

Guelph; but our president we have now is a very energetic man, and if the League does not prosper I don't think it will be his fault. The Leagues in the district I am in have sent a missionary to the south-west of Vancouver. They say there is urgent need for one there, because there is only one Catholic missionary there, and Indians prefer Paganism to his doctrine. As there are only forty-six accepted him, I think that is a good proof. They have sent several times to Dr. Henderson, of Toronto, for him to send a Methodist missionary to them.

"F. WATSON."

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From Sarah Frieburg, '96 party, from whom also we received the picture of Lake Erie on the ninth page:

"It is pleasant to be able to send a few lines to our valuable paper, UPS AND DOWNS. I am living on the shore of lovely Lake Erie. Port Dover is the name of the town. There are two large ships come from — with coal. They are called Shenango Nos. 1 and 2. They are large ships; take from 26 to 30 cars loaded; take 30 tons of coal in a car. I have been all through the boats.

"I go to the English Sunday school and church, and attend the Junior Auxiliary every Wednesday night, and sew for the Indian Mission.

"I remain, yours truly,

"SARAH FRIEBURG."

IN LEISURE HOUR.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

1. Whittier.
2. Tennyson.
3. Hasp.
4. Wheat.

Of this month's puzzles we have received the first from Miss Pine, and the last two from Beatrice Thomas.

What word of four letters, and four other words composed of the same letters, may be filled in the following blanks?

A Wild old woman  
 On Wild bent  
 Put on her Wild  
 And away she went.  
 "....." said she, to a friend on the way,  
 "Tell me, how shall I  
 .....-to-day?"

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A FLOWER PUZZLE.

I grow in gardens or in fields  
 In towns or e'en in city.  
 By sheltered dingles, river banks  
 Are found my tufts so pretty.  
 I call a smile to every face,  
 All nations seem to love me,  
 My blossoms (sometimes pink or white)  
 Are blue as skies above me.  
 My buds are rolled in curious coils,  
 My tribe of kindred greet me,  
 If painted on a Christmas card  
 My meaning is "remember  
 Thy absent friends, keep mem'ry warm  
 This frosty, cold December."  
 And German children wreath me oft  
 Within a wooden platter,  
 Well filled with moss, and water fresh  
 Which once "o'er stones did chatter."  
 Then by a bed of sickness placed,  
 I grow in daily beauty,  
 Content to bloom in any spot  
 So I may do my duty.

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I am a word of nine letters.  
 My 4, 2, 3, 4, 5, is a vegetable,  
 My 8, 7, 2, is a verb,  
 My 8, 4, 3, 5, is a piece of money,  
 My 5, 3, 2, 7, is a girl's name,  
 My 4, 2, is a preposition,  
 My 9, 2, 4, 8, 9, is a rap,  
 My whole is the name of something that all Englishmen honour.

SCRIPTURE UNION CORNER.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTIONS.

1. Fourteen separate miracles, besides healing the sick and diverse diseases, and casting out devils.
2. Mark viii., 31.
3. Because of their unbelief, Matthew xiii., 58.
4. Destroyed by fire and brimstone, Genesis xix., 24, 25.

We acknowledge answers from Annie Addison, also from Lulu Snure, the little daughter of Minnie Mortimer's mistress.

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DAILY READINGS FOR APRIL.

(See Scripture Union cards.)

This month the readings are from various portions of the Bible, but passing over those taken from Hosea and the Psalms, and not stopping to dwell on the old simple tale of Ruth, we will confine our remarks to those chapters in Mark relating to the death and resurrection of our Saviour, as this is the month which will specially bring these scenes to our mind.

But here in reading the words of the inspired writer, as he tells of the agony and suffering of that Blessed One in the garden of Gethsemane, and of all that He endured when hanging on the Cross, we feel we are treading on sacred ground—solemnly—tenderly—sacred, and our words must be few. Simply with bowed heart and head, let us, while filled with holy awe and deep contrition, take up the language of the old well-known hymn.

"Was it for crimes that I had done,  
 He groaned upon the tree?  
 Amazing pity! grace unknown!  
 And love beyond degree!"

And still feeling each one our own individual interest in that marvellous scene, let us from our hearts exclaim:

"But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
 The debt of love I owe;  
 Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
 'Tis all that I can do."

But let us meditate and ponder on this wonderful narrative, let us not read it heedlessly—thoughtlessly, for, "Is it *nothing* to you, all ye that pass by?" No! *something* it must be, for human life can never be as though that great Offering for sin had never been made, may it then be life to you—to me, and life everlasting.

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And now leaving that sacred cross, and passing over those three silent days in the cold, dark grave, we come to that Resurrection—that Easter morning. What has happened? Open lies the grave, burst are the bonds of death! shattered is the power of the great Enemy, for in triumphant, conquering Jesus has laid them low, and "The Lord is risen indeed!" "Risen—and now He liveth evermore, liveth—able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him," "Ever liveth to make intercession for us."

"Hymns of praise then let us sing  
 Unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
 Who endured the cross and grave  
 Sinners to redeem and save."

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QUESTIONS FOR APRIL.

1. Where is Ruth mentioned in the New Testament?
2. What verse in the Daily Readings gives special encouragement to the fatherless?
3. What incident teaches the right spirit of giving?
4. What Psalm is quoted by our Lord in Mark xii.?

Ellen Garbutt sends some Bible questions, not specially connected with the Scripture Union, but still of interest.

1. What verse in the Bible has all the letters of the alphabet but J?
2. Find where the word frying-pan occurs.
3. Give chapter and place where the word penknife is found.

A VISITOR'S TOUR ROUND NIAGARA.

THE following are notes of all the girls seen and visits paid by one of our visitors on a recent circuit round the Niagara district. In some cases, for obvious reasons, we withhold names, either mistress or maid, and naturally details of household arrangements, wages, clothing, etc., are omitted:

From Niagara Falls, Ont.

MAUD DENISON, age 15.—Maud has a nice home, and is greatly improved. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie are pleased with her nice spirit and willingness and anxiety to learn. Maud is delighted with the change and looked quite a different girl from what she did the last time I saw her. (This child was moved last fall from a place thought undesirable.)

SARAH LOVELL, age 14.—Comfortable home; Sarah very happy there. Mrs. Kerr is pleased with her and finds no fault beyond a little carelessness at times. Sarah hopes to be confirmed in the spring.

G. M., to Canada, '95.—Information had reached us that Grace was not very well treated, so I went to investigate. (Here follow details and explanations from both sides) "Brought the child away with me and sent her on to Toronto that same evening."

ETHEL WICKENS, age 13.—Ethel seems to have a comfortable home and to be happy in it. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson speak well of her. Ethel's chief trouble is being separated from her sister.

M. S., age 16.—Rather to my surprise I found some dissatisfaction here, arising from listlessness and slowness and so on. Had long talk with M—, tried to encourage her to rouse herself and endeavour to please. Further trial promised.

ELIZABETH WEBB, age 16.—Mrs. P. is very pleased with Lizzie, thinks her superior to any Home girl she knows or has known. The girl seems happy, is devoted to the children, pleased with her home and surroundings generally.

Niagara-on-Lake.

DOROTHY SIDDLE, age 18.—So far mistress and maid are mutually pleased. Dorothy looked very bright and trim in cap, apron and spectacles, and seemed to appreciate the contrast between her last and present place.

LILLY ANDREWS, age 16½, to Canada, '95.—Mrs. Thonger likes Lilly very much and thinks her a capable, good girl. Lilly is contented and happy, and thinks she shall get on nicely when she is more accustomed to the place and the work. She was feeling a little lonely.

ADA BUCKLEY, to Canada, '95.—Mrs. S. is rather a fine old lady and there seemed no cause for anxiety about the girl. The mistress promised care and supervision; likes Ada very well.

A. S., age 16.—Mrs. B. speaks well of Ada as regards character, but finds her slow, but says she is improving and very willing and regular about her work. (This lady has lately lost a thoroughly, good, competent servant, one of our girls, who had been with her for years, and fears no one will again quite come up to what K. was.

Queenstown.

MARY WINTERSON, age 18.—Mary has grown and looks quite womanly. Miss Hamilton makes no complaint as to character, but does not find her quite such a competent servant as Sarah (a former girl) was. Mary seems to be getting on well and to be a steady, well-conducted young woman.

MARIA SPENCER, age 20.—Mrs. Smeaton gives Maria a very good character; says she has much more self-control and is doing well. Another and younger girl is asked for, in order that Maria may have more time for her own sewing, etc.

MINNIE BOURNE, age 16, to Canada, '92.—Minnie is getting on alone very nicely. The worst that was said about her was that she was "easily led." She has grown slightly and looks older, but is still very short. Hears from her sisters, Hannah and Rachel, who both seem to be doing well. (Formerly two girls were kept here, but since the death of Mr. Wood, Minnie has been alone.)

St. Catharines.

ALICE WHEELER, to Canada, '94.—Mrs. Hesson is pleased with Alice; says she is improving and repaying for the careful training she has had. Alice has grown,