

Father's business? He had, no doubt, been well instructed in the Jewish Scriptures and laws, as Jewish parents were commanded in Deuteronomy 6th and 7th and 11th and 19th: "Thou shalt teach these words to thy children, and talk of them when thou sittest in thine house," etc. Were the children of the present day as faithfully taught, what a different world this would be. We read that the young lad went home with them and was subject to them, growing in wisdom and stature, and setting an example to all youth.

Many years elapse before anything more is told us of His young days. He next appears with His cousin, John the Baptist, on the shores of the river Jordan, where He came to be baptized. John knew well the mission of his illustrious relative, and pointed Him out as "The Lamb of God who should take away the sins of the world." John had been taught of God, that a true sign would be given whereby they should know Him as the true Messiah. They would see with their own eyes the Spirit of God descending upon Him in the shape of a dove and hear a voice proclaiming: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

(To be continued.)

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#### AUXILIARY SUBJECT OF PRAYER FOR APRIL.

"I gave My life for thee.  
What hast thou given for Me?"

One of the most thrilling tales of history is that of the "Children's Crusade" of the 13th century, when, inspired by the preaching of Stephen, the Shepherd and prophet, an army of 100,000 children set out for the Holy Land to wrest the sepulchre of Christ from the hands of infidels. But, alas! soon they were overtaken by cold and hunger, and not one of all this number saw the object of their pilgrimage.

The close of the 19th century sees an army of children again organized, but this time their purpose is the noble one of sending the Gospel to the boys and girls in far-off heathen lands. This time they are sure of success for Jesus Christ, Himself, is their leader.

When our Saviour was crucified, over eighteen hundred years ago, He made atonement for the sins of the world, not for ours only but for the sins of every boy and girl, man and woman in far-off China, Japan, India, Africa and every country where the foot of man has trod. But all these years have been allowed to pass and two-thirds of the world are still without a knowledge of Jesus and His redeeming love. Every year 30,000,000 souls die without hope of life beyond the grave.

The motto of the missionary church to-day is: "The Evangelization of the World in this generation." In this noble work our Mission Bands must bear a part, and this need not be so small either. God asks and expects us to do what we can, and all that we can, and will not be pleased with less. At this glad Easter-tide, when we remember the death and suffering of Jesus Christ for us, we should ask ourselves what we can do in return for all Jesus bore for us. Let us first of all give Him our hearts, our love. This He

wants from each of us. "Son, daughter, give Me thy heart? When He has taken our hearts and cleansed them from all impurities, let us ask Him to train us for usefulness in His service. Perhaps some of us may be so honored as to be called to go to foreign lands to carry the blessed Gospel story, and all of us are called to work for Him at home, and to help send others.

Then He asks of us something else besides our hearts and our lives' work, and that is our money. It is not because God has not given His children money that Missionary Boards cannot send more missionaries, but because we want to use it for ourselves rather than give it to God. And it is not for the necessities of life we use it, but for luxuries. Four times as much money is spent every year for chewing gum as is given for missionary work, besides what is spent on candies, peanuts and pop-corn. Could not our Mission Band members form a league not to use their coppers in this way, but to put them in their "do without" boxes? Should we give to the Lord that which costs us nothing? For our Easter offering, let us make some sacrifice in gratitude for all Jesus Christ has done for us, and give all we can so that before another Easter many boys and girls in far-off heathen lands may have heard the sweet story of Redeeming Love.

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#### HOW TO DO GOOD.

You want to know how to do good, my dear?  
Believe me when I say,  
You can do more good by being good,  
Than in any other way.

"Now are ye light in the Lord," we read;  
Then walk as a child of light;  
You will make this world of sin and need  
With heaven's own glory bright.

The light of heaven, my dear, is love;  
It shines like a golden sun;  
It warms the cold, dead hearts of men,  
And quickens every one.

So open your heart to love Divine,  
Let it shine in first, my dear,  
And then shine out to guide and bless  
And purify and cheer.

If you grow like your Saviour, sweet and pure,  
And kind and good and true;  
Your ready hands and feet each day  
Will deeds of mercy do. — *Sci.*

#### Suggested Programme for April.

1. Opening Hymn, "Mary to the Saviour's tomb."
2. Read, in concert, the Easter story.—Matt. 28: 1-10, 19.
3. Short prayer that the whole world may soon know the Easter joy.
4. One verse of "Joy to the world."
5. Minutes, reports, business.
6. Easter recitation.
7. Field study with questions and map.
8. Very few remarks from Leader or Auxiliary Visitor.
9. One verse of hymn, very short prayer and benediction.