

THE CHILDREN'S RECORD

June 25.

REVIEW.

Lessons in Job, Prov. Eccl. Mal.
Gol. Text. Pro. 3 : 6.

July 2. PAUL CALLED TO EUROPE.

Les. Acts 16 : 6-15. Gol. Text Matt 28 : 19.
Mem. vs. 14 : 15. Catechism Q 65.

9. *Macedonia*—a country of Europe, north of Greece. *Help us*—with the gospel. 10. *We-Luke*, who wrote this book, probably joined the apostle at Troas. *Neapolis*—a seaport on the Macedonian coast. 12. *Philippi*—an important city about ten miles north-west from Neapolis. *Colony*—a place inhabited by Roman citizens, with all the rights and privileges of Rome itself. 13. *Where prayer was wont to be made* perhaps a roofless enclosure. 14. *A seller of purple*—either of the dye itself or of cloth purple dyed. *Thyatira*—a city on the northern border of Lydia. *Worshipped God*—a Gentile proselyte to the Jewish faith. *Whose heart the Lord opened*—inclined by his Spirit to listen to the truth.

Introductory.—What did Paul propose to Barnabas? Whom did Barnabas wish to take with them? Why did Paul object to this? What was the result? What did Barnabas do? Whom did Paul choose? Where did they go? Whom did Paul take with him from Lystra? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Shutting of Doors.* vs. 6-8.—Through what districts did Paul pass? Why did he not preach in *Asia*? Why did he not visit Bithynia? To what place did he come?

II. *The Call to Macedonia.* vs. 9-12.—How was Paul called to Macedonia? How did he respond to the call? What besides the vision convinced Paul that God had called him to preach in Macedonia? To what place did Paul go from Troas? From Neapolis? Where was Philippi? Meaning of a colony?

III. *The First Convert in Europe.* vs. 13-15.—What did the missionaries do on the Sabbath? What woman is mentioned by name? What is said about her? How did she profess her faith in Christ? Who were baptised with her? What is baptism? To whom is baptism to be administered? What did Lydia then request?

1. We should seek and follow God's guidance in all our work for him.

2. We should heed the cry of heathen lands, "Come over and help us."

3. The Lord must open the heart before it will receive the truth.

4. Household baptism is a Christian duty and privilege.

July 9. PAUL AT PHILIPPI.

Les. Acts 16 : 19-34. Gol. Text Acts 16 : 31.
Mem. vs. 29-31. Catechism Q 66.

19. *The hope of their gains*—the damsel ceased to make money for them by her pretended prophecies. *Market-place*—where the courts were held. 20. *Being Jews*—despised and suspected by the Romans. 22. *Their clothes*—those of the prisoners. 23. *Many stripes*—the Jews never inflicted more than thirty-nine, lest they should exceed the limit of the law (Deut. 25 : 3); the Romans had no such law. 24. *Inner prison*—a dark dungeon, secured with strong gates and bolts. *Stocks*—wooden blocks with holes, in which the feet were fastened. 26. *Earthquake*—by divine power, in answer to their prayers. 27. *Would have killed himself*—to avoid the disgrace and punishment of death. (See Acts 12 : 19. 30. *What must I do to be saved?*—from his sins and their consequences. 31. *Believe*—the gospel answer to every penitent enquirer. 33. *Was baptized*—with water brought in a convenient vessel, and sprinkled or poured upon them. All the facts recorded are in conflict with the idea of immersion. *All his*—another instance of household baptism.

Introductory.—What was the subject of the last lesson? Give an account of the conversion of Lydia. What miracle did Paul perform? Title of this lesson? Gol. Text? &c.

I. *Cast into Prison.* vs. 19-24.—What did the masters of the damsel do? Why did they do this? Of what did they accuse Paul and Silas? What did the magistrates do? Where were Paul and Silas put after the scourging? What charge did the jailer receive? How did he obey it? What were the stocks?

II. *Doings in the Prison.* vs. 25-28.—What did Paul and Silas do in the prison? Who heard them? What strange events followed? By whose power were all these things done?

III. *A Conversion in the Prison.* vs. 29-34.—What did the jailer then do? What important question did he ask? What did the apostles answer? What is faith in Jesus Christ? What was then done? Who were baptised with the jailer?

1. Faith in Christ will give songs of praise even amid stripes and imprisonment.

2. God overrules the designs of wicked men, and makes their wrath to praise him.

3. The great question for every one is, "What must I do to be saved?"

4. The gospel answer to every such inquirer is, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

5. Saving faith produces joy, and shows itself in good works.