

PINE ORCHARD

(Thursday, July 12)
 Mr. and Mrs. Rae McClure and Danny spent Sunday in Toronto. Myrna returned home with her parents, having spent a few days with relatives.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Ash enjoyed a motor trip to Timmins.
 Mrs. R. Chapman attended the funeral of Mr. Scott at Buttonville on Saturday.
 Lorrene Brammar is attending Bible School at Omah.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Lehman of Markham were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. H. McClure.
 Mr. and Mrs. Verne Sheridan and family were Sunday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheridan.
 Messrs. Ed. Tidman and Ray Lundy spent the weekend on a fishing trip.
 Mrs. Albert Boake is entertaining Verne Hutchinson and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boake for a few days.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sproxtton have returned to Dartmouth, N.S., following their marriage. The friends and neighbours gathered at home of Mr. George Sproxtton on Friday evening and presented the newly-weds with a silver tea service. Mr. Jack Sproxtton is a member of the R.C.N.
 Mr. and Mrs. Art Baxter were

Binder Twine Inspection

Mechanization has not driven all the binders off the land and binder twine is still used on thousands of Canadian farms.
 Binder twine is one of the many farm supplies which is subject to inspection by officials of the Department of Agriculture in the interests of both the farmer and the reputable supplier. The twine, says A. C. Heise, assistant chief of the Department's inspection services is made in four qualities, 500 feet, 550 feet, 600 feet, and 650 feet, which designate the number of feet of twine there are in a pound. The 600 feet quality is most generally used.
 Inspection includes checking to see that the length in a pound of twine contains the footage claimed. Canadian made binder twine has a high reputation, and in recent years almost all samples have been found satisfactory.

Now and again a girl will marry an old derelict for his salvage value.

Hamilton visitors recently. Mr. J. Ash is sporting a new Chev.

The W.W. met at Mrs. Sytema's on Wednesday.

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for July 22
Golden Text.—Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matt. 25:40

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE
 By J. C. Macaulay, D.D.
 Approach to the Lesson

In first Corinthians 13, a portion of which we had in last week's lesson, we have the apostle's great hymn of love. It is a great bit of philosophy, and at the same time a wonderful poem: none the less philosophical for being poetic, and none the less poetic for being philosophical. The fact is, that some of our best philosophy has come from our poets. But this great chapter is more than a philosophical poem. It is the Holy Spirit's definition of love, in which love's supremacy, love's character, and love's perpetuity are gloriously enunciated. As we read or recite the chapter, it would seem to say everything that can be said about love, and it ends on a note of finality. Who would think of adding anything after the last verse: "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love?"

Yet, if that were the last word on love, it would be terribly incomplete. After we have sung our hymn, after we have been carried up to Heaven on these wings of song, we find that our feet are still treading this earth, and we begin asking, "But how does it work?" We need some practical help in applying love to our workaday life, to our complex relationships. And God has not left us without the help we need. Our passage in Romans is just as much a classic on love as the great Corinthian chapter, and Paul here becomes the Holy Spirit's counsellor to us in the love life of the believer. It is amazing in how many directions and in how many ways the Christian is to show love. It is the diapason of the whole Christian life.

The passage in Matthew 25:31-46 would seem to call for a dispensational treatment, but it is included in the lesson rather to show that love is the final test of our relation to Christ, and is seen

in our actions toward His people. We might put alongside it James 1:27. Acts 6:1-7 gives us a picture of love conquering in a difficult church situation which could easily have created division. So from the prophetic teachings of our Lord, from the story of the first church, and from the mature counsels of the great apostle, we have the same call: Love one another.

Verse by Verse

Rom. 12:9.—"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor... cleave." Love is not a mask covering contrary feelings, but is genuine. What is displayed is what flows within. It is void of hypocrisy, like the "unfeigned faith" of 2 Timothy 1:5. Such love is constant in its reactions—recoiling from evil, and adhering like glue to what is good and kind. So our responses are a test of our love.

Verse 10.—"Brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." From the love of verse 9 we come to a particular brand of love, brother-love. As bound together with brother-love in Christ, we are exhorted not to be cold and distant with one another, but to show the tender affection which is expected in family relationships. Such love will express itself in leading others into the place of honor instead of seeking the pre-eminence for ourselves. Contrast 3 John 9.

Verse 11.—"Not slothful... fervent... serving." The three are linked. Since we have become the bondslaves of Christ, our service must not be hindered by flagging zeal, but sustained by a spirit kept at boiling point.

Verse 12.—"Rejoicing... patient... continuing." These three also are related. Because our hope is sure, it is our privilege to rejoice always; because tribulation is our lot here (John 16:33), we must practice patient endurance; and because prayer lifts us above the present circumstance and makes our hope real, we must not slack in its exercise.

Verse 13.—"Distributing... hospitality." The first refers to sending goods out, the second to bringing people in. Both had a marked place in the early church. But hospitality had its limits. See 2 John 10.

Verse 14.—"Bless them which

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Dayton, O.—A giant 9½-ton bulldozer has been successfully parachuted from a Fairchild C-119 cargo plane, the air force said recently.

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persecute you." We have the example of our Lord in this (Luke 23:34). (See also Acts 7:60).

Verse 15.—"Rejoice... and weep." To rejoice with those who rejoice requires a love that is free from all envy and jealousy; To weep with those who weep requires a love that is tender and full of compassion. See John 11:35.

Verse 16.—"Be of the same mind... Mind not high things, but condescend." Being harmonious in your relations toward one another" (Sanday and Headlam). The way to secure such harmony is not to let the mind go after lofty things (i.e., not to be seeking place above others), but to be "carried away with" humble folk and modest conditions. When the rich man is content to see the poor man made chairman of the board, that makes for peace.

Verse 17.—"Recompense... Provide." Our system of recompense is not tit-for-tat, nor the legal eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth, but see verse 20. It is not just strict honesty to which we are exhorted here, but a loveliness of behaviour which will commend our Lord to all. Some honest people are far from lovely.

Verse 18.—"Live peaceably." Notice the modifications to this command. It may not always be possible to live at peace, but the breach of the peace must never come from us.

Verse 19.—"Give place unto wrath." The Revised Version adds "of God," the thought being that we are to allow the wrath of God to take care of vengeance for us, according to the rest of the verse. It may be better, however, to take the passage simply as a call to nonresistance, leaving our cause in God's hands.

Verse 20.—"Feed him... give him drink... coals of fire." We are to take the revenge of love. There may be a double thought in the "coals of fire": (1) burning shame will seize him for his wrongdoing, leading to repentance; (2) if he persists in his evil despite our doing him good, the greater will be his punishment at the hand of God.

Verse 21.—"Be not overcome... but overcome." The ultimate question is whether we are going to be conquered or be conquerors. If ill-treatment drives us to anger and revenge, we are defeated; if we give the answer of love, the evil is defeated.

Chap. 13:8.—"Owe no man any thing, but to love one another." The first phrase is to be interpreted in the light of the previous verse. When an obligation falls due, financial or otherwise, we are to pay it. But there is one debt which we can never discharge—the debt of love. In other debts, the more we pay, the less we owe, but the debt of love never diminishes with payment.

Verse 9.—"Briefly comprehended... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Here is the pocket edition of the Law. Learn this, and the whole Law will be instinctively known and kept.

Verse 10.—"Love worketh no ill... the fulfilling of the law." Love will not only keep from the outward act of sin prohibited by the Law, but will keep the Law in its deeper meaning as taught by Jesus Christ. Love fulfills, not by restraint, but by constraint.

The heart of the Lesson
 The heart of the Gospel is the love of God. The heart of the Christian life is "the love of God... shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5), and applied to all life's relationships and situations. There are many beautiful love passages in the Bible, but none of more practical interest than the portion in our lesson today.

There are three distinct emphases. In Romans 12:9-13 we are entirely in the circle of believers, and we are dealing specifically with brother-love (v. 10). Notice the ethical quality of this love in verse 9, its tenderness in verse 10, its ardor in verse 11, its steadfastness in verse 12, and its large-heartedness in verse 13. Although all this practical application, it displays the character of love as clearly as the more precise statements of 1 Corinthians 13.

From verse 14 to the end of the chapter, love is being manifested in a different sphere—among enemies, critics, persecutors. Here it is a question of love's reactions. It answers persecution with blessing, not cursing (v. 14), like Christ on the cross and Stephen amid the flying stones. It answers the world's worship of rank and station with an outgoing of the heart to the lowly (v. 16), like J. Taylor Smith who, when chaplain to Queen Victoria, addressed himself to the servant maids and lads at the back of the royal chapel. Love answers wrongdoing with a beauty of conduct that bespeaks the Lord Jesus (v. 17). It refuses to indulge in revenge. Rather its revenge is in the coin of kindness (v. 20). So love stands victor in the field, with the power of evil broken (v. 21). This lesson of love is not easily learned. We want to talk back, hit back, give blow for blow. We feel that we have failed if we do not give the other fellow as much as he has given us. Actually our worst failure is in so doing. Love learns to leave revenge in higher hands.

The days are getting shorter and hotter.

MECHANICAL WEATHERMAN ERECTED IN TORONTO

The pylon erected on top of the Canada Life Assurance building at Queen and University, is expected to tell Toronto citizenry what they can expect in the way of weather. The forecasts will be made by a system of lights, but that is as far as the company will go in detail right now because they are not sure what kind of a weatherman the tower and the beacon will make.

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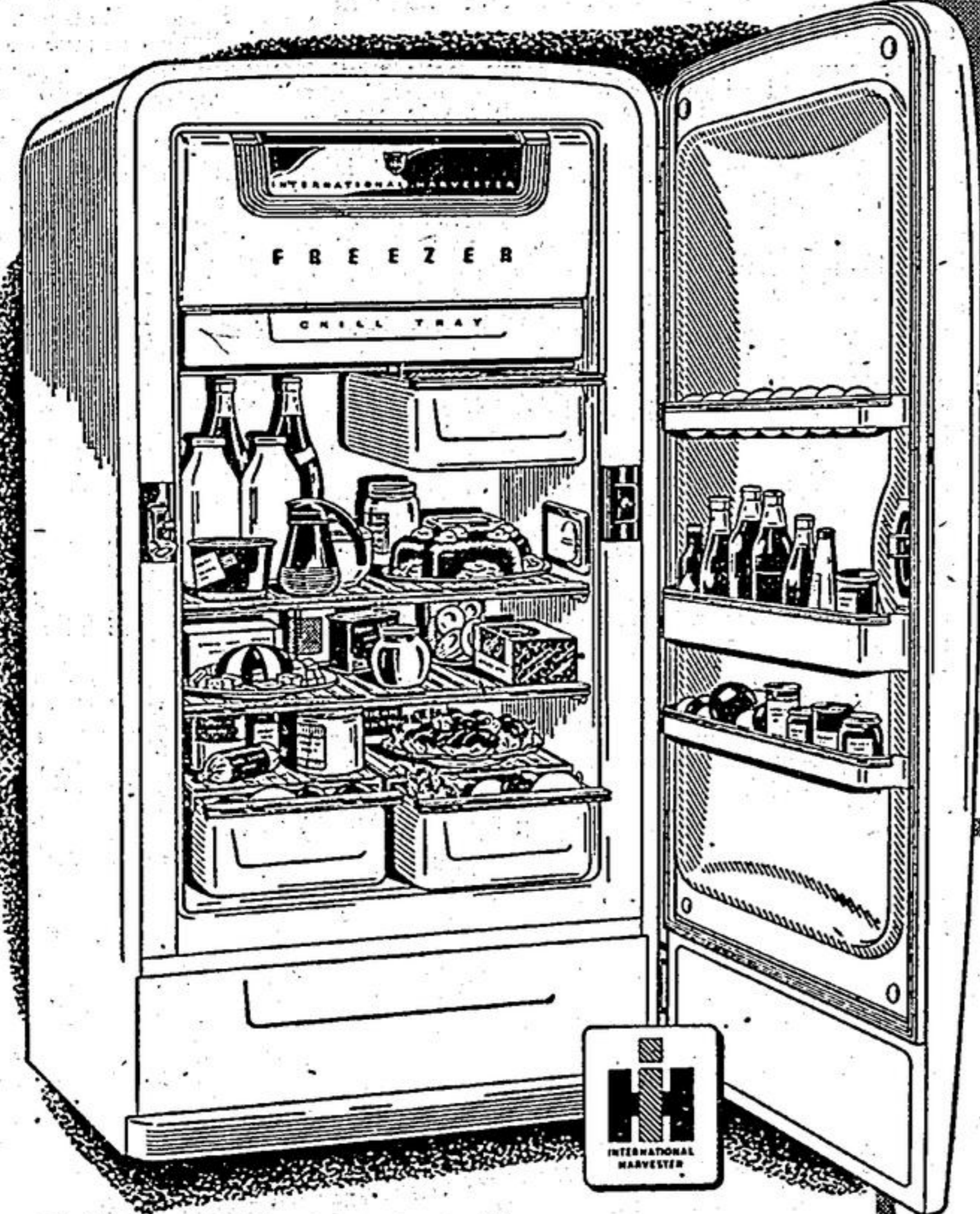
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