

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH."



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**Spring Time.**

**I**F you take a Bible and turn to the 2nd chap. of the Song of Solomon, and read the 11th and 12th verses, you will find words which fully describe the present season of the year.

How pleasant it is after the long cold days of winter, to see the grass springing up, and to feel the balmy breeze fanning your cheek.

All nature seems joyous. The cattle are once more at liberty to roam at pleasure. The birds flit from tree to tree, sounding forth their sweet music.

But is there not a lesson to be learned from the coming of the sweet Spring time. Why do flowers bloom where snow once rested? Why is the song of the bird heard where all was silent? What has effected this



SPRING.

marvellous change? Is it not produced by the warm rays of the sun which now fall more direct upon the face of the earth? Now, dear young friends, have you not known men who were cold and gloomy, without any happy song or bright face. But a change came over them. They became warm and cheerful, happy and full of praise. What caused the change? Why, the rays of the Sun of Righteousness—Jesus—have shined into his heart. He is a Christian.

Dear children, are you happy in Jesus? It is the Spring of life with you. Remember, that if you wish to reap a rich harvest you must sow good seed in the Spring. Be careful, therefore, what you sow. May your Summer, Autumn and Winter be seasons of true happiness.

It is the blood that maketh an atonement—Lev. xvii. 11.

### Our Young People's Berean Circle.

THE prize offered in our last issue has been awarded to Maggie O'Hanley, (aged 10 years,) Paris, Ont.

We now offer another prize for the following Bible Study.

For the best arranged and most complete selection of Scripture texts upon the subject of Faith—What is it; and what does it secure?

The prize will be a **One Dollar BAGSTER BIBLE**. Competitors (Boys or Girls) must be under sixteen years of age. Answers must be received before May 20th. Should there be two answers of equal merit the prize will be given to the first received.

### How to Make Every Day Happy.

WHEN you rise in the morning, form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow creature. It is easily done: a kind word to your playmate—a helping hand to some little school companion—trifles in themselves light as air will do it. Now see the result; you send one person, only one, happily through the day, that is 365 in the course of a year; and supposing you lived forty years in this course, you have made 14,600 human beings happy, at all events for a time. Now, is not this simple? Will you try it?

### A Swarm of Bees Worth Hiving.



B patient, B prayerful, B humble, B mild,

B wise as a Solon, B meek as a child;

B studious, B thoughtful, B loving, B kind,

B sure you make matter subservient to mind.

B cautious, B prudent, B trustful, B true, B courteous to all men, B friendly with few;

B temperate in argument, pleasure and wine, B careful of conduct, of money, of time.

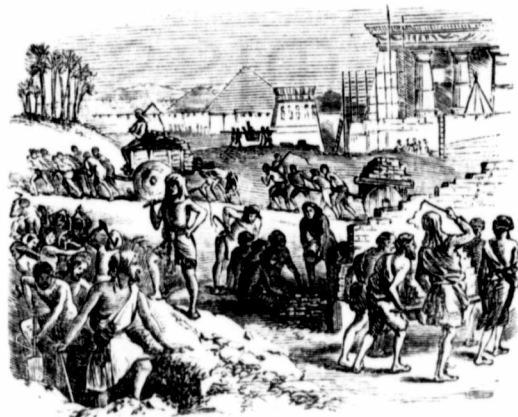
B cheerful, B grateful, B hopeful, B firm, B peaceful, benevolent, willing to learn;

B courageous, B gentle, B liberal, B just, B aspiring, B humble, *because thou art dust.*

B penitent, circumspect, sound in the faith, B active, devoted; B faithful till death;

B honest, B holy, transparent, and pure, B dependent, B Christ-like, and you'll B secure.

### The Poor Slaves.



HOW sorry we are when we hear of men being cruelly treated! In our picture you see how the Egyptians treated the Israelites while in bondage. The king set task-masters over them, whose duty it was to make them work very hard.

They were compelled to make bricks without straw, and their taskmasters beat them cruelly to make them work faster, and to wear their lives out. The king did not care how many died through the hard treatment they endured.

Don't you feel sorry for them? But, dear children, there is a worse bondage than was the Egyptian bondage. It is the bondage of sin. Look, for instance, at that poor drunkard. What hard work and what cruel blows his task-master inflicts. How he is made to work, and no provision made for him. Truly Satan is a greater tyrant than was Pharaoh. Pharaoh could only whip his slaves' bodies until the man or boy died. Satan can injure our souls.

But remember that God opened up a way of escape from Egypt, and He delivered the poor slaves and made them His own people, fighting for them and feeding them. So also has He opened up a way whereby the poor sinner may escape. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John iii. 16. Jesus is the way of escape, and He will not only lead you out, but He will fight for you and feed you if you will but let Him.

See what Jesus said when he preached His first sermon at Nazareth. "He (God) hath sent Me to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke iv. 18; and hear Him call, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. xi. 28.

## Kind Children.



LADY tells how that once while travelling, her train stopped at a wayside station and she amused herself by looking out of the window at a waterfall which came tumbling and splashing over the rocks, and spread into a wide pool, that flowed up to the railway. Close by stood a long cattle train crowded with sheep. The day was very hot, and every crevice of room between the bars across the doorways was filled with pathetic noses, sniffing eagerly at the sultry gusts that blew by, with now and then a fresher breath from the pool that lay dimpling before them. How they must have suffered, in sight of water, with the cool dash of the fall tantalizing them, and not a drop to wet their poor parched mouths!

Just then there came along two little girls. They saw the poor sheep and seemed at once to think upon a plan to relieve them. One pulled off her apron, spread it on the grass, and emptying upon it the berries from her pail, ran to the pool and returned with it dripping, to hold it up to the suffering sheep, who stretched their hot tongues gratefully to meet it, and lapped the precious water with an eagerness that made little barefoot's task a hard one.

"But to and fro she ran, never tired, though the small pail was so soon empty; and her friend meanwhile pulled great handfuls of clover and grass for the sheep, and, having no pail, filled her "picking dish" with water to throw on the poor dusty noses appealing to her through the bars. I wish I could have told those tender-hearted children how beautiful their compassion made that hot, noisy place, and what a sweet picture I took away with me of those two little sisters of charity."

Dear children, we hope you will ever be ready

to imitate those dear little girls. You may never be required to do just as they did, but there are opportunities for doing deeds of kindness every day. It is Christ-like to be kind and to do good. Jesus "went about doing good" the Bible tells us, and though you may be very young yet you may tell some poor thirsty and suffering sinner of Jesus who is "the Water of Life."

## The Queen's Crown.



IN the Queen's crown there are Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight diamonds, large and small! besides pearls and sapphires and rubies, and many other brilliant gems. There is one ruby in the crown which was given to

Edward the Black Prince by the King of Castile, more than five hundred years ago, and after that, Henry the Fifth wore it in his helmet at the great battle of Agincourt.

There are some crowns we read of in ancient history which were not like this, flashing with jewels, but were simple wreaths of green leaves, laurel, or parsley, or olive, and only valuable because of

the honour it was to receive them. They were given to racers or to wrestlers when they had won the day; and this is what St. Paul alludes to when he says: "Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible" (1 Cor. ix. 25).

We read also of "the crown of life" which God will give us if we have been faithful unto death (Rev. ii. 10). Ah! then, it is not given to those who have not earned it. I do not mean that we can ever earn it in one sense. Jesus has died to purchase it for us, and we have only got to accept it; but still it does not come to us by chance: we must "be faithful," we must run in the race, or the victor's crown will never be on our brow.

You know you have often said, in the words of the hymn, "I mean to fight for Jesus, and wear a crown of gold." That means, you must struggle



TWO LITTLE MINISTERS OF MERCY.

against all the naughty tempers that rise up within; you have to "overcome" and to "conquer."

Oh, what hard work for a small, weak child to do! You cannot do it unless Jesus does it for you. He will put His strength into your feeble arm, if you ask Him, and then though it is His might and not yours, He will reward you just the same with the crown of victory.

But if Jesus is to do it all for you, you must crown Him in your heart. When Queen Victoria was crowned with this crown of gold and diamonds, it was a token that people acknowledged her as their sovereign, and that they meant to be obedient to her rule. So I mean, you must take the Lord Jesus to reign in your heart as its ruler and its king.

—*Dublin Tract.*

### How to Be Happy.

**M**ANY young persons are ever thinking over some new way of adding to their pleasures. They always look for chances for more "fun," more joy.

Once there was a wealthy and powerful king, full of care and very unhappy. He heard of a man famed for his wisdom and piety, and found him in a cave on the borders of a wilderness. "Holy man," said the king, "I come to learn how I may become happy." Without making a reply, the wise man led the king over a rough path until he brought him to a high rock, on the top of which an eagle had built her nest. "Why has the eagle built her nest yonder?" "Doubtless" answered the king, "that it may be out of danger."

"Then imitate the bird," said the wise man. "Build thy home in heaven, and thou shalt have peace and happiness."

### The Crooked Path.



ONCE read of two boys who, one winter day, agreed to walk across a field toward a tree on the opposite side, in order that they might see who could make the straightest path. At the end of

their race, they looked back at their footmarks in

the snow. "Why, Edward, said one, "you have left a line as straight as an arrow! Mine is all crooked and irregular." "That's easily accounted for," said the other. "When we started I made for this large tree, and ran straight to it, for I didn't take my eyes off it. You must have been looking about you." "Yes," replied John, "I was. First at my own feet, and then at some birds that were passing."

Only by "looking unto Jesus" can we "make straight paths for our feet."

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**S**EE how the heathen surpass many Christians in self-sacrifice. A large Buddhist temple is now in course of erection at Kiota, Japan. All its timbers and pillars are put in place by ropes made of human hair. The devotees of the god they worship offer their hair on its shrine, which is then cut off and twisted by the priests for the purpose assigned.

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