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"HOBBYISM."

by

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Recently I read an article in a religious paper concerning "Hobbyism." Do you know what that means? The definition given in the article was, "the preacher who hath in his mind any one notion or idea or doctrine or duty which he feeleth called to air in every sermon." I presume each of us has a hobby, and it is really amusing, (however serious it may be), to note how each of us calls the other of us a "hobbyist," if we don't hear our particular "notion, idea, doctrine or duty aired in every sermon."

At least it struck an amusing neurone while I was musing and mediating upon it, and I began surveying in my mind my ministerial friends of the present and past, and recalled many who were dubbed "hobbyists." I remember one who was a prohibitionist. He preached that the voter who voted to give a saloon keeper privilege to sell whisky, was party to all the crime caused by the whisky. In every sermon, and from every text it mattered not what subject, he "aired his notion." People didn't like the truth he preached. They kept still and stood it while he was preaching, but after it was over they would frown and say, "oh, it's just his hobby," and go on voting as before.

I recall another who was intensely in earnest in his effort to get the Christian Churches to see the awfulness and wickedness of war. He was concerned and burdened about it, and longed to get his message before the church—the message of "Peace on earth, good will toward men." The people didn't want his message. The war of the "sixties" was over, and the church was enjoying a marvelous revival. What reason had they to think there would be another war? They had no time for peace lectures. But this man preached peace—at revivals and at Quarterly meetings, and wherever he went. He always "aired his notion." So he was dubbed "hobbyist," and the church went thoughtlessly on, and his message was unheeded and unappreciated. Had they heeded, the greatest and awfulest war in history might have been averted.

Another man comes to my mind—one of the most prominent educational men of his day. If I should mention his name,

he would be remembered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He was burdened that the church, and especially the ministry, should receive an education, such an education as would help them detect wrong thought, as well as to know how to express right thought and sound doctrine in a masterly way. But Friends had never believed that education made a preacher. They said, "preachers are called, and qualified by the Holy Spirit" at that time. God was saving young men and women, baptizing them with the Holy Ghost, and calling them into the ministry. The Church was being carried along on the crest of this great and victorious revival wave of 40 years ago, and had no time for "dry educational lectures." But this man preached every chance he got (which wasn't often). Whenever and wherever he went he "aired his notion." Instead of listening to him and heeding him, we just kept "looking Quakerly," and he finally quit. Then we drew a breath of relief, dubbed him "hobbyist," and are handicapped today in our effort to meet the conditions of the times. Had we listened to him, we would have a membership and ministry more able to detect doctrine that has not in it the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

I have been reminiscing. So much for the past. We are still the same mortals that my friends and I were thirty and forty years ago. Now, hold your heads up and look pleasant while I take our picture. Here is a man who believes in the "Young Friends Movement." Brother, you may not be aware of it, but it is as much the truth now as it was in the old days, that just in proportion as you are convinced that the church should get your message, you will "air your notion" every chance you get. And you are so earnest, so anxious that they get your thought that the first thing you know they will have you a member of the "Hobby Horse Cavalry."

Here is another. He believes in the Baptism with fire and the Holy Ghost, in old-time religion, in old-time revivals. You give this man a chance and he will "air his notion," and for the same reason that all the others did. Because he has a profound conviction that the Church should accept his message.

Our picture is taken—do you like the "proof?" Two brothers here in the Institute went down town the other day and had their pictures taken. When the proofs came, one of the boys did not like his picture, and the brother said, "that's because it looks so natural!" Well, Amen, I can see MY picture. I don't

deny being a "hobbyist." I decided to look up the word "hobby," and find the origin, quoting from Webster—

1-A strong active horse of a middle size, said to have originated in Ireland.
-An ambling nag.

2-A subject to which one is ever reverting.

Then I looked for the meaning of "ambling;" I found this—

1-To go at an easy gait.
2-The easy gait of a horse, a pacing horse.

I closed the dictionary and said, Amen, I guess I will have to be called a "hobbyist," for Salvation is my hobby. I will belong to the "Hobby Horse Cavalry" down here till I'm promoted to the White Horse Cavalry of Heaven. Rev. 19:14. I have just one subject to preach upon; one plan of Salvation to which I am ever reverting, whenever I get a chance to "air my notion." An "ambling pacing nag" is easier to ride than a trotter, so, since I have a message which I feel profoundly convicted I must present to the world, I am glad to have an easy ambling horse on which to amble.

There are doctrines of men and doctrines of devils, but there is only one Doctrine of God—that man was created holy, was ruined by the work of the devil, and that God proposes to completely restore and redeem him through the work of Jesus.

All "hobbies" ought to have vital connection with the Doctrine of God. So whether people hear or whether they forbear, I suspect we will go ambling on "airing our notions;" only let us see to it that our notion is in vital connection with the message of God, and conclude that—

"Since there is so much 'hobbyism' in the worst of us,

And there is so much 'hobbyism' in the best of us,

It hardly becomes any of us

To charge 'hobbyism' to the rest of us."

The Lord bless you all. Amen.

Too many people seek to carry out the plan of God by adding new machinery. What we really need is to get rid of a lot of our machinery and get back to Pentecost.

We preachers are not so "intellectual," or "deep," but we are giving people strong meat and they can't take it. They want milk.

Training may make orators, but God makes ministers.

SOCIETY NOTES

SCOTTS MILLS.

Our C. E. continues to be very interesting and instructive under the leadership of its various members. At the last business meeting, Will Magee was elected president, David Delano, our former president, resigned on account of pressure of other work.

After the regular business meeting of this month, a social was held at the home of H. Y. Magee, in honor of Will Magee, who lately returned from France. Over fifty were present and a good time enjoyed by all. At the close, cake and lemonade were served.

John Brougher, one of our active members, has started to school at Willamette University. It is hoped he can spend his Sundays at home.

Mrs. Mamie Coulson Dean, a former member of our C. E., has been visiting here for some time. She was joined last Saturday by her husband, Earl Dean. They plan to spend several days at the mountain resort before returning to their home at Muskegon, Michigan.

W. L. Taylor, and family are here from Portland, in the interests of their prune orchard.

WEST PIEDMONT.

Rev. Carey Jessup, of Hemlock, Indiana, has taken charge of his work as pastor of West Piedmont church. We are glad to have him and his family in our midst. Their presence has already proved a great blessing to us.

On Friday evening, September 19, a joint reception was held in honor of Rev. Jessup, our new pastor and Rev. Lewis I. Hadley, who has resigned the pastorate in order to devote his entire time to the interests of the Training School.

Three young men were publicly welcomed as members of the West Piedmont church last Sunday morning.

Order has finally been restored from the chaos incident to moving the girls into the new dormitory. We are looking forward with great interest to the opening of the new school year.

Irma Cook has given up her stenographic position which she held during the summer, and will resume her duties as member of the faculty in the Training School.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Agnes Cook to Cecil Brock, the cere-

mony to take place Wednesday, October 8th. We all wish this young Christian couple a long and happy life together.

SPRINGBROOK.

We are glad to announce that a new organ has been purchased for the church. We extend a cordial invitation to everyone to come and hear it.

Our Endeavorers had a picnic at the La Fayette Locks, Tuesday eve., September 2nd. After the "eats," which consisted of sandwiches, pie, pickles, cookies and watermelons were served, we played games until time to go home. Except for two blowouts, dust and jolts it was an ideal trip.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Levi Lewis, who had an operation some time ago, is able to be up now. We hope Mrs. Lewis will soon be able to attend church. She has been missed very much.

Sunday night, September 20, Paul Elliott and Professor Perisho, of Pacific College, came to Springbrook and showed slides of the Friends Relief work in France.

Mr. Elliott returned from France in the spring, and we had hoped to see the pictures sooner, but the proper kind of lantern could not be secured.

Springbrook people are busy with prunes now, although there is a very light crop this year.

ROSEDALE.

Prunes!!!

BOISE.

Our president, Rosa Allen, has gone to Greenleaf to attend the Bible Training School at the seminary. We feel that this is a great loss to our society, but believe it will be a real blessing to her. Her sister Mamie Allen is also a Senior in the academic department of the seminary.

Our last monthly business and social were held at the Jones' home. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening in games, after which watermelons and peaches were served. We are glad to receive Lydia Jones, Leona Jones and John Painter into the society as active members.

Roscoe Collord, our new president, has been very sick this week with blood-poison in one arm, caused by the bite of an insect. He is much better.

Mrs. Cook, the state delegate to the Buffalo Conference, gave a very interesting report on the evening of Sept.

14. She is Idaho's new state C. E. president for the coming year.

Sunday morning, Sept. 14, we had with us Guy Furbay and wife who are teachers at the Greenleaf Seminary. His message was helpful and inspiring.

Nellie Osborn arrived home from Iowa where she visited friends and attended Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Our Prayer Meeting last week was one of unusual interest, because of the manifested presence of the Holy Spirit. Everyone present took part, not from a sense of duty but because they had something in their souls that made it a pleasure to do it.

Our pastor, Ernest Taylor, is very busy looking after his duties as Q. M. Supt.

We expect to begin revival meetings September 28, with Chas. N. Stalker, of Ohio, as evangelist. Pray that there may be a great work done during these meetings.

Cottage prayer meetings have been planned for each night this week.

One young lady has been converted and joined the C. E. the past week.

Marion Morden is attending college at Nampa.

Leona Smith is teaching near Melba.

Mrs. Fred Ashburn, of North Dakota, is visiting her father, L. B. Stansfield.

REX.

We are rejoiced to learn that the Frank Gustin family have bought the A. H. Dean place and expect to move here by the first of October.

Our C. E. meetings have not been very well attended this summer. We are especially glad that Ona and Esther Gustin will live near enough to help in the church and C. E. services this winter.

Halcyon Wiley went, as one of the deputation team of five representing different C. E. societies in this end of the country, to Dayton to visit their C. E. Sunday evening, September 21.

Nate L. Wiley attended all the sessions of Portland Quarterly Meeting and reports they were very spiritual and helpful meetings.

Fred D. Frost, our C. E. president, met with rather a serious accident Monday, September 22nd. While going down the Rex hill to his work in Newberg he was

thrown from his bicycle, receiving many bad bruises and a badly sprained ankle. We are hoping he will have a speedy recovery.

Willard Wiley is at home helping with the prune harvest.

We are starting a Personal workers study class at our mid-week prayer meeting. We are anxious to learn how to be more efficient workers for Christ.

SOUTH SALEM.

Lyra and Eva Mills have gone to Newberg for the school year at Pacific College. Lyra is to head the English department there, and also have charge of the girls' dormitory.

An enjoyable social was held the evening of September 19, at the home of Maxine Elliott. During the evening a spelling contest was held in a new way. Instead of spelling words given out, members from each side repeated scripture texts.

New officers for the coming year have been elected in our society. They are: President, Ross Miles; Secretary, Katherine Pemberton; Chairmen of Committees, Missionary, Albert Miller; Music, Hazel Keeler; Flower, Katherine Pemberton; Look-out, William Wright; Prayer Meeting, Maxine Elliott; Friendly Endeavor correspondent, Hazel Keeler.

QUILCENE, WASHINGTON.

The Sunday School picnic August 27th was a great success. Altho the hundreds of tourists who motor through here daily (200 autos were counted passing one house in one day) have preempted and caused to become parched and dried up, most of the easily accessible picnic spots, still we managed to discover a delightful green shady spot on the north side of the Quilcene river, close to the fish traps, which was within very easy walking distance of the town. However, to help with the lunch baskets, the kiddies and the older folk, Mr. Ward kindly brought his hay-rack, with a generous padding of hay, and everybody piled on, till there was no vestige of rack to be seen. By actual count there were over 90 at the picnic some coming from Leland in autos to join us. In the morning the camp split up into four parties, a boy's baseball club, ditto for the girls, a croquet match for the more sedate, and the lunch makers and home-folk who busied themselves preparing for the inner man. The lunch was certainly fine, and the way that group of hungry boys kept us busy passing "grub" was astonishing. After dinner, some more croquet, three deep, and other games, then a bunch hiked off to

the bay for a dip in the briny. Back to the picnic grounds for a snack supper and then home again, everybody voting it a fine picnic.

The same evening, the Young People's class of the Sunday School, called the "Live Wires," held their class party at the Maple Inn, with some fifteen present. Games and refreshments, coupled with a business meeting and election of officers occupied the time until the wee sma' hours. Two new scholars the next Sunday was the tangible result.

Our Sunday School has been formally adopted by the church, so that the offerings of the scholars no longer go for their own supplies. All the money so taken in is used entirely for the cause of foreign missions. We are glad to notice our collections increasing steadily. The school also adopted the percentage plan of registering attendance. Each scholar has a possibility of securing 100 per cent each Sunday; 25 per cent for attendance, 25 per cent for attendance on time, 25 per cent for bringing an offering, and 25 per cent for having the lesson studied. We believe it is going to work well.

Our Endeavor Meetings are well attended and full of interest. Among the leaders since our last report have been Mrs. Rosa Clark, Mrs. Ida Such, Mrs. Emma Graves, Mrs. Nellie Clark and Mr. Mercer.

At Leland the work has been given a new impetus by the prayer league and covenant entered into, whereby that point and its great needs have been remembered every noon for the past two weeks. The Sunday School picnic at that point last Saturday, the 20th, was attended by 32, mostly children, with a decided increase in the Sunday School the day following. A rally for the whole community is being planned for either October 3 or 10, to try and get the Sunday School and preaching service definitely hitched up with the community as a whole.

At Brinnon the work is steadily progressing in spite of the disastrous fire which was in progress one Tuesday evening, in which the home of the Oleson's very narrowly escaped entire destruction. The Lord marvelously undertook in this matter in answer to prayer, the wind shifted, the fire was stayed, and a refreshing rain fell for the next twenty-four hours. The fire is still raging higher up in mountains but no homes are now threatened. At our last visit (Tuesday 23rd) our hearts were gladdened by the earnest seeking of two sisters who clearly and definitely accepted Jesus as their Saviour and humbly acknowledged their dire need of the application of the Precious Blood to their sins. From six to nine go down to Brinnon every week, and share in the auto expense. It is always a time of blessing.

FIRST CHURCH PORTLAND

Newport seemed to be the Quaker vacationists resort this summer. There were thirty Friends there at one time. Most of our people have returned from their vacations, and have begun their winter's work.

We are glad to welcome to our society, one of the most earnest and faithful members, Ward Haines. He has just returned from a year's relief work in France.

Lesta Cook has been suffering from malaria since her motor trip to San Francisco. She is still confined to her bed. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Our evening service September 21st was given over to the interests of the young people who are entering school this fall. Homer Cox preached a very helpful sermon especially for them. Harriette Perrill, Mildred Hadley, and Brooks Terrill will attend Pacific College this year, and Marguerite Cook will attend Willamette where she will take a course in music.

Gertrude Cook and Edith Coleman will attend Cleveland Bible Institute. Miss Cook has long been an active C. E. worker. She was at one time president of the society. She has served also on several different committees. She has given unstintingly of her time and effort in the music of the church, always faithful and always cheerfully willing. As a love-offering to Miss Cook for her many years of service in the choir, the church purchased a leather traveling bag, and presented it to her at the close of this service. Upon opening the bag at the suggestion, and under the direction of the pastor, she found it to be entirely lined with forty, one-dollar bills. Miss Coleman is now vice-president of our society and although a new member has already shown herself to be a valuable helper. We will greatly miss these young people, during the year, but we ask God's richest blessing on every one of them wherever they may be.

"The Friendly Endeavor means a lot to me away off here in France. It is like sitting down and having a chat with old friends. I, for one, want to see it kept going.—Yours, Howard Pearson."

In a former issue we reported the increase in interest, and attendance at our Thursday night prayer-meetings during the summer. The "banner" attendance was 126, and was led by the Junior C. E.

When God says, "preach," that doesn't mean "teach school."

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Summer-time has slipped away again. While we were still reveling in the blue of its skies, and the glory of its fields we suddenly became aware that stealthily, elusively, our summer has melted into autumn. Before we scarcely realized it, our vacations had become mere memories, and once more we are confronted with a year of work, with unknown and untried experiences ahead. Many of our young people are leaving their homes and entering new fields. Some will go to college, others to Bible Training Schools, and still others to work.

We have been listening the past few weeks to words of advice from many who have been long in the way, who have had as their teacher the experience of years, and as we listened, the messages that seemed to ring out most clearly and most forcefully were, "Be faithful," and "Beware!"

What do you mean, you who are facing expectantly the western sky of your lives, you whose eyes are turned eagerly toward the setting sun—be faithful to what?

"Oh, young people," they answer pleadingly, "be faithful to what you know to be the whole truth of God, be faithful to the leading of the Holy Spirit, be faithful in secret prayer, and in the study of the Bible. Do not mind the storms, they are soon over, plow through the hard places, keep above the trials, oh, be thou faithful unto death, and receive a crown of life."

But what do you mean; you who have met the enemy, and have fought and won, you have been "able to stand against the wiles of the devil"—beware of what?

"Oh, youth," they answer solemnly, "beware of false doctrine, beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (Col. 2-8). There is ruin and death in the poison of the false doctrine."

So, as the new year's work opens before you, we pray that you may all be faithful, and that you may be beware!

The Quaker Church has a well-balanced doctrine.

TO THE NEW CORRESPONDENTS

At the recent elections there were several new correspondents appointed. For these and others who may still be elected we offer the following suggestions:

- 1-Write plainly.
- 2-Write on one side of the paper only.
- 3-Pay particular attention to proper names, initials, etc.
- 4-Have notes in by the 23rd of each month.
- 5-Sign your name at the end.
- 6-Send in as many subscriptions as you possibly can, or have your president do so.

Don't forget the boys still "Over There." We suspect it is hard to be the last to come home, as it was to be the last to go. They will need our prayers till they get to U. S. A. again.

A WORD FROM SEATTLE.

I wish to express my appreciation of "A Friendly Endeavor." I subscribed in January and have enjoyed every number. I like it not only because it gives so much news of those we know and in whom we are interested, but because of the spiritual tone of the whole paper. We have no C. E. here, our main work being the Sunday School, but we are pressing the battle, and we are glad for the refreshing and inspiration this paper brings to us each month.

Sincerely, Earl Barker.

(Let's pray for the work in the different out-posts. While they are "pressing the battle," we will hold them up in prayer. God will give them victory!)

OUR FIRST "AD."

"What is a monthly magazine without a "paid advertisement?"

Answer—"It is not complete."

This issue we have all three—the complete magazine, the advertisement, and the "paid."

We will advertise anything from false-teeth and furniture polish to Foundling asylums and Friends' Doctrines, providing it is legitimate matter. (Tobacco in any form, Sunday baseball and "shows" are under the ban).

For particulars, rates, etc., address the editor, as the business manager has gone to Cleveland.

If you are spiritually poor and "scrawny" and lank, you're a poor advertisement of the Lord's table.

"I am lost," is the climax of conviction.

If America is to be saved, the gospel must be preached in the country districts.

Justification is a legal act covering only my past life.

ARBITRARY SIGNPOSTS.

An old-fashioned minister, was once driving along a country road with one of his young parishioners who, like many young men, liked to argue on matters of religion. The wise old minister listened to him without much comment as he expounded his views, merely saying bluntly:

"So you object to the Ten Commandments?"

"N-no," stammered the young man, "not their purpose and object—but—well, hang it, a fellow hates to have a 'shall' and 'shan't' flung in his face every minute! They sound so sort of arbitrary!"

The old minister clucked to his horse and hid an involuntary sly smile as he bent to arrange the old chaise-boot. A few minutes after the boy caught hold of his arm suddenly.

"You've taken the wrong turn! That guidepost said, 'This way to Holden'!"

"Oh, did it?" returned the other, carelessly. "Well, maybe it might be a better road, but I hate to be told to go this way and that by an arbitrary old signpost!"

An embarrassed laugh from his red-faced traveling companion told the old man that his shot had struck home. They were soon facing the other way and following the directions of the "arbitrary" signpost.—Mrs. A. B. Bryant.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Friends in Washington invite all interested Friends in Oregon to meet with them in their conference to be held at Tacoma, October 24-26.

A strong program is being prepared emphasizing Orthodoxy and Theocracy. The opening address "The Essential Elements of Power Comprehended in the Apostolic Ministry."—Lindley A. Wells.

Other addresses are being arranged for in addition to an open parliament, "Our problems and what to do about them." Facts bearing on the situation will be freely discussed. Those present will be asked to both give and receive first hand information having to do with the administration of the Friends Church in the five states under consideration. Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, Yearly Meeting Superintendents, and Yearly Meeting Chairmen, together with the principals of Training Schools are especially urged to be present and take part in this session. Two delegates have been appointed to represent Ohio Yearly Meeting, Edward Mott, the Yearly Meeting clerk, and John Pennington, the Yearly Meeting Superintendent.

Those expecting to accept this invitation please communicate with Claude L. Barker, 812 East 48th St., Tacoma, Washington, who will arrange for your entertainment, which will be provided.—(Paid Advertisement).