SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VI.
Christian Character and Peace—Colossians 3:1-17

Golden Text—And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body. —Colossians 3:15.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING.

Time—About A.D. 62.

Place—the epistle was written from Rome to the city of Colosse, which was located about one hundred miles east of Ephesus, in Asia Minor.

The tragedy of the human race without Christ is that upward aspirations have no definiteness and are never fulfilled. Man continues to long for higher things, and, at the same time, is conscious that the powers which drag him down are greater than the power of any longings to live on a higher plane. What man longs for, the Lord Jesus Christ came to give, to make it definite, and sure.

Things That Are Above

1. If then ye were raised together with Christ. That Christ was, in his own body, raised from the dead, is a fundamental truth in the Christian faith. How, we may ask, were we ever raised with him? Actually, we were raised together with him in the hour in which we believed in him. Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. We are "to search them out as they are revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures and to be looking for and accepting them in our experience and possession." "Seek, above all, assured communion with God, real work for God, frequent rest in the felt presence of God, through and beyond all these, the final reward of the soul in God, but seek also that which is highest, purest, truest, noblest, even in the sphere of nature.

2. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. "Jesus Christ is the summing up of 'the things that are above'; therefore if a man wants to love Jesus Christ, he must think about him. Seeking the things that are above will come, and will only come when mind, and heart, and inward life are occupied with him.

Each man's higher life begins in a death. As Christ rose from the dead, so also do his members rise from the death of sin to a life on the highest plane, a life in heavenly places." Because our life is hid, it is incapable of being touched or hurt by any evil power.

4. When Christ, who is our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory. "Our Christ-life is not always to be hidden, but is to come forth in full and glorious manifestation.

5. Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; 6. For which things' sake cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience: 7. Wherein ye also once walked, when ye lived in these things. The verb here translated "put to death" means, literally, "to reduce to a state of death," or "like death"; a state helpless, inoperative. "The Christian, in the power of his hidden life in Christ, is thus to deal with his sins. The believer, reminded of his resources and of the will of God, is now, with full purpose, to 'give to death' all his sins.

8. But now do ye also put them all away. How difficult it is to put off something which has become a habit! When we have learned a wrong way of doing a thing, it is a fearfully heavy business to unlearn it. Anger, wrath, malice, railing. "The first word refers to the outburst, or the vice of indignation bordering on revenge; the second word refers to the violent emotion that boils within. The third refers to calumnious denunciation, to which anger so often prompts." Shameful speaking out of your mouth. This phrase often denotes generally foul or abusive language, and as it is so closely connected with the passion of anger such may be its meaning here.

The New Man

9. Lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings. 10. And have put on the new man. The old man is simply the state of an unregenerated man, a sinner guilty under the sentence of God's law. The new man is the same person with a new life in him which is contrary to the old life, i.e., the old man lives subject to the dominion of sin, but the new man lives under the sovereignty of God. Regeneration is an act of God through his Holy Spirit, and is something that no man can accomplish. That is being renewed. We are in the place where we can be renewed when we keep in communion with God. Unto knowledge. "A knowledge not alone of the intellect, but of the heart; a knowledge which includes faith and experience as well. Every item of true knowledge gained is growth and the conquest of evil." After the image of him that created him. "As in the first creation man was made in the image of God, so in the new creation.

11. Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all, and in all. There are no distinctions among Christians as far as their standing is concerned, or God's ultimate purpose for them, either national, ceremonial, intellectual, or social.

12. Put on therefore, as God's elect. The elect of God are those whom God has appointed to receive eternal life. Joseph Parker once said that a man could know if he were elected of God if he was certain he had elected the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Holy and beloved, a heart of compassion. A compassionate person is one who suffers with those who are in need. For two beautiful pictures of true compassion, see Luke 10:33, and Luke 15:20. Kindness. "The character which offers sympathy and invites confidence." Lowliness. The attitude of a soul which has lost its pride in the discovery of mercy of its salvation." Meekness. An attitude of submissiveness toward God. Longsuffering. 13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any. Forgiving and forebearing "explain the operation of meekness and longsuffering, forbearing to be impatient and to avenge one's self, and, on the contrary, to be forgiving." Even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye. "A heart touched and softened by pardon will be a heart apt to pardon."

A Life of Love

14. And above all these things, put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. The apostle says that, above everything else in importance and power, the new man must manifest a life of love. "Love is the product of the other graces, the fruit of their ripe development. Love itself is, at the same time, the highest element of this perfection and forms the nearest resemblance to him of whom it is said, 'God is love.' No grace is complete without love."

15. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. The peace which Christ makes for us with God. The peace, in other words, that fills us with serenity and tranquility in all our relations with men. We are to let this peace rule in our hearts.

16. Let the word of Christ. The word of Christ is, that great message which Christ himself made possible by his life, death, and resurrection, i.e., the gospel, the good news, the message from God through his Son, who is the word of God. Dwell in you richly. The word of Christ is to inhabit us, finding in us its very home. In all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. 'Psalms' seems to refer specifically to the songs of David; 'hymns' to songs of praise composed by Christians; 'odes' to forms of song with no limitation except that they shall be spiritual. It was to be a daily, life-long service of song, but always as teaching and admonishing.

17. And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. "The name of a man is that which distinguishes, identifies, sums him up, and the name of Christ is all that Christ is as man, as God, and as the God-man. Giving thanks to God the Father through him. All the blessings which we have come from God through the Lord Jesus Christ, and all of our thanks should be given through the Lord Jesus Christ.

All in the Name of Manly Beauty

Catherine Staracki, cosmetician giving a demonstration in Chicago, Ill., shows to what lengths a man must go in the interest of manly beauty. She is dyeing the brows and lashes of the subject a darker color. After all this effort, and don't let the jaunty angle of the pipe fool you, the treatment must be repeated in three months.

The FARMER'S CORNER

Conducted by PROFESSOR HENRY G. BELL

With the co-operation of the Various Departments of the Ontario Agricultural College

1. Q. "I have ten (10) colonies of bees and would appreciate information as to how they may be successfully wintered."—K.G., Halton Co.

A. —There are three important points to keep in mind:

(a) A strong colony of young bees
(b) Abundance of food.
(c) Protection from the prevailing winds, as well as individual insulation.

Annual requeening is the best method to insure young bees for winter. A young queen will lay later in the fall than an older one, which means that the bees will have more vitality, and be better able to withstand the winter and build up a strong colony the following spring.

All weak and queenless colonies should be united with stronger colonies.

Honey or sugar syrup may be used for winter feed. At the present time it is recommended that bees be wintered in a double brood chamber, with the combs in the top chamber full of honey. Single-storey colonies should have the combs from two-thirds to three-quarters full of honey. If it is necessary to feed sugar syrup, mix two parts of cane or beet sugar to one part of boiling water.

An apiary should be located so that it will be sheltered from the prevailing winds. In addition to this, colonies should be insulated with shavings, dried leaves, etc. Four inches (4") of insulation is provided on the sides, and from six inches (6") to eight inches (8") on top. This material may be supported around the colony by a wooden winter case, or by tar paper. Full information concerning the tar paper pack, as well as advice on winter cases, may be secured by writing to the Provincial Apiarist, O.A.C., Gueph

2. Q. "When and where is the Annual Convention of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association to be held this fall, and what are the chief subjects for discussion?" W.F., Oxford Co.

A.—The Annual Convention will be held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, from November 23rd to the 25th.

The chief subjects listed for discussion are:—fall management and wintering, queen rearing and requeening, new ideas in management, home rendering of wax, labour saving devices, proper straining and grading of honey.

Dr. E. J. Dyce, Provincial Apiarist, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

3. Q. "I think I made a mstake by putting Muriate of Potash on my potato ground. I mixed it with 4-8-10 fertilizer and put it in the row with the seed. The potatoes were very small and most of them had a deep pink skin. Would it have been alright if I had put Sulphate of Potash in with the 4-8-10? Four rows in which I did not put any extra Potash the potatoes were good quality and size. A.M., Wentworth Co.

A.—Regarding your inquiry as to potato fertilizer. it would appear to me that you over-did the application of Potash, especially since you report that where you used the 4-8-10 alone the potatoes were of good quality and size. You see the 10 per cent at the end of 4-8-10 is Potash. This is a fairly heavy application in itself, especially if you put it on at 500 to 750 lbs. per acre. By putting the fertilizer in the row there is a danger that you get it too close to the seed potato piece. There is no evidence to show that Sulphate of Potash is less chemically active than Muriate of Potash. As a matter of fact, I believe it is a little more chemically active so that the difference in the types of Potash will not have been responsible for your unsatisfactory results.

Movie Star Dust Radio

By VIRGINIA DALE

Sometimes a bad break in Hollywood leads to a good one, which is just another way of saying that motion picture producers are slow to make up their minds. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is going to star Willie Howard, the veteran comic of the stage, in a big musical extravaganza, because he was so funny in a skit in "Broadway Melody of 1938."

You never saw the skit, no matter how carefully you watched the picture, because it was cut out. When they first saw it, the officials of the studio didn't think it was so funny, and having to take something out to shorten the picture, they sacrificed what Howard was sure was the most hilarious skit of his career. Taking another look at the discarded film, officials have decided that it was very funny — so funny that they won't waste Howard's talents in the future.

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With the season of big motion pictures only a few weeks old, four of the 30 or so pictures have made outstanding hits. These are: "Prisoner of Zenda," with Ronald Colman and Madeline Carroll, "100 Men and a Girl" with Deanna Durbin, "Thin Ice," with Sonja Henie, and Grand National's "Something to Sing About" with James Cagney. This last is a grand bit of nonsense in which the pugnacious Jimmy sings, dances, and fights his way through a delightful story, aided and abetted by Mona Barrie.

Deanna Durbin

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Victor McLaglen roared into New York recently on his way to London to make a picture, and when Victor roars, anyone would think the whole, boisterous, good-humored American Legion was back in town. His high spirits are infectious and his magnetism so overpowering that when he introduced his friend, Brian Donlevy, as the greatest actor in the world, everyone agreed—for the moment.

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Paramount goes right on announcing one picture after another for Frances Farmer, but Miss Farmer says that she is coming to New York to do a stage play called "The Manly Art" written by Louise Rainer's husband.

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Out at the Universal studios where Henry McRae turns out thrilling serials faster than you can say: "To be continued next week," they don't have much time to humor temperamental actors, but recently they had to give in and waste an hour or so while an actor had a tantrum. The actor was a lion. McRae thought he would save the lion from the exhausting period of posing while hot lights were adjusted, and brought in a stuffed lion as double. Jealous of this interloper, the lion broke loose from his cage, rushed on the set and tore the stuffed animal to bits.

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Theatre owners all over the country are begging Republic and Grand National officials to speed up production on Westerns starring Gene Autry and Tex Ritter, so that the warbling cowboys will have time to make personal appearance tours. The ever-growing popularity of these two lads is the sensation of the bookkeeping departments.

Canada Excellent Investment Field

Predicting that Canada would be one of the most important places for future investment of British capital, Edgar Lee, general manager of a firm of chemical manufacturers, told a gathering of business men at Leeds, Yorkshire, how to drum up Canadian trade.

He recently completed a tour of Canada and had been impressed by the intense leaning to Great Britain by Canadians who "are ready to do whatever they can to foster trade with the Mother Country."

Canadian business men were keen, he said. They expected salesmen from England to be equipped with technical knowledge of their wares, "an enormous" amount of typed literature and good letters of introduction. Mr. Lee also urged a general understanding of the physical aspects of Canada.

"I found out there that almost every business man knew the intimate affairs of almost every other business man in the same trade, even so far as 100 miles away," he declared. "One had to be very discreet not to let some hint or remark escape from one's lips about one's interviews with their business andfl interviews with other business men."

Husky Jap Women May Police City

The Metropolitan Police Board, Tokyo, is considering recruiting women to replace policemen called for military duty.

The board believes the "strongest of the weaker sex," would be more useful than the weakest of the stronger sex"—and may fill vacancies with husky women.

Ever since Claudette Colbert broke [illegible] Him in Paris," as an accomplished figure-skater, all the other girls have wanted to show off their proficiency at winter sports. Ruby Keeler, recuperating from her recent illness, is planning for her first starring picture at R. K. O. The story is called "Love Below Freezing" and the [illegible] is that skiing is the main feature of the picture.

Claudette Colbert

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ODDS and ENDS— Marlene Dietrich's eyebrows that used to extend way out like treamers, return to normal in her new picture "Angel" and will probably start a new fashion . . . Jean Parker made herself a hat, copied from one Gary Cooper wore in "The Plainsman" and now she is very busy helping friends make copies of it . . . Ronald Sinclair has proven entirely satisfactory in roles intended for Freddie Bartholomew, so it is doubtful that Freddie will get anywhere with his strike for more money. . . . Simone Simon is going to sing a difficult coloratura aria in her next picture. The studio just found out that she used to make records in France. . . Bing Crosby wants his friend, Babe Hardy, to play a dramatic role in his new picture, now that the team of Laurel and Hardy have split.

The Stars And You

By A. R. WEIR

What the STARS foretell for those born on November 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

GENERAL—

If the date of your birth is listed above you were born under the sign of Scorpio which is energy. You are strong willed, determined, have initiative and the will to do something with it. You may face difficulties from time to time but you have the will to overcome them and to make them seem trivial. People like you and there is much happiness for you.

NOW FIND YOUR OWN BIRTH DATE—

Nov. 5 — Tuesday is your lucky day. Nine is your lucky number. A great change in your business affairs will have a big influence over your life this year. There will be new work and new interests.

Nov. 6 — Wear dark red, it is your lucky color. You are facing a good year, one of your lucky years. Take advantage of all opportunities, go ahead, put your shoulder to the helm.

Nov. 7 — The Topaz is your lucky stone. Love affairs are not likely to run smooth for you but there is great happiness through children. Be a fighter and prepared to take risks.

Nov. 8 — Scorpio is dominant in you — take hold of your courage and the gifts that are yours through your fortunate birthdate. Your great courage and ability to fight will bring you success in life if properly used.

Nov. 9 — Guard against being too critical and outspoken, and you will make many friends who will help you. Use your attractive personality to win friends then let them help you. There is real progress and happiness in store.

Nov. 10 — This will be a brilliant year for social and love matters and much happiness is shown. There is a holiday for you by or near water.

Nov. 11 — December will be a prosperous month for you. You will have a busy time as the result of some new enterprise you will be interested in.

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