

Group D No. 114. Speech On Love.

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One of the greatest words in all the English language is that little word of four letters, love. The most wonderful lesson given to us by the greatest of all Teachers was summed up in what He considered the first and greatest of all the commandments, "Love one another". This is a lesson we must all learn if we would have happiness in our daily lives, for without love, life would indeed be very dark and dismal.

The commandment of love fulfills all law and is the lesson taught by each of the heroines of our great Order. The point of Electa is considered the symbol of love, but no more so than are the other points of our beautiful emblem. Although Electa, because of her great love for her crucified Lord, pressed the cross with ardor to her bosom, and looked up with faith in the face of persecution, we know that it was love that prompted Adah to offer her life to preserve her father's honor; we know it was love that caused Ruth to follow Naomi into a land of strangers; we know it was love for her people that caused Esther to brave the King's anger, and we know it was love that caused Martha to grieve because of the death of her brother. What a wonderful privilege it is to belong to an Order whose principal teaching is love.

There is no joy on earth or in Heaven above,  
That is greater than that of the word we call love;  
It has only four letters, but love is not mild,  
For it cannot be measured with mother and child;  
And great is our love for our country, it's true,  
For men give their lives for our Red, White, and Blue;  
So when you sum up all the words great and small,  
You'll find the word "love" is the greatest of all.