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THE CATECHISM

What did your godfathers and godmothers then for you?

[Learn answer in Catechism.]

The New Covenant.

1. What is a covenant? An agreement between two persons.
2. What is the Christian covenant? The agreement that God made with us in Christ.
3. When were you brought into this covenant? When I was baptized.
4. Did God ever make a covenant with men before? Yes; with Adam in the garden of Eden.
5. With any others? With Noah after the flood, with Abraham, and with Moses.
6. Why did God make a new covenant? Because the Jews kept not His covenant.—Jer. xi. 10; xxxi. 32; Heb. viii. 9.
7. What did God tell His people? "Behold, the days come that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah."—Jer. xxxi, 31; Heb. viii. 8.
8. What did God promise in the new covenant? "I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people."—Heb. viii. 11.
9. What was the special blessing of the new covenant? "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."—Heb. x. 17.
10. Was forgiveness of sin promised to the Jews only? No; all nations were to be "fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus."—Eph. iii. 6.
11. To whom did God first make this promise? To Abraham.—Gen. xxii. 18; Gal. iii. 16.
12. How did God keep His promise? By sending His Son into the world to take our nature upon Him.
13. Yes; this was God's part of the covenant; what is your part? To receive Jesus Christ as my Saviour.—S. John i. 12.
14. When did He receive you? In my baptism when He "embraced me with the arms of His mercy" (see Baptismal Service).
15. How do we receive Him? By believing in Him, and loving Him, and striving to please Him.

III.—Hymn.

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(SUGGESTED TUNES—A. & M. 58; H. C. 61; C. H. 339, 508.)

<p>Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes, The Saviour promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne, And every voice a song.</p> <p>He comes, the prisoners to release In Satan's bondage held; The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.</p>	<p>He comes, the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To bless the humble poor.</p> <p>Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim; And heaven's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved Name.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Amen.</p>
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IV. Bible Lesson. Read Exodus ii. 1-10.

The Deliverer.

[From Stock's "Lessons on Israel in Egypt and the Wilderness,"
No. ii.]

i.—Appearance of the Deliverer.

Whom had God chosen to be Israel's Deliverer?
Did the Deliverer come as a conqueror? No: as a helpless
babe.

ii.—His Danger and Preservation.

Who sought his life? Pharaoh, the enemy of God's people.
Who sought the life of the infant Saviour?—S. Matt. ii. 13.
What did the mother then do?—v. 3.
Who was set to watch? Did she do what she was bidden?
What was the result of her obedience? She saved the life
of him who afterwards saved the nation.
How was the infant discovered?—v. 5.
What clever suggestion did Miriam then make?—v. 7.
What was the result?—vv. 8-9.

iii.—His Training.

What did the mother do when the boy was grown?—v. 8, 10.
Where did he spend his youth? In Pharaoh's palace.
What do we know of his education?—Acts vii. 22.
To what decision did he come when he grew up?—Heb. xi.
24-26.
Did the Israelites accept him as their deliverer? (vv. 13-14.
Compare Acts vii. 35.)
Did the Jews accept our Saviour as their Messiah?—S. John
i., 10, 11; S. Matt. xxvii. 22.
Was Moses an Israelite? Yes, he was one of themselves.
(vs. 1, 2.) He considered them his brethren.—v. 11.
Is our Saviour one of ourselves? Yes, He took our nature
upon Him.—Rom. i. 3; Gal. iv. 4, 5; Heb. ii. 14-17. He
calls us brethren.—S. John xx. 17; Heb. ii. 11, 12.
What was necessary before Israel could be saved by Moses?
They must *believe* in him and *follow* him.
Is this necessary for us before we can be saved by Christ?
Yes.—S. John i. 12; iii. 15, 35, 36.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

Give the names of Moses' father and mother.
What else are we told about Miriam in the Bible?
How old was Moses when he "refused to be called the son of
Pharaoh's daughter?"
In what respects was Moses a type of Christ?