

CENTENNIAL HYMN.

GO FORWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIER.

D. E. DAVIS

1 Go for - ward, Christian sol - dier, Be - neath His ban - ner true: The

Lord him - self, thy Lead - er, Shall all thy foes sub - due. His love fore - tells thy

ti - als. He knows thine hour - ly need. He can, with bread of heaven, Thy

CHORUS.

fainting spir - it feed. Go forward, Christian sol - dier, Be - neath His banner

true: The Lord him - self, thy Lead - er, Shall all thy foes sub - due.

2 Go forward, Christian Soldier,
Fear not the secret foe;
Far more are o'er thee watching
Than human eyes can know.
Trust only Christ, thy Captain,
Cease not to watch and pray;
Heed not the treacherous voices,
That lure thy soul astray.

3 Go forward, Christian soldier,
Nor dream of peaceful rest,
Till Satan's host is vanquished,
And heaven is all possessed;
Till Christ himself shall call thee
To lay thine armor by,
And wear, in endless glory,
The crown of victory.

IV. FOURTH BLESSEDNESS.—THE PEACE OF FORGIVEN SIN (vs. 33, 34).—Who are God's elect? Why need they not fear on account of their past sins? What four things are stated here about Christ as our Saviour? How does each one give the Christian comfort and peace?

V. FIFTH BLESSEDNESS.—ABSOLUTE SAFETY FROM ALL HARM (vs. 35-39).—Does the love of Christ here mean our love to Christ or His love to us? How could the things named seem to separate us from His love? From what Psalm does he quote? What powers are named as unable to injure those in Christ Jesus? Why can they do no real harm?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. The Christian life is the most blessed possible.
2. It is a great joy to belong to the family of God, with Christ for our elder brother.
3. The Christian is glorified by becoming like Christ and enjoying His glory.
4. So long as God is our Father and Christ our Saviour, no harm can come to us.
5. Christ is the one unanswerable proof of the love of God.
6. We should love with all our hearts Him who has so loved us.

REVIEW EXERCISE.—(For the whole School in concert.)

11. What is the Central Truth? 12. What is the first source of blessedness to the Christian? (Repeat the headings of the questions.) 13. What is the second source of blessedness? 14. What is the third source of blessedness? 15. What is the fourth source of blessedness? 16. What is the fifth source of blessedness?

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OBEEDIENCE TO LAW.

Rom. 13. 1-10 Commit to memory vs. 7, 10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. Rom. 13. 1.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

True religion makes good citizens.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Rom. 10. 1-21. Th. Rom. 13. 1-14.
T. Rom. 11. 1-36. F. Dan. 3. 1-30.
W. Rom. 12. 1-21. Sa. Dan. 6. 1-28.
Su. Matt. 22. 15-46.

TIME, PLACE, etc., the same as in Lesson X.

INTRODUCTION.—The first eleven chapters of Romans are doctrinal. At the twelfth chapter begins a series of practical exhortations. Chapter XIII. treats chiefly of political duties, a subject which was specially necessary at Rome, because the Christians were sometimes in doubt how to reconcile their duties to Christ's kingdom with their duties to the Roman government. Moreover, the Jews were very turbulent. The government was often arbitrary and unjust.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—1. Every soul—Every person. Higher powers—The rulers, the persons in authority. The powers that be are ordained of God—i.e., government is made necessary by the very natures that God has given us. There must be rulers, and obedient subjects, in a happy or prosperous country. 2. Dominion—Condemnation, punishment. 3. Rulers are not a terror to good works—This is the rule. This is the idea of good government. 4. Beareth... the sword The instrument and symbol

of punishment. *Revenge*—Avenger, punisher. *Wrath*—Not passion, but the feeling of justice, that demands the punishment of sin. 6. *Tribute*—taxes. *God's ministers*—Servants, carrying out the needed government. Government must be supported. 7. *Custom Duties* on merchandise. *Fear*—Reverence. *S. C. ce no man anything*—Pay all your bills, incur no obligation you cannot settle. *But to love one another*—Love is a debt you must keep paying, but is never fully paid. *For he that loveth, etc.*—No one will wrong another from love. Love leads us to do only good.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS. The higher powers ordained by God.—The duty of obedience to rulers.—The two motives to obedience.—Under what circumstances we ought not to obey.—Why Christians are good citizens. Honour to whom honour.—How love is the fulfilment of the law.—Love the foundation of all our social duties.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—What is the subject of this chapter? What is the Central Truth? What is the Golden text? What is the connection between the great principles laid down in the last lesson and the practical duties of this?

SUBJECT: OUR DUTIES TO OUR COUNTRY.

I. FIRST DUTY.—OBEEDIENCE TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY (vs. 1-5).—What is meant by "the higher powers?" What sense are "the powers that be" ordained of God? How is disobedience to rulers also disobedience to God? What is the object of government? (v. 3.) What two motives are here given for obedience to rulers? What is meant by "the sword" here? By "wrath"? Are there any times when we should not obey rulers? (Acts 4. 18-21.) Give some examples in Old Testament history? (Dan. chs. 3 and 6.) Why will a true Christian make a good citizen? Does the command here require obedience to parents and teachers? Is obedience to them the way to become good citizens?

II. SECOND DUTY.—DOING OUR PART TOWARD THEIR SUPPORT (vs. 6, 7).—What is tribute? Customs? What is the object of them? Why ought all good citizens to pay their taxes cheerfully? Is it common to evade taxes? Is giving in a false report of property to be taxed as wicked as any other lying or stealing?

III. THIRD DUTY.—REVERENCE TOWARD SUPERIORS (v. 7).—Why should we reverence those in authority? What if they are not good men? In what ways is this command broken toward rulers? How towards parents and teachers? What good does it do to be reverent toward those in authority? How does it tend to reverence toward God?

IV. FOURTH DUTY.—LOVE TO OUR FELLOW-CITIZENS (vs. 8-10).—Is it wrong to be in debt? What one thing should we always owe? Why do we owe it? (1 John 4. 11.) How does love keep us from disobeying the commandments? How else does love fulfil the law? What kind of a world would this be if we all loved one another? How may we obtain this love?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. Government is ordained of God.
2. Disobedience to righteous laws is disobedience to God.
3. The true Christian will be a good citizen.
4. Obedience to parents and to teachers will lead to obedience to our country and to God.
5. Reverence to those in authority is especially important in these days.
6. Those who love, and who lead others to love, do the most toward fulfilling the duties to our fellow-citizens.

REVIEW EXERCISE. (For the whole School in Concert.)

18. What is one of the effects of true religion? ANS. To make us good citizens.
19. What is our first duty as citizens? (For answers, repeat the headings of the questions.) 20. What is our second duty? 21. What is our third duty? 22. What is our fourth duty?

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