

## III. THE LAW OF GENEROSITY.

1. Give to every man, v. 30.  
"pity upon the poor....unto the Lord." Prov. 19, 17.

2. As ye would ... do ye, v. 31.  
"Love thy neighbor as thyself." Rom. 13, 9.

## IV. THE LAW OF GODLIKENESS.

1. The children of the Highest, v. 35.  
"As he.... is holy, so be ye holy." 1 Pet. 1, 15, 16.
2. Merciful, as your Father also, v. 36.  
"Perfect, even as your Father." Matt 5, 48.

## V. THE LAW OF CHARITY.

1. Judge not....not be judged, v. 37.  
"Who art thou that judgest another?" Jas. 4, 11, 12.
2. Same measure....to you, v. 38.  
"Without mercy that showed no mercy." Jas. 2, 13.

## THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

## Christ Versus the World.

1. The world says, "Stand by your friends;" Jesus says, "Love your enemies." Vers. 27, 32, 35. Love given for love is instinctive; love given for hate is divine.
2. The world says, "Tit for tat," "Do as you are done by;" Jesus says, "Repay hatred with blessing, and spite with rayer" (ver. 28); "Do as ye would that men should do to you." Ver. 31.
3. The world says, "Be thrifty," "Take care of number one;" Jesus says, "Be liberal," "Live for others." Ver. 30.
4. The world says, "Fight for your rights;" Jesus uttered that wonderful twenty-ninth verse of this lesson—a precept every Christian should repeat every night of his life, so contrary is it to the natural instincts of the human heart.
5. The world says, "Act on business principles, and you will probably succeed;" Jesus says, "Act like your heavenly Father; do good, and hope for nothing again." Ver. 35.
6. The world says, "Resent;" Jesus says, "Forgive." Ver. 37.
7. The world says, "Take care of the pennies, the pounds will care for themselves;" Jesus says, "Give; sacrifice your own desires and ambitions, and your heavenly Father will in his own time abundantly reward you." Ver. 38.

## HOME READINGS.

- M. Christ's law of love. Luke 6, 27-38.  
Tu. Old Testament teaching. Exod. 23, 1-9.  
W. Consideration for enemies. Prov. 24, 8-18.  
Th. "Coals of fire." Prov. 25, 14-22.  
F. Good Friday. Rom. 5, 1-11.  
S. The great example of love. John 15, 9-15.  
S. Easter Sunday. Rom. 6, 1-11.

## LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 71, New Canadian Hymnal.  
Thy ceaseless, unexhausted love.  
No. 70, New Canadian Hymnal.  
The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin.  
No. 72, New Canadian Hymnal.  
Arise, my soul, arise.

## DOMINION HYMNAL.

Hymns, Nos. 51, 252, 39.

TIME.—A. D. 27.

PLACE.—Not certainly known.

RULERS.—Tiberius, emperor at Rome; Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea; Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Judea.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The divine mercy.

## OPTIONAL HYMNS.

71. Jesus, the very thought,  
152. Take my life.  
175. Prince of peace.  
181. Father, whate'er of.  
185. Saviour, teach me.  
193. I love thy will.  
233. Keep thou my way.  
235. Yield not to temptation.  
223. If my disciple.  
253. Rescue the perishing.  
250. Blest be the tie.  
296. 'Mid scenes of confusion.  
280. Jesus loves me.

## QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

## 1. The Law of Love, v. 27-31.

Against whom did Christ contrast himself when he said, "But I say?" Matt. 5, 43.

Is this law of love contradictory to the teachings of the Old Testament? Exod. 23, 4; Prov. 25, 21. See also Deut. 7, 2; 23, 6; 1 Chron. 29, 3; 2 Sam. 12, 31; Psa. 137, 8, 9.

Does God expect us to be tender toward the sin of those who hate us?

Did Christ act consistently with these precepts? Luke 23, 24.

How did the early Christians regard their persecutors? Acts 7, 60.

Is the precept of the 29th verse to be literally followed? What other precepts harmonize with this one and shed light upon it? Matt. 5, 38; 1 Cor. 6, 7; 1 Pet. 2, 19-23.

How did our Lord himself act when smitten on the cheek? John 18, 22, 23.

What was the difference between the cloak and the coat?

How did Jesus really mean us to treat beggars and borrowers? Deut. 15, 7-9; Matt. 15, 26; 20, 23.

Is the Golden Rule in accord with the law and the prophets? Matt. 7, 12.

## 2. The Reward of Love, v. 32-38.

Does a Christian really profess to be better than others?

How is the word "sinners" here used?

From what lofty motive should we do good?

By what word does Matthew characterize the quality of mercy here enjoined? Matt. 5, 48. See also 2 Cor. 1, 3; Jas. 5, 11; Col. 3, 12; Isa. 30, 18.

Find some Scripture comments on the 57th verse. Rom. 2, 1-3; 14, 10; 1 Cor. 4, 3-5; Jas. 2, 13, and the Lord's Prayer.

What is the meaning here of the phrase "bosom"? Who are meant by "men"?

## Practical Teachings.

Here are some plain statements of our duties to those who dislike and injure us. Christ meant exactly what he said, and we are Christians only in so far as we exemplify his precepts.

Christ's illustration of the smitten cheek and the stolen cloak is what is known as a paradox—a statement made in a striking manner to impress itself forever upon our memory and conscience. Our Lord himself, divinely true to the spirit of this precept, did not act on the letter of it. John 18, 22, 23.

We are to give and forgive.  
Love is mightier than force in overcoming evil.

Never forget that all we do comes back to us. With what measure we mete it is measured to us again. For every smile we give we receive a smile; for every good deed we are repaid, even in this life. For all evil purposes and discourtesies the measure will be as really pressed down and shaken together as will be the measure of goodness to those who live good lives.

## Hints for Home Study.

1. Read the 5th chapter of Matthew, and ascertain with whose teachings these injunctions were contrasted.
2. If all Christians were in spirit obedient to the precepts of this lesson, what would be the result?

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

## 1. The Law of Love, v. 27-31.

- Who gives us the law of love?  
Whom are we commanded to love?  
To whom should we do good?