

as children, will do all they can to boost our Junior Crusader work, especially at this time of the year when school work takes up so much time. We cannot afford to let this important branch of our work suffer and die! We look to our Crusader Groups for new members for the Young People's Societies, and we must be continually adding new members to these children's groups or our young people's societies will die.

Another reason for boosting our Crusader work lies in the fact that there is greater possibility of making good impressions, winning children to Jesus, and training them for Him, between the ages of one or two years and twelve years, than at any other time. In our children's work we have an ideal opportunity to make the most of this period in the lives of our communities' little ones.

Friends of the Junior Crusader work, time and labour, spent lovingly, and for Jesus' sake, in this work is not wasted! A hundred times no! Eternity alone will reveal its full value. Doubtless many of the unfortunate inmates of our jails and penitentiaries would never have reached that sad end had there been some strong Christian influence and teaching been given them during their tender years. Will not all assist, that this good work may go on?

Yours in His Glad service,

MIRIAM SANDERS

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How many books are there in the Bible? In the O. T.? In the N. T.?
2. How do we know the Scriptures are given by inspiration?
3. How long was Noah building the ark?
4. Why did God destroy the antedeluvians by the flood?
5. How long did the flood last?
6. Who walked so close to God that he was translated?
7. In what town was Jesus born, and where, in the O. T., was the place of His birth prophesied?
8. What two commandments of the N. T. comprehend all the commandments of the O. T.?
9. What ruler sought a night interview with Jesus?
10. Who wrote the "Acts of the Apostles"?

(Answers to these questions will appear in the next issue of the Y. P. Page. If you would like a series of Bible Questions to be printed send a card to the Y. P. editor. If we receive a favourable response we will probably have a number of questions printed in each issue for the next few months).

GUIDANCE

Professor John Ladue once told how, as a young man, he lingered before the Lord asking for guidance for his life. He said that while thus waiting there came the strong conviction that he should go and cut some kindling for his mother. From the sublime here was descent to the intensely practical.

When David was in pursuit of the Amalekites he must have thought this business very important. With his men he came across a sick Egyptian who was abandoned and could be, one would think, only an impediment to an army in pursuit. Yet David gave the poor man bread and water and brought him back

to life and health. He served a good end in acting as guide.

Often we have in mind a grand goal, a life work or conquest. If so, why should one stop to cut kindling? Why should one be impeded by sick Egyptians? Remember, life is made up largely of little things. If these are taken care of in the right way they make and reveal character. Failure here makes and proves unworthiness in that which is called great.

Jesus had time to evangelize one woman at the well, to teach one man on the housetop. He even had time to bless little children, which the disciples thought too small a business for the great Master.

Some are ever in pursuit of great opportunities and great office which they fancy will be in proportion to their abilities and do them proper honor. Others have been big enough to serve in the little things and minister in a great way to small needs. They have dignified the small places and small tasks. Someone has spoken of those who forgot themselves into immorality.—Free Methodist.

BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS

By Rev. C. A. Watson

If there was ever a day when ministers should deliver the message against covetousness it is today. What is covetousness? How does it manifest itself? It is easily recognized in one's self! With Utopian schemes on every hand to cure our economic condition, old-age-pension schemes, share-the-wealth clubs, get-rich-quick plans, and thousands of others being offered today, all for the purpose of appealing to one's covetousness and thereby gathering the pennies and dimes from those least able to pay, it would be well for us to examine every one of these plans and see if our nickels and dimes are not being taken from us by blinding the eyes with covetousness and self-interest.

I am not against old age pensions; I am positively for the adequate care of all aged and needy persons. Roger Babson is reported as saying the best old age pension is to raise the right kind of a family. But when cunning and designing men, for the purpose of enriching themselves, advance the most fantastic schemes and wizardry of finance with unbelievable payments to the aged, and then have them pour their pennies, nickels and dimes into the hands of these men, it becomes one of the greatest confidence games now being played within the law.

One such wizard of finance was at one time a deserter from the United States Navy, served eighteen months in prison for desertion, also convicted of a felony for stealing the nickels from the telephone boxes in Pittsburgh, and at another time was confined to the psychopathic hospital for observation.

Just what is it that makes us the prey for such vultures? Let us beware of covetousness which blinds our eyes to the cunningness of these men and their siren song.

Covetousness will cause you to rob God; oppose God's financial plan for yourself and the church; cause you to become a miser and then make you the prey for the many cunning devices of Satan. Thinking you will become rich and provide for your old age, you will make an investment of your life's savings when promised some unbelievable and impossible returns on your investment.

Your declining years will then be spent in

sourness and bitterness; your soul will become shrivelled and hard; your face drawn and uninviting; and having lost confidence in men, the next, if not concurrent step is to lose confidence in God. Declining years should be filled with sunshine and gladness, with praise and rejoicing, and your presence a benediction to all.

Which do you choose? "Beware of covetousness."—Free Methodist.

THE GREATEST THING

By Rev. E. E. Shelhamer

David spoke about his "chief joy." So there may be degrees of joy, some physical, some mental and others purely spiritual. In conjunction with these, the greatest and highest thing anyone can prize is the smile of God. I cannot think of anything so valuable.

Men value the smile and approval of others, especially that of their superiors. For this they will bow and fawn, sell out principle and murder conscience—all for a little fleeting recognition. Such preferment is short-lived, for it may put one on a pedestal one day and dash him to the earth the next. We have seen this worked out in cheap politics and among ecclesiastical bosses until we have turned sick at heart.

Not so with the smile of the great God. With this one may be penniless and yet independently rich. He may be friendless and yet possess a dignity and calm repose equal to an archangel. He may be healthless, and yet feel the surges of eternal life which qualify him to stand on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses, Elias and the Son of God.

Friend, above all things insist on possessing this sweet, indefinable, indisputable and indestructible treasure—the smile of God.—Sel.

WE ARE TOLD

Ole Bull was making his way through a great American forest, and he came upon a hut in which dwelt a hermit who had left his home in the city in bitterness. An old violin helped him to while away the tedious hours. At night he took down the old violin and played some simple airs. Ole said, "Do you think I might play a bit?"

"I hardly think it possible; it took me years to learn. You might try, though." So the great master took the instrument, drew his bow across the strings and instantly the room was filled with harmony. He then played "Home, Sweet Home," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and other simple songs until the old hermit sobbed like a child. What a difference between the violin in the hands of the hermit, and in the hands of the master!

Let the idea of God take possession of a man and he will rise to heights undreamed of before.—Selected.

"There's never a rose in all the world,
But makes some green spray sweeter,
There's never a wind in all the sky,
But makes some bird-wing fleeter;
There's never a star but brings to heaven
Some silver radiance tender;
And never a rosy cloud but helps
To crown the sunset splendor;
No robin but may thrill some heart,
His dawnlike gladness voicing.
God gives us all some small, sweet way
To set the world rejoicing."