

The Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. x. 12.

And *Nahum* tells the fear and gloom
Of Nineveh, and of her doom.

Habakkuk—though the fig-tree fail,
His faith and trust in God prevail.

Then *Zephaniah* tells of grace,
The love that comes in judgment's place.

And *Haggai* in the latter days,
Repeats: Consider well your ways!

In *Zechariah's* wondrous book,
We find eight visions, if we look.

Then *Malachi*, the last of all,
Speaks sadly still of Israel's fall.

—Selected.

Jubilee Year.

YOU have often heard a trumpet blown. Trumpets have different sounds. They may be blown for peace or for war; for alarm and

danger, or for joy and gladness. To the Jews, the sound of the jubilee trumpet was the best of all. It was sounded only once in fifty years; yet it was waited for, month by month, day by day, and when at last it sounded, it was heard with great joy. Why? Because it brought with it good news for servants, slaves, captives, and poor people.

The year of jubilee was God's gift; a whole year's holiday from work, which God Himself gave, to be spent in praise, and thanksgiving, and holy joy.

Freedom was proclaimed to all. Every servant or slave was to be set free; debts were to be forgiven; lands and gardens given back in all parts of Canaan to the Jews, the land which God had given to them.

What joy the jubilee brought with it! All the past debts were taken away, forgiven, blotted out, by God's own command.

And will God deal the same with our souls? Is there not a time of jubilee for sinners? Will not Jesus set us free? When? Must we wait fifty years? Oh no! Jesus is ready now to set us free. "Behold, now is the accepted time."

COME, sing the Gospel's joyful sound,
Salvation full and free;
Proclaim to all the world around,
The year of jubilee!
Salvation, Salvation,
The grace of God doth bring:
Salvation, Salvation,
Through Christ our Lord and King.

A Message to Children.*

By MISS ANNIE MACPHERSON

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:
As you fulfil your life duties try and remember our Bible lessons—God's message to us: That we are sinners, Rom. iii. 23; that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, 1 Tim. i. 15; He did this by living a perfect life without sin, 1 Pet. ii. 22, and then taking our sins as if they were His, 1 Pet. ii. 24; and bearing our punishment, Isa. ii. 5; He gives us His righteousness instead of our sin, 2 Cor. v. 21.

The way for us to be saved is to believe that Jesus did this for us, Acts xvi. 31.

Jesus has bought us for His own, 1 Cor. vi. 20; that we might live for Him, 2 Cor. v. 15.

He wants to keep us from doing wrong, Jude 25; and to forgive us when we do wrong, 1 John i. 9; so that if we give ourselves to Him and trust Him, He will keep us always, till He takes us, or calls us home to be forever with Himself, 1 Thess. iv. 17. Now, you have heard this message many times and some of you, I know, have believed it; search it out from your Bibles again.

The next thing God wants you to do is to tell it to some one else, and thus become a missionary. You need not think that in order to deliver God's message you must go to some far-off land at once. You can first become a missionary where you are, by living for Jesus, doing everything you can for Him, so that when people watch you they may see you copying Him, and thus you will be doing His message as well as telling it. If you live out your Christian life like this, you will be fitting yourself some day to take the glorious Gospel to the heathen and tell them of the One who loved them and died for them, Acts xiii. 47. And those who continue to disobey and refuse God's message I would remind of that solemn verse we have so often repeated together, "The wages of sin is death."—Romans vi. 23.

* Many of our little readers have heard of Miss Macpherson and her loving work in behalf of poor children. Thousands of these poor homeless little ones have been picked up in the cities of England, and brought out to Canada to be placed in comfortable homes. On New Year's day she sent a printed letter to each of her boys and girls and we think it so good that we have reprinted part of it here for our Young People.—Ed.]