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How a Boy Saved Three Lives.

IN January, 1882, a fire broke out in a large building in New York. Many lives were lost—but three lives were saved,—saved by the quick wit and prompt courage of a boy named Charley Wright, a boot-black. When the flames were raging, three men were observed high up at a corner window in the upper story. What could be done? The longest ladder would scarce reach half the distance.

In the great crowd was the boy just named. To this lad came a bright idea.

Looking up, Charley Wright saw something that set him thinking. He saw that, fastened to the roof of the building, just above the window where these men were, was a rope of wires. He saw that this rope ran across the street to the top of a telegraph pole on the other side. And he knew that if this rope could be cut at the top of the pole, it would fall right across the window, so that the three men could reach it.

This was the bright idea that came into Charley's mind. No time was to be lost. In an instant he seized a fireman's wrench that lay on the stones near

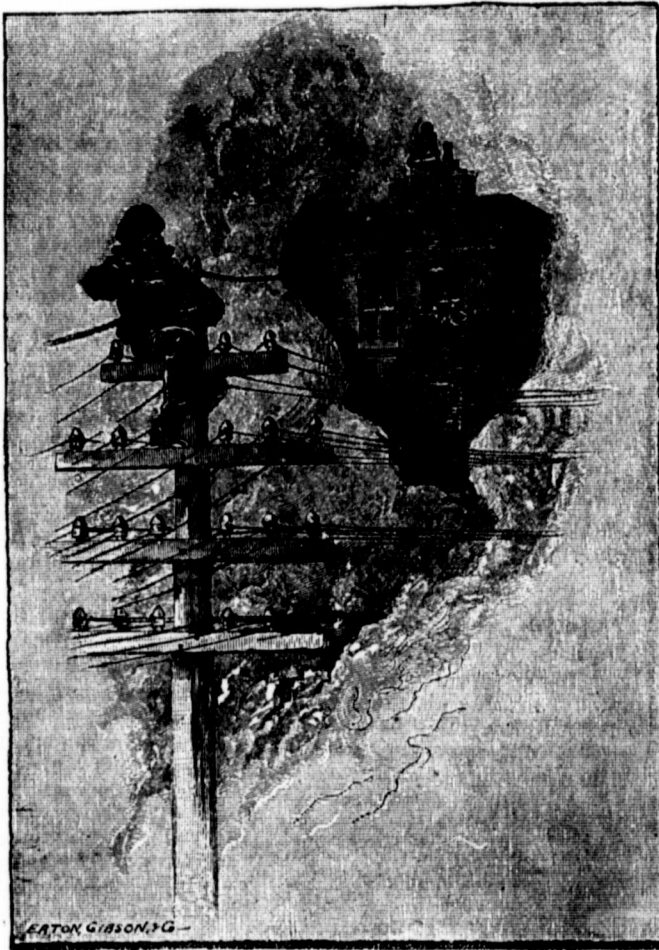
by, rushed across the street, and began to climb the tall, smooth telegraph-pole. To do this was no easy task in the wind and snow, but by hard, fast, desperate climbing, Charley soon reached the cross-bars. And hard and fast he worked when he got there. In a moment he had twisted the wire rope off. Down it fell, right across the window!

A great shout of joy went up from the crowd, as, one after another, the three men came down this strange fire-escape safe to the ground.

To this brave lad the American Humane Society voted a medal. Even across the sea, people heard of him and praised him. From England came a gold medal, sent by the Royal Humane Society, on which were stamped the words: "Pre-

vented to Charles Wright, for saving three lives, Jan. 31, 1882."

So you see, dear children, that what all the firemen



of New York with their ladders and other expensive apparatus failed to do, a little boy accomplished.

And if you, little reader, are ready, looking out for opportunities to do good, you may be used of God to save some souls which would not be reached by Ministers or other older workers. We hope you may always be ready to help, and quick to see how help can be given.

Our Young People's Burean Circle.

THE prize offered in No. 3 for answer to Bible Acrostic, has been awarded to Samuel Houston, Coaticook. The answer is—"My presence shall go with thee." The prize for best "Bible Acrostic or other form of study," offered in No. 4, has been awarded to Herbert Clark of Toronto, aged 12. We now publish the Acrostic sent by him, and offer another illustrated Bible to the boy or girl sending us the first correct answer.

Prize Bible Acrostic.

By Master Herbert Clark.

What Saul declared himself to be.
 One of three things dealt by David to Israel.
 One who was punished for his failure in regard to his sons.
 One of the Kings of Israel.
 One thing which Christ bade his disciples take when He sent them forth.
 The first three letters of the name of Methusaleh's father.
 A great King.
 A King before whom Paul preached.
 A City visited by Paul.
 A day once named in the New Testament.
 Where Christ was placed.
 What Micah compares an upright man to.
 The father of a very old man.
 A son of Levi.
 A son of Joseph.
 One who rebuked Israel for marrying strange wives
 The first two letters of the name of the father of Israel's first King.
 The initials reading downward and the initials reading upward form two texts of Scripture. What are they, and where are they to be found?

The Books of the Bible.

PART I.

OLD TESTAMENT.

IN *Genesis* the world began ;
 'Twas then that God created man.
 In *Exodus* the law was given,
 As Israel's guide from earth to Heaven,
Leviticus, from Levi's name,
 The tribe from which the priesthood came.

Then *Numbers* teaches to obey,
 And walk in God's most holy way.
Deuteronomy, which means "twice told,"
 The truth, once learned, must ne'er grow old.
 Then *Joshua* came, in Moses' place,
 When law had failed, God brought in grace.
 He next by *Judges* Israel ruled ;
 His love toward them never cooled.
 And then, the story sweet of *Ruth*,
 Foreshadows very precious truth.
 In *Samuel First* we read of Saul—
 The people's king—his rise and fall.
 In *Second Samuel* then we hear
 Of David—man to God so dear.
 In *First of Kings* the glory filled
 The temple Solomon did build.
 The *Second Kings* records the lives
 Of prophets, kings, their sons and wives.
 In *First of Chronicles* we're shown
 The house of David and his throne.
 And *Second Chronicles* records
 King Solomon's good deeds and words.
 Then *Ezra* builds God's house again,
 Which had for long in ruins lain.
 And *Nehemiah* builds the wall
 Round Judah's city, great and tall.
 Then *Esther*, Jewish maid and wife,
 Raised up to save her people's life.
 And *Job*—his patience sorely tried—
 At last God's dealings justified.
 Then come the *Psalms*, whose sacred page
 Is full of truth for every age.
 Then *Proverbs*, which the wise man spake,
 For all who will their teaching take.
Ecclesiastes shows how vain
 The very best of earthly gain :
The Song the Spirit has applied
 To Christ, and to His chosen Bride
Isaiah, first of prophets who
 Foretells the future of the Jew.
 Then *Jeremiah*, scorned by foes,
 Yet weeps for faithless Israel's woes.
 The *Lamentations* tell, in part,
 The sadness of this prophet's heart.
Ezekiel shows, in mystic story,
 Departing and returning glory.
 Then *Daniel*, from the lions' den,
 By power divine, is raised again.
Hosea shows the Father's heart
 So grieved for sin on Ephraim's part.
 And *Joel* tells of judgment near ;
 The wicked nations quake and fear.
 Then *Amos*, from the herdmen sent,
 Calls hardened sinners to repent.
 In *Obadiah*, Edom's fall
 Contains a warning word to all.
Jonah, though prophet of the Lord,
 Yet fled to Tarshish from His word.
 Then *Micah* sings in sweetest lays
 The glory of millennial days.

The Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. x. 12.

And *Nahum* tells the fear and gloom
Of Nineveh, and of her doom.

Habakkuk—though the fig-tree fail,
His faith and trust in God prevail.

Then *Zephaniah* tells of grace,
The love that comes in judgment's place.

And *Haggai* in the latter days,
Repeats: Consider well your ways!

In *Zechariah's* wondrous book,
We find eight visions, if we look.

Then *Malachi*, the last of all,
Speaks sadly still of Israel's fall.

—Selected.

Jubilee Year.

YOU have often heard a trumpet blown. Trumpets have different sounds. They may be blown for peace or for war; for alarm and

danger, or for joy and gladness. To the Jews, the sound of the jubilee trumpet was the best of all. It was sounded only once in fifty years; yet it was waited for, month by month, day by day, and when at last it sounded, it was heard with great joy. Why? Because it brought with it good news for servants, slaves, captives, and poor people.

The year of jubilee was God's gift; a whole year's holiday from work, which God Himself gave, to be spent in praise, and thanksgiving, and holy joy.

Freedom was proclaimed to all. Every servant or slave was to be set free; debts were to be forgiven; lands and gardens given back in all parts of Canaan to the Jews, the land which God had given to them.

What joy the jubilee brought with it! All the past debts were taken away, forgiven, blotted out, by God's own command.

And will God deal the same with our souls? Is there not a time of jubilee for sinners? Will not Jesus set us free? When? Must we wait fifty years? Oh no! Jesus is ready now to set us free. "Behold, now is the accepted time."

COME, sing the Gospel's joyful sound,
Salvation full and free;
Proclaim to all the world around,
The year of jubilee!
Salvation, Salvation,
The grace of God doth bring:
Salvation, Salvation,
Through Christ our Lord and King.

A Message to Children.*

By MISS ANNIE MACPHERSON

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:
As you fulfil your life duties try and remember our Bible lessons—God's message to us: That we are sinners, Rom. iii. 23; that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, 1 Tim. i. 15; He did this by living a perfect life without sin, 1 Pet. ii. 22, and then taking our sins as if they were His, 1 Pet. ii. 24; and bearing our punishment, Isa. ii. 5; He gives us His righteousness instead of our sin, 2 Cor. v. 21.

The way for us to be saved is to believe that Jesus did this for us, Acts xvi. 31.

Jesus has bought us for His own, 1 Cor. vi. 20; that we might live for Him, 2 Cor. v. 15.

He wants to keep us from doing wrong, Jude 25; and to forgive us when we do wrong, 1 John i. 9; so that if we give ourselves to Him and trust Him, He will keep us always, till He takes us, or calls us home to be forever with Himself, 1 Thess. iv. 17. Now, you have heard this message many times and some of you, I know, have believed it; search it out from your Bibles again.

The next thing God wants you to do is to tell it to some one else, and thus become a missionary. You need not think that in order to deliver God's message you must go to some far-off land at once. You can first become a missionary where you are, by living for Jesus, doing everything you can for Him, so that when people watch you they may see you copying Him, and thus you will be doing His message as well as telling it. If you live out your Christian life like this, you will be fitting yourself some day to take the glorious Gospel to the heathen and tell them of the One who loved them and died for them, Acts xiii. 47. And those who continue to disobey and refuse God's message I would remind of that solemn verse we have so often repeated together, "The wages of sin is death."—Romans vi. 23.

* Many of our little readers have heard of Miss Macpherson and her loving work in behalf of poor children. Thousands of these poor homeless little ones have been picked up in the cities of England, and brought out to Canada to be placed in comfortable homes. On New Year's day she sent a printed letter to each of her boys and girls and we think it so good that we have reprinted part of it here for our Young People.—Ed.]

Notes on the S. S. Lessons.

Messiah's Messenger.

Malachi 1-6 and 4: 1-6.

THERE is a curious custom still to be seen in Egypt, and it is one of the first things that strikes an English person when visiting a city in that land. Whenever anyone drives along the street in his carriage, a servant runs in front to clear the way. In narrow streets, where there are no policemen, and where carriages are not common, this is necessary. The servant is always a young man, dressed in a thin white robe with open sleeves that fly like wings as he runs. This robe is fastened round the waist by a belt, or girde, and hangs down to his knees, the rest of his legs being bare. He carries a long white stick with which he drives donkeys or even people out of the way of his master's carriage. As he runs he cries out "make way for his Highness," or "for the Pasha" or if his master is not one of the nobility he only shouts "make way" or some such warning. Should there be a cart standing in the way he will remove it, or if a large stone or piece of timber should bar the progress, or run the risk of jolting the carriage as it goes over it, he will roll it to one side, so that no one who sees this servant running and performing his duties without at once thinking of what John the Baptist tells us he was sent to be. A

fore runner, preparing the way of the Lord, and making his paths straight.

Our lesson to-day contains words written four hundred years before John was born, but it tells us exactly what he was to be, God's messenger or the *fore-runner of Jesus.*

Malachi was the last of the Old Testament prophets. He lived in the land of Judea about a hundred years after the Jews came back from captivity. He foretold the coming of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world, though he lived four hundred years before Christ was born.

He said: "The Lord shall send His messenger, who shall prepare the way before Him. He shall be like Elijah the prophet, to turn the people from wickedness to serve God." This pointed to John the Baptist, who was like Elijah in the boldness of his words, and who lived like Elijah in the wilderness.

He said, too: "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly return to His temple. But who shall stand

when He comes? For he shall sit as one who refines silver, and separates the precious metal from the dross."

See the question which is put in verse 2, "Who may abide [endure] the day of His coming?" What does this mean? It means that men must be prepared for His coming beforehand, or it will prove to them a dreadful day. If Christ should come to us in person to-day, would we be able to abide His presence? or if He should not come to us, but by the messenger of death call us to Him, would we be ready? Many will frankly answer, "No; we are not ready yet; but we hope to be before the time of calling really comes." Well, look at verse 1, see, it says He will come "suddenly," that is, unexpectedly. So He did come in Judea, and He will come again suddenly and unexpectedly, and therefore the warning comes to us direct from the Master's own lips, "What I say unto you I say unto all, 'Watch.'"

Dear children, ask yourselves these questions:—Do I listen to God's messages? Do I want to be healed of my sins? Am I ready for Jesus to come again? Will I be among those who fear His name, or among the stubble? Am I trying to grow like Jesus?

Suffer Children to Come.

Luke 10: 4.

IN a family, near Amoy, in China, a little boy, the youngest of three

children, on asking his father to allow him to be baptized, was told that he was too young, that he might fall back if he made a profession when he was only a little boy. To this he replied,—“Jesus has promised to carry the lambs in His arms. As I am only a little boy, it will be *easier* for Jesus to carry me.” He was allowed to be baptized, and soon after the whole family became members of the Mission Church at Amoy.

“Suffer the children!” Oh, hear His voice!
Let every heart leap forth and rejoice;
And let us freely make Him our choice;
Do not delay, but come.

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