

to take wine, whereupon a noted guest who had already taken too much, exclaimed, half jestingly, across the table, "My friend dares not drink!" "You are right," was the answer, "I dare not." A braver reply could not have been uttered. It is truly said, "Temperance puts wood on the fire, m al in the barrel, flour in the tub, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the back, and vigor in the body."

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

Dare to do right.
If my disciple thou wouldst be.
Awake, my soul.
Jesus bids us shine.
Now to heaven our prayer ascending.

Forth in thy name.
He was not willing that any should perish.

Ever looking upward.
In the Saviour's steps I'll follow.
Ready to follow God's command.

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A. D. 57.] LESSON VIII. THE EXCELLENCE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE. [Aug. 22.]

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

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

1 Cor. 13. 1-13. (*Commit to memory verses 4-7.*)
[Read chapter 12.]

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

REVISED VERSION.

- 1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.
- 4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil;
- 6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
- 8 Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as I also I have been known. But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.