

## THE PLAN OF STUDY.

## FOR THE CHILDREN.

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## A WORD TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS.



THIS column, like everything else in the Children's Record, is for you. The Plan of Study is made up of the Topics about our Church and its work, which your older brothers and sisters are studying in their Societies from month to month.

The Committee which has the Young Peoples' Societies in charge is anxious that you also should be interested in these topics, and so they have arranged to have an article written on them month by month specially for you.

We wish very much that you should know all about our own Church, and especially about what our Church is doing to carry out the dear Saviour's command, to "preach the Gospel to every creature."

You belong to the Church, as well as those who are older, and just as you feel an interest in what is going on in the house, and on the farm, or in the store, because they are "our" house, "our" farm, "our" store," I am sure you want to know what our Church is doing.

The topics for next year are very interesting. They begin with an account of the far West, and the people who are out there, who need the Gospel so much and to whom our church is trying to send it.

You will find the article by Mr. McIntosh on "Three Sorts of Western Men" very good reading. I hope it will lead you to read the articles each month. You will receive very much interesting information from them, and besides, you will find it very much easier to work for the Church when you know what she is doing among our own people and in various parts of the world.

If you have a Junior Society, these articles may help to make your meetings better, or perhaps your Sabbath School superintendent may take them up once a month in the Sabbath School, or your parents may be able to read the articles with you at home.

Our great desire is that the children should become useful in Christ's service. You remember the little lad with the five loaves and the two small fishes, and how Jesus took these and fed a great multitude with them. The Lord Jesus can use your little efforts to do great things for His Kingdom. Nothing will delight him more than to have your help in bringing all the world to His feet.

## THREE SORTS OF WESTERN MEN.

BY REV. W. R. MACINTOSH, B.D., BARRIE, ONT.

A poet tells us that the Star of Empire travels westward, and the Bible tells us that the Star of the Gospel travels in the same direction. (Matt. 2:2.)

The children who read this will remember—for it is drawing on towards Christmas time again—Matthew's story of the star, how it led the wise men westward to the little town of Bethlehem, where lay the Lord of heaven in his manger cradle.

And ever since then the Star of Bethlehem has been journeying westward, shining, shining, shining, bringing light and health and gladness to the people as it passed.

It shone upon the children of Canada; for have they not kind parents and happy homes, and bright Sunday schools, where they hear the voice of Jesus, saying:

"Suffer little children to come unto me,  
And forbid them not."

And now it has led out to the far West of our country, and many of the wise men of the East, whom we call, not magi, but missionaries, have followed it, to tell its story to the people on the Pacific slope.

What kind of men do these missionaries meet out in the West? Not only "many men of many minds," but also "many men of many colors;" and as men of all colors look alike to the world's Saviour, these missionaries preach the Gospel to every creature, as he commanded. (Matt. 28:19.)

## I. THE WHITE MEN;

that is, our big brothers who have gone west to make a living, and a fortune if they can, in the forest or the mine, on the railroad or the ranch, out of the sea or the soil.