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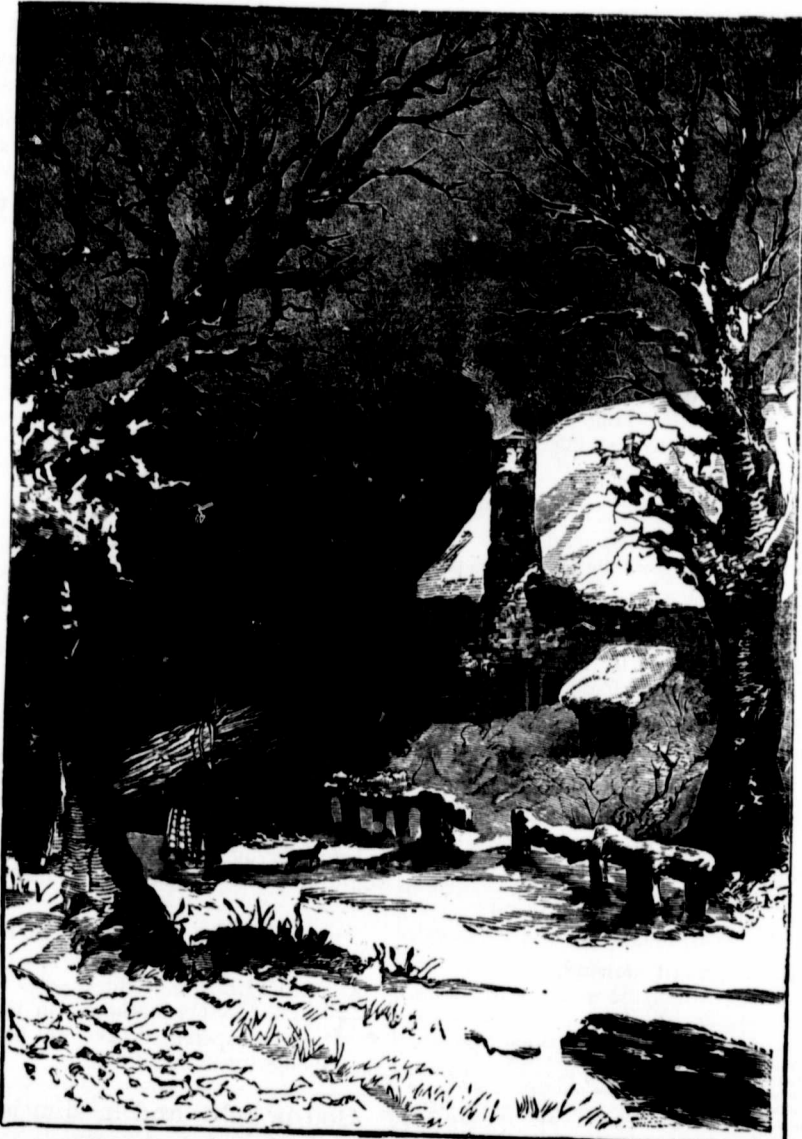
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## Winter.

THE flowers of Spring, the sunshine of Summer, the Autumn Harvest, all are past, and Winter, with its storms, biting frosts and cutting winds, completes the changing seasons. But even winter has its enjoyments and pleasures, especially for young people.

The days are short, but then what cosy evenings as they sit by the fire and read or work, or get the lessons ready for the morrow. And above all, what an opportunity is given to study God's holy Word, and thereby to fit yourselves for living such lives as God would have you live. By the knowledge



of God's Word you get life—spiritual life—you get light—knowledge—guidance—yes, all that is needed to make you happy and useful. We trust, therefore, that our young readers will improve the long winter evenings as we have suggested.

But you will not wish to stay in the house through the day. And when out of doors, what pleasant walks in the sharp, bracing air, with occasional games at snowballs and slides, and skating too, if the ice will bear. And while thus engaging yourself you will find much to call to mind passages of that Word you study at night. The snow will remind you of

**The name of the Lord is a strong tower.—Prov. xviii. 10.**

Isaiah 1: 18; Job 37: 6; Psalm 51: 7; and also Isa. 55: 10, where we learn that God's Word will do its work. The cold will speak to you of Gen. 8: 22, and Job 37: 9. But we leave this with our little readers to study out for themselves. They will find it very pleasant and profitable, and could find no better way in which to spend a few winter evenings than to look up passages in which Winter and its scenes are named.

**Titles of Jesus Christ.\***

**A** stands for Advocate, Alpha, Amen—  
All titles of Jesus, the Saviour of men.

**B** is for Bridegroom, for Bishop, for Bread;  
The child that receives Him, with manna is fed.

**C** is for Corner-Stone, Captain, and Chief;  
The Christ who could pardon the penitent thief.

**D** stands for Day-Star, Deliverer, Door;  
Who enters by Him shall have life evermore.

**E** is Eternal, God's precious Elect;  
The Ensign of hope, whom the wicked reject.

**F** is for Faithful, and true is the name;  
For He who doth bear it is ever the same.

**G** stands for Governor, God over all,  
Whose mercy is shown to the great and the small.

**H** is for Holy and Harmless High Priest,  
Whose own blood avails without offering of beast.

**I** is Immanuel, bringing God near—  
The Son whom we worship and serve without fear.

**J** is for Jesus, sweet name to the heart;  
The Judge, who the saint from the sinner shall part.

**K** is for King, and as such He shall reign  
Till death is destroyed, and His enemies slain.

**L** is for Lamb, for Lord, and for Lion;  
Meek Galilean, but Ruler in Zion.

**M** is Messiah, long promised of old,  
By good men expected, by prophets foretold.

**N** stands for Nazarene—humble the name,  
But glory shall crown it, and scatter its shame.

**O** is Omega, the end, and the last,  
For He shall endure when the ages are past.

**P** stands for Passover, Prophet, and Priest:  
For Prince of all Peace shall His name be increased.

**Q** is for Quickening Spirit, we read,  
The second man, Adam, the woman's true seed.

\* This beautiful arrangement of the titles of Jesus was prepared by Mrs. Geo. C. Needham, and has been published in book form.

We now offer a prize to the Boy and Girl, under 15, sending us the most complete Scripture reference to those titles. One text for each title to be given, and the texts to be arranged in the same order as the names appear in the Poem. The answers to reach us by 1st February. The answers to be accompanied by a note from parent or teacher, stating that the texts have been found by the competitors, without help.

**R** stands for Refuge and Rock of defence;  
Not Satan nor sorrow may drive one from thence.

**S** stands for Saviour, for Shepherd, for Shield;  
Who guards while the Sword of the Spirit we wield.

**T** is for Teacher, Himself is the Truth.  
To Him let us cry, as the guide of our youth.

**U** is that Unspeakable Gift from above,  
The Father sent down in His infinite love.

**V** is for Vine, and its branches we are.  
If abiding in Him, much fruit we shall bear.

**W** is for Wonderful, Witness, and Word;  
For the Way to be saved, of which we have heard.

**X** our example in trial or pain.  
With Him if we suffer, with Him we shall reign.

**Y** is the Yoke that this meek one did bear.  
A yoke that is good for the Youthful to wear.

**Z** was His zeal, and it wrapped Him around.  
May we put it on, and in service abound.

**The World's Sundays.**

**T**HE following days of the week are set apart for the public observance of religion in different nations: Sunday by the Christians; Monday by the Grecians; Tuesday by the Persians; Wednesday by the Assyrians; Thursday by the Egyptians; Friday by the Turks; Saturday by the Jews.

**A Lie Sticks.**

**A** LITTLE newsboy, to sell his paper, told a lie. The matter came up in Sabbath-school. "Would you tell a lie for a penny?" asked a teacher of one of her boys. "No, ma'am," he answered very decidedly. "For sixpence?" "No, ma'am." "For a shilling?" "No, ma'am." "For a thousand?" Dick was staggered. A thousand shillings looked big. Oh! wouldn't it buy a lot of things! While he was thinking, another boy called out, "No, ma'am," behind him. "Why not?" asked the teacher. "Because, when the thousand shillings are all gone, and all the things they've got with them are gone too, the lie is there all the same," answered the boy. It is so. A lie sticks. Everything else may be gone, but this is left; and you will have to carry it with you, whether you will or not. A hard, heavy load it is!

**The Light of Love.**

**A** LITTLE girl of three years was being taken to bed by her mother. On the dark staircase, she whispered, "Take my hand, mother, and then the dark will be all light."

**God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.—1 John 1: 5.**

**Lessons at School.**

**H**OW often do we hear little children saying, "I don't care about reading," or, "I don't like writing;" or, "I hate geography," or, "I can't bear arithmetic." Now, dear children, did you ever notice that the Bible tells a great deal about God, as reading, writing, etc. Well, if not, we ask you to read the following article which we copy from one of our exchanges:—

1. God is *reading* all hearts at the same moment. We need to have a care what we have in the book of our hearts, for God sees every word of it.

2. He is fond of *writing*. He writes—A book of remembrance. What does He put in it? (a) What good people are saying one to another about Him and His works (Mal. 3 : 16). (b) He writes the names of His people in His book. How happy for us to have our names "written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21 : 27). "Rejoice," says Jesus, "because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10 : 20). (c) He writes down our tears: "Put my tears in Thy bottle; are they not *in Thy book*?" (Ps. 56 : 8). All our tears of sorrow are entered there. (d) He writes His law in our hearts: "I will put My laws in their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be a God to them, and they shall be my people (Heb. 8 : 10).

3. God has also respect to *geography*. He called Abraham to go to a land that He would shew him. He saw the sorrows of Israel in *Egypt*. The land of Palestine was His delight; His eyes were on it all the year over. "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" (Deut 32 : 8). He knows where we were born, and where we were born again: "And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her (Ps. 87 : 5).

4. Then there is *arithmetic*. "The Lord shall count when He writeth up the people" (Ps. 87 : 6). "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90 : 12).

**S**EEK duty aided by prayer, and Satan who trembles to see even a child on its knees, will begin to be afraid to come near you.

**"Need I Go to School?"**

**O**F FATHER! need I go to school?" said Johnnie one morning as his mother was getting him ready. "I don't understand books; I never shall. I had rather cut wood in the forest with you, and work ever so hard."

"Johnnie, how did we fell that big tree yesterday?" asked his father.

"A stroke at a time, and keeping at it," answered the boy.

"Yes," said his father. "A word at a time, and keeping at it, will make you a good speller; a syllable at a time, and keeping at it, will make you a good reader; a sum at a time, and keeping at it, will make you good in figures; an idea at a time, and keeping at it, will make you master the hardest book in the world. A patient keeping at it, Johnnie, and you will be a scholar."

"Is that all?" asked Johnnie.

"All," said his father.

"I do not know but what I can do that," said Johnnie; and before six years from that time he stood first in the highest class.—*Selected.*

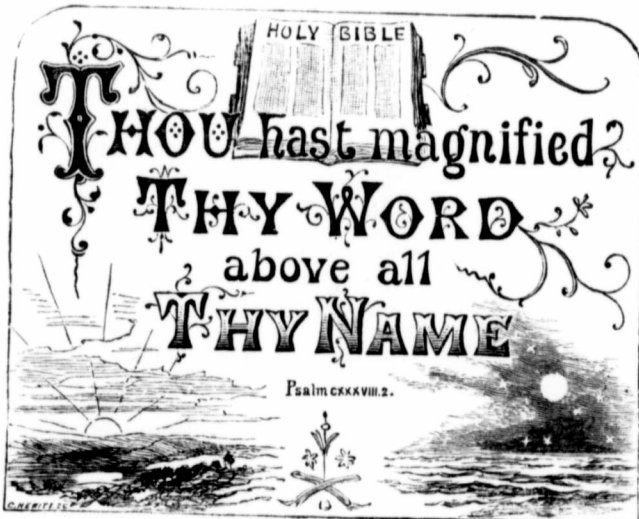
**Our Comforter.**

"When the Comforter is come."—John 15 : 26.

**L**ITTLE children often want comforting. Something troubles you, and the grown-up people do not

know, or do not think it is much to be troubled about, and so nobody comforts you, and you feel very sad. Sometimes they try, and yet it does not seem to comfort you. And sometimes you have even "refused to be comforted."

What a beautiful name this is for the Holy Spirit, "The Comforter!" so gentle, so kind, so loving. Is He come to you? Your heavenly Father has promised to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. So, if you ask, He is sure to give. Then ask that the Holy Spirit may come into your heart, and dwell there always. Then you will never be without a Comforter, whatever troubles come; if they are little vexations or disappointments, He can make you see the bright side, and be patient, and trustful, and happy; if they are great troubles, still He can so comfort you, that you will wonder and find out for the first time what a *very* precious gift He is, and what sweet peace can hush your sorrow "when the Comforter is come."



## Notes on the S. S. Lessons.

### The Faithful Rechabites.

Jeremiah 35: 12-19.

**G**OD had commissioned Jeremiah to tell the people of Judah that because of their sins He would punish them by sending them away into a far land as slaves, and that their homes and temple would be destroyed, and their fields left desolate. All this terrible punishment was to come because of their disobedience. They had not done as God had told them. God tried one more plan to teach them their sin. There was at that time outside the gates of Jerusalem, a tribe of strange men. They had once been called Kenites, but now were known as Rechabites. These men would not drink wine, nor live in houses, nor own lands, but kept moving about the country wherever they could find pasturage for their cattle. The Lord told Jeremiah to invite these people into one of the chambers of the Temple court. When they came, Jeremiah brought out vessels of wine, and said, "Drink it. But at once they said, "No, we will drink no wine, for our Father commanded us not to drink it, and we have been obedient." Then Jeremiah said to the people of Judah, "See how these men obey what their fathers told them, and you will not obey God." God's word should have more weight than that of a man. So God said, "I will punish you for your disobedience; but as for these Rechabites, because they have been so faithful, they shall not want a man to stand before Me."

Now, this took place nearly two thousand five hundred years ago, yet great travellers tell us that in Arabia there are to this day descendants of this strange yet obedient people. So you see, dear children, God calls for obedience to His commands. Have you obeyed God's command? Read about two of them—first, in 1 John 3: 23; second, 1 John 3: 11.

### Captivity of Judah.

2 Kings 25: 1-12.

**I**N this lesson we have the fulfilment of God's threat. The time of His forbearance is past. A king named Nebuchadnezzar sent a great army and besieged Jerusalem. The people of Judah suffered

from famine, because the enemy so closely watched the city that no provisions could be brought in. After eighteen months the city was taken. The king and his sons were taken prisoners; and the last sight his eyes beheld was the saddest a father could behold: it was the murder of all his sons, after which his own eyes were put out, and he was taken away to the great city of Babylon. The palace and all the great houses were burned, and the beautiful temple was robbed of all its vessels. The enemy had no compassion on the people. They were either killed or taken away captives, only the very poorest of the people were left as vine-dressers and husbandmen. Thus you learn that God's threats, like His promises, will surely be fulfilled. Remember that all the trouble, and sorrow, and ruin, and death, was the wages of sin; and it is just the same now. "The wages of sin is death." Read Prov. 29: 1.



THE FAITHFUL RECHABITES.

### Daniel in Babylon.

Dan. 1: 8-21

**A**MONG the captives taken to Babylon were four young men, one of whom was named Daniel. The young prisoners were princes of Judah, and were placed in charge of a man named Ashpenaz. One day Ashpenaz received a command from the king to select some of the captives who were to be trained up for the king's service.

They were to be educated and provided for liberally by the king, and at the end of three years they were to appear before the king. Daniel made up his mind that come what might he would not drink the king's wine nor eat the meat. He asked that he and his companions might be allowed to live on vegetables and plain food. Ashpenaz was afraid that they would look pale and be weak if they lived on such food, and then the king would blame him. At length consent was given, and when ten days were ended it was found that they looked fairer and fatter than those who had been fed from the king's table; and when the time came to appear before the king, it was found that there was none equal to Daniel and his three companions, in looks, in knowledge, or wisdom.

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