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SPIRITUAL PRIDE.

(By Grace Cook James, Portland, Ore.)

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all man, apt to teach, patient." When the devil knows he cannot succeed in making a man sin, he does the next best thing—tries to make him overdo or be over anxious in the Lord's work, and so defeat his own purpose. If he cannot reach a man by suggestion of sin, he will at least seek a way to spoil his influence and his ability to lead others to Christ.

One of his first methods of attack after a soul has experienced sanctification, is to sow a doubt in the mind as to whether or not the work was done. We may have ample evidence in its effect in our daily life, know that the housecleaning has been done, and feel the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit; but the suggestion may come that, since we did not receive it as some one else did, or act in the same manner as they, we surely did not receive the blessing they received. If we allow this doubt to lodge in our minds, Satan has succeeded in putting us out of commission temporarily so far as the Lord's work is concerned. If you definitely sought sanctification, desired it as the pearl of great price, felt that you had experienced a cleansing, you can be pretty certain as to the author of the doubt.

Another method of crippling our efforts is to get us to thinking about how much better some one else can pray or testify than we can. We get our minds on people and what they think of what we say, instead of having our eye single to what the Lord wants us to do or say. A victorious testimony cannot be given when we are thinking of people instead of God.

But when victory is gained on one point, Satan slips around and stages a surprise attack from another quarter. There is a straight road or highway leading up to Heaven and there is a bright shining light straight down the middle of this road. The reason there is so much stumbling and blundering by Christian people is that they don't keep in the middle of this road. It is Satan's business to see that we don't. No one with sin in their hearts can travel this highway, so Satan's first efforts are directed toward causing people to sin. If, however, through the blood of Jesus they become freed from sin, and arrive in the center of this highway, he differs his method of attack. He has tried to keep

them out on the sin side and failed. While they are in the center of this road, walking in the light, they are a shining attraction to those who are in the darkness on either side. The more travelers in the center of the highway, the more people there are attracted to try the same road. So, since Satan has failed on the sin side, he tries to shove them over on the other side of the road.

After a person is sanctified the attack necessarily has to be on a different line. Satan usually comes as an angel of light and tries harder to conceal his identity. He doesn't hesitate even to use God's own Word, if by misapplication, he can confuse the mind, and blur the vision.

One way of crippling a person's efficiency is to allow spiritual pride to creep in. Perhaps we have just had special liberty in prayer or testimony. Then comes the thought of pride immediately following, "You did that very well," and with the resultant feeling of shame comes the taunt, "You thought you could be used by the Lord, but with the first little service you become puffed up. You had better just creep back in your corner for the Lord can't possibly use you." If we yield to that feeling of discouragement we are soon lost; if we allow the thought of pride to remain it becomes a sin; if we begin battling and struggling against it in our own strength, Satan still has gained one objective in making us fuss with ourselves instead of working for lost souls. But if we quietly and confidently turn to Jesus, state the conditions, and tell Him that, while we are engaged in His work of saving souls to the best of our ability, we expect Him to fight our battles for us, the victory is soon won.

Then there is a spiritual pride which seeks its reward here in the plaudits of their fellow Christians. The enemy is very subtle in this and often the person is unawares of this characteristic in their Christian life until the Lord reveals it to them. There is a self righteous feeling of living on a little higher plane than those around, a tendency to judge others as to what state of grace they are in. A truly sanctified soul can usually know in his own soul something of the spiritual condition of those around him; but as a usual thing much more can be accomplished by claiming our privilege of intercessory prayer and asking the Lord to reveal to them their lack, then to try to convince them with our own words. It is as important that we know when to keep still as it is for us to know when

to speak for the Lord in dealing with a troubled soul.

But right here is where our over anxiety comes in and often hinders right where we most want to help. A little girl, exceedingly anxious to help her mother, often hinders by her strong determination to do all she can. If told to sweep the floors she tries to move all the furniture, and in her over anxiety gives her mother more trouble than help. The mother knows how much the child can do and do well, and that is what she requires of the child. And that is what the Lord requires of us. But often in our great desire to have our friends or loved ones get to the place where we think they should be we take things in our own hands, and go farther than the Lord intended, thus hindering instead of helping. There are many times when the Holy Spirit tells us to speak and gives us the words to say; but there are other times when we should turn to the Lord and plead with Him to reveal to them their condition, and leave the matter in His hands. To one woman who had in her over anxiety talked to her husband almost to his discouragement, the Lord gave this scripture, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and HE shall bring it to pass." It is true that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, but it is also true that too often God's children forget or fail to use this means of bringing souls into the kingdom.

We, too, often get out of the center of the road by failing to see where our will has superseded the Lord's. This is a place where strong holiness men who have been in the way many years have been known to fail. They lose some of the sweet humility that was theirs when they first started in the Holiness way. When we get to the place where in a church of praying sanctified people, we are absolutely sure that we are the only ones who have had direct leading of the Lord, Satan has pushed us over a little to one side of the middle of the road. The Lord does not speak two different ways to different people on the same subject. It must follow that one has misunderstood the leading of the Lord, and a truly humble spirit will consider the possibility of themselves being the ones who have made the mistake. Paul says, "Let nothing be done through strife of vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." We should more often put the emphasis on the latter half of the verse. Then we

could kneel before the Lord with open minds, trusting Him to make it clear to the ones who are in error.

Too often we go before the Lord pleading that His will be done, but we have already decided in our own minds what that should be. So when the result is not what we expected it to be, we take things in our hands and try to force it through. That is where strife even among Holiness people comes in. Perhaps we would not call it strife, but the world would know it by no other name.

Do you ever remember when seeing two children quarreling, of one being able to convince the other that he was wrong? The more they argue the more angry they become, and the further from a settlement. But if they take their trouble to a wise father, how soon an agreement is reached and peace comes again! The church is in exactly the same position. Joseph Smith says, "Upon the wake of every great revival, some scandal or heresy or fanaticism has appeared." We have all been having revivals. According to Joseph Smith, in the wake of every revival, comes a heavier assault from the enemy. An enemy always attacks on the weakest point. If we already have seeds of dissension in the church, that is where we may expect the attack.

But to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Paul says, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings, that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." "And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle toward all men, apt to teach, patient." Will we as a church take warning and live up to these commands?

SOCIETY NEWS

SCOTTS MILLS.

Our monthly C. E. business meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coulson.

Some of our members attended Salem Quarterly meeting held at Highland Avenue church, February 19. They reported a very good meeting.

Our C. E. has, since last August, collected and sent to the support of our missionary in Japan, Mrs. Evangeline Kludas, \$158.60. She writes that the Buddhists are putting up a strong fight against the work of the missionaries. They are going from house to house in Chosi, telling the people that the American missionaries are in reality spies and advising the people to stay away from them. Let us not forget to pray for her

and the work there, especially at this time.

Before this paper reaches its readers Mr. and Mrs. L. Earle Deane will have started on their long journey to West Africa, after having spent about six months in France in language study. Pray for them.

Our pastor expects to begin his Bible prophecy class in the Book of Revelation, Friday evening, March 4. We're looking forward to a time of real blessing thru this study.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor are at home again after having been absent for some time.

W. Lloyd Taylor was with us over Sunday, February 20.

SECOND CHURCH—PORTLAND.

The C. E. of Second Church is taking on new life and enthusiasm. The Sunday evening meetings are well attended.

We shall use our space this time telling about our new bride and groom, Martha Isler and her husband, who came from the east Saturday evening, February 19. Miss Isler went east with the remains of our dear pastor, Miss Terrell. She stayed a brief time in Oskaloosa, Iowa, then went to her home at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where her father and sister live. Then she stopped in South Dakota, where she was married to Rev. Schlein, February 14. They started for Portland on Thursday following, and arrived here on the 7:40 train from Spokane. The marriage at this time was a great surprise to everybody. It was quite evident that they expected to slip into town unobserved, but it became known that they would be in some time that night, so three auto loads of young people went to the Union station and prepared to meet every incoming train and found them there when they arrived. They found themselves loaded into a car, and hurried to Lents, where the rest of their friends, old and young, were waiting to welcome them. They were showered with the conventional rice, and greeted with the "Chautauqua Salute" as they came up the steps of the little home where Miss Terrell and Miss Isler had spent so many happy months together. Then after everyone had greeted them personally, they stood up "side by each" and told us how it all came about, and after hearing it we unitedly "gave our consent."

Mr. Schlein was very appreciative of the welcome received after he had deliberately stolen "Our Martie's" heart, but then he is so very genial, and they are both so very evidently happy that we had to forgive him.

After a pleasant evening, refreshments were served and everybody went home happy.

Rev. Schlein preached to a very good sized congregation Sunday night—larger than any since Miss Terrell left us.

Now, who would think of having a winter picnic in the rain and snow? If you've never tried it, just get a bridal party and go up the Highway and see what real fun is like.

Of course Mr. and Mrs. Schlein must go up the Highway, rain or shine, winter or summer. And anyway the sun was shining Monday when we made our plans, so what's the difference if it was raining Tuesday when we were ready to go. We would just picnic in the rain then! There were twenty in the crowd, old and young, and we started about 2:30 p. m. The clouds were hanging low over the hills and the mountains were covered with snow. The farther we went the colder it grew, and the more snow we found. But on we went to "Vista House," "Multnomah" and "The Gorge," then back to "Shepherd's Dell," where the crowd declared they would go no further without something to eat. So a fire was made, and one and all stood around eating sandwiches and drinking hot coffee. Added to this were pickles and salad and cake, also lots of snow and rain and everybody happy.

Home we went to a warm fire where Mr. Schlein treated us to ice cream.

Everybody said we had "the best time ever." More anon.

GREENLEAF.

Our quarterly meeting here will be held at Boise, this week-end, February 25, 26, 27. Several of our Endeavorers are expecting to go.

This is our "Budget Week" at Greenleaf. We intend to go over the top, and help do our part in this campaign.

One of our live wires, Miss Velma Cox, has been on the sick list for some time, and has not been able to be with us at Endeavor.

We can say that we still feel our society is progressing, especially in the weekly prayer-meetings.

QUILCENE.

How we miss Miss Anna Harris! She was our new correspondent and just nicely got started in when she felt she ought to leave us. She has gone to Coyle, Washington, a little isolated hamlet, which can only be reached by water across from Brinnon. She writes that it is very lonesome there with not the ghost of a pretense at any sort of Sunday school or religious service.

We have just enjoyed a very short visit with Carl and Minnie Miller from Springbrook. They spent most of their short stay at Gardner with Mrs. Martin, and also held a few services at Leland.

There seems a probability of our having to drop the Gardner field for the present, and perhaps also the work at Leland. This is very disappointing to Quilcene, but perhaps the hardest part of the thought of losing Frankie Martin once more.

We trust that Brinnon took a real forward move Sunday. At all events they organized the Sunday school, which up to the present has been a very unorganized, not to say disorganized function. Mrs. Christie is superintendent, Mrs. Goheen, assistant; Mrs. Miller, secretary-treasurer, and there are three classes, senior, intermediate and junior, with Mr. Olson, Mr. Fox and Mrs. Miller as teachers.

Carl Miller preached very acceptably at Quilcene Sunday morning and we are praying that God will send us a real revival in church and community. Two independent "free-lance" preachers are holding services here now, partly in the hall and partly in our church, at our invitation; they preach a simple, straightforward evangelical gospel for which we are thankful.

We are just preparing for our January Conference, which will be held at Seattle next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, (Jan. 28-30). We will be officially welcomed by the baby Monthly Meeting, Rainier Heights, organized December 15, 1920.

A couple of "free lance" preachers, who are true to the old-fashioned orthodox evangelical gospel are holding special meetings in Quilcene. We allow them to use the church for such nights as they cannot secure the lodge room of the hall. We are hoping and praying that a good many may be reached whom we are unable to touch.

(Too late for last issue.—Ed.)

STAR.

The Sabbath services, held each Sabbath afternoon, at the Liberty school house, one and a half miles east of Star, are progressing nicely. The attendance has not been as large lately on account of sickness and bad weather. Wm. McKibben, who has charge of the work has gone east for two months and has left the work in charge of Wm. Hadley and Cecil Haworth. As many others as can do so, go each Sunday and help in any way they can.

Merwin Helmbolt, one of our younger Endeavorers, underwent an operation for appendicitis recently. He is improving nicely.

Some of our Endeavorers are planning to attend the Quarterly meeting Endeavor Missionary meeting held at Boise, February 26.

A few evenings before Wm. McKibben left for the east, the members of the church surprised him at his home. A

delightful time was had in playing games, after which excellent home-made candy was served.

Two auto loads of our C. E.'s attended the District C. E. Convention in Boise. They had the privilege of hearing Mr. Gates, who is the general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

FIRST CHURCH—PORTLAND.

On the evening of February 18th, the Ladies' auxiliary of First Church entertained the faculty and student body of Pacific College. All friends of Pacific were invited. The attendance from the college was almost 100 per cent, and these with the large representations from Second Church, Piedmont and First Church, made a real "crowd."

A very interesting program was given in which both Newberg and Sunnyside participated. From speeches made by students we learned what Pacific College means to the young man, the young woman, and also what their dormitory life is like. We were given an insight into its value as a means of education. There were a number of musical selections which proved the talent of many of our people and last of all the "College Song" rendered by the faculty and student body. Refreshments were served in the basement, and this opportunity was used by the young people to work off some of their extra energy by giving a series of college yells from the students, and Sunday school yells from Sunnyside.

One of the clever features of the party was a small omnibus made for the purpose of carrying a silver collection. This little vehicle, horse-less tho' it was, found its way up and down the long tables and very soon had a worth-while amount. We only wish it had been more, for it was to be used for dormitory furnishings.

After the entertainment, the Newberg people boarded their real omnibus and departed, tho some remained in Portland to visit their friends. We are glad to say that we are represented at Pacific by three of our members, and we hope that next year will find the number greatly increased.

The students and faculty of North Pacific Evangelistic Institute met with us Sunday evening, February 20th. They had full charge of the service, the students leading in the song and testimony meeting. This part of the service was a real inspiration to all present. It is really wonderful how these students, so busy with studies and general class work keep the fire of God in their souls. It would be impossible to one unacquainted with them to tell which were Methodists, which Baptists, which Nazarenes, and which were Friends. The spirit of harmony and unity is most admirable.

Members of the faculty and student body told of the great work being done there. They explained what N. P. E. I. really stands for, and what the institute means to those who go there, how it had grown from 4 students to 50 in three years, and what was being done by those who have graduated from the school. We realize as never before the great need there has been for an institute of this character in this North Pacific country. Many of our young people in the Quarterly Meeting are taking advantage of the evening classes. They have really caught the vision of what it means to be a deep Bible scholar, and the necessity for a thorough understanding of our faith and doctrine.

Subscriptions were taken for "Terrell Hall," named in memory of the mother of the school, Lurana M. Terrell. Over \$2700.00 were subscribed.

One of the songs sung by the students during the evening was, "The good work must go on and on," and this was repeated with such victory, such smiles of appreciation as each pledge was announced, that we are convinced that "the good work will go on and on."

The Burden Bearers gave their annual banquet to their husbands this month. Hidden under cover until the proper moment for its appearance, was a surprise shower for our out-going missionaries, Lester and Laura Crawford. Following is their report of it.

We feel so sorry for all who could not enjoy our last class banquet, that we will try the next best thing, and tell about it. Of course it was a very innocent looking affair, and we felt quite right in attending, so we cranked up our "fliver" and skidded part of the way there in no time. The ladies were entertaining their husbands at a supper in the church dining room. Needless to remark, the banquet was perfect—you all know our famous cooks. The husbands had to be gently but firmly induced to leave the banquet hall and proceed to the social. This latter feature took the form of a "family sing," managed by a capable "Bell." Even after such a wonderful repast we were trying not to shirk, but to make a joyful noise at least. But it seemed too much when the choir leader took Lester by the arm and commanded "sing tenor." "I can't" he wailed. "Well, then "sing bass." Amidst the confusion we had an idea that the entire crowd was expecting us to sing a special selection—an impossible feat—and when a good-sized barrel was brought in and thrown down, we shivered and shook, feeling sure that we were to be required to stand on it and sing. Some one said, "read the label." So we read "Missionary Barrel." And then at last we got the idea—a shower!

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We greet Easter Day in March this year, and those who claim to know, tell us that this will not occur again for seven years.

There should be great rejoicing at Quilcene over the various evangelistic services held there recently. We join with them in praise to God for it.

We note with interest the Expert Endeavor work being done at Springbrook. It's a good symptom of life.

Scotts Mills is fortunate in having a teacher in prophecy. Those lessons will be a great profit.

After reading the account of the "Shower" at First Church, written by Laura and Lester Crawford, we were constrained to say, "I guess you're right, a Missionary barrel would not be complete from Oregon without prunes and prayers."

We are more than delighted to hear Greenleaf announce their intention of going over the top during Budget week, and hope every society in the Y. M. followed them over.

You scarcely would be expected to associate rain and slush with brides and picnics—but then those Second Friends people could smile in the face of wildcats and blizzards!

How we would like to send a delegation from each of our societies to Star to help out in the Sunday services at Liberty. We must keep the out-posts on our hearts.

We were hoping to hear more of what "The Elder sez"—from Marion this month. Maybe we will be favored next time.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

MY ALL.

Edith V. Coleman,
Portland, Ore.

Weak and ignorant tho' I be,
Jesus Christ is all to me,
And strangely sweet while heart-aches
press

He comforts me with righteousness.
Off the clouds hang low, and then
The devil bids me flee my post—
And sorely tempts me with his wiles,
But Jesus comes and flays the host.

Then, while the Blood-stained banner
lifts,

Temptations fade—the tempter flees,
And to my breaking heart there comes
With Jesus' presence, rest and ease.
No peace I know or joy so sweet
As that which comes when storm
clouds rise

And in the midst of beating strife
I hear the Lord speak from the skies.

He bids the evil one depart,
And to my heart he whispers low,
"My child, 'tis for thy good it came—
'Tis discipline, I willed it so."
And then the tender things that hurt,
And burdens only He can know
Roll off, and as the mighty oak,
The storms have made me stronger
grow.

FIRST CHURCH—PORTLAND

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And a good old Oregon down pour it was,
not a mere few drops to settle the dust.

The barrel was placed upon the platform and opened, and it began as all good missionary barrels should, with PRUNES! Lots of laughing of course. And then came the packages. It was like five Christmas mornings rolled in one barrel. Forty tissue-wrapped, ribbon-tied, mysterious packages. We couldn't get them unwrapped fast enough. We shook them out and displayed them with pride and interest—always accompanied with some clever remark from the onlookers. Occasionally a parcel seemed to lack a card and Everett Heacock insisted that these belonged to him.

Each gift was lovely and showed loving thought. Our friends well knew that we were bound for a land of mud, and provided for it accordingly. Everyone was amused when Lester found addressed to himself and all for his own benefit, a can of Dutch cleanser and a wash cloth. Another parcel for him was labeled "a sure cure for that 'kranky' feeling," which proved to be a pillow-slip.

The barrel was packed full. It contained three boxes of stationery with instructions to write; twelve towels, two wash-cloths, one dresser scarf, four pairs

pillow slips, three sheets, five pairs hose, six handkerchiefs, three aprons, two packages shaving cream, and one gift of money. A full barrel indeed, and enough to excite anyone. Showers being new to us, we felt we did not know just the proper behavior, and when we tried to express our thanks, we found it impossible to find words. But it was a wonderful time and one long to be remembered. One song that we sang seemed to express what we feel in our hearts, "Christ will never fail." In the homeland he has never failed us. He has placed us in pleasant places, and given us many dear friends. We know that He will go with us still, and give us souls, if we are but true to Him. Along with the gifts came prayers, and we feel that they will help us so much in the hour of trial that is sure to come. It is wonderful to have friends who can pray.

L. C. and L. C.

SPRINGBROOK.

L. Clarkson Hinshaw, Oregon Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendent, began a series of revival meetings here February 6th. The interest has been good and a number have already been definitely blessed. We pray that much more may yet be accomplished.

Estelle Stroud, Halycon Mills, Ethel Cowgill and Stella Hubbard attended the state C. E. convention at Corvallis, February 11, 12 and 13. They report a splendid convention and new inspiration for the Master's service.

Eleven of our members of intermediate age recently passed a successful examination on "Expert Endeavor." Much of the credit is due to the faithful work of their teacher, Marjorie Brown.

Our C. E. is growing in interest and members. Since the beginning of the year we have received into active membership, Ferris White, who just came into this neighborhood a short time ago, and also several associate members.

A male quartet, composed of Asa Butler, Clio Mardock, and Paul and Sanford Brown sang "The Sinner and the Song," so impressively one night during the revival that they were requested to sing it the second time.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."—David.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."—Jesus.

"The church has but one great mission, and that is to carry out the program of God, and the program of God is the salvation of souls."—Charles O. Whitely.