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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
March 12th, 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 guarantees 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 unfeigned 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 26th, 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.

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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.

Aeneas and Dorcas. Acts 9:31-43.

Golden Text.—And Peter said unto him: Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole, arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.—Acts 9:34.

Verse 31.—Do darkness and light, fighting and victory, sorrow and joy, persecution and "rest" alternate and enter into every normal Christian life to-day, as in the Christian Community in the beginning?

When a church walks in "the fear of God" and "the comfort of the Holy Spirit," is it always multiplied?

Verse 32.—Was there any institution, in the Apostolic age, to correspond with our settled pastorate?

If preachers were to follow the Apostolic plan, of "passing throughout all quarters," would the final conquest of the world be hastened?

To whom did the name of "saint" apply, in those days, and should we continue the use of it in these days?

Verses 33, 34.—Is all sickness of the Devil?

Does not God take away most people to heaven through sickness?

What proportion of sickness is avoidable?

Are we to assume that God wants to cure everybody from their sickness, the same as he does from their sin?

Was Aeneas cured through his own faith, or by the power of and pleasure of God, without faith?

What is the difference in this cure and modern faith healing methods?

Is God's ideal for us, sickness or health?

Does God cure some people to-day in a similar way to the cure of this man?

Is faith for the cure of sickness a special gift of God, and we are not instructed that God will cure the sick in answer to such faith?

Verse 35.—When God does cure some cases of noted sickness, what are the results in this community?

If the Church should have the power restored of healing sickness, would that produce a permanent revival?

Verses 35-36.—Is it as a rule possible for a Christian to live without doing good?

How do you classify those who content themselves with going to church and prayer meeting, and talking and praying, are not following Jesus in "going about doing good"?

Why did God permit Dorcas to die?

Why does God sometimes permit those to die upon whom so much depends: the bread-winner of the family, the mother of little children, the pillar in the church, or the "Dorcas" in the community?

Verse 39.—Should a Christian always be ready to go to the home of sorrow, to render help and impart comfort?

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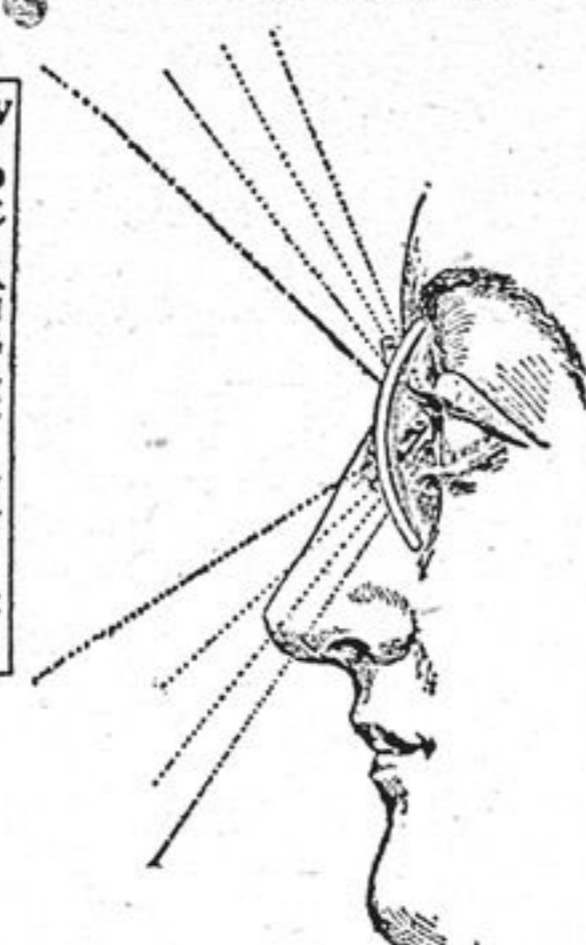
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It is a beautiful custom to speak of the good deeds of the dead, and it is well kept up; but is there not almost criminal neglect in speaking of the good deeds of the living? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 40-43.—Is there any use to-day in praying that the dead be raised?

Why did God raise the dead in those, and not in these, days?

What great purpose has the miraculous age served?

Even if these miracles should prove to be but legends, will it affect, one iota, any essential truth of Christianity?

Lesson for Sunday, March 21, 1909.—Review.

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