

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER—STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. D. 59. LESSON III. CHRISTIAN LOVE; or, A Full Salvation. 1 Cor. 13, 1-13. July 20.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL.

Verse 1. Thought. "Supposing that." He imagines a case which might occur, not one which had occurred. The aim is not to depreciate any gifts, or to place them in antagonism with each other, but to show that all gifts and graces were dependent upon love for their value.

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provoked. 11. Grace does not reign over any character until it embles its possessor to hold his passions and tempers in check.

6, 7. Rejoiceth not. Is never pleased to hear evil reports concerning others. In the truth. Rather "with the truth;" sympathizing with the Gospel in its trials and happy in its triumphs.

8. Charity never faileth. The next proof of the value of the grace of love is its permanence, as compared with the transitory nature of other gifts of the church.

9, 10. In part. The highest gifts were but partial and incomplete; prophecy was limited, knowledge was far below omniscience.

11, 12, 13. When I was a child. The highest attainment of saints on earth, compared with their condition in heaven, is as childhood to manhood.

13. Much that we value here, will be cast aside as worthless hereafter. Through a glass. Rather, "in a mirror."

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