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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Third Quarter—Lesson VIII—August 22

THE EXCELLENCE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.—1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Read Chapters 12 and 13. Commit Verses 4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*—1 Cor. 13:13.

THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY IS LOVE.—Vs. 1-3. There are outward things pertaining to religion whose real value depends on the spirit which inspires them. *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, the gift of tongues bestowed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, yea, though I have the perfect language of angels, and have not charity, the Greek word here translated charity "occurs about one hundred and sixteen times in the New Testament, and is translated love in all places except twenty-three. I am become as sounding brass, a senseless noise, the same brass of which were made the tinkling cymbal. It is mere noise, and nothing more. And though I have the gift of prophecy, i. e., the gift of speaking God's will, and understand all mysteries. The hard questions that had perplexed rabbis and people, the dark things of God's providence, and his Word, and his world. And all knowledge, the whole range of Christian doctrine. And though I have all faith. The faith by which persons were enabled to work miracles. So that I could remove mountains. The highest and strongest faith as to miracles. And have not charity. He does not assert that one can have these things without charity, but says if he could. I am nothing. Without any moral worth of significance. All these other things are gifts, are what we have; charity is what we are. The other things are the body, love is the soul. Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor. He may do all this from vanity, or to purchase heaven. So the Pharisees did, to be seen of men. Give my body to be burned. As a martyr, but from pride, or self glory, instead of love for Christ. Even these blessed works, which Christ praises—even of these things, when done without love, it must be said, it profiteth me nothing. There is no virtue in it. It does not improve the character nor aid the cause.*

LOVE DEFINED BY ITS QUALITIES AND ITS WORKS.—Vs. 4-7. Love cannot easily be defined. It is like life. It is a compound thing. *Suffereth long. Is patient with the faults and provocations of others, a patience that works on never "weary of well doing." And is kind. Active in doing kind things. Vaunteth not itself. Is not boastful, does not claim superiority, or seek applause, does not blow its own trumpet. Is not puffed up. With self-conceit. Boasting is the natural fruit of selfishness. Doth not behave itself unseemly. Most unseemly behaviour grows from the root pride. Courtesy is said to be love in little things. Seeketh not her own. Is not selfish. It seeks to give more than to receive. Is not easily provoked. Is not fretful, ill-tempered, easily aroused to anger. Thinketh no evil. Is not suspicious, is not always looking for faults in others, nor attributing evil motives to them. Love puts the best construction on the acts of others, and makes all possible allowances. Rejoiceth not in iniquity. Is not glad when others sin, hates to report the weaknesses and faults of others. Rejoiceth in the truth. Is in sympathy with all that is true, rejoiceth whenever it can find a virtue or good deeds in others, joys in the triumph of virtue. Bearerth all things. Is proof against all reproaches and hardships, or invasion of rights. Believeth all things. Has a trustful disposition, expects well of others, believes there is good in them. Hopeth all things. Goes on working for the worst of men, in the hope that they will repent. Always looks forward to the triumph of good over evil, is not discouraged. Endureth all things. Goes on bearing, believing, and hoping to the end. No obstacles can stop its work, no discouragements make it give up.*

LOVE THE MOST ENDURING THING IN THE WORLD.—Vs. 8-13. *Charity never faileth. It is eternal in its nature, as long as God and goodness endure. Prophecies, the gifts of prophecy, they shall fail, n. v., be done away. There will be no need of them when they are fulfilled. Tongues, they shall cease. They shall not be needed as a sign, nor as a gift. There will be no need of tongues, when all speak one heavenly language. Knowledge, it shall vanish away, in the fuller knowledge of the eternal world, as the stars are not seen or needed in the light of the sun. For we know in part, and a very part. Prophecy speak forth God's truth in part. We can know but a small part of God's universe of truth. When*

that which is perfect is come, etc. All the parts are absorbed in the whole. *When I was a child, etc. for now, in this earthly life, we see through (by means of) a glass, or in a mirror. Then shall I know even as also I am known, i. e., perfectly. The mysteries that now trouble us will all be revealed; the twilight changed to perfect day. And now, in conclusion, abideth faith, hope, charity. These three graces—faith, hope, love—remain imperishable and immortal. But the greatest of these is charity. Love. It brings us closest to God, makes us partakers of his nature, his children and heirs. It is the one thing without which faith and hope are of little avail. It is the most powerful, exerts the widest influence for good, is the strongest motive for the upbuilding of character. It is universal. Every person, of every degree, may have this love. The longer one lives, the more love he can have. It will expand and grow ever, in increasing blessedness and glory.*

Mistake of Mothers.

'One of the most singular hallucinations of the vast majority of mothers is that they should try to bring up their children in accordance with certain theories, even when they find that the theories do not fit the children,' writes Kate Upson Clark in the June Woman's Home Companion. "So long as children keep well, eat well, sleep well, play well, and study well, and look well, by all means continue to manage them as they have always been managed. If there is illness among them, then it is time to contemplate, at least for the one who is ill, some sort of a change. If the illness continues, put the change into active operation for that one, and see if it is not needed for the others. But look among your friends, and say if it is not true that most mothers persist in practising methods which have come down from former generations, even when they have found that their children fall sick and fail under them. They seem to consider that it is the children's own fault, and not the fault of the methods; and if they have been known to pursue the cherished routine until every one of their children actually died. "Thus one fatuous mother, who was amused with the fun in 'Helen's Babies,' gave her children all the cake and other dainties they wanted, just as 'Budge and Toddy' had them in that classic work. She would not pause until she had lost two little ones and the third one was seriously ill. "Now," reported her husband, gravely, evidently unconscious of the awful pathos of his words, 'we are beginning to think that we must take more care of the children's diet. We have always thought that fussiness about such things was nonsense, but the doctor said our children would not have succumbed to scarlet fever so easily if their constitutions had been stronger and their reserve force greater. On learning our methods, he said we had let them eat too freely of sweets, pickles, pastry, and the like, and we are drawing in a little on the diet of the two remaining children.' "Some children, even under the most judicious treatment, are no doubt born to die young. Many more perish nominally from scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, and meningitis, who are really the victims of a long course of fresh breads, confectionery, and fried foods. These daily exhaust the vital forces of delicate children, until when disease attacks them they can make no adequate resistance, yet their parents fail to connect the effect with the cause. Injudicious feeding, careless bathing, improper sleep and clothing, damp feet, and ill ventilated dwellings kill their tens of thousands, while the blame is laid upon a mere name, which simply represents 'the culmination of the whole, though it is only the legitimate end of a long and fatal undermining process.'

How Chewing Gum is Made.

Four million pounds of gum chicle the product of the Mexican sapota tree, entered the United States during 1895. This entire product, valued at nearly \$1,500,000 became the basis of chewing gum. A walk through a leading chewing-gum factory is interesting. Here over 1,000,000,000 pieces of gum are annually produced and shipped to every portion of the world. Three hundred employes are engaged in the manufacture of the gum, the first step of which is the importation of the raw chicle, which is gathered by the peons in Mexico and exported in bales containing about one hundred and fifty pounds each. The gum is taken from the bales and chopped into small pieces. These are freed from tree bark and chips by steaming and picking; then it is ground in mills making 3,400 revolutions a minute. The

ground gum is subjected to a continuous heat of 140 degrees Fahrenheit in drying rooms. From here the gum is sent to the "white aproned cook" who adds the purest sugar and the freshest cream, granulated pepsin, powdered graham or kola or other desired ingredient to it, and cooks it in a steam-jacketed cauldron, where it is turned and mixed by an ingenious double-acting heater or rotating paddle until it has assumed the consistency of bread dough.

Now the "dough boys" take hold of it and knead it in finely powdered sugar, passing it to the "rollers" where it is rolled between steel rollers until it is of the proper thickness, when it is whisked away to the "markers." The markers are steel knived rollers, which leave their impress upon the long sheets of sweet gum before it goes to the "seasoning-room," after which it is broken on the lines left by the markers. Now the gum finds its way to the "wrapping-room." The nimble fingers of 150 dainty maidens are here at play. Under their deft touch waxed paper tinfoil and pretty wrappers envelop the gum quick as a wink, and in another moment the "packers" have the gum to place in jars or boxes, wherein it is shipped for sale to the general public.—Confectioners' Journal.

Harm Done.

Yes, I know I am a regular spit fire when my temper runs away with me, but I stay angry only a moment, so there's no harm done.

This was the argument advanced the other day by a girl who thinks she is privileged to fly into a passion at the slightest provocation.

No harm done? Ah, she little realizes how those outbursts of temper wound a loved one, and how unlovely they render her, or she would never thus express her self. But if she does not soon see the folly of acting the "spitfire" and curb that temper of hers, the result may be so serious that instead of saying indifferently, 'I'm made that way, and can't help it!' she may be brought to realize that her temper has left her the legacy of a lifelong sorrow.

Going through a city hospital, recently, I saw a patient whose condition sent a pang to my heart. The door of the room where she was lying stood open, and I was about to enter—not out of curiosity, but as a "hospital visitor" for the month—but at the sight of the closed eyes, the face drawn with pain, and the little wasted hands working convulsively, I passed on.

What a sad case! said the nurse having the patient in charge, as I met her in the hall.

When I replied that I knew nothing of it, she enlisted my sympathies by telling how the little sufferer came to be lying on that cot, instead of being the happy, healthy child she had been a few weeks before.

It was all the result of an uncurbed temper, the outcome of an uplifted foot, and a kick—not from a dumb animal not responsible for its acts, but from a boy, who at a slight provocation had kicked his school mate, the act resulting in a diseased bone and an amputated leg. No wonder that wan face was drawn with pain!

Just think of it! That innocent child not only endures untold suffering, but she must go through life a cripple, just because a boy let his temper master him.

I listened to the sad story, and then with deepened interest in the little patient retraced my steps. Halting again at the door I gazed on the sweet, pinched face of the innocent sufferer, and I heartily wished everyone with an uncontrolled temper might stand where I stood and hear what I heard. If you ever feel inclined to say:

I have a dreadful temper, but I'm soon over it, so there's no harm done, think of this sad story. And remember, too, that you can curb your temper instead of being controlled by it, if you ask Jesus to help you.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Grown people do not always appreciate what an event a birthday is in a child's life. Next to Christmas, it is the red-letter day of the year. A whole year nearer man's or woman's estate means a great deal to a child, and fills the boy or girl with an added dignity and sense of importance. Seven is so very much older than six!

In some household this perfectly natural delight is increased by the hearty sympathy of the parents. But there are other homes in which the all-important day passes unnoticed, save by a careless mention, a mere reminder to the child that he has begun another year; and this remark may possibly be seasoned with the bitter sauce of a suggestion as to an improvement in conduct. Not long ago my heart was moved to pity by talking to a clever little boy who told me that he was eight years old on that day.

"And what presents have you received?" I asked.

He looked surprised. "Oh, we don't keep birthdays at our house!" he replied. My mother says it's foolish. Then she forgot that I am eight to-day until breakfast time this morning.

The more fortunate six year-old at my side interrupted before I could check him.

Forgot! he exclaimed. Why, my birthday came a little while ago, and my mamma made me a cake with six candles on it, and I had presents and lots of fun.

Childhood is so brief, and the time when each recurring birthday is not a joy comes so soon, that it is a pity not to make the anniversaries joyous to the little ones.

Mamma, said one rapturous child, you must be very glad I was born, because you have given me such a beautiful birthday!

Of course, "mamma" was glad and being glad, why not show it?

A pretty custom is in vogue in some families. The child whose birthday is celebrated gives to each brother and sister some little token. It may be only an inexpensive toy, but it inculcates in the donor's heart the spirit of unselfishness, and teaches him the joy of giving as well as that of receiving.—Harper's Bazar.

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER.—The duchess of Gordon left among her papers, found after her death, the following lovely prayer:

"O Lord, give me grace to feel the need of thy grace; give me grace to ask for thy grace; and when in thy grace thou hast given me grace, give me grace to use thy grace."

Let each longing soul commit this sweet petition to memory and use it before the Father's throne.

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