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### INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB THE GAZETTE'S BRANCH.

Rev. Dr. Linscott's Suggestive Question  
on the Sunday School Lesson for  
Feb. 25th, 1909.

#### Prizes for Answers.

The Gazette has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lesson questions by the Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly. One of these questions each week is to be answered in writing, and upon these answers prizes will be awarded. This paper is also authorized to form a Local Newspaper Bible Study Club for its readers, and guarantee to all who join and fulfil the conditions, that everything herein promised shall be faithfully carried out.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course, answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes. It is, however, desirable that the questions be answered as the lessons are studied.

The International Newspaper Bible Study Club, which had its origin last year at Brantford, Ont., is for the purpose of promoting, in an unfettered way among the masses, a wider study of the Bible, the baser truths of Christianity, and the problems which enter into every man's life. It is composed of all those who join a local club and take up the simple course outlined herein, barring only ordained clergymen. We have the sympathetic co-operation of the latter, but it is not considered fair to have them compete for the prizes. Sunday School teachers, Bible class scholars, and churchgoers generally may belong to this newspaper club, also non-churchgoers of all shades of opinion. All such are warmly invited to join and compete for the prizes.

#### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

1. Each contestant, or his or her family, must be a paid-up subscriber to this paper during the continuance of the contest in order to qualify for membership in the International Newspaper Bible Study Club and this Local Club.

2. Each contestant in this Local Club must answer each of the written questions for 52 consecutive weeks, commencing for Sunday, July 25th, and the answers must all be in the possession of this paper within two weeks after the close of the contest.

3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must exceed 200 words, and may be less. If possible, write on letter paper, size about 8½ by 11 inches.

4. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer, so it can be identified, given a number, registered, and then the name cut off so the examiner may know it by number only.

5. Students should be careful to understand the question before answering. To do this, the lesson text must be read, and especially the verse or verses upon which the question is based.

6. The answers for this local club must be delivered at this office, and they will be collated at the close of the contest and forwarded to headquarters for independent examination by competent examiners. The prizes will then be awarded according to the highest number of marks won by members of the International Newspaper Bible Study Club, and prizes which may be awarded to members of this Local Club will be given out from this office.

#### THE PRIZES.

First Series.—A gold medal to each of the first five contestants.

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All who can write, and have ideas, are urged to take up these studies regardless of the degree of their education, as the papers are not valued from an educational or literary standpoint, but from the point of view of the cogency of their reasoned ideas.

The Gospel in Samaria.—Acts viii: 1-25. Golden Text.—The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracle which he did. Acts viii: 6.

Verse 4.—What caused the scattering abroad of the Christian community? Was the persecution of the church, headed by Saul, a blessing or a curse? Was this persecution according to God's first best plan?

When God's first, or original, plan is upset by an evil, is there any evidence to show that he uses that very evil to bring about that which he had planned to accomplish another way? (See case of Joseph; also of Jesus.)

Who was Philip? Should the church, to-day, utilize laymen more in preaching the gospel? What did Philip preach at Samaria? What do you understand by Philip preaching Christ?

Verses 6-7.—How do you account for it, that the people turned to God with such unanimity? Does the Holy Spirit always accompany the preaching of the Gospel? If Philip's congregation had been made up of 1909 ex-Sunday school scholars, would the result of his preaching have been different?

Verse 8.—What is the proof that Philip's converts were real, and what is the proof of the reality of every conversion? Is joy a necessary accompaniment of conversion?

Verses 9-11.—What is, or what was, sorcery? Is there any evidence to believe that there are, or ever have been, persons with the power claimed by witches, conjurers, fortune tellers and similar fakirs? Verse 12.—Is it reasonable to believe that all who were baptized were genuine converts?

Verse 13.—Whatever change may have come over him after, do you think Simon was really converted at this time? What were then, and what are now, the conditions for the forgiveness of our sins, or conversion?

Verses 14-17.—At the time of the scattering abroad, did all the Apostles remain at Jerusalem? What was the purpose of sending Peter and John to Samaria, seeing they had just had a great revival? Did Peter and John pray that these young converts might receive the Holy Spirit? Did all the converts in Apostolic days receive the Holy Spirit after they were converted? Why was not the Holy Spirit given to the converts at Samaria when they were converted? Is it the duty and privilege of every Christian to be conscious that the Holy Spirit dwells in him, and that he is, D.

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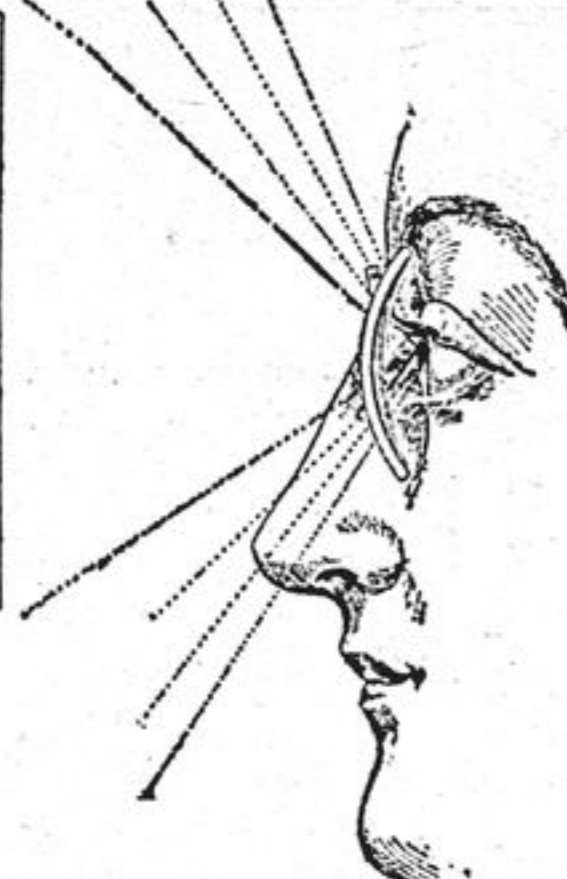
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Verses 18-21.—Are deceivers and tricksters apt to think that all others are like themselves?

Is it possible to obtain spiritual power with the purpose of making money out of it?

Is it possible that this Simon had been converted, and that his love of fame and of money had led him to this evil?

Verse 25.—What is the only hope of getting the world converted?

Lesson for Sunday, March 17th, 1909.—Philip and the Ethiopian. Acts viii: 26-40.

#### BORN.

SHATRAW.—In the township of Somerville, on Friday, Jan. 29th, 1909, the wife of Mr. A. Shatraw, of a son.

NICHOLLS.—In the township of Verulam, on Saturday, Feb. 20th, 1909, the wife of Mr. James H. Nicholls of a daughter.

SMITH.—In the township of Somerville, on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1909, the wife of Mr. Malcolm Smith, Jr., of a son.

BELL.—At Fenelon Falls, on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1909, the wife of Mr. Walter Bell of a son.

#### MARRIED.

TEATRO.—BARRY.—At Lindsay, by Ven. Archdeacon Casey, on Monday, Feb. 22nd, 1909, Mr. F. S. Teatro, of Lindsay, and Miss Violet M. Barry, daughter of Mr. Garret Barry, of Fenelon Falls.

#### NEWSPAPER LAW.

1. A post-master is required to give notice by letter (returning the paper does not answer the law), when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publisher for payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued he must pay all arreages, on the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made and collect the whole amount whether the paper is taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until the payment is made.

3. Any person who takes a paper from the post office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the pay.

4. If a subscriber orders his paper to be stopped at a certain time and the publisher continues to send it, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it from the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses.

5. Courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers and periodicals from the post-office, or removing and leaving them unsealed for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

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