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# The Reformed Presbyterian ADVOCATE

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## CURRENT SECULAR EVENTS.

After a thousand years of despotism, Russia has decided to try government by the people. A little over a century ago the French Revolution aroused the people of Europe to the fact that there could be such a thing as government without consent of divine right monarchs. One by one the nations of Western Europe adopted one form or another of representative government, but in Central Europe all such efforts were sternly repressed.

In Russia there ensued seventy-five years of bomb-throwing, interspersed with hangings and exile to Siberia. Ten years ago the Czar was compelled to listen to the popular clamor to grant the organization of a parliament called the Duma, but for several years it was only the shadow of popular government. It gradually grew into a position of influence, however, and began to work for the right to control the appointment of the Czar's ministers. This was sternly resisted

by the coterie that always surrounds an absolute monarch; and the Imperial Council, which forms a sort of upper house, successfully balked all these efforts.

On March 10, the Czar was apparently as well entrenched in power as his father had been, but five days later he had abdicated, and the government of Russia was in the hands of a committee of twelve appointed by the Duma, assisted by a new cabinet also appointed by the same power.

The revolt, which was confined to Petrograd, as far as actual fighting was concerned, was brot on by people maddened by hunger, and knowing that large supplies were being hoarded close by. As the revolt gathered strength, the soldiers deserted to the side of the people, and the props of the monarchy gave way. The President of the Duma notified the Czar, and the Czar abdicated. Most wonderful of all, the Imperial Council sided with the people.

It is charged that the ruling powers hitherto have conducted the war

in such a manner as to inure to the advantage of Germany; and that thousands of Russian soldiers have been sacrificed because of inadequate support and with-holding of supplies. These officials have now all been removed, and the new regime intends to prosecute the war with unparalleled vigor.

Political prisoners have been released, and free speech and free press have been guaranteed.

During March the British came up the Tigris in full force and captured Bagdad, thus redeeming the disaster of last June. The British army from Egypt will soon be thundering at the gates of Jerusalem, while the Russian army from Persia will sweep across Asia Minor toward Constantinople. On the West front the British have captured Bapaume and Peronne, at which they have been aiming for a year.

The last week of the Sixty-fourth Congress was marked by a filibuster in the Senate against the President's proposition to arm our merchantmen against the German submarine menace. Many other laws were held up in consequence. Much abuse was heaped upon Senator LaFollette and his ten helpers, because of what was termed their lack of patriotism. At the usual extra session of the Senate after March 4, a limited cloture rule was adopted, and the President called a special session of Congress for April 16. The President proceeded with his project to arm American merchantmen. Several "overt" acts

on the part of Germany, particularly the sinking of three American merchantmen, have thus far (March 19) failed to bring from the United States a declaration of war.

The Sixty-fourth Congress past several prohibition laws. It ratified the referendum of Alaska for territorial prohibition; past the bill making the District of Columbia dry; and prohibited the shipment of liquor by mail into dry states, as well as the sending of liquor advertisements into dry states. This latter was bitterly fought by some prominent newspapers which have an interstate circulation. Now they will either have to drop liquor advertisements, or issue wet and dry editions.

A threatened strike of railway-men for the immediate enforcement of the provisions of the Adamson eight-hour law was brot to a sudden end by the yielding of the railroads to the demands of the employes.

## OUR COLLEGE.

The endowment to date, March 19, 1917, is \$99,262. That is just \$738 short of \$100,000. We will rejoice and praise God if we can secure enough between now and May 10, a little over a month, to report to our General Synod that our first \$100,000 has been completed. \$738, why, if we will all do something we can raise that amount in an hour! Who will be the first?

At the time of going to press the following events are scheduled:

Reception at the President's residence for Faculty and students, March 22; Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Contest at the R. P. Church, March 23; Bible Reading Contest, April 27; College Picnic, May 11; Founders' or Cedar Day, May 18; Junior-Senior Banquet, May 23; Baccalaureate Sermon, June 3; Senior Class Play, June 4; Faculty Reception, June 5; Music Recital, June 6; Meeting of Board of Trustees, June 7; Commencement, June 8; Alumni Business Meeting and Banquet, June 8.

The Commencement orator this year is Rev. M. B. Fuller, pastor of the First M. E. Church of Lima, O.

The President of the College has commencement and baccalaureate addresses to deliver at Port William, Magnetic Springs, Windham, Alpha, Xenia, and Morral.

Many requests for Summer Bulletins are coming in. Every indication is that the Summer Session will be larger and more interesting than ever before. Also an unusual number of requests for catalogs for the next college year have been received. The Summer Session begins June 18 and closes July 27. The regular college year begins September 11, 1917. Rev. D. D. Dodds, D. D., pastor of the First U. P. Church of Xenia will deliver the opening address in the fall.

Sincerely yours,  
W. R. McCHESNEY.

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### EDITORIAL.

Change is the law of the universe. Nothing is constant, least of all men's opinions.

Ever since the Great War began, nine men out of every ten you met sincerely hoped and wished that we would not get into the war. The President was actually re-elected upon the slogan, "He kept us out of war."

But there is no doubt that the arming of merchantmen will sooner or later get us into war. The man today who opposes the arming of merchantmen is looked upon with suspicion.

The step that President Wilson has

now taken is the very one that he should have taken long ago. Now it is generally acknowledged as a wise step. When Roosevelt advised the identical thing two years ago, it was called brainless swashbuckling.

Two years ago preparedness was met with the innocent query, "Against what shall we prepare?" Today we are wondering why we have wasted two years when we should have been preparing.

From the very beginning of the war we have believed and preached that every point that we yielded would only be the pretext for fresh aggressions. Now that the truth is beginning to dawn on our fellow-citizens, we could say "I told you so," if we were of that disposition.

### CHURCH NEWS.

#### COULTERVILLE, ILLINOIS.

The committee appointed by our Women's Missionary Society to prepare resolutions in memory of our departed active and honorary members; Mrs. Elizabeth Peel, Mrs. Lauretta Goldie Cairns, Mr. Thomas McLeod Matthews, and Mr. Lemuel Sidney McLaughlin; respectfully offer the following:

Whereas God in His all-wise Providence has seen fit to remove these our beloved members, we bow in humble submission to His will, knowing that what we know not now we shall know hereafter.

Resolved, that the influence exerted

by these friends lives and is ever an inspiration to faithful service, and that we as a congregation and society recognize these providences as a call to truer devotion and more earnest effort on our part.

Resolved, that we extend our sympathy to the sorrowing friends and recommend them to our Father's covenant care and guidance, being assured that them who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

Resolved, that these resolutions be placed on our Minutes, a copy sent to the R. P. Advocate for publication and a copy sent to each of the immediate families.

TILLIE C MUNFORD,  
ALEXANDER RUSSELL,  
ELEANOR W. CRESWELL,  
Committee

Adopted March 7, 1917.

### NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

By Rev. W. R. McChesney, Ph. D.,  
D. D.

#### LESSON FOR APRIL 8, 1917.

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead.—John 11:17-27, 43-44.

Golden Text—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life."—John 11:25.

Psalms—16, 20, 40, 90.

Introduction—When Jesus received the news of Lazarus' sickness, He delayed instead of going at once. Then follows the conversation between Jesus and His disciples about going up

to Bethany. When Jesus does not answer our prayers in our time and way, it is that He may disclose to us the greater mercies and riches of His grace.

17. The friends of Jesus pass thru death. They do not remain under its dominion. Jesus knows the tombs of the bodies of His followers.

18. Many places are especially favored by location. To be close to the church and church privileges is one of earth's chief blessings.

19. Human sympathy in bereavement is universal. The character of people in sorrow is revealed by the number and kind of people who show sympathy to them.

20. Personalities differ in manifestation of sorrow and in attitude to others.

21. Probably no one dies concerning whose death someone does not say. "If such and such a thing had been done, he would not have died;" forgetful that our lives are in God's hands.

22. The only faith worth having in the hour of bereavement is that which rests in God for a resurrection.

23. God's promise thru Christ both by word and example is for a resurrection.

24. Sometimes the far-off resurrection of the last day does not give the comfort that it should. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

25. Only the God-man could make the claim to raise the dead and give them eternal life. The condition to eternal life is absolute trust in

Christ.

26. Life and trust in Christ are pledges of victory over death.

27. There is but one Messiah and Son of God. He has been in the flesh and in the world.

43. Only the God-man would publicly call upon a dead man in a state of corruption to rise from the dead.

44. The evidence of Lazarus' resurrection was admitted by the enemies of Jesus Christ. It is a fore-token of the day when all shall arise from the dead, and come forth from their graves, because "The Lord is risen indeed."

#### LESSON FOR APRIL 15, 1917.

Jesus the Good Shepherd.—John 10:7-18.

Golden Text—"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep."—John 10:11.

Psalms—23, 43, 80, 103.

Introduction—The world needs the care and guidance of the Good Shepherd today. This lesson tells of the nature and work of the Good Shepherd.

7. The only way into the fold of the Heavenly Father is thru Jesus Christ His Son.

8. All who put themselves in the place of Jesus Christ do so to seek their own advantage at the expense of the followers of Christ; but true Christians do not heed them.

9. Jesus Christ is the door from sin to salvation, from death to life, from Satan to God. He is the way to the

abundant and unfailling pasture of divine grace.

10. All who take to themselves the claims of Jesus Christ rob Him and His people, kill spiritual desires and hopes, and destroy the institutions which make for human welfare. Jesus Christ is life, and offers all that is needed in this life in that which is to come to supply and gladden every human soul.

11. The chief characteristic of a good shepherd is that he pledges his life; and, if need be, he will yield his life, to save and rescue his sheep.

12. One who assumes Christ's place will serve so long as everything goes well; but when the crisis comes, he leaves the sheep to the perils besetting them, and has not a single care that they are ensnared and carried captive to Satan.

13. Such a one deserts his post simply because he was there for what he could get out of it, and he had no heartfelt interest in it.

14. The second great characteristic of a good shepherd is the perfect acquaintance that he has with his sheep and their like acquaintance with him. They understand each other.

15. That acquaintance is like God the Father's and God the Son's for each other. It is clear, open, sincere, perfect. Because Jesus knows the Father and the Father knows Jesus, Jesus gave His life to carry out God's plan for the sheep.

16. Jesus is to bring the Gentiles into the church, reconcile them and the Jews, make both one flock, and one in attachment and obedience.



17. God's love for Jesus reaches its supremacy in the atonement.

18. Jesus, voluntarily gave His life, and by His own power rose from the dead, according to the commandment of the Father. Therefore He is able to restore to life all who fall asleep in Him.

#### LESSON FOR APRIL 22, 1917.

Jesus Anointed at Bethany.—John 12:1-11.

Golden Text—"She hath done what she could."—Mark 14:8.

Psalms—8, 22, 72, 110.

Introduction—The raising of Lazarus divided the masses. Many of them believed in Jesus as the Messiah. The chief priests and Pharisees, for the most part, were opposed to Him, and met and laid plans to seize Jesus. Jesus withdrew to the city of Ephraim, where He remained until He made His last journey to Jerusalem.

1. All homes that love and receive Jesus are Bethanies. Every home of such character has a reason as good as a raised Lazarus, to love and honor Jesus.

2. Homes that love Jesus will minister to His comfort and joy. If all the mothers were serving Jesus, parents would not need to worry about their daughters. All whom Jesus has helped love to fellowship with Him.

3. Mary showed the gratitude of her heart to Jesus because of what He had done for her brother. Have you thanked God for His special bless-

ings to your loved ones?

4. In nearly every gathering of God's people there is a devil present.

5. Satan's emissaries criticise Christian courtesies and kindnesses, and try to mar the harmony of Christian fellowship.

6. Such people, if they got the opportunity, would steal contributions which they criticise generous Christians for giving to just causes.

7. Jesus commends memorializing hallowed events and genuine motives.

8. Opportunity to exercise charity is always at hand, but there are special occasions to glorify God in Christ; and we should not neglect these for the common duties.

9. Common people love Jesus and rejoice in His work.

10. Love of place and private interests sometimes lead men to oppose and injure God's people.

11. Some leaders cannot endure to see their followers take up with others, even when it is best for them to do so.

#### LESSON FOR APRIL 29, 1917.

Jesus Welcomed as King.—John 12:12-19.

Golden Text—"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel."—12:13.

Psalms—21, 24, 45, 145.

Introduction—The world will become a second Eden when the nations receive and obey Jesus Christ and His word. All evils and problems will disappear. Peace and goodwill will prevail.

12. The masses have always had deep-seated religious tendencies. They need to hear of Jesus.

13. The common people never forget kindnesses shown them, and they delight to honor all who take a true interest in them. They often know Christ better than do their leaders.

14. The humility of the King of Kings commends Him as the one to be chosen as universal Lord and Ruler.

15. There is no need to fear a ruler possess of a gentle spirit seeking the welfare of his people.

16. How often we fail to see the kingliness of men and the queenliness of women! But when they enter glory, our eyes are opened and we remember; yes, remember, but it is too late. Look for and find the noble traits in your fellowmen.

17. You will never be forgotten for sympathy shown and ministry performed in the hour of bereavement.

18. The multitudes always flock to Jesus when they learn the truth about Him.

19. Envious people can see no good in those of whom they are jealous. It is worse than futile to cherish envy against righteous people.

#### LESSON FOR MAY 6, 1917.

Jesus the Servant of All.—John 13:3-15.

Golden Text—"Whosoever would be the first among you shall be servant of all."—Mark 10:44.

Psalms—12, 15, 112, 122.

Introduction—Even yet we need to

learn to serve our fellowmen to the end that the welfare of society may be advanced, rather than to seek the enlargement of individual gains to the disadvantage and hurt of others.

3. All power and possessions are in Christ's control, given to Him by God, to accomplish their mutual plan.

4. Great men never fear menial tasks. The performance of such tasks does not detract from true greatness.

5. No man is so great as to be excused from doing needed work.

6. There are always those who cannot reconcile great men and lowly tasks going together.

7. The reason for it is ignorance. If they would only accept the situation and adapt themselves to it, they would in time learn the beauty and value of service rendered by great men in lowly tasks.

8. Not to recognize this principle of life is to endanger the possession of our greatest privileges and blessings.

9. Once the principle is accepted, we want it more fully applied than is for our good. We are always at the extremes with God.

10. God does no unnecessary work, and requires only His due from man. He knows who is clean and who is unclean among us.

11. The dark secret thots of our hearts are open to Christ.

12. When men do not understand our motives and actions, it is well to lead them to understand.

13. To call Jesus Teacher and Lord is right, for He is both to us.

14. We should never be too big to do any work that we can, which Jesus would do for another.

15. His example is our incentive and guide in our attitude and conduct to others.

#### NOTES ON THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

##### C. E. TOPICS FOR APRIL 8, 1917.

The Significance of Easter. I Cor. 15:50-58.

The Easter holiday commemorates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was crucified in the spring of 30 A. D., and rose from the dead on the third day after the crucifixion, according to his own prophecy. If Christ be not raised, our faith in vain.

The season of Christ's resurrection is known, because it occurred at the Passover. The Passover commemorated the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage. The Resurrection commemorates the deliverance of all men from the bondage of original sin. But many of those who were delivered from Egypt afterwards sinned in the wilderness and perished. So many of those who by Christ's resurrection are delivered from the bondage of original sin are perishing because of actual sins that they have committed and are committing since their deliverance.

Springtime is the season of renewed

life. The flowers appear on the earth and the time of the singing of birds is come. All nature rejoices. The Greeks typified this occurrence by the myth of Ceres and Proserpina. It is a very beautiful myth, but it contains no assurance for the sinning soul. As to the Babylonians, so to the Greeks, Hades was the land of no return. There was no Christ in the Greek religion.

That was why Paul's preaching was to the Greeks foolishness. They could not comprehend a Savior, because they were not conscious of the need of one. There must be a consciousness of our lost condition, and a consciousness of our utter inability to save ourselves, before we can enter into the full understanding of what the coming of Christ and his resurrection means to us.

##### C. E. TOPIC FOR APRIL 15, 1917.

The Lord's Day the Best Day. Neh. 13:15-22.

In Nehemiah's day the desecration of the Sabbath had become a very serious matter and had assumed great proportions. Nehemiah, not being a half-hearted reformer, grappled with the evil in summary fashion. He did not argue with the violators. He simply told them what was what, and they could figure out for themselves the arguments for and against it. He was that way in all that he did. He knew that half of the arguing that is done by wicked men is done to gain time. They violated the law without giving their reasons for so

doing. He enforced the law without giving his reasons.

Moses did not establish the Sabbath. The Fourth Commandment says, "Remember." It was in existence before his time. God rested on the seventh day from all His work.

The Jews were carried into captivity because of their sins, and one of their chief sins was the profaning of the Sabbath. Then the land enjoyed her sabbaths, during the seventy years of captivity. After the Jews came back, they commenced to sin again, and one of their first sins was the desecration of the Sabbath.

The Lord's Day is the best day, because it gives us the opportunity to meditate upon spiritual things, which are our highest interests. Too many people make the Sabbath a holiday, and feel aggrieved when they are rebuked. They claim that they have to work so hard during the week that their only chance for physical repair is on the Sabbath, when they must get out into the open and carouse around and have a so-called good time. They forget that if it had not been for Christianity, the Sabbath as a day of rest would have become extinct long ago.

#### C. E. TOPIC FOR APRIL 22, 1917.

**How Lying Undermines Character.**  
Lev. 19:11, 12. Prov. 6:16-19.

"Character" is a Greek work meaning an engraving tool, and refers to the lasting marks that are made by the sculptor and engraver. The marks that are made upon the soul by good

or evil deeds are what constitute character in the modern use of the word. We may be deeply dyed or warped in sin, or we may have committed only some of the so-called minor sins, but in all cases the defects are there.

Lying is not considered a crime under civil law, but is regarded as a minor vice. In the Bible it is called a sin, and that should be enough for us. If you are walking on a straight road, and deviate from the line only one degree, how far will you be from the main road after walking one hundred miles? It makes one shudder to think what the answer would be.

So it is with lying. We think it is a small matter, and so it is. But it leads to great matters, and it has all eternity to grow in. Evil doers shall grow worse and worse. One think leads to another. The boy that stole a penny now will rob a bank in ten years, and die in the penitentiary.

When you tell one lie you must tell another and a bigger one to back it. If you plow one furrow crooked, you must plow all the rest crooked to agree with it. Beware of the little foxes that spoil the vines.

#### C. E. TOPIC FOR APRIL 29, 1917.

**Missionary Opportunities in Latin America.** Isaiah 60:1-5.

The promise was made long ago that the uttermost parts of the earth should be the inheritance of the Lord Jesus Christ. To a person standing in Europe, America comes under this classification. Latin America includes all of the American Continent south of the United States, and is so called because it was settled by the Spaniards and Portuguese, which are Latin peoples. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, these colonies revolted and established a number of republics, which have had a very tur-

bulent career ever since. It is safe to say that there has hardly been a year in all that time that there has not been a rebellion in one or another of them, and sometimes a half dozen going on at once. The causes have been various. The general ignorance has been largely to blame. Only an educated people can handle a republic successfully.

The influence of the Roman Catholic Church has been very baneful. The priests have been very immoral, and they have exploited the ignorance of the people to further their own desires. Robert Speer, in his book, "South American Problems," makes a number of statements regarding the prevalent immorality that would appal the stoutest heart.

The great opportunity in Latin America is to convert the people from Roman Catholicism to Protestant Christianity. South America has been called the "Neglected Continent," because Protestants neglected it because they thought that the Catholics were really converting the people to Christianity; but now it appears that the people have not the slightest conception of real Christianity, and the work must all be done over again.

One great difficulty is that some denominations are not willing to call South America a foreign mission field, because the people are already Catholics.

#### C. E. TOPIC FOR MAY 6, 1917.

Love. I Cor. 13.

A better chapter could not have been chosen. For the benefit of those who have not studied Greek and who do not use the Revised Version of the Bible, it will be well to say that the Greek word from which we get "charity" really means "love," and should always have been translated

thus. Because "charis" looks like "charity" is no reason for translating it that way.

Henry Drummond's book, "The Greatest Thing in the World," will long remain the favorite exposition on the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. If he had never written anything else, that would have been sufficient to immortalize his name. Every Christian should read it. And every one that is not a Christian should read it. Maybe then there would be more Christians. It is a standing invitation to read the Bible.

It was the love of God that sent His Son into the world. It was the love of Christ that made Him willing to go. The love of Christ constraineth us. Love is the virtue that is destined to bring peace and righteousness into the world.

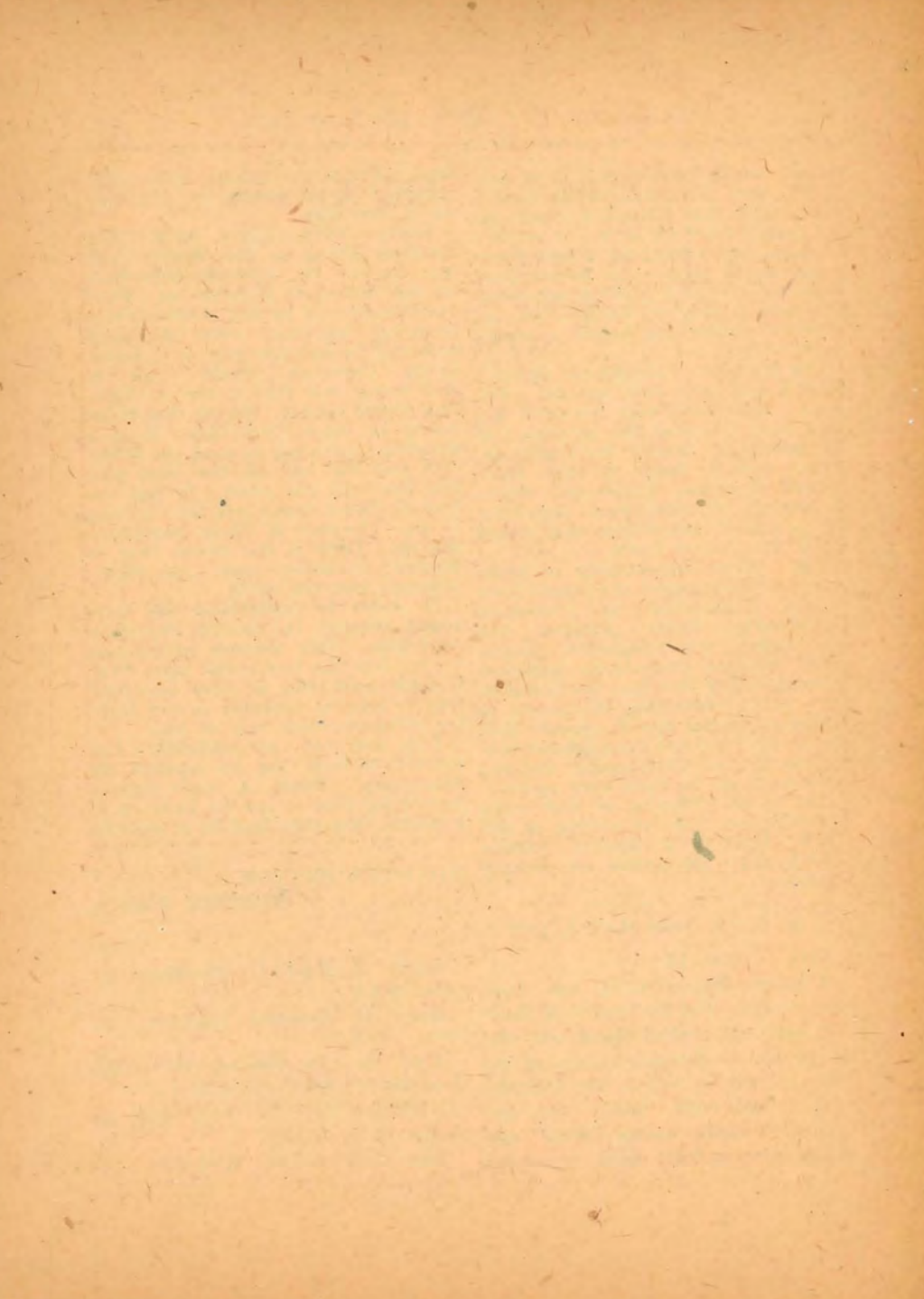
In order to understand the thirteenth chapter, the twelfth should be read also. This chapter emphasizes faith. But the last verse says, "Yet I show unto you a more excellent way." And he proceeds to tell them the more excellent way of love.

Paul was not pre-eminently the apostle of love, but he realized its supremacy. When a man praises something that is not his forte, it is a pretty sure sign that he is sincere.

#### MID-WEEK PRAYER

#### MEETING TOPICS

- April 4—Fatal Fruitlessness. Luke 13:6-9.
- April 11—Spiritual Addition. II Peter 1:5-8.
- April 18—How Realize More the Presence of Christ. John 21:4.
- April 25—The Unwritten Acts of Jesus. John 21:25.
- May 2—Pentecost. Acts 2:1.



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