

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.

THE OLD TESTAMENT.

In GENESIS the world was made by God's creative hand,
 In EXODUS the Hebrews march'd to gain the Promised Land.
 LEVITICUS contains the law holy, and just, and good.
 NUMBERS records the tribes enrolled—All sons of Abraham's blood.
 MOSES, in DEUTERONOMY, recounts God's mighty deeds.
 BRAVE JOSHUA into Canaan's Lands the host of Israel leads,
 In JUDGES their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite.
 But RUTH records the faith of one well pleasing in His sight.
 In First and Second SAMUEL of Jesse's son we read.
 Ten Tribes in First and Second KINGS revolted from his seed.
 The First and Second CHRONICLES see Judah captive made;
 But EZRA leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.
 The city walls of Zion NEREMIAH builds again;
 While ESTHER saves her people from plots of wicked men.
 In JOB we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod,
 And DAVID'S PSALMS are precious songs to every child of God.
 The PROVERBS like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear.
 ECOLESIASTES teaches man how vain are all things here.
 The mystic SONG OF SOLOMON exalts sweet Sharon's Rose,
 Whilst Christ the Saviour and the King the "rapt ISAIAH" shows.
 The warning JEREMIAH, Apostate Israel scorns;
 His plaintive LAMENTATIONS their awful downfall mourns.
 EZEKIEL tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries;
 Whilst kings and empires yet to come, DANIEL in vision sees.
 Of judgment and of mercy, HOSEA loves to tell.
 JOEL describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell.
 Among Tekoa's herdsman AMOS received his call,
 Whilst OBADIAH prophesies of Edom's final fall.
 JONAH enshrines a wondrous type of Christ our risen Lord.
 MIOAH pronounces Judah lost—lost but again restored.
 NAHUM declares on Ninevah just judgment shall be poured.
 A view of Chaldea's coming doom HABAKKUK'S visions give;
 Next ZEPHANIAH warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.
 HAGGAI wrote to those who saw the temple built again,
 And ZECHARIAH prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.
 MALACHI was the last who touched the high prophetic chord;
 Its final notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord.

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MATTHEW and MARK, and LUKE and JOHN, the Holy Gospels wrote,
 Describing how the Saviour died—his life—and all he taught,
 ACTS proves how God the Apostles own'd with signs in every place.
 St. Paul in ROMANS teaches us how man is sav'd by grace,
 The Apostle in CORINTHIANS, instructs, exhorts, reproves,
 GALATIANS shows that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.
 EPHESIANS and PHILIPPIANS tell who Christians ought to be;
 COLOSSIANS bids us live to God and for eternity,
 In THESSALONIANS we are taught the Lord will come from Heaven.
 In TIMOTHY and TITUS a Bishop's rule is given.
 PHILEMON marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know.
 HEBREWS reveals the Gospel prefigured by the Law.
 JAMES teaches, without holiness faith is but vain and dead.
 St. PETER points the narrow way in which the Saints are led.
 JOHN in his three Epistles, on love delights to dwell.
 St. JUDE gives awful warning of judgment, wrath and hell.
 The REVELATION prophesies of that tremendous day
 When CHRIST, and CHRIST alone shall be the trembling sinner's stay.
 —Selected.

WISER THAN MAN.

Not very long ago I was staying at the house of some people I knew who possessed a large black dog, something of the mastiff breed, who was a great pet with every member of the family. At dinner time he would frequently be given drink from a goblet of glass which was taken in for the purpose. It was generally water that was given him, and sometimes a little beer, which he would drink, but on one occasion the family were away from home, and one of those who were left in charge of the house was having some spirits from one of the goblets. In a bit of fun she placed the glass on the floor to the

dog, who seemed to relish the gin, which was well sweetened, and drank it all up. She was so amused at the idea of the gin-drinking dog, that she gave him a little more, which had the effect of making him intoxicated, and I shall never forget the ludicrous antics of the dog. He rolled about from side to side, and was quite unable to stand on his legs. He finally rolled down a steep bank at the side of the house, where he lay an inert mass until the fumes of the liquor had been slept off. As he walked into the house bleary-eyed and heavy looking, with just the appearance of a toper, it occurred to the mind of the one who gave him the drink to try if he were like many human beings who, with aching head and weary limbs, will still fly again to the cause of their pain. She therefore placed a glass on the floor before the dog, who showed his superior sense by running away, and on her persisting in putting it under his nose growled at her, and on her still persisting in offering him the obnoxious stuff, as he thought, although the glass was empty, he snapped at her, and got under a large table where he continued to eye her with distrust as the cause of his suffering, and never again by any means could he be persuaded to drink anything out of a glass of any description. What a lesson of wisdom this poor dumb animal teaches to many of the superior creatures called men! Indeed, he sets a noble example to us all to avoid the things that do us harm, when we know the danger of meddling with them. Let us, like the dog, turn away our heads with a firm resolve not to touch them.—*British Workman.*

WHICH IS BEST?

Which is the best, beer or water! What say you, little folks? A glass of water costs nothing, but the beer costs money. We want you to study up about beer, for it is a very deceitful drink, is extensively used, and you ought to have your eyes opened. There are many things to be said against it, and many reasons given in its favor by those who daily drink it. We will give you one reason now, just enough to expose the idea that beer is a strengthening drink. Let us tell you first that people would not drink it if it were not for the alcohol in it. To be sure, there is not so much as there is in other drinks, but enough to create a desire for more, and so one glass generally has to be followed by another. Now, what is lager-beer? We will take the answer from Miss Coltman's "Catechism on Beer," which, by the way, is an excellent little pamphlet, and we wish every girl and boy would get a copy, and learn thoroughly all its lessons. *What is lager-beer?* The catechism says: "Beer that goes through its last fermentation very slowly, and stands a long time." We might as well take other answers and questions from this same catechism:



Table Beer. Lager. Ale. Old English Ale.

Whence its name?

The name comes from the German verb *lagen*, to lie or stand.

[The story of its origin is that a German family, driven from their home by war, buried for safe-keeping their most precious possession, a cask of beer, and, returning after two years, found it greatly improved as they thought in reality.]

Is it intoxicating like other beer?

It is, just in proportion to the alcohol it contains.

What is its proportion of alcohol?

About four or four and one-half percent.

What is the average proportion of alcohol in common beer?

About five percent.

What is table beer?

It is a beer often brewed by British families for home use. It is sometimes called "home-brewed beer."

What is Spring beer?

A favorite family beer in America, made with wild shrubs and roots, yeast, and molasses.

What is its range of alcohol?

From three to five percent.

Is there alcohol in ginger beer?

There is if it has been sweetened and fermented.

What is the strongest malt liquor?

Old English ale, which often has ten, twelve, or even fourteen percent alcohol.

The glasses we give here show the amount

of alcohol in a glass of the various kinds of beer. The white space shows the proportion of alcohol in each glass.



9 oz. Alcohol. 144 oz. Water. 8 oz. Solid Matter.

A great many drink beer because they think it contains a great deal of nourishment obtained from barley; but they don't know that the grain was spoiled in the process, and that the greater proportion of the drink is water. These pictures of bottles show the various proportions of water, alcohol, and solid matter in a gallon of beer, which had been analyzed. The larger bottle holds one hundred and forty-four ounces of water, the next in size nine ounces of alcohol, and the smallest contains the balance, eight ounces of solid matter. Don't you think that the man who buys a gallon or a keg or even a glass of beer gets cheated? We think so.—*Temperance Banner.*

A NEW HEART.

An anecdote was published, many years ago, concerning the Indian chief Teedyuscung, King of the Delawares. "One evening he was sitting at the fireside of a friend. Both of them were silently looking at the fire, indulging their own reflections. At length the silence was broken by the friend, who said, 'I will tell thee what I have been thinking of. I have been thinking of a rule delivered by the author of the Christian religion, which, from its excellence, we call the 'Golden Rule.'"

"'Stop,' said Teedyuscung, 'don't praise it to me, but rather tell me what it is, and let me think for myself. I do not wish you to tell me of its excellence; tell me what it is.'

"'It is for one man to do to another as he would have the other do to him.'

"'That's impossible; it cannot be done,' Teedyuscung immediately replied. Silence again ensued. Teedyuscung lighted his pipe and walked about the room. In about a quarter of an hour he came to his friend with a smiling countenance, and taking the pipe from his mouth, said, 'Brother, I have been thoughtful of what you told me. If the Great Spirit that made man would give him a new heart, he could do as you say, but not else.' Thus the Indian found the only means by which man can fulfil his social duties."—*S. Allison.*

THE MISSIONARY'S MOTHER.

Dr. Thoburn, in his "Missionary apprenticeship," tells how his mother received the proposal that he go as a missionary to India: "My widowed mother was beginning to feel the infirmities of age, and every one assured me that her consent to my going could never be obtained. I had anticipated as much, and was not surprised when told that she had said she never could consent to let me go. But when God undertakes to open one's way, he can fully accomplish the task. When I began to talk the matter over with her, she spoke to me, in substance, as follows: 'I crossed the ocean in the hope of finding a home around which all my children might be gathered, and at first I felt that I could not consent to let you go to the other side of the globe to spend all your days. But some days before your letter came, God began to prepare me for a great trial. Each night as I lay down to sleep a strange peace would fill my heart, and I would become so happy that I could hardly restrain myself. Something made me understand that the meaning of this was that God was preparing me for a great trial, and on every occasion I had a clear impression that in some way the trial would be connected with you. I understand it all now. I feel as if I could not bid you go, but I cannot bid you stay. It is of God, and I cannot doubt it.'"—*The Advocate.*

Question Corner.—No. 9.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. At what city when Paul landed was he given liberty to visit his friends?
2. What city brings to our remembrance the scene of the most pathetic incident of St. Paul's life?
3. In what place was Paul preaching on the occasion of the restoration of Eutychus to life?
4. In what city did Paul dwell for two years "in his own hired house?"

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS NO. 6.

1. Berea. Acts 17: 10, 11.
2. Iconium. Acts 18: 50.
3. Lystra. Acts 14: 19.
4. Joppa. Acts 9: 36.
5. Tarsus. Acts 9: 11.
6. Thessalonica. Acts 17: 5.
7. Tyre. Acts 21: 3-5.

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