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MONTHLY EXAMINATIONS.

QUESTIONS will be set monthly on the International Lessons. It is intended that they should serve as an Examination of each month's work after it is finished. Accordingly, the questions will be set upon the lessons of the previous month. The name, age, and address of the boy or girl must accompany the answers each time they are sent. Prizes will be given, of which particulars will be found in the November number.

EXAMINATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

(Answers must be received by the 15th October.)

I.

For children under twelve.

1. Tell, in your own words, the story of David and Goliath.
2. Who said: "Thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil"? What made him say it?
3. Where was Saul killed? Where was he buried? Who buried him?

II.

For boys and girls from twelve to sixteen.

1. Write out from memory the words of David to Goliath.
2. For what reasons did Saul seek the life of David?
3. On what occasion did David quote a proverb? Give the proverb.
4. Describe the battle of Gilboa.
5. Quote a verse of a hymn or psalm (in metre) which illustrates the golden text: "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Anecdotes for the Sunday School.

Two gentlemen met upon a steamer during a Scotch excursion, and they talked with interest of many things, among others of Sunday schools. "To tell the truth," said one, "I am not very enthusiastic about that kind of work. I was a teacher for many years, and after all I seem to have done no good." "Well, I do believe in Sunday school work," said the other. "As a lad I received life-long influences for good in my old class

at school," and he named the school with which he had once been connected. "Were you *there*?" cried the other; "that was where I taught. Were you there in my time? My name is ——" "And I was your scholar. I remember you now." The younger man gave his name, and memories succeeded each other concerning that old school unforgettably by both. There, side by side, stood the teacher, who believed he had done nothing, and the man he had influenced for life. "*Cast thy bread upon the waters.*"

Counting his Mercies.

By MARK GUY PEARSE.

I was going home one winter's evening with my little maiden at my side, when she looked up into the sky and said, "Father, I am going to count the stars." "Very well," I said, "do." And soon I heard her whispering to herself: "Two hundred and twenty-one, two hundred and twenty-two, two hundred and twenty-three," and then she stopped and sighed, "Oh dear! I had no idea they were so many!" Like that little maiden, I have often tried to count my mercies, but right soon have I had to cry, "I had no idea they were so many!"—*Praise.*

Not Alone.

It was decided through discouragement in a certain village to close the prayer meeting; but a pious old woman declared that it should not be so, for she would be there if no one else was. Next morning some one jestingly asked her: "Did you have your prayer meeting last night?" "Ah, that we had!" she replied. "How many were present?" "Four," she said. "Why, I heard that you were there alone!" "Oh, no; I was the only one *visible*; but the Father was there, and the Son was there, and the Holy Spirit was there, and we were all agreed in prayer." Before long, from shame of themselves, and from admiration of the old woman's perseverance, the meeting was revived, and brought prosperity to the church.

"Who Loved Me!"

Three little sunbeams, gilding all I see.
Three little chords, each full of melody.
Three little leaves, balm for my agony.
"Who"

He loved me, the Father's only Son;
He gave Himself, the precious, spotless One.
He shed His blood, and thus the work was done.
"Loved"

He loved, not merely pitied. Here I rest.
Sorrow may come—I to His heart am pressed;
What should I fear when sheltered on His breast?
"Me!"

Wonder of wonders, Jesus loved me—
A wretch, lost, ruined, sunk in misery;
He sought me, found me, raised me, set me free.
My soul, the order of the words approve:
Christ first, me last, nothing between but love.