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The Tabernacle.

IF you take your Bible and commence to read at the 25th chapter of Exodus, you will find in it and the following chapters a description of the tabernacle, or tent, which God told Moses to prepare. It could be easily put up or taken down as the people journeyed. Moses had been shown how it was to be put together, and what it was to be made of. The people cheerfully did what they could to help. Some ground was curtained in, and within it was a covered room without a window, made of moveable boards and overhanging curtains. Part of it might be called a Royal Palace, for there the King of kings was to dwell. The other part was to be for a place of sacrifice and worship for His people.

The tabernacle was only six months in building. When we go about anything with a will, how much we may do in a short time!

When all was finished, as God commanded, it was set apart for His service; a bright cloud resting upon it to show that God was present and would remain there. The cloud outside was to guide the people. When the cloud moved from the tent where God's worship was carried on, the people continued

their journey, following the cloud. God thus pointed out the way they were to go. He still guides those who seek him.

The Boy Missionary.

"EVERY true Christian is a Missionary, or ought to be." Mr. Aitken, the Mission preacher,

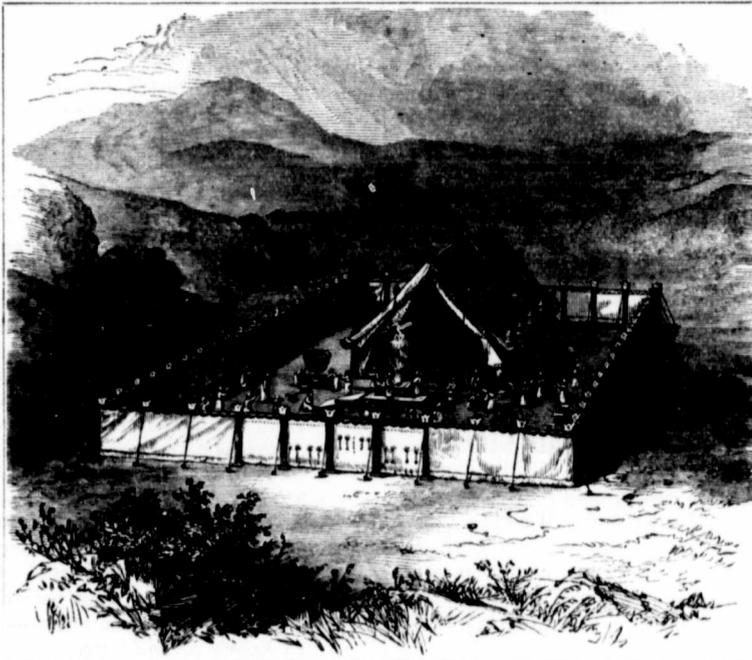
who began one of his sermons with these words, gave as the best illustration of this spirit, the story of a little boy of eight, who found Jesus in one of his services. He noticed the little fellow waiting to be spoken to, and asked him what he wanted

"Please, sir, may I give my heart to Jesus?"

"Why, that is exactly what I want you to do," was the prompt reply, and then and there the little boy knelt and

gave Jesus his heart. The last words said to him that night were, "Now, my boy I want you to be a Mission preacher. Go home, tell your brothers and sisters what Jesus has done for you, and bring them to Him."

About a month later the Mission preacher passed through the place, and called all who had found Jesus during the Mission to meet him for a final service. Among the many was the little boy. But he did not



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come alone. With a face shining with joy he brought his mother and his brothers and sisters to the preacher. "They've all come to Jesus now, sir, but father, and we're bound to have him before long." Eight years old, and already a Missionary! Boys and girls, have you begun your Missionary work yet? Some of you are even now resolved to be Missionaries to the heathen in foreign lands, but the true Missionary works everywhere, and always begins at home. Jesus is shining on you; shine out now for Him in this dark world. Who can tell how many stumbling feet may be guided by your light to find Jesus?

Preparing for the Prepared Place.

John 14: 3.

"MAMMA," said a little child, "my Sunday School teacher tells me that this world is only a place in which God lets us live a while, that we may prepare for a better world. But, mother, I do not see any one preparing. I see you preparing to go into the country, and Aunt Eliza is preparing to come here, but I do not see any one preparing to go there. *Why don't they try to get ready?*"

AN old negro servant was told, (when his master died) that he had gone to heaven. Ben shook his head. "I 'fraid massa no go there." "But why, Ben?" "Cos when massa go North, or go a journey to the Springs, he talk about it a long time, and get ready. I never heard him talking about going to Heaven; never see him get ready to go there." Dear children are you getting ready? Remember you are not too young to die. But suppose you do live to be old men or women, it will be such a pleasure to you to be engaged in getting ready, and it will be such a comfort at last to know that you *are* ready.

Our Young People's Berean Circle.

THUS far we have received no answer to Master Herbert Clark's Bible Enigma. We shall, therefore, extend the time for competition until 1st of April. We hope that many of our readers may be led to take an interest in our Berean Circle, and also that we may hear from them as to progress being made in love for Bible study.

LOST.

IN No. 4 of "OUR YOUNG PEOPLE" we announced that a prize had been awarded to Charles Perry, Clayton. We sent the prize to that address (by mail), and the parcel has just been returned by the Postmaster, and marked "Not called for." If the address was not correct, will Charles, or some of his young friends, send us the correct one?

The Books of the Bible. X

PART II.

NEW TESTAMENT.

First *Matthew* tells of Jesus' birth—
As King of Jews He came to earth.

And *Mark*, how patiently He bore
The yoke of service which He wore.

Physician *Luke* then sounds His praise,
In all His human acts and ways

And *John*, the one whom Jesus loved,
His heavenly birth and being proved.

The *Acts* record the Spirit given,
And Christ ascended into Heaven.

The *Romans*, written by Saint Paul,
Shows all have sinned—yet Christ for all.

Corinthians First, the Church with gifts
Forgets its grace, and pride uplifts.

Corinthians Second, where the Lord
Had dealt in judgment, grace restored.

Galatians when the law had failed,
Tells how the faith, through Christ, prevailed.

Ephesians—Christ our Head above :
His members here must walk in love.

Philippians—joy and oneness too,
Will make poor sinners know 'tis true.

Colossians—we, Christ's members here,
Must show His love to us so dear.

The *First of Thessalonians* paints
The hope of dead and living saints.

And *Second Thessalonians*, when
The judgment falls on sinful men.

First Timothy, young, good, and just,
Had much committed to his trust.

In *Second Timothy*, Paul writes :
The soldier never flees, but fights.

To *Titus* then: Be sound in speech,
Hold fast the faithful word, and teach.

Philemon, to his erring slave,
By Paul's entreaty all forgave.

Then *Hebrews* shows the shadows fled,
And Christ, the Substance, come instead.

Then *James* in order next succeeds,
Now show your faith is real, by deeds.

And *Peter* in experience versed,
Says, *Glory then*, but suffering first.

In *Peter's Second* letter see
What holy persons we should be.

The *First of John* we read therein.
The blood of Jesus cleanseth sin.

Second, a lady is addressed,
Who, with her children, Christ confessed.

And *Third*, he writes to Gaius then,
And longs for more than "ink and pen,"

Next *Jude* in his Epistle tells
Of raging waves and empty wells.

Last, *Revelation*, judgment shows;
But Christ comes quickly at the close.

The Water of Life.

THERE is a palm known by the name of the "traveller's tree," which grows in the island of Madagascar, in hot and comparatively waterless regions. It has a very handsome and regular appearance, the large leaves starting out like wings from opposite sides of the trunk, so as to resemble an extended fan. The stalk of each leaf rises immediately above the one below, and forms at its base a large cavity where a considerable quantity of moisture is collected and preserved. The thirsty native has but to raise his spear, and on piercing the thick, firm end of a leaf-stock obtains a welcome and abundant supply of cool, pure, fresh water, even in the hottest and driest seasons of the year.

Christ the Lord is such a tree of life in the midst of earth's arid desert. Thus by the voice of the prophet He cried long ago, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters;" and in the days of His flesh repeated the gracious invitation, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." The weary traveller on life's way, here may drink abundantly, "without money and without price." In calling us to Jesus, "the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Well may our cry be that of the awakened woman of Samaria,—“Sir, give me this water;” for has He not declared, “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price.”

The Four Trees.

THERE was once an old monk, who was walking through a forest with a little scholar by his side. The old man suddenly stopped and pointed to four plants close at hand. The first was just beginning to peep above the ground; the second had rooted itself pretty well into the earth; the third was a smart shrub, whilst the fourth and last was a full-sized tree. Then

the old man said to his young companion: "Pull up the first."

The boy easily pulled it up with his fingers.

"Now pull up the second."

The youth obeyed, but not so easily.

"And the third."

But the boy had to put forth all his strength, and use both arms before he succeeded in uprooting it.

"And now," said the master, "try your hand on the fourth tree." But lo! the trunk of the tall tree grasped in the arms of the youth scarcely shook its leaves; and the little fellow found it impossible to tear its roots from the earth. Then the wise old monk explained to his pupil the meaning of the four trials.

"This, my son is just what happens to our passions. When they are very young and weak, one may, by a little watchfulness over self, and the help of a little

self-denial, easily tear them up; but if we let them cast their roots deep down into our souls, then no human power can uproot them; the almighty hand of the Creator alone can pluck them out. For this reason, my child, watch well the first movements of your soul, and study by acts of virtue to keep your passions in check."

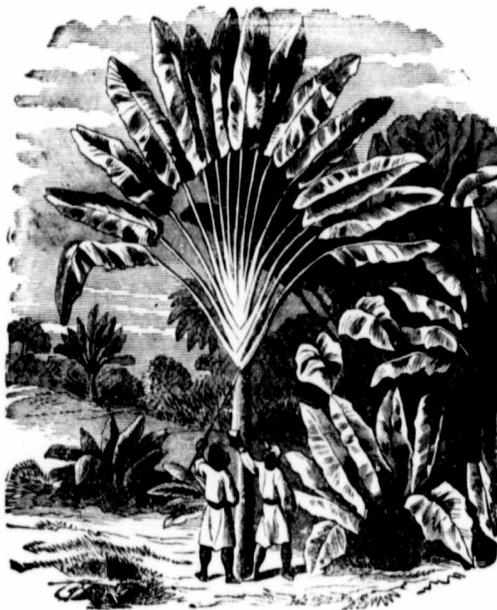
"Laid Up in my Head."

DANIEL WEBSTER once told a good story in a speech, and was asked where he got it, "I had it laid up in my head for fourteen years, and never got a chance to use it until to-day," said he.

My little friend wants to know what good it will do to learn the "Rule of Three," or to commit a verse of the Bible. The answer is this: "Some time you will need that very thing. Perhaps it may be twenty years before you can make it fit in just the right place, but it will be just in place some time; then if you don't have it, you will be like the hunter who had no ball in his rifle when the bear met him."

"Twenty-five years ago my teacher made me study surveying," said a man who had lately lost his property; "and now I'm glad of it. It is just in place I can get a good situation and a high salary." The Bible is better than that; it will be in place as long as we live.

Search the Scriptures; * * * they are they which testify of Me.—John 5 : 39.



THE TRAVELLER'S TREE.

Notes on the S. S. Lessons.

The Word Made Flesh.

John 1: 1-18.

FOUR books in the Bible, written by four different men, tell us the story of Jesus' life. They are called Gospels. The one we are now to study was written by John, who wrote after all the others, and tells many things they did not,—especially the talks Jesus had with His disciples. He wrote his Gospel to help you, and me, and everybody, believe that Jesus was the Son of God. This John was not John the Baptist who went before Jesus to prepare the way.

The title of our lesson, taken from the first chapter of this Gospel, is "The Word made Flesh," that is, Jesus, who is God, became a man; that Christ was in heaven before He came to this earth. "In the beginning," that is, before all creation, He was with God. His life did not commence, as ours does, when He was born of the virgin Mary. He always was. There never was a time when Christ was not living.

When Christ was with God, He was equal with God. Angels are not equal with God. They are inferior to Him. But Christ was not inferior to God in any sense. His nature was the same nature as that of God the Father himself. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. We learn from verses 1-4 that Christ always was in heaven with God, that He was equal with God, and that by Him all things were brought into being. Then, in v. 14, we learn that this Christ became "flesh." That means that He came down from heaven. He took our nature—was a little Baby—grew up as a Boy—then became a Man. And why? That He might save us. If you look into this chapter very carefully, you will find 18 different titles of Jesus. There are two of them to which the lesson specially directs attention: The Life—The Light. It does not say *a life—a light*, as though there were others in whom Life is to be secured or Light drawn. He stands alone. No true life, no true light, apart from Jesus. So when you read these sentences—the Word—the Life—the Light—remember it means Jesus.

Have you received Jesus? Are you a child of God? If not, you may become one at once, by accepting Jesus as your own Life and Light.

The First Disciples.

John 1: 35-51.

ONCE there was a good man who preached to a great many people. His name was John the Baptist. There were some men who liked to be with him, and these men were called his disciples.

One day he was standing in the country with two of his disciples, when he saw a man walking along a little way off. When John saw this man he said to his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God!" What did John mean? Was it a lamb he saw? No, it was a man. But I will tell you why he called Him a Lamb. Before Jesus came, God's people were obliged to offer sacrifices for sin. Every morning and evening a lamb must be slain. These sacrifices taught them how dreadful a thing sin was, and were also

picture-lessons of the Saviour, who was coming to die for the sins of the world. That is what John the Baptist meant when he cried, "*Behold the Lamb of God.*"

The Son of God was like a sweet and gentle lamb, and was willing to die for us, though He had done no sin.

One of these two disciples was called Andrew.

If you had been Andrew, what would you have done when you heard John say, "Behold the Lamb of God?" I think I

hear you answer, "I would have gone after that gentle Lamb." That is what Andrew did, and the other disciple too. The two disciples went after the Son of God.

As soon as Jesus saw Simon, He knew who he was without being told. Jesus knows the name of every one. He knows your name, and your father's name, and your mother's name.

In this lesson we also learn about another disciple named Philip, who begged his friend Nathanael to come. At first, Nathanael only scoffed, but when he heard Jesus talk, he, too, said, "Thou art the Son of God." Can we follow Jesus as these people did? Yes; it is simply *believing, loving, and obeying* Him.

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