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"Help Me Over."

WE have in former issues of "OUR YOUNG PEOPLE"

given incidents in the life of that honoured servant of God, the late Earl Shaftesbury. Let us remember, that he never could have accomplished what he did had he not been a humble follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Humble? Yes, indeed; Lord Shaftesbury cared more for the gratitude of the poor, or the confidence of a child, than for all the applause of the great and wealthy.

The following characteristic story is founded on an incident related by himself:

"It was a wet day in London. A little girl was standing on the pavement wanting to cross; but it was a difficult matter to manage. She then walked up and down, looking into the faces of those who passed. Whatever it was she wanted she did not seem to find it; everybody was too busy and too absorbed in their own concerns to take any notice of a child like her—there was no en-

couragement in their faces. Presently there came one. A man of noble bearing—but she never heeded that; a man with God's peace in his heart—but she

could not see into that inner life; she only knew he had a kindly face, such as she had been searching for, and she at once went up to him and whispered timidly, 'Please, sir, will you help me over?'

"That man with the kindly face was Earl Shaftesbury, and in telling the incident himself, he added, 'And that little child's trust was the greatest compliment I ever had in my life!'

"This little anecdote may well stand for a type of Lord Shaftesbury's whole life. It was the weak ones to whom that life was devoted; but perhaps it was the children came nearest to his heart. I am sure that often and often, as he walked

the streets on some errand of love to them, the Master's words must have been whispered in his ear: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'"



EARL SHAFTESBURY AND THE LITTLE GIRL.

The Bible.

The Bible is the Word of God,
My child believe it ;
Life giving is the Word of God,
By faith receive it ;
It tells us where true rest is found,
In heaven above, where joys abound,
And never ending songs resound.
My child believe,
And Christ receive,
And everlasting life is yours.

The Bible tells of precious Blood,
My child believe it ;
Soul-cleansing is that precious Blood,
By faith receive it.
It tells of *One* who died to save,
Of *Him* who triumphed o'er the grave,
That we victorious palms might wave,
My child believe,
And Christ receive,
And lasting happiness is yours.

The Bible shows the narrow way,
My child believe it ;
That leads to everlasting day,
By faith receive it.
It tells us Christ will come again,
And take with Him all those to reign,
Who everlasting life obtain.
My child believe
And Christ receive,
And rest, eternal rest is yours.

The Walking Bible.

FATHER THEBANE, an old preacher in Alabama, U. S., is called by the people, "*The Walking Bible*." It is said, on one occasion in a county court, there was no Bible at hand to swear the jurors upon, when the judge, casting his eyes on the preacher, said, "There's Thebane; he has a Bible in his head: they can lay their hands on him, and it will answer the same purpose." Now, though the speech was not very honourable to the judge, as it indicated a want of reverence for the Bible, it was highly creditable to the preacher, who was so familiar with the book, which it was his chief business to expound.

How well would it be for our young readers to get as much of the Bible into their heads as possible, but above all, to have it in their hearts. The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Psalm 119: 11; Psalm 37: 31.

Jesus Calls To-Day.

Jesus sweetly
Each one and all
Seek now the Lord, and
Ungodly ways
So all shall know,

Calls to-day,
Are welcome, let all
Live to Him who
Let all forsake,
So all shall feel

To me, to you, to all,
Ohey the call.
Died for sin.
And turn again to Him.
Yet sweeter peace within.

—Selected.

Our Young People's Berean Circle.

TO the girl under 13 years of age sending us the best Acrostic on Scripture subjects, we will give an illustrated Bible. The Acrostic to reach us not later than June 15th.

A Bishop's Riddle.

THE following compound riddle is said to have been composed by the Bishop of Clifford:

1. I have a box.
 2. This box has two lids.
 3. It also has two caps.
 4. It contains two musical instruments.
 5. It has in it two established measures.
 6. It contains a great many articles that a carpenter could not dispense with.
 7. The box has always about it two fish.
 8. Also a great number of smaller size.
 9. In it you will find lofty trees.
 10. Also some gaudy flowers.
 11. The fruit of an indigenous tree.
 12. Two gentle little animals are found in it.
 13. Also a number of smaller and less tame animals.
 14. A fine stag is found with it.
 15. A great many small whips without handles.
 16. It boasts of two halls or places of worship.
 17. Some weapons of warfare are always found in this box.
 18. And in it you will also find a number of weather cocks.
 19. The steps of a hotel are also found in it.
 20. The House of Commons resounds with two of its essential articles when on the eve of a decision.
 21. In the box you can find two scholars.
 22. And then find two Spanish grandees to wait upon them.
- All pronounce me a wonderful piece of mechanism, but a very few have remembered the strange things that make up my whole.
- As this is a very difficult riddle we give the answer:
1. The box is the human body.
 2. Eyelids.
 3. Knee-caps.
 4. Drums (of the Ears).
 5. Feet.
 6. Nails.
 7. Soles.
 8. Muscles.
 9. Palms.
 10. Tullips (2 lips).
 11. Apples (of the eyes).
 12. Calves.
 13. Hairs (Hares).
 14. Heart (Hart).
 15. Lashes.
 16. Temples
 17. Arms.
 18. Veins (Vanes).
 19. Insteps (Inn steps).
 20. Eyes and Nose (Ayes and Noes).
 21. Pupils.
 22. Tendons (Ten Dons).

Children, Remember This.

PEOPLE are never ridiculous for being what they are, but for endeavouring to appear what they really are not."

The Rich Man and Lazarus.

Luke 16 : 19-31.

THERE were two men who lived in the same city. One was very rich, the other was very poor. It is no crime to be rich ; neither does being poor make a man good.

The rich man was proud and unfeeling—the poor man was diseased and neglected, but knew God and served Him ; the rich man did not.

The one in his palace, perhaps, thought, "Nobody so great as I ;" and may be the other, lying by the palace gate, suffering and often sad, thought—"There are many worse off than I."

The rich man lived for himself only : the poor man was without food or home, helpless and, unpitied, except by the dogs that licked his sores.

Death came to both, and both were buried, but with a different kind of funeral. Jesus says, the rich man was banished from the heavenly mansion, while the poor man was welcomed into the presence of God and all the blessed ones in heaven.

The rich man was not banished because he was rich. But it was because his heart was not right in the sight of God. The poor man was taken from misery here to happiness and peace, not because he was poor, but because he loved God and served Him. If, therefore, you desire to enter heaven, you must be believers on the Lord Jesus Christ.

[FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.]

The Way to Heaven.

MRS. H. E. BROWN.

THE Apostle Paul says, in Romans 3 : 12, "They are all gone *out of the way*." What does he mean? Who have gone out of the way? What way is it? And how have they gone out of it? Let me try to tell you.

There is only one way by which man alone, that is, by his own efforts can get to heaven ; and this is the way of *obedience*. God has made a holy and good law for us, and has said, "Obey this, and you shall live ;" but, "the soul that sinneth it shall die." If we keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, the Bible tells us, we are guilty of all ; one sin would throw us "out of the way" so that we could not reach the home of God. So straight and narrow is the way ! so strict is God !

No wonder, then, that Paul said, "They are *all* gone out of the way," for there was not a person living who had not at some time disobeyed the commands of God. There never has lived a person, except the Lord Jesus Christ, who has not committed sin. There lies the road to heaven, straight as an arrow, but as God has looked down from heaven upon the children of men, He has seen no one walking in it. All had gone "out of the way," which means that all are sinners. All—that means you and me and everybody.

Now, if I were to ask you, "My dear child, where do you expect to go when you die?" I think you would answer, "Why, to heaven, of course." And yet there is not one of you but has gone out of the way that leads to heaven. What are you going to do about it?

As I told you before, only one has ever trodden that way of perfect obedience ; and that one was the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Son of man. Now, Paul says in another place that we shall be safe if we are "*found in Him*." And Jesus Himself said, "I am the way."

Now, what does it mean to be "in Christ"? It means that you must go to Jesus, just as you are, sorry that you have "gone out of the way," and ask Him to take you up, and carry you with Him, or "in Him," to heaven. Do not be afraid. God will not frown upon you when He sees you coming up to the pearly gates with Jesus, "in Him," as Paul says. You will be "accepted in the Beloved." God will smile on His dear Son with sweetest love for every little lamb thus brought into the heavenly fold ; and He will smile with sweetest love on every little lamb who is willing to go to Jesus, to be lifted up out of the ways of sin, and carried in His arms to heaven.

And now, will you continue "out of the way"? Turn right about, and flee for safety to Jesus. He says, "Come." He will hold your hand if you will let Him, that you may never slip back and get again out of the way. Blessed Saviour ! Dear Jesus !

A Good Conscience.

CONSCIENCE is the little voice which God has put into each one of us. When we do wrong, it speaks to us and makes us ashamed and sorry.

Paul could be brave, because he always minded this voice of God. If we want to be brave like Paul, we must keep a good conscience, as he did. We can only do this by minding God.



LAZARUS AT THE RICH MAN'S GATE.

Notes on the S. S. Lessons.

Feeding the Five Thousand.

John 6 : 1-21.

JESUS had gone away into the hill country, to rest amid the green fields ; for "desert" here means lonely, not barren. But crowds of people followed Him, and so all day Jesus talked to them about loving God and doing right, and after that you read how He cared for their tired, hungry bodies? I wonder if the little boy had kept close to Jesus all day, listening to every word. Suppose he had stayed down by the lake, skipping stones, or playing marbles, and had eaten the little barley-loaves himself. We should never have heard of the "little lad," who helped Jesus to feed the multitudes that day. How do you suppose he felt when he saw all those thousands of people sitting down on the grass, and had heard Jesus thanking God for that little bit of food, —just what was in his basket, hardly a crumb apiece. But there was more than enough for all. How glad he must have been that he had it to give to Jesus.

But the people could not eat all the bread. There was more than enough ; a great deal was left lying upon the grass.

What was done with it? Jesus would not let it be wasted : He told His friends to take some baskets and to gather up the bits of bread and fish. Twelve baskets were filled with these bits.

Jesus the Bread of Life.

John 6 : 22-40.

SOMETIMES boys and girls who are seldom seen in the Sunday-school, begin to go steadily just before a picnic or a Christmas tree. They want the good times and the pretty gifts,—that is all. Many of the people who crowded around Jesus were like these children. They wanted the loaves and fishes, but they did not want to be told they were sinners. Jesus knew this, and He tried to teach them how much their souls needed the bread of life. But alas ! when they said, "Lord, give us this bread," they were thinking of earthly food, something they could get

without any trouble, and which would keep away hunger and death. When Jesus told them He was the bread of life, and believing His word, taking it into their hearts, and obeying it, would make their souls well, and glad, and strong, just as food did their bodies, they were offended, and went away.

Jesus the Christ.

John 7 : 37-52.

THE most joyous of the Jewish feasts was the Feast of Tabernacles. For a whole week they lived in little green tents, or arbors, made of branches of trees. Every day there was a procession of priests marched out to the pool of Siloam, and drew water in a golden pitcher, which they brought

back, amid shouting and singing, and poured around the altar. This was to show that God had given them water when they were thirsty in the wilderness ; and also to give thanks for plenty of water now. Read in Num. 20 : 1-13 how God had given them drink when they were in the desert.

It was the last day of the feast. Crowds of people had been watching the priest as he poured out the water. Suddenly

a clear voice rang through the temple courts, crying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." It was Jesus, who knew how much their souls needed pardon, and goodness, and love. So He offered them the living water, just as He had to the woman at the well. But instead of believing, as she did, they fell to disputing who this man was, and ended by rejecting Him altogether. Can you sing—

"Christ is my Prophet, Priest and King ;
My Prophet full of light,
My Great High Priest, my Sacrifice,
My King of heavenly might.
Christ gives me living waters free,
Christ, my Saviour, died for me."

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"They .. took shipping and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus."—John 6 : 24.



"They .. found Him on the other side of the sea."—John 6 : 25.