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**John Bunyan's Blind Daughter.**

**J**OHAN BUNYAN was born at Elstow, within a mile of Bedford (England) in the year 1628. He was by trade a tinker, and one day as he was going through Bedford looking for work, he overheard two godly women talking together of what God had done for their souls. This conversation was blessed to him, making him think of his sins, and he was at length led to believe on Jesus Christ and be saved. At the age of twenty-five he joined the Baptist Church, and soon after commenced to preach the Gospel. He continued preaching for about six years, when in 1660 he was arrested and cast into prison, his crime

being that of preaching, and not conforming to the Church of England. John Bunyan was sent to Bedford Jail, where he remained a prisoner in custody more or less strict for twelve years.



While in this prison he wrote the "Pilgrim's Progress."

It is hard to be put in prison at any time, but especially when a man is not guilty of any crime. Bunyan's imprisonment was made harder still in the fact that he had to leave a wife and four young children to face the world alone. But still more sad, one of his little girls was blind! Now, how do our readers think that he helped these dear ones? Well, he learned while in prison to make tagged laces, and he would sit with his little blind girl (for his family was allowed to visit him) and work away making these laces, and then the jailer let him go and stand at the prison door with his little blind one by his side, while he sold them to

the passers-by, and no doubt many purchased out of pity for the prisoner's blind companion.

In 1672 he was released from prison, and lived until 1688, preaching the Gospel faithfully.

The word of the Lord endureth forever.—1 Peter i. 25.

## Our Young People's Berean Circle.



WE have been much pleased that the interest manifested by our young readers in the study of God's Word. We have received answers to our Bible Exercises of last month from different parts of our own Dominion, but a still greater number from the United States. The prize has been awarded to Charles J. Horn, 297 Mary Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., who was the youngest competitor, being only nine years of age. Many of the other replies were very creditable, notably so those of Miss Mildred O'Brien, of 333 Sherbourne St., Toronto.

We now offer another prize for the following Scripture study. Some time ago we read a letter from the (Protestant) Bishop of Athabasca in the North West of Canada. In that letter he writes of some of the Indian tribes in his Diocese, and says:—

"The Tukuth Indians have good memories and learn hymns and chapters from the Bible by heart. A very decrepid old woman among them, perhaps the oldest in the tribe, could repeat by heart before her death a list of 100 miracles from the Bible, as follow: 30 from the history of Moses, 10 by Elijah and 10 by Elisha, 30 by Christ, 20 by the Apostles."

To the boy or girl under sixteen years of age sending us the most complete list of scripture reference regarding these miracles we will give a **One Dollar Bagster Bible**. Answers must be received before April 20th. Should there be two answers of equal merit the prize will be given to the first received.

## A Letter from Rev. H. M. Parsons.

BEREAN STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

THE effort just making for searching the Scriptures by the youth and young people, is most hopeful. To this end I am glad to see the encouragement given in "Our Young People's Mission Union"—to all boys and girls, who will carefully search the Word, for it will bring them into personal acquaintance with the Lord Himself, He by His Spirit uses His own words, to communicate His present will to us, just as our Spirits converse easily with one another through words. It was a commendation of young Timothy "that he knew the Scriptures," (2 Tim. 3: 15). And not only will you dear children and and youth, gain *salvation* from the Lord, but what is of great value and necessity to you, you will receive directions

concerning every thing you do, (read Rev. Ver. 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17). So if any one is to be furnished all the time, this searching of God's Word, is the best way, since thus you know directly from the Lord, what He means, and what He wants you to do. The Holy Spirit approves this method, (see Acts 17: 11, Rev. Ver.) may you each one, daily manifest your title to this Order of Heaven's Nobility.

H. M. Parsons.

## The Broken Doll.



LITTLE girls, (and sometimes little boys also) like to own a doll as a play-thing. We have heard of dolls which have been in the same family for many years. The mother had played with it, and had laid it by for her children. Now, that meant that while she had derived pleasure from it, she had also been careful of it.

When a parent gives his child a doll he does so with the intention that it shall be joy to the child. If it is handled carefully, and played with wisely it will secure that which the parent desires. Now, our first picture represents a girl playing with her doll. But you notice it is rough play. She is handling it as it never was designed to be handled, and, as a result we have picture No. 2, in which joy is turned to sorrow. The thing which was nice to look at, is now ruined. And all this wreck, and those tears came through improper and careless use of the toy. Dear children, let us learn a higher lesson from these pictures. God wishes you to be happy in this world. Let us look for a minute at one or two gifts He has bestowed. Health! Oh, how much health has to do with pleasure and joy in this world. Now, remember it rests largely with you as to how long you are to enjoy this gift. You may be rough with it, and so shatter it, as to leave yourself nothing but sorrow and pain. Character! Oh, how many young people have ruined character by improper acts. Now, these are only two



out of many gifts from God. Will you not think of these things and learn to deal gently with gifts so easily broken. Above all, think of the great gift, JESUS. How are you treating Him? Be careful. You may treat Him so rudely that in the end you may be left in sorrow and despair.

### Something a Child Can Do.



If you turn to Exodus xxxv. you will read that Moses one day gathered the Israelites together, and told them that God said he wanted a moveable house, or tabernacle, built for his service. And Moses also said, that God wanted the people to bring offerings to help in the work of building and furnishing that tabernacle. In this work everybody was to help, and they

were only asked to give as they were able. We read that some men brought gold and silver, some brass, some jewels, some spices, while the women did spin with their hands, and thus helped. Now, we don't know what the little children did, but we expect they had a part in the work, and certainly when God asked only that which they *could* give or do, there was a place for the smallest boy or girl. Remember God is pleased with any work done by children, for Him. This we know from many passages in the Bible. But we read, also, that God is displeased with children for helping in that which is wrong. Read Jeremiah vii. 17-19; and you learn God was angry with Israel for doing wrong, and worshipping idols. In the 18th verse we read, "the children gathered wood." Only a little thing, but it helped their fathers and mothers to do wrong, so God was displeased. Now, remember children, you can all do something to help on God's work, or to help do work against God. Which are you doing?

**Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.**  
1 Cor. x. 31.

### Two Trees.



HAVE you ever heard of the curious tree known as the Judas-tree? Long before the leaves appear upon the branches, the gorgeous blossoms ornament them, and they look like scarlet sun-gleams caught amongst the boughs, and held prisoners by their interlacings.

The brilliant beauty of the crimson flowers attracts thousands of tiny insects, and the wild bees seek to draw honey from their exquisitely shaped cups. But every insect, bee or butterfly, that ventures to rest upon the edge of its blossoms is overcome by a fatal, curious sort of opiate, or

sleeping draught, which the flower-juice contains, and drops dead upon the ground! If you were to walk round the tree with me, you would see the soft grass strewn with dead and dying bright winged insects! The Judas-tree reminds you and me of sin. Sin may look bright, pleasant, and attractive to our eyes; we may think it "no harm" to indulge in it. But lurking behind "the pleas-



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ure of sin," is a fatal poison. Even a dear little child may be led to taste the deadliness of sin, and be slain by it! All round the Judas-tree of sin we see the dead and dying souls of men.

What is to be done for them? Ah! there is only one remedy. Come with me up a bleak hill, and when we stand upon the summit, we see another tree. How strange it looks! No leaves, no blossoms; only the bare, rough boughs on which a dying one hangs, with bowed head and outstretched arms. What tree is this? It is the Tree of Calvary. The soft green grass around is stained with blood from that royal Sufferer's thorn-crowned brow and pierced side. O Jesus! it is Thou! We know Thee. Why art Thou hanging on the tree? And I think I hear Him say, "dear children, all this I did for thee."

Yes, Jesus died for you and me. The "leaves of the tree of life" that grow upon Calvary can

**My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.—Prov. i. 10.**

bring to life again the poor, dead souls that have lost their life through the poison of sin. Jesus is sin's remedy.

Next time that you wander through the woods, or in the garden, and gather the sweet, shy violets, or pale peeping primroses from their hiding places under the gnarled roots of the great forest trees, think of what I have told you. Think of the "two trees," of sin and Calvary, and remember that the poisonous scarlet blossoms of sin are only made harmless by the crimson blood that fell like dew from Jesus upon Calvary's tree.

It takes crimson blood to wash out scarlet sins. And when the sins are blotted out, live bright lives of loving thankfulness for the dear Lord Jesus.—EVA T. E. POOLE, in "The Christian."

**A Prisoner's Letter.**

**A** PRISONER in a jail in Michigan writes to the *Temperance Banner* thus:

Will you kindly grant me a little space to give the "boy readers" a sermon from life? I was born of honest, respectable, Christian parentage, in the mountains of New Jersey. At an early age we removed to one of the large cities of the West. And at this time I laid the foundation to what I have become—an inmate of a county jail, awaiting trial upon a charge liable to send me to state-prison for fifteen years, by acquiring a taste for pernicious books and papers. Dime novels were my especial delight. As I grew older I acquired the friendship of vicious boys and men, and was familiar with all kinds of vice; though I did not partake of it, I countenanced it, until I became so familiar with it that it lost all of its hideousness to me. This familiarity led me on step by step, until now I see before me the felon's cell and the felon's garb at the expiration of a few short weeks. *Boys, ponder over this.* A gray-haired father, a delicate,

praying mother, brought to the verge of an untimely grave by the misdoings of their only and well-loved son. Boys, I implore you, read not the accursed, vicious literature of the day. It will steal away your manhood, your truthfulness, your self-control, and leave you a dreaming, floating wreck upon the sea of life, like a ship without rudder or sail, until you will commit some crime, and repent when it is too late, as I am doing now. I beg of you, boys, by your fathers, your praying mothers, your loving sisters, never let one drop of liquor pass your lips. Think over what I have said, and take warning by my example. Take this for a motto: Let cards and liquor alone; be in bed by 9 P.M. and up by 6 A.M.; eat regularly, sleep soundly, exercise moderately,

and pray constantly; and you never will be behind the grates. Respectfully yours,

PRISONER."

[Dear children, you will find in God's word, warnings against the steps in the downward course taken by that prisoner. 1st. Wasting time in reading trashy books, whereas we are told in Eph. 5: 16 to "Redeem the time." 2nd. Going with vicious men and boys, when God has said, Psa. 1: 1, "Walk not in

the counsel of the ungodly." 3rd. Drinking liquor whereas God's word says "Look not upon the wine." Prov. 23: 31. If you wish to escape sorrow and trouble, walk according to God's word. It is a sure guide. It never led a man into a felon's cell yet, and it never will.—Ed.]

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The Sender..	GOD
The Reason..	so loved the world
The Means..	that He gave His only begotten Son,
For whom sent..	that WHOSOEVER
The Condition..	BELIEVETH in HIM
The Punishment Escaped..	should not perish
The Gift..	but have everlasting life.

The Authority: God's Word.

John iii. 16.

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