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WHICH WERE YOU?

"Come on with me to the show tonight. There's a good 'movie' at The Starlight this week."

"Thank you, but I'm afraid you'll have to excuse me."

"I don't see why—you're not going any place else are you?"

"No, but I don't go to shows."

"Don't go to shows! Well, why in the world don't you?"

"Because I'm a Christian, and I can't be the kind of a Christian I want to be and do that too."

"I'm a Christian myself—I go to church and all that, but I would hate to belong to a church that was so narrow as not to allow a person to go to an innocent little 'movie.' Doesn't your church believe in it?"

"I'll admit there are people in my church who go, but as a whole I think the church disapproves. I settled that question myself though, before I knew the stand the church was taking."

"But what on earth do you see wrong in a moving picture, I'd like to know?"

"You may smile, and I know I seem narrow in my views, but I don't mind telling you about it. I used to attend the 'movie' theatre quite regularly, and always at the best and cleanest show-house in town. I enjoyed the pictures very much. There were some wonderful educational films, pictures of factory life in our great cities, picture of nature, of foreign ports, oh, any number of attractive things. Then the 'weekly events' were always interesting, also the usual humorous reels, very clever of course, and then the main picture of the hour—the romance. At first these romances were allright—they were good stories portrayed in a most beautiful way. Then I began to notice—oh, I don't know what exactly, it's hard to explain, but just a 'something' about those love scenes that made me wish to be at home and not looking at them."

"I can't see why a love-scene is wrong. It's natural and normal, and God made people to love each other didn't he?"

"Certainly, and I excused myself on just that ground, and also said that I couldn't help it because all the scenes weren't exactly to my liking—because some were not right, why should I condemn all? But however I tried to excuse them there was something about those love-acts that seemed strangely out of harmony with the 'natural and normal love that God made.'"

"I don't think it's any worse to look at a picture of that kind than it is to read a love-story in a book, and surely you don't object to a love-story do you?"

"No, not at all, if the romance is sweet and wholesome, a limited amount of it is allright. But to me there is a difference. In reading a story, you don't stop to vividly portray every act of the lovers as it is pictured on the screen, and anyway even if you did, you wouldn't have them in some of the attitudes that you see there. If you do, then there is something wrong either with your mind or the book. Now isn't that so?"

"Oh, I suppose it is."

"And other things I didn't like were the pictures shown of criminals at their work. Robbery, murder and various forms of crime are given in minute detail. Some of those I saw were really fearful things for anyone to look at, to say nothing of children. Then I began to have more or less of a struggle with my conscience about it. I said to myself that 'everybody goes these days, you feel sort of queer in people's eyes if you don't know the latest show in town. Lots and lots of church members attend—why should I be so particular? I wish I didn't have such a robust conscience anyway, it is so hard to manage.' Meantime I continued taking in what I considered good shows, and struggled along with my conscience. It began to weaken in time, and behaved pretty well. I could look at fairly scandalous scenes and my conscience would sit quietly in its corner, and hardly remonstrate. You can get your conscience to stand almost anything if you treat it rough for awhile. But I found that you can't do that with the Holy Spirit. I began to notice that my relish for prayer-meeting was not as keen as formerly. My prayers were less fervent, somehow I couldn't get hold of God as I once had. Oh, I went to church and Sunday-school, and testified occasionally, but the joy had left me. When praying alone I felt dry, and there was no power in my life. The Holy Spirit had left me. Jesus refused to accompany me to a show-house, and then it dawned upon me that I was trading my most precious possession for a mere moment of pleasure. Nobody but God knows the weeks and weeks of agonizing prayer it took, and the utter forsaking of worldly things to get back to my old experience of joy and peace, and the anointing of the Spirit on my soul."

"But you'll have to admit that you had a good time. A moving picture theatre

furnishes an evening of real entertainment."

"I freely admit the attraction, and I had an hour or two of thrills and fun, but think how dearly I paid for it. Can you really say that you could do effective work helping a soul through at the altar after spending an evening at a show?"

"Oh, well, if you want to get fanatical about it——"

"No, I don't want to get fanatical at all, but I do want to have my Christian life amount to something, and I want to enjoy my religion. I just endured it before, and didn't really enjoy what I was getting out of the world, only just for the moment. I think we have the right to enjoy one or the other. If I were going to choose the world, I'd go into it for all I could get out of it, but since I choose the lonely way with Jesus I'm going to get all I can out of it. The two don't seem to mix though, do you think so?"

"No, not if you put it that way. But what are we going to do? We must have some fun once in a while. Young people can't sit in a straight-backed chair with a Bible in one hand, and a church discipline in the other. What do you expect us to do? I suppose you want us to go to the preacher's house and read the life of George Fox or John Wesley for our evening's amusement, or maybe you would even get worldly enough to allow us to play a game of domino, while you young ladies dabbled in 'authors.'"

"I can't speak for everybody of course, but I can tell you what I do. In the first place, by the time I get my necessary studying done, and my regular day's work finished, I'm too tired to spend many evenings up late. Then I have made it the rule of my life to get alone with God in prayer every day, and by the time I pray for the church and Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor, College and schools, the revival meeting, the Holiness National Convention, the Missionaries in China, Africa, Japan, Central America, the Armenians, and then spend some time praising the Lord for what He has done, and getting a blessing for myself, it takes quite awhile. Then by the time I prepare my Sunday-school lesson, attend the weekly prayer-meeting, and attend to a few other details, there really isn't a great deal of time left. But I realize that I do need relaxation and amusement, and when I do it can be found. There is nearly always a good Lyceum Course to attend, or a band con-

cert, symphony orchestra, or glee club. These things do not always have the highest paid talent, but it affords an evening of entertainment and diversion. Then our young people often prepare programs just for the fun of getting together. We speak pieces, have a dialogue or two, sing and play. We have socials too. Sometimes the boys plan a whole evening of fun and invite the girls, and sometimes the girls entertain the boys."

"That's all right, of course, but it seems dreadfully old-fashioned."

"I know it does, and it's a shame that our Christian young people are being cheated out of the pleasure that might be afforded through such a really wonderful invention as the motion picture, for if used properly and moderately it would be profitable both as a means of education and as an innocent amusement. Never mind, the devil may have a lease on these things here, but when I get to Heaven I'm going to plan to sit on the highest peak in glory, and watch the whole performance of the ages, reel after reel. My 'stars' will be all the godly heroes and heroines since the beginning of time. I verily believe it will be a better show, with the heavenly breezes blowing, the sun of glory shining, an orchestra of angels, and a choir of cherubims than any dark, stuffy little 10-cent 'movie' the world, the flesh and the devil can inflict upon a pleasure mad people of earth."

"I believe you're right after all. Come along with me to the Auditorium tonight. There is to be a lecture on Panama and following that a 'musical' by the University Glee Club and Orchestra."

"Thank you, very much, I'll be ready to go in about fifteen minutes."

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON

The Quarterly Conference of Friends in Washington was held at Tacoma, Wash., where the church is situated at E. 48th and McKinley Avenue, on October 8, 9 and 10.

Conference opened Friday evening with an evangelistic service in which L. Clarkson Hinshaw, Evangelistic Superintendent of Oregon Yearly Meeting, preached a heart-searching message to the preachers and others called to service, from Acts 20:28. He emphasized the authoritative calling of the Holy Ghost, and the consequent obligations to feed the flock.

Other visiting ministers were Elizabeth Ward, of Ohio Yearly, now engaged in teaching work in the North Pacific Evangelistic Institute in Portland, and William E. Allen, pastor of the meeting at Sherwood, Oregon. Calvin Choate, the incoming minister at Entiat also took

his place upon the platform and was introduced to the conference.

At the 10:30 service Saturday morning Mrs. Ward preached on Hebrews 12:9, using the clause, "who for the joy set before Him endured the cross." Her ministry was very helpful.

At 2:30 the usual business meeting was held and proved to be indeed a time of getting close together and becoming truly acquainted with the actual conditions obtaining at the various points. The Monthly Meetings represented at the Conference were Entiat in Indiana Yearly Meeting, Quilcene in Oregon Yearly Meeting and Tacoma whose affiliation with any Yearly Meeting was a matter of doubt up to that time, with the probability of being recognized as an Oregon point. Meetings with their own pastors, but not yet established as Monthly Meetings were Rainier Heights in Seattle, where Dorothy Lee is pastor; Leland, where Frankie Martin is pastor, and Lake Forest Park, where P. Earl Barker is pastor. Other out stations reporting were Green Lake, Forest Glade and Brinnon.

At the evening service Clarkson Hinshaw preached on "This is life eternal, to know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent," in which he emphasized regeneration, growth and baptism as the essential steps in a Christian life.

Sunday morning witnessed 99 in the Sunday School, and the message at the service following was given by Calvin Choate, followed by an exhortation by Mrs. Ward. Several souls found deliverance at the altar.

On Sunday afternoon Clarkson Hinshaw again preached, this time on "Grieve not the Spirit." He showed how God had been grieved at his heart at the time of Noah, Jesus had grieved over Jerusalem, but it was never save for any Christian to grieve the Holy Spirit. Again souls responded to the invitation and gladly testified to having received what they sought.

The Christian Endeavor was led by Reva Warren, a young girl from the Tacoma Church. The visitors were particularly pleased with her sweet spirit and Christian experience. The topic was "Helpful Verses" and the visiting preachers were sent on a merry hunt without any warning, which was undoubtedly good for them. The service was well attended and interesting.

At the evening service Calvin Choate again preached from Deut. 1:25 on "Tasting the fruit and losing the land." The Conference is truly grateful to God for sending so powerful a preacher into the Conference.

In all about a dozen souls publicly sought God's blessing during the Conference and it can be freely said that all

in attendance felt an uplift in soul and were greatly benefited by the opportunity for Christian fellowship.

The Tacoma Friends proved to be royal hosts, and their fine well-equipped and well-arranged basement proved well adapted for such a gathering. They hope that by the time Tacoma's turn comes around again their church will be completed, and it gives promise of being a very fine and commodious house of worship.

SOCIETY NEWS

HIGHLAND.

The October business meeting and social was held at the home of Calvin Thomas. Several resolutions providing for more progressive activities were adopted by the society. Four new committees were formed: The "Messenger" with Elmer Conn as chairman; the "Stenographic," with Beulah Presnall, as chairman; the "Investigation" with Mrs. Deva Armstrong as chairman; and the "Evangelistic," (which includes the work formerly done by the Lookout) with Earl Pruitt as chairman. During the evening four of the girls sang, "A Steady Subscriber," which appeared in last month's A. F. E., to the tune of "Old Oaken Bucket." The applause indicated the interest and some new subscriptions were secured. Without question the most entertaining feature of the evening's amusement was the almost skilled way in which Walter Lee and Lillian Frazier soldiered!

Paul Brown and Clio Murdock, of Newberg, recently spent a week-end in Highland as the guests of friends.

Isola Smith recently spent a week-end at her home here from O. A. C.

John Brougner, of Scotts Mills, and Willard Shattuck, from Greenleaf, Idaho, are both attending Willamette University, and are helpful members of our C. E. They are living in the Frank Coleman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wilson are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a new daughter, October 15th. She has been named Lucile.

The Missionary Committee has charge of one C. E. service each month and they have planned a series of lessons on the various Friends Mission fields. Mexico was studied in September and Cuba in October. Much interest by both the young people and older ones is being manifested.

SPRINGBROOK

The Junior Society has again been dropped on account of school work. A number of the Juniors are now attending the Senior meetings.

Rev. Chas. O. Whitely, who is evangelistic superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, and former pastor of Newberg meeting, had charge of the Sunday evening service the 10th. At the close of the service four young people came to the altar, one for sanctification, two for consecration to Christ's service, and one for renewal in Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, our pastors, are now making calls in their brand new Ford.

Stella Hubbard is again teaching the first four grades in the Springbrook public school.

Our whole Society, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors, are making plans to attend the Yamhill County Convention at Dayton, October 23d-24th.

Jesse Edwards, of Newberg, had charge of our C. E. meeting the 17th. He gave several good points to be remembered when election day comes. He brought out very plainly our duty as citizens of the United States. His meeting was very profitable to all.

An old fashioned good time was enjoyed by our Endeavorers when they met at the home of the missionary chairman, Ethel Cowgill, and made a missionary quilt to be sent to a Rescue Home in the east. The boys brought the needles and sewed and tied as many knots, if not more, than the girls did. The evening was spent in putting the blocks together which had been pieced by each endeavorer, and finishing the quilt, singing and games. Cocoa and sandwiches were served for refreshments.

A large percentage of our society are attending Pacific Academy or College this year.

ROSEDALE.

Our monthly business meeting and social for October was held at the home of our pastor. We called it a "hard-time" social, and judging by the way the pastor looked, and the looks of some of his flock we would say that Rosedale was pretty hard hit in the loss of her prune crop.

Our society has suffered from the loss of some of the most faithful workers this fall. Cecil and Gerald Pearson have gone to Newberg to attend P. C. Miss

Lois Hampton, our Lookout chairman, is teaching school at Halsey. Miss Bessie Foster, our secretary, is attending school at Astoria. We have appointed Lynn Hampton as secretary, and Lesta Bates chairman of Lookout committee.

Some of the loss of Portland First Church C. E. is our gain. We are glad to have Lesta Bates as a permanent member, and Edith Coleman will be with us for the winter. They are both very spiritual members and are a help and blessing to us. Miss Coleman is teaching at Fairview, the school district nearest us. She is finding the three miles walk over gravel roads to church quite different from a walk on Portland pavements.

Mrs. Cammack's S. S. class of girls held their graduating exercises Sunday night. They have just finished the three years' course of graded work. Each girl took part in the program, and they were all a credit to their teacher, showing how faithful she had been in teaching the truths of the Bible to them. The history of the Bible was given, also the Books of the Bible. The thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, the First Psalm, and many other scriptures were repeated.

Our Junior C. E. has been discontinued for the winter, but we are glad to see the older ones of this society take active part in the Senior society.

STAR.

A missionary program was given at the church Sunday evening, October 17. An exercise was given by the women and children. The names of several of the missionaries were placed in the front of the church during the exercise.

Neal Coyle visited at the home of his uncle, Sylvanus Haworth.

Nine of our C. E. members took the C. E. Expert examination and all received grades above 90. They are as follows: Cecil Haworth, Linda Townsend, Lois Jones, Winston Roberts, Helen Haworth, Ardis Roberts, Edna Elmore, Bessie Roberts, Carol Heston.

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Bevan, of Portland, Oregon, visited at the home of his sister, Mary Roberts, and his nephew, J. E. Roberts.

Ruth Watt is visiting at the home of her mother, Sarah Elmore.

An Endeavor "Smiles" social was enjoyed Friday evening, October 15, at the Haworth home. There surely were "smiles."

We have taken in three new members recently. They are Waldo Jones, Vera Murray, Harlan Tucker.

Letha Larrance and Marie Roberts, one of the teachers in Greenleaf Seminary, visited at the Elmore home.

Eli Perisho, last year president of Greenleaf Seminary, is principal of Star School this year and Linda Townsend has first and second grade.

SCOTTS MILLS.

We are sorry that we overlooked our society notes last month. All were busy in prunes.

An interesting letter from Evangeline Kludas states that they had a safe journey and were enjoying themselves by becoming acquainted with Japan and its queer people.

Miss Olive Merry and John Brougner are attending Willamette this year.

The Deanes have arrived in France, having had a very pleasant journey. They find the study of French quite difficult. Mr. Deane says that he doesn't know a French root from a cabbage root.

Our C. E. meetings continue to be interesting and helpful and the Lord's blessing is upon the work.

The Misses Lillian and Eleanor Peterson, from Portland, are still with us, assisting in the prune harvest. Their faithful attendance at our C. E. meetings has been a blessing to us.

Edith Kellogg, one of our faithful members, is teaching school again at Coal Creek.

We as a church are expecting to have revival services soon. Pray with us, that God may once more visit this community in convicting, converting and sanctifying power.

BOISE.

The Bible study we have taken up in our C. E. meetings is proving to be very interesting as well as giving our young people "a reason for their faith."

The C. E. business meeting and social were held at the Waiter home, and greatly enjoyed. So interested were the young men in threading needles that they nearly missed the ice cream furnished by our host. We decided to take up the study of missions once each month until our fields are covered.

The young people gave a missionary program Sunday morning, the 17th,

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which was helpful and inspiring. Our work in Africa was given special attention, one girl reporting on each of the five stations. We find that the more we know of our work, the more interested we become. Let's get the missionary spirit, and remember to pray for the spread of the gospel, and that the natives may have open hearts to hear the call of God, and willing minds to respond. "God had an only Son, and He was a missionary." Each of us can be missionaries. So let us use every opportunity we have of telling others what He has done for us, and that He loves them also.

The Lord has been leading, and has opened the way for a new work to be started at Nampa under the direction of Friends. William Murphy, as pastor, held the opening service the 17th. Two car loads drove over to Nampa for the evening service. Mr. Taylor gave the message which was especially needful for a new church. A Sunday school was started, and there is a nice little group of young people. We are expecting the Lord to give us a real live meeting there. Unite with us in prayer for this new field.

Velma Allen is teaching at Melba this year. We miss her greatly at home, but are glad that she can be there to help in the church work.

Leona Smith is teaching at Maple Grove, but spends the week-end in Boise.

We received word from Walter Nelson, who is attending school at Huntington Park, that he is enjoying his Bible work and new field of service, as he continues to walk in the will of the Lord, even tho' he must be away from his church home.

Our prayer-band, which meets a half hour before C. E., is keeping our services in a real live condition spiritually.

We are again preparing for our revival which begins the last of November with Mr. Glasscock from the east, as evangelist. We are expecting great things, remembering how God gra-

ciously blest us in our last summer's tent meeting when Clarkson Hinshaw was here.

We are uniting with and enjoying the revival meeting in session at the Nazarene church. The Suffields are again here for a four weeks' campaign. The people of Boise are praying for a Holy Ghost revival to be sent from Heaven that will bring things to pass. The enemy and his forces are fighting hard, and if we are not true and faithful soldiers of the cross, the battle for lost souls will not be won. We believe Jesus is coming soon. Are you ready to meet Him?"

REX.

A meeting was held at the parsonage to discuss dropping the C. E. for the present. It was decided to discontinue the society until more young people come into the community.

PORTLAND—FIRST CHURCH.

The "Mary-Martha" class met at the home of Lewis Hanson one evening, and gave a joint party for Vanny Hanson and Edith Coleman. It was a surprise for Miss Hanson, who had been away for some time, and a farewell for Miss Coleman, who is now teaching in a rural school near Rosedale. During the evening something was discovered on the fourth finger of Helen Bentley's left hand. What was it? A ring. From whom? Why, from Edward Punzel.

The annual church supper was held in the basement of the church Tuesday evening, October 19th. The supper was prepared by members of the Ladies' Aid and served by members of the "King's Messengers," "Mary-Marthas," and the "Friendly Fellows" classes. The tables were decorated with different colors which corresponded with the colors pinned on the families. A program was given in which the male quartette gave two selections, Dr. A. E. George a solo; and readings were given by Sadie Reed and Marie Haines. Following this the aims of the various departments were stated in brief. Mrs. George told of the aims of the Junior C. E. Society; Gladys Stephens of the Endeavor, Alice Hanson of the Ladies' Aid, Dr. Morrison of the Sunday-school, Dr. George of the choir, and Rev. Cox, of the church.

These annual suppers are given with the idea of getting the whole church together as a family, to become better acquainted with each other, meet the new members, and discuss the needs or aims of the church.

The "Mary-Martha" class held a business meeting, October 12th, at the home of Hazel Henderson. After the election of officers and serving of refreshments,

they went to the home of Ira La Gass, where they surprised the "Friendly Fellows," who were also having a class-meeting. Games were played and refreshments served. At a late hour every one went home satisfied that they had a good time.

We are expecting to hold a revival meeting early in November, and are looking for a gracious out-pouring of the spirit upon us.

SOUTH SALEM.

Charles Whitely very pleasantly surprised us Sunday morning, October 17th. He brought a stirring missionary address, depicting the world-wide need of the gospel. In the evening service, a Friend from Whittier, Dr. Coffin, delivered a splendid address on Christian Education.

Quite a number in our Sunday-school are taking advantage of the teacher-training course on Monday evenings given in the City Library. Another group meeting at the home of Mrs. Reta Pemberton every other Wednesday evening form a mission study class. The text book used is "The Bible and Mission," under a very efficient teacher, Mrs. M. P. Elliott.

"Unprepared for an Oregon Mist."

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Miles were enjoying their newly wedded life so much that they were unconscious of the shower gathering in South Salem until a crowd of young people burst in upon them last Saturday evening, Oct. 16. An enjoyable evening was spent in playing games. One of the main features of the evening was a game in which several told the new couple how to perform different household duties. Ross was finally called upon to tell how he would go marketing, and then his wife was to tell how she would take the things out of the basket. The doors to the dining room were then opened and on the table sat a heart shaped basket filled with packages. Many useful presents were found concealed therein. While Mrs. Miles was admiring the presents, Ross was reveling in several plates of home made candy which were being passed. We wished the guests of honor much joy and took our leave.

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