypocrisy.

The *fourth* topic is a specially beautiful incident. We can only give a line or two to indicate the direction of teaching, which is this: That love will consecrate all that it has to the service of the Master; it *feels* the Divine claim, rejoices to *acknowledge* it, and rejoices yet more to *yield everything* to it; asks no questions, but unreservedly consecrates everything to God; it says, in the language of the late Miss Havergal:

"Take my love, my God; I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.
All to Thee—consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Incidental Lessons.—On the *first* topic—That our duty as citizens, and our higher duty as Christians, rests upon the supreme homage we owe to God.

That the two commands are one—inseparable. Superstition and unbelief alike would divide them.

On the *second* topic—That love to God and man is the beginning and end of religion.

That the proof of love to God is love of man.

The measure of our love to God—all that we have and are; of our love to man—our love to ourselves.

Not far from—near—but may never enter the kingdom.

On the *third* topic—"What think ye of Christ?" the sum of the Gospels.

On the *fourth* topic—That God does not look at our gifts for what they are, but for the love and self-sacrifice they express.

That entire consecration is alike the duty and happiness of the true servant of God.

That just as we love the Lord Jesus will our faith be warm and vital.

Main Lessons.—Love, the great motive power in the Christian life. *To God*—John 21: 17; Phil. 3: 7; Heb. 6: 10; 1 John 4: 12, 16-20. *To man*—John 13: 34, 35; Rom. 13: 8-10; 1 Cor. 13; 1 John 3: 17.

PRIZE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

[For prizes and conditions see INDEPENDENT for January.]

PRIZE BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST.

22. Upon a certain occasion in the history of Israel the ark of the covenant was opened, and two of the articles originally placed in it were missing. When, and what?

23. In a vision of God in the Old Testament, and one of Christ in the New, one part of the person is described as the symbol of forgiven sin. What is it?

24. What miracles did Jesus perform on the Sabbath day?

Try to keep up your interest in your Sunday School during the heated days of summer. What is a religion good for that is kept green only half of the year?

Children's Corner.

POLYNESIA.

The whole of the inhabitants of the vast Polynesian Archipelago, in the Southern Pacific, were at the beginning of the present century idolaters. The vast proportion of them are now Christians. Never even in the days of the apostles, nor when the Roman Empire was converted to Christianity, have the triumphs of the Gospel been so marked and so glorious. In the Fiji islands, where only a few years ago the inhabitants were the most degraded cannibals on the face of the earth, there are now 900 chapels, 240 other preaching places, fifty-four native preachers, 1,405 local preachers, 2,200 class leaders, and 106,000 attendants on worship out of a population of 720,000, and this is very largely the result of the labours of the heroic missionary, John Hunt, a Lincolnshire plough-boy, who grew up to man's estate with no education, and died at the early age of thirty-six. Yet in twelve short years he became the apostle of Fiji, and brought nearly the whole nation to God.

NEVER part without loving words. It may be that you will not meet again in life.

A LITTLE girl, Nyangandi, came to the river Ogowe, West Africa, to cross in her canoe to the mission service. She found that her canoe was stolen. What was she to do? The water was deep, and the current was strong; moreover, the river was a third of a mile wide. She dashed into the water, and by swimming diagonally, managed to cross the river.

DR. TURNER, of Samoa, has written the thirty-seventh report of his institution at Malula for the education of native ministers. The institution consists of sixty-eight thatched cottages laid out in a square, at one side of which stands the hall. Each cottage is the home of a student with his wife and family. It is surrounded with a garden, the produce of which maintains the household. Whilst the student is being trained as a preacher, his wife is qualifying as a teacher. At the present time, 230 ordained pastors are at work in the Pacific Islands who have received their training at Malula.