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GOD'S CALL INTO SERVICE.

(By Rev. Carl F. Miller, Springbrook.)

Dean Church says: "One great part of the history of the Bible is the history of calls."

The call from God comes through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to men who are saved and walking in all the light that God sheds upon their paths. Jesus said: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Their becoming successful fishers of men depended upon a close walk with Jesus. A vital factor in the service of God is that the one called must know the Gospel by experience.

Samuel P. Spreng says: "Angels could not preach effectively because they have no experience, and cannot have, of sin and salvation." It takes a saved sinner to tell the story of Jesus and his power to keep men from sin.

First comes the call to salvation then the call to service.

The writer agrees with other ministers who have said, in most prominent cases the men who are called to preach the Gospel were intended for the ministry from their birth. The cases of Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, of John the Baptist and Paul are conspicuous examples and proofs of this. Paul testifies to this in a remarkable passage: Gal. 1:15, 16. "It pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his Grace, to reveal his son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen."

If the true ministers of the Gospel knew the story of their own infancy, or if their mothers had told them all they knew, they would discover that many, if not all of them, were mentally and perhaps prenatally chosen for the special calling of the Gospel Ministry.

The knowledge of the call belongs to the deep, vital experiences which group themselves around conversion. Moses knew not of his call till at the burning bush. Isaiah knew it first through his vision at the temple. Paul knew it first in the moment of his conversion on the road to Damascus.

The God who changes not calls in the same way today. The call comes to the listening ear and the attentive heart. As a rule the call comes to the young. Of course there is no hard and fast rule on this point. Moses was eighty years old when the Lord met him at the burning bush. Paul must have been past thirty when he saw Jesus on the road to

Damascus. On the other hand Samuel was but a child when the Lord called him. Isaiah was a young man in the twenties when he had his vision. Jeremiah and Ezekiel were youths when they began their prophetic careers.

George Fox says: "In my very young years I had a gravity and stayedness of mind and spirit not usual in children," and "The work of the Lord was begun and gradually carried on in me even from my childhood." George Fox was from twenty-two to twenty-five years old when he began to preach that no one can come to Christ but as the spirit of God leads him, so those who teach or seek to help others in spiritual things can only do so as they are taught and directed by the Holy Spirit.

No man has a right in the ministry who is not called and chosen of God, the great head of the church. No church has a right to lay hands upon any man who has not the divine sanction, and no man can be expected to succeed in the ministry who is not in it by divine appointment. He may succeed as an orator, or as an organizer; he may be able to draw the crowds; but he must have higher credentials than that. Newton has well said: "None but He who made the world can make a minister of the Gospel." Success in life depends upon one being in his God-appointed place. To enter the ministry without being divinely called is as grave a mistake as to refuse to enter when you are called.

Jesus said: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will thrust forth more laborers." I wonder sometimes if the church has not forgotten her part and is sending forth the laborers instead of praying the Lord to send them forth.

There are none for whom I feel a more profound sympathy than the young people who are passing through the crucial stage of their lives; when they come to the parting of the ways when conflicting interests clamor for their attention; when all of their cherished thoughts and ambitions are challenged.

When God calls to His service and they feel the hand of authority laid upon them; when the sacred call to God's service confronts them and pulls up by the roots all of their plans; if ever they need sympathetic help and the prayer of the church it is then.

It seems increasingly difficult for young men and women in our day to yield to the call of God. Everybody wants the young man and the young woman, especially if they be bright, intelligent and capable. The allurements

of the secular professions, the opportunities of a business life are very strong. They appeal to the young life.

In these days when colossal wealth is so often the reward of a few years of effort, it takes special devotion, a spirit-filled life, to yield to the call to a service that offers absolutely no chance for money making. But I want to say to the noble young men and women of our church who are preparing themselves for life's work, there is something better than gold, and that is to see men and women coming down the isle of the church burdened with a load of sin, kneel at the altar, meet the great burden-bearer, have the load lifted, their sins forgiven, made new creatures in Christ Jesus, all because you were faithful in declaring a full Gospel.

God calls men who have the necessary talent and natural fitness for ministry. He never calls any to preach who cannot learn to preach. The one who is to preach must have the gift of speech in some degree. It may be that the gift which God has bestowed is dormant, undeveloped and therefore unknown, and it will take some Paul who will say "stir up the gift of God that is in thee." I feel that my own experience will bear me out in this statement. One night several years ago, while riding home from camp meeting and talking with Eric Fritz about my work in the future he said "You will preach the Gospel." I felt the same way, but doubted my ability. This man of God encouraged me to stir up the gift of God. If this article is the means, in God's hands, to cause some precious young person to hear His voice calling him into the service of the King my heart will rejoice, because God wants the whole man, the whole life, the whole service.

It is wonderful what God can do with comparatively unpromising talent.

Phillips Brooks stammered so badly that it discouraged him in entering the ministry, yet he overcame that and became a great preacher. Bud Robinson, when converted, could neither read nor write. But in these cases inefficiency was apparent rather than real.

I want to say the final proof of one being called of God, is not popularity—not that he holds certain places of authority, but sinners saved through his ministry.

In most cases when a man is called the church will discover it, and that without the young man having to proclaim it from the house top. The same Spirit of God who moves upon his heart operates

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SOCIETY NEWS

SCOTTS MILLS.

We surely have a very interesting C. E. here. The discussions of the topics are very profitable, and almost all of our members take part in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean have returned to their home in Muskegon, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor and baby Catherine, have returned to their home in Portland, after having finished their prune harvesting here.

Clarkson Hinschaw, C. A. Hadley and Emor Hall attended Friends Church here Sunday morning the 19th. Rev. Hinschaw gave the message both morning and evening. Two of our C. E. members, who felt the need of a deeper work of grace, were at the altar at the evening service, and both were renewed.

Clyde Thomas trapped and killed a bear in his prune orchard south of town. It weighed about 500 pounds. Bruin had eaten a box of prunes for his supper.

Rev. and Mrs. Sims, of Indiana, have come to take the pastorate here. We are expecting a great impetus in the work, both church and C. E., with them in charge. Recently our meetings have been greatly helped by having Rev. and Mrs. Gridley with us from Salem. They will return to Salem soon.

Evangeline Kludas, who has been visiting in Spokane during the summer, has returned to her former home here. She is a great help in our Endeavor.

Our C. E. is planning to give a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Sims Friday night. A short program has been prepared. Fruit, salad and cake will be served.

Some of our Endeavorers are planning to attend Joseph Smith's meetings in Salem.

QUILCENE, WASH.

By Quilcene Notes must also be understood Leland and Brinnon, for the three points go together at present. Also it is hard to separate our C. E. notes from other activities of the church, for the same people are interested in all.

In C. E. circles the outstanding event was the union meeting with the Presbyterians in our church Oct. 12th. Mrs. Ainslie, the Presbyterian pastor's wife, represented their church and Mrs. Grace Sewell ours. The subject, "Citizenship," was a most suitable one and a profitable time was the result. The church was

filled to capacity. At the service which followed Rev. Ainslie gave the message, and a feature of the evening was a "scratch" trio by the preachers, Messrs. Ainslie, Percy and Fox.

In the Young Peoples' Class (Live Wires) two very interesting events transpired this month, the monthly social at the parsonage September 26th, and a hike to Mt. Walker October 18th. At the social there were 22 present, eleven couples, so the boys were given one half of a slip and the girls the other and the mated slips decided the partnership for the evening. Each slip was numbered corresponding to one S. S. lesson of the previous quarter and contained the name of a character for each partner, and the Bible references for that particular lesson. Each couple was asked to prepare themselves to answer questions on that particular lesson at the Review lesson the following Sunday. Both the numbers and names on the slips were used during the evening in connection with the games. The young folks voted it the best party ever. The hike up the Mountain took about two hours after leaving the auto to reach the top, and about an hour and a half to descend. A cairn was built on the summit, a flagpole planted in it with a "Live Wire" flag, and other mementos left as a witness to others.

On the 10th of the month Leland celebrated in great shape, about 85 people participating in a miscellaneous program and chicken supper organized as a Neighborhood Rally by the Sunday School with the object of hitching the church work up better with the community. As a result the community is asking for its own resident pastor.

The work at Brinnon is still very delightful, and three of the "young" folks—at least young in strength—undertook to walk to Brinnon and do a day's visiting. They got a ride down after all, but spent the day visiting very pleasantly in the homes. The attendance at this point is increasing steadily and the interest growing.

Two of our members are in Tacoma at present writing in attendance at the Puget Sound Conference. Arrangements are under way for the October Y. P. Class Party to be held on Hallowe'en at the parsonage.

SECOND FRIENDS, PORTLAND.

We have just closed a series of old fashioned evangelistic meetings at our church. The meetings were very successful, especially among the young people. The revival started in the Young People's meeting held October the 5th. Mrs. Pinnell, an evangelist well

known to the Oregon Holiness Association and who was visiting our Pastor, was secured to hold the meetings. Very few services passed by without some soul at the altar. Something over 15 young people were reached during the meetings and definitely saved or sanctified. As a result of these meetings there has been quite an addition to the membership of the C. E., for which we praise the Lord.

Another thing which has been a great help to the young converts and also to the older Christians in the C. E., as well, is the Young Peoples prayer band which was started during the meetings. From 12 to 15 young people gathered themselves together each Sunday afternoon to learn more about the prayer life and to pray for the unsaved young people. Praise the Lord, for He answered many of our prayers. Even though the meetings have closed, the Young People's prayer band is going to continue. We as young people find these prayer meetings a great help to our lives and also find that it adds to the spiritual life of our C. E. services following the prayer services. We are expecting the Lord to continue answering our prayers.

Mr. C. C. Barker has just returned from a vacation up in the great apple country of Central Washington, where Brother and Sister Riley are located.

We greatly miss Mrs. J. A. Dunbar's shining face in the young people's meetings. She was one of our old "standbys" who was always present with her willing assistance in time of need.

Miss Theodora Dunbar of the 2nd Friends Church, Portland, is now a fourth year "Prep." in Pacific College. Her presence is missed in the services of the church. She is especially missed in the Sunday School and church services, which are left without an organist at present.

BOISE.

The monthly business meeting and social of the society was held at Roscoe Collard's, Friday evening, Oct. 17th. The evening was spent in singing and playing games, and home-made candy was served. Four were taken into the society as active members. This is a result of our recent revival meeting.

Eli Parisho, President of Greenleaf Seminary, was with us both morning and evening of the 19th. His subject was "Why Friends do not believe in water baptism, and the Lord's supper." His argument was very convincing that Christ in fulfilling the law did away

with water baptism, and the real baptism is with the Holy Ghost, and that our communion is with Him.

Last Thursday evening was our first prayer meeting after the revival closed. We wish you could all have been here. We surely had an extra spread, and everyone enjoyed the feast. It was followed by our monthly meeting, and 19 new members joined us.

The Revival Meeting conducted in our Church by Charles H. Stalker has been a great help to our Endeavor Society as well as to the Church. Four of the young people who were converted in the meeting have joined our Society, and also a splendid young man from Star, who is now here in school, and who was helped in the meetings, is joining here for the school year. There were 85 seekers at the altar during the meeting, representing about 70 people. There were some remarkable conversions, and a goodly number gave evidence of being sanctified wholly. We are praising God for his answers to many prayers. Time and again during the altar services as seekers would pray through the Saints would get so blessed that it was indeed like Heaven. Brother Stalker's afternoon messages were the most helpful we have ever heard and will continue to bring forth fruit in time to come. The last Sunday nineteen came into the church. We thank God for messengers like Brother Stalker, who honor the Holy Ghost, and preach the truth without fear or favor. On the last night the Congregation voted most enthusiastically for Brother Stalker to return again next year. We had the best attendance, interest and results we have ever had.

FIRST CHURCH, PORTLAND.

Herman Oppenlander, another of our C. E. members, has recently returned from Reconstruction Work in France. Miss Minnie King is planning a party in his honor to be given Tuesday evening, Oct. 28th.

A Christmas box was packed and sent by the church last week to Carrie Wood, our missionary in India. It was filled with practical and useful gifts, besides the usual Christmas "goodies." The C. E. sent a fountain pen to replace the one she had stolen from her.

A Hallowe'en Social is being planned by the young people for Friday evening, Oct. 31st. From all reports it will be "spookier" than the "spookiest," destined to scare the bravest.

Marie and Julia Hall in company with their parents "Forded" to Rosedale over Saturday and Sunday to visit the Chester A. Hadley family.

Rev. H. L. Cox attended the Conference at Tacoma.

Lindley A. Wells surprised the Portland Folk Thursday evening, Oct. 16th, by his presence at prayer meeting. He was on his way from Kansas to Tacoma, where Mrs. Wells and little daughter, Esther, are.

It is with sad hearts that we report the death of one of our most faithful members, E. Mae Hall. It had long been her cherished dream to be a missionary in Central America, and not until shortly before she was called away did she really give up her hope. It is one of the things that we will have to wait till we get to Heaven to understand. Mae had attended Huntington Park Training School to prepare for the foreign work, and it was a keen disappointment to her to relinquish her hope. Our sympathy goes out to the father, mother and sisters, Julia and Marie.

IN LOVING MEMORY ESTELLE MAE HALL DIED OCTOBER 4TH, 1919 PORTLAND, OREGON

SPRINGBROOK.

Stella Hubbard, our C. E. president, is teaching in the public school here.

Ethel Cowgill, our Lookout chairman, has dropped her school work at Pacific College because of the illness of her mother.

Carl Miller, our pastor, went to the coast Oct. 13th to get some salmon. He returned the 16th. He brought some fish back with him, but did not have the pleasure of catching them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, with Mrs. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ramsey, are at Newport at present. Mr. Fisher's health has been poor and we hope the salt air will benefit him.

We had no choir practice during the summer, but it has been resumed now and we are learning some new songs.

STAR.

A joint Sunday School Rally was held Sunday afternoon and evening, Sept. 28th, at the Methodist Church. There were a few speakers from Boise and short talks were given by the pastors of the three churches, Mr. Thomas of the Christian, Mr. DePartee of the Methodist, and Laura Townsend of the Friends.

A few weeks ago a canvass was made by our pastor and the officers and teach-

ers of our Bible School, of all the surrounding country to find out who attended Sunday School, and those who did not go elsewhere were cordially invited to attend our services.

Our pastor has been giving a review of the book called "Money, The Acid Test," at our Prayer Meetings. It has been very interesting and beneficial. Prayer Meeting holds from eight to nine after which we have choir practice until nine thirty.

The Builders and B. B. classes are having a contest for punctual attendance. The losing class will entertain the winners.

Roscoe and Vera Davis, who have for the past two years been at Council, Idaho, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie. The Endeavorers were glad to have them back.

Iowa has been largely represented in Idaho this summer. Alexander and Henry Pickard and their sister, Ruth Bray, were called here on account of the serious illness and death of their brother, Aaron Pickard.

Seth Hoskins and wife, Maud Brady Hoskins, who were here on their wedding trip, visited Mrs. Annis Brady and other relatives and friends. A number of others were also visiting in this community.

Clifford Elmon, our C. E. President, accompanied his uncle and aunt, who were from Iowa, on a trip to Southern California.

Raymond and Waldo Jones, formerly of this place, returned by auto to their home in Napa, California. His wife and little daughter went later by rail.

We are enjoying the parsonage as a place where the C. E. are welcome for social gatherings.

Plans are under way for union services Thanksgiving. The Friends are arranging for a "church family dinner," and social time.

SOUTH SALEM.

South Salem C. E. has taken on its autumn coloring of lively hues. The atmosphere carries in it enthusiastic spirit and a tone of earnest endeavor for the best year of C. E.

We appreciate having Marguerite Cook and John Brougher with us.

Sunday evening, the 19th, our society was dismissed to hear a profitable talk by Mr. Landrith, secretary of the United Society at the Congregational church.

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West Piedmont, we will remember you in prayer.

We rejoice with Boise over their wonderful revival. What will it be when we all get to Heaven!

That Christmas Box of Carrie Wood's turned out to be three boxes. We wish her a Merry Christmas!

Have you renewed your subscription to A Friendly Endeavor? See your president, and renew at once.

How do you suppose that old bear at Scotts Mills knew that the price of prunes had gone up?

Springbrook and Rosedale are no doubt "making the welkin ring" with their new song books and choir practice.

South Salem has a rare privilege granted them. To be able to sit under the teaching of Joseph Smith is that privilege. We long to be there.

Doesn't it do your heart good to read about the red hot revival at Second Church? That Young Peoples' Prayer Band will accomplish more good than all the picture shows in Portland.

Quilcene, we want the notes from Leland and Brinnon too, and we all give our church notes. We must remember that the older members of the church form a large percentage of our subscribers.

Star believes in thoroughness. They have combed the community for new S. S. members. They are going at it in just exactly the right way. The personal invitation is better than a large board sign.

We are truly grateful to Carl Miller for this article on Service. We need it. Young people, if God has called you to special work for Him, don't dare to let that call go unheeded. It is a dangerous thing to slight a call. It is a fearful thing to deliberately refuse a call. Be careful. God is more apt to call you than He is not to. So don't put off a

"call," and name it "imagination" or "impulse." The happiest people we know are those who have answered a glad "Amen" to God's call. The most miserable people we know are those who have said "no." Surely this year ought to see many of our young people cutting the shore line and launching out into the work of the ministry, and home and foreign missions.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS.

Now is the time to pay your Yearly Meeting Apportionment. We believe that 25 cents per member will cover the amount pledged. Let's see if we can get this all in by Thanksgiving time. Last year the amount was 50 cents per member. So it should be easier to raise it this year. But don't put it off.

Do it Now!

Send to Hazel Keeler, 1143 South Commercial Street, Salem, Oregon.

Yours for Service,
Chester A. Hadley,
Y. M. Supt.

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upon the heart of the pastor and the church. All concerned will, without any scheming or plotting, become aware of what is the mind of the Spirit.

Just a word to those who feel called into God's service. The call to preach is a call to preparation. The times demand an educated ministry. The time when men can go from the plow and the shop into the pulpit is past; that is if he is to be a successful minister. God may call men who are ignorant, but He does not send them into the pulpit first, but to school, that school may be in his own home. He calls them first to prepare and qualify themselves by a course of training and study. The man who cannot study or learn, and is not willing to try, I fear he is not called to preach, not fit to preach and never will be. Paul said to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Working in God's service requires the most consummate skill and power. It enlists the highest intelligence and taxes the trained mind to its utmost. So if the Lord wants a man or woman to preach He also wants them to get ready.

Come a little nearer dear young people, you who feel God calling you and are

afraid you will not be provided for. Listen and you will hear the words of the One who has called you: "I will supply all your need according to my riches in glory by Jesus Christ." Step out on the promises and you will have joy unspeakable and full of glory as you respond to the call into God's service.

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Irena Cunningham and Hazel Keeler have gone to Tacoma to attend the Conference. They will spend a few days there and in Seattle visiting friends.

Joseph Smith will begin a Bible Conference at our church Sunday, the 26th, continuing for ten days. This meeting is arranged under the Marion County Holiness Association. We hope many will take advantage of this opportunity to hear a great teacher and evangelist.

The next outstanding date on our program is for November Quarterly Meeting. It occurs the second sixth day after the first fifth day. The following first day afternoon will be held our C. E. rally. We extend a hearty welcome to all, and urge the attendance of those of Salem Quarter.

WEST PIEDMONT.

We are in the midst of a revival meeting, which is being led by Mrs. Pennell. Pray for us, and pray for the Institute.

ROSEDALE.

Our pastor, Chester A. Hadley, attended the Conference at Tacoma.

Our new song books have come and we have spent one very pleasant evening together practising the new songs.

Gerald Pearson, Helen Cammack and Lowell Gardner are attending school at Pacific this year. We miss them very much.

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