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OREGON YEARLY MEETING SEVEN REASONS.

By H. L. Cox.

FIRST: Such gatherings are scriptural. God's people of old met each year in their great annual feasts and all above twelve years of age were expected to be present. Here they worshipped, and were taught out of the scriptures, and here they had nourished the national consciousness and had held up before them continually their mission. All are familiar with the consequences as to the effect and the blessings that have come and are still yet to come from this method. In New Testament times at Jerusalem the early Christians and Apostles met for counsel and prayer. One of the secrets of the large influence of so small a body of believers as are the Friends, is that they have always been known as a CHURCH GOING PEOPLE. The old time quarterly and yearly meetings were the outstanding events of the whole year.

SECOND: Such occasions furnish us with a splendid opportunity to give a testimony to the world. These are days of materialism and of pleasure seeking. How better can we as Friends show a superior standard than by "enmasse" leaving for the time being the material pursuits of life and gathering together to attend to the work of the Lord? What greater inspiration has come to God's people than the histories, biographies, and the mute testimonies of the catacombs which record the faithfulness of the early Christians to meet together for prayer, fellowship and instruction? In the greatest tests they were true and passed on to succeeding generations the truths of the gospel undiminished and unimpaired. What greater encouragement comes to Friends of the present generation than the story of the most minute faithfulness of the early Friends to support their regular meetings? They felt they could better afford to neglect material than spiritual things, hence business became subordinate to the church and her claims. The coming generation will need greater inspiration and more grace than we, if they succeed in stemming the tides of materialism and unbelief. Will we pass to them undiminished this example of devotion or will we by our indifference give them ideals that will permit trifles to hinder from the work of God?

THIRD: Such gatherings furnish opportunity to see and hear our church leaders. They can seldom visit all our local meetings and with many the only blessings to be received from them will be received at such annual occasions as Yearly Meetings, and but for these very occasions a large per cent of the present generation would never have been blessed by the ministry and memory of our great leaders, most of whom have gone to their reward. John Henry Douglas was never more supreme as a mighty prophet of God, Esther Frame never reached climaxes of more seraphic eloquence, Luke Woodard never sounded profounder depths of logic and argument, and Amos Kenworthy never had clearer revelations and more helpful personal messages than when they ministered to the great throngs of Yearly Meeting audiences. By special invitation of the Evangelistic Board, Wm. Kirby, pastor of the First Friends Church, of Des Moines, Iowa, will be with us this year and will speak each day. He comes to us with the reputation of a rare combination of gifts; orator, teacher and preacher.

While it is yet early to forecast the personnel of the visiting ministers, we know of the coming of Charles Lescault, who has been with us before and all who heard him then will remember him as a strong speaker. Others no doubt of great interest will be present.

FOURTH: Such occasions promote unity.

"Not understood, we move along
asunder,

Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep

Along the years, we marvel and we wonder

Why life is life and then we fall asleep,—

Not understood.

God had a great purpose in moving on the spirits of our pioneers to come to the then vast wilderness of the Oregon country and lay deep and strong the foundations of Oregon Yearly Meeting. We will only be able to realize this purpose as we stand together for God and His truth. To meet each other face to face, counsel and pray together, and understand each other's view points, difficulties, burdens, desires and motives and really be "UNDERSTOOD" will go a long way in securing the unity without which we will be sure to fail. We are far from the centers of Quaker life and

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THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

By Blaine Bronner.

"To be or not to be, that is the question."

The question has been answered, if there was one. For anyone who had ever been there, there was no question. At any rate a committee composed of the executive committee of the Endeavor Department of Oregon Yearly Meeting and the advisory members decided, after giving the matter prayerful consideration, to hold the Annual Friends Christian Endeavor Conference at Newport, June 29-July 6 inclusive.

The Committee felt that it would be more satisfactory to hold the Conference at the coast, for many will want to combine it with their vacation. After considering several places Newport seemed far the best place to hold the Conference, as it is an ideal place for a summer outing.

The date was placed at this time because weather conditions are then best at Newport. Also the tourist season will not be open that early and we shall be able to secure accommodations much more reasonable than we could later. A chance to hit old H. C. L. is not to be overlooked.

Arrangements will be made for the engaging of rooms and cottages through local society officers who will be furnished with registration cards which should be filled as soon as possible. Of course you will want one. This is to be the best Conference that we have ever held and you must not miss it. In the morning we will have the group prayer meetings which have been such a blessing before. The forenoons will be spent in classes, conducted by different teachers, in which we will find the solution of many of our problems, answers to our various questions, and food to satisfy the hunger of our hearts. A series of inspirational addresses will run throughout which will bring us new determination to fill our place in the Divine plan.

The afternoons will be given over to recreation and lots of it. Bathing in surf on sandy Nye Beach, hikes to various points of interest such as the lighthouse and "The Devil's Punch Bowl" (although the nation is dry it continues to attract), fishing from the rocks and in Nye Creek, fishing trips out on the Bay, agate hunting along the beach at low tide and many other things will afford pleasures without end.

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SOCIETY NEWS

FIRST CHURCH, PORTLAND.

We feel that the interest in our Christian Endeavor Society is increasing. Some time ago our C. E. seemed almost at the point of death. Many of the older members were dropping out, leaving the work to a faithful few. But now we have in our Sunday School a splendid crowd of both young men and women just entering the age for our Senior Society. Several of these are already members and take part, much to the improvement of our meetings. They are our only hope. Pray for us.

On April 11th our Missionary Committee furnished a program. Mrs. McKenzie, a worker among the Japanese in this city, gave a very interesting talk. She finds them very eager and quick to learn. They are also quick to detect dishonesties in the lives of professing Christians. What manner of man therefore ought we to be?

In Easter Sunday at the morning service, forty-five members were given a public welcome into our church. Fourteen of this number were boys and girls over twelve years of age, coming from Associate into Active membership.

Cupid has been in our midst again. The hearts he pierced belong to our new president and secretary, Julia Hall and Howard Pearson. Miss Hall recently gave an announcement party to her girl friends, disclosing the wonderful secret. The lucky man is a returned Friends Unit Worker from France, and a mighty fine fellow. May the Lord bless them.

A little daughter named Evelyn Shirley, is being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Mendenhall. Here is another life to be trained for Christ and the Church.

The Young Men's Class entertained the two Young Women's Classes in the Sunday School on Friday night, April 9, at the home of Gladys Terrill. It was a belated April Fool party; nevertheless several clever stunts were pulled off. A most interesting program was given by the boys. Fred George sang a number of Harry Lauder songs with his delightful impersonations, and Everett Heacock gave some humorous readings, one in costume impersonating a suffragist. The evening was voted a complete success on the boys entertaining and it was hoped by all the girls that they would try it again.

SOUTH SALEM.

An April event which meant much to the young people, not only in real work, but enjoyment, was our Easter Cantata. The message was given in a very choice selection of Scripture, and we feel that the truth of the purchase of eternal life and victory through Christ's death and resurrection claims a stronger hold on us than ever before.

The Pemberton family royally entertained the C. E. on the evening of April 10th. One of the many interesting features of the evening was in the suggestive acting-out of some rhyme. We wish you might have laughed with us as Miss Sophia Townsend blusteringly appeared with her arms full of dolls, a small boy at her elbow (Brooks Pemberton) whom she constantly pecked, and silently scolded, and a boot chucked full of children. Of course you know where she lived.

We regret very much that Maxine Elliott has not been with us for so long on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, of Portland, were enjoyable visitors with us Sunday, the 18th.

Sunday evening L. C. Hinshaw came to conduct revival meetings for us. His forceful messages of truth have been much appreciated and we trust that God will have His way in many hearts. An illustration given by Mr. Hinshaw in a message from Isa. 12: "Therefore with JOY shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation," was something like this: "In a sea-coast town was a poor lad clad in rags, carrying a basket of apples hoping to sell them, and take home a little change to help his poor mother. He trudged with hopeless eye and sunken cheek among the station throng. A voice called from the car window, 'say, boy, are those apples for sale?' 'Yes, that's what I am calling—apples for sale.' 'Well, how would you like to sell all those in the basket?' The lad's countenance brightened, only to fall as the man said, 'Give me a dime's worth, and if you want to sell all those apples, I'll tell you how. Just take one of those big red apples and do as I do.' And he set his teeth in the white meat of his luscious fruit taking a big bite while the juice streamed out. Then he said—'Now, you just do that as fast as you can, and cry out "Apples for sale!" between every breath.'

"The lad taking heart did as he was told and a few minutes later the man in the train spied him through the crowd with the basket almost empty and peo-

ple pressing in on every side saying, 'give me a dime's worth.'" "Therefore with joy."

SPRINGBROOK.

Quite an improvement in the appearance of our church has been seen since "Clean Up Day," April 10th. The walls have been re-tinted and the wood-work varnished again. Only a little out door work was done due to the wet weather, but this will be done later.

Our social committee entertained the C. E. at a leap-year social at the home of Wade Williams, the evening of April 9th. A good time was enjoyed by all, about 35 were present.

Our Junior Society has been re-organized with two divisions. Blanche Carlisle has charge of the Juniors from the ages of 5 to 9, and Marjorie Brown those from 9 to 12. The children meet together for the opening exercise then divide for the discussion of the lesson. They are entering a contest, having evenly divided, and each side will try to commit to memory the most Bible verses. They are a live bunch of children and we are looking for some good work done by them this summer. When they reach the age of 13, they enter the Intermediate Department.

Our Sunday school is growing both in numbers and in interest. The opening exercises are conducted by the different classes in turn, and this method has proved very satisfactory.

Olive and Frank Fisher had charge of the evening service April 11th. Mr. Fisher spoke of the call of the young people to Christ's service. His sermon, as well as the two duets sung by them, were very much appreciated.

Olive and Frank Fisher left for Washington a few days ago, where Mr. Fisher expects to take up pastoral work. We are glad to report Mr. Fisher very much improved in health.

The "Live Wires" and "King's Messengers" classes in S. S. are having a contest for the largest attendance at S. S., largest collection and largest attendance at the church service. As a result, from 35 to 40 boys and girls, ages 10 to 16, are seen in the church service every Sunday morning.

BOISE.

Our business meeting and social were held this month at Everett Neff's. A

good and profitable time was reported, with a goodly number present.

Rosa and Mamie Allen were visitors from Greenleaf last Sunday. We are always glad to see them.

Guy Ferley, one of the teachers in the Greenleaf Biblical Department, was with us Sunday evening and gave a helpful message.

William Allen's family are out of quarantine for small-pox for which we are very thankful, as we missed them from the service.

Our prayer meetings and regular services are times of real refreshing.

William Murphy, one of our young men, is out in the work, as singing evangelist.

STAR.

On the evening of the 4th of April we had with us some representatives of the "Near East Relief" work. An Armenian who is attending the Nazarene School at Nampa, Idaho, gave the talk. It was made very impressive because he knew by actual experience, many of the things he told. Almost \$200 was subscribed.

Our Sabbath School attendance is increasing, for which we are thankful.

Dr. Wright, a representative of "The Society for the Friendless," who spoke on the evening of the 11th, has asked our pastor and choir to have charge of a service at the State Penitentiary some Sunday afternoon.

Mary A. Hill, a missionary in China for almost twenty years, spoke at the Woman's Missionary Society, April 14. Their subject was "China," and it seemed very appropriate for her to be here. The meeting was very interesting and instructive. Quite a number had known and loved her when she taught in Pleasant Plain Academy, Iowa.

We are looking forward to the home coming of some of our Endeavorers. They are: Clifford Elmore, our C. E. president, who has been attending school at Corvallis, Oregon; Ardis Roberts, who has attended Penn College; and Vivian Cone, who has been teaching school at Arco, Idaho.

Anson Cox, a veteran minister and worker, of this and other states, whose home is now at Greenleaf, brought a helpful message April 18, on "Individual Relations to God."

SCOTTS MILLS.

Our society is having a very successful season considering the busy times and disagreeable weather. Our meetings are well attended, and are proving very interesting and helpful.

Several active members have been welcomed into the society in the past month. These include Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sly and "Grandma" Holbrook. We are always glad to welcome such members.

Rev. Harold Miller was present as a visitor two weeks ago, and gave a helpful message in the after service. His subject was, "The Importance of the Bible in our Lives."

The Bible Prophecy class which is being conducted on Friday evenings by our pastor, Rev. E. P. Sims, is well attended by the Endeavorers as well as other church members.

Two of our members journeyed to Salem last Sunday to visit friends. They report a good live society, and a helpful meeting at Highland.

John Brouger, now attending Willamette University, is obliged to be absent from our society. We miss him, but we know he is in good company at South Salem.

Most of our members receive copies of "A Friendly Endeavor." We find every number full of good news and practical reading. It is a paper really worth while.

Our C. E. prayer meetings are increasing in size and interest. Some are marked with a real burden of prayer for the unsaved souls about us.

Joseph Taylor underwent an operation for appendicitis, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, on April 8th. Dr. H. F. Ong was the surgeon. Mr. Taylor returned home April 17th.

The Lord has wonderfully answered prayer these past few months; souls have been brought from darkness to light, and are rejoicing in this great Salvation, Praise His Name.

The Christian Endeavor Department is glad to announce that on Saturday at the young people's rally, Rev. William Kirby, pastor of the First Church in Des Moines, Iowa, will give an address upon "The Eternal Interrogative." Plan to attend, not only our own service upon Saturday, but every session of the Yearly Meeting.

LET US TAKE BOTH.

A mother before taking her small son out to dinner, admonished him as follows:

"Now, Bobbie, when the lady asks you which kind of pie you will have you must say, 'I like both, thank you, I'll take either.'"

When the time came to recite this, Bob said, "I like either, thank you, I'll take both," which was a wise and profitable answer.

Now, if anyone asks you which you are planning to attend—Conference or Yearly Meeting—you must answer, "I like either, I'll take both."

The "Friendly Endeavor" is calling attention to two Important Annual Events. The editor started to say, "we are killing two birds with one stone," but that would be very inappropriate. For we don't want "A Friendly Endeavor" to kill either of these "birds"—Yearly Meeting or Conference.

Owing to the extra amount of material this month, we may have to cut the news items a bit, and as we are going to press early, some notes may not be here in time.

A new departure in the program of the evangelistic department this year will be complete survey of the entire field covered by Oregon Yearly Meeting. This will be done by means of charts and maps covering every phase of each field. Our Yearly Meeting Superintendent has been working for weeks upon this survey, and will be able to give in concrete form the needs and conditions of each point in the Y. M.

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Rooms and cottages will be secured near the beach and those wishing them should write to Dr. or Matilda Minthorn at Newport, as they have kindly consented to act as our agents there. Meals will if possible be given on the club plan which has been so successful before. Special rates on the railroad will be secured and will be announced later.

We will expect to see you there. Combine business with pleasure—His business.

May it be a gathering time not only of agates, but of Precious Stones for His crown.

Notice is hereby served on each Quarterly Meeting Endeavor Superintendent appointing them Q. M. Boosters, co-operating with their various society presidents to secure the largest possible enrollment.

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ENTERTAINMENT.

You have read Homer Cox's appeal for attendance at Yearly Meeting and are now thoroughly convinced that it is not only your duty but privilege to attend.

Naturally you are wanting to know something of entertainment. Conditions at Newberg are even more crowded than last year and it will be necessary for those planning to attend to get in touch at once, with the entertainment committee.

Last year the Evangelistic Board secured tents and cots for all who desired them and a regular "tent city" was the result. This year they propose to do the same, and as it is hard to get tents at the last minute please let Blaine Bronner, Marion, Oregon, know at once just what you want, the size of tent, number of cots, etc. If, however, you do not want a tent, then communicate with Dr. Thomas Hester, as he has charge of the securing of rooms.

We are not able at this time to say just what the tents will cost, but can promise that you can have them at exactly what they cost us. If you have a tent of your own, and wish to use it, there will be ample room for all who wish to come.

For those not desiring to do their own cooking, meals will be served, as usual, at a nominal price, in the basement of the church.

In the busy rush, preparing for Yearly Meeting, in the hurry of the Meeting, itself, there is one thing that must not be neglected, it is the most necessary preparation, PRAYER. Pray for guidance yourself. Pray for those upon whose shoulders the work lies heaviest. Pray for the direction in the decision that Oregon Yearly Meeting must make this year. Pray for, oh! there is no place to stop, but pray that the Holy Spirit may lead and that we may follow.

In securing Rev. William Kirby to help in the evangelistic services, the

Board feels that they have been especially favored. Brother Kirby comes to us highly recommended as a man of God, and while many of us have never heard him, it is quite significant that those who have, are eagerly anticipating hearing his message again.

Several of the Departments have indicated, by letters, that they are planning for their program, in the Yearly Meeting, but are not ready at this time to make them complete.

Don't forget to write to Blaine Bronner, Marion, Oregon, if you want a tent, or Dr. Hester, Newberg, if you want a room.

Are you going to be a 100% Quaker and attend Yearly Meeting this year?

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thought and as a group need to be often in such fellowship of prayer and sympathy and counsel as the sessions of Yearly Meeting only can afford.

FIFTH: Such occasions have often been turning points in history. One paragraph from our "Go To Yearly Meeting Message" last year while true then is even more applicable now. We repeat: "The leaders of our church everywhere feel that we have reached a crisis in the history of Our Society. Great issues are at stake. The past is gone, the future is yet to come; the momentous NOW is ours. It seems to be the focal point of all our history. Two hundred seventy years of Quaker history compress their gathered weight of responsibility into this day to which we have come. May God Almighty move upon our hearts and minds to meet it with divine strength, courage and wisdom." If it should be that Oregon Yearly Meeting and Quakerism in the Northwest decides in 1920 what its future is to be and, if that future should prove to be glorious, can you with pride recall such a fortunate decision if you stay at home and withhold your contribution of influence? If that future on the other hand is to be dark can you feel you have entirely cleared your skirts if you are not there to do your bit to save the day?

SIXTH: Such occasions will, we trust, foster soundness of doctrine. We seem to be in a great danger these days of substituting broadness of mind for the Blood of Christ; our doings for our doctrines; our fancies for our faith; laxity for love, and sentiment for salvation. The great Hicksite separation in our church in 1826-27 is said by an official declaration of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to be traceable to the fact that the young people of that generation

were untaught in the "saving truth of the Gospel." Elias Hicks was allowed to spread this poison and sow broad the seeds of Pantheism for years since because a teaching ministry had suppressed and consequently the church was unable to detect unsound doctrine. In the absence of the true doctrine of God false doctrine was implanted in thousands of our people were led astray. Under the guise of co-operation we are again (and especially our young people) in danger of this same snare. It would not be considered courtesy a good form to emphasize the doctrines of the inspiration of the Bible and the efficacy of the Blood of Christ while in joint conference with young people of the Hicksite branch and just as it was not permissible for the Israelites of old to march a single day across the wilderness without they were under sprinkled blood, so it is unsafe today to be affiliated with any organization where it is not good form to speak of and exalt the Blood of our Christ. Doctrines clear, emphatic, and unctuous need to be and will be emphasized this year at Yearly Meeting.

SEVENTH: But in all the tension and turmoil no other need so presses us as the need of meeting God. Oh for a mount of transfiguration where in adoring worship we sit at His feet! Oh for the tonic air from the hills of God to work its miracle of rejuvenation! Oh for the blaze of His glorified presence to clarify our vision! Oh for His voice with its comforting accents to speak to us out of the cloud!

Young people of Oregon Yearly Meeting, there are tasks insuperable awaiting us in the valley of our world's need. We can, if we will, make of the coming Yearly Meeting such a mountain of transfiguration that these tasks can be accomplished. Let us come expecting to see and hear Him.

The June issue of Friendly Endeavor will give in detail the plans for the Conference.

Talk it up at Yearly Meeting.

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