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HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME: A Word to Sunday-school Teachers.
HENRY WAINWRIGHT: A Warning to Young Men.
WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? A Question for Everybody.
CHURCH CHIMES; or, 'A Golden Bell, and a Pomegranate,' etc., etc.

EXPLANATORY PREFACE.

THE title of this book indicates its object. It is intended to be a plain guide to plain people in searching the Scriptures.

Bible subjects are arranged on a **New Plan**, and in a form to render them attractive to old and young.

The arrangement is in parallel columns. The first column contains both Old and New Testament subjects, and the opposite column will supply Notes, Anecdotes and Illustrations of those subjects, gathered from various reliable sources.

The small letters found at the end of the subjects are to direct the reader's attention to the corresponding letters in the opposite column where a variety of information may be found.

A large number of **difficult Texts and Subjects** will be found treated upon in their proper places in the second column. The writer earnestly hopes the perusal of these may be a means of relief to many a doubtful mind.

There is also an arrangement of many valuable passages of Scripture suitable '*for all sorts and conditions of men,*' women, and children.

District Visitors, City Missionaries, Bible Women, and Sunday-school Teachers may find here a useful companion. Special

attention has been given to the book of Psalms. The writer having submitted his scheme to the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., his Lordship expressed his opinion that if published, the book would be most useful, and permission was kindly given to dedicate it to him.

That God may be pleased to give His blessing to this humble attempt to awaken a deeper interest in Searching the Scriptures is the earnest prayer of

THE AUTHOR.

HORNSEY RISE,
September, 1883.

THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE FINGER-POST.

SUBJECTS.	NOTES AND ANECDOTES.
Genesis.	(a) 'Genesis' is the Greek name of this book, taken from the copy of the Old Testament called the Septuagint, which means Seventy, and was so called, because seventy learned men were employed by a King of Egypt to translate the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek, about 300 years B.C.
Creation of the World out of nothing.	
Genesis Chapter I. (a)	
Order of Creation.	
First Day. <i>Light.</i>	
Second Day. <i>Firmament.</i>	
Third Day. <i>The earth.</i> <i>Grass.</i> <i>Herbs.</i> <i>Trees.</i>	'The first sentence of this book is opposed to the following errors:
Fourth Day. <i>Sun.</i> <i>Moon.</i> <i>Stars.</i>	'1. Atheism. God created.
Fifth Day. <i>Creeping Things.</i> <i>Fish and Fowl.</i> <i>Cattle and Beasts of the earth.</i>	'2. Polytheism. <i>One God</i> created all.
Sixth Day. <i>Man in God's image.</i>	'3. Eternity of matter. Things seen had a beginning.
	'4. Pantheism. God made all, is in all, but not confounded with the universe.'
	'Here are eight beginnings of

which there were no certain knowledge without the book of Genesis:—

'1. Origin of Heaven and Earth.

'2. Origin of the Human Race.

'3. Origin of Marriage.

'4. Entrance of Sin and Death.

'5. Origin of Sacrifice.

'6. Beginning of Covenant Promises.

'7. Beginning of Nations and Tongues.

'8. Origin of the Hebrew Race.'
D. Fraser, D. D.

The Forbidden Tree. Gen. ii.

Eve and the Serpent. Gen.

iii. (b)

(b) The Hindoos tell a story of their God Krishnoo, that he once had an encounter with a serpent, but vanquished him. This tradition no doubt had its origin in the Scriptures.

There is in the British Museum a seal brought from Babylon which has two figures sitting one on each side of a tree with their hands stretched out to it, while at the back of one there is a serpent.

First Promise of a Saviour.
Gen. iii. 15.

The First Murderer, and the First Martyr. Gen. iv. (c)

(c) *Cain* means *possession*, and Eve thought he was the promised Messiah! *Abel* means *vanity*, and so his mother called him. How mistaken she was! Cain became a murderer, and Abel a martyr.

The First Grave. — Abel's.
Gen. iv.

Abel's was an offering of faith.
Cain's was not.

'Without faith it is impossible
to please God.'

Lesson: Beware of envy and
anger. 'Watch and pray, that
ye enter not into temptation.'
'Let brotherly love continue.'

**The Man who went to Heaven
without dying.** Gen. v. (d)

(d) A curious story is told by
the Jews respecting Enoch, that
while he was praying the angel
of the Lord called him to teach
them God's way, and when they
had learned the ways of God,
Enoch was called on the seventh
day to ascend in a chariot of fire.

A book called the *Book of Enoch*,
probably written many years be-
fore Christ, was known to the
early Christians. It was lost for
1300 or 1400 years to the Euro-
peans, but was restored to them
in the last century by Bruce, who
found it in Abyssinia. It has
existed in English for half a
century.

The World drowned.
The Ark and the Flood. Gen.
vi. (e)

(e) In the *Talmud*, which is a
Jewish collection of very curious
stories and teachings, it is said
respecting the flood that at the
end of seven days after all had
entered the ark the terrible storm