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CRITICISM.

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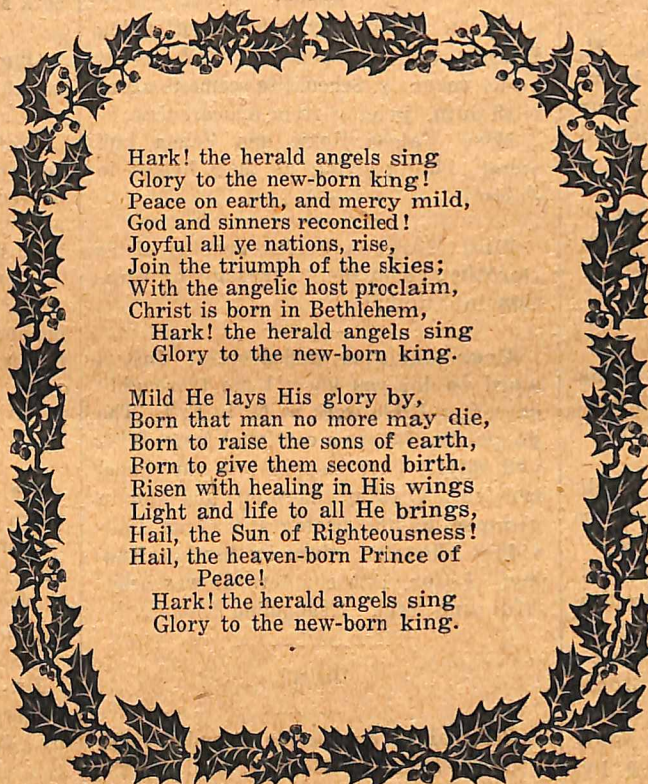
These are strenuous times in which we live. While we are compelled to recognize the rights that belong to our neighbor, yet we demand that he prove his right to think differently from us. Quakerism has always meant that the individual shall have the largest liberty in thought; few have felt the right to criticise another's faith. Because of this liberty a wide range of belief might be expected to exist, and so it has been in the past. But the past is past and today we, as a people, are fast dividing into two distinct factions.

I am aware that the above assertion will be called into question, but the facts are not far afield. Some investigation has revealed that in the east the people are grouping around the "Community Service" idea, and that their theological bent is toward higher criticism, with little sympathy for Evangelism as it exists in the west. In the west, at least the far west, no stress is placed upon the "Community Service" idea, but there is specialization in Theology. The doctrine of Sanctification is pushed, so that to some, other doctrines seem almost neglected. If a stranger appears in a community and fails to use the proper formula he is immediately dubbed "higher critic." If in the other community he is let alone. This cleavage has become so great that the ordinary every-day Quaker is doomed to fall between and lose his identity and place in the church.

The time seems to be ripe for speaking out with no uncertain sound. I have no sympathy with any idea that substitutes man's work for Jesus Christ. I have no desire to substitute German "rationalism" for faith in God. I believe that the larger mass of Quakers stand for the great fundamentals of Christianity as they did in the early days when they were considered orthodox. If the orthodox idea is of God we should not fear an open, fair investigation. God's truth will never suffer by being exposed to the light.

It has been reported that a meeting in the middle west appointed one of its lead-

ing preachers as a committee to investigate the question of Higher Criticism. This man sent for books and began reading and honestly investigating the subject. He suddenly stopped and reported to his meeting that there was nothing in it. He said it was dangerous, and recommended that these books be kept from our young people. In a private talk he was heard to say that he had to quit studying it for fear of becoming a convert to the doctrine. Now, if a life faith will not stand the light of investigation



Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born king!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem,
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born king.

Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Risen with healing in His wings
Light and life to all He brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born king.

it ought to fall. I can say that I have no such fear for my faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. I know of no writers whose theories spoil in the sunlight as do many of these same Higher Critics.

General Criticism.

Criticism is much misunderstood. It means commendation as often as it does fault-finding, and from a rhetorical standpoint is an essential in helping to keep our literature pure. Modern criticism is usually divided into two divisions, viz: Textual and Historical.

Explanation of Terms.

Textual Criticism has for its object the determination of the original text, the text as it stood in the autograph. This means the removal of accretions, and the restoration of expunged passages, also the correcting of misquoted parts.

Historical Criticism. All literature usually contains some indication of the age and surroundings in which it originated. When this is clear, conclusions are easy. When not clear, conclusions are very uncertain, and nothing is left but the power to guess at it, which is precarious. Many critics of this school have in this manner proven to their satisfaction that the Book of Genesis is a great Mosaic, composed of the writings of many authors and written in many different centuries ingeniously woven to-

gether with such skill that it has deceived the Jews themselves, and all the scholars during the ages until now. By this process of guessing, the Law originated in later Jewish history, and the Tabernacle and parts of Isaiah change places. Recent discoveries in ancient cities have relegated much of this guessing to the rubbish pile, and many of the certain (?) conclusions have been abandoned.

Destructive Criticism.

Destructive criticism has for its object the discrediting of the writings examined. There are a number of causes that conduce to this work of destruction. For convenience I have divided them into five classes.

First—Love of the new. We all delight to be the first one to report a news item. Professor Royce in his first book of philosophy says, "I love to ramble." This is the search for the new—the startling. Many people who have thus left the

"highway of life," have been lost in the woods and have never returned, but Professor Royce in his last book returns to the old road, "this, then, is the faith of our fathers."

Second—Scholarship. People love to be thought scholarly and this idea does not always die out with age, and a man possessing little of the world's learning thinks an association gives caste. Some have assumed that there are no scholars in the old "Highway," but the fact is, the real scholarship of the world has been in the hands of the Church for eighteen hundred years.

Third. The colleges have so placed the Doctor's Degree that it is necessary to travel new paths in order to reach it. Original ideas bring about desired results—the old roads must then be aban-

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SOCIETY NOTES

SOUTH SALEM.

The services conducted by Jos. H. Smith were beyond doubt a great benefit to all who attended. Eight of our endeavorers were either saved, reclaimed or sanctified, for which we thank God.

In a sermon, "Salvation from Worry," A. T. Pierson was quoted to have said: "Be 'care full' for nothing, Be prayerful for everything, Be thankful for anything."

"When Satan sees little chance of us doing evil, he exerts every effort to hinder us from doing good." Jos. Smith.

We were all interested in the small son John, who had learned from his older brother the austerities of the city "cop." He was fascinated with seeing a real "cop" when he took his first trip to the city with his father. Upon returning home John told his brother of his experiences. The brother said, "Well, John what did you do when you saw the 'cop'?" And John, straightening, said, "I just walked right up and stood by him, 'cause I hadn't done anything wrong." Do we feel that clear with our Great Judge? The penalty is paid.

WEST PIEDMONT.

Our revival meetings have closed and we feel very grateful for the services rendered by our evangelist, Miss Louise Pinnell. The Lord was graciously with us and accomplished great things for us whereof we are glad. Several people from the community were converted as well as several in the church. To God be all the glory.

The Misses Laura and Lillian Hudson, Indian girls from Metalakata, Alaska, have enrolled as students in the Bible School. They expect to fit themselves for Christian work among their own people in the North.

Mrs. Evangeline Kludas has come to Piedmont to attend the Institute. She will graduate in June, having taken two years of the course in Huntington Park, California. We welcome her in our midst.

Calvin Thomas who is attending Pacific College visited friends in Piedmont recently.

Joseph H. Smith conducted our Chapel services on October 30. We enjoyed the exposition which he gave on I Cor. 2:9.

A children's meeting has been started under the leadership of Miss Helen Hadley. The attendance has been splendid and we hope that a well organized Junior Endeavor may be the outcome.

Byron Kenworthy, who is attending Pacific College, spent the week-end at home recently. School life seems to agree with him, judging from appearances.

Miss Valeda Hoxie and Velma Lull spent Thanksgiving at their homes in Salem.

Miss Margaret Leffler and her sister Dorothy, spent their Thanksgiving vacation in Yamhill.

Dear Christian Endeavorers: Just a word to let you know I am thoroughly enjoying Bible work at N. P. E. I. The gospel truths are a continual feast. Wish you might have stepped into our chapel service Tuesday morning and got a glimpse of the photograph of an individual Christian given by Brother Hadley. I Cor. 13th chapter. It was beautiful and real. Evangeline Kludas.

BOISE.

Several of our people attended Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting, held for the first time at Valley Mound—This being a new being. It was a time of real refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Clarkson Hinshaw, Y. M. Superintendent, and Chester Hadley, Y. M. Supt of C. E. were present, and gave some very helpful messages.

Rosa Allen was appointed Q. M. Supt. of C. E., to fill the vacancy caused by Zenos Perisho, who has moved to Newberg. We feel sure she will fill the vacancy very creditably.

Maurice Morden, who spent two weeks in the hospital on account of an operation, attended services this morning for the first time.

Leona Jones, one of our faithful C. E. members, has gone to Melba, to be gone for some time.

We have four new subscriptions to the paper.

A new class was organized in our S. S. with Lydia Jones as teacher, and eleven in the class.

The young people enjoyed a pleasant evening at the Shepherd home when they surprised Mildred Chamberlain with a party. Several games were enjoyed, after which light refreshments were served, including a sixteen-candle birthday cake.

The young mens' class met for a social time at the home of Wendell Murphy, their teacher. A good number were present and enjoyed a pleasant evening of games and music. We are glad to note that the class is growing in numbers and interest of late.

Our business meeting and social this month was held at Mrs. Nicholson's.

Professor Span, head of the Biblical department of Greenleaf Seminary, has agreed to come to Boise every two weeks and conduct a Bible study class. We have had one lesson.

The Endeavorers are committing to memory one new song each month, and find it a real blessing.

STAR.

We are pushing the Missionary campaign these days. We are to have a women's program on Sunday evening, the 23rd, and the Endeavorers have charge of the program for Sunday evening, December 14.

Dr. Mary Hunter, of Ohio, is visiting her brother-in-law, J. W. Jones and family. She is enroute to California.

Charles Stalker held a week's revival meeting here with good results and some additions to the church. Others are contemplating joining us.

Our C. E. business meeting was held Friday evening, Nov. 14, at the home of Hilma Larson.

Our "Church family dinner" is to be served at the home of J. W. Jones. Our appetites are being tempted by the thought of chicken and cranberries, pie and cake.

Our pastor is giving us good messages and our numbers are increasing in Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting as well as the regular Sunday morning services.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

REX.

Maude and Asa Butler returned home on November 8, from a visit in northern California. On Tuesday evening, November 11th, the neighbors gave them a surprise at the parsonage. There were about 40 present. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games and music, after which refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Justin L. Haworth, Richard Haworth and Dennis Mills were present from Springbrook.

Ona Gustin is working in the office of the Spaulding Lumber Co., at Newberg. Esther Gustin is also working at Newberg, learning the millinery trade.

Fred Frost has purchased a Ford.

Mrs. Olive Hollister died at the home of her daughter, Mabel Frost, on October 31, 1919. We extend our sympathy to the Frost family.

A. L. McCaffree has located near Sunnyside, Wash. His family expect to join him in the near future.

Willard Wiley started to work November 1, in the oil wells near La Habra, California, where his brother Ross has worked for some time.

SCOTTS MILLS.

The reception for our new pastor, Edgar Sims, and wife, was quite a success. Those present felt that we spent a profitable evening. We gave them a canned fruit shower at this time. We feel to thank the Lord from the depths of our hearts for sending them to us. Brother Sims is a fearless preacher. We have seldom heard his equal. His ministry has already been a great blessing to many of our hearts. Please pray with us that we may have a gracious revival. Jesus is able—praise His precious name!

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor have gone east for a visit in Iowa and Kansas. The serious illness of Joseph Taylor's father was the occasion for their trip at this time.

Rev. Ronton and wife, formerly pastors of the Methodist church at Marquam, have recently moved into our midst, and have joined our C. E. Mrs. Ronton is teaching in the high school. They are Holy Ghost people, and we feel sure will be a blessing to our community.

Mrs. Evangeline Kludas is now attending the Training School at Piedmont, Portland, Oregon.

Nineteen members of our Sunday School attended the Silverton District

S. S. convention on Sunday afternoon, of November 2. It was held at Porter School House in Silverton Hills. A quartette from our members furnished the music. We had a splendid convention and it was well attended, considering the stormy day. Our school won the banner for the largest attendance at the convention.

Oscar Frazier, brother of Hattie B. Coulson, has been with us this fall. He is now doing some carpenter work for Jesse Coulson. He is alive spiritually, and the Lord is making him a blessing to many people.

Several of our young people motored to Salem Sunday afternoon, November 16, to attend the C. E. rally held at South Salem Friends Church.

We greatly enjoy our little paper, "A Friendly Endeavor."

HIGHLAND.

We do not want the other societies of Oregon Yearly Meeting to think we are dead, just because our former correspondent decided to attend Pacific College. We are decidedly "on the map," and expect to continue being there. Several of our members are away this year, but we have several new faces among us.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and Ethelyn, but hope Roseburg will not be able to claim them long. Olive is teaching at Hall's Ferry, and is able to be with us week-ends, for which we are very glad.

Joseph Smith's meetings which were held under the auspices of the Marion County Holiness Association, at South Salem, were well attended by several of our members. They were deeply spiritual in their teaching, and a great blessing to those who were privileged to be there.

Our endeavorers are taking an active interest in the work of the S. S. Two new classes have been organized lately. Both are composed of young people, who vie with each other in getting new members and helpers. They give entertaining socials and help with the S. S. choir. The younger peoples' class "Amicis," entertained November 11th, at the home of Isola Smith. An enjoyable evening was passed with games, music and "stunts" given by different groups who represented families. The spirit of the day was kept by a comic playette, "The Making of the American Flag."

We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving holidays, that we may welcome

home some of our absent members. Among them are, Gladys Scott, Calvin Thomas, Adella and Hubert Armstrong, Valeda Hoxie and Melva Lull. We think of those who are so far away that they do not get home for this vacation—Bessie Shinn and her mother, at Walport, and Nathan Schwabb at Nampa, Idaho.

The C. E. rally held at South Salem, Sunday afternoon of Quarterly meeting, was an inspiration and blessing to our own C. E. The music was especially appreciated. Clarkson Hinshaw's message, "The Glory of Youth," impressed on our minds the added responsibility that we as young people share in this day and age. Let us work with added zeal for having heard this soul-stirring message.

QUILCENE.

Here's hopin' these notes are not too late! It is Thanksgiving Eve and therefore three days later than the notes should be in Ye Editor's hands. It will serve us right if we are omitted, but we'll send 'em along just the same in hopes!

Things are happening thick and fast up here just now. Chief and foremost is the wonderful way in which God has sent us an evangelist right now. We were praying for one but did not think that one would be available, nor that we would be ready for one for perhaps a month or two. However, we learned John Riley was available if taken immediately so we got the telegraph busy, decided to have him on Friday and got him on the field and at work by the following Wednesday. He has been at work at Brinnon ever since and will continue perhaps until Friday or Saturday. Monday night has seen the only definite break so far. The opening night by a combination of circumstances in which the Lord's hand was plainly visible, there were 65 people present, an unusually large crowd. We are praising Him. From Brinnon it is planned to transfer the activities to Quilcene, about Sunday, November 30, for perhaps three Sundays, then to Leland for ten days or so up to Christmas. Will every Friendly Endeavorer please keep these arrangements in mind and unite earnestly, fervently, intelligently, effectually in prayer on our behalf? Remember, too, that the promise in James refers only to those prayers from righteous hearts—that is those who are sweetly conscious of God's smile upon them. Are you equipped to be an intercessor? Then will you not intercede for us now?

Another interesting happening, of considerable moment to about 25 young peo-

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"And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.'"

Does it not seem as we stand aside and watch the great modern Christmas barter, that Jesus is thrust aside? Is there still "no room in the inn?" Have you watched the shop windows, the advertised sales, the printed gift lists? Did you see very much of Jesus Christ? How many post-cards you see with trees and filled stockings, Santa Claus in every possible pose and with almost innumerable decorations, but how few, comparatively, have Jesus and His words. Let us be careful to give due praise to the Saviour of the world, let us give the best we have to Him whose birth we celebrate.

Let us know if you don't get your paper. A few complaints have come in. The paper is small and easily lost in the mail. We will try to replace any that are lost. Notify use of a change of address.

Wish the same alarm clock that startled Highland would "go off" in Greenleaf's ear, and likewise get Newberg to stirring. We haven't heard from these points for quite a while, and we miss their interesting notes.

Please don't let the holiday rush make you forget your notes. Have them in December 23rd, and Merry Christmas to all.

QUILCENE.

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ple in Quilcene was the October Class party of the Live Wires, which was held on Hallowe'en. The two outstanding features of the evening were the splendid parts played by Stella Bailey as the Old Witch, who welcomed everybody and mystified most of us completely, and the unusually fine supper and tasteful decorations on the table, managed by Mar-

garet McDonald with the assistance of her "eats" committee. The November Class Party will be held Friday next as a sort of Thanksgiving party. The class is delighted with the advent of its beautiful new specially ordered silver plate and enamel class pins with the name of the class engraved on them.

On November 9th the regular monthly Union Endeavor with the other church was held in their building. It was a most interesting time. Red Cross Sunday was celebrated at the same time, and a move was also started for strict law enforcement of the dry laws, which is being flagrantly violated in connection with the public dances. All things considered that Sunday evening was a memorable one.

Our regular Christian Endeavor topics have been interestingly studied and our attendance at C. E. is steady—perhaps more stable than that of any other department of the church.

We have had three auto loads down to Brinnon since Brother Riley has been preaching there, including a Ford truck load Sunday morning, at which time the Sunday morning preaching service, Sunday School and the Leland service were omitted. It was felt that the time thus spent was profitable.

We are experiencing the first real cold snap of the season, and it is a "snapper" sure enough. The roads are like iron this morning, the tree-covered mountains around us are all decked in white, although we have no snow in Quil., and the north wind is doing its very best to maintain such conditions in the face of a glorious burst of warm sunshine.

WELCOME TO CLARKSON HINSHAW

The Christian Endeavorers of Salem Quarterly Meeting were especially favored at their last meeting, which was held at the South Salem Friends church, in having for their speaker at the Christian Endeavor Rally, Rev. L. Clarkson Hinshaw, our general superintendent.

His topic was "The Glory of Youth and How to Attain it." He gave us some real gospel and sound Quaker teaching. He emphasized the importance and duty of the young person in the church.

We as young people of Salem Quarterly Meeting certainly appreciate his interest in this branch of the church work and we know he is going to be a

great help to us and we want to be the same to him in his efforts among us. We welcome him and want him to be with us often.

Special music for the Rally service was furnished by Miss Marguerite Cook with a solo, and the Rosedale Male Chorus. Both numbers were very good.

CARL E. MILLER.

OUR STANDARD OF LOYALTY.

"Whatever He would like to have me do."

Whatever—In living, doing, being, thinking, speaking, giving.

Whatever—In church, Sunday-school, and C. E.

Whatever—In home, business, community and state.

Whatever—In recreation, social standards, and amusements.

President FRANCES E. CLARK.

(From Message at Buffalo.)

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done. "New Thought" must take the place of the old paths.

Fourth—Natural unbelief. Many people who have naturally unbelieving hearts, welcome this avenue of escape and are glad to become Higher Critic so that a bad conscience might be healed.

Fifth—There are people who have been led into unbelieving criticism who were honestly looking for the truth, and the number of these is about as great as were the infidels of the Ingersoll stripe.

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