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trouble. One of our *rescued* lads, himself, went out and soon collected over one hundred." So in this great work, it is the *rescued* ones, who are to go out and gather in those who are lost.

We look forward with bright hope and firm faith that the Toronto Mission Union will yet be an honoured instrument in God's hand for carrying the message of His love to many a weary and hitherto neglected home.

Bible Study.

 HERE is a great deal more of studying about the Bible than there is of studying the Bible itself. Question-books, catechisms, and illustrations are plenty, but the Book itself is sometimes little studied.

This neglect of God's word is a great mistake. Nothing else can supply its place. The word of the Lord endureth forever. The "diligent teaching" of the words of God has no sufficient substitute.

And even from a worldly point of view, the patient and thorough study of the Bible is fraught with manifold advantages. Said the eminent John Ruskin: "My mother forced me, by steady, daily toil, to learn long chapters of the Bible by heart, as well as to read every syllable through from Genesis to the Apocalypse about once a year; and to that discipline I owe, not only a knowledge of the Book, which I find occasionally serviceable, but much of my general power of taking pains, and the best part of my taste in literature."

H. L. HASTINGS.

OUR COLUMN FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

NUGGETS OF GOLD FROM THE S. S. LESSONS.

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[June 7.] God's Message by His Son. (Heb. 1: 1-8; 2: 1-4.)

The burden of evidence goes to show that Paul was directly, or jointly the writer of this marvellous letter. All that the Jew regarded as, lofty, sacred, and important is brought into contrast and comparison with Christ, but the former has no glory by reason of the glory that excelleth. Heb. 8: 1; 2 Cor. 3: 11.

THE GREAT SAVIOUR AND THE GREAT SALVATION. These two are in the forefront of the lesson, and never lost sight of in the letter. God's message reaches its FULLNESS OF MEANING AND COMPLETENESS OF FORM—in the gift of a Son. This message has been given in DIFFERENT PORTIONS. *v.* 1. To Adam by the promise of a suffering but victorious Saviour. Gen. 3: 15 To Noah in the covenant of future protection and enlarged liberties. Gen. 9: 3-9. To Abraham in the promise of a land, a Son, and a world-wide blessing through his seed. Gen. 18: 18. To Moses in an enlarged and organized worship. Exod. 12: 14. To David in the assurance that the Messiah should sit on his throne. 2 Sam. 7: 12. To the Prophets of the captivity, in spiritual enlargement. Zech. 6: 12. The Crown and glory of all is Jesus Christ. Jno. 1: 17, 18. Get these stages of delivering the message intelligently lodged in the memory of the scholars.

THE GREAT SALVATION

Wrought out by the great Saviour. All its promises, invitations, and exhortations spoken by the Lord Himself. Delivered to us by them that were with the Lord, heard Him, gazed upon Him—experienced the sweetness of His love. 1 John 1: 1, 3. All confirmed by marvellous signs and mighty miracles. *v.* 4. Give attention—the more earnest attention—There is none other name, none other salvation. 2: 1. Read Luke 19: 41, 42.

[June 14.] The Priesthood of Christ [Heb. 9: 1-12.]

Its exalted character and value of the priesthood and sacrifice of Christ. This is the organic fall of the epistle, and gives force to all its warnings and exhortations. See first verse of chaps. 2, 3, 4, 6, 12.

PRIESTHOOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

This embraces all the appointed ordinances by which God was approached and the people were instructed, and the new is better than the old, in its

PRIESTHOOD, TABERNACLE, ORDINANCES AND FORMS OF WORSHIP.

Enumerate and explain—The court for sacrifice, specially morning and evening. The holy place, with the Altar of Incense, Candlestick, Shewbread. *v.* 2. The Sanctuary and its appointments. *v.* 4.

THE STUDY AND TEACHING OF THESE ABOLISHED THINGS AND SUPERSEDED SERVICES—of what use are they:—1. They help us to think more clearly of the mind of God concerning sin and salvation. 2 They help us to appreciate more fully the glory and preciousness of Jesus as the Great High Priest. 3. They help us to understand more fully the nature of the Redemption wrought out for us. No religion can be without a ceremonial, but that is best which has least of outward shew, and promotes spiritual life, hence Christ is the substance of meaning of all the furniture, ordinances, and appointments. Chap. 8: 1, 2. These were all parables until Christ should come. *vs.* 9, 10.

WHAT CHRIST HAS SECURED FOR US.

Redemption—eternal redemption, complete in itself and for all possible time and emergencies. It is not merely Rescued, but Ransomed, not merely accomplished by power, but on the foundations of righteousness, the result of price *v.* 12. Christ was a substitute for us and his righteousness is upon us. 2 Cor. 5: 21.