

THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

2. That covenant was meant for all Christian parents, for in Galatians 3: 21, we read "If ye be *Christ's*, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise," that is, all Christian parents are God's covenant people, having a part in that covenant which God made with Abraham.

3. The outward sign of the covenant has been changed from circumcision to baptism, but the privilege of Christian parents to bring their children and have them receive the seal of that covenant has never been done away.

4. Remember that your baptism is a seal of a covenant, meaning that you are pledged to God to be His and that he is pledged to you to be yours. In your childhood your parents fulfilled your vows for you, by leading you in the right way and teaching you. When you come to think and act for yourselves you are then bound to fulfil your side of the covenant, if you do not, you are breaking a solemn covenant which your parents have made in your behalf. They had a right to do this, to do all that was best for you.

AN INCIDENT.

On a railway train the writer noticed the entrance of a mother and a little son who were unexpectedly greeted by a friend of the mother's. The friend was only going from one way-station to the next, while the others were on a long journey. There happened to be but one vacant double-seat in the car; and into this the boy slipped, taking the seat next the window. His mother, eager to improve the ten minutes with her friend, asked her son to give up his seat and take another for that little time, so that she could sit with her friend. "No, I won't; because I want to sit by the window, and all the other seats have people already at the windows."

"But, darling, only for ten minutes, and then you can sit by the window all day."

"No, I won't go. I want to sit by the window now."

"But, dear, not to give mamma pleasure?"

"No."

"Not for just ten little minutes, when mamma wants so much to talk to her friend, and you can sit by the window the whole day?"

"No!"—with impatient emphasis. And in spite of humble entreaty from the mother, and good-natured urging from the friend, that home-nurtured bit of selfishness kept his place, the mother never dreaming of insisting on the right and courteous thing, but murmuring gently that "Bobby did so enjoy looking out the window." When seven-year-old Bobby becomes Robert the husband, his sad little wife will wonder, "Why is it that men have so little tenderness for their wives?" (Century.)

KINDNESS REWARDED.

Last winter the story was told of an old man who lost his pocketbook in Pittsburg. He met a young farmer on Fifth Avenue, to whom he told his misfortune. The young man kindly got the old gentleman his supper, and then bought for him a railroad ticket to his home at Wheeling, West Virginia. In a few days the young farmer received a letter from a Wheeling attorney telling him that the old gentleman was dead, and that in his will was found a codicil bequeathing him \$10,000 in recognition of his kindness to a stranger in a strange city.

Here is a story showing how the kindness of Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, was once rewarded:

A compositor on the *Ledger* fell into the habit of neglecting his work on account of intoxication, and was discharged. His wife came and pleaded with the philanthropist to give him another trial, but Mr. Childs said that it was business, not sentiment, and he could not take him back. When she had gone, however, he sent a man to learn the circumstances of the family, and found that she was a hard working milliner struggling to keep up appearances. The next day a millinery establishment was offered for sale, and Mr. Childs bought it, presented it to the compositor's wife, and told her that although he could not employ her husband he could give her the means of living. The husband was so overwhelmed that he signed a pledge, and has kept it ever since, and is once more a faithful workman.

Kindness in words, deeds, looks, pays. It makes friends, it wins favors, it leads men to better living. It is a mighty force for good, Kindness wins and blesses, while severity repels and curses.—*Sel.*

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