

THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

April 30. WISDOM ; WARNING.

Lesson, Prov. 1:20-23. Golden Text. Heb. 12:25
Memory vs. 20-23. Catechism Q. 57.

HOME READINGS.

M. Proverbs 1:1-33....Wisdom's Warning.
T. Proverbs 2:1-22....The Giver of Wisdom.
W. 1 Cor. 1:18-31..... Christ the Wisdom of God.
Th. Proverbs 9:1-12....The Beginning of Wisdom.
F. Job 28:12-28.....The Value of Wisdom.
S. Matt. 7:13-27.....The Wise Builder.
S. Heb. 12:14-29.....Refuse not Him that Speaketh

QUESTIONS.

Introductory.—Who wrote the book of Proverbs? What is meant by “wisdom” in this book? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Call of Wisdom*, vs. 20-23.—Where does wisdom utter her call? Why so publicly? Whom does she address? What does she call upon them to do? What promise is given to those who turn?

II. *The Rejection of Wisdom*, vs. 24-30 — What charge does wisdom bring against those whom she had called? What will be the punishment of those who thus reject the call of wisdom? How have we been called? What will be our punishment if we reject these calls?

III. *The Loss of Wisdom*, 31-33.—What four statements are made in verses 31 and 32? What solemn question is asked in Matthew 16:26? What two blessings are promised those who hear wisdom's call?

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. The Lord calls upon us all to forsake evil ways and walk in right paths.
2. Those who refuse his calls are foolish as well as wicked.
3. The time will come when he will no longer call.
4. Those who turn away from God destroy their own souls.
5. Those who hearken to his calls shall be quiet from the fear of evil.

“O sir,” said a mother in China, who was telling the missionary of the happy death of her Christian daughter, “O sir, the grave has become a new place since Jesus came to our village.” Many more are still without that blessed hope.

May 7. THE VALUE OF WISDOM.

Lesson, Prov. 3; 11-24. Golden Text Prov. 3:5.
Memory vs. 13-17. Catechism Q. 58.

HOME READINGS.

M. Proverbs 3:1-24....The Value of Wisdom.
T. Proverbs 6:6-22....Honest Industry.
W. Proverbs 8:1-21....The Excellency of Wisdom.
Th. Proverbs 8:22-36....The Eternity of Wisdom.
F. Psalm 1:1-6 The Wise and the Foolish Contrasted.
S. Psalm 119:1-16....The Reward of Uprightness.
S. Matt. 13:44-52....The Pearl of Great Price.

QUESTIONS.

Introductory.—What was the subject of the last lesson? What call did wisdom make? What did she promise to those who hearkened to her warning? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Riches and Honor*, vs. 11-15.—How are we to receive affliction? Of what is correction or chastening an evidence? Why does God afflict his children? Heb. 12:11. Who is pronounced happy? Why is wisdom or true piety better than earthly riches?

II. *Ways of Pleasantness*, vs. 16-20.—What blessings does true wisdom give? How do sinful causes often shorten life? How do they affect character and property? How are wisdom's ways described? What is said of wisdom in verse 18? Explain verses 19 and 20.

III. *Life to the Soul*, vs. 21-24.—What counsel is given in verse 21? What do you understand by *wisdom* and *discretion*? What blessings will they secure? What is promised in verse 23? In verse 24? What does the apostle say of godliness? 1 Tim. 4:8; 6:6.

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. We should be submissive and patient under trials.
2. Religion is more to be desired than any earthly good.
3. Without it, though we may be rich in worldly goods, we will be found poor at last.
4. We should seek this best of all possessions in the very morning of life.
5. Ask of God, and he will give you heavenly wisdom.—*Westminster Question Book.*

A chaplain once asked the Duke of Wellington whether we ought to take the gospel to the Hindoos. The old duke, every inch a soldier, asked, “What are your marching orders?” The chaplain replied, “Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations.” “Then,” said the duke, “obey your orders.”