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The Friendly Endeavor

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TWIN ROCKS BANQUET, NEWBERG, APRIL 27

VICTORY OVED DEATH.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The most fearsome thing in people's lives is the fact of death. Everyone shrinks from it and although one waits at the bedside of him whom they know cannot live, yet when the moment comes that breath stops, the watcher is not ready, there is a shock to the whole being. To the Christian this grief comes as that of separation from personal fellowship; to those without hope there is a deeper sting which never can be changed.

Despite the awesomeness of death, it is a fact that no human being can escape. "The sting of death is sin," so the Word tells us. That which hurts and cuts our very being in regard to the departed soul is the fact of sin in their lives. Their chance of salvation is gone forever and those left behind mourn with a real sting of separation. Hopelessness is brought by sin. If the one dead has had sin removed by the blood of Jesus Christ, then the sting is gone and those who mourn do not sorrow "as those having no hope."

There is a bright side even to the thought of death. Jesus Christ has conquered death! He broke its chains! He proved it could not hold Him! He showed that life is stronger than death! He triumphantly left behind that which seems most powerful to man, that which we cannot escape. The power of God reaches beyond every havoc of sin and provides a way of escape.

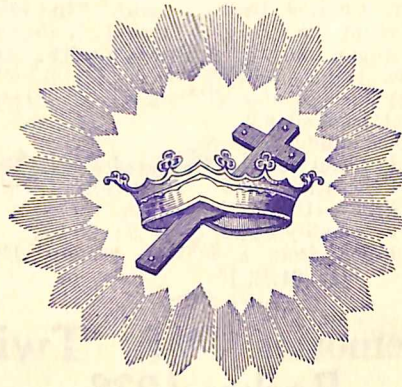
Christ not only won the victory over death for Himself, but to all who believe on His name He gives that same victory over death. "Thanks to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Because of Christ's victory God giveth us the victory also. Christ imparts His life to us, so God uses His power in our mortal bodies just as He did for His only begotten Son.

It is no more death to die, for the sting is gone. Sin is not in the life and will not everlastingly separate the soul from God. Death now becomes a means of entrance to real life, eternal life. Death means freedom from that which hampers our perfect spiritual vision here, freedom from that which hinders our perfect service for the Lord, freedom from that which hinders our understanding of God's perfect will. Death need not affright the Christian when the sting is gone; the grave has no victory, for is not the day coming when all the dead in Christ shall answer the trumpet call and come forth from the grave to meet the Lord? Then shall we which are alive be changed in a moment so we may meet

the Lord in the air. The law of gravitation shall lose its power because of a higher law which the Lord shall allow to operate—a law of gravitation which pulls the opposite direction. What a grand chorus shall then sing as the redeemed saints wing their flight to the skies on that greatest Easter morning, when Christ witnesses the accomplishment of that for which He died and rose again. What a thrilling moment when we are enabled to express our praise and thanks and in perfect fellowship with the saints with whom we have labored, with those for whom we have prayed, and with those of every nation, tongue and tribe, we meet our Christ, who is the first fruits of them that slept and has made possible that day of Rapture.

All glory, honor and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who rose triumphantly from the grave, leaving its yawning gap empty and powerless to hold its prey, and who has given to us the same victory over the grave, making it possible for there to be an actual Easter morning for our mortal bodies.

Glorious day when we shall meet on that Easter of Easeters to part no more, but to sing, "Alleluia, Christ arose."



YOUR EASTER.

Friend, in your eager toil and strife,
Have you crucified the Lord of life?
Have you laid the loving Christ away
In the dust of a sordid yesterday?
Busy there in the market place,
Have you long forgot His heavenly face?
Are His tender words all lost to you—
Has your heart grown cold to his love so true?

'Tis Easter, friend, lift up your eyes
And bid the Christ for you arise!
Make this the resurrection day,
When in your heart He comes to stay—
Bid faith arise from out the gloom
Where you have marked His dusty tomb;
Make Him your Guest, your Friend, your
Guide,
So shall His joy with you abide.
Frances M. Morton.

THE CONFERENCE SHIP.

The Conference Ship has been anchored for several months, but she will be ready to start sailing on April 27th. She will reach Twin Rocks by July 30th. and will remain there until August 4th. She will set sail from Newberg, Oregon. You will want to be there to help her get started. In fact, you will want to go with her. The Conference Ship has a large capacity and will carry all who will come and get on. She will not be full unless you are there. Vacant chairs won't be any fun. The pilot wants a full representation to start on the journey to Conference.

At the sailing time the passengers will hear something of the sights they are to see when they arrive. They will know what to expect in the way of recreation, program and living quarters after the evening of April 27th. This great banquet and program at the moment of sailing will afford a chance for those on board to get acquainted and start the voyage with the enthusiasm of true friendships.

All aboard on the Conference Ship at 6:30 April 27th, Friends Church, Newberg, Oregon.

Absolute safety is guaranteed on this ship. It will be well worth your time to go, for you will receive many times what it costs you. A good time is promised, pleasant companions on the journey, and an extraordinary week of pleasure and profit at the end. Don't lose out at the beginning but get on at the starting point. The pilot is looking for a full crowd. Get your ticket and be on hand at Newberg April 27th.

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR YOUNG PASTORS AND OTHERS.

By a Lay Member.

1. If your work is the most important in the world, act like it.
2. Spend more time in vital prayer.
3. Plan your work and work your plan. Although there will be many interruptions, you will accomplish more than by having no plan.
4. Don't habitually lie abed in the morning and otherwise waste your time, which belongs to the Lord and to the church. Remember the story of the pastor who asked the Lord to forgive him for taking a nap one afternoon when he realized his parishioners were laboring in the harvest fields.
5. Do not gossip about other ministers or anyone else (nor allow your wife to).
6. Do not have favorites among people.
7. Be always on the job. Do not start in and visit everyone the first month of your pastorate and then gradually quit.
8. Sometimes have prayer and direct talks with your people about their spiritual life in their homes.

9. Do not become unduly absorbed in your hobby or side line, be it hunting, fishing, garden, chickens or what not. Use it only as a relaxation for the real business.

10. Keep your promises; be punctual.
11. Cultivate the interests of your young people and children. Don't put the feed trough so high the lambs cannot reach it; also the Lord did not tell Peter to beat and lambast the sheep, but to FEED them.

12. Enter heartily into all the service. Do not suddenly stop singing, open your Bible and go to studying your prayer meeting or other lesson. Do that before you come.

13. Keep studying and abreast of the times.

13. Do not stay too long in a place. It is better to leave before trouble starts than after.

14. Be courteous at all times and appreciative of all favors.

15. "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

QUIET HOUR FOOD

By BELL G. BADLEY

Christian Endeavor Topics

April 14, 1929.

Topic—"Bible Messages Needed Today." Matthew 16:24; John 3:16; Isaiah 55:1-3, 6, 7.

Perhaps one of the most important messages we could mention is "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand." If we were able to let that cry ring out today as it did in the day of John the Baptist, surely there would be conviction for sin. That seems to be one of the greatest needs of this age—conviction for sin in the heart.

The Holy Scriptures bring blessed messages of reverence, of self denial, love for God's laws, faith, love, hope, invitation, salvation, power and eternity. How the hard heart softens, the indifferent heart attends, and the discouraged heart becomes hopeful under the ministry of Bible messages.

April 21, 1929.

Topic—"The Wonder of the Bible." Isaiah 55:8-13; Matthew 5:17-19; II. Peter 1:19-21.

The Bible is wonderful—
In Poetry—Psalms 103:1-22.
In Religion—Matthew 6:5-15.
In Ethics—Matthew 5:1-16.
In revelation of God—John 14:1-14.
In inspiration—II. Timothy 3:14-17.

The Bible is wonderful because it is a book of religious experiences, showing how men learned to know God. It is a book of comfort in sorrow, warning in danger, advice in perplexity, hope in despair. It reveals sin as no other book does, but it shows the way to be saved from sin. It is a book of correction, it is a teacher, it rebukes, it praises, it educates, and best of all it is true.

What gems of thought have you found in the Bible?

What test would you give to a book to prove whether or not it is wonderful?

What is the reason for the Bible's popularity, for it is the best seller after many generations?

April 28, 1929.

Topic—"The Triumphs of the Bible on Mission Fields." Romans 1:16-17; I. Corinthians 1:17-21.

You have noticed that the topics selected for several Sundays in succession are on the Bible. What greater topics can we find than those found in the Bible!

The heathen have found in it the light that led them out of superstition and darkness. Where they are not able to read it as we do, they memorize portions of it.

One-sixth of the population of the globe is in India, and it is a needy field. It is saturated with religions, but it needs the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible will be the beacon light to guide India to Christ.

Hudson Taylor felt the burden of China on his heart; he had a call. Was it not the desire to carry the Bible to China that gave him the determination to obey God?

If the Bible has made a difference in our lives, if it has helped to build our characters, if it inspires us to right living, then we may expect it to do the same on the mission fields.

May 5, 1929.

Topic—"Service a Way to Leadership." Matthew 20:20-28.

One must be willing to pay the price of leadership if he would be of real service. The price is preparation, planning, working, helping, enthusiasm and patience.

Character is a prime requisite for leadership. No one will follow a person he does not respect and admire.

Dr. Charles Brown said, "In every branch of the Church there is a demand for young men of sound health, good sense, trained intelligence, social sympathy and genuine character to furnish moral leadership."

Some study helps—
Faithful service—Genesis 41:1-43.
Concentration—I. Corinthians 2:2.
Study—II. Timothy 2:15.
Originality—Matthew 7: 28,29.
Learn from a great leader—Exodus 24:12-18.

Memories of Twin Rocks, 1928

(This is the last outline to be given of the Inspirational Hours last Conference. Gladys Hadley Cook is the one to whom we are indebted for such a full outline of these messages of Homer L. Cox.)—Editor's Note.

CHOOSING A LIFE PARTNER.

Matthew 19:4-5; Jeremiah 3:4.

- A. Marriage is a Holy State.
 - 1. Divine Partnership.
- B. A supreme relation.
 - 1. Above paternal relation.
 - 2. Husband and wife must come first.
- C. A unity.
 - 1. Two become one.
 - 2. Each gives self to other.
 - 3. Does away with flirtation, for flirtation is a partial giving of self.

- 4. Each a helpmeet. Does not lose identity.
- 5. Unity in material interests.
- 6. Unity in spiritual interests.
- D. Marriage for life. "Ought to be no divorce unless written in the green grass of the grave of one or the other"
- E. Guides in choosing companion.
 - 1. Common sense.
 - a. See each other off guard, for real self exposed in emergencies.
 - b. Is he manly? Womanly?
 - c. Consider health conditions.
 - d. Is he/she ambitious?
 - e. Does he have integrity?
 - f. Can he laugh?
 - 2. Love—elements of:
 - a. Physical attraction.
 - 1. Influenced by looks.
 - 2. Influenced by presence.
 - 5. Sex attraction. (Has its place in human love.)
 - b. Mental capacity.
 - 1. Harmony of tastes, books, music, recreation.
 - c. Spiritual comradeship.
 - 3. Lord.
 - a. Guidance of the Bible—voice of the Spirit.
 - b. Advice of godly people.
- F. Causes of Failure.
 - a. Lack of home training.
 - b. Hasty marriage.
 - c. Marriage for reformation.
 - d. Runaway.
 - e. Squandered affections and self before marriage.
 - 1. Loving everyone.
 - 2. Promiscuous petting.
 - 3. Violent loving and petting now in vogue squanders self until one is not capable of high love.

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June 1, 1928-January 1, 1929.

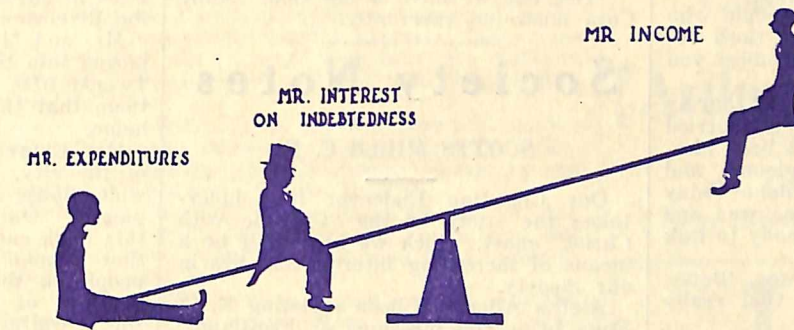
Cash Receipts	
Cash on hand June 1, 1928.....	\$ 2.44
Appropriation Balance 1927-8....	150.00
Appropriation in full 1928-9.....	300.00
Offering at Yearly Meeting.....	49.95
Conference Returns	160.00
Total	\$662.39
Cash Payments	
Printing Expense	\$ 73.15
Traveling Expense	31.50
Evangelists' Expense	160.00
Conference Expense.....	279.18
Conference Property	65.00
Incidentals	1.08
Total	\$609.91
Balance	52.48
Total	\$662.39

ALETHA ALLEN, Treasurer.

BOISE QUARTERLY MEETING.

A Christian Endeavor Rally was held on Friday evening of Quarterly Meeting, February 22d. The theme of the program, "Stewardship," was carried out in the songs, readings and the short address, "Why Young People Should Tithe," by Herman H. Macy, the pastor at Valley Mound. Each society was represented, although we were sorry that the Boise group was unexpectedly prevented from coming.

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EDITORIAL COLUMN.

The Ministerial Conference which meets in Greenleaf, Idaho, April 9th to 11th, is a matter of interest to the young people as well as older ones. Why? One of the objects of Christian Endeavor is to be a real help to the pastor. This means that we can pray for our pastors as they go, that their own hearts may be refreshed, that their fellowship with one another may be sweet and strengthening, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in planning their work for the churches. Our pastors are wonderful men of God and we need to appreciate them more and pray for them that they may be used in a powerful way in helping souls. The Lord bless our pastors during this Conference and in future days, as they faithfully labor at their posts of duty!

"IT IS NOT DEATH TO DIE."

It is not death to die—
To leave this weary road,
And 'mid the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

It is not death to close
The eye dimmed with tears,
And wake in glorious repose
To spend eternal years.

It is not death to bear
The wrench that sets us free
From dungeon chain to breathe the
air
Of boundless liberty.

It is not death to fling
Aside this sinful dust,
And rise on strong exulting wing
To live among the just.

Jesus, thou Prince of Life,
Thy chosen cannot die!
Like Thee they conquer in the strife
To reign with Thee on high.

—Selected.

HOW ARE YOUR FINANCES?

Below is the status of ours. We have those among us who insist consistently in dwelling in the stellar atmosphere. Star Christian Endeavor, of Star, Idaho, has for the past three years, 1927, 1928, 1929, consistently held the star position in paying its quota in full. Three cheers for Star! First again! Here is a bit of news. The entire quota for 1928 has been paid 100%. Isn't that great!

Society	Quota	Paid
First Friends	\$35.00	\$10.00
Piedmont	20.00	
Second Friends	15.00	
Highland	15.00	
South Salem	10.00	
Melba	5.00	
Rosedale	5.00	
Greenleaf	20.00	
Star	15.00	15.00
Boise	10.00	
Newberg	10.00	
Springbrook	12.00	
Chehalem Center	8.00	
Tacoma	10.00	
Entiat	8.00	
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Vancouver	5.00	
Scotts Mills	12.00	
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