

O<sup>U</sup>r

Our subject which has been assigned for discussion tonight is

"Following truth where~~e~~ver it leads."

This is a very com mon slogan nowadays. Yet on a little ex~~m~~amination, it proves to be quite fallacious. T~~u~~ruth does not lead. Truth is. After all what s truth? Truth is that which corresponds<sup>to</sup> reality. A truth is a fact as it exists. A statement is either true or not true. Truth in this sense does not lead, but it remains where it is, waiting for us to find it out.

A matter that has been much discussed is the question as to whether we can have certainty or not. But the answer, of course is that there are many things of which we can be absolutely certain. I don't think that there is anyone ~~where~~ that doubts today that he is in the United States of America. If someone entertains a ~~ser~~ious doubts on this matter, he is a candidate for the insane asylum, not one who can reasonably considered a member of the intelligent <sup>a</sup>society of human beings. We are all absolutely certain that we are now on the territory of the United States of America. There are many things we have discussed <sup>or</sup> which we can be absolutely certain. I can be absolutely certain where I spent last night. I cannot yet be certain where I am going to spend tonight. I may feel one hundred percent sure of it. But there is always a possibility of change in the future, because <sup>no</sup> human being cannot know the future with absolute certainty. There are many things that ~~are sacked today that~~ are absolutely true, <sup>but</sup> of which I am not in a ~~s~~ position to have a certainty. You asked me where my wife is, and I tell you that I believe that she is in Philadelphia, yet it is already a few hours since I have had any contact with her. There is always a possibilty of something having happened that it made it necessary for her to go to another city, unless I have had

*I cannot be certain that she is in Ph.*