

# THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

## Nov. 3. THE CHRISTIAN HOME.

Lesson, Col. 3: 12-25. Gol. Text, Ps. 2.  
Memory vs. 23-25. Catechism, 67-69.

### HOME READING.

- M. Col. 1: 1-29 "... Redemption through His Blood."  
T. Col. 2: 1-23 "... So walk Ye in Him."  
W. Col. 3: 1-25 "The Christian Home."  
Th. Col. 3: 1-18 "Continue in Prayer."  
F. Eph. 5: 19-23 Practical Duties.  
S. Eph. 6: 1-24 "Be Strong in the Lord."  
S. Psalm 101: 1-8 "I will Behave Myself Wisely."

*Helps in Studying.*—12. *Bowels of mercy*—"a heart of compassion," 13. *A quarrel*—"a complaint." *Christ*—who had infinitely greater cause of complaint against us. 14. *Charity love. The bond of perfectness*—as binding together all other graces. 15. *The peace of God*—Rev. Ver., "the peace of Christ." John 14: 27. 16. *The word of Christ*—which he has spoken and caused to be proclaimed. *By him*—"through him," as the channel of his grace to us. 20. *Unto the Lord*—Rev. Ver., "in the Lord." 22. *In all things*—unless they command you to do wrong.

What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Spirit of Love*, vs. 12-14.—What spirit must we exercise towards one another? How are we to feel towards those against whom we have cause of complaint? With what crowning grace are we to be clothed? How is love the *bond of perfectness*?

II. *The Spirit of Peace*, vs. 15, 19.—What counsel is given in verse 15? What parting legacy did Christ give his disciples? John 14: 27. In whose name are we to do all things? For what are we to give thanks? Through whom? What duty is required of wives? Of husbands?

III. *The Spirit of Obedience*, vs. 20-25.—What duty is required of children? Why? Which is the first commandment with promise? What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment? What duty is required of fathers? How should they bring up their children? Eph. 6: 4. What duty is required of servants? How should this service be rendered? How are we to do everything? Who will reward faithful service? How shall he that doeth wrong be treated? What is said of God's impartiality?

1. All our life should be governed by love—love to God and love to man.

2. Children should love, honor and obey their parents.

3. Parents should rule their children with loving authority.

4. Servants must obey their masters, and masters must treat their servants justly.

## Dec. 3. GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE.

Les., James 1: 16-27. Gol. Text, 1 Jno., 4: 19.  
Memory vs. 26-27. Catechism, 70-72.

### HOME READINGS.

- M. James 1: 1-15. Wisdom Sought and Given.  
T. James 1: 16-27. Grateful Obedience.  
W. Matt. 7: 21-29. The Wise and the Unwise Hearer.  
Th. Matt. 13: 1-18. 23A Lesson on Hearing.  
F. Psalm 19: 1-14. Making Wise the Simple.  
S. Rom. 10: 13-21. Faith by Hearing.  
S. Psalm 65: 1-5. Practical Piety.

The author of the epistle from which this lesson is taken was probably the James who presided at the conference at Jerusalem (Acts 15: 13), who is called by Paul (Gal. 1: 19) "the Lord's brother," and (Gal. 2: 9) a pillar of the church. It was addressed to Christians scattered throughout the Roman empire.

### QUESTIONS.

*Introductory.*—Who was the author of this epistle? What do you know about James? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Receiving the Word*, vs. 16-21.—With what caution does the lesson begin? From whom does every good come? Of what is light a symbol? How is God the *Father of light*? From whom is spiritual life received? By what means? How are we to receive the word?

II. *Hearing the Word*, vs. 22-24.—What is the duty of the hearer? Whom is the "not-doer" like? How is the perfect law a law of liberty? Who use it aright? How is the right use blessed? What did our Saviour say of the doers of his word? Matt. 7: 21, 25. Of the not-doers? Matt. 7: 26, 27.

III. *Doing the Word*, vs. 25-27.—How will the right receiving and hearing of the word affect our lives? Meaning of *bridleth not his tongue*? How does such a man deceive his own heart? Why is his religion vain? What is pure and undefiled religion?

### PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. God's word is the source of spiritual life.  
2. It is our duty to hear, to read and to study God's word.

3. We must receive it with a meek and teachable disposition.

4. We must be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

5. We must bridle our tongues and set a guard over our words.

6. We must be kind and helpful to those in trouble, and pure in all our words and ways.  
—*Westminster Question Book.*