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TOPIC:—Peter Describes Christian Life.

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Harmony

"All of one mind." (Likeminded. v. 1) In union there is strength; and the little church of those days was weak. The church will have too much to do fighting the forces of selfishness and sin to have any time or strength to carry on internecine warfare.

Sympathy. v. 8

Recurring again to the conditions under which the letter was written—they would be having need of "compassion one of another," and of pity, and of courtesy. We have phrased from the epistle of the Hebrews a title for our Lord that has become very precious, "Sympathizing Great High Priest." This grace indeed so distinguished Christ that it must be one of the Christian's

Confidence in The Lord, vs. 13-14

"Who is he that will harm you?" v. 13. In these verses we have an affirmation of one of the great articles of faith of the Old Testament and that with the strong sanction of our Lord has become also the Christian's, that he who has the right and God on his side need not fear (Ps. 27:3; 46:2. 118:6), for the only harm that the forces of evil can do to him eventuate in his true happiness.

Zeal. v. 13

"Followers of that which is good," is better translated, as in the R. V., "zealous of that which is good," or as by Goodspeed, "eager to do what is right" (It is the word that Paul uses in Acts 22:3. "Zealous toward God.") Apathy, moderation, lukewarmness, are dangerous for the Christian. The zealous Christian, even if he sometimes slips, is likely to stay with Christ to the end—witness Peter himself.

Christ in The Heart. v. 15

The keystone word in these specifications of the Christian life would seem to be, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." The better Greek texts have "the Lord Christ." Mrs. Montgomery has, "consecrate Christ in your hearts." Or we might say, "enthrone Christ in your hearts." When that has been done how natural and easy it is to follow all these other specifications! How unreasonable fear becomes! How ready one is with a defense, a vindication, an apology, of his belief! But you should always do this, the writer interjects, not in a noisy, boasting way, but gently and respectfully (Mrs. Montgomery).

Long Life and Good Days v. 10

"He that would love life, And see good days." v. 10. The proper enjoyment of life is worthy. It is wrong to love life in a noble sense. One may well wish to see good days. The Bible justifies the high hope of happy days. Every true aspiration is kindled and stimulated by the Bible. There is a story of Dr. Samuel Johnson who on his death bed was visited by a young gentleman to whom he gave this splendid advice: "Young man, attend to the voice of one who has possessed a certain degree of fame in the world, and who is about to appear before his Maker. Read the Bible every day of your life!"

The Way of a Happy Life

If one wishes to enjoy life and

see happy days there are some very positive things he must do.

First, he must hold his tongue, for deceitful lips and an evil tongue cause misery and wretchedness rather than enjoyment.

Second, he must turn away from evil, for any sort of sin is certain to destroy happiness, both of the sinner and of others.

Third, he must do good as the sure counteractant of gloom and discord, for nobody can do better than to do right.

Finally, he must seek peace as a definite goal and as a happy state of mind.

Personal Responsibility v. 12

Before each individual there is either mercy or justice. First of all, there is mercy, for the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are attentive to their entreaty. But also there is justice for the face of the Lord is set against wrongdoers. The Bible distinctly teaches individual accountability to God.

It is said that Daniel Webster, whose intellectual and moral endowment no one has ever questioned, was once asked what was the greatest thought that ever occupied his mind. And he is said to have replied: "The fact of my personal accountability to God."

Comfort in Bereavement

Dr. W. M. Taylor once made this statement: "I had just a few weeks before buried a beloved daughter, the light of the household, and the darling of all in it, and had gone to attend a meeting of Synod, where an honored minister, who had been through the same trial oftener than once before came up to me and took me by the hand, and said to me with a reference to my sorrow, "By these things men live." That was all; but each successive year since then has given a new verification of his words."

Mrs. Clyde Hazelwood and son Bobby visited in Canyon over the week end with Mrs. Florence Stevenson and other friends. Mrs. Stevenson and daughter Sue returned home with them Sunday for a few days visit.

OBITUARY

On November 26, 1871, a baby boy came to gladden the hearts and home of Garrett H. Fletcher and wife at Pennington Gap, West Virginia. The child was named William Nimrod.

While yet a lad of 6 years, his parents joined with the growing stream that sought homes in the Southwest and brought the family to Collins County, Texas. In older boyhood he went to Wise County where he met the elect lady who should become his wife and helpful companion of many years. He was married to Miss Mary Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Childers, at Slide- well, Texas on December 24, 1893.

To this union God gave four daughters and one son. One daughter, Mrs. Lucile Langston, a wonderful Christian wife and mother, was called to the "prepared Mansions" some years ago. The others remain to share with the mother the sorrow of the occasion and to support and comfort her.

In early manhood, Mr. Fletcher owned his Lord as Saviour. About two years ago, in reconsecration to the blessed Christ, his hope became assurance and the tenderness of abiding faith filled his soul.

In 1907 the family came to Guymon where they made their home for almost twenty years. Mr. Fletcher and his associated carried on an extensive mercantile business for several years and enjoyed a large trade that numbered customers in four states. Hundreds of freighters and homesteaders came to know him and consider him a real friend. In 1926 a new home was established at Gruver, Texas, where the family continued to reside.

Mr. Fletcher was known among us a tireless worker, a lover of honesty and a steadfast friend. He asked only the reward of his tireless industry and had no use for indolence in others. Worthy friends were often recipients of his un-heralded charity and many homesteaders of Oklahoma and

Texas knew of his kindness in their days of need.

Mr. Fletcher spent his active years in company with his son-in-law, J. B. Langston and his son, as a merchant and rancher, never losing interest in his business till death laid him low.

Those who will cherish his memory include the devoted wife; the daughters, Mrs. Bess Voiles and family of Hooper, Mrs. Reba Winder and family of Vega, Mrs. Sallie McClure of Tulsa, the son, G. H. Fletcher and family of Gruver, son-in-law, J. B. Langston and family of Guymon, ten grandchildren, two sisters, other relatives and a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Wells a long-time friend of the family, assisted by Rev. A. W. Reclus of Hooper, Oklahoma, Rev. Oscar Pascal of Gruver, Rev. G. E. Tyson of Gruver, Rev. L. E. Godwin of Vega and Rev. W. H. Forbes of Stinnett, at Gruver Community Church and interment at the Guymon Cemetery with Moore Funeral Home in charge.

Christian Science

"Matter" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read Lesson-Sermon which will be read by all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, March 24.

The Golden Text: "Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it." (Habakkuk 2:19).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5)

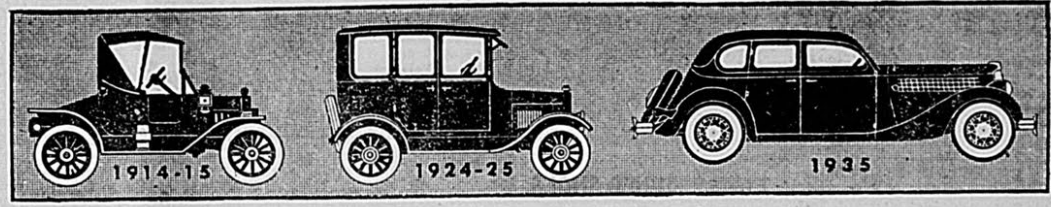
The Lesson-Sermon includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The fading forms of matter, the mortal body and material earth, are the fleeting concepts of the human mind. . . Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being. Matter disappears under the microscope of Spirit."

MAN'S HEART STOPPED STOMACH GAS CAUSE

W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats after eating. Adierka rid him of all gas, and now he eats anything and feels fine.—by all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Spearman Drug Co.

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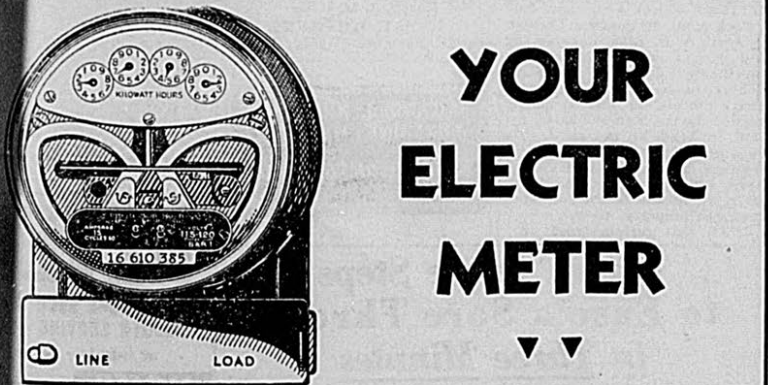
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How to Read a Meter

READING a meter is as simple as reading a watch. The four dials on the face are read in order from left to right. The first and third dials read counter-clockwise; the second and fourth clockwise. The figure on the dial that the hand has just passed is the figure set down in each case. Thus the reading in the above meter is 2,642 kilowatt hours.

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