Background Scripture: Acts 12:1-5; 1 eter 1; 4:12-5:14. Devotional Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-13.

Of Suffering

Lesson for July 29, 1956

graph machine it is hard to imag-

said to his secretary, "Miss Jones,

take a letter; get it out to all the

Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cap-

Christians in Asia. However, when

Simon Peter wrote his letter, he

knew what all those Christians

had in common. "Now for a little

while (he meant, to the end of

their lives) you may have to suf-fer various trials . . . " Trouble,

trials, affliction, suffering - how

many words there are for it, how

many different kinds of it! St. Pe-

ter's letter, written so long ago in

Greek, now in English has a fresh

contemporary look about it. For

trials and troubles are very an-

cient, but they are as new as the morning paper, they are as uni-

Christians in particular are both-

ered, when they think about suf-fering — especially their own or

that of other Christians-in two

ways. What is the use of suffering?

and, Why should Christians suffer?

These are the problems which Pe-

ter rolls into one problem: What

use is it to Christians, to suffer?

He brushes off one kind of suffer-

ing-when one gets into trouble on

account of one's own wrongdoing.

That is no puzzle. The puzzle

comes when the good man, the

Christian suffers perhaps because

he is a Christian and for no other

reason. One use of suffering Peter

remembered from his own expe-

rience. When he was in jail in

Jerusalem, the church held a

prayer-meeting for him. Some-

what to their astonishment, their

prayer was answered. Can we sup

pose that Peter himself had not

been praying? His trouble, in

short, had brought both himself

and his friends to their knees; it

had made them acutely aware of

their need of God, and God in turn

had made them know his power.

Some people make fun of "fox-

hole religion"; but isn't it better

Faith that has never been tested

can be real; but only God knows

it. Faith tested by suffering, when

it endures, demonstrates how real

it is. A missionary in India was

trying to talk to an Indian about

Christ. The Indian, who had just

lost a wife he deeply loved, cried,

"You lead a happy life, every-

thing comes your way. If you had

to go through what I go through, you'd not talk about faith!" Within

a few months the missionary too

lost his wife by death. At the fune-

ral he stood by the casket and

said: "If the man is here who told

me I had never been through what

he went through, I want to talk

with him after this. Now maybe he

will believe me." To make the

story short, the Indian did come

Another use for suffering is that

it can open the heart wide. It does

not always do this. Suffering by

itself has no magic. It is only when

the sufferer reaches up in trust to

God that anything like "magic"

comes to pass. But when one who

is afflicted trusts in God even

then, he may not have his painphysical, mental or spiritual, what-

ever it be-removed; but he will

find that he has joined the great

fraternity of pain. His heart, hith-

erto in-turned, now turns outward.

He knows the password to every

human heart. For every one has

his own heartache, and those un-

acquainted with grief find no en-

trance. Your own heartache is the

key to the hearts of all men every-

where. Suffering "as a Christian";

this above all, as Peter says, is a

mark of brotherhood throughout

the world. The minister in Mississippi who loses his pastorate be-

cause he says a word of sympathy

for wronged Negroes; the Indian

who is stoned from the village

well because he has turned from

Mohammed to Christ; the Spanish

Christian who is not allowed to

worship except in forms approved

by the government; the Chinese Christian who is forced to march

in a parade at the hour of church

worship; do we not suffer with

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them? For they are our own.

to believe as a Christian.

**Everybody Has a Heartache** 

than none?

Genuine Faith

versal as the human race.

Suffering and Prayer

Jones would hard-

ly know what to

do without a type-

writer and carbon

paper at the least.

She might won-

der. too, what

places as out-of-

the-way as Bithynia might have in

common with

times without the mimeo-

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"MANJIRO — THE MAN Greene. Nothing foretold that she who DISCOVERED AMERICA" would become Mrs. General Na-Houghton Mifflin (\$2.75) transla- thaniel Greene, friend of General Now Available

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Hiss-ah-kah-zoo Kah-neigh-ko), was educated in Japan and Amerbia University.

After the war he worked for the several English text books and was a man of integrity and purauthor of magazine articles both pose, even in love, and this led formation for the new listing of in Japanese and English, Mr. Kaneko became especially interested in Manjiro's story both as one of high adventure and as an episode in early American-Japanese relations.

This story is familiar to the Japanese and with the publication of this little volume by Houghton Mifflin his adventures will now be shared with American readers.

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and school - the first Japanese to eyes of Washington's ragged He later trekked across Amer- mocking good humor enlightened ica and returned to his native the heart of her husband in his country where he tried to open most despairing task as Quarterhis countrymen's eyes to modern master of an impoverished army. These same qualities endeared number of holes for all courses for Commodore Perry's famous her to all who met her, inviting in the state adds up to 1,820. Min-

In her tenth historical novel Hisakazu Kaneko, (pronounced into historical facts, pumps breath into its heroes. These heroes are much more real than ica, receiving his M.A. Degree at the almost too perfect Caty clubs. Kenyon College, Ohio. He later Greene. A heroine, however, is studied at Ohio State and Colum- created to be admired and the reader is made to be as charmed by Catherine as General Wash-Occupation Forces and at the U.S. ington and as awed by General United States Golf Association, Embassy in Tokyo. Compiler of Greene as were his troops. He cooperated with the State Adver-

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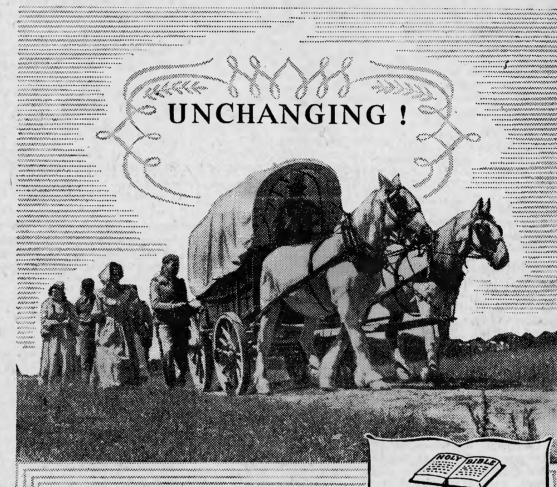
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