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GLEANINGS FROM THE CONFERENCE.

How we wish every member of Oregon Yearly Meeting could have attended the Second Annual Conference of the Christian Endeavorers. Words can't begin to convey the feelings of those who were privileged to be there. We would be delighted to give a graphic account of each session, of the joy of mingling together, of the rest and recreation, and the inspiration of our family worship. We can't do that, so we will do the next generous thing.

If any of you have ever visited Rose-dale after the loganberry crop has been harvested, you have learned something. When your hostess desires to serve you a particularly delicious tid-bit, she says, "come with me, and we will go a gleaning." So you will go with her to the loganberry patch and glean. Up and down the rows you go, and every ten or twenty feet you find hidden away among the leaves, a big dark red, ripe, luscious berry. After spending an hour or so at this interesting work you have gleaned a quart of them. Then your hostess crushes the berries with sugar, and she pours the mixture over a crisp brown short-cake. She tells you to help yourself to the cream, and you attempt to conceal your amazement (and fail), as the big yellow "gobs" of country cream roll out of the pitcher. Then when you have eaten it all, you chide yourself, for if you hadn't eaten it you would still have something to look forward to.

Well, some of us have gone a-gleaning, and we hereby present you with The Conference Short-cake.

THE INSPIRATIONAL ADDRESSES.

The Conference of Welcome was given by President Pennington and was characterized by its forceful argument, logical reasoning and inspirational nature. He spoke on the "Image of God," and brought many new and interesting thoughts.

He showed that the essence of the likeness of man to God was not in a physical or outward way, but in a spiritual or inward way. He spoke of our being like God in powers that are peculiar to man—namely, intellect, emotion and will, and through their exercise we are able to apprehend God. We can know God through Jesus Christ and only through Him. Nature, science, philosophy, etc., teach God's omnipotence, omnipresence,

and omniscience, but only through Jesus can we know His love. Love is the highest emotion that man can show to his fellows, and by his love is God revealed. Jesus Christ is the highest expression of love that God ever gave. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Divine love seeks only the good of the object loved, and far exceeds the highest form of human love because of the entire absence of self desire in it. To show to even a small degree a touch of such love, we must do as He did, love the world. God not only loved, but He acted, in giving to a lost and sinful world His best gift. We must not only love, we must act. We must hold fast not only to the fundamentals of our faith, but also to the fundamentals of living.

On Tuesday evening, Dr. W. P. White brought a more than interesting address on the whole Bible, emphasizing the prophecy of Jesus' return to earth. He ran through the whole plan of salvation as revealed in the Book of Books. He did not approve the popular idea that the Bible is a collection of, or library of 66 books, but by his interpretation of it showed its unity, logical progression and its perfect plan to be one Book of 66 chapters. Dr White stands for the authenticity, credibility and divine authority of the whole scripture, and throughout his magnificent address showed his belief in the verbal inspiration of the Bible. Paradise was lost through sin and was regained through the Blood. Upon the darkest of pictures came a light that shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. It was written to tell of Jesus Christ, the Savior, and speaks of the need, the promise, the world's sin and its effects, the advent of a Savior, His death, resurrection and promise to come again to set the world in order. Dr. White has a chart showing the whole scheme, and from this chart he has published small ones which can be conveniently carried. He very generously gave to the Conference 18 of these charts, and they were greatly appreciated by all who received one.

Wednesday evening, President Pennington very kindly consented to tell us about the need, organization and plan of the Forward Movement to which he has been called. He began by this remark, "we cannot remain complacent in the face of the world conditions." Then he showed that Christianity stands discredited in the eyes of the world today, and although we may say and know that Christianity has never had a real chance and trial, yet before the world it stands discredited. Religions have failed,

formal Christianity has failed, and the living Christ is now the only hope of the nations. Material can best be put in a house while it is being built or rebuilt. The world is in a process of reconstruction. If we want the re-built world to be built on the rock, we must show them the need and do our part. The great movements of the other denominations were discussed, and the Forward Movement was shown to be similar. He made it clear that the purpose of the movement is not to unite the different branches of Friends, but for the uniting of Friends of the Five Years Meeting, in the work that the church leaders feel needs to be done. The four words, Message, Mission, Men and Money show the plan. The message is the old message of Pardon, Peace, Purity and Power, and consists of individual, personal knowledge of God, and a service for God to humanity. The peculiar message of the early Friends is needed today. Our message and the need reveal the mission. The mission shows the need of men and money.

May the Lord lead and bless Levi T. Pennington in this new work.

I. Gurney Lee, of Salem, spoke Thursday evening from the second chapter of Second Timothy, and showed that the individual letter was written because the time was coming and has come when God must speak to individuals rather than to denominations and congregations. He showed by seven different figures, some plans of conduct which the Christian must follow. He is a son of God, not because he is a man, but because he has been born again and he must be strong in Jesus Christ. The command to be strong carries with it the promise of strength. First he must be a soldier, in never-questioning service. Then a wrestler against the powers of darkness, next, a husbandman partaking of the fruits he offers others. He must be a workman rightly dividing the word of truth, approved not of men but of God. He must be a vessel unto honor, clean and purified through the agency of Holy Ghost fire. He must be a servant of the Lord, a love servant, not striving in his own strength, nor according to his own plan, yet contending for the faith, and the truth as revealed by Him in the Holy Ghost. The power, clearness and simplicity of Gurney Lee's message was felt by all.

There was such an unusual interest manifested among the Conference attendants in the lectures by E. H. Parisho, that he kindly granted the request to give in a summary address on Friday evening

the substance of his morning classes. It is impossible, in this short paragraph to present the truths that he presented, with even a semblance of his impressive manner, and convincing interpretation, but in short the message was a conclusive argument that God is God, and that Jesus is his divine Son. Ninety-five per cent of all we know is taken from other people. Every one of us depends upon the statements of others for our science, history and geography. All we really know we gain through the use of our five senses. God, in order to reveal Himself to us had to come to us in the flesh, and the Holy Spirit provides the sixth sense, or a spiritual way to know God. The philosophy of Spencer and Huxley has everything governed by law, eliminating the necessity of God. Now, everything is governed by law, BUT GOD GOVERNS THE LAW. Law is the way things behave, and God is in His whole universe governing the laws He has made. He is in His universe, just as you and I are in our bodies, according to the Athenian presentation. Jesus Christ satisfies man's search after God. He claims to be God at His baptism, at His transfiguration, at His trial, and at His resurrection. Jesus fulfilled every jot and tittle of the Old Law, and then took it all to the cross with Him, and we are not bound to any of the Old Law, because Jesus did it all for us. Glory to God we are free.—Blaine Bronner.

OUR MORNING WORSHIP.

A prayer meeting on the bleachers, in the open air. That's where you found us each morning just after breakfast. Here are some of the questions we grappled with in the discussions which Lyra Miles skillfully directed.

1. The call of God—are we called of God to the vocation or avocation which we are following? 2. Christian Stewardship—are we as young people withholding time or talent from the service of the church, because remuneration is not guaranteed? 3. Who is my neighbor—my duty toward him? 4. The type of message—does the message of the church ever change? 5. Pastoral evangelism, and the challenge of service—do we shrink from giving the personal message?

The discussions were freely participated in, and the various view points presented gave us ample food for thought, and fuel for action for the year to come. With our minds clear from a refreshing night's rest, we faced the problems before us, and presented them to our Heavenly Father with faith in His promise that, "if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."—Gertrude Cook.

THE CONFERENCE SPIRIT.

It is always impossible to convey to someone who has not experienced it that intangible yet exceedingly forceful some-

thing—the spirit of a Conference. The rich association and fellowship that comes when a group of people with similar ideals and purposes, worship together, is wonderful. From our family worship in the early morning sunshine, through the day, in the study and recreation, the pleasant times together in the dining room, the walks at twilight through the canon, the quiet visits on the things of God, all these served to bring about a beautiful spirit of harmony. Our regret is that so few comparatively, were able to enjoy these blessings with us.—Lyra Miles.

THE WEATHER.

Every day was perfect excepting Friday, which was a few degrees too warm for the average tennis player, but most of our tennis players are above the average, and the tennis "fans" were loyal always.

"EATS."

In the first place we had eats three times a day, in the next place they were good, and lastly there was enough and to spare. We had two excellent cooks, who knew their business, and three little waitresses who knew just how to do it, and from fifteen to thirty folks with appetites. The only discordant note was the constant and never ceasing "fuss" between Blaine Bronner and Chester Hadley as to who would get the wood for the cooks. They quarreled over who would saw it, and over who would split it, and who would pile it up. The young ladies would gladly have taken charge of it themselves, but for two reasons. It would have fostered laziness in both the above mentioned young men, and then it was such fun to hear them argue.

MORE GLEANINGS.

The Bible does not put a premium on ignorance.

Nothing can separate you from God but sin.

No one can be soul winner until he himself has real salvation.

So long as man is seeking God he has not sinned away his day of grace.

The greatest thing in personal evangelism is to be led by the Holy Spirit.

The Church of Jesus Christ is not an organization but an organism.

Some of us should be like the Scotchman who prayed, "Lord start me right, for ye can't change me when I get started."

Reject the Blood and you no longer feel the responsibility of your brother.

Dr. Black, of New York, says, "there is nothing in history that is better proved than the resurrection of Jesus.

Will the heathen be saved? "Yes," you say, "if he lives up to all the light he knows." Tell me something. Where is the man who lives up to all he knows

is right, without the grace of Jesus Christ?

God usually calls us to a work to which we have a natural tendency.

SOCIETY NEWS

ROSEDALE.

The young people's class of the Sunday School held a social at the home of Lowell Gardner, on Friday evening, August 22. Outdoor games were enjoyed by all.

The Christian Endeavor is doing its part in using the new organ to the glory of Christ who giveth us all things.

A few of our members are attending the Summer Conference which we realize will be a help and inspiration to all who are there. We wish everybody could go.

The boys and girls left in trucks for the Sunday School picnic August 21. After reaching the grounds, various games were played such as horseshoe and croquet. After dinner a number of races were run by several. A short program was rendered by the children which was very interesting.

The topic on "The Folly of Pride" was led by Jack Turnbull. We all realized more fully the sin of pride and how God hates it.

QUILCENE.

Though far away—about 250 miles from our own Quarterly Meeting—we take pleasure in letting the other readers of A Friendly Endeavor know that we have a good live Christian Endeavor Society. In fact our sister point, Leland, is talking some of starting one too.

The meetings this month have been very interesting. It is frequently our practice to have two leaders, one of the older ones assisting the younger members. On August 3rd Mrs. Hart and Lester Prestwood led the meeting. An unusually large number took part and it was a truly "Homey" meeting. Mildred Bailey and Alberta Butterfield sang a duet.

August 10th Mildred Clark and her mother were the leaders and we had a good time considering when speech was sometimes unwise and silence sometimes sinful.

August 17th our big six-footer Frank Hendrickson, led and we found that many people today are selling out their inheritances as sons of God, for the temporary pleasures which this world offers.

August 24th under the leadership of Mrs. Rose Clark we decided that pride of any sort was at the very least dangerous and that family pride and church pride can be very easily used of the devil as stumbling blocks for us. The singing class which we started two weeks ago under the leadership of our new pastor, Bro. Fox, is growing in interest and numbers. The auto trips to Brinnon every Tuesday night to hold service with the dear people there is very much enjoyed by those favored to go. The Sunday afternoon services at Leland, are also often enjoyed by others than the pastor. We are picnicing together this Wednesday (27). It's the nearest approach we can get to Conference.

REX.

Willard D. Wiley is working in the harvest fields of Eastern Washington.

A. Lindsey McCaffree has gone to Yakima Valley, Washington, to work during the fruit season. His helpful presence is greatly missed in our meetings.

Ross E. Wiley has been home spending his vacation, but has returned to his work for the Standard Oil Company near La Habra, Calif. This was his first visit home since his return from France.

Halcyon Wiley gave a party on the evening of August 23rd, in honor of her brother Ross.

Halcyon Wiley attended Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Scotts Mills, Oregon, August 15-16.

Several from our C. E. have attended the Conference at Newberg. We deem it a great privilege to be able to attend such an interesting and helpful Conference.

MARION.

We Marion people were greatly favored a few weeks ago by having Olin Hadley here to speak to us about his work in the reconstruction unit in France. It was very interesting and instructive, and was much appreciated by all.

Lenora Loretz is working in Salem now, and she is greatly missed especially in the C. E. work, for she was a great help.

Mrs. Presnall was with us for a few days before she went to the coast. She will be gone for a couple of weeks. Her S. S. appreciated her being here over one Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Presnall expect to move to Salem as soon as they return from the coast.

Mrs. George McNeal had a very enjoyable visit in California the first part of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrick have returned to their home in Portland, after spending about five weeks in Marion with their daughter Mrs. Sherley Roland.

Several of our members attended the Q. M. at Scotts Mills 16th of August.

We had a very enjoyable Sunday, the 24th of August. A Union service was held in the Friends' Church in the morning with Rev. Large from Eugene giving the message. In the evening the services were in the Presbyterian Church, and Elmer Pemberton of Salem brought the message.

Grandma Farnum passed to her heavenly home August 23rd. Her life has been a great example to many people in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Bronner attended the Conference, and then drove to Oretown to visit Paul and Erma Lewis.

SPRINGBROOK.

Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Hubbard visited Mr. Hubbard's parents and sister here recently. They were enroute to North Branch, Kansas, where Mr. Hubbard has the position of principal of North Branch Academy.

Several of our members have been on their vacations and our C. E. meetings have been small in attendance the past month but our members have mostly returned now and we hope our meetings will increase in attendance.

Our pastor, C. F. Miller, and family attended Salem Quarterly Meeting at Scotts Mills August 15th and 16th.

We are certainly fortunate in being so near Newberg where the Conference is to be held. We are expecting to have a large per cent of our members, if not all, in attendance.

SCOTTS MILLS.

The Salem Q. M. was held at this place. There was a large attendance from all the monthly meetings, and also a goodly number of fraternal delegates from Portland and Newberg. We think the Friendly Endeavor will be glad to know that the Q. M. was the best ever held at this place.

Hazel Keeler led our C. E. last Sabbath evening, and a very interesting one it surely was. Several members of the other C. E. societies were present and took part which added to the interest.

Will Magee, one of our much valued members, has recently returned from France, where he was engaged in reconstruction work. He visited with friends and relatives in Missouri while on his way home.

Clyde Thomas, another one of our dependable members, is in the hospital at Silverton, having had an operation for appendicitis. He is slowly regaining strength, and hopes to be home next week.

Mrs. H. B. Coulson is improving in health. She was able to attend the Q. M. both Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie Coulson Dean, of Muskegon, Mich., is visiting her relatives and friends here.

WILDER, IDAHO.

Two weeks ago five girls graduated from the Junior to the Senior C. E. They all passed the Expert Examination, as well as the other tests. It was a touching and impressive service. If we were Friends, we might be reported in A Friendly Endeavor, but we are not. We have no regular pastor as yet, but our S. S. and C. E. keep up very well.

—Olive Pearson.

Glad to hear such a good report from Wilder. We don't care whether you are Friends or not—we know you are friends. Let us hear from you again.

SOUTH SALEM FRIENDS.

On the evening of August 22nd, the members of our church and their friends, and some from Rosedale, Scotts Mills and Highland met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miles, to honor the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of our Pastors, Mr and Mrs. H. Elmer Pemberton. A short program was given in which Miss Gertrude Cook and Ross Miles sang solos. Margarette Elliott read "That Old Sweetheart of Mine." Some reconstruction pictures were thrown on a screen on the porch, and explained by Ross Miles. Another part of the program which was of great interest to the younger members was the repeating of the Friends Marriage ceremony by the honor guests. At a late hour a delightful repast of ice cream, cake and chocolate was served.

A Holiness Camp Meeting has just closed here, which has been much spiritual value to all who attended.

We have been keeping our meetings going all summer and having a good attendance despite the warm weather and the fact that every one is very busy during the week.

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Let everybody shake hands with Miss Quilcene, and tell her how glad we are to see her.

Some new subscriptions and renewals are a result of the Conference. Keep them coming in.

Have your notes in by the 23rd, as usual. We feel that the paper has reached a mile-stone in its history. Somebody was heard to say, "I see by the Friendly Endeavor that etc., etc." It will be great when folks begin to set their clocks by us, won't it?

One of our best authorities says that "we are going to be held responsible for every bit of light we might have had." We hope that every one of our young people will keep our next Conference in mind all through this year, and make a conscientious effort to be there.

At the business meeting there were expressions from a great many concerning the real good derived from the Conference. Friends, God was there. You know Jesus had times of going out among the masses and healing and converting them. At such times there was a great ingathering of souls. That was His aim and object at these meetings. Then there were times when a few of those who best loved Him, sat at His feet and learned of Him. Some way we feel that to be a suitable way to describe our feelings about the Conference. Many of us save had the blessed privilege of attending Camp Meetings this summer. We felt the power of conviction, the burden for souls, and the victory in the Camp. But at this Conference we sat at the feet of Jesus and learned of Him. There surely never has been displayed a sweeter spirit of love and fellowship than was prevalent through the Conference. The memory of it will be a constant fragrance to us. And the different sessions were rich in soul food. The inspirational addresses have been just glanced over elsewhere in this paper. Blaine Bronner has done more than most of us could have done in his report, and we wish he could tell about the classes.

Carl Miller's talks were practical—something to use every day of our lives—how to meet people in personal work. Lurana Terrell and Elmer Pemberton contrasted other religions with ours, and it is needless to say that we chose to keep what we have. Before Homer Cox was through with us we wanted to be right in the middle of a foreign field, and were just recovering from that when Mr. Martin had us longing to be out in the rural districts in the Sunday-School work. E. H. Parisho positively fascinated us, with his philosophy. We couldn't possibly put a price on what he was worth to us. We are right here to say that every one who attended is richer for it, which only goes to prove that those who did not attend are poorer than they were.

RESOLUTIONS.

It is with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings that we have met in our Second Annual Conference. Our gathering last year was under the dark cloud of war with fear and uncertainty as to the outcome. The cloud has lifted and for a time, at least, peace has returned.

We have felt His presence in every service. The fellowship which comes to those who gather in His name has been very precious.

As your Resolution Committee, we make the following recommendation:

First—Be it resolved that the thanks of this conference be extended to the Pacific College Board for their cordial invitation and hearty welcome to our Second Annual Young Friends Conference at the college campus. Be it further resolved that thanks be tendered to the Newberg Christian Endeavor Society for preparing the dormitories and campus for the Conference.

Second—Be it resolved that the thanks of this gathering be tendered to the Executive Committee who have worked so loyally and faithfully for the success of the Conference, especially for their efforts in choosing a conference town; also to the said committee for their excellent judgment in choosing timely subjects and the general arrangements of the program. Be it further resolved that our appreciation be extended to Chester Hadley as Superintendent for his successful management and untiring service.

Third—Be it resolved, that the Conference extend its appreciation to Carl Miller for his earnest thoughtful teaching in Personal Evangelism; to President E. H. Parisho for his deeply spiritual instruction and clear exposition of What Friends Believe; to President Pennington for his careful and helpful presentation of Problems in Personal Religion; to Dr. W. P. White for his inspirational addresses and Bible teaching; to E. R. Martin for his presentation of the vision and needs of the home missionary work. Be

it further resolved that the Conference extend its appreciation to I. G. Lee for his inspirational address and Bible teaching; to H. L. Cox for his soul stirring appeal for foreign mission workers; to Lurana Terrell for her splendid lesson on Confucianism; and to H. E. Pemberton for his instructive talk on the religions of Africa. To Floyd Perisho we give our hearty thanks for his service as general assistant to Chester Hadley in managing the Conference.

Fourth—Be it resolved that thanks be extended to the cooks for their efficient work and to the waitresses we send our gratitude for their willing service in the dining room.

Fifth—Be it resolved that a committee be appointed to write to the Senators and Representatives of Oregon, protesting against intervention in Mexican affairs, and against Universal Military Training.

Lastly—Be it resolved that the Young Friends of Oregon Yearly Meeting meet in Third Annual Session at a place selected by the Superintendent and the Program Committee.

On behalf of Committee.

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Mrs. Elmer Pemberton expects to leave for Whittier, Calif., August 26th, on account of the severe illness of her mother.

STAR.

Some of our Endeavorers are helping furnish music at the evening service, Hilma Larson and Bessie Roberts playing violins, Winston Roberts, clarinet and Francis Haworth, trombone.

Edgar Potter, a former student at Huntington Park, was a guest at the L. W. Heston home. For the past two years he has been pastor at Glen Elder, Kansas. He and his wife are staying at his father's home near Greenleaf, helping out with the ranch work.

We are anticipating the arrival of our new pastor, Laura Townsend, and daughter, Linda. Linda is employed as one of the teachers at the Star school.

Elma Sanders recently returned from Salem, Oregon where she has been visiting.

Olin and Bertha Cone have welcomed a new boy into their home and Maynard and Ethel Elmore, a new girl into their home.

The hymn, "Just Outside the Door," is a favorite of Mrs. Zora Perisho and at her request, it will be sung by Arthur Hadley, Clifford Elmore, J. W. Jones and Wm. McKibben at our Sunday morning services.

Ross Reece and family, Roy Wood and family, from New Providence, Iowa and Oliver Reece and family, from Greenleaf, were guests at the J. E. Roberts home Sunday, August 17th.

Oliver Reece, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Reece and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood were students of Laura Roberts at New Providence twenty-five years ago.