

For Senior Scholars.

1. THEMES FOR BIBLE READINGS.

1. CHRISTIAN JOY. Ver. 11; Psa. 149. 2; Luke 10. 20; Rom. 14. 17; Phil. 3. 3.
2. CHRISTIAN LOVE. Ver. 12. 17; John 13. 34; 1 Thess. 4. 9; 1 Pet. 4. 8; 1 John 3. 4.
3. CHRIST'S LOVE. Ver. 13; John 10. 11, 15; Rom. 5. 7, 8; Eph. 5. 2; Gal. 2. 20.
4. CHRIST'S FRIENDS. Ver. 14, 15; Matt. 12. 50; Gal. 5. 6; 6. 15; Col. 3. 11.
5. THE CHRISTIAN'S FOES. Ver. 18, 19; Eph. 6. 12; Rom. 8. 38, 39; Matt. 10. 36; 24. 3-13.
6. OUR DUTY TO ENEMIES. Matt. 5. 44; Acts 7. 60; Rom. 12. 20; Luke 23. 34; 1 Sam. 24. 10.
7. GOD'S RULE OVER ENEMIES. Psa. 59. 9; 1 Sam. 12. 11; Psa. 18. 48; Prov. 16. 7; Psa. 60. 12.

2. SEED-THOUGHTS.

1. What was the joy of Jesus?
2. What is implied in *that your joy might be full*?
3. Had Christ authority to give commands?
4. Was it possible for the disciples to have loved one another *as he* loved them?
5. What is the greatest exhibition of human love?
6. What, then, must be the love that leads one to die for an *enemy*?
7. What is the infallible and invariable proof that we are Jesus' friends.
8. How does a *servant* differ from a *friend*?
9. In what sense *had* the disciples, and in what sense *had they not, chosen* Christ?
10. Why does the world hate Christ and all his?
11. Is there any doubt implied in, *if the world hate you*?
12. What is understood by *the world*?
13. Does this choice *out of the world* relate to discipleship or the ministerial call?
14. Does friendship relieve from the obligation of *service*?

3. DOCTRINE.

"*Brotherly love.*" Psa. 133. 1-3; Rom. 12. 10; Heb. 13. 1; 1 Pet. 1. 22; 1 John 3. 14.

The Primary Class.

1. REVIEW.
2. TRUTHS you wish to teach in connection with the lesson.
 - (1) We may be *Jesus' friends*, ver. 15.
 - (2) Conditions of this friendship:—
 - (a) We must keep his commandments, ver. 14.

- (b) We must love others as Christ loved us—be willing to suffer for them, ver. 12.
- (c) Christ found obstacles and hatred in the world—we shall not be free from them, ver. 18, 19.

3. LINES OF APPROACH to the lesson. (1) "Did you ever see the Governor-General? Wouldn't you like to see him—speak to him—be a friend of his—visit him at his beautiful house? Do you think it will ever be so? . . . But there is One, greater far than any earthly ruler, who says we may all be his friends, speak to him, eat at his table, and live in his house by and by if . . ." (2) "I know a little boy who goes to school every day, but he will not learn the lesson his teacher gives him—will not obey her in anything if he can help it. Does he love his teacher—is he a friend to her?" . . . Go on to teach that if we are Jesus' friends we shall keep his commandments, etc. (3) In mission schools, and in neighborhoods where Christ and Christians are openly scorned, the thought noted under (c) above all will be especially appropriate. Explain that by "world" the Bible means the bad people of the world. Ask, "How did these bad people treat Christ? . . . His disciples?" Tell of Paul beheaded, Peter crucified, James slain with the sword, John in exile, and the great multitude of martyrs by sword and fire and water. Ask, "Are there any wicked people in the world now? Do they like Christ and his people? They do not burn them or drown them, but they hate them just the same, laugh at them, trouble them all they can. It is so among children? A boy in a certain school gave his heart to God one evening, and the next day at recess the other boys gathered round him, pointed at him, called him names, laughed at him . . . don't you think that was hard to bear? But he did not get angry, because he remembered that Jesus was treated worse than that . . . How did Christ feel toward his enemies? How must we feel toward ours?" etc.

WHISPER SONG.

We are Jesus' "friends,"
If we love his word;
Keeping the commands
Of our risen Lord.

LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 7. The Work of the Spirit. John 16. 7-14.
- Nov. 14. Jesus Interceding. John 17. 15-21.
- Nov. 21. Jesus the King. John 18. 33-38.
- Nov. 28. Jesus on the Cross. John 19. 25-30.