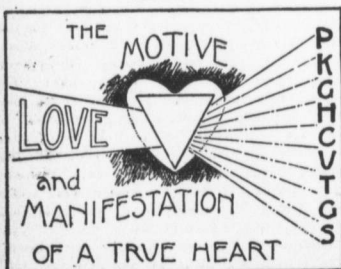


your heart, now, while the Spirit makes it soft and receptive, the seed of a true repentance, and faith in the Lord Jesus, your Saviour and Deliverer from sin; give the proper conditions for growth, by prayer and the reading of God's word, and soon you will find this beautiful grace transforming your nature, giving you a new relation to God and to your fellowmen, making this life really a part of heaven, where Love abideth forever.

The Teachers' Meeting.

The best plan for teaching this lesson is shown by the natural divisions of the chapter. I. Begin by showing what is meant by *charity*, which should read *love*, and show how love is the controlling principle of the Gospel, its motive on the divine side and on the human. Illustrate the evidences of God's love to man, and of man's love in the Gospel....II. Next show the *worth of love* by the contrasts in verses 1-3. Explain the miraculous gifts, etc., but do not linger on discussions of them, as there are more practical topics. Show how correspondent with "tongues" is eloquence; with "prophecy" is insight into truth, etc., making application to the present time....III. Present the *traits of love* as here shown in verses 4-7. With each trait let a suitable Scripture text be read. Earnestly present these traits as our ideal in character: 1. Patience; 2. Gentleness; 3. Contentment; 4. Humility; 5. Courtesy; 6. Unselfishness; 7. Self-control; 8. Charitableness in judgment; 9. Liberality of opinion; 10. Trustfulness; 11. Hopefulness....IV. The *permanence of love*, as the one grace (with faith and hope) subsisting forever in the Church on earth and in heaven.

Blackboard.



For every kind and generous deed there is a motive deep in the giver's heart. The beauty of a Christian life is the flashing forth of a

heart irradiated with love. Like the ray of light broken by the prism into its various elementary colors, God's love entering our hearts is manifested in those virtues which are the distinguishing characteristics of a Christian. If our lives are without these graces let us ask ourselves whether the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. The initials stand for patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness, (good) temper, guilelessness, sincerity—the spectrum of love.

Coloring.—"Love," red; light and prism, white; heart, pink; rays, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.

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