INTRODUCTION TO THE PEDAGOGY OF ST. PAUL

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The Editorial Board of the Journal of Inductive Biblical Studies has decided to include from time to time contributions to inductive Bible study from scholars of the past. We are proud that the first of these contributions comes from the pen of Howard Tillman Kuist. Kuist was a student of Wilbert Webster White at The Biblical Seminary in New York. Because Kuist showed great promise as a scholar and teacher, White urged him to pursue his doctoral studies and hired him to teach at The Biblical Seminary. After serving on the faculty at The Biblical Seminary for several years, Kuist taught biblical studies, employing the inductive approach, at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and finally at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he served until his death in 1964. The following article represents the Foreword, Introduction, and initial two chapters of Kuist’s book, The Pedagogy of St. Paul; the remainder of the book will appear in subsequent issues of the Journal. This book is based upon the doctoral dissertation Kuist wrote under the direction of the great educator at New York University, Herman Harrell Horne. Horne himself had a personal and professional relationship with W. W. White and was closely associated with The Biblical Seminary and with the inductive approach to the study of the Bible. One of the emphases of the early stages of the inductive Bible study movement was a concern with pedagogy, i.e., the proper method for teaching the Bible. This book by Kuist thus integrates an inductive study of the Pauline Epistles with insights into pedagogy. This book reflects the thinking and approach of Dr. Kuist at the beginning of his professional career in 1925. Of course, his thought developed; and readers may find his more mature thinking in These Words Upon Thy Heart: Scripture and the Christian Response, which encapsulates the Sprunt Lectures that Kuist delivered at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia in 1947. The editors wish to express their appreciation to Dr. James Kuist, the son of Howard Tillman Kuist, for his kind permission to reprint his father’s book.