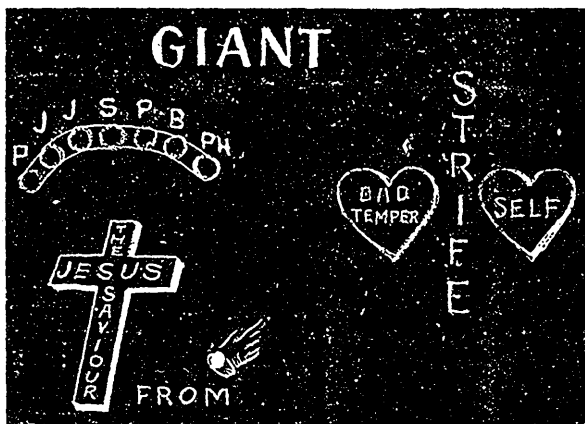


2. Let us make clear to the children the meaning beforehand, of the word Grace. A school master once, instead of punishing a boy who deserved it, took the punishment upon himself and allowed the boy to go free. That was undeserved kindness, that was grace. Because of our sins we deserve punishment, but Jesus takes upon himself the punishment, and



allows us to go free. This is undeserved kindness—This is grace. It is by undeserved kindness that we are saved, and the Golden Text might properly read—Through the undeserved kindness of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved even as they.

3. Giant strife, is in every house, and gets into every heart. He has many slaves. He is very active, and every day walks up and

down over the country seeking for captives. He has two other very near relatives who always go with him, one is this—hold up a heart with “bad temper” on it and another with “self” on it. Now let us suppose that this first heart belongs to a boy, and this other heart to another boy. Whenever a boy who has a bad temper and a boy who are selfish come together, then look out for the giant of strife, he is not far away and there will likely soon be a quarrel. Pin the two hearts to the board, with the giant Strife between them.

4. Tell the story of the conference at Jerusalem; (a) the quarrel at Antioch; (b) the journey to Jerusalem; (c) the conference.

Write the names in a circle as suggested in the cut. Peter, James, Judas, Silas, Paul, Barnabas, Pharisees. Explain that of course this was not the Judas who betrayed Jesus and that the Pharisees were believers. They were all Christians and yet the giant of strife had come into their midst. Perhaps there were some selfish ones among them, and perhaps a bad temper or two, but the best of the story is, that they settled their quarrel peaceably. The Holy Spirit was present, He took away the selfishness, and the bad temper, and giant strife had to go too.

5. The best way to settle a quarrel is to allow the Holy Spirit of Jesus the Saviour into the heart and then giant strife must go out.

LESSON IX—May 30th, 1897.

Christian Faith leads to Good Works. JAMES 2: 14-23.

- I. GOLDEN TEXT: “I will shew thee my faith by my works.” Jas. 2: 18.
- II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Jesus the Saviour.
- III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY’S LESSON: Jesus the Saviour from selfishness.
- IV. REVIEW: (These questions are only suggestive. The central spiritual truth and its teaching ought also to be recalled).
 1. Where did Paul and Barnabas go as we learned in last Sunday’s lesson?
 2. Why did they go to Jerusalem?
 3. What took place there?
 4. What was last Sunday’s Golden Text?
- V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: We have had eight lessons this quarter in the book of Acts.

In that of to-day, we take up the study of the book of James. In the Golden Text, we have the kernel of the whole lesson, the relation of Faith to Works and Works to Faith. The author of the book is James the brother of our Lord. He was very prominent as a leader in our last lesson of the Conference at Jerusalem. He was called James the Just, and according to Josephus was stoned to death. The book deals with the question of empty profession, sins of the tongue, evil speaking and other dangers in the Christian life.