

Question Corner.—No. 1.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. What women guarded the bodies of seven slain men?
2. Whose three daughters were the fairest of any in the land?
3. What woman delivered her husband into the hands of his enemies?
4. What mother taught her son deceit?
5. Who took a little coat once a year to her son and where was he?
6. What woman wandered seven years in a strange land because of a famine in her own country?

A BIBLICAL SEER.

In the records of a sage  
Found upon the sacred page,  
One strange tale our thoughts engage

Of a seer who from his sleep  
Walked in silence dark and deep,  
Vigilant his soul to keep,

Lo! a vision meets his gaze,  
Filling him with dread amaze—  
Mortal fear his soul betrays—

Stands erect his hair, and chills  
Deathly cold his being thrills—  
While a voice the silence fills.

What the solemn presence told,  
And who was this man of old,  
You who know may now unfold.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS, No. 21.

1. Shallum.—Neh. iii: 12
2. Jehabod.—I Samuel iv: 21.
3. Forty.—Acts vii: 23.
4. Achsah.—Joshua xv: 16.
5. Rahab.—Hebrews xi: 31.
6. Deborah.—Judges iv: 9.

A MOTTO FOR THE NEW YEAR.—"ABIDE IN ME."—John xv: 4.

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| A-hab   | 1 Kings xviii. 17. |
| B-onz   | Ruth ii. 5.        |
| I-saac  | Gen. xxvii. 16.    |
| D-avid  | 1 Sam. xvii. 29.   |
| E-kanah | 1 Sam. i. 8.       |
| I-srael | Gen. xlviii. 8.    |
| N-omi   | Ruth ii. 19.       |
| M-oses  | Exodus viii. 26.   |
| E-li    | 1 Sam. iv. 14.     |

A NEW PRIZE COMPETITION.

Watch, young people, for the next number of the *Messenger*. Three handsome prizes will be offered for the best set of answers sent in to the Bible Questions from now until next Christmas. Full particulars will be given in the next number.

FEELING AT EASE IN SOCIETY.

O dear, I can remember perfectly the first formal evening party at which I "had a good time." Before that I had always hated to go to parties, and since that I have always liked to go. I am sorry to say I cannot tell at whose house it was. But I could tell you just how the pillars looked between which the sliding doors ran—for I was standing by one of them when my eyes were opened, as the Orientals say, and I received great light. I had been asked to this party, as I supposed, and as I still suppose, by some people who wanted my brother and sister to come, and thought it would not be kind to ask them without asking me. I did not know five people in the room. So it was that I stood sadly by this pillar, and said to myself: "You were a fool to come here where nobody wants you, and where you did not want to come; and you look like a fool, standing by this pillar, with nobody to talk to." At this moment, and as if to enlighten the cloud in which I was, the revelation flashed upon me, which has ever since set me all right in such matters. Expressed in words, it would be stated thus: "You are a much greater fool if you suppose that anybody in this room knows or cares where you are standing or where you are not standing. They are attending to their affairs and you had best attend to yours, quite indifferent as to what they think of you." In this reflection I took immense comfort, and it has carried me through every form of social encounter from that day to this. I don't remember in the least what I did, whether I looked at the portfolios of pictures—which for some reason young people think a very poky thing to do, but which I like to do—whether I buttoned some fellow-student who was less at ease than I or whether I talked to some nice old lady who had seen with her own eyes half the history of the world which is worth knowing. I only know that, after I found out that nobody else at the party was looking at me or was caring for me, I began to enjoy it as thoroughly as I enjoyed staying at home.

As it is with most things, then, the rule for going into society is not to have any rule at all. Go unconsciously; or, as St. Paul puts it, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think."

Everything but conceit can be forgiven to a young person in society. St. Paul, by the way, high-toned gentleman as he was, is a very thorough guide in such affairs, as he is in most others. If you will get the marrow out of these little scraps at the end of his letters, you will not need any hand book of etiquette.—*E. E. Hale, in Our Young People.*

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